

INCREASE CADETS WEST POINT PLAN

Superintendent's Report Outlines Needs of 1,300 Body.

MAY DOUBLE SIZE OF CORPS

In Event Congress Authorizes That Increase It Should Appropriately \$1,900,000, Colonel Townsley Believes Would Bring Into Army 300 West Pointers Every Year.

West Point, N. Y.—That a serious effort will be made in the next congress to increase the number of cadets at the Military academy here to 1,200 or 1,300, which would increase the corps to the peace strength of a regiment and would bring into the army about 300 West Pointers every year, about twice as many as is now the case, is indicated in the annual report of Colonel C. P. Townsley, the superintendent of the academy, just sent to the war department.

Colonel Townsley believes that 1,300 is the maximum strength to which the West Point corps can be increased, and he points out that in the event congress authorizes that increase it should appropriate the money needed to house and care for the increased number of cadets, which would be about \$1,900,000.

If the corps is increased a new mess hall, a new barracks building, a new hospital, new quarters for officers and



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their families, who will be ordered here as instructors, are among the structures that will be imperatively needed and immediately. The plans for these buildings and the enlargement, reconstruction or rearrangement of others, it is understood, can be available at any time.

In addition to improvements and whether the corps is increased or not, Colonel Townsley recommends that an appropriation of \$350,000 be made for a new hotel on the government reservation, to take the place of the present "three bath" structure, which has the distinction of being the oldest hotel in the Hudson valley.

"If an increase of the corps of cadets to 1,200 or 1,300 is authorized," Colonel Townsley adds, "this increase should be gradual and distributed over a period of four years, so as not to have the increase occur all in one class."

Colonel Townsley directs attention to the fact that many candidates for cadetships are rejected because of physical defects, eighty of the 483 examined the past year having failed. He observes, however, that the physical requirements are none too rigid for those who will be expected to meet the strenuous life in field service.

"With the law of 1910, which is now extended to 1923, in force and the present standards for entrance maintained," says the report, "I believe that the academy can secure enough cadets to keep up its capacity of 700 very closely. The desire of the academy being to secure the best and most promising material for officers in the regular army, there should be no lowering of its standards for entrance or of its requirements as to discipline or academic work."

MY! HE'LL BE BUSY.

Weds Widow With Eighteen Children; Grandfather of Thirteen Others.

Camden, N. J.—George Washington Henry, fifty-five, a Hurffville blacksmith, married Mrs. Henrietta Verfillee, sixty-four, a widow, of Gloucester City, and the wedding increased the number of his near relatives by eighteen—the children of his wife. Mrs. Verfillee kept a little store in Gloucester City and it was there that the couple met.

Not content with stepfathering all the young Verfillees, Henry will also take up the job of step-grandfathering thirteen other young people. The ceremony was performed in Gloucester City's city hall by Mayor Anderson. Henry is thinking of starting a card index system to keep all his new relatives in order, it is said.

ENFORCE GRASS WIDOW RULE

Civil Service Examiners Bar All Applicants of This Type.

Washington.—The rule of the post-office department that "no grass widows need apply" was adhered to by the examiners of the civil service commission in examining applicants for government positions. This is not a new rule, but it is being enforced more strictly now than ever before.

The postoffice department has had a regulation for several years that barred from its civil service roll married women. Grass widows are considered married, but divorced women are not and therefore are eligible.

Recently the postoffice department and the civil service commission let up on the grass widows somewhat. Women who were separated from their husbands without fault of their own and were struggling for a living were admitted, but the drawing of the line between those who were grass widows for cause and those who were grass widows by no fault of their own became a bone of contention, and all grass widows were barred.

WED AFTER FIFTY YEARS.

Sweethearts Before Civil War Now Happy Together.

Lexington, Ky.—Oliver Marcum and Mrs. Mary H. Murray were married by the Rev. J. S. Thompson at the minister's home here. Marcum is seventy-two years old and his bride seventy-one.

The couple were sweethearts before the civil war and had not met in fifty years until the day before they were married. The bridegroom and the minister who married him served in the same company in the federal army.

Marcum's first wife died four years ago. His bride had been a widow many years.

GIRL IS DEPUTY CORONER.

Miss Edison, Who Became Doctor In June, Gets Post In West.

Seattle, Wash.—The little city of Tolt has the distinction of having the first woman deputy coroner appointed in this state.

Dr. Hazel Edison, who was graduated last June from Rush Medical college at Chicago, hung out her shingle in Tolt in July. With a runabout she makes calls in all parts of her mountainous territory and is already popular. As deputy coroner she will have to investigate all violent and suspicious deaths in her district.

CRACKED HEAD THAT HEALS HELP TO BRAIN

Results In Regeneration of Tissues, Says Professor.

Chicago.—For fifteen years Charles Manning Child, associate professor of zoology in the University of Chicago, has been experimenting on plants and animals to solve the problem of youth and age. As the result, in his "Senescence and Rejuvenescence," Professor Child turns upside down a lot of current notions about growth and death.

He prescribes regular fasts, provided no organic disease exists. He suggests vacations or changes in mental occupation after long continued mental labor in a particular field. The effect of change is the rejuvenation of the nerve cells, he finds, and this means the nerve cells are built up anew as in youth.

Professor Child utters a warning against overeating. Overnutrition, he says, increases the rate of senescence. All life, he points out, is a development toward senescence and death. Nature's idea is to build up a man, have him do his duty toward increasing the species and then move on to disintegration.

Injuries, when death does not follow, result in the regeneration of the tissues affected, and this regeneration makes those tissues young again.

A cracked pate that heals is good for the brain. From this comes the explanation of the old familiar story of the man who, recovering from an almost fatal injury or a serious illness, becomes healthier, more vigorous and youthful than before. It also confirms the old one about the idiot who, being hit a terrific blow on the head, regains his reason.

RICH WIDOW ADOPTS PASTOR.

Young Preacher With Family Announces News From Pulpit.

Ashland, Ore.—The Rev. Arthur R. Blackstone, pastor of the Baptist church here, has been adopted by a wealthy widow, Mrs. Aurella Ferguson, who has made him her heir. His benefactress' estate is estimated at \$100,000.

The minister retains the name of Blackstone. He is a young man with a family. To forestall criticism he announced the news from his pulpit.

Makes Squirrels Work.

Clarksville, Ga.—John D. Kester, a member of this city, is believed to be the first man to put squirrels to work. He has a pair in front of his shop, and they turn the usual barber's colored sign. The little animals keep the cylinder turning almost as continuously as a motor, and the irregularity of the movement attracts great attention.

TEXAS COWPUNCHER DIES WORTH MILLION

As Boy Asked For Cattle In Lieu of Pay.

El Paso, Tex.—Wert Love, who has died at Warfa, started as a cowboy without even a horse that he could call his own and became millionaire owner of vast herds and a ranch that was a domain in itself.

A resident of West Texas since 1885, Wert Love was known to every cowboy from Fort Worth to El Paso. He had his peculiar characteristics, and thrift was one of them. But while he was frugal, he never allowed a genuine case of distress to go unrelieved.

When other cowboys were drawing their wages in gold back in the eighties and riding to El Paso or San Antonio to spend the money in riotous living or over the gambling table, Wert Love was putting his earnings into cows. His start was seven cows. At his death he could not have counted all the cattle in his herd if he had ridden hard for a month at the task.

His first work after coming west was for Jim Powell, a cousin, near Fort Davis. He was a mere boy and received but \$25 a month and his board. He refused to take any money except that necessary to buy his clothes, which were few, and asked to be paid in cows. In 1889 he had 150 head. After the start it seemed easy to those who watched Wert Love, but they knew he was working hard all the time.

He always picked the best cattle when he bought, and he always picked the best range for them. The result was that he lost few cattle by disease or drought. He watched the markets and sold right and invested the money again.

The result was that when he died 200 men were on his payroll and his estate was worth more than \$1,000,000. A son nine years old will get most of it and will probably be the richest boy in Texas.

Centenarian Is Said to Be Daughter of Napoleon's Chef.

Jeffersonville, Ind.—Mrs. Susan Quinlan, 105 years old, spent her birthday quietly at her home with only her son, Charles, sixty years old, a carpenter, with whom she lives, sharing the supper.

Mrs. Quinlan has been married three times. She was born in France, the daughter of Franz Antoine, who is said to have been chef to the Emperor Napoleon. She came to this country when twenty-six years old. Her last husband, who died several years ago, was Patrick Quinlan, a cafe proprietor.

THREE GEESSE—COSTS \$100.

Widow Wins Long Lawsuit, and Birds Sell For \$150.

Pochontas, Ark.—A goose case has finally been disposed of in circuit court here. Mrs. Ledbetter, a widow, brought a replevin suit against a man named Starr for three geese that she claimed belonged to her. The trial in the justice of the peace's court resulted in the appeal to the circuit court. Eighteen witnesses were in attendance.

Mrs. Ledbetter was awarded the geese. The total cost to the litigants amounted to more than \$100, besides the cost to the county. The geese were marketed at 50 cents each.

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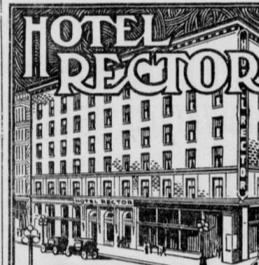
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