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SILK CULTURE IN MICHIGAN.

Secretary of Agriculture Desires to Try the Experiment. A Washington dispatch of recent date says: Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture proposes to make a determined effort to develop silk culture in the United States if congress gives him the \$10,000 he has asked for experimental work. Secretary Wilson intends to begin his tests in several states, including Michigan and other states surrounding the great lakes. Silk is cultivated in Canada and the climate of Michigan is the same. Experiments will also be made in the South. Said he: "When congress authorizes a start I shall be ready to furnish material for experiments in silk culture. The work is nearly all done in the spring, and if my plans carry, by next spring every member of congress will have fifty mulberry trees to give to his constituents." The BANNER has interviewed parties connected with the silk manufacturing business in Belding to get their views upon the subject of raising silk here as proposed by secretary Wilson and finds they consider it rather questionable. It is not really an untried experiment by any means as it has been done for several years in some parts of the country in a small way. There seems to be only one thing standing in the way and that is that in preparing it for the use of the manufacturers a certain amount of hand labor is required and the question is can we successfully compete with the Chinese cheap labor. The cost of bringing it here helps to offset this in part, but will it be sufficient to make it what Americans would consider a remunerative business. There is not much doubt but what it can be done all right if it can be made to pay.

GOING TO GET MARRIED?

If So Post Yourself So You Can Answer These Questions. "Not one out of a dozen" of the applicants for marriage licenses come prepared to answer the questions prescribed by law regarding their family history," said County Clerk Lawless, after a half hour's seige with a marriageable couple who were endeavoring to qualify for a license. The questions are: "Your full name?" "White, black, mulatto or Indian?" "Age at last birthday?" "Your residence?" "Your birthplace?" "Your occupation?" "Your father's name?" "Your mother's name?" "Number of times previously married?" These questions all have to be answered for both bride and groom before the license can be issued, and the agony the bashful groom sometimes has to go through before he can recall, for instance, his mother-in-law's maiden name, is sometimes distressing in the extreme. Another feature the applicant is invariably unprepared for, applies to a bride under 18 years. In this case the law requires that the written consent of one parent or of the guardian shall be filed with the county clerk "prior to the issuance of a license for the marriage of a female under 18 years of age." Blanks for this purpose are furnished by the clerk and must be used. The law also says: "This consent cannot authorize the issue of a license for the marriage of any male or female under the legal marriageable age (male 18, female 16)." County clerks have no right to issue such licenses under any circumstances.—Ionia Sentinel.

THIS AND THAT.

News From Here and There Condensed for Our Readers. Lookout for Canfield's Thanksgiving announcement next week. Special meeting of O. E. S. next Tuesday evening for initiation. Full attendance desired. The Woman's Mutual Improvement Club meets with Mrs. Zada Case Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is reported that a gentleman stands ready to build a new opera house in Greenville, provided the taxes are remitted. Lakeview has been sued for \$5,000 damages by Zella L. Thompson who affirms she was severely injured by a fall on a defective sidewalk. Hal. H. Smith of Ionia has arrived home from Buffalo having concluded his labors as secretary of the Michigan Pan-American commission. For the fourth time in about four years, fire broke out in the Mosman block at Ionia early Sunday morning, damaging the building considerably and smoking out very effectively Kneeland & Merriam grocers, Wm. Payne butcher, Del Phelps grocer, and Caine & Reusch milliners. It is Conductor Kelly again, John D. having been promoted by the Pere Marquette people to the position on the Belding-Freeport train formerly held by him, with the Lowell & Hastings. John has put in twenty years with the punch and lantern and deserves his promotion.—Lowell Ledger. A preacher not more than a thousand miles from Saranac is just now in trouble. He preached the funeral sermon of a man not long since and stated that the deceased had "joined the great majority." Later in his sermon he remarked that "many are called but few are chosen," and now the bereaved widow will not recognize the preacher. The Michigan Tradesman of last week issued an eighteenth anniversary number of double the usual size and filled with "good stuff." Editor Stowe has worked his way from the bottom but has today one of the best and most influential trade papers in the United States. The BANNER congratulates him upon the success he has achieved and wishes him continued prosperity. One of the winter industries of the Upper Peninsula is the cutting and shipping of Christmas trees. Charles Freckleton, of Iron Mountain, who is engaged in the business has just established his camp near Floodwood. He will cut 50,000 trees this winter, all to be shipped to Chicago. The trees are sold from the cars to the wholesale dealers. Christmas trees are cut from three to thirty feet in length, and they are all of spruce or balsam. This year the crop will be double that of former years. Those people who watch the skies after midnight on November 14 and 15 may be rewarded by the spectacle of a meteoric shower. Some astronomers believe that the stream of meteors called the Leonids has a period of 34 years instead of 33. These meteors were observed in 1833 so numerous and bright that the southern negroes thought the day of judgment had come. Again in 1867 they were seen numerous and bright, especially by European observers. Now if the 34-year period is the correct one, they are due this year in November, and this is somewhat the more probably, as they failed to appear last year. Those interested will do well to watch for them on the nights of the 14th and 15th. The Muir Tribune says: "Belding cannot be depended upon for a good big republican majority every election unless the Republicans of that section are given proper recognition. There's more truth than poetry in that warning. Belding is the banner republican locality in the county, but if Belding republicans have not heretofore fared as well as they might at Republican county conventions they have been largely to blame themselves. Let them get together, present a solid front in convention, and the Tribune believes they will have no reason to complain of results." We don't think the Tribune editor has a good memory. We have no recollection of any time the republicans of Belding failed to stick together and to stand solid by any local candidate, but we have a distinct recollection of having been turned down.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

There a Great Deal Sometimes Wise People Will Allow. "What's in a name?" Everything. Don't let's discuss the "servant girl" question; but call it the inconvenient lack of assistant house-keepers, the merited appellation of their responsible position. Our high aspiring liberty loving people were so shocked at the servile condition of the negro slaves in the South that they arose and rebelled and amid warfare and bloodshed abolished this disgrace from off the fair face of free America, and yet have they adopted and do not hesitate to apply, that hated servile name of servant to the help that is oftentimes as indispensable in the home, as in the office, mill or shop. No grander institution exists than the well kept properly disciplined home, no work more noble, of more lasting influence upon the character and disposition of future generations than the environment of a pure conscientiously managed home life. This is the work that effects the everlasting man, and the right minded mistress of the home will be more particular in the selection of help in work that affects the bank account of the business man, for "what will it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul." The girl who takes a position in a store is called a saleslady, not a shop servant. Suppose the occupants of the various positions offered to women workers nowadays should be dubbed some ridiculous name with the same tenacity that "servant girl" is pasted on the one who comes into our homes to share the cares and duties of our home life. I am inclined to believe there would be a shortage in the bean mill of "dirt grabbers," in the school room of "urchin spankers," etc. The American girl who earns her living by any honest occupation is respected and called by her full Christian name. If you respect the girl who assists in the home, don't ignore her name and dub her Jones, Smith or Brown as the case may be, and don't call her your "servant girl." A free born American won't be called a servant. That's what's in a name. R. H. ELLIS.

Two Happy Weddings.

Rev. J. J. Staley officiated at two weddings last evening, the first occurring at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Green and the contracting parties being their daughter Miss Olah Green and Mr. Austin Hull. The ceremony took place at 7:30 o'clock a number of relatives and friends being present. The groom's sister, Miss Erma Hull, and Mr. Arthur Ross acted as bridesmaid and best man respectively. About a half an hour later the entire party proceeded to the residence of Mrs. Malissa Hull, where the ceremony was performed uniting in matrimonial bonds Miss Hull and Mr. Ross, the newly married couple standing up with them. After the usual hearty congratulations had been tendered the happy couples, all sat down to a fine supper which had been prepared. All the parties are well known in the social circles of the city and will continue to reside here. The BANNER most heartily tenders its best wishes.

The Youth's Companion in 1902.

To condense in a paragraph the announcement of the Youth's Companion for 1902 is not easy. Not only will nearly two hundred story-writers contribute to the paper, but many of the most eminent of living statesmen, jurists, men of science and of letters, scholars, sailors, soldiers and travelers, including three members of the President's Cabinet. In a delightful series of articles on military and naval topics the Secretary of the Navy will tell you "How Jack Lives;" Julian Ralph the famous war correspondent, will describe "How Men Feel in Battle," and Winston Spencer Churchill, M. P., whose daring escape from a Boer prison pen is well remembered, will describe some experiences "On the Flank of the Army." And this is but a beginning of the long list. A complete announcement will be sent to any address free. The publishers also announce that every new subscriber who sends \$1.75 for the 1902 volume now will receive all the issues for the remaining weeks of 1901 free from the time of subscription; also the Youth's Companion Calendar for 1902—all in addition to the fifty-two issues of the Companion for 1902.

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