

Laurelton propaganda

NOW THAT IT'S OVER

The much press-agented habeas corpus case against Dr. Mary M. Wolfe, superintendent of the Laurelton State Village, is closed.

Such being the case, we should like to call the attention of our readers to the fact that the ballyhoo over the girls of the institution working on the Village farm is the result of ignorance of the real facts.

The Laurelton Village, according to the law which established it, is to incorporate a course in agricultural training as a part of its educational department. Thus, it would seem that the critics should take their grumblings to the Legislature. Those in charge of the institution would be neglecting their duties were they not to give the girls practical instruction in agriculture.

The Act follows:

Section I. Be it enacted, &c., That a State village for the care of feeble-minded women is hereby constituted and established, the grounds and buildings for which are hereby directed to be selected and constructed, which village shall be governed and maintained in the manner hereinafter provided, and shall be known as the Laurelton State Village. That this institution shall be entirely and specifically devoted to the reception, segregation, detention, care, and training of feeble-minded women, and shall be so planned in the beginning and construction as shall provide separate classification of the numerous groups embraced under the terms "idiotic," "imbecile," or "feeble-minded." It is specifically determined that the processes of an agricultural training shall be primarily considered in the educational department, and that the employment of the inmates in the care and raising of stock, and the cultivation of fruits vegetables, roots, et cetera, shall be made tributary to the maintenance of the institution. Approved, 13th day of July, A. D. 1923.

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Act 13 July, 1923, P. L. 447.

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