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Industrial Art in Our Public Schools.

What was known as Exhibition day in the Bellefonte public schools was celebrated on last Friday and the constant stream of people seen wending their way up Bishop street to the South ward school building was evidence sufficient that the attraction was extraordinary.

Progression obtains in pedagogics as well as in the thousand and one other professions practised in the land. The industrial art work being the latest development of advanced methods of school teaching. At first glance an exhibit like that made by the Bellefonte public schools on Friday would appear work of a purely mechanical nature, but a further investigation would undoubtedly have revealed the fact that it required more than mechanical work to effect the results which fairly astonished the visitors.

While there might be plenty of room for the belief, held by some, that modern ideas of education are leading children away from the real fundamental essentials, such as reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling and geography, rather than encouraging their study; yet there can be no doubt that some diversion from the constant mental strain in the school room is necessary. This idea lately inculcated into our schools gives evidence of being the proper one. For while the various exercises included in the system all tend to rest the brain, they nevertheless bring it into play in an entirely different way than is required by the study of prescribed lessons.

The work is properly classed under the head of art and consists in the drawing out of original ideas in design and color effects held by the students. They are given paper of different colors and some mucilage which, with a cube and a circle for foundations, they are supposed to work into symmetrical designs, with proper regard for harmonic blending of colors. Such exercises have a tendency to improve the deportment of children and at the same time divulge, in many instances, the bent of their mind.

The exhibit on Friday showed exactly what has been done during the first year's trial and there is very little doubt left in the minds of those who saw it that the teachers in our schools have labored zealously in their respective departments. As to whether too much time is being devoted to this new branch the Directors of the schools will be unable to ascertain until it has been in practice longer.

Unearthed Plunder.

That great frauds have been practiced under the Pension laws has not been doubted by those who understand the main object for which those laws have been framed, and the purpose of those who have been chiefly instrumental in formulating and executing them. Originally intended for the benefit of old soldiers who needed the assistance of a grateful country, the pension system has been enlarged to cover purposes entirely foreign to its original beneficent and patriotic inception. Politics and plunder having been largely introduced as constituent elements of the system, fraudulent practices followed as a natural consequence.

While corruption in the Pension department was known to exist, it was not until a Democrat was put in charge of it that the stupendous proportions of the stealing that has been going on has been brought to view. The laws that have called the system into existence have been almost exclusively of Republican devising. Under the first CLEVELAND administration the management of the Pension Bureau was temporarily in Democratic hands, but sufficient time was not allowed for the establishment of permanent reforms; besides the Democrats at that time could not command such measures of legislation as would have corrected abuses. A Republican administration followed, under which corrupt abuses reigned supreme in the management of the Pension department.

RAUM'S scandalous conduct has made the necessity for reform so patent that his Democratic successor is at once confronted by the duty of purifying this corrupt branch of the public service. Almost the first service he has performed is the unearthing of a stupendous steal by a Pension agent at Norfolk, Va., who by his success, in securing the allowance of fraudulent pension claims, has robbed the government of more than a hundred thousand dollars. This is the first exposure in

the gigantic system of plunder that has grown up under the Republican administration of the Pension department, but it may be confidently believed that it will be followed by other exposures of equal proportions, for the whole system is permeated by such corruption, and it is now under the management of officials who have the disposition and ability to unearth and correct the pension abuses.

The frequency of disastrous wind storms, cyclones and floods in the Middle and even the Eastern States of late years, seems to substantiate the statements that as the forests are destroyed the deluge advances. Certainly the physical conditions of a country are effected by its forests to a far greater extent than most people imagine. Without the great wooded districts there is nothing to break the fury of the gale as it sweeps onward in its path of destruction. The forests no longer stand to absorb the heavy rain falls, the consequence being that instead of being taken up by the earth the water runs right off, causing the many floods of recent years. The time is not far distant when the question of forest culture will confront us as a matter of self preservation.

The bill requiring the fencing of agricultural lands in Centre, Clearfield and Cambria counties passed the Legislature finally on Tuesday afternoon, and now only awaits the Governor's signature to become a law. If it is signed this county will enjoy the benefits of a fence law once again, and the poor people can pasture their cows on the wild lands without fear of being sued for trespass.

Doings of the Infanta.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.—The Infanta visited the treasury department this afternoon where she received quite an ovation from the female employees. She chatted pleasantly with some of them. From the treasury department the Infanta and her party were driven to the Washington monument. After a trip to the top where some time was spent in viewing the landscape, the carriages were entered and the party driven to the capitol. Some time was spent in the building and the Infanta went back to the Arlington. Luncheon was followed by a drive about the city. At 6 o'clock this evening, the Infanta was given a serenade by the Marine band. To-night she was entertained at an unofficial dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Curry.

Didn't Get In.

Tens of Thousands of People Refused Admission to the World's Fair Sunday.

CHICAGO, May 21.—Tens of thousands of men and women wandered aimlessly up and down the thoroughfares outside the World's Fair grounds to-day, peering wistfully through the closed gates of the white city, and murmuring regrets at their inability to gain admittance. Some of the louder spoken ones called down imprecations on the power that sealed the beauties of the fair to them, but on the whole the crowd was an orderly one. Men kept their tempers, evidently buoyed by the belief that to-day would be the last day of Sunday closing. It was by far the largest Sunday turnout since the exposition opened.

Saginaw's Big Fire.

Many Families Homeless and in Great Distress.

SAGINAW, Mich., May 21.—So far as learned only one life was lost in the great fire of yesterday, that of John Clark, employed in McClelland's file factory, who was burned to death in front of his own house. A fireman named McNalley was quite severely burned.

There will be many cases of distress, but the great majority of losses are distributed among people comparatively well-to-do. The heaviest loss is that of E. Germain, which foots up to \$350,000 and throws 350 men out of employment. Many families left homeless are to-night dependent upon their neighbors and friends for a night's lodging.

Summer Work of the Behring Sea Fleet.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The Behring Sea fleet, the Moican, Ranger, Bear, Corwin, Petrel and Albatross, will start upon their summer's work early this week. The fleet, with the exception of the Petrel, are now at Seattle and Port Townsend taking on coal. The Petrel left the Asiatic station for Alaska last week and will join the fleet there on their arrival. The final instructions to Captain Ludlow, commanding the fleet, were sent to San Francisco some days ago and are practically of the same tenor as those of last year's. They are very voluminous, consisting of about eighty five pages of type-written matter.

A Brazilian War Vessel Wrecked.

The Admirable Barrosa Lost on the Coast of Middle Egypt.

PORT SAID, May 22.—The Brazilian vessel of war, Admirable Barrosa, has been wrecked near Ras Ghareba, a port on the coast of Middle Egypt, in the Gulf of Suez.

Ten Men Cremated.

LAKE CITY, Mich., May 21.—A forest fire destroyed Louis Sand's lumber camp near here yesterday afternoon. Out of a total crew of sixty men forty-nine escaped uninjured.

A Blow at Dr. Briggs.

Rev. Dr. Sunderland Creates a Sensation in a Washington Church.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The absorbing topic in church circles to-night, is a sensational incident which occurred this morning in the First Presbyterian Church, the pastor of which is the Rev. Dr. Sunderland. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, in the congregation being many commissioners to the General Assembly. The President and Mrs. Cleveland, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. W. E. Smith, pastor of the church attended by Mrs. Cleveland in New York, who is a guest at the White House, and the Rev. E. J. Thurber, a brother of the Private Secretary to the President, were present.

Dr. Smith had been invited to preach the sermon and took for his text, "Bear ye one another's burdens." He spoke at length on the evangelization of the masses, stating that one-half of our population was out of the church, seventy-five per cent. of our young men and two-thirds of the laboring classes not being within its influence. The average Presbyterian church of 115 members, he said, was bringing in only eight additional members a year. The young preacher charmed his hearers by his eloquent plea for union in the church. At the conclusion of Dr. Smith's address Dr. Sunderland arose and said: "I am sure we have all enjoyed Dr. Smith's sermon this morning. But there is one important omission. He neglected to state the cause of the dissension and distraction in the Presbyterian Church at this time—the reason why the Church has failed to accomplish what it ought to. I want here and now to state the cause. That cause is Dr. Briggs. I would not be in that man's shoes to-day for the world. Let us sing hymn No. 355."

His remarks were delivered in a deliberate and emphatic manner and in a loud voice. The white-haired ministers in attendance were eager to catch every word. Many of those present went forward and congratulated Dr. Smith on his eloquent effort, but the latter who keenly felt the rebuke of the aged Presbyterian could say nothing.

The Great Cruiser.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., May 22.—The cruiser New York crossed the finish line this afternoon at 1.41, having made the marvelous speed of 21 knots. This record gives the United States the fastest armored cruiser in the world and the Cramps a premium of \$200,000. Even the records of the famous Blake and Blenheim are surpassed, the former made only 19.7 on her trial trip, when she broke down and the latter has never yet been tried over a measured course.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Clearfield will have an old time Fourth of July.

—The population of the Huntingdon Reformatory is 341.

—The fiend is at it again. He asks: "Is it hot enough for you?"

—Gus Coons, a DaBoise merchant swallowed a dose of laudanum, on Monday, and doctors worked for hours to save his life. Poor business has made him melancholy.

—George Hall, of Lock Haven, is in jail in that city for stabbing a drunk tramp with whom he was quarreling and who was getting the best of him. The wounds are not serious.

—Miss Anna H. Dill, daughter of ex-banker Wm. H. Dill lately, of Clearfield, was married to a wealthy young German newspaper man at the home of her parents, in Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening.

—For well made clothing go to Faibles.

—Have you seen E. Brown Jr's stock of wall paper.

—The body of the man found in the Linden boom, below Lock Haven, on last Friday, supposedly identified as that of John Hackett, of Pennfield, Clearfield county, has turned out to be that of some one else. Hackett is still alive and doing business at his old stand in Pennfield.

—We have a great assortment of children's suits as low as you want them and as fine as any to the country prices just look \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 \$5.00 and up. Lyon & Co.

THE TUESDAY NIGHT ATTRACTION.

—On next Tuesday night the Bellefonte Amateur Operatic Minstrel company will appear at Garman's opera house, in a bill of the most refined minstrelsy. The latest popular songs and dances, tumbling, musical novelties, contortionism and character sketches. Seats now on sale at Parrish's.

—You should certainly not miss seeing our line of ladies and misses blazer coats with or without capes, wraps &c for spring wear. Blazers from \$2.00 up. The finest coats \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, up to \$10.00 and \$12.00. All shades tan, pearl, blue and black. Lyon & Co.

ATTENTION COMRADES.—In Compliance with the resolution of the Post and our time honored custom, the members of Greeg Post, 95. G. A. R., will assemble in the Post room at 9 30 o'clock, a. m. sharp, on Sunday, May 28th, 1893, to go in a body to the Evangelical church to hear the Rev. G. E. Zehner preach a memorial sermon.

—We never consider an article sold until the customer is perfectly satisfied. You can at any time have your money in exchange for any goods bought at Faibles.

—Among the appropriations passing the House Wednesday was one giving \$68,000 to the Pennsylvania State College. It is really too bad that the Legislature has not a better comprehension of the duty it owes the College. When it can vote \$120,000 to the rich University of Pennsylvania and cut the distastefully State institution down to such a beggarly sum there must be something in the eyes of its members.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued during the past week—Taken from the docket.

David Norman and Bertha Lewis, both of Oilvia, Pa.

Harry Platt and Fannie Atherton, both of Phillipsburg.

George Garbar and Mary Kikel, both of Phillipsburg.

Michael Bower, of Aaronsburg, and Mary Zerby, of Coburn.

Thomas Spicer, of Boggs township, and Nora Biddle, of Huston township.

Charles Pressler and Grace Daughenbaugh, both of Howard.

B. F. Cori, of State College, and Mary Yarnell, of Pine Grove Mills.

Samuel Holt and Mollie Bing, both of Snow Shoe.

George Leburn and Josephene Ramey, both of Hawk Run.

Edwin J. Peck, of Nittany, and Tillie E. Yearick, of Walker.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.—Sunday, June 11th, will be Baccalaureate day at the Pennsylvania State College and the Rev. Merritt Hurlburt, D.D., of Philadelphia, will deliver the farewell sermon to the members of the class of '93.

Commencement this year comes somewhat earlier than ever before, owing to the shortening of the College term. From June 11th to 14th, inclusive, all of the exercises which mark the termination of a regular college year will be held. The program has been arranged as follows:

SUNDAY, JUNE 11th.

10:30 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon by the Rev. Merritt Hurlburt, D.D.

MONDAY, JUNE 12th.

2 p. m.—Annual Inter class Athletic Contest.

8 a. m.—Junior Oratorical Contest.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13th.

8:30 a. m.—Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.

9:45 a. m.—Artillery Salute.

10 a. m.—Annual Meeting of Trustees.

12 m.—Alumni Dinner (in the Armory).

2 p. m.—Meeting (in Room No. 121) of Delegates and Alumni to Elect Trustees.

3 p. m.—Exhibition Drill of State College Cadets.

8 p. m.—Annual Address before the Alumni by The Hon. Charles Emory Smith, late Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia.

9:11 p. m.—Reception in the Armory, by the Faculty.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th.

9:30 a. m.—Graduation Exercises Class of '93. Commencement Address by Charles DeGarmo L.L.D., President of Swarthmore College.

8 p. m.—Farewell Assembly to the Graduating Class.

Stopper & Pisk's full orchestra will be one of the features of commencement. For the convenience of those who wish to spend the day at the College, returning to Bellefonte in the evening, there will be a special train leave the College on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening after the close of all exercises.

SUICIDED IN A CISTERN.—The vicinity of Centre Hill was frightfully shocked by the announcement that Felix Burkholder, one of the most respected residents of that community, had committed suicide, on Tuesday morning, by throwing himself into his own cistern.

Such startling and sad news was received with considerable doubt, but it did not undo the awful result which a moment of temporary insanity must have precipitated. Mr. Burkholder was a well-to-do citizen and owned his own farm which is entirely free from encumbrance. Besides farming he had been carrying on an implement business, which so far as is known was highly successful. No cause whatever is apparent for the rash act he committed. His domestic relations were of the happiest, his position in the community was all that could have been desired and in short, nothing thus far known could have driven the unfortunate man to suicide.

The cistern in which he ended his life was only a little over 12 feet in depth with 3 feet of standing water, but there was enough to effect the awful determination of the man. After the discovery of his body Byron Gares, a farm hand, went down and brought it to the surface nearly an hour after the deed had been committed.

Deceased was a cripple in that he had but one leg. For some time he had been suffering with Dyspepsia and it is probable that in a moment of temporary insanity he decided to end his miserable existence. He was fifty-two years of age and leaves a widow and a family of six children.

Mr. Burkholder had not been enjoying the best of health for some time and when the family arose on Tuesday morning he remained in bed. His wife set about to prepare some oat meal for his breakfast and while so engaged she heard the trap door on the cistern, which was near the kitchen, fall shut. Wondering who could be about the house so early in the morning she went out to investigate and imagine her horror at seeing her husband with nothing but a shirt and trousers on, in the water below.

THE CIRCUS TO-MORROW.—Of Walter L. Main's circus which will exhibit on the Glass Works meadow, in this place to-morrow afternoon and evening, the McKeesport News has the following to say:

The Walter L. Main circus was greeted by a large audience last evening. The performance was first class, the only drawback being the muddy condition of the grounds, which interfered materially with the races, especially the one by the half hundred boys, many of whom stuck in the mud and had to abandon the race.

There was an agreeable absence of fakes and robbing schemes, and the performances throughout were clean and interesting and the audience was not annoyed by the usual concert amusement. No show can have finer horses, while the menagerie, a splendid exhibit of the wild animal kingdom, and the lion-tamer's performance in the cage with four beasts of such furious nature, was really a thrilling scene.

The street parade was considered one of the best, if not the very best, ever witnessed in this city.

A MILESBURG BOY IN TROUBLE.—The Huntingdon Semi-Weekly News of last Monday has the following account of a serious charge that is hanging over the head of a former Milesburg boy:

"Boyd H. Stonerode, who resides at Milesburg, Pa., who has relatives in this county, was arrested in this place on Wednesday by Detective John H. Westbrook on the charge of stealing a check of \$32.83 from B. H. Stine, of Spruce Creek. Both the young men are P. R. R. operators at Spruce Creek. On Monday when Stine received his check from the pay car, he placed it in a coat hanging up in the office, but when he looked for the check, shortly afterwards, it was gone. He blamed Stonerode, the only one in the office, for taking it, and notified the police.

Stonerode came to Huntingdon, and offered the check to Hazlett Bros., in payment for some goods, but they refused to accept it. Stonerode was arrested at the station in this place and upon being searched a check for \$480 signed by Blackwell and Sanders, of Driftwood, in favor of J. L. Walker, on the bank of Cochrane, Payne & McCormick, of Williamsport, was found. The figures \$480 were stamped into the check. Stonerode had presented the check at the First National Bank of this place, but it was rejected. Another check with the figures \$480 stamped was also found in his possession, but no names had been filled in.

Stonerode is in jail and will have a hearing before Squire Patton next Tuesday. He has a wife and two children."

We sincerely hope that the accused will be able to establish himself innocent of such grave offences as he has been charged with committing.

A great thing just closed out a special lot of manufacturing clothing, 300 pair of fine pants in neat stripes they were made to retail at \$5.00 we give them to you at \$3.00 and \$3.50 the nobbiest goods we have ever seen. Lyon & Co.

—Go to E. Brown Jr's. for your wall paper.

—For well made clothing go to Faibles.

AN OLD RESIDENT OF THE BALD EAGLE VALLEY GONE TO HIS REWARD.

—Died in Port Matilda, May 21st, '93, of paralysis, Terence McAlarney, at the advanced age of 83 years, 3 months and 19 days.

The subject of this notice was born in the county Kent, Ireland, emigrating to this country with his parents, at the age of 10 years, landing in Baltimore, Md., from which place he worked his way in-bald Eagle Valley where he has resided until the time of his death. James, one of the four brothers who sailed with him to America and who being three years older than himself, is the only survivor of that family.

Deceased was married to Betsy Gregg 53 years ago, a most happy union in which they were blessed with eight children, six of whom, with their widowed mother, survived E. M. Their son William having died a few years since. Deceased was one possessed with great physical strength, enjoying his usual health until 7 months ago when he was stricken with paralysis taking his bed in which he remained until his death, which was a peaceful one. He was a member of the M. E. church, being one of the few who founded the church at Martha Furnace; in politics he was a staunch Democrat and as a neighbor his loss will be deeply felt.

His remains were placed in a beautiful casket and after prayer at the house they were taken to the Methodist Episcopal church followed by a large concourse of friends and neighbors, where a very touching and appropriate sermon was delivered by Rev. G. P. Sarvis, assisted by Revs. Jackson and Cramer, after which all that was mortal of Terence McAlarney was laid carefully to rest in the new M. E. cemetery in Port Matilda.

The sincerest tribute that could have been paid the memory of this venerable and respected man was the universal sorrow his demise occasioned. None knew but to honor and admire him.

NEW POST-MASTERS FOR CENTRE COUNTY.

—Comparatively few changes have been made in the post offices in this county, but the appointments, though slow, have been very good ones. Up to this time we have heard of but eight persons who have been admitted to Uncle Sam's service as postal officials in this county and they are the following:

J. W. Keller, Linden Hall; Urfah Shaffer, Madisonburg; Geo. L. Hoy, Hubersburg; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills; Henry Meyers, Axe Mann; J. M. Weaver, Faidler; C. D. Miller, Rock Springs, and T. F. Kennedy, State College.

IMPROVE THE STREETS.—There is nothing that impresses one so favorably with a town as well graded and clean streets and likewise there is nothing that augurs so much of prosperity as a town with good streets.

Bellefonte has never had much trouble in keeping her thoroughfares clean throughout the year, nor in keeping them passable at all times. In fact the town is so located that nature does the work of cleaning and repairing almost entirely herself. With a fine lime stone substrata and hills in every direction all that Bellefonte needs for a good cleaning up is a right smart rain. The filth is all washed off and the streets are made as clean and fresh as could possibly be desired. Yet there are still some things that might be looked after which would materially improve the looks of the streets and give the town a distinctively metropolitan air. The grass along the gutters and fringing the drive ways should be scraped away. Every property owner should interest himself in the appearance of the street in front of his or her home, and see to it that all grass or weeds are promptly removed when they make their appearance. Not only as a matter of beauty, but as a promoter of cleanliness also.

Wherever you find wild growth along the sides of streets there is a probability of their being decayed animal or vegetable matter concealed beneath it. Many of the stench which become so offensive in certain parts of town have had their origin in a dead rat lying in the grass by the road side. Then too the cow question comes up here. Is it any wonder that the people of Howard and Curtin streets are annoyed with cows when they allow the road in front of their properties to grow up like pasture fields? It is just such growth that attracts the cows and makes them infest certain localities. Clean the streets off and this nuisance will soon be abated.

Let there be a general cleaning up and if property holders will not look after it let council take the matter in hand.

—We are sole agents for the Douglas shoes the best in the country. Every pair warranted. Buy no other they will give you satisfaction, boys \$1.75 \$2.00 and \$2.50, mens \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00, the \$4.00 and \$5.00 are hand made. Lyon & Co.

—Furniture at lower prices at E. Brown Jr's. than any place in Centre county.

STATE COLLEGE ATHLETES AT THE P. I. A. S. MEETING.

—The annual field meeting of the Pennsylvania Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association took place on Whittier field, at Swarthmore college, Saturday afternoon and as usual a team from the Pennsylvania State College went down to contest a share of the laurels for the athletes at our institution of learning. The day was everything that could be wanted for out-door sports and all the events were hotly contested.

Their were thirteen Events and out of six entries State College carried off five 1st places and one 3rd. Connelly won the Running Broad Jump, 20 feet 28 inches and the Running High Jump with 5 ft. 7 in. to his credit. McFarlane won the Two Mile Bicycle race in 6 min. and 15 sec. John White won the half mile run in 2:09, and Coughy got third place in the Pole Vault. Herbert Brown was an easy winner of the Mile Walk, but he was disqualified because his trainer, Mr. Hoskins, gave him a drink on the track.

Out of the 108 points, the contestants won as follows:

Swarthmore.....	58
Western University of Pennsylvania.....	22
Pennsylvania State College.....	21
Lehigh.....	5
Lafayette.....	2
Dickinson.....	3
Gostyburg College.....	0

When one takes into consideration that State College had only five contestants entered their showing is exceptionally creditable, especially in the face of the great disadvantage the team was under owing to Fisher's absence on account of sickness. He was counted on to take both Hammer and Shot Events, the records of both of which he broke at the recent handicap meet at the College. And had Brown not been disqualified it will be seen that we would have had 36 points to Swarthmore's 41. A decidedly good showing considering the number of entries; as P. S. C. with Fisher would have had but six as against forty or more for Swarthmore. McFarlane White and Connelly surprised everyone with their work and trainer Hoskins is to be congratulated on the success of his men.