

Miscellaneous.

An Interesting Geological Discovery.

The Virginia (Nevada) Enterprise describes it as follows: In the bottom of the main shaft of the Virginia City Coal Company, El Nevada canon, Lyon county, has been encountered the trunk of a large tree four feet in diameter—a fine relic of an ancient and extinct forest. Where cut through by the shaft this tree is found to be perfectly carbonized, turned into coal. Out with the old log is completely covered over with iron pyrites, more of which are so bright that the crystals show like diamonds. These crystals also extend into the body of the log, filling what were once cracks or windholes, and even forming a crust over what once was the heart of the tree. This relic of an old time forest lies far below the two miles of coal the company are about to open. The finding of this old trunk is evidence that the country was at some time, long ago, covered by a forest of large trees, through the native timber growth, when the country was first visited by the white, and as far back as the tradition of the Indians extend, was but a scrubby growth of pine, cedar, and a few miles from the shaft in this carbonized tree was found to be a tree the surface the petrified remains of many large trees. The water lines on the hills show the whole country was filled with lakes, and the petrified trees lying here and there on the ground probably floated on the extinct lakes, and finally sank to the bottom in the places where they are now found.

Practical Remarks on Recitation.

The Pennsylvania School Journal says: The visitor to our public schools is frequently struck with surprise by the strongly careless manner in which recitations are often attended to by both teachers and pupils. There is such a shuffling, shuffling way of getting through with the recitations, as though the whole matter was simply to get through. Pupils seem to be satisfied with knowing the lesson, many seem to be satisfied whether they know the lesson or not, while the teacher seems to rest contented in the consciousness that he has discharged his duty by "hearing" the lesson. We have many more heroes of lessons in the school room.

The recitation properly consists of two parts, the language and the face of the lesson. Both of these should receive careful attention. The language in which a lesson is recited should be grammatically correct, clear and full; the facts of the lesson, that is the things learned, should be stated with thoroughness and accuracy. Teachers should not permit ungrammatical recitations to pass—for instance, "them" for "those," and "in" for "are"—and they should not be satisfied with a vague uncertain statement of the facts comprised in the lesson. The pupil should have a clear conception of these facts, he should be nothing "as through a glass, darkly," and he should be required to express his knowledge properly. School is the place to learn to do this; if it is not done there, where can it be done?

There are several good reasons why pupils should recite in the manner here recommended. In the first place the teacher will not know how well a pupil knows his lesson unless he recites it just as well as he knows it; and unless the teacher knows this, he will not know what he ought to say to explain any difficulties in the lesson, or what to do by way of illustration, etc. Again, the pupil will remember the lesson better by reciting it to a teacher; and especially if he takes pains to recite the lesson well, the mere effort to do so will impress it more firmly permanently upon his mind. This certainly is something worth attending to. Finally, by requiring pupils to recite their lessons correctly and accurately, they acquire a habit of expressing themselves in this manner, and surely that is something very many parents and teachers grow out of the careless and inaccurate habit of expressing themselves in their ordinary conversation. Perhaps no other means are so well adapted to making neat, concise and correct speakers that will prove so effective as this. At all events a stop should be put to the careless and inefficient mode of reciting which prevails in so many schools. It is productive of scarcely any good result, while the habits of carelessness and inattention which grow out of it will balance the advantages.

It is suggested that the proposition of the commission of internal revenue to take of the stamp-tax on preliminary, committee, patent medicine, matches, etc., and additional cents per gallon to the tax on whisky emanates from the whisky ring who could speculate on the outside, rather than in hand. The tax on whisky has already a sufficient inducement for revenue frauds.

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A man who had saved the life of a daughter of a Boston millionaire, received \$250 from the grateful parent. He was so overcome with the magnificent bounty that he paid out fifty cents of it to assist some organ grinder to simultaneously amuse his benevolent.

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Why is a dog with a broken leg like a boy at arithmetic? Because he puts down three and carries one.

They have a tailor Judge in Wyoming, and don't know whether to call for a Justice of the Peace, or Justice of the Peace's coat.

Those who reprove us are more valuable friends than those who flatter us. The man who would improve must have either faithful or severe friends.

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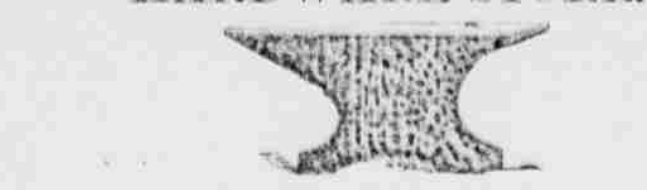
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