

METHODS OF PRIMARY READING.

The Associative, or Eclectic. By William Noetting. The "associative" or "eclectic method" of teaching the beginnings of reading...

This method begins with words with which the children are familiar, words which they recognize through the ear. After they have learned a hundred or more of them through the eye...

Not unlike many other good things, this method encountered much opposition; and, strange to say, it came largely from those who should gladly have adopted it—the teachers. They could see nothing but forebodings of evil in anything that required a change from their idol, the alphabetic method...

They declared that the names of the letters were a necessity to spelling and spelling a necessity to reading. They went even so far in their assertions as to say that good reading was an impossibility without good spelling.

Requiring pupils to analyze words into their elementary sounds they ridiculed; called it nonsense; childish! They declared with the greatest assurance that it was impossible to teach pronunciation without first teaching the names of the letters and spelling...

The opposition to the new, at some places, took the form of an epidemic; the infection passing from the teachers to the parents, and through them even to the children. These, from instructions of their parents refused to take part in any exercises other than those of the "long established and approved kind."

The method however, gradually secured a foot-hold, especially in the more intelligent communities, where a better class of teachers was employed. Although the superiority of the new over the old was plainly seen wherever it was introduced, it was not an unusual thing to hear it said by those who were unfriendly to it, that children who did not know their a. b. c's. were allowed to read, and this was all the evidence they wanted of the errorneousness and failure of the method.

The general principles of the "eclectic method," so clearly in the line of correct pedagogy, came to stay. Up to the present time they have left behind them the wrecks of all other methods, and with the improvements which the experience of the wisest heads has suggested, and especially those lately added, and hereafter to be explained, will continue to receive the endorsement of the leading educators and teachers of the land.

As will be observed, this method like all others explained and discussed in this series of articles, is not one of reading, but of pronouncing. The learning of the pronunciation of disconnected words is no more reading than learning the names of figures and numbers in arithmetic is learning calculation or arithmetic.

TO BE CONTINUED. Illinois finds employment for all her penitentiary convicts, convict labor having been abolished.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Unpropitious Holiday Weather.

Several years ago there was issued, under the direction of the signal service bureau at Washington, an interesting volume giving the weather proverbs of almost all nations, and most of them concur in regarding a warm, muddy Christmas as decidedly undesirable. Here are a few of these proverbs applicable to the season:

"A light Christmas, a heavy sheep." "If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day, there will be an abundant crop the following year."

"A green Christmas makes a full graveyard." "A green Christmas indicates a green Easter."

A German proverb declares, "The shepherd would rather see his wife enter the stable on Christmas day than the sun."

"Christmas wet gives empty granary and barrel." "If it snows on Christmas night, we expect a good hay crop next year."

"At Christmas meadows green, at Easter covered with frost." "Christmas in mud, Easter in snow."

"If at Christmas ice hangs on the willow, clover may be cut at Easter." The following antique poetry, somewhat scant in rhyme and reason, we reproduce believing it to be at least equal to modern weather prophecy:

If Christmas day on Tuesday lie, That year shall many women die, And that winter grow great marvels; Ships shall be in great perils; That year shall kings and lords be slain, And many other people near them; A dry summer that year shall be, As all that are born therein may see; They shall be strong and covetous, For thou shalt die through sword or knife, But if thou fall sick 'tis certain, Thou shalt turn to life again.

It must be admitted that the general drift of these proverbs is not reassuring this season; but after all we may take heart, for the same proverbial wisdom tells us that "After a rainy winter follows a fruitful spring."

OLD NEW YEAR'S DAYS.

And so, during my early boyhood, it always happened that New Year's Day was the most important and festive in the entire calendar. Before the city grew so large that "calling" died into desuetude, its brilliancy, gaiety, and bustle were a kind of carnival, intensely vivacious and by no means unpicturesque. Along Fifth Avenue and its adjacent side streets carriages would almost swarm from mid-day till late in the afternoon. Gentlemen thought nothing of paying sixty or eighty visits in the space of nine or ten hours, and sometimes it was almost midnight before their full list was completed. Ladies, and especially the young belles in society, would make playful comparisons with one another, on January second, of the number of callers they had received. Sometimes the sharp strain of their haste gave a harlequin attitude to certain "droppers in." Indeed, "poppers" (both in and out) would have been a better name for them. I used to tell myself, while too young for any sharing of their nomadic gallantries. Toward the last, just before the whole idea collapsed utterly, it had taken, beyond doubt, hues of artificiality quite absurd. The pleasant and most natural visitors, I was wont to remark, were middle-aged gentlemen who looked on the habitude both seriously and healthfully. Their lists did not stretch on to the crack of doom, and they were genuinely glad to cross each threshold on which their footsteps fell, and sure that those who waited beyond would be equally glad of their coming. —Edgar Favcott, in January Lippincott's.

RHEUMATISM PREVALENT.

Caused by the Sudden Changes of Temperature. Rheumatism is more prevalent here than ever before. When this disease fastens upon an individual with its soreness and pain, swelling the joints, rendering him helpless in his movements, he is indeed an object of pity. The slight pain in the back, joints or muscles, is a warning indication of an improvised condition of the blood, and if not attended to at once, means rheumatism.

Since the introduction of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, there have been fewer rheumatic sufferers. Favorite Remedy drives out rheumatic poison from the blood, restores the circulation, strengthens the nerve power. The best proof of its value, is the good it has done.

"I was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism for fifteen years," writes Mr. E. P. Tayer, of East Nassau, N. Y., "so severe that I was supposed to be a cripple for life. Under physicians' treatment I grew worse. Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy helped me from the time I first used it, and entirely cured me."

The beautiful daughter of Mr. James McFarland, of DeMoines, Ia., was helpless for months with sciatic rheumatism. After a few doses of Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, she began to grow better, and continuing its use was cured.

Mr. G. Lansing, of Troy, N. Y., had rheumatism so bad that he had to be turned over in bed. After using Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy but a short while, was restored to health. Why then suffer with rheumatism or neuralgia? This medicine will help you.

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Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gives perfect relief in all cases of Organic or Sympathetic Heart Disease in 30 minutes, and speedily effects a cure. It is a peerless remedy for Palpitation, Shortness of Breath, Smothering Spells, Pain in Left Side and all symptoms of a Diseased Heart. One dose convinces. Sold by W. S. Rish-ton. 6-15-1y.

The official title of the Chief Executive of the United States is simply "The President." There is no authority for the title "His Excellency," applied to the President.

Legal Advertisements.

SPECIAL JURORS.

The following are the names of the jurors drawn for the special term of Common Pleas Court on Jan. 14th, 1895: Berwick—E. W. Dieterich, gent; S. W. Hess, engineer. Bloomsburg—M. E. Appleman, farmer; Wm. Barret, Jr., clerk; W. S. Fleckenstein, hotel keeper; Joseph Garrison, merchant; David Savage, laborer. Fishing Creek—E. G. F. Kshinka, dairyman. Catawissa Boro—K. S. Cleaver, tinner; Alfred Geiger, brakeman; W. H. Hendrix, laborer. Cleveland—Harrison Kretschmer, farmer. Conyngham—M. E. Garrity, laborer. Fishing Creek—J. M. Ammerman, J. P.; W. J. Smith, blacksmith. Franklin—Geo. M. Bucher, merchant. Greenwood—Alvin S. Ikeler, farmer; Wm. S. Utz, farmer. Hemlock—Theo. Dent, farmer; Jos. Snyder, laborer. Jackson—John Vannatta, farmer. Madison—Charles Hendershott, teamster; John W. Hess, blacksmith. Milford—John Cressy, merchant; Daniel Hess, farmer. Millville—C. W. Eves, contractor; W. W. Hancock, merchant. Montour—Daniel Fry, farmer. Pine—J. W. Lore, gent. Roaring Creek—Pat Hower, farmer. Scott—H. H. Creveling, farmer; E. B. Pursell, laborer; Chas. Shafter, farmer; J. R. Scheitler, boss. Sugarland—J. H. Vansickle, hotel keeper.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcrest Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the Fall Centre Grange, No. 25, P. O. E., on January 14, 1895, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M., for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting. H. H. BROWN, Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg Banking Company will be held at the banking house in Bloomsburg, Tuesday, January 8, 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of officers for the ensuing year. H. H. GROTZ, Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of the election of directors for the ensuing year will be held at the Farmers' National Bank of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Tuesday, January 8, 1895, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m. A. H. BLOOM, Cashier.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m., the following: A two-story plank building in width twenty-four feet, in length forty-six feet, and in height twenty-four feet, covered with a shingle roof and sided up with lap siding, and is erected on a certain lot or piece of ground situate in the village of Malinville, township of Main, county of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: On the north by land of J. B. Yetter, on the east by land of J. B. Yetter, on the south by land of C. S. Reichard and on the west by public road leading from Malinville to Beaver, being about forty feet in front and eighty feet in depth, together with the hereditaments and appurtenances.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of J. W. Kelchner vs. The Malinville Building Association, an unincorporated association, owner or reputed owner, and The Malinville Building Association by its building contractor, John Bauman, W. P. Zaner and J. W. Kelchner, contractor. HERRING, ATTY. JOHN MOUREY, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m., the following: All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in Fishing Creek township, Columbia county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, to-wit: On the north by land of T. H. Edgar, east and south by the same, and on the west by public road leading from Bloomsburg to Benton, whereon is erected a good

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, stable and other outbuildings, containing ONE-HALF ACRE of land, more or less. ALSO: All the certain message or tract of land situate in the township of Fishing Creek, county of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post, on corner of lands of C. B. White and E. L. Lemmon, south sixty-four degrees west one hundred and sixteen perches to a white oak on line of land of John Zaner, thence north forty seven degrees and twenty-seven minutes west, sixty-four and six-tenths perches to a white oak, thence north twenty-four and one-fourth degrees west, one hundred nine and three tenths perches to a post on corner of land of C. B. White, thence north sixty-four degrees and thirteen minutes east one hundred twenty-six and nine-tenths perches to a post in line of land of C. B. White, thence south twenty-four degrees east 169 perches to a post, the place of beginning, containing one hundred and twenty-eight acres and one hundred and forty perches of land, more or less, whereon is erected a DWELLING HOUSE, and barn, and other out-buildings. Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of J. M. Dewitt. JOHN MOUREY, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Pl. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pa., and to me directed, will be sold at public sale at the Court House, Bloomsburg, Pa., on SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m., all that certain lot of ground situated in the town of Bloomsburg, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: On the north by Third street, on the east by lot of William Cummings, on the south by an alley, on the west by an alley, it being 30 feet front and 24 feet deep, whereon is erected a TWO STORY DWELLING HOUSE and other outbuildings. Seized, taken into execution at the suit of W. J. Baldy, vs. Israel Maler, and to be sold as the property of Israel Maler. HERRING, ATTY. JOHN MOUREY, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Alias Pl. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m., all the right, title and interest of John Wolf in all that certain message or lot of ground situated in the town of Bloomsburg, county of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake on the north side of Sixth street, sixty feet from the corner of Miller's alley and Sixth street, and running in a north-westerly direction parallel with said Miller alley along land of Elwood Hancock, conveyed to him by Cressy & Wells, a distance of one hundred and seventy-five feet, more or less, to a stake on Sterner's alley; thence easterly along said Sterner's alley, a distance of thirty-eight feet, to a stake; thence southwardly along land of said Cressy & Wells to Sixth street parallel with Miller alley to a stake; thence along said Sixth street a distance of thirty-eight feet westwardly to the place of beginning, containing

SIX THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY feet of land, more or less, on which is erected a two story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of J. Wilson Miller, Exr. of Anna Miller, dec'd., vs. John Wolf, and to be sold as the property of John Wolf. HERRING, ATTY. JOHN MOUREY, Sheriff.

EXECUTOR'S SALE

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned executor of Garret Vanblarigen, late of Beaver twp., Columbia county, deceased, will expose at public sale on the premises of said decedent on SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate to-wit: All that certain message and parcel of land bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone heap, thence by land of John Klingaman, south seventeen and three-quarter degrees west two hundred and four perches to a stone heap; thence south sixty-nine and a quarter degrees east forty one perches to a white oak sapling; thence north sixty-nine and three-quarter degrees east forty-six perches to Catawissa creek, thence along said creek north two and a quarter degrees east fifty-one perches; thence north eight and a quarter degrees west sixty-three perches, thence north fifteen degrees west forty perches to an ash, near a hickory stump, thence by land of Adam Krull north seventy-one and three-quarter degrees west sixty perches to the place of beginning, containing

III ACRES, and one hundred and three perches and allowances of six per cent. for roads, etc.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per centum of one-fourth of the purchase money shall be paid at the striking down of the property; the one-fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmation absolute; and the remaining three-fourths in one year after confirmation nisi, with interest from that date. W. H. SNYDER, JOHN A. HOFFMAN, Executors.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Margaret Welliver, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphan's Court of Columbia county to distribute the fund in the hands of Jacob Welliver, Administrator of the estate of Margaret Welliver, deceased, will sit at the office of Hon. Grant Herring in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Saturday, January 19, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties entitled will present their claims or be forever debarred from coming in for a share of said fund. W. D. BECKLEY, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Sylvester Pursell. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphan's Court of Columbia county to distribute the funds in the hands of F. D. Bentler, administrator, to and among the persons entitled thereto, will sit at the office of C. G. Barkley, Esq., in the town of Bloomsburg, on Saturday, January 19, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties entitled will present their claims or be forever debarred from coming in for a share of said fund. W. D. BECKLEY, Auditor.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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