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ANNA DELONY MARTIN.
At Teachers' Institute, Monday, Oct. 20.

What's in McClures.

The November McClure's begins a new volume with the opening chapters of two great new series and a big Kipling story, which promises the magazine's continuance as torch-bearer in public affairs and the leader of excellence in present day literature. In this number Carl Schurz begins his "Reminiscences," the life story of a patriotic soldier-statesman-author, a fighting idealist who never compromised with his conscience.

Ray Stannard Barker, with "The Railroad Rate," opens his series of articles on the greatest national perplexity, the outcome of more than a year's digging into the most difficult subject American voters have ever had to master.

Another story in this number that stands strongly out is the "Last Love-Feast," a tale of the French Commune which focuses in a terrible, brief, dramatic moment every human passion.

Titly following this piece of fiction is "The Lottery of Death," a true story of the Civil War's most appalling episode.

A Grand Good Man.

The venerable Mr. John Lingle visited in Emporium this week meeting his old friends. Mr. Lingle informs the Press he will go down the Bald Eagle Valley on a short visit, after which he will pass the winter months with his daughters in Camden, N. J. Our respected citizen will celebrate his 74th birthday next Christmas day and is as hale and hearty as a youth of 30 summers. The world is better for his having lived in it.

Anniversary Surprise.

A large number of Driftwood friends, including some outsiders, gave Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson a surprise party last Friday evening, the occasion being the 35th anniversary of their marriage. This popular couple royally received their friends and a jolly good time passed. Mrs. Laura Bryan, Miss Bryan and Miss Mattie M. Collins, of Emporium, were among the surprisers.

Keeping Everlastingly At It.

The great dry goods house of Adam, Meldrum & Anderson Co., Buffalo, N. Y., believe in printers' ink and keep everlastingly at it, hence their great trade in this section. This fall they are booming their business, greatly to the advantage of their large trade. See their fresh adv. in the Press.

Latest Popular Music.

Miss May Gould, teacher of piano forte, has received a full line of the latest and most popular sheet music. All the popular airs. Popular and classical music. Prices reasonable.

44-tf.

Every man owes it to himself and his family to master a trade or profession. Read the display advertisement of the six Morse Schools of Telegraphy, in this issue and learn how easily a young man or lady may learn telegraphy and be assured a position.

44-4m.

The Observer.

In coming years the present decade will be remembered as an era of exposure, when the ramifications of corruption, in our industrial and political life, were laid bare, when many star reputations fell from heaven, and when the powers of high finance were shaken.

In mere bulk there is no doubt a greater amount of corruption in the country to-day than ever before. Our population is greater, our wealth is vastly increased; while owing to enormously better facilities of communication, business affairs have increased in number, in magnitude and in intricacy. This means that we might expect to find corruption sporting itself on a larger scale than formerly. The conveniences of modern material civilization have no moral quality in themselves; they may be used for evil as well as for good purposes, and when so used the result is and increase in the bulk output of evil. Browning, in his dramatic poem, "Fust and His Friends," makes the inventor of movable types pause doubtfully ere he gives his invention to the world, for he sees that what he has intended should be an instrument for propagating truth, may with equal ease and likelihood be used for spreading lies.

"Printed leasing and lies
May speed to the world's farthest corner—gross
fable.

No less than pure fact—to impede, neutralize,
Abolish God's gift and Man's gain!"

But though the bulk of corruption may be greater than ever before, the Observer does not believe that corruption as a motive force in our national life is any greater than it has been in former times. If the indictment, "corrupt and contented," could be truthfully brought against our national life, the outlook would not be encouraging. But whatever may be our attitude toward corruption, it is certainly not that of complacent contentment. The very fact that so many exposures are being made is in itself evidence of an awakened public conscience and of a healthy sentiment against dishonesty, in public or in private, in high places or in low. If our modern facilities of communication may be used to increase the bulk output of evil, it is true also that they may be used for the more extensive and thorough exposure of wrong. When exposure comes, the bulk of wrong unearthed appears to be relatively larger than in former times, for the very reason that quicker and wider publicity is given to it. While, therefore, we should not seek to minimize or ignore the evils which are being unearthed (to do this is the vice of a shallow optimism,) we should not, on the other hand, be too ready to take a discouraging view of the future. It is just such humiliating and heart-searching experiences as we are at present passing through, that may be made to result in the deepening, purifying and strengthening of character, whether in the individual or in the nation. "We may rise on stepping-stones of our dead selves to higher things."

To mention but one particular, our present humiliation may, and probably will, result in a more serious realization of the meaning of American citizenship. Our fault has been to assume too readily that we are equal to any task and to any responsibility. We have rashly taken it for granted that we can be good American citizens without any special thought or preparation. The Observer believes in an extensive suffrage, but he is not blind to the fact that the suffrage is in danger of being esteemed too lightly just because it is practically universal. We forget that there is something more in the art of citizenship than merely to possess the right to vote. One may gain the latter through the simple formality of having a twenty-first birthday, but the former, like the Roman citizenship of Claudius Lysias, must be obtained with a great prize. The Roman citizen purchased his citizenship with money, but the art of citizenship can be acquired only through earnest effort and struggle. A citizen is a sovereign. He should possess the intelligence, the wisdom, the high purpose, the sacred sense of duty and trust, the spirit of magnanimity, that enter into the character of the ideal sovereign. These qualities do not come without effort and cultivation. And yet, without consecration or preparation, we have lightly assumed the duties of sovereign citizenship.

A young man who knew nothing of automobiles, and who did not think that it was necessary to learn anything, hired himself out as a chauffeur. After a short, but sad, experience, he came to the wise conclusion that the chauffeur's skill is not one of the things that come by intuition. And yet when it comes to realizing how serious and dif-



HON. J. LEE PLUMMER,
Republican Nominee For State Treasurer, On the Road to Victory.

ficult is the art of citizenship, most of us are not much wiser than was this Simple Simon. We have lightly thought that the art of citizenship is as easy as in the art of rolling off a log. The principles of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution look very simple and easy, but when it comes to carrying them out in our civic and industrial life, somehow or other, liberty, fraternity and equality persist in wearing unrecognizable disguises, and public trust has a wretched tendency to spell private graft. The roseate-hued clouds of sentimental patriotism, unable to stand the hot sunbeams of the common day, rolling away, leave disclosed the dreary desert of elemental selfishness, of sectional, party and class interests. To use still another metaphor, we have thought to fly like an eagle with such wings as a hen might be ashamed of, and we have floundered temporarily upon a dunghill. But the bird of freedom is still our national emblem, and it is a prophecy of the time when our patriotism and citizenship shall mount up with wings as eagles.

Disastrous Fire.

Ridgway was visited by fire floods Saturday, the match being applied to three properties at the same time, the beautiful opera house, costing \$45,000 being totally destroyed. Many robberies were committed, when the militia was called out to protect the town. Several suspected individuals are confined in the jail.

Death of Frank Fox.

Frank Fox, aged 72 years, died at his residence at Driftwood last Sunday morning, having been stricken down with apoplexy last week Tuesday. His funeral took place Tuesday morning. Mr. Fox has resided in this section for many years and was well known as a business man and jobber.

Scaffolding Falls.

Michael Pye and Geo. Wright, while working on their new double residence on Sixth street, took a serious tumble of twenty feet last Saturday afternoon, caused by the scaffolding breaking. It was at first thought both men were seriously injured but at this writing they are patched up sufficiently to be out again, although seriously bruised.

Church Supper.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve a supper in the basement of Church on Thursday, Oct. 26th, 1905.

MENU.
Veal Croquettes, Cream Potatoes
Bread,
White, Brown,
Pickles,
Waldorf Salad,
Sliced Oranges and Bananas,
Cake, Coffee.
Supper 25 cents.

For Sale.

One pair oxen, four year's old, about 2,500 lbs weight. Inquire of W. J. HUGHES. 35-3t.

Miller-Hacket.

The marriage of Mr. O. D. Miller and Miss Ellen Hackett was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore N. Hackett on East Third street, Saturday, Oct. 21st at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. O. S. Metzler, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church officiating.

The bride wore pale blue nuns veiling and carried white carnations, while the attire of the groom was the regulation black.

The wedding march was played by Miss Edith DeArmitt, while the bride's sister, Miss Frances Hackett and Mr. Robert Beck acted as attendants. The ceremony was performed beneath an arch of evergreens and amid a profusion of autumn flowers. Following this was an elegant luncheon and upon the Buffalo Day Express, the happy couple departed amid a shower of rice, for Olean, where a prettily furnished home awaited them. Both young people are well and favorably known to our community. They have resided here for many years and the good wishes of their numerous friends, will accompany them to their new home.

Business Change.

Henry Jaeger has purchased the harness business of Frank Judd and will do repair work and carry a complete line of harness, collars, robes, blankets, whips, etc. Also do upholstering and carriage trimming at reasonable prices.

35-tf HENRY JAEGER.

Regal Shoes in Emporium.

You are invited to call upon our representative, Mr. L. J. Wing, who will be at the New Warner House, October 28th, all day and evening, prepared to fit you perfectly in Fall and Winter Styles in the famous Regal Shoe. Mr. Wing carries a complete line of the latest styles of Men's and Women's Regals made from the same models now on sale in our 97 exclusive stores in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and all the other large cities of the country. You can be fitted perfectly at \$3.50.

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Nicely furnished rooms, with bath, to right parties, for three gentlemen, or man and wife. Apply to Mrs. Dr. Bardwell. 36-tf.

Office Moved.

Frank G. Judd & Co., have moved their insurance office to the residence of the former, rear of harness shop.

Everybody reads the PRESS.

THE WEATHER.
FRIDAY, Rain. SATURDAY, Fair.
SUNDAY, Fair.

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EMPORIUM, PA.

At the close of business October 25th, 1905.

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Fingers Nipped.

Jos. Burnette, the glycerine maker at Keystone Powder works, caught the first two fingers of left hand in a mixing machine, taking off the first joint of first finger and tip of second. Dr. Heilman dressed the injured member.

Who's Duty is It?

MR. EDITOR—I notice the article in last week's paper in regard to unruly conduct at the ball games, and it is all true, the small fry not only are rude but they nag and openly insult the visiting players, and to a great extent the parents are to blame. Three things every child should know and be compelled to practice—First, Honor to God; second, honor to parents, and third, justice and respect to neighbors' personal and property rights.

A great many of our children, both boys and girls, are never seen in public with their parents and do not seem to associate with their parents except perhaps at meal time. If they go to church they do not sit with the family; if they go to the opera house they are not in their parents company, and night or day you can see a great many of them in droves or gangs loafing on the corners or pushing and crowding up and down the side walk. But if children have no desire for the company of their parents it is not likely they will have much honor for God or show much respect for their neighbors property.

In regard to the wire fence destroyed opposite my house, I am partly to blame, as the first break in the wire netting should have been immediately repaired, but when it was neglected it looked as though nobody cared, and the animal instinct in us all is so strong that we feel like kicking every one that is down and throwing stones at every building that is deserted. This same feeling seems to exist in the East Ward and if any one wishes to get drunk he feels that no one cares in the East Ward, so down there he goes, and apparently where he is most welcome and where he feels most at home to have a good old fashioned, rough and swearing time, is at the hotel opposite the Independent office. Some people say they have a regular walk-around on the side-walk and all the way across the street; two weeks ago Sunday five drunks were taken from the place, one of them a boy nineteen years old.

Now Mr. Editor, if the owner of the hotel does not know any better and the people of the East Ward do not care, who's duty is it to make complaint to court about this house and how can we get them stirred up? Please stir them up and say that I am willing to appear at court and testify as to what I know.

Yours respectfully,
JOSIAH HOWARD.

The New Firm.

We are pleased to learn that so many of the men of Emporium welcome us. It is a good sign that there are a number of good dressers here. We want all to come in. We desire to get acquainted with you in a business way. We can make it an object to you for we buy woolsens in large quantities and thereby get rock-bottom prices. We have a great number of original ideas that are offered to you gratis. If you have any special fancies we can supply them. Help our infant firm along and we will make it pay you well.

BEDARD THE TAILOR.

Wedding Announcement and Kitchen Shower.

Monday, October the 23rd, the Misses Taggart entertained the Bachelor Girls Club in honor of Miss Caroline MeQuay, one of their number. After an evening with duplicate whist they entered the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with a profusion of pink and white carnations. While dinner was being served, Miss Byrde announced the wedding of Carolyn to Dr. Leon Felt for Nov. 8th. The evening ended in a copious kitchen shower. Miss Steck entertains the Club, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Miss Thomas, Nov. 3rd.

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36-2t.



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