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AVOIDING THE STONESTOWN BRIDGE

AND OTHER TRAMBLE WORK ON THE HUNTINGDON AND BROAD TOP RAILROAD.

While the Huntingdon and Broad Top Railroad was a mere interurban road, a feeder of the Pennsylvania Central...

The Bedford Council should see that the Old Fellows pave their side walk, leading to the railroad, and the railroad company should put down a board walk, from the north end of the bridge, to the depot.

At the last term of the Westmoreland county court, the widow of Peter Stouffer, of Mount Pleasant, recovered \$2,070 damages for the killing of her husband by a township bridge-breaking down.

Scan the advertising columns of the Journal if you would discover the live business men of our town. The man who has not the good sense to keep his name and the kind and quality of his goods before the public is behind the times.

A brakeman, on a freight train, on Broad Top, was seated on the rear end of a car, at the top of the last track, his attention attracted by some boys, when he experienced a smarting sensation in one of his fingers, and on looking at it he found it cut square off.

A boy was standing striking the passing cars with a hatchet, and he hid it with his little axe.

Cool, very cool—For a loafer to enter your private sanctum, pick out the latest exchange, cock his feet upon your table, and read for an hour, and when through with your papers, go to your private book case and select therefrom whatever suits his fancy, as though he were "chief cook and bottle-washer" of the establishment.

An exchange makes the following broadsword whip at his illegitimate subscribers: "I have many more honest subscribers than you, and I discount my own weekly bill, or 'nadir' a prayer book from a dying heathen, and still have some chance of paying but when he swindles a poor printer out of his bill, we think the devil has such a firm grip on the seat of his pantaloons that repentance and forgiveness are out of the question."

SABBATH SCHOOL INSTITUTE—A meeting of the Sabbath School workers, composed of teachers and delegates from the schools of Morris and Porter townships, and Alexandria borough, convened, pursuant to previous notice, in the Methodist church, at Alexandria, on Tuesday morning of last week, at 10 o'clock.

After a half hour spent in devotional exercises, the meeting was organized by the appointment of Rev. J. Kistler, of Water-street, as President, Rev. J. C. Barr, and J. A. Peters, of Alexandria, Vice Presidents, and D. L. Neff and C. P. Hatfield, Secretaries.

On motion of John Porter, Esq., visitors and representatives from other schools were invited to participate in the exercises.

D. Hare, Esq., Rev. J. A. Peters, Rev. J. V. Plannett, of Huntingdon, Rev. J. C. Barr and Dr. M. H. Breckenman, of Waterstreet, were appointed a committee to report a programme of exercises.

The remainder of the session was principally occupied in hearing reports from the different schools represented, from which it appeared that eleven schools were had been, during the portion of the year, in operation, in the district embraced within the limits of the convention, with an aggregate attendance of about 600 children, a majority of which schools were reported as in a prosperous condition, with a gradually increasing attendance and interest.

The Relations of the Sunday School to the Church" was opened by Dr. M. D. Hare, who was followed by Messrs. G. W. Hewitt, Peters, and the Chairman.

The question, "Should the doctrine of the church be taught in the Sabbath Schools" was opened by Mr. M. D. Hare, of Huntingdon, in the negative, followed by Messrs. Plannett and Peters, in the affirmative.

The exercises were interspersed by music, both vocal and instrumental, furnished by the children of the Methodist Sabbath School, which formed a most pleasing accompaniment and added much to the interest of the occasion.

The first half hour of the evening session was occupied in addresses to the children by Rev. J. Kistler, and Rev. J. J. Kerr, of Huntingdon, which were interesting and instructive, and were listened to with the greatest attention, as well by the juveniles as the adult portion of the audience.

The subject of the preparation necessary for the Sabbath School teacher, was opened by James McEroy, Esq., who was followed by Rev. Mr. Kerr, J. D. Woods, D. Hare, Esq., and Rev. Mr. Barr.

The subject of Temperance in the schools, was opened by D. Hare, Esq., and very forcibly presented by J. A. Whittaker, Dr. G. W. Hewitt, and Rev. J. J. Kerr, all of whom followed in brief addresses.

The remainder of the session was principally occupied in answering questions, concerning the practical workings of the Sabbath School, a large number of which were propounded, and assigned to different members of the Institute for solution.

Rev. J. J. Kerr addressed the Convention briefly in behalf of the Herald of Truth, a neat, interesting, and highly meritorious Sabbath School periodical, published in Huntingdon.

The committee on resolutions, which were adopted, through their Chairman, Rev. J. C. Barr, reported a constitution, which was adopted, and the time and place for the next meeting of the Institute was fixed for the second Tuesday in May next, at Alexandria.

Resolutions were offered and adopted, tendering the thanks of the Institute to the Methodist congregation, of Alexandria, for the use of their church, and to the juvenile choir whose presence and music had formed such an interesting portion of the exercises.

HUNTINGDON PROGRESS—The Improvement of 1871.

We are indebted to the Monitor for the following summary: As the season of the year is further advanced than usual we have made our annual canvass of the borough's improvement during the present year, and although the figures show a decrease in the number of residences and other improvements, yet they demonstrate the fact that despite the hard times as a community we are still in the high road of prosperity.

In our canvass this year we report as built all houses that were finished from the foundation the present summer as well as those not yet finished but intended to be completed before the advent of 1872.

Three routes, we suppose, suggest themselves. The first, which will be in the interest of the people of Saxton, will leave the present route at a point south of Fisher's Summit, inclining to the west side of the ravine, now followed by the old route, to a point a few rods from opposite the Stonerstown bridge.

Several new buildings and improvements by Penna. R. Company about their depot.

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LITERARY NOTICES—The Pennsylvania School Journal, for December, is published upon our table.

It is a valuable number, one of the best yet issued under the new management. The leading articles are, "Drawing in the Public Schools of Massachusetts: A Lesson for Pennsylvania;" "The New President of Yale;" "Rule Work;" "Instruction of Teachers;" "From the Report of the Philadelphia Committee on the Pedagogic College of Pennsylvania;" "How Schoolmasters are made in Germany;" "Human Education;" and a very interesting paper from the Irish Teachers' Journal, on "The Teaching of Geography."

It contains also, full Editorial and Official Documents, Book Notices, and some four closely-printed pages of Miscellaneous Items. Do you read an educational journal? If you are a Teacher or Director, here is what you need. This number of itself should be worth the year's subscription to any energetic teachers.

Subscription price, \$1.50 to clubs of five or more, \$1.00. The Publishers propose to bring it out in a new dress of type with the January issue, so that now is a good month to subscribe.

"THE ALPINE" FOR JANUARY, 1872—Much curiosity has been aroused to see this new "Champion of American Art," and the publisher, to gain a fruitful harvest by a timely gratification of this very natural feeling, has brought out the initial issue: a month before the usual time.

The verdict, which they have been so long anxiously working for, must be favorable. The fulfillment is certainly up to the promise—which is saying a great deal.

Perhaps the first feature to attract the attention of old acquaintances is the change from green to buff in the color of the cover—hardly an improvement except so far as to prepare for the greater changes inside.

On investigation we find that the paper has improved, the paper of this number being nearly one half heavier. The surface also seems better adapted to the rendering of those fine tints and delicate grays which the printers of THE ALPINE know how to render so exquisitely.

We also find that the advertisements have been restricted to the wrapper, and an additional sheet inserted, giving seven more pages to the paper—space well improved under the judicious care of the new post editor.

As a first number the one now before us speaks well for the management of Mr. Stoddard, who will well merit all that has been conceded since the announcement of his assumption of the editorship.

Of the new American Art feature it is not too much to say, that the beginning is all that could be wished by the most enthusiastic native. The illustration on the first page, "Maud Muller," is one of the happiest instances that has ever come to our notice of the power of the pencil to reinforce the pen.

The delicate gracefulness of Miss Davis' delineation will be gratefully indeed to all lovers of that poetry which is not confined to words. For the artist who, we understand, is a young lady of about twenty, we predict an enviable success in the path she has chosen—a path untraveled by questions of women's rights.

The full page picture, from a design by Darley, "The Noonday," is in itself a prize. Henry Linton, the engraver, has produced, in relief, all the delicacy of a fine steel engraving, and the picture is wonderfully suggestive of the American Bank Note Company, for whose vignettes the very best work of this artist has been produced.

"A Tropic Forest," by Granville Perkins, engraved by Weights, is a grand grouping of the characteristics of South American forest scenery, and the rich verdure of tropical vegetation is given by both artist and engraver in a style that few would believe could be produced outside of Paris. Mr. Perkins has all the strength of Dore in this particular field, and has the merit of being more natural; the page is certainly a vindication of our home talent, and must be accepted as high praise in our country.

Two views of Venice—the frontispiece, "A Venetian Festival," in all the rich glow of freight happily suggested by the very warm tint selected, and the dark melancholy "Bridges of Sighs," with not a living thing in sight—are remarkable for the strong contrast, marking two very distinct aspects of Venetian history.

The other pictures are very good, and we do not hesitate to pronounce this "new departure" a decided success from the start—an artistic gain for the periodical and a triumph of American art and enterprise. The publishers should have the support of every public spirited citizen, and we hope our town will be well represented on the subscription books of THE ALPINE. Terms \$3.00 per year. For circular and particulars address James St. Clair & Co., 215 Liberty St., New York. For sale at Blair's Book Store.

THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE AND REVIEW.—This valuable quarterly, for November, is before us and filled brim full of interesting matter. Its contents are: "The Corroborative Forces;" "The English Money Market;" "Individual Thought as a Corrective of Political Corruption;" "Dutch Cruelty Three Hundred Years Ago;" "Austria-Hungary;" "Department of Mining and Metallurgy;" "Monetary Department;" "Insurance Department;" "Department of Railways and Transportation;" "Department of Patents, Arts, and Science;" "Noting and Commenting."

NEW AND DANGEROUS GREENBACKS.—Peterson's Counterfeit Detector calls within a week past a number of exceedingly dangerous counterfeits have made their appearance. How large the number may be cannot be known, for the counterfeit is so nearly faultless that it is with the utmost difficulty that it can be distinguished from the genuine. The spurious bill is a twenty dollar greenback. The design is the same as the genuine seems to be the central figure, which is a little too coarsely done. When presented in a package, however, this figure is not seen in rapid counting, it being hidden by the hand or the overlying bills. The other points of the bill are so excellent as to stand the test of the strongest light. We are told that two or three banks have been deceived by the bills. There has not been a more dangerous counterfeit put afloat. Business men, bank tellers, railroad ticket agents and others, would do well to keep a sharp lookout for these bills.

If you want bargains, call at the one price store, No. 420, next door to post office.

FISHING WITH BASKETS, ETC.—The fish law passed by the late legislature has in some very stringent provisions against fishing in baskets, set weirs, etc., in the Susquehanna, Juniata and other rivers. It makes it imperative on the Sheriff of the county having jurisdiction of streams, wherever he shall discover or be informed of the existence of such contrivances for the catching of fish, after giving ten days' notice in two newspapers of the county of such contrivance, to order the dismantling of the same, and if not done by the owner, he shall proceed with such good men around as are necessary and discontinue them. And if the Sheriff refuses to perform the duty after being in default of the existence of such contrivance, he will be liable in conviction in the county court for a fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$1,000 for every such neglect of duty, one half of the fine to go to the informant, the balance to the fish guard of the district.—E.

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