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While the succession today of Hon. H. M. Edwards to the presidential judgeship, in consequence of Judge Archibald's transfer to a higher bench, is chiefly a matter of form, it supplies to the public an opportunity to acknowledge its appreciation of the high standard of Judge Edwards' judicial service.

Reorganization. WHAT should be a change for the better is to begin today in the reconstruction of our city government to conform to the new second-class charter. The transition supplies opportunities and good prospects for correcting many unbusiness-like methods of long standing; it remains to be seen how thoroughly these will be utilized.

Some arrangement should soon be made between the city and the Elmhurst Boulevard company for the removal of the toll-gate in the park. Dudging the issue will not settle it.

A Racial Step Forward. OF THE educational and religious movements which dawn of the new century sees reaching out and up for wider scope and greater influence, none is more remarkable than that which has recently taken shape for the Negro Young People's Christian congress, to be held in the summer of 1902.

The Examination Fad. AS THE RESULT of influences originating within the Educational club of Philadelphia, an association of leading educators, the board of education of that city is expected soon to authorize the discontinuance of term and annual examinations of pupils in the elementary public school grades and to substitute a system of markings and promotions based upon daily observance of proficiency. The idea underlying this reform is that the combined judgment of the teacher and principal constitutes a better criterion of the pupil's fitness for promotion than any examination test; and that the strain of examinations is productive of more harm than good.

This idea has the sanction of a large majority of the country's foremost educators. The examination fad in school management has long since run its course in most cities. The few in which it lingers are cities where opinions are controlled by a few individuals, and the results of the continual emphasis upon examinations are shown in periodical cramming followed by loose class work and indifferent instruction.

The teachers are so consumptive of nervous energy as to keep them most of the time lagged out and unfit for strenuous and spirited school room work; and thus, what the pupil gains in the sports just prior to the examinations he loses in the shuffling days following, while the habit formed is not of steady progress but of regarding instruction as a means to some arbitrary end instead of a culture in itself.

It is high time this nerve-wracking back-number had been thrown out of the public schools of Scranton.

The Chittenden ordinance appropriating for park purposes all moneys received at Nay Aug park, which died in the old council, should be re-enacted in the new. It is a just measure. If there is to be money-making in the park, the park ought to get the full benefit of it.

Food Reform. A SLIGHT decrease in the average per capita annual consumption of wheat in the past two decades indicated by the statistical abstract of the United States for 1900, the figures dropping from 5.5 bushels in 1880 to 4.74 bushels last year.

It will be apparent to almost all save a child born on this day that there was considerable change in the food habits of the second class city officials prior to the day of the month.

The total exports for the eight months ending with February, 1901, show an increase of more than \$8,000,000 over last year, but those of manufacturers alone show but a slight increase, and there is reason to believe that the recorded total of manufacturing exports for the year will be below that of the preceding year.

It is quite probable, in view of the facts above outlined, that the record of exports of domestic manufactures in the fiscal year 1901 will show a decrease of more than \$20,000,000 over the total shipments from our ports which were formerly counted as foreign commerce no longer appears in these statements will account for the contraction which will thus be more apparent than real.

Our prohibitory legislation has all been through the courts; and the result, in a few words, is that in Kansas anything and everything in the nature of a drinking saloon, tipping shop, dram shop or joint is unlawful from any and every point of view. It is a law which is not only fully solid in Kansas for medical, mechanical, and scientific purposes only, and nobody other than a legally permitted druggist may sell for these purposes.

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The race, from whom the criminal class is drawn, must be reached, the class continues; and, while good people everywhere will help to reach him, the most conspicuous and far-reaching work must be done by the thousands of young men and women of the race trained in schools and reared in good families.

The race problem of the South is not only one pressing upon the whole land, it has become one of the most insistent and immediate urgency. The enlightening classes of the Negro race have come to see its meaning for them, and to begin such a movement as is, truly one of the most hopeful signs of the new century for the Republic and its future.

The decision of the old estimates committee to purchase a first class fire-engine, something undoubtedly true, raises the question whether the water mains are large enough to keep one going. This should be ascertained in advance.

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There are signs that the immigration of Northern families to the south, which has been notably large for the past five or six years, will be larger this year. Western states contribute as much to this flow southward as do the Eastern States.

At an inquest at Columbus, O., where a baby had burned to death by an accident, its clothing having caught fire, one of the jurymen offered this advice: If people would only stop clothing, after washing, in a solution of alum and water they would never take fire; if they came in contact with a flame they would merely smolder.

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