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VALUE OF AN EDUCATION.

What a Well-Known Instructor Has to Say About It.

Dr. Nathan C. Shaeffer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in an article in the Reformed Church Messenger, hits the nail on the head with characteristic vigor. He says:

The value of an education may also be calculated in future earning. A jury awarded six hundred dollars for the killing of a boy. The school superintendent called the award an outrage. He declared that the value of the boy in future earning power was worth far more, to say nothing of what the boy might have been in comfort to his father and mother. Upon being asked how he made his calculation, he replied: An unskilled laborer is glad if he can earn a dollar and a half for three hundred days. If he is fortunate, he may keep this up for forty years. In time he will earn eighteen thousand dollars. It is a low estimate to say that the college-bred man earns on the average a thousand dollars per year. In forty years he will earn \$40,000. The difference between the earning of the educated man, of \$22,000, must represent in future earning power, the value of the time spent in getting a college education. Money spent upon the right education of the boy is the best investment of money ever made.

There is a time in the life of every boy when he holds the almighty dollar so close to his eyes that he can see little else in the universe. Then he grows anxious to leave school and begin work. Unfortunate he is often encouraged in this ambition by parents who magnify the power to earn money above everything else in the world. When this critical period arrives, it is helpful to show the value of a good education from the financial point of view.

A boy was working on the farm. He was able to earn one hundred dollars above his board in the twelve months of the year. His earnings represented the interest at five per cent. on a principal of two thousand dollars.—He decided to take a course at a State Normal School. He spent five hundred dollars upon further schooling. At the end of two years study he found himself able to earn five hundred above his board, equal to the interest of ten thousand dollars. The investment of five hundred in brains raised his capitalized value from two to ten thousand dollars. His ambition now prompted him to go to college. He spent twelve hundred dollars more upon his education. He graduated with the degree of A. B., and now finds that he can earn a thousand dollars above expenses; in other words, his earning power now represents a capital of twenty thousand. How could the young man have made a better investment?

Needmore.

Mr. A. Runyan is very little improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Peck and their little daughter of Philadelphia spent a few days among their friends here last week.

Eli Peck of Emmaville spent Sunday with his brother Thompson at this place.

J. B. Runyan and wife of McConnellsborg spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Runyan's father here.

Little Esther, daughter of T. W. Peck, who has been down with fever for about four weeks, is improving slowly.

Miss Elsie McEldowney, who has been suffering from a very sore hand started by a cat scratch spent a few days last week with Mrs. Wesley McKee.

W. T. Runyan who had spent about two weeks with his parents in this place, left Monday morning for his home at Shippensburg.

Pretty Wedding.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents in Logan township, Hunting county, Pa., March 19, 1903, the contracting parties being Mr. James P. Heefner of Petersburg, Pa., and Miss Mary E. Nelson of Logan township, Huntingdon county. The ceremony was performed by the groom's brother-in-law, Rev. G. A. Sparks, pastor of the U. B. church at Runville, Center county. The bride's brother was best man, and Miss Emma Lloyd of Coalport, Pa., was bridesmaid. There were about thirty persons present to witness the ceremony. The bride received many useful presents. After congratulations had been extended, the guests were invited to the dining room, where an elaborate supper awaited them, to which all did justice. They will reside in Petersburg where the groom, with his brother, is engaged in the mercantile business. The bride and groom are worthy young people, and have the best wishes of their hosts of friends for a long and happy life. May their pathway be strewn with many flowers.

Burnt Cabins.

Mrs. Annie Houck has moved into Chas. McGehee's house opposite the store.

Mrs. Mary Baldwin made a flying trip to McConnellsborg on Monday.

Rev. Gottschall has purchased Samuel Reese's driving horse.

Geddes Kelly left last Monday to start in as a brakeman on the C. V. R. R., from Harrisburg to Winchester.

A. V. Kelly made a business trip to Chambersburg last week.

Miss Kate Watters is ill with diphtheria.

Dr. Flemming of Shade Gap and A. J. Fore traded horses last Tuesday.

Miss Ola Metzler spent a week with her sister Mrs. Harry McGowan.

Harry McGowan and Alex Foreman attended the horse sale in McConnellsborg last Saturday.

Miss Kate Cromer of Fort Littleton spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. John Baldwin last week.

Laidig.

Miss Pearl Laidig visited Elsie Laidig a few days recently.

Mr. Shives of Hancock passed through here last Tuesday.

Miss Lillian Fisher spent Tuesday night with Miss Elsie Laidig.

Samuel Speck and Norris Hoover were visitors at this place on Wednesday evening.

Mr. McGraw of Brush Creek spent last week at John Mumma's.

Mrs. Nathan Deshong and Mrs. John Mumma attended a quilting at M. Laidig's Wednesday.

Miss Druella Laidig who had been at Waterfall the past winter has returned home.

Miss Nellie Snyder of Knobsville has gone home, after spending a week with her grandmother, Mrs. James Mumma.

A taffy party was held at John Mumma's Monday evening.—Quite a number were present. Those from a distance were:—Wm. McGraw, Misses Margaret Daniels, Nellie Snyder and Lillian Fisher. Watch the hounds, for they like taffy.

W. F. Laidig with a force of carpenters, put up a shed for A. J. Comer last week to take the place of the barn which was destroyed by fire sometime ago.

Clarence Downes of Clearfield, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

The administrator's sale of the estate of Joseph W. Speck deceased, last Friday, was well attended and good prices obtained. The sale of the farm was put off for a few weeks.

Howard Mellott and Newt Bard will leave on the 30th inst for Wharton Potter county and expect to reach there on the 31st.

Local Institute.

The sixth local institute of Taylor township was held at Hustontown, last Friday evening. It was called to order by the teacher, Prof. B. C. Lamberson, who appointed Dr. A. K. Davis, chairman and Norris E. Hoover, secretary. The seven teachers present, namely, B. C. Lamberson, W. G. Wink, N. E. M. Hoover, Grace Huston, Jno. Woodcock and Norris E. Hoover of Taylor, and D. K. Chesnut of Dublin, deserve much credit for the ability shown in the discussion of the following question:—1. Influence of the community upon the school for good or evil. 2. Essential elements in the education of our pupils. 3. What is your aim as a teacher?

The institute especially desires to extend thanks to Dr. A. K. Davis for his able and instructive talk; and also, to T. S. Shoemaker for his valuable assistance. The teacher and school, also, come in for their share of praise in contributing to the success of the institute. The most interesting part of the entertainment being the singing by a chorus of trained voices.

Pleasant Ridge.

George Morton who has been sick for some time, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Richard Hollenshead has returned home from Washington where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jane Clevenger.

B. A. Truax took a load of hogs to town last Tuesday.

Mrs. Lewis Mellott and two children, Mearl and Georgia, visited Geo. Morton's last Wednesday.

Daniel Mellott moved last Tuesday to the new home he bought from R. A. Skiles.

Joseph Mellott's daughter Flora who has been sick, is getting better.

Mrs. Mattie Strait visited Mrs. Margaret Mellott last Thursday.

Will Wink and Lewis Mellott are repairing Geo. Morton's wagon shed.

Howard Strait has been quite ill with fever, but is some better.

Mrs. Glenna Oakman and Mrs. Lewis Mellott and two children, spent Wednesday with their friend, Miss Linna A. Deshong.

Mrs. Wishart Decker is on the sick list.

Mrs. David Fohner and her daughter, Mrs. Dessie Pitman, spent a day last week at Mrs. Daniel Mellott's in Belfast.

Mrs. Mary Lake who has been with her sister, Mrs. Elias Wink who was very ill a few days, has returned home.

Don Morton and Miss Rhoda Lake of McConnellsborg, spent a Sunday recently at Mr. Joe Lake's.

George R. Hoop who has been very sick, is better.

Miss Jeanette Deshong, who was spending a couple of weeks with friends at Pleasant Grove, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Logue Shives' little child has been very ill.

Mr. Wishart Deshong has been mail carrier a few days.

James Mellott and Miss Jessie Mellott attended the magic lantern show at Siloam Tuesday night.

Mr. B. A. Truax and wife and Miss Bertha and Hobart visited Mrs. Denton Everts last Saturday.

Wm. Wink and several others were fox hunting recently but failed to catch any. Will was too hungry to eat any supper when he got home.

Lewis Mellott is assisting B. A. Truax to put up a wire fence around his new orchard.

Mrs. Mollie Mellott is employed at Mrs. Dick Hollenshead's.

Miss Cora Hoop expects to start this week on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. John Tayman of Plum Run.

Miss Glenna Lake who has been at home for a few weeks, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. John Ott.

Rev. C. H. Shull has gone to conference in Altoona.

HARVEST OF DEATH.

Those Who Have Been Summoned to the Other World.

DESHONG.

At the home of his parents in Wells Valley on Thursday, March 19, 1903, Carlton E., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deshong, died at the age of 9 months and 5 days. The cause of his death was pneumonia and he had been sick only about six days.

Interment was made at Green Hill M. E. church on Saturday following.

SIPES.

May Elizabeth, aged 12 years, 6 months and 12 days, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sipes of Tod township, died at the home of her parents last Sunday morning. The cause of her death was scarlet fever. Interment was made at Bethlehem church Sunday evening. The sympathy of their many friends goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Sipes in their time of sore bereavement, for it is only about two weeks ago that they lost little Olive, a bright little daughter of seven years, from the same dread disease.

LOGUE.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton W. Logue of Ayr township, have been called to pass through a sad bereavement in the loss of their youngest son Raymond Daniels by that much dreaded disease, scarlet fever. He was a bright, promising boy, and was cut off like a tender plant in the springtime of life. He lacked 20 days of being ten years old. He died on the 19th inst., and was buried in the cemetery the next day by private burial conducted by J. L. Grove assisted by Rev. S. B. Houston. No persons outside of the family were in attendance save the undertaker, the family physician, Dr. Sapington, and the officiating clergymen; not even Miss Stella, the oldest sister of the deceased, who teaches the third school in town, was permitted to be present. The principal part of the services was held in the cemetery. Such afflictions are peculiarly trying, and they should and do have the tenderest sympathies of their friends and neighbors.

ROTZ.

On Friday, March 20th, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Ida Hershey, occurred the death of Mrs. Rebecca Rotz at the advanced age of eighty years. About two years ago Mrs. Rotz was left a widow after a happy married life of over sixty years. To them were born twelve children, of whom eleven survive their parents: Mrs. Kate Etter of Marietta, Franklin county; Mrs. Emma Anderson, Homestead, Pa.; Mrs. Ella Bricker, Chambersburg; Mrs. Susan Dunlap, Ft. Loudon; Mrs. Rebecca Scott, McConnellsborg; John, Harrisburg, Ill., and Jacob, David, Samuel, Nathaniel, and Mrs. Ida Hershey of the Cove. Among mother Rotz's descendants are numbered fifty-seven grandchildren, and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

This aged woman was a devoted Christian, and for more than thirty years was a member of the United Brethren church, always attending its services when possible, and showing by her consistent daily life that she was a true disciple of the Master.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. A. D. McClosky in the McConnellsborg church Sunday morning. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

HARR.

At the home of William Fagley in the Narrows near Big Cove Tannery, on Tuesday morning, John H. Harr, one of Ayr township's oldest citizens, died, aged about 76 years. Interment at the Reformed church in the Corner, on Wednesday.

Mr. Harr was married many years ago to Miss Delilah Baldwin, sister of Elijah Baldwin at Fort Littleton, and to them were

born nine children, who reside as far known, as follows: Henry, in Alabama; John in Minneapolis; McCullian, in Rockford, Ill.; William, in Montana; Mary married to Mr. Crider, in South Wayne, Wis.; Margaret to a Mr. Harmon in South Wayne, and Susan to Abner Sosserman, in the same place. Rebecca lives in Chicago, and Lucinda, wife of Jacob Clevenger, live in the Cove.

Mr. Harr was a veteran of the Civil War, being a member of Company H. 15th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry.

The earlier part of his life was spent in Ayr township, he being a tanner by trade and worked at Big Cove Tannery. Much of his time in later life he lived in South Wayne, Wis., where his wife died a few years ago.

MARTIN.

Mrs. Isabella Martin (named after queen Isabella) widow of the late Isaac Martin of Whips Cove this county, peacefully passed away March 14, 1903, aged 76 years, 5 months and 20 days.—She was of a robust nature and was only ailing for a week previous and did not take to her bed until the day before she died—the cause of her death being grip.

She was a daughter of James McKee an emigrant from the Emerald Isle and who first settled at what is known as the old McKee farm near McKee's Gap, and after whom the gap was named. He returning from a visit to Ireland brought the blue lily, and to him is due the credit for its introduction throughout this settlement.

Mrs. Martin was married in early womanhood to Isaac Martin by Elder John Ramsey who then resided on the farm now owned by Amos Layton in Bethel township—to this union six children were born, three of whom preceded her to the spirit world, and three survive, namely, John M. Martin at home, William C. Martin, of Salem Ohio; and Mrs. D. S. Garland, of the Cove.

Mrs. Martin united with the Christian church when she was but fourteen years old, and ever since had been, a consistent member, faithfully performing every Christian duty, and ever ready to visit the sick rooms of her neighbors, and never tiring in the administration of little kindnesses to alleviate the pain and gladden the hearts of suffering humanity.

Her funeral occurred from her home on Monday, 16th inst. Funeral sermon from Revelation 13: 14, conducted by her pastor Rev. A. W. May, assisted by Rev. Baugher. Rev. George Martin, a nephew of the deceased, was also present. Interment at Jerusalem church. Pall bearers, Messrs. Levi Winter, Abner Mellott, Levi Smith, Denton Hoopengardner, Amos Wink and Samuel Diehl.

A well known New England educator, long at the head of the schools of Boston, has just said: "For myself, I have to confess that after all experience, after all studies of the ways and means, the necessary conditions of educational success, of educational progress, I come back always in the end to the elementary conclusion embodied in the trite maxim, 'As is the teacher, so is the school.' For there is no conceivable substitute for competency in the teacher. Hence the essential test of a school system is to be looked for in the quality of its teachers." And it is the most earnest and successful teachers who are least inclined to resent such a statement or to call it trite and antiquated. Only the poor teachers are on the look-out for mechanical means and methods by which to command success.

Daniel A. Gillis who had been spending a short time visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Gillis, returned to Altoona Tuesday. Daniel has a lucrative position in the railroad shops in that city, and is getting along first rate.

All's Well That Ends Well.

On the morning of the 20th inst., Squire George W. Decker, of Licking Creek township was in the woods mauling rails, and feeling happy as one always does when engaged in honest toil—at least, little thinking that, at that very moment, a number of his former trusted friends and neighbors were carrying out plans in his home that had been premeditated and brought into execution with the most deliberate calculation.

At nine o'clock, he heard the familiar tones of the dinner bell that had so often thrilled his heart with joy when at noontide it bade him lay down his work and come home for the dinner that he knew would be awaiting a keen appetite. But it could not mean dinner. Too early. What does it mean? Was the cow fast in the fence? Had the sheep got into the garden? or, were there some pigs in the parlor? But as the bell was pealing more and more excitedly he spent no more time in conjecture, but broke for his home. When in sight of the house he saw gathered there an excited crowd. O, what can it mean? But just then the thought came into his mind that this was his "birthday."

Well, not to make a long story out of this, a sumptuous dinner was served, and the weather being fine, the men went out in the afternoon and had a very enjoyable game of base ball, and an interesting shooting match.

It remained, however, for the ladies to give the closing act in the day's fun, which was done when Mrs. E. D., threw Miss L. S., plump on the sidewalk, amidst the cheers of the crowd for Mrs. E. D.

About 4 o'clock the guests took Mr. Decker by the hand wishing him many returns, and left for their homes.

Among the number present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. Irvin Sipes, Ethel and Victor Sipes, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Schooley, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schooley, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sipes, Lula and Clyde Sipes, D. R. Sipes and wife Lenora and Regina Decker, Milton Decker and wife, Howard Hollinshead and wife, Lena Hollinshead, Charles Schooley and wife, Leona and Pearl Schooley, Mrs. Glenna Oakman, Ahimaaz Truax, and daughter Minnie, D. S. Mellott and wife, Joseph Sipes and wife, Elmer Dishong and wife Thomas Hollinshead and wife, Geo. Decker and wife, Leslie, Luella, Dollie, and Verlie Decker, and Rev. C. H. Shull.

I WAS THERE.

Thompson.

The sick are all improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Margaret spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Riley Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Covatt were guests of P. P. Shives last Sunday.

Moving seems to be the latest: S. C. Peck moved to the A. J. Shives property; Jared Pittman from Andrew Shives' farm to the one vacated by S. C. Peck; Jacob Hess from the Geo. Pittman farm to the Shives farm, which he has bought; Collie Pittman from J. C. Hewitt's to the Pittman farm; James Peck to Chick Mellott's farm; Isaac Peck to the property vacated by W. H. Pittman; Mr. Pittman to the Hess farm; Sam'l Simpson to his farm,—and still more to follow.

William E. Hoke and family are removing from the Hoke farm south of town, to Saxton where Mr. Hoke has bought property and where they expect to make their home. This community parts with them with sincere regret, for they are among our best people. Mr. Hoke is a trustee of the Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Hoke one of the most active church workers among the ladies.

Mr. W. W. H. Kline and niece Miss Cecie Kline, spent a few hours in town last Tuesday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

M. R. Shaffer Esq., is over in Huntingdon county a few days this week.

W. H. Gracey of Taylor township called at the News office a few minutes Tuesday.

'Squire Daniel P. Deshong of Pleasant Ridge, spent a few hours in town last Wednesday.

Mercantile appraiser Ed Palmer of Warfordsburg, spent a day at the County Seat last week.

Mr. D. E. Golden of Bethel township, was among the callers at the News office last Saturday.

Mrs. W. L. Nace after spending a week with friends in this place, returned to Carlisle last Saturday.

Mrs. E. L. Daniels, of Sipes Mill spent from Friday until Sunday with her daughter Mrs. P. P. Mann of this place.

Mrs. Virgie Beidleman of Harrisburg, is spending a week with her grandmother, Mrs. Hannah Goldsmith in this place.

Miss Helen Cunningham who has been spending the winter in Wells Valley, is visiting her aunt Mrs. Ann Benford in this place.

Robert Everts, one of Thompson township's successful farmers, called at this office a few minutes while in town last Wednesday.

Miss Annie B. Frey left Tuesday morning for the eastern cities, where she expects to lay in a complete stock of the very latest fashions in spring and summer millinery goods.

Miss Minnie Reiser of the Millersville State Normal, spent her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reiser of this place.

Mr. George Martin of Franklin Mills, stopped at the News office last Saturday morning and renewed his subscription to the News for another year.

We regret to learn that Rev. Lewis Chambers has been confined to the house several weeks at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Pott at Big Cove Tannery.

Peter Shives of Gem, was in town last Saturday and had his name added to the list of subscribers to the News, and added a dollar to our expense fund.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Runyan of this place, spent last Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Mr. Runyan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Runyan at Needmore.

Miss Maye Johnston has just returned from the city with a full line of beautiful millinery, which she will be glad to show you in the rooms formerly occupied by Miss Mary Daniels.—Look for her ad next week.

Geo. C. Melius of Hustontown, and son, Philip of Saluvia were in town Tuesday. Clint renewed his subscription to the News for a year and also, to the New York World the latter of which he has taken thirty-two years.

Michael Laidig was circulating among his many friends in town Monday. Mr. Laidig will move his store to Dublin Mills the first of April, and by doing a cash business there will be able to give his customers the benefit of bottom prices all the time.

C. D. Booker, who has been visiting his mother Mrs. James Doran at Dublin Mills the past two weeks, started last Saturday to return to his home at Boscman, Montana, where he is employed as bookkeeper for a silver and gold mining company.

Ex-Commissioner Lemuel Garland of Needmore, was an early Tuesday morning caller. Lemmy thinks it would not be a bad plan to send a legislature to Harrisburg next time that would spend the entire session in repealing obnoxious laws that have been placed upon the statute books during the past half century.