

CURRENT TOPICS

By Margaret Charlesworth of the Honesdale High School.

In this progressive age every one is clamoring for practical education. Everything must be reduced to a scientific basis. No longer are the classical studies the popular curriculum for students in our high schools and colleges.

When this study of Current Topics first originated, it was carried on in a crude way. The English teacher reviewed one of the leading New York newspapers and each day assigned a topic which she considered of most importance.

The first step in this renaissance was a subscription to two of the leading current event magazines of the day, namely, the "Outlook," formerly subscribed for and the "Review of Reviews."

After the instructor has carefully examined the magazines and has marked with a blue pencil the topics to be read, she places them on the reaching tables at either side of the large assembly hall.

each pupil is required to stand before his class and review one of the topics, which has previously been assigned to him.

Much has been gained in our school from this study of the world's happenings. It has broadened the knowledge of the students, and made them in spite of themselves, know something of the important things taking place here and abroad.

SURVEYING SOUTHERN SEAS.

Hydrographic Office to Make Approach to Canal Safe.

Mariners are warned by the navy hydrographic office of a dangerous rock just discovered by the surveying steamer Hannibal as she was proceeding to her working grounds on the east coast of Central America.

CASH REGISTER FOR CHURCH.

Unique Collection Box is Devised For Congregation in Pennsylvania.

A novel invention has been perfected by John Gilmore of Harrisville, Pa., which will be to a church what a cash register is to a mercantile house.

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INAUGURAL PLANS ALMOST READY

Arrangements Made For 20,000 Militia.

GOVERNORS TO BE IN PARADE

Many States to Send Uniformed National Guardsmen—Procession Will Be Monster Affair—How Officials Will Be Given Oath—Senators Elect to Be Sworn In Formally.

With several states arranging to send additional troops of militia to participate in the inaugural ceremonies, the inaugural committee recently estimated that fully 20,000 national guardsmen would be in line March 4 as a part of the escort to President Elect Wilson.

Pennsylvania and Georgia will send additional troops. In addition to the First and Second infantry of the Georgia militia that state will be represented by the Fifth Infantry of Atlanta, numbering about 500 men and commanded by Colonel E. E. Pomeroy.

APPLES AS A CURE FOR DRINK.

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LLOYD-GEORGE URGES NEED OF HELPING ENGLAND'S POOR

He Would Lighten Flowman's Lot by Removing Great Abuses.

"The foremost task of Liberalism in the near future is the regeneration of rural life—the emancipation of the land of this country from the paralyzing grip of a rusty, effete and unprofitable system."

David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer of England, made this momentous declaration in London recently at the annual meeting of the National Liberal club. The land question has been Mr. Lloyd-George's hobby, and the Conservatives have accused him of being ambitious to introduce the Henry George system of taxation in Great Britain.

Recently they have been asserting that the cabinet has sidetracked his scheme, but the recent speech by the chancellor of the exchequer indicates that the government soon will grapple with perhaps the greatest attempt in its extensive program of social reforms.

URGES RAW WHEAT AS FOOD.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley Declares Pint Would Sustain Family For Days.

"Half of the children of the United States are starving, and under the very shadow of the nation's capitol there are 17,000 who are underfed. The very foundations of the government are threatened."

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