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Ex-President Benjamin Harrison and Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Dimmick were married in New York Monday afternoon.

It has been remarked that if you suppress the exorbitant love of pleasure and money, idle curiosity, inquisitive purpose and wanton mirth, that there would be a death-like stillness even in the greatest cities.

The Women's edition of the Kittanning Times reached THE STAR exchange table last Friday. Typographically and every other way the edition is a great credit to the ladies who had charge of it and the Times office where the paper was printed.

That grotesque evangelist, Sam Jones, has little faith in the coming generation. He says marriage is becoming meretricious, clubs are substituted for homes, wives are fast becoming society ladies, children are unavoidable nuisances, and destruction of life a habit. The few children who enter the homes are given to milk bottles and nurses in babyhood, fashionable colleges in youth, and given over to society, dress and amusement in womanhood. Instead of reading their bibles and saying their prayers at night the girls plait their hair in shucks for bangs, the boys plait their toes for tooth-pick shoes and girls sleep with a dime novel under their pillow and a fifteen cent head on top of it.

The farmers of Snyder and Washington townships held a very successful institute at Westville, this county, the first of last week under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The farmers of the townships named proved that they know something about farming and that they are capable of getting up before an audience and jelling what they know. Among the topics handled by home talents were the following: "Swine," by R. F. Morrison, of Allen's Mills; "Underdraining," by J. J. McCurdy, of Coal Glen; "Dehorning Cattle," by Fred Brain, of Sugar Hill; "The Jersey Cow," by W. H. Cooper, of Beechtree; "Cost and Value of Tilling," by A. T. McClure, of Reynoldsville; "Eggs," by A. J. Strang, of Rockdale; "Turkeys," by Archie McCullough, of Grove Summit; "Dairy," by Wallace Atwell, of Sugar Hill; "Destruction of Weeds," by James M. Smith, of Grove Summit; "Diversified Farming," by James G. Kearney, of Lane's Mills; "Horticulture," by J. H. Robinson, of Sugar Hill, and "The Coming Man in Agriculture," by M. H. Smith, of Grove Summit.

Gov. Daniel Hastings has issued a proclamation designating April 10th and 24th, 1896, as Arbor Days. In his proclamation the Governor says: "Although Pennsylvania was once wholly covered with a dense growth of valuable timber, to-day scarcely one fourth of that area remains, and the supply has fallen off to such an extent that the Commonwealth is unable to produce the timber required for its own inhabitants. Of the regions which when timbered, were a source of wealth to their owners and to the state, not less than two million five hundred thousand acres are unfit for agricultural purposes. Most of this vast area has little or no mineral wealth and is now an unsightly and practically abandoned territory. Fires sweep over it year after year destroying the younger growth and burning out the fertility of the soil, and this vast territory is passing into the condition of a desert, becoming poorer each successive year. It is not only possible but practicable to restore the forests upon these desert wastes, which would be producing a crop of great value to our state, and would also restore to our rivers and streams the beneficial influence of the forests. As it was once a necessity to remove trees in order to obtain ground to plant grain, and for other purposes of civilization, it appears that this necessity produced a tree destroying habit, which should be counteracted as speedily as possible. This is the first generation in the Commonwealth ever brought face to face with the dangers and disasters of a timberless country. To change the current of national thought from the tree destroying to the tree protecting policy, to add to the beauty of our mountains and valleys to ornament the grounds of our free schools and other public institutions, to add comfort to the traveler upon our public highways, to preserve the shores and banks of our rivers and smaller streams are objects worthy of the intelligent attention of our citizens."

Obituary of Mrs. M. R. Ardery.

EDGINGTON, ILL., Mar. 27th, '96. C. A. STEPHENSON, ED. THE STAR. Dear Sir:—Since our visit to Reynoldsville last summer, which was very pleasant, THE STAR has been a weekly visitor to our western home. It is eagerly read each week, bringing, as it does, very much news from the town in which we are quite interested for the sake of friends who have their residence there, and who did much to make our visit very enjoyable.

It often brings sad news, however; and now we have sad news for the friends there. Our mother, and mother of Mrs. W. L. Johnston, of West Reynoldsville, came home with us last summer. Yesterday she took her departure to her heavenly home, aged 82 years and 10 days. She began to fail some two months ago, and gradually grew weaker, but was not afflicted with any particular disease. Three days before death the left arm and limb paralyzed, then we began to think the end near. Her sight hearing and speech were good to the last. We bury her here.

"Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord"

Her maiden name was Margaret Rea. She was the daughter of Joshua and Sarah Rea, and was born at the old Rea homestead about three miles southeast of Strattonville, Clarion county, Pa., March 16th, 1814. Her first marriage was with Job Johnson, Dec. 3rd, 1835. He died in Clarion, Pa., January 17th, 1844. Her second marriage was with Robert Ardery, of Leatherwood, Clarion county, Oct. 13th, 1859. He died May 18th, 1864. She united with the Presbyterian church of Clarion Feb., 1842, and has always been devoted to her Savior and to the church of her choice. During her stay in Reynoldsville she was connected with the Presbyterian church at that place.

T. R. JOHNSON, Pastor of the Presbyterian church of Edgington, Ill.

Resolutions.

Resolutions adopted by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church of Reynoldsville:

Resolved, That we remember our all-wise Father, in His boundless love and infinite wisdom, to call up higher our esteemed co-worker, Mrs. Margaret Rea Ardery, who died March 26, 1896, at the home of her son, Rev. Thomas R. Johnson, Edgington, Ill., therefore.

Resolved, That we remember her consistent Christian character, her faithfulness in the work and worship of God, her complete surrender to her Master's will, and her liberality to the cause of missions.

Resolved, That her example incite us to purer thought, wiser word, and more Christlike deed; to the end that our names, like hers, may be found written in the "Lamb's Book of Life."

Resolved, That we extend our earnest, heartfelt sympathy to her bereaved ones and earnestly commend them to "Him who doeth all things well," "who is the Resurrection and the Life."

MRS. J. B. AYERS, Com. MRS. J. B. ARNOLD, MRS. L. M. SIMMONS, MRS. H. R. JOHNSON.

School Reports.

The following is the result of the final examinations of rooms No. 2 and 4 that were conducted by the Henry Bros. Room No. 2.—Charles Lord 97, Clifford Kaucher 96, Paul Riston 96, Lydia Mellinger 95, Jessie Robertson 94, Hattie Schultz 94, Viola McGaw 93, Lois Robinson 92, Agnes Robertson 91, Julia Flynn 91, Bertha Marshall 90, Maggie Evans 90, Corrie Deible 89, Georgia London 89, Charles King 88, Lizzie Irving 88, Laura Brennan 87, Joe Doane 87, Olive Reynolds 87, Rennie Gibson 86, Foster Whitmore 86, Willie Brennan 85, George White 85, Harry McIntire 85, Eugene Black 82, Katie Nolan 80, Albert Sutter 79, George Bohren 78, Leon Ferris 78, Agnes Kearns 70, Amelia Morrow 67. W. C. HENRY, Teacher.

Room No. 4.—Kittie Shiek 96, Ethelyn Winslow 90, Maggie Stoke 90, Ralph Kirk 89, Ray Sochrist 86, Unitau Farrell 86, Bessie Taylor 85, Golda King 83, Eva Shiek 82, Olive Taylor 81, Ollie Dunn 80, Jay McGaw 78, Adda Martin 77, Joseph Sayers 61, Etta Brennan 84, Ira Bowser 81, Tom Nolan 80, Charile Friel 78, Mary McCraith 75, Zola Griffis 73, Maggie Bolger 71, Lizzie Frye 63, Vell Shaw 54, Annie Ritzie 48. J. C. HENRY.

It will pay you to buy your shoes at J. S. Morrow's.

At King & Co.'s you will find baled hay, salt, flour and a full line of general merchandise.

Don't take any risks. A little cough may get to be a big one. Get a bottle of Extract of Wild Cherry and Tar. For sale at the Reynolds Drug Store.

Best line of carpets to select from in town are to be found at the Reynoldsville Hardware Co. store. See and be convinced.

Window shades, all prices, at Stoke's. R. and G. glove fitting corset at J. S. Morrow's. Wall paper 2c. per roll at Stoke's. Sewing machine needles of all kinds at C. F. Hoffman's.

When you have a bad cold and cough try a bottle of Extract of Wild Cherry and Tar. For sale at the Reynolds Drug Store.

Farmers' Institute.

The farmers' institute, held at Sugar Hill hall March 27th and 28th, has come and gone, and so has the corps of able instructors who were here to instruct us in matters of great importance to every farmer, whether rich or poor. The great trouble, and the part we are unable to understand, is why so few availed themselves of such an opportunity to get useful knowledge entirely free. Eminent men, practically equipped and fitted for the work, sent out by the State Board of Agriculture and paid by the same, have been treated in a manner that must demonstrate to them that the majority of the people in this part of the county, at least, are either careless or entirely ignorant of the importance and benefits to be derived from attending these meetings. Had it been an Indian medicine show or a dog fight, with an admission fee to pay, the whole county would have been represented and enthusiastic.

Prof. Hamilton's talk on clover was worth, to any farmer in this county, a whole week's travel; also his talk on growing potatoes, the cause of blights and the remedy for the same, were listened to with much interest and benefit. Col. John A. Woodward, of the Pa. State College, gave a very interesting lecture on dairying, how to make gilt-edged butter, that sells to private customers at from 50c. to 75c. per lb. in cities, &c. The lecture of Dr. J. T. Rothrock, Forestry Commissioner, of Harrisburg, was both interesting and instructive, especially in advocating the new school system of graded schools for the country as well as cities and towns. I just read of a farmers' institute being held at Lebanon, Ind., where they had to hire the opera house to be able to accommodate the 1,000 people who congregated there. How long will it be before Jefferson county awakens to her best interests? At least a hundred years at this rate. A. BUCKWHEAT.

If you want a sewing machine call at C. F. Hoffman's and see the White. It is all right.

Perfect Headache Powders are the best in the market. Try them. For sale at the Reynolds Drug Store.

Brussels and Ingrain carpets of all styles, at low prices, at the Reynoldsville Hardware Co. store.

We have added a full new line of shoes. Come and give us a call. J. S. Morrow.

Wall paper 2c. up to 50c. per roll at Stoke's.

When you have an "awful" headache try a package of Perfect Headache Powders. For sale at the Reynolds Drug Store.

Sam Jonesisms.

You must have something to stand upon—some people have not even a muskmelon rind to stand upon.

Prayers from men who are mad are not as effective as the invocation of a silly goat.

Money is the best servant to serve, and the hardest master that ever cracked a whip.

Those who give because God will return two for one don't give anything.

When you can send a message to heaven, and get an answer back your fortune is made.

I would just as lief shake a dead fish's tail as the little, cold, dead hand of a fashionable woman.

Wake up the church, preachers, if you have to lick an old deacon every Sunday morning. For every deacon you throw through the window 3,000 people will come to hear you.

The man who does nothing is a vagabond, whether he is worth one cent or one million.

I would rather have a good wife and six children than a fashionable woman, a canary bird and a million dollars.

I wouldn't pile up my money for my children. If they deserve money they won't need it, and if they are no account they don't deserve it.

The man who has different talk for different places is a humbug.

My brother, do something, even if you have to lick a man to get in the papers. Do something.

Sewing machine needles of all kinds at C. F. Hoffman's.

When you are troubled with dizziness, your appetite all gone, and you feel bad generally, take a few doses of Dr. Henry Baxter's Mandrake Bitters, and you will be surprised at the improvement in your feelings. Every bottle warranted to give satisfaction. For sale by H. A. Stoke.

Said a noted man of 60 years, "my mother gave me Downs' Elixir for coughs and colds when I was a boy." For sale by H. A. Stoke.

Rheumatism is quickly cured by using Arden & Oil Liniment. For sale by H. A. Stoke.

You will want a new machine to do your spring sewing. Call at C. F. Hoffman's and get price on the best machine made—the White.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

County Superintendent. FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT—PROF. R. B. TEITRICK, OF ROCKWAYVILLE, Subject to the decision of the Jefferson County School Directors' Convention, May 5, 1896.

BELL & LEWIS

Have just received a Nice Stock of

Dry Goods, Notions, Gents' Furnishing Goods; Shoes for Everybody,

especially for the babies. Call and see them. You will find anything you want at our store and at prices that will make you feel RICH.

We have a Fine Stock of CHOICE GROCERIES

which we guarantee strictly first-class. We cordially invite a share of your patronage and will endeavor to please you.

JAMES IRVING, Manager.

A. D. Deemer & Co.

This is the season of the year for April showers. Are you prepared for them? If not let us call your attention to our line of

Mackintoshes. Several different styles to select from. One, two and three capes, all good quality.

Ladies' Capes. A good quality cloth cape, neatly trimmed for \$1.50; still better and nicer at \$1.75, 2.25, up to 8.00. A nice Silk or Velvet Cape for \$4.00. Seeing it means buying it. That's good value for the money. Misses' and Children's Jackets, five different styles to select from. Infants long capes \$1.00 tip.

Ladies' Separate Skirts. Good quality, fancy mohair, lined and stiffened, \$3.00; still better in plain and fancy, \$3.50, 4.00, 4.75 and 5.00. Good serge skirt, navy and black, 3.50. Saves lots of time and trouble to get a skirt ready-made that will hang nicely and fit well.

Shirt Waists. We have enough to supply the county. That means a good assortment, such as has never been brought to town before, 50c. and up.

Ladies' Wrappers. Nicely made, body lined, large sleeves, light or dark calico, 50c., 65c., 85c., \$1.00, up to \$2.50.

OUR GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS Department is complete. Call and examine it.

A. D. Deemer & Co.

Spring - Opening!



Six days in the week, from 7:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. The Grandest and Finest Display of

Dress Goods

ever brought to town. Dress Patterns and Silks of the Latest Designs and Styles.

New Spring Capes! Lace Curtains!

It costs nothing to see them. They are beauties and not hard on the pocket-book. We invite all. Come in and make yourselves at home. No need to buy unless you want to

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