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Last year 4,000,000,000 cigarettes were smoked in this country.

If talk could be coined into money, what a monstrously rich nation ours would be.

Statistics show that from 1778 to 1895, inclusive, 308 persons were hanged in Pennsylvania.

An exchange hits it right when it says: A newspaper does not make news, it just circulates what other people make. Consequently don't kick if if you do something you should not and then see the item of news in the paper.

J. Carson Mercer, a commissioner of Allegheny county, is having a bill prepared to be introduced at the next session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, providing that all church property shall be subjected to taxation the same as any other property.

There are twelve young ladies employed as teachers in the Kittanning schools, and in an address to the teachers at the beginning of school the president of the school board informed them "that the lurking-about of beaux would not be tolerated."

Two men were standing on the corner of Main and Fifth streets one evening last week discussing the political situation and one of them said: "All men don't think the same in this politrack, and you can't change their thinkin' thought. You must read all kinds of papers, for if you just read one paper you'll just get what's in it and that's all you'll know."

A minister who has preached in country school houses and city churches, remarked a few days ago in the presence of the editor of THE STAR: "If I wanted to be lazy and not study real hard, I would rather have a city church to preach in than a country church. Country people, generally speaking, devote more time to reading than city people do, and are better posted on the Bible and religious topics."

There is no use in getting excited over political questions whereby animosity and acrimony is stirred up—neighbor against neighbor. When you take a sober thought you must conclude that the dollar that is best for the one is also best for the other, and also that the kind of tariff that benefits you will benefit your neighbor. The thing for you to do is to decide for yourself which kind you honestly believe is for the common good.

"Had any body shown it to me in the light in which you afterward showed it to me, I would not have done it under any consideration." This is an extract from a letter of a penitent confessing a great crime and asking pardon. The same confession contained this suggestive phrase: "I was not specially intent upon wickedness." Countless deeds which ruined their perpetrators would never have been committed if the proposition had been looked upon in every possible light, and many are not specially intent upon wickedness, but upon self-gratification.

Big rivers and big quarrels arise from a flowing together of many little streams, each of which taken separately might be diverted into another channel, but altogether make a resistless flood. "Take care of the pennies, and the pounds will take care of themselves." Take care of the little grievances, and the big ones will not come. Parents have many opportunities of teaching their children, both by precept and example, how to differ from others peaceably, how to adjust clashing inclinations, how to wear the laurel of the victor without vain-glory, and to pass under the yoke without degradation. Differences will arise between children as they will among grown folks. Children need to learn how to quarrel without losing their tempers, without breaking friendship, without being embittered by defeat or over-elated by victory, without taking unfair advantage, without feeling that might makes right, without ignoring the "inalienable rights" of their antagonists. They need to learn to stand for themselves within limits, and correct their thoughts by reference to right standards of thought and action. Aggressive children need toning down, timid and retiring children need toning up. The parent has an opportunity to lay down principles of action and policy that will be of immense service when their social and civic quarrels shall be of moment.

Our Educational Column.

"Ours William," Editor.

Address all communications relative to this department to Editor Educational Column, care of THE STAR.

Of learning a little is dangerous quite: And a task half done is never done right. To this maxim take heed, live it out to the letter. "To begin well is good, but to end well is better."

In assuming charge of this department it will be our aim to make it interesting and beneficial to teachers, pupils, patrons and all who are interested in the welfare of our schools and the educational system of our country, and to accomplish this end we invite contributions from one and all, on educational topics, matters pertaining to our schools, &c., that will be of interest, but this column is not open for the airing of personal grievances, or any matter calculated to injure or reflect on any one. Contributions for this column should reach the editor not later than Saturday evening of each week in order to insure publication. With best wishes for the success of this enterprise, we make our bow and proceed to business.

Our schools are starting in with brilliant prospects for a successful year, and if the two weeks just completed are to be considered as a criterion then the present term will be the best the schools have had for many a year. Prof. Lerkend, the principal, has thus far shown himself to be progressive and energetic, and with the assistance of his corps of teachers has gotten matters pertaining to school government and discipline down to a system as regular as clockwork. Principal, teachers and pupils are working harmoniously together, all striving to attain same goal, viz: the highest standard for our schools, and with the hearty and unbiased co-operation of parents, citizens and the friends of education in general, there is no reason why the public schools of Reynoldsville should not occupy a position in the front rank of the public schools of this country.

Pupils are better prepared for a successful year now than ever before, for the reason that the course of study is outlined for each year, giving to the pupil the advantage of knowing at the beginning of the term just what he or she will have to accomplish in order to attain a higher grade, and giving no one a reasonable excuse for not attaining a higher point. The rules and regulations are not severe or tyrannical, but on the contrary, while firm and explicit, are nothing objectionable but necessary for a good, thorough system of government, and no pupil can unknowingly break them as each one of them has a copy for reference.

Thus far the interest both by teachers and pupils has been commendable. Chapel exercises are held each morning, and literary societies are being formed. The High School being the first on the list, has organized the Shakespearean Literary Society, which will meet on Friday evening of this week and elect its officers and act upon other matters pertaining to the society.

Room 13 follows with the Emersonian Literary Society, with the following officers: President, Clifford Kaucher; vice-president, Lois Robinson; secretary, Lizzie Irving; treasurer, Charles King; critics, Katie Nolan, Olive Reynolds. Exercises every Friday afternoon after the present week.

An orchestra has been formed with the following instrumentation: First violin, W. J. Weaver; 2nd violin, Vincent Reynolds; clarinet, Joseph Spear; trombone, S. M. Lowther; Cornet, _____; piano, Frankie King. The orchestra will furnish music for the societies and school entertainments.

A male quartette, composed of excellent musical talent, will be one of the special features of all entertainments. Every convenience necessary for the best interests of the schools is being added. Electric gongs were placed in position on Saturday last, one on each of the first and second floors with buttons in the principal's office on the first floor, also in the recitation room on the second floor, so that the principal can signal from either place. These gongs were presented to the schools by the teachers and are a decided convenience. A museum and mineralogical cabinet is being started, and specimens from the animal, mineral or vegetable kingdoms contributed by the friends of the school will be greatly appreciated by all concerned.

The sidewalks about the building are nearly completed, grounds graded and rolled, and our beautiful building stands out in bold relief, a model of modern architecture. **SCHOOL NOTES.** Janitor Kline is the busiest man about the place. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. presented the school with a handsome Bible to be used in the chapel. The gift is greatly appreciated. A number of additional desks were placed in several of the rooms on Saturday last. The electric gongs are just the thing for signaling. Window curtains are badly needed in the several rooms, especially during this hot season. The school machinery is moving along without a jar; the wheels of education are thoroughly lubricated with the oil of harmony and patience. The novel method Principal Lerkend has adopted to keep track of tardiness and absenteeism causes the pupils to waken up to a sense of their duty. Prof. Lerkend is after those boys who abuse the smaller pupils on the way home from school. Boys, don't do this; don't be mean. The apple trees by the roadside seem to be a source of temptation to the small boy.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for coughs, colds, and consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at H. Alex. Stoke's drug store.

Notice to Navigators.

The Allegheny Valley Railway Company expects to begin the erection of a trestle over Red Bank Creek, at Red Bank Station, about August 1, 1896, preparatory to erecting a steel bridge over that stream. The stream will be entirely obstructed until about October 1, 1896. DAVID MCCARGO, Pittsburg, July 20, '96. Gen'l Supt.

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FOR STATE SENATOR. JAMES G. MITCHELL, OF PERRY TOWNSHIP, Republican nominee. Your vote and influence respectfully solicited.

FOR SHERIFF. J. L. JONES, OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, Prohibition nominee. Your vote and influence respectfully solicited.

FOR SHERIFF. ED. C. BURNS, OF REYNOLDSVILLE BOROUGH, Republican nominee. Your vote and influence respectfully solicited.

FOR SHERIFF. JOSEPH J. YOUNG, OF PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH, Your support and influence is respectfully solicited. General election, Nov. 3, 1896.

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