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Are your New Year resolutions without a blemish yet?

A bill will be introduced into this session of the legislature making it a misdemeanor to trespass on the property of the steam railroads. The bill is drafted by the coroner of Allegheny county, who states that 217 persons were killed by walking on the railroads in 1896. The bill will provide for a fine of \$25 and costs, in default of which the offender may be committed to prison for 30 days. The railroads will be required to fence their tracks and all around employees will be empowered to make arrests.

An act to correct defects in the state mining laws, which will apply to both the anthracite and bituminous regions, will be introduced in the present Legislature. The measure will have the sanction of the State authorities and will establish a bureau of mines in the Internal Affairs Department with a chief whose qualifications will be similar to those required of mining engineers and mine inspectors. It is thought to be necessary for such a bureau, with a properly qualified chief, for the reason that no supervision of the state is by law authorized over mine inspectors of either the anthracite or bituminous mines in Pennsylvania.

There are girls in Reynoldsville who are as bold as lions. They parade the streets watching for an opportunity to "catch" on to a beau, caring not a farthing whether it be a stranger they have never seen before or an old acquaintance. There are a host of other girls in town who are modest and lady-like. These are the kind of girls the young men will look after when they want to get a wife. No difference how fast a young man may have been, when he wants a wife he don't seek for her among the bold, fast young women with whom he may have associated frequently while living a reckless life. He wants a woman he can trust when he enters the matrimonial state.

Old age is the reward of wisdom and virtue. The man or woman who lives close to nature, and in accordance with the laws of life, will remain on earth and enjoy good health much longer than one who violates these laws. There can be no higher testimonial to the correctness of a man's life than extreme longevity. The old saying that "the good die young" is more of a sarcasm than a truism. The good are long lived. Gladstone has been all his life a strict observer of the laws of health. Had he been, like Lord Byron, "sore given to revel and ungodly glee," and had he "spent his youth in riot most uncouth," the world would have long ago been deprived of his usefulness. We always feel like taking off our hat to an old man, because to have attained his fullness of years, he must have been temperate, good-natured and law-abiding.—Punxsutawney Spirit.

The Washington Post comments as follows on the poll-tax law of Pennsylvania: "As a neat and handy device for the corruption of politics and the degradation of the elective franchise the poll-tax law of Pennsylvania might safely challenge comparison with any or all the abuses that the triumphant progress of ballot reform has left on State statute books. Under the provisions of that law a man must have paid a poll tax within a specified time in order to be a qualified voter. The amount is small, only 50 cents, if we remember correctly, and it seems but a trivial impediment to the exercise of the franchise. We do not know that good government would not be promoted by excluding from the ballot all who did not care enough for it or were unable to pay 50 cents, or even a dollar. It might possibly shut out a few worthy men, but this would be more than offset by the exclusion of the unworthy. This, however, is not the way the poll tax works in Pennsylvania. It shuts out nobody, for the campaign committees raise funds, largely from candidates for local offices, and pay the tax for scores of thousands. Elections are sometimes controlled by the votes of men who are thus qualified for the privilege and duty of participating in the government. So debasing is this business that Governor Hastings in his annual message believed it incumbent upon him to denounce the wholesale purchase of tax receipts for the poll-tax voters as one of the evils which 'must necessarily undermine the foundations of our form of government, if persisted in and tolerated by the freemen of the Commonwealth.' It remains to be seen whether or not the Legislature will wipe out this blot."

Our Educational Column.

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

"ASPIRAMUS NOBILISMIUS REBUS."
 (Dedicated to my boys and girls.)
 While sojourning on this terrestrial ball,
 With trials and troubles to grieve us,
 May this motto be firmly impressed upon all,
 "Aspiramus Nobilissimus Rebus."

Like the swift flying clouds are our days fleeting by,
 Soon or later grim death will relieve us;
 Be thou not overcome, but this motto apply,
 "Aspiramus Nobilissimus Rebus."

Be hopeful when sore with affliction depressed,
 The Hope very oft will deceive us,
 The Father is good and means all for the best,
 "Aspiramus Nobilissimus Rebus."

The flowers that bloom through the long summer days,
 Of the frailty of life seem to plead us;
 Be earnest and prayerful and give God the praise,
 "Aspiramus Nobilissimus Rebus."

Tho' the soul be cast down and dark clouds hover round,
 And friends to our fate seem to leave us;
 In the darkest of clouds silver lining is found,
 "Aspiramus Nobilissimus Rebus."

When tempted and tried and afflictions beset,
 And Satan conspires to deceive us;
 Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin,
 "Aspiramus Nobilissimus Rebus."

In famine's dark day, in adversity's hour,
 Remember God's promise to feed us;
 To Him be dominion and glory and power,
 "Aspiramus Nobilissimus Rebus."

When with sorrow overwhelmed and with sadness depressed,
 And our efforts seem naught to achieve us;
 Trust fully in God, He'll take care of the rest,
 "Aspiramus Nobilissimus Rebus."

Sit not idly down and of life fondly dream;
 'Twill not from our sorrow retrieve us;
 Come weal or come woe, let this be your theme,
 "Aspiramus Nobilissimus Rebus."

If the storms of this life we would safely out-ride,
 Even though our afflictions bereave us;
 Cling firm to this motto, whatever betide,
 "Aspiramus Nobilissimus Rebus."

Now, Boys and girls, we want to talk a little with you this week on "Idleness." Idleness is the bane of mankind and the beginning of a great many evils. If a person is not engaged in something good, they will naturally engage in something evil, for everyone will engage at something. A great many boys and girls get into bad company through idleness. Many boys and girls idle away their time on the streets when they should be at school. They become careless and reckless and at last acquire bad habits. Many parents are to blame, for they should have their children under control and keep them from evil. Skillful business men and good house-keeping women are those who were busy when young and under the control of good parents.

We can idle a great deal of time away. So many people are satisfied by doing nothing. I once knew a boy who was exceedingly lazy at school. He would sit all day and simply do nothing. He never made any noise, never whispered or disturbed any one, never got into mischief nor played any tricks. One day the teacher came along and struck him a blow with his rod. The boy jumped up and exclaimed, "I ain't doing anything." "That's just it," said the teacher. "I want you to do something." A great many people are like this boy; they think they are all right when they are doing nothing. We must not only "cease to do evil," but must "learn to do well." When you go to school do not idle your time so that when you grow up to be men and women you can be able to say, I improved my time while at school, for as we begin life we must end it. Live for something. Be not idle. Look about for useful employment and remember "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do."
 And again, "An idle brain is the devil's workshop."

SCHOOL NOTES.
 Director J. R. Pentz paid the schools an official visit last week.
 A local institute is slated for February 15th.

Don't forget Dr. Nourse's lecture on Friday evening, Feb. 5th.
 Eugene Black, of room 13, is housed up from the effects of a gunshot wound in the leg.
 A mock trial was one of the features of the Shakespearean Literary Society last Friday evening.
 "May I 'Havana?" was asked by one of the high school boys of a fond parent one night last week. "What's 'Sumatra' with you, my son," exclaimed the aforesaid fond parent, "are you loony?" "Guess 'Siam,'" answered the youth as he retired.
 There will be a meeting of the Alumni in Assembly Hall Friday evening.

Principal's Report.

Room	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Per Cent Present
Room 14, Mr. Madden	35	34	98
" 13, " Weaver	45	44	98
" 12, " Woodward	47	45	96
" 11, " Mitchell	48	46	97
" 10, " Hammond	59	51	91
" 9, Miss Doane	51	46	90
" 8, " Kirk	54	46	88
" 7, " Butler	55	48	92
" 6, " Smeltzer	60	53	90
" 5, " Millner	57	53	93
" 4, " Patton	61	56	92
" 3, " Geist	75	62	88
Total	645	584	93

Room 14 had least number cases of tardiness during the month, also the least number days absence.
 Room 7 has greatest number of pupils not absent or tardy to date.

Deemer's never carry goods from one season to another this is the time to get bargains in heavy goods.
 Snyder & Johns, fashionable tailors.

Committee Meeting.

REYNOLDSVILLE, PA., Jan. 12, '97.
 The Executive Committee of Jefferson County W. C. T. U. met in the parlors of Mrs. Dunn on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1897. After a cordial interchange of greetings Mrs. M. C. Graffius, Co. Pres., called the meeting to order and read the 14th chapter of John, followed by prayer. "Nearer, My God, to Thee" was sung, Miss Lizzie McClure presiding at the organ. Roll was then called, the following Unions responding: Punxsutawney, Eleanora, Falls Creek, Pancoast, Reynoldsville, Bellevue, Corsica and Baxter. Bills for expenses of delegates to State convention were presented and ordered paid. The president read a communication from Mrs. N. A. Boydish, calling attention to the fact that the history of the work of the Jeff. Co. W. C. T. U. was not fully reported, especially in the southern end of the county. After considerable discussion it was moved and carried that the Unions not satisfied with the history, as read in convention, send what additional items of history they can collect to the historian for insertion.

"How wise we are when the time has fled
 And a backward glance we cast,
 We know just the thing we should have said
 When the time for saying it's past."
 The claim of Miss Cummings was then taken up, discussed and, on motion, laid on the table. The design for the proposed Co. banner was thoroughly discussed, resulting in a choice of garnet satin for background, with "Jeff. Co. W. C. T. U." in form of an arch, a bunch of white roses and lilies in center, with the motto, "The Battle is the Lord's," underneath in gold lettering. The cost of banner not to exceed twenty dollars. Mrs. Geo. Williams, of Reynoldsville, was added to committee on banner. Mrs. E. M. Gibson was appointed to take subscriptions for State Bulletin. She immediately acted upon her appointment and secured a number of signatures.

Mrs. M. J. Campbell, Mrs. V. S. Blood and Mrs. Jennie M. Britt were appointed a committee on resolutions and plan of work. The advisability of holding parlor meetings was discussed pro and con. Mrs. Campbell, Supt. of "Mothers' Meeting," gave a very helpful talk on that subject and distributed leaflets. A number of other important subjects were discussed, which will be heard from later. A motion to adjourn for supper was hailed with evident satisfaction.

After partaking of an excellent supper, prepared by the skillful hands of the ladies of the Union, the committee reassembled. Mrs. Campbell read from Acts 2, showing that by divine sanction women are co-workers with man. A prayer service followed, after which the president took the chair and made a number of important appointments. Mrs. Gibson moved that the names of signers to petitions for license be published. Carried unanimously. The president then read an excellent report of the State convention and the committee adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.
 Convened at 9:30 A. M. President opened by reading the 14th Psalm. Prayer by Mrs. Christy. Moved that the Rec. Sec. with a committee of ladies prepare the minutes of county convention before leaving committee; carried. Miscellaneous discussion on revival work in Unions was indulged in. Moved and carried that Mrs. Minnie Bartle, Supt. R. R. work, have the privilege of putting wall pockets in as many stations as she may deem advisable.
 A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. A. E. Dunn and her faithful co-workers for the bounteous entertainment furnished the committee and visitors.
 REC. SEC.

Railroad Charter in Danger.
 A special to the Pittsburgh Times, dated Harrisburg, Jan. 13, 1897, appeared in that paper Thursday of last week:

C. F. Hartwell, of Oil City, has begun proceedings to revoke the charter of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway company. He filed to-day with Gov. Hastings an application for a writ of quo warranto against the company. The paper was turned over to Maj. Isaac B. Brown, superintendent of the State Bureau of Railways, who will fix a hearing as soon as both parties have been heard from. It will be heard at Corry, Ridgway or Oil City.

The company operates a line from Clearfield to Walston, with branches to Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo, N. Y. Hartwell prays for a writ to inquire by what authority the road engages in mining and manufacturing coke when the constitution and state laws forbid any railroad company incorporated under the provisions of the constitution of 1874 from engaging in any other business than the transportation of persons and commodities.
 It is rumored that the suit has been entered in the interests of a rival railway or in behalf of creditors of Bell, Lewis, Yates & Co., who are aggrieved because the railway appears to have a prior claim.

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Card of Thanks.
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 Mrs. J. E. BRUSHIN.
 Bargains in Boys suits at Deemer's.

Paradise.

A singing society has been organized by the young people of Paradise. The following officers were elected: Leader J. F. Strouse; Sec., Stella Strouse; Treas. J. M. Shuesley.

Miss Almaeda Johnston attended the institute at Rathmel last Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Adam Norris moved to their new home in the west end on Thursday of last week.

Singing at the Orange Hall, conducted by Prof. W. A. Adams, closed after a very successful term of two weeks.

The party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wells, on last Thursday evening, was a grand success.
 Literary society at the Paradise Hall every Saturday night.

Miss Lewis, of Indiana, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Curt. Wells, at this place.

C. E. Strouse was in Sykesville last Saturday evening.
 Mr. Noah Syphrit has about recovered from a severe attack of Typhoid fever.

Stands at the Head.
 Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day it stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottle at H. Alex. Stoke's drug store.

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