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In this age of conflict for supremacy in the political and financial world, when men seem to have forgotten, in their hot pursuit for the almighty dollar, the ties, duties and obligations which they owe to their fellow men, it is a positive pleasure to find a man who has the moral courage to do his whole duty regardless of personal interest. These thoughts have been occasioned by an inspection of the report of the county auditors, which shows that our county is rapidly getting out of debt, and the fact that the sessions of our criminal courts during the last two years have been shortened by about one-half, criminal court this month lasting but three days. It is a matter of common knowledge that prior to the election of N. L. Strong to the office of district attorney our criminal courts invariably ran about two weeks. Since his election the business of the criminal courts has been largely reduced, county taxes were lower last year than the year before, while the county commissioners have so far during his term redeemed \$49,400.00 of county bonds. THE STAR would not be understood as saying that Mr. Strong is entitled to all the credit for this splendid showing, as all the officials having to do with the county finances are doing well, but we do contend that a large portion of this saving can be credited to the manner in which he handles the affairs of his office. But one session of criminal court has lasted two weeks since his election, which was last December, when three murder trials were on the list and two men were convicted of manslaughter and one man of murder in the first degree, while the average session since his election has been less than one week. The splendid ability of Judge Reed is an important factor in saving expense by speeding the business of the court, but if we have been correctly informed the present district attorney deserves the greater credit for reducing the expenses of the criminal courts by cutting down the number of indictments to be passed upon by court and jury. He has now served three-fourths of his term and has had but a few more than one-half the number of cases that were presented to court during the same length of time prior to his election, as shown by the Quarter Sessions docket. The popular opinion is that the district attorney receives annually in fees about \$1,200.00, but according to the commissioners statement District Attorney Strong in cutting down the business of the court also cut down his own fees to \$574.00. This is one instance where a man in public office is actually carrying out the predictions and promises made prior to his election, and the tax-payer is blind indeed who cannot see where his interest lies. THE STAR is not a political paper, but in view of the general obligation resting upon the press to publish what the people, in their own interest, should know, we deem it our duty to make these comments. We frankly acknowledge to a friendly interest in Mr. Strong, growing out of our acquaintance with him, but we think our judgment is unbiased when we say that the people could not do better than to keep him in his present office for another term. A district attorney will be nominated at the June primary election, and be elected this coming fall, and while we are satisfied that it would be hard to defeat Strong in a contest, we think he should be conceded another term without opposition.

Five women were elected school directors in various wards at the election in Philadelphia last week. The Record says: "The victory in this field was not as sweeping as it should have been, but it will serve to insure improvement both in the management of the schools and in the character of the Sectional Boards; for even where the women failed of election the effect of their candidacy was to force the Democratic and Republican leaders to put forward a better class of masculine candidates than they would otherwise have done."

The Pittsburgh Daily News is the best evening paper published in the "Smoky City." It is a very spicy paper, brimful of the latest news of the country, which is "dished up" in an interesting and readable manner. The Daily News is also well filled with illustrations. The paper cannot help but please any person who will squander a penny for it. Newsboys sell the paper on our streets every evening after the arrival of the 6.50 train. If you have never read The News buy a copy this evening.

A fish never gets into serious trouble as long as it keeps its mouth shut. Some people could learn a lesson from the fish.

Our Educational Column.

"Uncle William," Editor.  
Address all communications relative to this department to Editor Educational Column, care of THE STAR.  
EFFORT.  
'Tis not enough to tune the lyre,  
And wait for harmonies to come,  
God sendeth not celestial fire,  
When the human hearts are cold and dumb.  
'Tis not enough to calmly wait  
That quickening dew should on us fall,  
To vaguely long for what is great  
While still pursuing what is small.  
'Tis not enough with tears of woe  
To weep for all the world's distress,  
The drops that from inaction flow  
Not so, not other lives will bless.  
'Tis not enough the love to take  
That other hearts on ours outpour;  
The soul is only kept awake  
By giving something from its store.  
'Tis not enough with drooping wing  
And useless feet to wait this earth,  
Efforts alone can blessing bring  
And crown the soul with sovereign worth.  
—Nortey Chester in the Queen.

Boys and girls, your "Uncle William" has endeavored during the past twenty weeks to impress upon your minds the folly of wasting your golden moments in frivolous pursuits, and the value of improving time from day to day, but the seeds sown in the main to have been sown in stony ground and by the wayside, and have not borne the fruit that they should. The majority of you are old enough and intelligent enough to know what is best for you, and if you neglect your time and allow your present opportunities to slip by you without taking advantage of them, you alone are to blame and bitterly will you regret it, and you will in after years fully realize the truth of the couplet,  
"Of all sad words of tongue or pen  
The saddest are these, 'It might have been.'"  
The scriptures tell us that "He that knoweth his duty and doeth it not shall be beaten with many stripes." We are interested in your welfare, boys and girls, and it would grieve us deeply to hear that any one of you had made a wreck of his or her talents, or as the lecturer said on Friday evening, a mistake in the checkered game of life. Study out each move you make and don't allow yourself to get cornered, nor any one to block the game on you. Study hard now, and then you will better enjoy the rest that will follow and be able to turn aside all the arrows of adversity that may be heretofore directed at you. Read, reflect and act.

A book is essentially, not a talked thing, but a written thing; and written, not with the view of mere communication, but of permanence. The book of talk is printed only because its author cannot speak to thousands of people at once; if he could he would; the volume is mere multiplication of his voice. You cannot talk to your friend in India; if you could you would; you write instead; that is merely conveyance of voice. But a book is written, not to multiply the voice, merely, not to carry it merely, but to preserve it.—John Ruskin.

We publish this week a poetical production from a little twelve-year-old embryo poet of room No. 10, Luther Harris, who, after witnessing the coasting episode, described it in the following lines, which, though not having the rhythm of a Longfellow or the systematic metre of a Poe, show a remarkable talent for one so young. We will call it

THE COW AND THE COASTERS  
OR  
FRANK RUPERT'S MIX-UP.  
The boy who was guiding,  
He didn't know how;  
He pulled the wrong string and  
Ran into a cow.  
Little Frank Rupert,  
The unlucky lad,  
The cow fell upon him;  
He was hurt very bad.  
The boys picked him up;  
He was pretty near dead;  
He had a big cut  
On top of his head.  
The blood, it was running  
From eyes, mouth and nose,  
And if he will live  
There is nobody knows.  
They sent for his mother,  
She was half scared to death;  
But when she saw him  
She quit drawing breath.  
They sent for the doctor,  
There came Harry King;  
But when Frank saw him  
He began to sing.  
They took him home  
In a very nice sleigh,  
But Frank went coasting  
The very next day.  
They sent for his father  
To Punxsutawney,  
Who said, "the same thing  
Often happened to me."  
Frank's head was tied up  
And his arm in a sling,  
And he said that he ran  
Against the wrong thing.

SCHOOL NOTES.  
Fifty days of school yet remain. Are we all ready for the final examinations? The lecture course was concluded on Friday evening last and Prof. Lenkerd is highly gratified over the success of the same and for the liberal patronage of the public. Prof. Alton Lindsey will give an entertainment on Friday evening next, and on Saturday local institute will be held in the Assembly hall.  
A ten-piece orchestra furnished the music on Friday evening last.  
Symptoms of "spring fever" are cropping out in our schools and as this is a very contagious disease, our boys and girls should be careful. As a preventative we recommend the following: Industry, energy and perseverance; equal parts, in small doses, at frequent intervals.

Doemers expect to sell all winter goods at a bargain.  
The best shoes at the lowest prices at J. E. Welsh & Co.'s, near postoffice.  
Remnants of all kinds at Doemer's.

An Explanation.  
DEEMER'S CROSS ROADS, Feb. 10, 97.

EDITOR STAR:—  
There seems to be a tendency among the uninitiated in this section to censure severely Deemer's X Roads Council, No. 604, Jr. O. U. A. M., for alleged dereliction of duty relative to the payment of sick and funeral benefits to one of its members, Geo. M. Reed. The public having heard but one side of the case, jumps at conclusions and renders its verdict prematurely; therefore we, the undersigned, deem it our duty to state the facts in the case and set the matter right before the people. Our Council has yet the first time to refuse payment of benefits to members when constitutionally entitled thereto, and a careful perusal of the statement given below, in connection with an extract from our laws governing similar cases, will convince our friends as to the equity of our action in this matter. We regret that we have to adopt this method of setting the matter straight, but find it to be the only way in which so to do. Below find statement:  
Geo. M. Reed was initiated Oct. 10, 1891; suspended for non-payment of dues, Oct. 1, 1895; amount of indebtedness during this time, \$22.50; amount of credits during this time, \$14.50; balance due Council at suspension, \$8.00. The brother applied and was reinstated under dispensation May 9, 1896, at a fee of \$1.00; 38 weeks dues, at 10c. per week, \$3.80; total \$4.80. The brother took sick some time in December, 1896, and afterwards paid in \$3.00. When he was taken sick the balance due the Council was \$2.70, and at death a balance of \$1.80. The Council paid for nurse hire during his sickness \$14.00. The following is an extract from our laws which will show that the brother was not entitled to benefits, he not having belonged to the Council the required one year from date of reinstatement; also, not being in good standing, being over three months in arrears for dues.  
ARTICLE X—CONSTITUTION.  
Sec. 5. Any brother who is thirteen weeks in arrears for weekly dues and shall become sick or disabled, and apply for the benefits of this Council, shall not be entitled to receive any of said benefits during such sickness or disability, nor shall he, in case of death, be entitled to any funeral benefits.  
ARTICLE XI—BY-LAWS.  
Sec. 2. Every person who may be elected for reinstatement into this Council, shall pay the same fee as a new initiate of the same age and in such case shall not be beneficial for twelve months; or if he pays all arrearsages and claims against him at the time of his suspension, he shall become entitled to benefits at the expiration of four months.  
The above is a correct statement of the facts in the above case and the laws governing the same, as laid down by the State and National Councils. Every member is provided with a copy of these laws and consequently can blame no one for dereliction of duty. We are sorry that anything like this has occurred in the history of our Council, but trust that the above statement will set the matter right before the public.  
Respectfully,  
F. W. DEEMER,  
HOMER SCHUGARTS, } Com.  
AMOS DEEMER.

It is highly important, in educating a girl to be an efficient self-reliant woman, that her hand should be trained to be useful. Of course, the details of her education should be arranged with regard to the social position which she will probably eventually occupy. In ordinary cases the hand should be as carefully trained as the brain; for, to fill the ordinary duties which fall to the lot of the average woman, a useful hand is absolutely necessary. Girls who have the advantage of studying at our female colleges and high schools, do not as a rule, belong to the wealthy and aristocratic circles, where every domestic duty is performed by servants. The generality of such girls will not, when they are married, have a staff of servants and a housekeeper to look after them; they will have to be their own housekeepers, for the most part, with probably only one servant under them. In such a household as this the wife must assist if all is to go well, and her head and hands must be the chart and helm of the domestic ship.  
Shortsightedness.  
To waste your money on vile, dirty watery mixtures, compounded by inexperienced persons, when you have the opportunity of testing Otto's Cure free of charge. Why will you continue to irritate your throat and lungs with that terrible hacking cough when the Reynolds drug store will furnish you a free sample bottle of this great guaranteed remedy? Hold a bottle of Otto's Cure to the light and observe its beautiful golden color and thick, heavy syrup. Large packages and purest goods. Large bottles 50c. and 25c.  
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For neat fitting suit, go to Snyder & Johns, fashionable tailors.  
If you want a barrel or two of flour it will be to your interest to see Robinson & Mundorff before buying.  
Richardson shoes, at J. E. Welsh & Co.'s, near postoffice, are the best to wear.

To Prohibit Treating.

Following is a petition that is being circulated over the state, and is receiving a large number of signatures thereto, for the passage of an act to prohibit treating to intoxicating liquors:  
Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania: That it shall be unlawful for any person to purchase for, or give to another person, spirituous, malt or vinous liquors in any saloon, bar-room or club-room, where the same is kept for sale, or to treat another in any of said places or in any public place, to any of said liquors, and also for any person to accept of any of said liquors under any of the above circumstances.  
Section 2. No person shall sell to another any of said liquors knowing the same to be intended for another as a treat, to be drunk in the same place where sold, or in any room adjoining the room or place where sold, or in any public place.  
Section 3. Any person or persons violating the provisions of either of the foregoing Sections shall for each and every offense forfeit and pay the sum of \$10.00 to be recovered before any Mayor, Burgess, Magistrate or Justice of the Peace as debts of like amount are now by law recoverable in any action of debt brought in the name of the Commonwealth, as well for the use of the School directors as for the person suing. One half of the said penalty shall be paid to the prosecutor.  
Section 4. In addition to the civil penalties imposed by the preceding Section for a violation of the provisions of the First or Second Section of this act, every person who shall violate the provisions of said First and Second Sections shall be taken and deemed to have committed a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction thereof in any criminal court of this Commonwealth be fined in any sum of not less than \$10.00 or more than \$100.00 and the cost of prosecution, and be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not more than sixty days at the discretion of the court.

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Draft team weighing 1500, also sleighs for sale.  
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Reduced Rates to Washington.  
For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3, and 4, valid to return from March 4 to 8, at the following rates:  
From Erie, \$11.00; Corry, \$10.75; Warren, 10.75; Williamsport, \$8.75; Wilkesbarre, \$9.40, and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.  
This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.  
The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.  
The West Reynolds Summer Normal school will open April 19th, 1897. For further particulars address the principal, Prof. Lex N. Mitchell, Reynoldsville.  
A few Ladies' and children's coats left at Deemers.  
At King & Co.'s you will find baled hay, salt, flour and a full line of general merchandise.  
Through Sleepers to Washington.  
For the accommodation of Washington travel account of Inauguration March 4th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. has arranged to run through sleepers to Washington on train 4, leaving Erie 3:25 P. M. March 2nd and 3rd. This no doubt will be greatly appreciated by Washington visitors.  
Five hundred dollars worth of shoes just received at J. S. Morrow's.  
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