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March did not come in like a little lamb. About three inches of snow fell during the day.

Henry Clay Campbell, Esq., of Punxsutawney, aspires to be United States Consul to the Island of Jamaica in the West Indies, under the new administration.

Rain or shine, cold or warm, hard or good times, money or no money, the doctor, the preacher and the publisher are always expected to make their regular visits and dates.

A novel method of presenting the newest and freshest Easter-tide creations of Paris milliners has been adopted by The Ladies Home Journal for March. In that magazine the new French hats and bonnets will be pictured as they are worn. This unique display is useful, therefore, in pointing out clearly not only Fashion's decree, but the style in head-dress best suited to several contrasted types and faces.

Co. Supt. Teitrick has prepared and had copyrighted a teacher's report and classification that will certainly be a great help to the teachers of the county at the beginning of each school term, and will also be a benefit to the schools. The report is so nicely arranged that a new teacher can know in a very short time the exact condition of the school and the standing of each pupil at the close of the last term of school. Some times it may require a week or two for a new teacher to get the run of the school, but this report soon settles that matter.

The bill which passed the house at Harrisburg several days ago providing that coroners shall have the same fee and mileage when they have been called and viewed a body, but decided that no inquest is necessary, as when an inquest has been held, will do away with one of the troubles which many coroners have had to contend with in the past. Heretofore when a sudden death has occurred and the coroner sent for he could receive no compensation for his troubles unless he empanelled a jury and held an inquest, thus sometimes entailing an unnecessary expense upon the county. The act just passed, while allowing the coroner pay whether he holds an inquest or not, will in reality be a saving to the country.

County Superintendent Teitrick will please accept our thanks for a copy of the 1896 Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania. It is a large book of about 700 pages. The book contains pretty pictures of our magnificent school building, the Assembly room and plans of first and second floors and the stairway. We glean the following report from this book for the year ending, June 1, 1896: There are 25,899 schools in the state; 26,764 teachers; 1,088,786 pupils; total expenditures for schools \$19,661,529.58. There were 13,252 children of school age in Jefferson county, 6,663 males, 6,419 females; of these 6,190 were between the ages of eight and thirteen years; the average attendance in the county was 9,418. In Reynoldsville borough there were 877 children of school age, males 466, females 411; average attendance of scholars 554. In Brookville borough 614 scholars; average attendance, 500. In Punxsutawney 798 scholars; average attendance 569. The total receipts for school purposes in this borough were \$36,504.44; total expenditures \$25,414.79.

A new mayor for this municipality has been elected and has taken the oath of office for a term of three years. The people will, of course, expect him to enforce the laws and ordinances as he finds them without fear or favor. Mayor Stoke's duties will no doubt, sometimes be disagreeable, as has been the duties of others who occupied the same position. It may be that some of his most zealous supporters will be the first to transgress and feel the heavy hand of justice, but he must not falter in the discharge of his duty if he would retain the respect of the good people of the town. There are other duties, your Honor, that will be pleasant to perform. Should any organization or representative citizens from beyond our borders visit Reynoldsville the Mayor will dignify the office he occupies in extending them a cordial welcome. A town is judged, in a large measure, by its public officials, and a lack of courtesy on their part would be a reflection on the citizens. As the representative of an intelligent people the Mayor is expected to be ready at all times to present and defend their interests, or voice their sentiments in words fitly chosen. The position is one of honor and responsibility.

Local Institute.

The district institute met in the Assembly hall of the Reynoldsville school building Saturday at 9.00 a. m. The meeting was called to order by Prof. Lenkerd. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Crawford. The institute then proceeded to elect its officers. Prof. Mitchell was elected president; Miss Iris Johnston and B. G. Woodward vice-presidents; Misses Orpha Beer and Jessie Smeltzer secretaries. The program was as follows: Prof. Alton Lindsey, of Emerson's School of Oratory, talked on "Reading." He gave the fundamental principle of teaching Reading as cultivating the imagination. The child should have a mental picture of what he reads if it be only one word. Any method of teaching that deals too much with symbols instead of images does not produce the best results.

Following this talk was a selection of music by a male quartette from the Punxsutawney Presbyterian church.

The subject of "Teachers' Preparation" was given for general discussion. Mr. T. B. Mitchell opened the discussion. He said that a complete preparation was impossible, but to be a teacher one should be able to make the work practical. Prof. Doane said a thorough scholastic training was necessary. We cannot teach what we do not know and to teach anything we should know everything. Common sense is one of the most essential qualities of a teacher. Prof. Timblin thought teachers were born, not made.

The Punxsutawney quartette then favored the institute with another selection of music.

Miss Lorena Givan, of the Clarion Normal, was then introduced. She took "Geography" as her subject and presented some very practical ideas. As the object of the study of Geography she gave this—we must know the relation that exists between the earth and man; we gain it from this study. Physical Geography should precede Political. Ideas should precede symbols. Be sure the child sees what he talks about. Institute then adjourned until 1.30.

The afternoon session was opened by a selection by the quartette, entitled, "The Catastrophy."

Prof. Hunter, of Indiana county, gave a talk on penmanship. Co. Supt. R. B. Teitrick gave a talk on "Psychology of Personal Influence." The main thought of his discourse was "heart power." The amount of heart power determines the effectiveness of the teaching; deficient thought touch causes failure. Teaching is a mind to mind and soul to soul contest. The teacher gains this power, not by inspiration, but by hard work.

Mr. Carl McAfee, of Punxsutawney, rendered a burlesque solo.

Prof. Allison gave an instructive talk on music. "How to Train Pupils in Habits of Self Control" was discussed by Prof. Madden. Miss Hannah Stauffer, Mr. Charles Norris and Mr. Snell.

The male quartette gave another selection. W. L. Green, of DuBois, gave a short talk. He said the teacher's mission is of divine import.

Miss Givan then talked on "Physical Culture and Drawing." The body should be trained so that it can do the work the spirit desires it to do. Teachers must be alive to do effective work. In speaking of drawing she said: We should put more of the home life into the first years of school life. The child at home represents his ideas of things by drawing; let him do this in the school room. Drawing is expressing what is in the mind. It is also cultivating the aesthetic side of our nature.

Prof. Lindsey continued his talk on "Expression." The things a teacher should not do are: do not read the selection for the pupil; do not juggle with the tones of a pupil; do not have rules; do not spoil the individuality of the pupil. The thing he should do is to talk about the selection and have the child tell the thought. The thought of the whole discourse was that the pupil be taught to tell.

The committee on resolutions then reported. Sec.

Electric Bitters.

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Notice to Taxpayers.

To the taxpayers of the borough of Reynoldsville: The town council will be in session, March 8th, 1897, at 7.45 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of making exonerations of dog taxes, &c.

L. J. MCENTIRE, Clerk.

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Our Educational Column.

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

ONLY A VOTE.

It's only a vote, says the fool with a sneer, Or a smile of contempt, as he swills the beer Of the ringster's tool, and his ticket takes And casts, and some rogue his ruler makes. Yes, it's only a vote, but the voter's right Cost a century's struggle 'gainst despot's might. 'Twas dearly bought by patriots' blood Shed for freedom's sake in crimson flood. It's only a vote, but it gives us power To guard ourselves in danger's hour. To lay the lash to the perjured knaves, Who play us false and are bribe-givers slaves. To hurl them from the place of trust, And give it to the true and just; To show our manhood and our right To still assert our freeman's right. Our legislative halls to fill With men who work the people's will. In place of those who serve for gold And let themselves be bought and sold.

SEARCH OUT THE GOOD.

Don't look for the flaws as you go through life; And when you wish to find them, It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind, And look for the virtue behind them. For the cloudiest night has a hint of light Somewhere in the shadows hiding; It is better by far to hunt for a star Than the spot on the sun abiding. The current of life runs ever away To the bosom of God's great ocean; Don't set your face against the river's course And think to alter its motion. Don't wait a curse on the universe Remember it lived before you. Don't butt at the storm with your puny form But bend and let it go o'er you. The world will never adjust itself To suit your whims to the letter; Some things must go wrong your whole life long. And the sooner you know it the better. It is folly to fight with the infinite And go under at last in the wrestle; The wise man shapes into God's plan As the water shapes into a vessel. —Ellen Wheeler Wilcox.

SILENT TEACHERS.

Nature, with her myriad tones that roll upon the cultivated ear in floods of melody, enraptures the senses and thrills the heart with gratitude to the great author of our being.

But the silent monitors—those voiceless teachers—that in mute appeal touch the chords of our being, attuning them to harmony, lift the soul into the beatific presence of nature's God.

The streams that move with majestic flow, and the little rivulet that murmurs tenderly to the swaying blossoms that nod above their rippling waters, teach a lesson of purity.

The tiniest flower that dots the green sward tells of tender care and protection, and the regal lily rocked on the murmuring tides of their watery home, lifts a song of silent praise as she opens her waxen petals to greet the god of day.

The little dew drop that gems the springing grass, and the little pebble that is trodden beneath the foot, as well as the lofty tree that graces the grassy mead or rears its proud head amid the sombre shadows of the woodlands, give with their silent voices each their lesson.

The zephyr, as it floats upon the evening breeze, whispers peace to the troubled heart, and the wildly rolling cloud proclaims the majesty of Him who sits upon the whirlwind and rides upon the storm.

The rainbow spanning the heavens with its varied hues sustains the drooping spirit, and teaches faith in a covenant-keeping God.

The stars in their ceaseless march across heaven's blue vault point to the hand that sped them on their course, and guides them through the changeless cycles of time.

Wrapped in winter's folds, the earth seems dead and forsaken, but at the call of spring—like a giant refreshed—she throws off her shackles and walks forth in newness of life.

The sun treads noiselessly his daily rounds, yet under his silent influence, the shades of night are thrust back and the earth opens up into new life and power.

The leaves of the trees murmur tenderly to the winged winds as they sigh among the branches. The wheat fields rise to glory of harvest with never a sound save as they whisper in the evening breeze.

Oh! these silent voices of nature, with what sweetness and power do they speak to ears listening to their mute appeal and hearts touched by the mighty lesson which they teach.

There is a beautiful bit of history told in the Bible which illustrates God as the silent voice. It is in the story of Elijah fleeing to Horeb from the wrath of that wicked princess, Jezebel, away from the hum of busy life into the grandeur of the mountains. God sends him that He may speak unto him, and as the prophet stands alone awaiting God's voice, the very air would seem to quake under its mighty thunderings. But the story is full of meaning as it flows on unfolding the thought of the subject—that the silent teachers are the most potent.

There came a great strong wind that rent the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind there came an earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire. And list! a still small voice trembles upon the air, and when its soft cadence fell upon the prophet's ear, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went forth from the cave and listened to its quiet tones, for it was the voice of God!

And adown the ages comes to us the lesson which Divine majesty gave to his faithful servant, that silent monitors are the true teachers and illustrates the whole thought of the Supreme Ruler of the universe.

Remnants of all kinds at Deemer's.

Paradise.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Allen Cathers has had a severe attack of neuralgia the past week.

The farmers' institute held in the Grange Hall on the 23d and 24th of February was a grand affair.

Miss Harriet Norris visited Miss Christine Strouse several days last week.

The Misses Lydia and Lottie Pifer attended the farmers' institute on Tuesday evening.

Jim Sheesley and Ed. Syphrit were at Sykesville last Saturday evening.

Miss Inez Strouse is visiting her sister, Mrs. Brumbaugh, near Porter.

Quite a number of our people attended the institute held in Reynoldsville last Saturday.

A young son has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sheesley.

We are glad to see P. M. Wells in our midst again after a severe attack of la grippe.

Miss Almada Johnston did not teach last week on account of sickness among her pupils.

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.

Boys' and Misses' school shoes at J. E. Welsh & Co.'s, in the Wm. Foster building, they are iron-clad and long wearing shoes.

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Hicks' Forecast for March.

The first few days of March promise to be fair and cool, with high barometer, and frosty nights. About the 4th, 5th look for change to warmer, falling barometer, southerly winds and storms. Much colder weather will flow down from north-west in wake of these storms, lasting for several days. Marked disturbances will occur from the 10th to 13th. Note this fact and watch storm indications. Snow and rain may be expected, snow, of course, more toward the north. A sharp change to colder will follow the storms, reaching western sections two or three days earlier than the east. Reactionary storms about 16th, 17th, 18th. More snow and rain, followed by heavy gales and cold. From 21st to 24th heavy equinoctial storms will be due, followed by renewed cold. About the 28th and 29th will center reactionary storms.

The examination for permanent certificates will be held in Brookville Thursday and Friday, May 20th and 21st, 1897. Teachers who desire to take the examination will please notify W. A. Henry, Sec., Brookville, Pa. If these dates do not suit the convenience of the teachers applying, notify Mr. Henry before the 10th of March and the dates will be changed to suit the greater number. G. L. GLENN, Chairman of Com.

All odds and ends will be sold at a great reduction at Deemer's.

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