

## Our Educational Column.

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Boys and girls, your "uncle" has not talked to you for two weeks, on account of other matters, but vacation time is almost here and next week the necessary, but much dreaded, examinations will begin. We have observed that a large number of you have been enthusiastic foot ball adherents, which, we fear, will be to your detriment, as it detracted, more or less, from your school work. Therefore, we will conduct our talk this week after the manner of a foot ball game. You, my boys and girls, are the players on one side and it is yours to play to win. The frivolous follies of the world are your opponents. We will line them up as follows:

<b>YOURSELVES.</b>	<b>OPPONENTS.</b>
Self Reliance	Idleness
Energy	Gossip
Ambition	Indifference
Obedience	Inattention
Application	Procrastination
Punctuality	Disobedience
Promptness	Tardiness
Independence	Deceit
Resolution	Stubbornness
Truthfulness	Inaction
Activity	Carelessness

Your school term is the game to be played. The first half of it is nearly completed. Have you played a fair honest half thus far? How many goals or touchdowns have you made? Each and every time you perform your duty carefully and conscientiously you score a point in this great game, and each time you fail your opponents score. Don't allow them to gain a single inch, but keep them back of your 25 yard line. Many of you, we are afraid, have lost considerable ground during the first half and unless you play the second from the start with energy and a determination to win the goal, what you are striving for will not be yours. The goal you all are striving for is a clean, spotless record and a high grade of scholarship, and it is yours if you but work for it, holding every inch of ground you gain in spite of all obstacles. Mass your plays, resort to any strategy whereby to defeat and overcome your opponents; pay strict attention to all the signals given by your captains, the teachers, and implicitly obey each and every command. Work together in harmony and the goal is yours, and how proud yourself and friends will be when the game is won and your defeated opponents sink off the field, crushed and humiliated. Boys and girls be expert in this great game or be nothing. Do not be satisfied with being but a second or a third rate player or you will never succeed: be all or nothing. You can do it if you will, then nobly labor and put forth every effort to reach the highest standard and pile up point after point to your score until you cross the line and reach the goal. Then

"On to the goal, press on  
Glory awaits you there,  
Palms for the victor's brow  
And robes that the conqueror's wear."

**SCHOOL NOTES.**  
The schools will hold an entertainment in Assembly hall on Friday evening of this week.

The Ideal Literary Club held a social in the Nolan block on Saturday evening last.

The orchestra has added a "Viola" to its instrumentation.

The position of the cannon balls at present looks as though they had been used in bombarding Mrs. Rhoads' fortress. But five-out of the fifty yet remain on the terrace.

Mid-term examinations will begin this week. "Are ye ready for the fray my warriors hold?"

**Farmers' Institute at Allens Mills.**

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 witnessed the passing by of another successful institute at Allens Mills. If anything, this institute outdones the one of a year ago. So enthusiastic were those present that it was found impossible to get through with the programme in the five sessions there named, and another session was added.

The following five causes, made our institute a success:

- 1st, The management of the chairman.
- 2nd, The efficient state speakers.
- 3rd, The blending together of a good home talent.
- 4th, Favorable weather and last, but not least, the sumptuous dinner served by the ladies of the two churches.

In the absence of Rev. Buzza, Wm. Buchanan opened the first session with prayer. The address of welcome was given by J. G. Allen and ably responded to by C. L. Peck. Next a paper was read by R. F. Morrison, subject, "Home Dairying." Among other things Mr. Morrison brought out the kind of stock to keep, feed and method of feeding, cleaning and marketing. Mr. Peck and others spoke on the same subject, after which the meeting was adjourned for dinner.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**  
The question box was first taken up

and the number and tone of the questions was an evidence that the people were there to learn.

Paper on "Potato Culture" by W. C. Smith. Mr. Smith divided the subject into four parts, viz: soil, seed, manure and planting and digging. Mr. Smith was followed by others as to size of seed and method of cutting. Next came the report of the farmers' Congress held at St. Paul, Minn., by McCurdy Hunter, which was one of the very interesting things of the institute.

Mr. Peck then took up the subject of "Successful Home Dairying." He showed that a man in this occupation must take pleasure in his work to be successful. That the cross between the Holstine and Jersey was a failure, bringing forth a cow neither good for butter or beef. That the dash churn was a less and a concussion churn the only churn. That every farmer should have a Babcock tester and weed out the poor cows. He also touched on our county papers by saying that he had just looked through one of forty-eight columns and found not one inch devoted to the farmer. He insisted on each farmer asking for two columns per week or have his name stricken from the list. Adjournment.

**EVENING SESSION.**  
The evening session was devoted to education and for entertainment was the banner session of the institute.

Question box.  
Recitation by Laura Cooper, subject, "Happy Farmer."

Essay, subject, "Flowers," Eliza Breinholt.

Paper, "Make Home Attractive," Mrs. Buzza.

"The Farmer and the Public School." In the absence of Messrs. Blakeslee and Critchfield, Mr. Buzza and Mr. Peck discussed the subject to the edification of all.

Recitation, entitled, "Rothchilds," Robert Campbell.

Here Mr. Peck took some time in explaining the Silo, which is a subject of interest to every farmer of to-day. He showed that the question of feed was a most important one to the farmer; that we could compete with the western states only by the use of Silo. That one acre of fairly good ground will make from twelve to fifteen tons of Silage at a cost of \$1.50 per ton. For fifteen tons would be \$22.50 and is worth \$5.00 per ton compared with meadow hay. Two tons of Silage is equal to one ton of hay. Allowing three tons of hay to the acre, you have \$30 per acre for hay, and \$75 for ensilage off the same ground, or a gain to the farmer of \$45, making one acre of Silage worth five of hay.

A pleasing feature of the evening session was the interspersing of music by Misses Shaw and Messrs. MacIntosh and Longwell.

**MORNING SESSION SECOND DAY.**

The meeting was opened by repeating of Psalm and prayer by Rev. Myers.

Question box.  
An efficient paper was read by Mr. Buchanan, on "Soiling Crops," and was followed by Mr. Hess, of the State college.

Paper, "Fertilizer, Home and Commercial," S. W. Temple.

Here Mr. Critchfield placed the institute in the form of a class, asking and explaining many important questions. Adjournment.

**AFTERNOON.**

The beginning of the afternoon session was devoted to business.

A motion to have an evening session was carried. The institute of next year was talked over, but no place for holding has yet been selected.

Paper, "System of the Farm," M. H. Smith. We are sorry that more farmers could not have heard this paper or that we cannot have room to print it.

Talk, on "The Most Profitable Stock to Raise," Simon Stahlmaq.

General review of the institute, Rev. Mills.

Lecture, on "Treatment of Worn-out Soil," N. B. Critchfield.

Adjournment.

**EVENING.**

A greater part of the evening session was taken up in reviewing the preceding sessions.

A very pleasing paper was read by Mrs. Myers, entitled, "The Burdens We Have to Bear and How to Lighten Them."

Talk, on "Small Fruits," John Marshall.

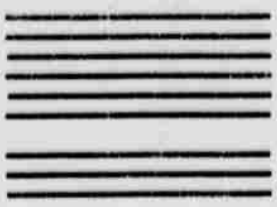
A very heated discussion was opened by F. M. Keys on the subject, "Are Our Farms Better To-day than They Were Ten Years Ago?"

(We would add that this meeting was the foundation of the farmers of this locality forming a permanent organization.)

A very instructive program has been made out and a local institute will be held at this place Saturday night, Dec. 18th. The card given us by Mr. Peck we will ask to have printed at a later date.

DILLIS ALLEN, Sec.

## Come Early



We want to forewarn the Christmas shoppers this year, in time. Last year a multitude of people waited until a few days before Christmas to do their buying at our store, and then found us busy waiting on bargain-seekers, and went away disappointed. Therefore we say, come early.

You may say you have not got the money. Don't let that bother you. Pay part on the article; we will deliver it free to any part of town, when you want it.

We do not recall any Christmas season when we carried so large a line. We have everything that is late and new, in the Clothing and Furnishing Goods Line. Our store is now in its Christmas garb. We would like you to come and see us. We would appreciate the favor if you would bring your friends. We refer to Ladies and Gentlemen, both.

<p><b>CHRISTMAS HATS.</b> Men's nice, new Stiff and Soft Hats, latest correct shapes, all colors. What man isn't glad to get a new hat for a Christmas Present? Prices from 50c to \$2.50.</p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS GLOVES.</b> For Men's fine Kid Gloves with fur tops. We have 35 distinct lines of men's fine Dress Gloves for the holiday trade. Prices from 50c. to \$1.75. Call and examine them.</p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS MUFLERS.</b> There is nothing more appropriate for a Christmas present than a nice silk Muffler. We have all the new '97 patterns, which suit any pocket-book.</p>
<p><b>CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS.</b> Men's Umbrellas from 50c. to \$3.00. These umbrellas are covered with finest imported English Gloria, unequalled for wear, made with Paragon frame and some with steel rod. Plain, Natural Handles, some with silver mountings. Each is a royal Bargain at the price.</p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS NECKTIES.</b> A large invoice just received from the most famous necktie maker in New York, consisting of fine Silk Puffs, Fancy Silk Band Bows, Shield Bows and Four-in-hands, and all the newest colorings and shapes in the market.</p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS SUSPENDERS AND HANDKERCHIEFS.</b> In this department we earnestly ask you to come, see and be convinced that our collection and assortment of Suspenders and Handkerchiefs are superior to all others for the price.</p>

Don't be deceived by the FAKE advertisements which are now filling the columns of the papers. We make the proposition for you to call, see the goods and then make your own conclusions.

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## MILLIRENS.

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Sensible gifts that will go into many homes at prices figured down to the lowest notch. The collection is new and includes the choicest and latest styles.

### Handkerchiefs!

Not a tray full, but a large assortment for men, ladies and children at prices to quickly move the big quantity.

### What will you Have?

Gloves, Towels, Umbrellas, Neckwear, Fancy Goods, Silks, Handkerchiefs, Shoes, Hosiery, Table Linens, Men's Clothing, Etc., Etc. We have them and many other things which space will not permit mentioning. Call and see.

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Can be accepted as being absolutely correct, care having been taken to secure exclusive, but popular styles. In every department the articles presented will be found of a quality to command approval. Prices are wonderfully small for such value. Such goods as we have will serve better purpose elsewhere than on our shelves, and we sacrifice profits to make quick sales.

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