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During the year 1897 the state fish commissioners stocked the rivers, streams and lakes of Pennsylvania with 163,000,000 fry. This was the largest distribution ever made in one year.

The time draweth nigh for the holding of the spring election. Some important offices are to be filled and our citizens ought to give the matter their careful consideration. One of the political parties has already nominated their candidates. The most competent men should be elected, regardless of political affiliation.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has placed an order for 100,000 tons of steel rails with five different companies, as follows: Pennsylvania Steel company and Cambria Iron company, 25,000 tons each; Carnegie Steel company, 30,000 tons; Lackawanna Iron company, 5,000 tons and the Illinois Steel company, 15,000 tons. The rails will be of the 100 pound standard size, and will be used in building new lines and replacing old rails.

Dr. Swallow, on politics and religion says: "The declaration that religion and politics will not mix, is one of the devil's lies which that arch deceiver is fond of putting into the mouths of inconsiderate Christian people. At present there is a good deal of politics in religion and a minimum of religion in politics, but the proportions can be reversed, and should be. They must be if our state is to be redeemed from the destroying grasp of the spoilsman."

Not long ago a man committed suicide who had read THE STAR three years, without paying for it, and then had the postmaster mark it "refused." The "refused" was marked on the paper a year before the man took his own life, and it is likely that this dishonorable, dispicable, contemptible and niggardly act had preyed on his mind so constantly that life became unbearable and he hurled himself off this mundane sphere with the hope of getting away from his troubled conscience.

"Ostentation," says Lady Cook, "is older than civilization; ancient as the primeval savage. The desire to appear braver, handsomer, richer, stronger, better or worse, and so on, than others, or than we really are, has been a universal failing from remotest times, and ever attended with unhappy consequences. The Latin 'Ostentare' means to show often in a boasting manner. Anything, therefore, which is done from vulgar pride to dazzle others, is of this character. And it would seem as if all changes of fashion prompted by vanity are so many marks of this failing, for these are at first adopted by the rich, and by them forsaken as soon as they become common."

A tidal wave of religion is rolling over Reynoldsville at present and many vile sinners are manifesting a desire to live better lives. Men who have been so steeped in sinfulness that they have almost lost the semblance of manhood have started on the "straight and narrow way." The meetings in Centennial hall each evening, conducted by Mr. Schiverea, assisted by Revs. Dean and Reber, are attended by large crowds, the hall is packed at each service, and a great interest is manifested, and the service in the M. E. church, conducted by Dr. Rumberger, is attended by large congregations each night. The Christian people of the town have "a mind to work." Mr. Schiverea conducts prayer meeting in the Baptist church at 9.30 A. M. and Bible reading at 3.00 P. M. each day. These meetings are interesting and profitable.

No matter what business a man engages in people will want and expect a certain amount of credit, sometimes it is only for a few days, but oftener longer. Sometimes people are compelled, of necessity, to ask for trust, but there are people who make it a rule to get everything charged that they possibly can. Every time a person asks for trust they are asking a favor of the party with whom they deal. Every honest person expects to pay the debt some day, but it too frequently happens that when the creditor presents a bill the debtor gets mad. This ought not to be so. Don't act silly or owly if a bill is presented to you. Remember that the favor was from your creditor and that you are the party under obligation. He gave you goods that he had to pay money for, and took your word that you would repay him. If you can't pay, tell him squarely and honestly why you can't do so, and be sure that your reason is truthful and valid. If you can't pay all, pay a part—but in any event, don't be a clump and kick.

## A Citizen's Views of the Legislature.

EDITOR STAR:—The Pittsburg Dispatch, in a recent issue, speaks editorially about the necessity of good legislation, affirming "there are evidences that the people are thinking. Among them are communications to the newspapers." The suggestions here following may, therefore, be an evidence that Reynoldsville citizens deserve to be classed among "thinking people."

Since the sensational exposures of the Rev. Swallow, the interest of all intelligent voters is directed towards Harrisburg, all recognizing the importance of honest and competent representatives. There are two prerogatives which must be exacted from Legislators as well as all public servants. No one will dispute the well-known fact that in our county are men of irreproachable character, but the question arises involuntarily, who can vouch that a transplantation to Harrisburg soil will be safe for them and beneficial to their constituents, and, moreover, are they fully qualified to represent the people? It should be understood, once for all, that a public trust is not merely a favor bestowed upon any one willing to accept it. Only such men shall be made public servants who can serve the people well. It is a question also of competency. Not in business, nor on a farm, nor anywhere else can every willing hand be employed. It would be folly to do so. Of every applicant you ask at once: Are you competent to do the work for which you apply, what experience have you?

It is high time that common sense and business principles were applied to the governing of our great commonwealth. Many candidates could serve their country better back of the plough or counter, in their own shop or office, than in public office. Many most excellent farmers or store-keepers would make but sorry figures in legislative halls, neither to their own advantage, nor to the honor of their constituents. The spoils-system must disappear more and more in politics. It is money in the pocket of every tax-payer to have only competent men in office.

Again it is unjust to all parties concerned and very foolhardy to be continually experimenting, having found a good man, who has served acceptably, to dispose of him and elect a new man for mere love of change. It is truly an established fact that no man really amounts to much in a legislative body until he has had a good deal of experience. Experience gives him confidence and, consequently, influence and prestige.

Good and honest candidates for Legislature are out in superabundant numbers, yet in the opinion of your humble correspondent only one man has so far appeared on the political horizon to whom all of above criteria can most satisfactorily be applied, one who has very efficiently served the public in the past and who would, beyond even the shadow of a doubt, again be an honor and a source of good to his constituents and the public in general, the ideal citizen and statesman, Hon. W. O. Smith. Very Respectfully,

A QUIET CITIZEN.

## The Appraiser's Duties.

Auditor General Mylin insists that appraisers shall personally visit all stores or other places of business liable to mercantile tax, and says that no license is to be assessed where the annual amount of sales is less than \$1,000. If dealers in liquors sell other goods than liquors they must pay a license for the sale of such goods. In all counties the appraiser must furnish the county treasurer a certified list of dealers with their classifications.

The auditor general's department will pay no bills for mileage unless it is satisfied that the appraiser has in person visited in one continuous trip every place of business assessed. In accordance with a recent decision of the supreme court, dealers in live stock are exempt and they must not be assessed.

Butchers who sell the meat of animals they have slaughtered are also exempt, but those butchers who purchase cattle already killed and sell the dressed meat are liable to the payment of license. All foreign and resident dealers or firms who have a shop for the sale of meat apart from the slaughter house must be taxed.

Under the opinion of the attorney general appraisers are instructed hereafter to assess all owners of restaurants, eating houses, etc., not selling liquors, and provision has been made by the department for returning this class of licensees.

Rev. C. S. Cummings, of Bridgetown, Maine, says: "Bridgetown was delighted with Eli Perkins. Behind all the laughter was solid philosophy. The lecture was moral, orthodox, full of laughter and tearful sermon. Our M. E. society netted \$75, but the good thoughts, temperance and information of Mr. Perkins were worth more than money." At Assembly hall Friday evening, Jan. 21st. Lecture begins at 8.15.

It was stated in last week's issue of the Brookwayville Record that the glass works at that place has suspended operations. The plant has been losing money from the start and the directors took this action until a further plan was decided upon. It is thought the shut down will only be temporary.

## Our Educational Column.

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

Boys and girls, your uncle wants to have a plain, everyday talk with you this week. You are fully aware, boys and girls, that at the last examination there seemed to have been a general failure in arithmetic, a universal slump in the mathematical market, so to speak, in which the stock declined to a ridiculously low figure; and who was to blame for this mathematical crash? Ask yourselves this question and see if you cannot trace the cause directly to your individual selves. Many of you make a great mistake in this way: You go through your Arithmetic lessons in a mechanical manner. You neglect to commit to memory the principles and rules pertaining to the several subjects. This is a grave mistake. These rules and principles are placed in the book by the author as a guide for you and not for ornament, and unless you learn each and every one of them in a thorough manner you will fall every time. Again, many of you neglect your lessons more or less in this way, you wait until recitation time and then only work the single problem assigned to you, instead of solving ever problem in the lesson. Unless you work out all the lesson you will never succeed, for each one from first to last is a link, as it were, which completes and holds together the chain of the lesson, and if but a single one of these links is left out the chain is separated and worse than useless. Don't do this, boys and girls. Wake up and have moral stamina and ambition enough about you to say "I will succeed." Remember, that less than four months yet remain in which to complete the course laid down for your several rooms, and nothing but hard work will secure the coveted promotion. How many of you passed above the examination average the first half? Take your books home with you and study at night. You cannot afford to lose a single hour. Let outside frivolities go by the board for a time. You haven't time for them. We are glad to see you attend the religious meetings now in progress, but these are no excuse for neglecting school work. You can easily find an hour between four and seven o'clock in the evening for study; and how much better you will enjoy the meetings when you know that you have done your duty relative to school matters. Temporal and spiritual education go hand in hand and each is made better by the help of the other. Now, boys and girls, you certainly have been warned and advised enough and you are old enough, the majority of you, to think and act for yourselves. Then why not take advantage of the golden opportunities given you and try your best to so acquit yourselves as to be an honor to yourself, your parents, your teacher, your school and your town. Give up these trifling little childish follies and friveries and be model students. Think, work, act, and apply yourself diligently and earnestly and you will succeed, and in after-life will thank those who during your school days urged and advised you.

Struck by a Passenger Train. H. D. Frazier, an old soldier of DuBois, and his son Robert, were struck by a Clearfield & Mahoning passenger train at a railroad crossing near DuBois about 7.10 Friday evening and Mr. Frazier died at the DuBois hospital between twelve and one o'clock the same night from injuries received. The DuBois Express gives the following account of how the accident occurred: "Earlier in the day they had hired a rig at Sparks' livery. They were travelling in the same direction as the train and either did not hear or see it or misjudged its distance or rate of speed. They were fairly on the track when hit. The buggy was smashed to pieces, the horse was ground up by the wheels and when the train was stopped the battered body of Mr. Frazier was found on the pilot and his son Robert was lying unconscious beside the track."

Does It Pay to be Sick? Besides the discomfort and suffering, illness of any sort is expensive. Hundreds of people consult the doctors every day about coughs and colds. This is better than to suffer the disease to run along, but those who use Otto's Cure for the throat and lungs do better still. It costs less and the cure is certain. You can get a trial bottle free of our agent, H. Alex. Stoke. Large size 25c. and 50c.

Found—A pocket book containing small amount of money was found on Main street Christmas week. Call at this office.

We are taking orders for spring delivery on phosphate and McCormick mowers and binders. We are selling sleighs, hay, salt, flour, feed, dry goods, groceries and drugs. Come in and see J. C. KING & CO.

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American and especially trans-continental travel has been revolutionized by the personally-conducted Tours of the Pennsylvania Railroad. California, the "land of promise," the dream of the tourist, has been made easily and comfortably accessible. Through trains of palatial appointments run between the Atlantic and Pacific, affording ample opportunity to visit the most interesting points en route, and insuring a degree of comfort and special attention not otherwise attainable. The next tour to California under this matchless system will leave New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg Thursday, January 27, visiting St. Louis, El Paso, San Deigo, Riverside, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs and Manitou, Denver, &c. Round-trip rate, including transportation, meals, carriage drives, hotel accommodations, and Pullman accommodations, en route, and Pullman berth Los Angeles to San Francisco, and transportation in California, \$310.00 from all stations east of Pittsburg; with hotel accommodations, meals, transfers, and carriage drives, through California for four weeks, \$125.00 additional. An experienced chaperon will accompany the party for the benefit of the lady tourists.

For itineraries and full information, apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Free Pills. Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. By giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by H. A. Stoke, Druggist.

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The first Jacksonville tour of the season via the Pennsylvania Railroad, allowing two weeks in Florida, leaves New York by special train Tuesday, January 25. Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations, (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Philadelphia, \$48.00; Canandaigua, \$52.85; Erie, \$54.85; Wilkesbarre, \$50.35; Pittsburg, \$53.00; and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

The Surprise of All. Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into hasty consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottle at H. Alex. Stoke's drug store.

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In case of hard cold nothing will relieve the breathing so quickly as to rub Arnica & Oil Liniment on the chest. For sale by H. A. Stoke.

The name of N. H. Down's still lives, although he has been dead many years. His Elixir for the cure of coughs and colds has already outlived him a quarter of a century, and is still growing in favor with the public. For sale by H. A. Stoke.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE. Whereas, letters of Administration to the Estate of Joseph S. Morrow, late of Reynoldsville, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the estate of the said decedent will make known the same without delay to HARRIET L. MORROW, Administratrix.

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