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In the Sacred Book we read, " whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," but it don't require a close observation to see that there are many people who would rather be idle than work. We clip the following from one of Lady Cook's essays: "It is somewhat singular that idleness and gentility should be popularly synonymous. The butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker, and other tradesmen, as well as the upper ranks of business men, generally look forward to the day—the happy day as they fondly dream—when they shall have made enough money to retire from work and can enjoy their otium cum dignitate. There is something natural about this. They are then self-pensioned. They have earned the right to repose. They have fought the battle of life and come off victorious in a pecuniary sense. Whether they cast aside their old habits with ease and find enjoyment in new ones, is for their own consideration only. Idle and adle have the same meaning, and, with all, are derived from the same word, which signified to be sick, corrupt, void. An idle person is an ailing person, sick in body and mind, corrupt in morals, void of understanding. An idle life is an adled life, noxious, unproductive, and dead to all goodness. Yet this is the life which so many covet and others are proud to possess. 'Nature fits all her children with something to do,' said the poet, and truly there is so much to be done in this world—physically, mentally, morally—that it befits none to be idle. There are Augean stables to be cleaned, ancient and mighty wrongs to be rectified, grave abuses to be redressed, and dense clouds of ignorance to be dispelled. The world mourns from want, from misery and crime, and the dark places of the earth are full of cruelty. Power and injustice trample upon the weak and the innocent. Nation is arming against nation, and a man's foes are they of his own household. Poverty prays in vain for its daily bread. We see the industrious idle from compulsion, and the wicked criminal from want of knowledge. Our boasted brotherhood is a poetic dream. Each fights for his own hand, regardless of others, and the end no man can foresee.

"So many worlds, so much to do, So little done, such things to be." Surely humanity requires the best efforts of all its members. This is no place for idlers or lovers of false gentility. There is work to be done, serious, patient, and persistent work, not the service of the slave, but the cheerful labor of the free man, full of loving-kindness. The world is still young, and noble duties lie before it. As it grows wiser it will grow happier, until love supplants selfishness and becomes the universal law of its being."

We have frequently heard this remark: "You can't believe half you read in the daily papers," in which there is too much truth, for which the dailies are not solely to blame. The newspapers and the readers thereof are too often imposed upon by correspondents that are more anxious about the small sum of the "coin of the realm" they will receive for an item sent in than they are about the truthfulness of the news furnished. The publishers of the dailies have to rely on the correspondents entirely for the truthfulness of the news received, as in most all cases they are far away to make an investigation, and the correspondent too often takes advantage of this and "colors" an item so it will be acceptable and he will get a few pennies. It is not an unfrequent thing for items to appear in the Pittsburg papers from Reynoldsville that are misleading, and only partly true, which the citizens of this place are not slow to find out, and they are lead to make such remarks as quoted in the beginning of this article. The following item, which was dated Reynoldsville, Jan. 25th, appeared in the Pittsburg Times Jan. 26th.

"A bagful of gold nuggets was received at the First National bank here from Charles French, formerly a local insurance man, now in the Klondike. French writes that he has struck it rich and before returning expects to get a good share of the Klondike gold. The bag and its contents, valued at \$4,000, were displayed in the show window of Hoffman's jewelry store yesterday. According to French's letter, there is much suffering and many deaths among the gold-seekers."

Charles French has not gone into the Klondike gold regions yet, nor does he expect to reach that section of the globe until sometime in April or May. Mr. French did not send a bagful of gold nuggets to Reynoldsville. See?"

Evangelists.

MR. EDITOR:—It seems to me that you give these itinerant evangelists too much praise. Some of the best evangelists that ever sowed the good seed of the Word of God have been local pastors, who did nothing very striking and startling, but simply followed this wise counsel of St. Paul to all ministers of the Gospel: "Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

If these itinerants are really as useful as the reports would indicate, the whole town would long ago have been in the household of faith, judging from the number of new converts claimed at the revival meetings.

The striking part of these evangelists is their dramatic way of making converts. If they would depend less on the sensational, the exciting and the extraordinary and more on solid instruction, some of us would not find it so difficult to rejoice with them. There is not so much difference between making one a Christian and making one a mathematician as some would dream. The main thing in both cases is to be instructed in the science. Now the handbook of Christianity is the Bible, and to become a Christian is to learn to follow its inspired contents. It is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Where are all these new converts now that have been reported in the last twenty years? Why, there are not enough in town now to support the churches without an occasional festival to open their purses.

ISALAH SWARTZ.

Paradise.

Lewis Ludwick started up his saw mill the first of the month. There are four hands employed on this mill.

Dick Yohe has taken a contract from Scott Syphrit for making 800 pit ties. Mr. Yohe is a hustler and understands the business.

Ed. Hillis is busy hauling logs to Ludwick's large saw mill.

Curt Wells will move his family on the Jim Deemer farm in the near future.

W. A. Sheesley, who has been on the sick list the past week, is now able to be around again.

C. E. Strouse, a prosperous farmer of this place, is opening a coal bank on his farm.

Protracted meetings will begin at the M. E. church next Sunday evening.

Remember the election one week from Tuesday.

Will Strouse, of McDonald, Pa., who has been spending his vacation with his parents at this place, returned to the above named place last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rudolph, of Dutch Paradise, visited Mrs. Rudolph's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ludwick, last Sunday.

The Misses Etta and Myrtle Yohe attended the Deemer-Zimmerman wedding at Sykesville last Thursday eve.

A sled load of young people of this place attended Literary Society at the Pifer school on Tuesday night.

There will be a spelling at the McCright school next Thursday evening.

Sheriff's Sales.

E. C. Burns, sheriff of Jefferson county, will expose to public sale at the court house in Brookville on Friday, February 11th, 1898, the following properties:

Property of S. W. Clark, in Washington township, 26 acres of land, one frame dwelling, log barn and outbuildings.

Property of Robert Breffit, 19 lots, one frame dwelling house, one barn and outbuildings, in borough of Brookville; 3 acres of land in Pinecreek township.

Property of Grier Brothers, J. W. Grier, J. C. Grier and G. E. Grier, 17 acres of land, two frame buildings, one barn and necessary outbuildings, in borough of Punxsutawney; three lots, two frame houses, one barn and outbuildings in borough of Clayville.

Property of Catharine Harris, executrix of the last will and testament of Catharine Workman, deceased, in Ringgold township, 100 acres of land, one frame house, barn and outbuildings.

Property of John Paine and Isaac Paine, in Eldred township, 144 acres of land, one frame house, one barn, orchard, outbuildings.

Property of Brookville Furniture Company, in borough of Brookville, two acres of land, one large frame furniture building 3 stories high, boiler and engine house attached, machinery and fixtures of furniture factory.

Property of A. W. Sibley, in borough of Brookwayville, two lots, two frame dwelling houses.

Property of Brookwayville Glass Company, in borough of Brookwayville, 1 1/2 acres of land, a complete tank-glass plant for the manufacture of green bottle ware.

Property of Rebecca and T. T. Crawford, in Winslow township, six acres of land, seven frame houses, one barn, fruit trees, outbuildings.

Property of Mickle Wolfgang and Philip Phillhart, in Henderson township, 125 acres of land, one dwelling house, orchard.

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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.

BRAVE AND TRUE.

Whatever you are, be brave, boys! The liar's a coward and slave, boys! Though clever at ruses, And sharp at excuses, He's a sneaking and pitiful knave, boys. Whatever you are, be frank, boys! 'Tis better than money and rank, boys; Still cleave to the right, Be lovers of light, Be open, above board, and frank, boys! Whatever you are, be kind, boys! Be gentle in manner and mild, boys; The man gentle in mien, Words, and temper, I ween, Is the gentleman truly refined, boys! But, whatever you are, be true, boys! Be visible through and through, boys! Leave to others the shamming, The "greening" and "cramming," In fun and in earnest, be true, boys! —Henry Downton.

Boys and girls, what can we say that will awaken you to a sense of your duty? It seems that "Uncle William's" good advice that he has given you from time to time is of no avail, but rather like seeds sown upon stony ground; it bears no fruit, and in the face of it all you still continue to fritter away the golden moments, heeding the many warnings you have received no more than the duck heeds the raindrops that patter upon its back. You have now reached the point where it means either success or failure. The Rubicon is before you and must be crossed. Are you ready for the decisive plunge? Ask yourselves the question. You are wasting so much of your time foolishly and doing so many things that are and always will be detrimental to your chances of success. Let me illustrate by a little story I read a long time ago:

"There was once a boy who was heedless and careless and whose father had by good advice and other means tried to win him from his wayward course, but all of no avail. At last the father hit upon this plan as a last resort. He planted a new post in the yard, bought a keg of nails and a hammer, and one evening, calling his son into the library, said to him: 'John, I have given you good advice and endeavored in every way in my power to show you the error of your ways, but my efforts in this direction have had no effect.' He then took him into the yard, showed him the post, nails and hammer, and said to him: 'Now, my son, every time you do a bad act I want you to come here and drive a nail into this post, and every time you do a good deed draw one out.' The boy did so and ere long the post was driven full of nails. The boy looked at it and when he saw how many nails were in the post, silent witnesses of his many bad deeds, he became ashamed of himself, repented of his folly and began at once to do better, and for each good deed performed he drew out a nail, keeping at it until they were all drawn out. He then went and brought his father and said: 'See, father, the post was filled with nails, but they are all drawn out.' 'Ah! yes, my son,' answered the father, 'the nails are all out, but the prints are still there.' All bad deeds leave their mark somewhere. And remember, my boys and girls, that you are but pursuing the same course. You may turn and be sorry for your heedlessness and carelessness and do your duty nobly, but the remembrance and effect of your past errors will remain indelibly fixed and imprinted upon your life and memory. Below we give you some good advice by Mr. Gladstone. Read it carefully and profit thereby.

GLADSTONE TO YOUNG MEN.

What Mr. Gladstone has to say to young men about success in life ought to be worth reading and worth thinking about, as the "Grand Old Man" is fully capable of giving good advice. "Be sure that every one of you has his place and vocation on this earth, and that it rests with himself to find it. "Do not believe those who too lightly say, 'nothing succeeds like success.' Effort, honest, manful, humble effort, succeeds by its reflected action, especially in youth, better than success, which, indeed, too easily and too early gained, not seldom serves, like winning the first throw of the dice, to blind and stupefy. "Get knowledge, all you can. "Be thorough in all you can do, and remember that, though ignorance may be innocence, pretension is always despicable. Quit you like men; be strong and exercise your strength. "Work onward and work upward, and may the blessing of the Most High smooth your career, clear your vision, and crown your labors with reward."

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at H. A. Stoke's Drug Store.

A good second-hand cook stove for sale. Inquire at THE STAR office.

Ninian Cooper's Version.

EDITOR THE STAR:—In your issue of January 26th are statements made by Jerry Allen that are incorrect, which, with your permission, I would like very much to rectify.

First. Jerry says W. N. Humphreys and J. M. Humphreys were the plaintiffs and Ninian Cooper the defendant, but forgot to state that he was one of the plaintiffs.

Second. Jerry says they never shorliffed Ninian Cooper. I say if W. N. Humphreys and J. G. Allen did not shorliff Ninian Cooper their attorney, George A. Jenks, did. He brought suit against Ninian Cooper in the name of Cochran Fulton for the very same land in dispute, as the records will show, Cochran Fulton vs. Ninian Cooper, ejectment, No. 14, May term, 1860; summons issued Feb. 18th, 1860. Discontinued August 23, 1862. Then their attorney, George A. Jenks, brought suit again, as the records will show, Benjamin Rush Bradford vs. Ninian Cooper, No. 59, Sept. term, 1877, issued July 27, 1877. Discontinued April 29th, 1882. And paid the costs in both cases.

Third. Jerry says Ninian Cooper never forced them to a trial. The records will show that I served a rule of equity on them and gave them six months to either bring suit or drop the case. Then W. N. Humphrey and J. G. Allen brought suit against me for trespass and damages for over \$9,000.00. Are you aware, Jerry, that there are records in Brookville, or did you think it was hanging on an ash tree in McConnell's lane?

Fourth. Jerry says I avoided it to the extent of offering a sum of money for the settlement of the case. I never denied offering them money. Jerry kept blating around for a compromise and wanted me to meet them in Brookville, which I did. I told Humphrey and Allen that I never had a suit in court and I never was subpoenaed into court as a witness in my life, and rather than go into court I would give them, as a donation, \$200.00 to drop the case.

Now I want it distinctly understood that, no matter what slang or abuse Jerry Allen shall communicate through the papers in this case, I will give it no attention, but will disdain it with silence, as the most of what I say can be proven by the records.

NINIAN COOPER.

[As we did not publish Jerry Allen's communication in full last week, our columns are open to him for an answer to the above communication, if he cares to use them.—Ed.]

Rathmel.

The revival meeting at the Church of God and the M. E. church closed last Wednesday.

Another new mine is expected to be opened on J. E. Dean's farm by the J. & C. C. & I. Co.

Mrs. Mike McCough is slowly recovering from a severe illness.

Mrs. John Doyle visited in DuBois last Monday.

John Bowser and his wife and mother are visiting friends and relatives in Kittanning this week.

Mrs. Patrick Burns, of DuBois, visited friends in this place last Sunday.

George Bowser and wife, of Kittanning, were in town last week attending the funeral of Mrs. John Bowser.

William Weize and wife, of Clarion, visited friends at this place last Sunday.

George Bowser, the confectioner, had business in DuBois on Wednesday.

Roy Marshall was presented with a fine baby boy last Wednesday.

The Columbian Comedy Company, of Reynoldsville, gave an entertainment in the P. O. S. of A. hall last Wednesday evening. There was not a very large crowd attended.

FLORIDA.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The next Pennsylvania Railroad tour to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia by special train of Pullman Palace Cars Tuesday, February 8. 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.

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.

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