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Politics will be warm in Pennsylvania this year. There will be elected thirty congressmen, twenty-five state senators, two hundred and four representatives, a United States Senator, governor, lieutenant governor and a secretary of internal affairs.

It is better for a man to be law-abiding and keep out of trouble, but when in trouble and an officer has a warrant for him it is wise to go with the officer peaceably. Some Reynoldsville fellows may learn, to their sorrow, that it is not wise to resist an officer, and to assault an officer opens a good chance of getting a term in the penitentiary.

A Reynoldsville woman who had been given credit at some of the stores in town and had not liquidated the indebtedness, claimed conversion at one of the revival meetings held in town during the winter months, and now she claims that all her old debts are paid, although she has not paid a cent on them. That part of the Lord's Prayer which says, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors," satisfactorily pays all her old debts, so far as she is concerned.

A young woman who will marry, or even keep company with a man who is frequently, and almost constantly, under the influence of liquor, can have no one to blame for the misery and suffering that is certain to come to her as a result of her own indiscretion. No man who has any self respect, or who respects a lady, will ever go into her presence in an intoxicated condition. That can be put down as a fact admitted by all men.—Kittanning Times.

The Mining Bulletin of the Pennsylvania State College has made an interesting exhibit of the coal production of Pennsylvania. Last year the production was 49,957,650 tons of anthracite and 54,672,500 tons of bituminous coal—sufficient in amount to fill three million freight cars, which in a train would be long enough to reach nearly twice around the globe. Every 110,000 tons of anthracite coal mined and sold cost one life and more than two serious injuries, employing 226 miners. Every 360,000 tons of bituminous coal means the loss of one life and injuries to 3 others with the employment of nearly 600 men.

Some one has said: "Falseness is an amorphous monster, conceived in the brain of knaves and brought forth by the breath of fools. It's a moral pestilence, a miasmic vapor that passes, like a blast from hell over the face of the world and is gone forever. It may leave death in its wake and disaster dire; it may place on the brow of purity the brand of the courtesan and cover the hero with the stigma of the coward; it may wreck hopes and ruin homes, cause blood to flow and hearts to break; it may pollute the altar and disgrace the throne, corrupt the codets and curse the land, but the lie cannot live forever, and when it's dead and dammed there's none so poor to do it reverence."

Two weeks ago an article from the pen of Hon. S. B. Elliott was published in THE STAR, in which he advocated the organization of a "Ladies' Village Improvement Society" for Reynoldsville. The suggestion is a capital one and should not be allowed to pass without the ladies of our town taking some action towards getting such a society organized. A man or woman with eyesight can easily see that something should be done to improve the appearance of our town. Here is an opportunity for the ladies to show what they are capable of doing, as all such societies are controlled by the ladies exclusively. Not much money is needed to carry on the work and such funds as are needed can be raised by subscriptions, or any method the managers care to adopt. The principal work, as Mr. Elliott said, is in infusing a spirit of neatness and order, not only on the premises of the residents of the town, but to secure neatness in the streets in front of such premises. Mr. Elliott said: "Sanitary regulations of a board of health cannot cause people to keep sticks, bones, tin cans, hoops, old hats and the like picked up and put out of sight. Nor can such regulations effectively prevent throwing slops and kitchen refuse on the ground next to the kitchen door. Nothing in the line of rigid rules can cure such untidiness; but when the perpetrators of such acts come to understand that they are looked upon as careless, heedless and even filthy, they are disposed to mend their ways and habits." Surely we have enough public spirited ladies in our town to take hold of a Ladies' Village Improvement Society and make a success of it. Who will be the first to make a step in that direction? Come, ladies.

Paradise.

Miss Tressa Syphrit is confined to her bed with pneumonia.

Probably the happiest man in Paradise is P. M. Wells. On the 31st of March Mrs. Wells presented him with a little daughter which is the pride and joy of it's father's heart, who now seems to wear a broader smile and an extra air of importance.

Tom Syphrit went to Homestead last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lindy, of this place, visited relatives near Dayton, Armstrong county, several days last week.

Master Clair Pifer and sister, Miss Lottie, visited their grandparents at this place last week.

Bill Sheesley's smile extends from one ear to the other since he became grandpa.

Curt Wells moved his family on to the Deemer farm, near Reynoldsville, last Wednesday.

Mc and Mrs. Jimmy Wells and son, Dannie, moved to Big Soldier.

Some of the enterprising farmers of this community are making active preparations for spring work plowing and rebuilding fences.

J. M. Sheesly made a flying trip to Sykesville Tuesday evening.

Fred Biggee purchased a valuable horse from Peta Wells last week.

P. E. Keller made a flying trip to Sykesville last Monday evening.

James Foltz visited friends in town last Friday.

Amos Strouse made a flying trip to Rathmel Saturday on business.

Harvie Keller, who had been confined to his bed with pneumonia, is up and around again.

Jacob Schwem, of Reynoldsville, passed through here last Thursday on his way to Big Run.

Martin Strauss got his horses shod ready for farming when the weather settles.

Ed. Hillis made a trip to town last Friday.

J. R. Hillis will erect a new barn this coming summer.

Will Spencer, who had cut his foot severely the forepart of the winter, is able to be at work again.

Rathmel.

Robert and George Frame, of Coal Glen, visited in town last week.

Two evangelists from Canada, namely Douglass and Halyburton, are holding evangelistic meetings in the Church of God.

Miss Roberta Ayers has a vocal class in this place. For terms see Miss Ayer's.

The interior of George Bowser's confectionery is being repainted, which makes quite an improvement to the place. George has quite a convenient place for the postoffice and is making out O. K.

A box of money was stolen out of the M. E. church Saturday evening. The box was called a birthday box in which the members of the M. E. Sunday school would put in as many pennies as they were years old on their birthday. There was a considerable bit in it.

There was a surprise party given in honor of John Northy on Wednesday. Mr. Northy was forty years old on that day. He was presented with some valuable presents, among them was a handsome rocking chair and others to numerous to mention. There were about forty guests attended. Those from Reynoldsville were Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Trudgeon and Mrs. Northy. They had a splendid good time.

Marshall & McCullopp are the proprietors of the new consorial parlor in the M. E. church yard.

Mr. William Connell, while loading stones with a dago, got his finger badly smashed.

Mrs. Susannah Hipple, who made her home with her daughter, Mrs. William Hannah, at this place, died last Friday. She was 65 years, 4 months and 26 days old. Her funeral service took place on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. C. McEntire, of Reynoldsville. Her remains were interred in Prospect cemetery.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach is disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys are affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the liver and kidneys, purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at H. A. Stoke's Drug Store. 50 cents per bottle.

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JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Superintendent Teetrick's First Annual Report to the State Department of Public Instruction.

The past year has been one of gratifying success. While all that could be desired has not been accomplished, yet there are substantial evidences that the schools of this county have been in the line of progress.

A uniform course of study was placed in all the ungraded schools of the county, and, as a result, marked improvement was manifested in order, study and interest.

Reports and classifications of the pupils of nearly all the schools, together with suggestions as to the reviews and the coming year's work, are in the hands of the directors for the benefit of the succeeding teachers. Public support and the cordial and active co-operation of teachers will bring our county schools to the front in work and worth. Sixty-one applicants for graduation were examined and twenty-three diplomas were granted.

The standard of qualification for a teacher's certificate was advanced as far as circumstances would permit. Many of our teachers have sought to better prepare themselves for their work by attendance during the past year at normal schools or other well equipped institutions. That the teacher must be a person of broad scholarship, sound morals and great energy, and that he must possess skill in instructing and managing is universally admitted. Teachers possessing these qualifications cannot long be retained in schools where terms are short and salaries low.

The only way we can hope to increase the efficiency of our schools is to strengthen our teaching force. Keep the same good teacher in the same school as long as possible.

The division of the county into ten local institute districts, and the appointment of a committee for each district, was a noteworthy feature of the year's work. Meetings were held in all of these districts with one exception. These meetings were largely attended and did much towards cultivating a healthy school sentiment in the localities in which they were held.

The new building at Reynoldsville was occupied this year. It is of brick and stone, three stories high, containing fifteen rooms, and an assembly hall that will comfortably seat four hundred and fifty persons. This is one of the best buildings in this part of the State. It is heated and ventilated by the Smead system. These buildings reflect credit not only upon the directors under whose administration they were erected, but also upon the intelligence of the communities in which they are located.

Our schools have been materially benefitted by compulsory education, yet we find that there are some persons who antagonize it. Notwithstanding the slight opposition, it has been a great means for good, and is growing in favor. The enforcement of this law was not what it should be, some few irregularities preventing the best results. We hope for a better enforcement during the coming year, and urge all citizens to assist directors by their hearty co-operation.

In submitting this, my first annual report of the schools of this county, it affords me pleasure to state that my duties have been pleasant, and though the position is attended by constant labor and anxiety, yet I have enjoyed the work of the year.

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How to Be Handsome.

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Notice of the Extension of the Limits of the Borough of Reynoldsville.

Notice is hereby given that the borough authorities, of the borough of Reynoldsville, have by ordinance passed the 9th day of March, 1898, and approved by the burgess March 10th, 1898, extended the limits of the said borough, and have filed a plan or plot of such extension and the ordinance making the said extension, in the office of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Jefferson, on the 25th day of March, 1898.
S. B. ELLIOTT,
President of Council.
L. J. McENTIRE, Clerk of Council.

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