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If the first day of the year has ought to do with it, 1899 should be a good year. It began on Sunday.

The stockholders of the silk mill have received checks for their dividends for the first quarter at the rate of 7 per cent.

It is now plainly evident that there will be plenty of Republicans who will be willing to accept the nominations at the June primaries for the various county offices. Some of the to-be-candidates are becoming so impatient that they can hardly abide the time to begin the campaign, in fact are already, if reports be true, trying to make themselves solid with the voters.

The first day of the year is the time when many people turn a new leaf in life's conduct and habits. In many cases the new leaf is soon soiled. To turn over a new leaf is not an easy task when erratic conduct and years of folly have seared the conscience, hardened the heart and blighted one's reputation among his fellow men. Satan waits back the leaves that have been turned, but sincere and long-continued efforts will succeed, and you can stand before men and angels redeemed from the bondage of bad habits—true victors in life's field.

What with storms and fierce gales, fire and floods, railroad wrecks and wrecks of vessels on oceans and lakes, explosions of powder mills and stores of dynamite, typhoid and diphtheria, and casualties of every description, the year 1898 has been an eventful one in the destruction of human life. To say nothing of the war, that on bloody field and sickly camp has carried off so many, and on sea and land has resulted in such tremendous destruction of property, the year has gone down in the list of the years as one in which death reigned in its most hideous and most shocking forms.

A city preacher recently said in one of his sermons: "It is a great mistake to lose confidence in humanity because one man has played you false. In spite of all the rascals that walk the stage, there are honest folks in the world. If you have failed to find them perhaps it is because you have not been looking for them. The moral affinities of your own souls come out in your judgment of other men. No liar believes in truthfulness, no thief in honesty, and no debauchee in purity. Whether we will do it or not, we instinctively measure our brethren by what we know of ourselves. The good are likely to be good and charitable, and the evil harsh and censorious. If you must mistrust any one let it be the one who sneers at the suggestions of magnanimity."

It is safe to assert that in no field of human occupation is the rate of pay so low in proportion to the amount of brain and energy required as in that of school teaching. We published recently the leading facts presented in the annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which showed among other things, that the average salary paid to male teachers in Pennsylvania is \$42.69 per month and the average salary of female teachers \$38.45 per month. When it is remembered that in no case are these salaries paid for more than nine months out of the year, and in many cases for not over six months, the wonder is that intelligent men and women—and most of our public teachers are entitled to be classed as such—can be induced to devote their time to such work. But the worst phase of the matter is that the past year the average salary of male teachers has been decreased \$1.03 per month, while the average for female teachers has increased only 34 cents per month in the whole State and has actually decreased 36 per cent in that portion of the State exclusive of Philadelphia.—*Altoona Gazette.* We believe that school boards should economize and save the taxpayers' money, but we don't believe it is wise to try to cut down expenses by paying teachers small salaries. No school board should pay a teacher less than \$50.00 a month, and then none but good teachers should be hired. We believe there are persons teaching school in this Commonwealth that are better fitted to drive mules. Such teachers are dear at any price, in fact they are robbing boys and girls of their opportunity of getting an education. The young man or lady who prepare themselves to be good school teachers deserve to be encouraged by receiving good wages. It is to be hoped that the school boards will hereafter increase instead of decrease teachers' wages.



FRANK J. BLACK.

Frank J. Black, mine host of Hotel McConnell, was installed Monday evening as Captain of Phil Kearney Camp No. 56, 8, of V, in this place. His father, Thomas Black, belonged to the 156th Pennsylvania Volunteers during the civil war. The new captain has not only been an active member of Phil Kearney Camp a number of years, but has also been one of our most energetic citizens. Any worthy enterprise proposed for Reynoldsville always receives the support of Mr. Black. In the past twenty years he has been actively interested in every undertaking for the promotion of the welfare of this community, and for these reasons we take this opportunity to publish his picture and a short sketch of his life.

Mr. Black was born in Armstrong county, Pa. His parents moved to Reynoldsville a quarter of a century ago. When thirteen years old he embarked in business for himself as a dealer in books, stationery, cigars, etc. Being ambitious and energetic he not only met with success in his first undertaking but has ever since been successful. He continued the store business ten years. However, for four years prior to disposing of his stock, he also engaged in the newspaper business, publishing

the *Reynoldsville Paper* over seven years. He was a witty and brilliant writer, and journalistic work seemed to be his calling. In 1889 he sold his paper. Soon after he became interested in Hotel Bolnap and was connected with that hotel two years. In 1891 he purchased Hotel McConnell and has since been proprietor of that popular hostelry. This hotel has steam-heat, lighted by gas, and is fact equipped with all modern appliances found in a first-class hotel of the present day. With his genial disposition and accommodating ways, Mr. Black has proven himself to be an excellent landlord.

Politically Mr. Black is a Democrat, and while editor of *The Paper* was proffered the nomination for Assemblyman by his party, but declined the honor.

Mr. Black has been chief of the fire department for fifteen years. He was one of the projectors of and a stockholder in the water works; stockholder in the woolen mill; stockholder in the silk mill; a director in the Reynoldsville Oil and Gas Co.; shareholder in a plot of ground adjacent to the borough to be given to manufacturing industries, and a stockholder in the Summerville Telephone Company.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Glimpses of the People who are Passing To and Fro.

J. W. Kyle, of Corsica, was in town yesterday.

Miss Nulu Neale is visiting in Kane this week.

A. B. Weed and wife visited in Oakmont last week.

Miss Zoe Woodward is visiting in New Bethlehem.

Miss Maggie Adams visited at Glen Richey last week.

M. M. Fisher, the harness-maker, was in Pittsburgh last week.

Mrs. Miles King visited relatives in Summerville last week.

Dr. C. C. Rumberger visited friends in East Brady last week.

Miss Etta Shaffer visited friends near Luthersburg the past week.

Mrs. L. C. McGaw, of Punxsutawney, visited in this place last week.

Mrs. Daniel Brower visited her parents at Punxsutawney last week.

Frank P. Alexander attended a party at Curwensville Friday night.

John Pitzer and wife, of New Castle, visited at Jerry Myers' last week.

Mrs. Charles Witter, of Ridgway, is visiting her parents in this place.

William Barkley and family, of Shawmut, visited in this place last week.

Mrs. S. M. McCreight returned yesterday from a visit at Derry Station.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Meeker, of Homestead, visited in this place last week.

Miss Eva Womer, of Kane, is visiting Miss Elsie Ross on Worth street.

Will Euler and wife and Fred Wiley spent New Year's day in Lock Haven.

Miss Nellie Dougherty returned to the Clarion Normal Monday afternoon.

Dennis Driscoll, of Allegheny City, visited relatives in this place last week.

Robert Fergus and wife visited the former's home in Lock Haven the past week.

Mrs. C. Mitchell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. N. Meeker, at Homestead.

Misses Mary and Nellie Collins, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. Ed. D. Seeley.

Miss Mabel St. Clair, of Punxsutawney, was the guest of Miss Grace Myers last week.

David Postlethwait and wife and sons visited his parents at New Maysville last week.

Misses Edith and Evaline Sechrist, of DuBois, visited friends in this place this week.

Miss Margaret Warnock returned

Monday from a visit with relatives in Brookville.

Frank Flynn, of Philadelphia, visited his mother, Mrs. P. P. Flynn, in this place last week.

Miss Jessie Robertson returned last evening from a visit in Rimersburg and New Bethlehem.

Mrs. Linc. Myers took her son, Richard, to the Grand College in Philadelphia, last Thursday.

James E. Dickey, of Cross Fork, Potter county, was among the visitors in this place last week.

Ward Soehrist, of DuBois, formerly a typo in THE STAR office, visited Reynoldsville friends this week.

Mrs. G. W. Morse, of Milo, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. E. Ridgeway, in West Reynoldsville.

Mrs. E. E. Smith, of Patton Station, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Myers, in this place last week.

Miss Bertha Copping returned Saturday evening from a visit in Butler, Pittsburg and several other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strawewetter returned last evening from a visit at Dempseytown, Venango county, Pa.

James and Thomas Mitchell, the leading and up-to-date tailors of Kane, visited their parents in this place last week.

Charles Postlethwait, of Valler, spent Sunday with his brother, Prof. A. J. Postlethwait, in West Reynoldsville.

Thos. McKernan, of Duquesne, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKernan, in West Reynoldsville.

Clarence A. Repsher, foreman of the Patton Courier, visited his mother, Mrs. Harriet Repsher, in this place last week.

Roland Pyley, of Patton Station, and Miss Hattie Yancey, of Shannondale, were visitors at Wesley Motter's over Sunday.

Thomas Syphrit, who has a good job at Homestead, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Syphrit, in Paradise.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Utter, of Warren, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ross, in West Reynoldsville last week.

Mrs. Mallissa Bing, of Uniontown, Pa., is visiting her son and daughter, A. T. Bing and Mrs. E. C. Sensor, in this place.

Benjamin L. Rayback, brother of Mrs. L. F. Hetrick, packed his grip and bled himself to Texas, the "Lone Star State," last week.

F. Ford, of Buffalo, N. Y., agent for the Cary Safe Co., was in town a few days last week and sold several safes while here.

Dr. L. L. Means visited his home at Frostburg last week. Harry W. Truitt had charge of Dr. Means' dental office during his absence.

H. B. Cooper, one of Brookwayville's enterprising and successful business men, visited his father, Ninian Cooper, in this place last week.

Prof. B. G. Woodward, principal of the Driftwood public schools, visited his brother, Postmaster A. M. Woodward, at this place last week.

Henry A. Reed, of Manchester, N. H., traveling salesman for the National Cash Register Co., spent the holidays with his parents in this place.

R. E. Clawson, of New Kensington, at one time an honored resident of this place, was in town a few days last week visiting friends and relatives.

Dr. A. A. Yoder, of Middlesburg, Pa., a graduate of the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, is Dr. J. H. Murray's assistant at Big Soldier.

F. H. Beck, bookkeeper in the J. & C. C. & L. Co. office in this place, visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Beck, at Randolph, N. Y., last week.

Miss Maybell Sutter, of Pittsburg, Mrs. James Mitchell, of Kane, and Mrs. Dr. H. P. Thompson, of Portland Mills, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sutter, last week.

Joseph Phillips, of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Phillips, on Jackson street, "Joe" has been in the "Quaker City" five years and is getting along nicely there.

Mrs. O. M. Haymaker and daughters, Misses Susan and Marian, of Murrysville, Pa., who have been visiting the former's sister, Mrs. S. B. Rumsey, in West Reynoldsville, returned to their home yesterday.

The following teachers of this borough are visiting their respective homes: Prof. F. S. Breed, Butler; Prof. J. G. Ballentine, Clarion; Miss Myrtle Geist, Worthville; Prof. C. C. Hammond, Bolivar, Pa.; Miss Lulu Black, Irons, Pa.

George Spears, a student in Duff's Business College, Pittsburg, whose name we unintentionally omitted from the list of young men home to spend the holidays that was published in last issue of THE STAR, returned to Pittsburg Monday to resume his studies.

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, hair 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 bot. at H. A. Stoke's Drug Store.

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February 1st.

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Men and Boys

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" " " 3.50.

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