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CHARACTER

From The College Advance.

Character will be eternal, and we are its master builders. It is the product of thoughts, experience and actions. Under our control are as many workmen as we have separate faculties. We have not a thought but what is striking a blow, not an impulse but what is doing its work. We perform not an action but what is a builder, and have not the moving of a passion but what is a workman's stroke. The building will be such as we make it. The oak contains within itself the results of every drought that has parched its leaves, every shower that has nourished its life, every ray of sunshine that has fed the fountain of its being, and of every storm that has beaten upon it strengthening its roots and toughening its fibers; so the character of coming manhood will be what the thoughts and deeds of the present make it.

Character with us now, and in the future, are to each other as the flower and the fruit. The boy is the father of the man, and what the boy is will enter into and decide what the man will be. The weakness into which he comes by defeat, and the strength he gains by victory will each project themselves forward into the manhood, and the tomorrow of life. It is not altogether the great, the special, the extraordinary experiences which weave out for us stability and maturity of character, but largely the proper performance of the ordinary duties of every day life.

As the most sublime symphony is made up of separate single notes, as the abundant wealth of the harvest is made up of separate single grains, as the most mighty avalanche is composed of separate tiny snow flakes, so the firmness, the stability, the maturity of character, are not born like Minerva, full-grown, but are the product of continual accretions from daily thoughts, words, actions and duties. They may be performed quietly but they are the powers that mould character and shape destiny. These elements being woven into character, are like the forces in nature that are most quiet and yet most powerful. We listen to the thunder as it rolls through the heavens, we look upon the lightning as it rends the oak and leaves the battlement in fragments; and then we think of them as engines of power, but we hear not the light and see not the force of gravity yet they are a thousand times more potent. Like these are the silent, quiet forces building the character of to-day and the destiny of to-morrow.

Saved From Terrible Death. The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt, of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at H. Alex Stoke's Drug Store.

Domestic Troubles. It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at H. Alex Stoke's Drug Store.

Letter List. List of unclaimed letters remaining in post office at Reynoldsville, Pa., for the week ending Dec. 31, 1904: B. T. Pollum. Foreign—Francesco Bosile. Say advertised and give date of list when calling for above. E. C. BURNS, P. M.

NEWS OF PARADISE.

CONTRACT FOR NEW METHODIST CHURCH LET.

Will be Built on Site of Old Church and Cost About \$2000.00.—Calithumpians Serenaded an Old Comrade.

The calithumpian band and their ladies, who are known by the name of "Rickety-Rickety Band" when the gentlemen are not with them, serenaded an old comrade and thumper, the "initials" of whose name are Lee Sheesley, last Thursday night. They made so much noise that everybody within two miles of the place was frightened and many fled for safety. After the band had been there about an hour and showed no signs of giving it up, Mr. Sheesley and his bride (nee Miss Alice Carl) appeared and were congratulated by their many friends and then the band, after having received a nice treat, said "Good Night" and departed, feeling well paid for the desperate effort they had made to get there. Who'll be the next?

One of the champion debaters of a neighboring village came to Paradise last week and tried to convince the Paradise folks that a stove has a character, but we roasted him on one of stoves that doesn't have a character and he was so badly roasted that his brother, who peddles salve and silver polish, could furnish neither salve enough to heal his wounds nor polish enough to polish the stove.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen—Two of our young men, each six feet three inches tall and both single, or at least they were the last time we saw them. Finder will please leave John at the white house on the hill and George at the shanty, for which he or she will receive a large reward.

Miss Susie Dougherty gave a party Saturday evening, December 31, in honor of her friends, Misses Bessie Wilson, of Creston, Iowa, and Hallie Best, of Deemer's Cross Roads. There were about twenty young people present.

The church building committee met last Saturday and decided to build the new Methodist church where the old one now stands. J. V. Young, of Reynoldsville, is the architect and the church will probably cost about \$2,000.

Samuel Reed and Miss Mary Ennis, of Sykesville, visited the latter's sister, Miss Anna, who stays at J. W. Syphrit's.

The M. E. Sunday school of Paradise gave a fine treat to all the members that were present last Sunday.

Oscar (in a horse trade)—Isn't one horse as good as another? Simon—Yes and far better.

To-day is the day on which the Pomona Grange will meet at the Paradise Grange hall.

S. T. Syphrit went to Ada, Ohio, Monday, where he expects to attend college.

Misses Ruth, Marguerite and Ethel Cathers visited Mrs. Sample last Sunday.

Alex Gillespie, of Reynoldsville, visited in Paradise Saturday and Sunday.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1905 Almanac.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac for 1905 is now ready, being the finest edition ever issued. This splendid and costly book of 200 pages is a complete study of astronomy and storm and weather for 1905. It is too well known to need comment. See it and you will decide. The price, postpaid to any address, is 30c per copy. The Rev. Irl R. Hicks' scientific, religious and family journal, Word and Works, now abreast with the best magazines, is 75c a year. Both Word and Works and the Almanac \$1.00 per year. No better investment possible for any person or family. Try it and see. Send to WORD AND WORKS PUB. CO., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

Notice to Stockholders. REYNOLDSVILLE, PA., DEC. 9, 1904. Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal and Iron Company will be held at the Company's office in Reynoldsville, Pa., on Tuesday, January 17, 1905, at 10.00 a. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

LUCIUS W. ROBINSON, Pres. GEORGE L. EATON, Sec.

Annual Meeting. REYNOLDSVILLE, PA., DEC. 9, 1904. Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Reynoldsville and Falls Creek Railroad Company will be held at the Company's office in Reynoldsville, Pa., on Tuesday, January 17, 1905, at 10.00 a. m. for the purpose of electing a President and Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

LUCIUS W. ROBINSON, Pres. B. M. CLARK, Secretary.

Wonderful Nerve. Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 25c, at H. Alex Stoke's, Druggist.

RAPID GROWTH OF SUMMERVILLE 'PHONE.

How this Aggressive System has Forged to the Front—Bright Future Ahead

President J. K. Brown, of the Summerville Telephone Company, has issued the annual call for a meeting of the stockholders to be held in Summerville early in January.

This calls to mind the almost phenomenal growth of this company which from the humblest beginning has broadened until to-day it is recognized as one of the business fixtures of this part of the state, and its lines now ramify through several counties, and recently connections have been made with other lines, so that service reaches even to the state of New York.

About twelve years ago Drs. Brown and Haven, of Summerville, conceived the idea of putting up a few short wires from their offices to the stores in the neighboring rural districts where their services were in demand. A company was organized, consisting of a number of farmer stockholders, who took one or more shares at \$3.00 per share, some of them making their payments in poles and work. It was soon apparent that it would be necessary to increase the par value of these shares to \$10.00, and some of the farmers, becoming afraid of being swallowed up by the big fish, sold out for a song, and the bulk of the stock gradually passed into the hands of those who had money and faith in the enterprise. At the inception of the project it was arranged to give all stockholders free service and the \$3.00 man was delighted, but the lines were extended and free service became impracticable by reason of the vast amount of business transacted by the one share fellows who insisted on visiting by 'phone. It was then that the officers decided to raise the shares to \$10.00 and to discontinue free service to stockholders. And such a howl as went up from the little hamlets of Shannondale, Heathville, Ohl, Worthville, Ringgold and others! The little fellows were afraid of such "frenzied finance" and sold out for what they could get, and then drew long breaths of relief. They had tasted the sweets of speculation and wanted to quit, while the "I Told You So" fellows swelled with pride at their wisdom and foresight.

But the company prospered from the start and has been able to declare some handsome dividends, at the same time extending the system and increasing the capital stock. A number of local men are in the enterprise and they see no reason for the kind of worry that so scared the rural folks in the early days of the company's history.—DuBois Searchlight.

5 per cent cash discount on all purchases at Millirens.

J. E. Mitchell, merchant tailor, near Hotel Imperial.

WANT COLUMN. Rates:—One cent per word for each and every insertion.

WANTED—Girl for general housework; \$3.00 per week. Inquire at STAR office.

For sale or rent—My farm at Pardus; also one store room for rent; good location for grocery store. Elisha Cox.

WANTED—Girl for general house work. Inquire at THE STAR office.

WANTED—Girl at the City Hotel.

FOR SALE—Farm in Beaver township, known as the Joel Ressler farm, containing about 75 acres, about ten acres hemlock, pine, linn and other woods. Good house 28 x 30, stable 24 x 30 with shed. Inquire Samuel Ressler, Reynoldsville, Pa.

FOR SALE—Good driving horse. Inquire at THE STAR office.

WANTED—To establish an agency in your city to take orders for fine tailor-made clothing at popular prices. Best opportunity for one with some acquaintance to get into a paying business without investment. Full line samples of woolsens furnished. All work union made and every garment containing the label. Inquire for particulars. Moss Brothers, Merchant Tailors, Youngstown, Ohio.

Lost or mislaid—Policy No. 262238 issued by The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, on the life Carlton V. Milliren. The finder will please return it to the undersigned. Application has been made for the issuing of a duplicate. THE STAR office.

JOHN C. HIRST, CIVIL AND MINING ENGINEER, Surveyor and Draughtsman. Office in Sol Shafter building, Main street.

W. L. JOHNSTON, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. Office four doors from Ross House, West Reynoldsville, Pa.

PRIESTER BROS., UNDERTAKERS. Black and white funeral cars. Main street, Reynoldsville, Pa.

J. H. HUGHES, UNDERTAKING AND PICTURE FRAMING. The U. S. Burial League has been tested and found all right. Cheapest form of insurance. Secure a contract. Near Public Fountain, Reynoldsville Pa.

SYKESVILLE BUDGET.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES WELL ATTENDED.

Zimmerman-Deemer Wedding Occurred December 31st.—Personal Notes of Interest.

Mrs. Charles Ennis is spending a few weeks with her daughter in New York City.

Miss Minnie McPherson is visiting relatives in Pittsburg.

The Christmas services held in the Methodist Episcopal and Baptist churches on Monday and Tuesday evenings of last week were well attended and very enjoyable.

The wedding of Thomas Zimmerman and Miss Maggie Deemer took place at the home of the bride's father on Saturday evening, December 31, 1904.

Four persons united with the Methodist church New Year's day. A good beginning.

Stockholders' Annual Meeting. The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Reynoldsville Clay Manufacturing Company will be held at the company office in the King & Co. building, East Main st., Reynoldsville, Pa., on Thursday, January 12, 1905, at 2.00 p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. C. J. KERR, Sec.

A Very Close Call. "I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bollamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by H. Alex Stoke. Price 50 cents.

JEFFERSON MACARONI FACTORY REYNOLDSVILLE, PENN'A. One of the largest macaroni factories in the state. Orders sent C. O. D. or on good reference anywhere in the United States. Also wholesale agents for the well known brand of Premium Flour. C. & J. MARINARO, Proprietors.

Wedding Invitations and Visiting Cards neatly and promptly printed at The Star office.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Reynoldsville, Pa., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before it, will be held in the Banking Room on Tuesday, January 10th, 1905, at 3.00 p. m. JOHN H. KAUCHER, Cashier.

Notice to Advertisers. The copy for all display advertisements must be in THE STAR office not later than 2.00 p. m. Monday of each week to have the advertisement appear in the paper the week it is handed into office.

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You Can Rest Assured that our Maple Syrup will please your taste. Griddle Cakes are twice as palatable with a Maple Syrup that is properly prepared and unadulterated. OUR MAPLE SYRUP is made from the purest maple sap—many syrups are made by dissolving maple sugar. Syrups made from maple sugar are not the equal of those made directly from the sap—the air deteriorates the syrup value when the sap is first made into sugar. If you want the genuine, unadulterated goods, better try ours. C. P. KOERNER Main Street. GROCER Reynoldsville, Pa.

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MILL END AND REMNANT SALE. We are putting on sale this week, to continue as long as these specials last, which may be three or four days, the greatest values of the season. Absolutely New and Up-to-Date Goods will be sold at prices which cannot be approached again this year. There will positively be no duplicating of patterns and quality. Be sure that you get enough yards to make whatever garment you wish to make. We have purchased especially for this sale a heavy shipment of mill ends and short pieces. We have these at prices which you cannot afford to pass. These are all new patterns and new spring merchandise, but short pieces. The money you can save by attending this sale you can judge by the following prices: 10 and 12 1-2c Dress Gingham at 7c and 8c. 15 and 18c Dress Gingham, 10c. 18 and 20c White P. K., 15c. 12 1-2c 36-in. Percaes, 10c. 15 and 18c Curtain Swiss, 8 & 10c. 15 and 18c Dimities, 10c. 15, 18 and 20c Tickings, 10c. 10c 36-in. Cambrics, 8c. 50c Velors, Chair and Couch Cover, 40c. The above mentioned is all absolutely new spring merchandise we have bought especially for this January sale at a saving of from 25 to 50 per cent to you. Don't you think now is the time to make your purchases for January and February sewing? We add to this a few remnants and short pieces from our own stock. During this sale we give Double Green Trading Stamps. Don't you think this a good time to get your Green Trading Stamp book filled? SHICK & WAGNER —THE BIG STORE— Corner Main and Fifth Streets. Reynoldsville, Pa.