

**OUR NATION'S PROGRESS**

Paper Read by Miss Cora B. McCreight at Paradise Farmers' Institute.

The wheels of progress are moving onward with a swifter motion than ever before, leaving behind them more events in ten years than a short time ago it was thought possible to take place in one hundred years. We are living in a prosperous age. The years of peaceful prosperity in which we are quietly developing a continent are but the pivot on which is turning the nation's future. The destinies of mankind for many centuries to come may be seriously affected, perhaps determined, by the men and women of this generation, but no generation appreciates its own place in history. Unroll with me the scroll of our nation's history and review some of the chief events.

Long before the opening of the seventeenth century had been developing the spirit which led persecuted men of all countries to flock to American shores. They were no longer fettered by the chains of ignorance, and though ruled by tyrannical monarchs, men were beginning to think and act for themselves. Every year brought new revelations of the possibilities of establishing a free and popular government in the new country. Many of the towns and cities sprung up as if by magic. Every town and hamlet bore the marks of thrift and contentment. Churches and schools were founded and books and papers circulated throughout the colonies, forerunners of the time when America should be the most enlightened and thoroughly Christian nation in the world; when throughout its length and breadth education should be universal and the influence of the gospel should permeate every home. But the bright star of peace and prosperity was not always to shine upon them as from a clear and serene heaven. The time was near when its lustre would be dimmed, or when it would even for a time almost disappear from earthly vision. The sturdy Puritans assailed in unequal combat the savage and the elements, overcoming both to rise against a mightier foe.

Then down from the grassy slopes of New England, out of the swamps of the Carolinas, came faintly to the ear, "like the music of forest leaves stirred by autumn winds," the drum taps of the revolution. Riflemen swarmed from their cabins in the wilderness to the defense of their country and home. Our hearts swell with pride as we read of their valorous deeds. It was this progressive spirit which forced Cornwallis to surrender and which gave us the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. It guided the course of Washington. It stimulated hearts with heroic fortitude to endure those terrible winters at Plymouth Rock and Valley Forge. It inspired the dreadful charges of the national army from '61 to '65 and amid the awful carnage of the Civil war its principles stood sublime. Though the darkness of war still enveloped the land, yet the lightning flash of that memorable New Year's day has lightened the gloom and revealed the pathway of a speedy return to peace.

A century ago the "Father of Waters" rolled onward towards the Gulf to the lone music of its rushing waters. Now its banks are teeming with flourishing cities and suspension bridges span its noble waters. Among the rocks of a peaceful harbor on the Pacific coast stood the lone hut of a fearless hunter, where now stands on the harbor of the Golden Gate the magnificent city of San Francisco. To-day, under the guidance of an unseen hand, we behold the grandest republic the world has ever known. It now embraces forty-five states and five territories extending from the sea board of the Atlantic to the rock bound shores of the Pacific with a population of over ninety-four millions.

The past century has been distinguished by a rising flood of inventions. Few realize the rapid progress made since the application of the power of steam and electricity to travel, agriculture, manufacturing and commerce. Seventy-five years ago the first steam locomotive was placed on iron rails. To-day more than 194,000 miles of railway traverse our land, on which are transported millions of bushels of grain from central to eastern and western markets, cotton bales from southern states to northern mills and manufactured goods from New England to the far west. Trains are coming and going, day and night confusion, seldom colliding, all controlled by the finger tips of the telegraph operator.

Our country has also made great improvements in agriculture. One hundred years ago, farming implements were few, but the nineteenth century has distinguished itself by the invention of a great variety of labor-saving machinery. The government has taken up the work of creating agricultural colleges, which, with the experiment stations, will be a great help in extending the scientific knowledge of the young men who are preparing themselves for farm life.

During our nation's infancy she produced very few manufactured goods because Great Britain furnished these to all her colonies. During the Revolutionary war, however, necessity forced the people to this pursuit. Since that time this industry has rapidly been increasing until now it is one of the lead-

ing occupations of our people. For a long time the United States stood alone among the great nations in having a small navy. About twenty-five years ago the government began to build the "new navy," replacing the old worn-out wooden ships with armored war vessels. Now our navy compares favorably with any other country except Great Britain.

The United States has also made a great step forward in regard to commerce. It now controls a large part of the foreign and has the greatest domestic commerce in the world.

In the early history of our country schools were established, but they were open only to those who could afford to pay tuition, but now our public schools are free and open to any one who wishes to attend. Education is encouraged in all the states and in some attendance at schools is compulsory. The appreciation on the part of the American people of the worth of its common school system is constantly increasing. Citizens give more freely towards the support of the public schools than for most public improvements.

What opportunities do we not have in this fair land of ours? Here every advantage is open, education is absolutely free; here every law springs or may spring from the will of the majority. These facts prove the truth of the poet's words: "America means opportunity." CORA B. MCCREIGHT.

**Soldier.**

Miss Caroline Ross is quite ill. One of Earl Marshall's boys has been quite ill.

Miss Kate Ross and Mrs. A. M. Johnston were in DuBois one day recently.

Lots of snow, lots of mud, lots of cold weather at Soldier now.

Mrs. Charles Biddle has gone to Hazelhurst with her husband.

Clyde Smith, who has been employed at Pittsburg for the past few months, was circulating among his friends in this place last week.

James Laverick is considerably missed from the bunch of young fellows of town because he had a thumb smashed sometime ago and is not able to be about as before.

Harry Rodwell, one of our bright and moral young men, departed this life March 12th after an illness of but ten days. Some years ago he was hurt while working in the mines and never fully recovered. He had been attending school at DuBois for some time. March 2nd he came home quite ill, his condition growing worse each day until death knocked at the door and called him home. He will be greatly missed.

Saturday-afternoon, March 17, Miss Maude Rea and her Sunday school class took a trolley ride to Soldier. While Master LaMarr Ritchie, another member of her class was away from his home Miss Rea and her class of boys assembled in the parlor to await the arrival of LaMarr, who came in a short time and was greatly surprised. LaMarr's birthday will be March 20 but as that is a school day the date was made for Saturday p. m. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent playing games, and a trip around the coal works was greatly enjoyed by the boys. At 4:00 o'clock a fine lunch was served, consisting of ice cream, cake and fruit. At five o'clock all departed for their several homes wishing LaMarr many a happy birthday. LaMarr received a number of presents among which was a solid silver spoon with his name engraved on the handle.

**Doctors Are Puzzled.**

The remarkable recovery of Kenneth Melver, of Vanceboro, Mo., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends. He says of his case: "Owing to severe inflammation of the Throat and congestion of the Lungs, three doctors gave me up to die, when, as a last resort, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and I am happy to say, it saved my life." Cures the worst Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, Tonsillitis, Weak Lungs, Hoarseness and LaGrippe. Guaranteed at Stoke & Feicht Co.'s drug store, of Reynoldsville and Sykesville. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

**For Sale.**

One hundred fine residence lots on Fourth street, on easy terms to suit the purchaser. City gas and water can be had. Most beautiful residence street in town. Close to business center. Inquire of D. Wheeler, Reynoldsville, Pa.

**A Lively Tussle**

With that old enemy of the race, Constipation, often ends in Appendicitis. To avoid all serious trouble with Stomach, Liver and Bowels, take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They perfectly regulate these organs, without pain or discomfort. 25c at Stoke & Feicht Drug Co.'s, druggists, of Reynoldsville and Sykesville.

**Special Sizes**

In rugs. We make carpet rugs to fit your room, no matter how odd it may be; and we carry a very large line of 9x12 rugs also. Reynoldsville Hardware Company.

New stock of spring and summer lace curtains from 35c to \$2.25 per pair just received at A. Katzen's.

**The High School Bulletin**

EDITOR IN-CHIEF, CRAIG KING.

The high school boys have commenced training for the field meet this spring. The most promising candidate for the dash is a small boy from Room 13.

The Seniors are making elaborate preparations for class day exercises.

What is the mystery of the speaking tube?

The Juniors have resumed their geometry.

"The Mystery of the 'Squire's Client,'" or, who attended the party on East Main street Tuesday evening, March 13, 1906?

The Juniors have redeemed themselves. If you don't believe it ask Miss Dewey.

What's the matter with Old Tight?

Hey, there! you dropped something.

Rev. Mr. Scherer conducted the morning exercises for the lower grades last week.

Have you been "black listed" yet?

Why is Miss Dewey so interested in "Forestry"? Because she is such a lover of nature.

**A Scientific Wonder.**

The cures that stand to its credit make Bucklen's Arnica Salve a scientific wonder. It cured E. R. Mulford, lecturer for the Patrons of Husbandry, Waynesboro, Pa., of a distressing case of Piles. It heals the worst Burns, Sores, Bolls, Ulcers, Cuts, Wounds, Chills and Salt Rheum. Only 25c at Stoke & Feicht Drug Co.'s drug store, of Reynoldsville and Sykesville.

**Clover and Timothy Seed**

One half car just received of No. 1 seeds and as these seeds were purchased at the lowest cash price we can make you a price that cannot be beat. Reynolds Hardware Co.

Blank house leases may be obtained in any quantity at THE STAR office.

Spring and summer stock of shoes for men, boys and children at A. Katzen's.

**WANT COLUMN.**

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

FOR RENT—Mrs. A. H. Hoon's property on Main st. Inquire of T. D. Hoon at Robinson & Mundorf's grocery.

FOR SALE—Fresh Jersey cow. Inquire of Martin Hotrick.

FOR SALE—Eggs from Buff Plymouth Rocks exclusively; nugget strain, fine stock, extra good layers. Eggs \$1.00 per 13. Satisfaction guaranteed. Arthur Seeley, Reynoldsville, Pa.

LOST—Between Reynoldsville and my home on Tuesday, March 13th, a pocket book containing a sum of money. The finder will be rewarded by leaving at THE STAR office. Moses M. Thomas, Rathmel, Pa.

Eggs for sale—Anconas, the hens for winter laying. Eggs \$1.00 per sitting. J. W. Myers.

FOR SALE—Two good horses. Inquire of John M. Hays.

FOR SALE—The Sprague mansion, situate on Main street, Reynoldsville, Pa. For terms inquire of W. C. Sprague or at the law office of C. W. Flynn.

WANTED—Bids for moving my frame dwelling house from Main street down to Sixth street. Daniel Nolan.

FOR SALE—Good seven year old horse. J. F. Miller. Inquire F. A. McConnell.

FOR RENT—House on Jackson street, house on Grant street, flat on Main street. Inquire of E. T. McGaw.

WANTED—District managers to post signs, advertise and distribute samples. Salary \$18.00 weekly, \$3.00 per day for expenses. State age and present employment. Ideal Shear Co., 39 Randolph st., Chicago. 5-24-06

WANTED—Men, women, boys and girls to represent McClure's Magazine. Good pay. Address 67 East 23d St., N. Y. City.

For rent—House on Grant st. Mrs. Harriet Morrow.

New goods just received for spring and summer at A. Katzen's.

WANTED—Travelling salesman. Must furnish reference and invest one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars, in first class 6 per cent. bonds. Salary and expenses paid. Experience not required, we teach business at our mills. The Wheeling Roofing & Cornice Co., W. Va.

SALESMAN WANTED—To look after our interest in Jefferson and adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Address Clover Oil and Paint Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

**Letter List.**  
List of unclaimed letters remaining in post office at Reynoldsville, Pa., for the week ending March 17, 1906:  
Tom Brock, Miss Agnes Falls.  
Say advertised and give date of list when calling for above.  
E. C. BURNS, P. M.

**Too Much Talk**  
Is unnecessary, but we have the price on clover and timothy seed this year. Come in and see about it. Reynolds Hardware Co.

**AUDITORS REPORT**

Of the Finances of West Reynoldsville Borough for the Year Ending March 13, 1906.

P. J. WARD, Collector, in account with the Borough of West Reynoldsville, for the year ending March 13, 1906.

FOR TAXES OF 1902.  
DR.  
To amt't duplicate last settlement \$ 13 13  
CR.  
By 5% collector's % on 13 ..... 61  
By treasurers receipts ..... 12 13

FOR TAXES 1903.  
DR.  
To amt't due last settlement ..... 8 33 8 33  
CR.  
By 5% col % on \$5.70 ..... 29  
By treasurers receipts ..... 6 23 6 52  
Balance due borough ..... 1 81

FOR TAXES 1904.  
DR.  
To amt't due last settlement ..... 91 57 91 57  
CR.  
By amt't exonerations ..... 14 32  
By 5% col % on \$79.39 ..... 3 97  
By treasurers receipts ..... 71 29 89 58  
Balance due borough ..... 1 99

FOR TAXES 1905.  
BOROUGH TAX.  
DR.  
To amt't duplicate ..... 497 30  
To amt't 5% added on \$11.60 ..... 2 08 499 38  
CR.  
By amt't exonerations ..... 11 42  
By 5% rebate on \$72.15 ..... 13 41  
By 5% col % on \$72.15 ..... 8 16  
By 5% col % on \$82.13 ..... 4 11  
By 5% col % on \$7.11 ..... 36  
By treasurers receipts ..... 335 45 373 11  
Balance due borough ..... 36 27

LIGHT TAX.  
DR.  
To amt't duplicate ..... 407 30  
To amt't 5% added on \$11.60 ..... 2 08 409 38  
CR.  
By amt't exonerations ..... 11 42  
By 5% rebate on \$72.15 ..... 13 41  
By 5% col % on \$72.15 ..... 8 16  
By 5% col % on \$82.13 ..... 4 11  
By 5% col % on \$7.11 ..... 36  
By treasurers receipts ..... 335 45 373 11  
Balance due borough ..... 36 27

WATER TAX.  
DR.  
To amt't duplicate ..... 344 45  
To amt't 5% added on \$21.86 ..... 1 09 345 54  
CR.  
By amt't exonerations ..... 7 03  
By 5% rebate on \$163.11 ..... 4 16  
By 5% col % on \$163.11 ..... 4 29  
By 5% col % on \$32.45 ..... 2 02  
By 5% col % on \$4.24 ..... 21  
By treasurers receipts ..... 302 40 225 31  
Balance due borough ..... 20 23

WM. M. BURGE, BURGESS.  
DR.  
To balance due last settlement ..... 2 28  
To amt't from Co. Com ..... 10 00  
To amt't fines ..... 5 00  
To amt't rent for holding Republican primaries ..... 2 50 19 78  
CR.  
By treasurers receipts ..... 17 50 17 50  
Balance due borough ..... 2 28

W. L. JOHNSON, Treasurer in account with the Borough of West Reynoldsville for the year ending March 13, 1906.  
DR.  
To amt't due last settlement ..... 324 32  
To amt't rec'd from P. J. Ward, Col ..... 49 94  
To amt't rec'd from Auditor Gen ..... 2 11  
To amt't rec'd from Burgess for hall for election ..... 12 50  
To amt't rec'd tax on telephone poles C. L. & P. Co ..... 25 00  
To amt't rec'd fines ..... 5 00 1319 87  
CR.  
By borough orders redeemed ..... 626 05  
By 2% Treasurers % ..... 18 52 944 57  
Bal. in hands of Treas. ..... 375 30

RECAPITULATION.  
RESOURCES.  
Amt't in Treasurers hands ..... 375 30  
Amt't due from P. J. Ward, Col ..... 49 94  
Amt't due from Burgess Burge ..... 2 28  
Amt't due from Co. for license ..... 120 00 594 12

LIABILITIES—None.  
J. W. CAMPBELL, } Auditors  
W. M. RIGGS }  
A. J. WELLS. }  
March 13, 1906.

JOB WORK of all kinds promptly done at THE STAR OFFICE.

**SHICK AND WAGNER**

—The Big Store—

1,000 yds. of an All Linen Crash Toweling at 8 1-4c  
648 yds. French Val. Laces at 2 3-4c.

We have just received one case of 1,000 yards of Crash Toweling guaranteed strictly all linen which we are putting on sale this week at

**8 1-4c a yd.**

This is a good heavy coarse crash and is very absorbent—just such as you will want during the coming spring. It is an exceptionally rare offer and is all we are able to get as we cleaned up the entire lot which the manufacturer had on hand.

We are also offering this week an assortment of French Val Laces—edgings and insertions—which are just as good value at

**2 3-4c a yd.**

**SHICK & WAGNER**

—The Big Store—

Corner Main and Fifth Streets, REYNOLDSVILLE, PA.

**\$30,000.00**

**STEEL PLANT GOLD BONDS**

First Mortgage. Six Per Cent Bonds. Payable in Gold.  
Dated Dec. 1, 1905. Interest payable June 1, Dec. 1.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Reynoldsville, Pa. PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK, Reynoldsville, Pa.

—AND—  
C. F. DICKINSON, Westinghouse Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

We own and offer (in amounts to suit purchasers) the best industrial security ever offered to the investors of this community.

The controlling interest in Reynoldsville's new "STEEL PLANT" has recently been purchased by Pittsburg people who are old in the successful management of large iron and steel properties.

Necessary additions are being made to the equipment, and new and heavy machinery is being added. Upon completion of these improvements a full line of Alligator Shears, Cold Saws, Rolling-Mill and Contractors' Machinery will be extensively manufactured at the Company's works, and sold from their Pittsburg offices.

The assets of the Company as re-equipped will stand at \$120,000.00 in round figures, against which the \$30,000.00 of First Mortgage bonds are the first and prior lien.

The Company has issued \$30,000.00 six per cent First Mortgage Gold Bonds in denomination of \$100.00, \$200.00, \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 each and we, the undersigned, have purchased a very large proportion of the entire issue.

The semi-annual interest, at the rate of six per centum, is payable on June 1st and December 1st of each year, at The Peoples National Bank, Reynoldsville, Pa.

These bonds are a first and prior lien on all of the real estate, buildings, machinery, equipments, franchises, property and revenues of the American Production Company, and a special condition in the mortgage provides that bonds to the amount of \$2,500.00 shall be retired every year, after the first two years.

**LEGALITY**

These bonds have been issued under the supervision and advice of the following attorneys, viz: Messrs. Charles Corbett, of Brookville, Pa., Weil & Thorp, of Pittsburg, Pa., and G. M. McDonald, of Reynoldsville, Pa.; any of whom can vouch for the binding validity of these securities.

The undersigned being personally acquainted with the "STEEL PLANT" property, consider these bonds as the best of the kind ever offered in this community, and recommend them as a safe investment.

Prompt subscriptions for bonds in amounts from \$100.00 up will be received by the undersigned at the price of par and accrued interest. Allotments will be made as subscriptions are received, the right being reserved to cease the allotment at any time.

—: ADDRESS :—

The Peoples National Bank, The First National Bank,  
By W. B. ALEXANDER, President. By JOHN H. KAUCHER, President,  
Reynoldsville, Pa. Reynoldsville, Pa.

—OR—

C. F. Dickinson, 1218-19-20 Westinghouse Building, Pittsburg, Pa.