

The Department of Public Instruction for New York State will award a gold medal to the student in the common schools of that State who shall present the best essay on a plan for the most profitable observance of Arbor Day; and a private individual has offered two prizes, one of \$100 and one of \$50, for the best kept school grounds in the rural districts.

UNDER the English Factory acts no child under 16 years of age can be employed in a factory unless a surgeon's certificate that it is fit for the work can be produced. This prevents the employment of unhealthy children in occupations that would be injurious to them, and the factory inspectors see to it that the law is effectually enforced.

From present indications the long looked for ballot reform promised another special plea to the voters of both political parties before the last election, is not to be realized at this session of the Legislature. There seems to be a disposition on the part of somebody behind the scenes to have the ballot bill laid aside and to take up the question of a Constitutional Convention two years hence.

THERE were 200 deaths in New York during the twenty-four hours ended at noon yesterday, an increase of 54 on the preceding twenty-four hours. Such a large proportionate increase is, of course, attributable to the "grippe," though, in point of fact, "the bleak winds of March" rarely fail to be attended or followed by an abnormally high death rate.

THE Grangers who scan the news from Harrisburg from day to day to see what may have been done to lighten the load of taxation will please observe that the representatives who pretend to speak for them refuse to take the necessary steps to carry out the provisions of the Constitution devised to protect them.

THE indictments found yesterday against the directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad subject the long mooted question of the personal responsibility of directors to the crucial test of a criminal court.

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Old newspapers for sale.

Ballot Reform at Harrisburg. The members of the Pennsylvania Legislature will have an opportunity this week to ascertain once more the sentiments of their constituents on the question of Ballot Reform. When they shall have consulted their neighbors we trust they will return to Harrisburg next week and pass the bill of the Ballot Reform Association now before the House without further delay.

There can be no valid political ground for defeating the Ballot Reform bill before the House, apart from the pledges of both parties in its favor, since it is in perfect harmony with the best legislation on this subject. While Republicans had the largest share in its preparation, there is nothing in it to excite the jealousy or animosity of any Democrat in the Legislature or elsewhere.

Last Friday evening the compositors employed on the Philadelphia Press, comprising nearly one hundred men, stopped work in order to compel the management to pay the union scale of wages and to recognize the Typographical Union in dealing with its employees.

He Wouldn't Trust Them. We are reminded of an incident that occurred in a Pennsylvania town in the old Whig-Loosefoot times, the Loosefoots of that period being just about what the Democrats of today is. A Whig farmer had a son of the voting age, who was a Loosefoot in his politics, but who lived at home with his father.

Special Announcement. We have made arrangements with Dr. B. J. Kendall Co., publishers of "A Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases," which will enable all our subscribers to obtain a copy of that valuable work free by sending their address (enclosing a two-cent stamp for mailing same) to B. J. KENDALL CO., ENOSBURG FALLS, VT.

The Poor Board Organized. The Directors of the Middle Coal field Poor District met yesterday and made no changes in the management. The following are the appointments: Steward G. T. Wells; Stewardess, Ida M. Wells; Secretary, S. H. Hollinger; Physician, Dr. P. H. Latham; Treasurer, The Hazleton National Bank; Solicitors, Rapshon and Cassidy, Mauch Chunk.

George McLean died in Wilkes-Barre, yesterday, aged 57 years. He was one of the pioneers of Colorado and Montana and one of the founders of the city of Denver, and was a Colonel on the staff of the Governor of Colorado under the provincial government. He served throughout the civil war.

The Italian Minister Recalled. A decided sensation was caused in official circles at Washington Tuesday afternoon by the startling announcement that Baron Fava, the Italian Minister, had demanded his passport from the State Department in consequence of the failure of this Government to satisfactorily comply with demands of the Italian Government in connection with the killing at New Orleans of persons claimed to be Italian subjects.

Spicy Definitions. A smart, witty, or humorous definition often furnishes a happy illustration of the proverbial brevity which is the soul of wit. Here are a few apt ones that are evidently spontaneous: A boy once said that "lust is mud with the juice squeezed out."

She—Why, what's the matter, Mr. Perkins? You seem to be wearing a rather disgusted look this morning. He—with a sigh—Yes, I don't know what that ma meanth, but she thas' at 'em, an' I wouldn't mind 'em, 'O, no; it doesn't look a particle like you, you know; but I wouldn't mind that, Clara, you are not likely to have snell luck again if you sat a thousand times.

He—Tell me, do you prefer men of great reputation, or do you rather like the common-place fellows? She—To ask frankly, I like the common-place men best, particularly at a party like this; but you must not think I said so just for the sake of saying something complimentary to you!

Hints for the Well. When an engine is running full speed, every part in perfect play, the engineer knows well that constant vigilance is the price. If he relax his care to oil, polish, and examine, trusting to luck and good chance to take him along safely, he will soon be dismissed for unfaithfulness.

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FITH AND POINT. It is tracing the broad road that frequently puts a man in a financial strait. THERE are tender-hearted men in the saloon business, sometimes—bartender-hearted. "IRISH STEW," said the restaurant guest, "Faith I am Irish, tew," said the waiter.—Texas Siftings.

It is said that the United States Senate is the most august body in the world. Things look now as though it would be a September holy this year, too.—Burlington Free Press. If old Diogenes lived to-day he wouldn't use a lantern to find an honest man. He would be out scratching for an empire who would give satisfaction to a con man.—Lincoln Journal.

They have some lively parties down in Georgia. An old lady, 76 years of age, living in Dooly County, performs the feat of dancing a jig with a tumbler of water balanced on her head, without spilling a drop.—Peck's Sun. "YOU can talk as you please about the foolishness of the bus le," observed the snark editor, "but I notice that when a man is in a hurry to get out of the city, he is not likely to have snell luck again if you sat a thousand times."

These fish, my dear Mrs. Hendricks, remarked the minister, who was discussing a Sunday dinner with the family, "are deliciously fresh. I am enjoying them very much." "They ought to be fresh," volunteered Bobby, who was also enjoying them, "Pa caught 'em this morning."—New York Sun.

THE fishman of Kirkcaldy had been suffering greatly from a scarcity of fish; but better times came, and Mr. Shirra, in his public prayers, daily rendered thanks therefor in these terms: "O Lord, we desire to offer our grateful thanks unto thee for the seasonable relief which thou has sent to the poor of this place from thy inexhaustible storehouse in the great deep, and which every day we hear called upon our streets, 'Fine fresh herrings, six a penny, six a penny!'"

THE human body, that perfect machine, the man wonderful in the house beautiful, must also be looked after by the engineer, otherwise the boiler will run low when he wishes the propelling power strongest, the tension snap when need of firm hold is greatest.

Do not eat too much. Each person can best determine for himself when that amount is reached. Dio Lewis says, "After all, it is not so much the quality as the quantity." Do not eat hot food, esp. sp.ially bread, and do not eat late at night.

Do not eat something within an hour after rising, if obliged to labor or study, or exposed to malaria or contagion. If possible eat in pure air, and not too fast. No hazing is gained by bolting food, and much harm may follow.

Watch the children in regard to health matters. Many delicate or born children have been reared to strength and usefulness by careful adherence to hygienic rules.

Physicians differ widely in the modus operandi of disease, diagnosis, and treatment, but all doctors of all schools agree in the beneficial effects of air, water, and sunlight, and general hygienic principles.—Christian at Work.

The commission to revise the mine laws met in Court Room No. 2 Monday afternoon and began a session which is to last a week. Mr. Wm. Connell, chairman of the commission, is ill and could not attend Monday or Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Steen, of Girardville, inspector of the Mohanoy district, and Mr. McMurtrie, of Ashland, inspector of the Shamokin district, were examined before the commission in regard to the causes of accidents in the mines.

The sessions of the commission are not as secret as has been given out. The only objection is to a crowd of idle curiosities whom nothing but curiosity prompts to attend.

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