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Borough School Business.

The December meeting of Freeland school board, held on Wednesday evening, was attended by Directors Brogan, Buckley, Isaac, Kelly, Kline, McCole, Purcell and McGeehan, the latter acting as presiding officer.

ing as presiding officer. A request from Freeland Silk Mill Company, asking exoneration of taxes for the current year, was granted. A communication from Louis Kugler, asking 75 cents for damages alleged to

have been done to his window by school children, was read. No action was The publishers of the Nature Cabinet

The publishers of the Nature Cabinet offered the complete set to the board for \$75, with one year to pay for the work. Their offer was filed. Bids on furnishing additional radia-tion in rooms 2, 3, 6, 7 and High school of the Danjel Coxe building wore re-ceived as follows: M. M. O'Boyle, \$105.50; W. E. Martin, \$120. The former was awarded the contract, the work to be completed before January 1 work to be completed before January 1

The secretary was instructed to ask The secretary was instructed to ask for a settlement from ex-Tax Collector Daniel Kline, who owes the district \$413.04, subject to exonerations, abate-ments and commission. The secretary was instructed to re-turn all empty ink keys to the manu-features and encoderaced is for secret

facturers and receive credit for same

on a keg of ink. Supervising Principal Williams' re-ports for the first and second months of the term were presented and ordered filed. The enrollment of pupils for the second month was 995; number in at-tendance, 962.

The principal extended an invitation In epinepsi extended an invitation to the directors to attend the district institute to be held here tomorrow. It was decided to pay the teachers a half-month's salary on December 24, and to close the schools from that date

to January 2. The secretary was ordered to procure 1,200 cover envelopes for pupils' report

cards.

Treasurer McCole reported a balance on December 1 of \$1,607.23. The condition of Ridge street building

was the subject of much discussion The basement was reported as being unclean and unhealthy. The super-vising principal and the principal of the building were instructed to prepare rules to govern the building and have the same enforced. The building com-mittee is to have the basement cleaned. These bills were ordered paid: Hud-

Show on School Furthure Company, desks, etc., \$317.70; Ginn & Co., books, \$189.57; Heath & Co., books, \$52.83; Freeland Water Company, water, \$9.47; Asa Rute, wiring, \$8; E. B. Shelhamer, hauling coal, \$7.50.

CASTORIA. Bears the Signature Chart H. Flitcher.

War News of the Day. "Well," he remarked casually, "we don't get as much war news in the papers as we did awhile ago." "Oh, I don't know," was the reply. "Look on the sporting page." "What is to be found there?" "The accounts of the football games."—Chicago Post.

Candy and nuts at Keiper's.



CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature Char H. Hetcher. of

His Proficiency as a Linguist. Brown-Are you anything of a lin-

guist? -Well, I can read and understand French, German, golf, yacht, baseball and football, but I can't talk 'em.-Detroit Free Press.



NEW SHORT STORIES

Charity of Dan Rice

Charity of Dan Rice. The circus has not always been con sidered a desirable adjunct to the church, and it must have been a des-perate situation that tempted a group of Indiana women to seek ald in such a quarter. It happened at a time when the fa-mous Dan Rice was trying to steer his circus through financial breakers. He had got as far as Vincennes, and there one day in a melancholy mood he was standing in front of the tent figuring on the prospect of getting out of town at all and gloomily listening to dis-party of ladles, one of whom said: "Colone Rice, we have always heard of yon as a very charitable man. Un-fortunately our church has been dam-riged and needs a new roof. We thought you might be willing to sub-scribe toward it." The humor of the situation appealed to the old showman. Here he was, without a doilar he could call his own, asked to contribute to charity. He pulled a nickel out of his pocket and said with the utmost gravity: "Ladles, this may appear to you a small amount, but it represents all the money I possess. However, I believe heartly in the cause you are pleading, and 1 shall not utterly refuse your re-quest. I promise you that if this show does any business here I will not only contribute toward repairing your church, but I will put a new roof on the"

contribute contribute toward repairing your church, but I will put a new roof on

For one reason or another-perhaps For one reason or another—pernals the ladies might explain it—the two performances that day netted so large a sum that the old showman was en-abled to pay his way to the next town and the church to rejoice in a new root.

and the church to rejoice in a new root. Made Mr. McKinley's Speech. A well known general of the civil war, who has since become prominent in United States politics and is now a senator from one of the western states, was going to speak at a political meet-ing at Mariboro. O., and so also was Mr. McKinley, then a congressman. They drove down from Canton togeth-er. As they were driving along the general asked his companion for some suggestions, and the hatter kindly ex-planed the situation and advanced ar-guments in support of the position of the Republican party. Mr. McKinley, as usual, had his subject well in hand, but, in addition, was fortified with notes giving certain statistics in cor-roboration of his argument. He tol



"MAJOR, JUST HAND ME THOSE DOCUMENTS. the general about white motion and the general about while of thought he intended to pursue in making his speech at Marlboro, and the latter, who was to speak first, agreed that he would say very little and would leave the bulk of argument to Mr. McKhn-ley. The general duly made his bow to the audience and began his speech. As he became warmed up the recol-lection of what Mr. McKinley had been talking about on the way to the meet-sing became stronger, and be began pursuing the line of argument that his companion had prepared for himself. The general hid down his proposition just as the major had done in the car-riage and finally said: "And I can prove all this. Major, just hand me those documents." And then he pro-ceeded to read at length from Mr. Mc-Kinley's notes. When the general had finished, there was little left for the major to say.-Chiengo News. the general about what line of thought he intended to pursue in making his

Mrs. Cornwallis-West's Wit.

Not so long ago Joseph Chamberlain refused, with that firmness, not to say obstinacy, that is so irritating to the inquiring mind, to discuss the war with bostimely, that is so britaing to the impulring mind, to discuss the war with Mrs. George Cornwallis-West. "I see," she said sweetly, "you prefer to discuss your indiscretions in public." Not long after the colonial secretary made some rather sarcastic remark about the po-litical activity of certain women, add-ing that he could not understand why American women, who kept out of pol-litics at home, overwhelmed us in Eng-land. "A,h," said Mrs. Cornwallis-West Innocently, "American men are too in-telligent to need our educating influ-ence." ence.

Let Into a Secret. During General Sherman's famous "march to the sea" both morth and south were completely mystified as to what point the general was striking for, and one day an old Georgia plant-er who had called at his hendquarters and enjoyed his good cheer asked him boldly if he had any objection to tell-ing where his army was bound. "Not the lenst," said Sherman. Then, lean-ing over, he whispered In his guest's en, but so loudly that everybody else In the tent overheard it, "We are going pretty much where we — please!"



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ONE SIDED PLEASANTRY.

ONE SIDED PLEASANTRY. Horid Joke Played Upon a Woman by Her Too Funny Hushand. "It is all right for a man to have a sense of humor," a young elubwoman remarked, "but in the effort to enjoy life themselves and make it cheerful to other people some men often go a trifle too far. That's the way with Harry. When he gets funny, he occa-sionally gets too funny, or what is just as bad, he gets funny in the wrong place or at the wrong them. "The other day we were down in a little southern country town which is notorlously the Gretna Green of its state. Elderly or middle aged people who want quiet weddings and elophg young people all flock to Blanktown to be married by the justee of the peace. He does such a large and flourishing business in this line that he has a sign in his office. 'Mattimonial Pariors', and the pavement in front is generally fill-ed with lafers in chairs waiting to be entrained by the always interesting spectracle of a wedding. "Well, I heard of the 'Matrimonial Parfors' and was curious just to look at the place, so suggested to Harry that we walk out that street and pass it. It was atther late in the afternoon, but the door stood open, the elderly jus-the door Harry selzed me by the arm, pushed me toward the steps and said in a lood volee: "Come on, now, Polly. Don't try to back out. When we were here be-for, you back out this time. Come on; come right in.' "The justlee stood up at onee, and the men in the chairs shuffled around and stood up too. "Here it lis,' he said to the fustiee, "Ther it lis,' he said to the fustiee, "There it lis,' he said to the fustiee, shufflow and byou mean? What an ent hdo you mean?"

on earth do you mean? "There it is,' he said to the justice, still holding me and pretending to pull me toward the door. "That's the way she does. We were up here before and she backed out. I'm not going to

and she backed out. I'm not going to let her back out this time. Now come on in. Polly. Come on! ""My name is not Polly,'I explained to the justice, and we've been married five years, I added. Do come along and behave yourself. Harry," "Now look at that,' he explained apologetically. 'You see, It isn't my fault. You can't depend on girls. They never know their own minds. Well,

goodby, justice. I'll get her up here again some day.' "The justice sat down, looking like a man wickedly cheated out of \$2, and the sidewalk gentlemen all sank back in their chairs. Harry langhed all the way home, but I didn't laugh at all. In fact. I am mad yet whenever I think of It. Wasn't he horrid?"-De-troit Free Press.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

need not be so. There can be no ques-tion, however, of the vastly superior flavor of the former, and hence the preference of many people for hot rolls for breakfast, says the Baltimore Dai-ly News. So far the palate would appear not to be a safe guide to diges-tion. Hot rolls, however, when masti-cated properly, should not offer any difficulty to the digestive organs. A slice of stale, bread, on being broken with the teeth, resolves into more or less hard, gritty particles, which, un-less they were softened by the saliva, would be almost impossible to swaltess they were solution by the salta, would be almost impossible to swal-low. The particles would irritate the throat and the guilet. The fact is, therefore, that man is compelled thor-oughly to masticate and to impregnate stale brend with salta before he swal-lows it. This act, of course, partially digests the bread and thus makes it in a fit state for digestion and absorp-tion farther on in the alimentary tract. This is why stale bread appears to be more digestible than new bread. New bread, on the contrary, is soft, doughy or plastic, and there appears to be no necessify to soften it with sa-liva; hence it escapes the preliminary digestive action of the ptyalin of the salta. New bread, in other words, is in reality "bolted," and "bolting" ac-counts for many of the lifts arising from dyspepsia. Accordingly hot rolls should be enjoyed for breakfarts with-out any fear of dyspepsia so long as

out any fear of dyspepsia so long as the bread is good and so long as pains are taken to masticate it thoroughly.





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