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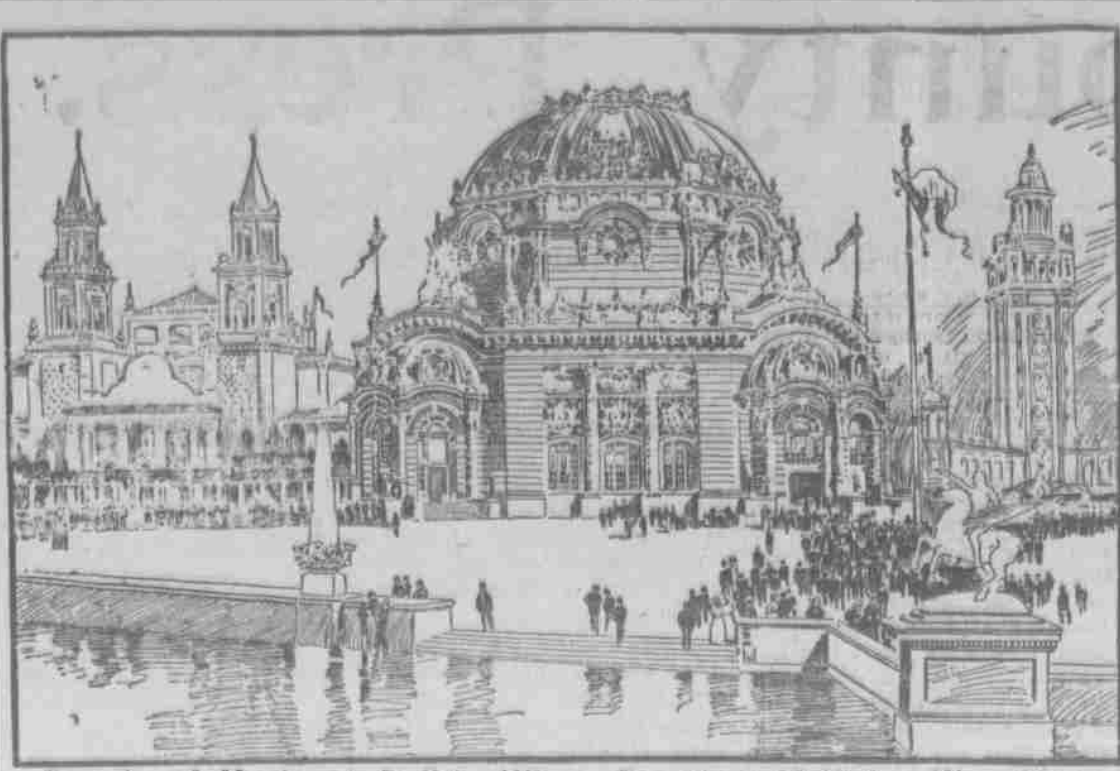
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PROPER READING MATTER.

The old and tried saying, "As the twig is bent the tree is inclined," is only another form expressing the words of the wise man, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." This truth may as well apply to the habits of reading as to the morals of the child. It is a duty of parents to provide proper reading matter for their children. As this habit is formed it is likely to remain fixed. A child allowed to read trashy books or papers will not be apt to turn to more solid reading as it grows older.



Temple of Music at Buffalo Where President McKinley Was Shot.

scrub woman or your children hoodlums and do not take the trouble to read the paragraph. Yet when it comes to supporting your home paper—Oh no! you are taking so many outside papers you cannot afford it! Now, really, are you that person, and do you want your neighbors to know it?

IT WILL MISS US. The Port Jervis Gazette certainly locates the Delaware Valley railroad on the Jersey side. It says the surveyors, who have just been locating a line over there, declared "that the road was surely going to be built at once and would positively be on the Jersey shore." Well, thank goodness, that won't deprive us of any cherished possessions. Here we have the Milford, Matamoras, Port Jervis & New York railroad, the Milford & Dingman, and the Milford, Dark Swamp & Western roads running in all directions. We are a great railroad center and it won't matter much if we are not hit by another. We are terribly bothered now to keep out of the way of engines and it may be a real indignity on the part of the D. V. to refrain from putting us in more danger.

The ladies of Pennsylvania may take cheer of heart over the census figures just published which show that there are 106,967 more males than females in this state. The distribution may be uneven but so long as they are here the girls need not despair.

Took the Pledge. Here is an infringement of personal liberty which probably some would resent as tyrannical. Because of the colliery at Jodlo being tied up by a pay day celebration of the men, 200 employees of the Markle company were asked to take a total abstinence pledge last Thursday morning before they were allowed to begin work. They took it for one year. Eventually, possibly both for their own protection and the welfare of their men, corporations and employers generally may be compelled to enforce temperance, and it will be a good thing to do.

Good races and sports at the driving park tomorrow afternoon. A. Q. Wallace spent a day in New York this week. Miss Lona Quick of Port Jervis is seriously ill with appendicitis. Jacob Pershacker has sold his farm in Shohola to Ernest H. Krupp. Frank Royce has gone to Middletown, Ct. The Presbytery of Hudson will meet at Liberty next Tuesday. Simeon Titaworth, residing on lower Harford street, occupied the lock-up this week 48 hours for disturbing the peace and for profanity. Senator Wellington of Maryland has been expelled from the Union League Club because of remarks made at the shooting of President McKinley. It is not quite healthy to express such derogatory sentiments just now. The organ fund society of the Presbyterian church is arranging to have a large vocalion put in the church which, if satisfactory, will be retained. They are said to be far superior to a pipe organ of comparative cost. Silas M. Sealey of Rahway is visiting his parents on Broad street. Clifford Pinchot, United States forester, arrived at Grey Towers yesterday.

STORIES BY CHILDREN.

A Little Heroine.

It was the first day of September and the little village of Keaton was astir with excitement for the new railroad on which the company had been working so long was completed. The company had also found it necessary to erect a bridge over the village creek, as the trains must pass in that section of the village. Now all was completed and the village could boast of not only a new railroad but also a bridge with an iron railing, which for months would be the talk of the town. In this village lived an old lady, Mrs. Dale. She had a little granddaughter, Pattie, whom she frequently sent for groceries to Hampton, a town about two miles distant. On this bright morning Pattie started to the town accompanied by Bruno, a big Newfoundland dog, who was with her on nearly every occasion. Bruno always walked by her side and this morning he appeared unusually frisky. He would walk sedately for a moment, then dash ahead, almost frightening Pattie, who was rather timid. "Come back, Bruno," she called to him several times, and Bruno hearing her voice stopped running and trotted along a short distance ahead of her. Soon they came to a curve of the road beyond which was the new bridge. Here Bruno again dashed ahead never hearing or heeding Pattie's cry of dismay. Pattie walked faster as Bruno dashed ahead of her but soon slackened her pace for she thought that since Bruno was determined to go ahead of her he would do it and so there was no need of her trying to walk with him. So she walked along soberly for a few minutes, swinging her little basket on her arm. She stopped suddenly and began to count the money her grandmother had given her. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Pattie was now so busy that she forgot all about Bruno. Hearing a low whine of distress she remembered and dropping the money back into the basket she ran around the curve, then stopped and looked about her. Where was Bruno? She couldn't see him for a moment until looking far out upon the bridge she saw something dark. She ran out on the bridge and tossing her basket from her, threw one arm around Bruno's neck. "What is the matter, Bruno," she said. Bruno only looked at her pitiously and Pattie was almost in despair when glancing down she saw what was the trouble. Bruno had started to run across and had almost reached the other side when his foot slipped into a crevice between the boards of the bridge, and was securely held there. The poor animal in his desperate efforts to release himself had dislocated the bone in his leg and was now looking piteously at Pattie who gently tried to extricate him from his uncomfortable position. But seeing how useless was her effort she sank down and began to cry. She wanted to be brave but could not help crying when she thought how her poor dog must suffer. As she sat there sobbing a long, shrill whistle rang out on the crisp air. Pattie sprang to her feet bewildered for a moment, then the thought of Bruno's position dawned upon her. She made one more desperate but vain effort to release him, then snatched her little red sunbonnet from her head and waved it frantically in the air. The morning trains were coming; they must pass over the bridge if the could not stop them. If so, Bruno—she choked a sob in her throat as the thought of what must then happen rose in her mind. She could already see the engine, and shouted desperately. Her voice was drowned in the roar of the train, but she waved the sun-

bonnet to and fro above her head. Would they never stop? Yes, the engine was slowly but surely coming to a standstill. The next moment a harsh, grating sound was heard as the train stopped, and the engineer springing from the engine approached her, saying in a gruff but not unkind voice, "What is the matter, sissy? Why did you stop the train?" "Please, sir, Bruno—"

her voice faltered and she sank down on the bridge. The engineer stepped up to the dog and stooping down examined him carefully. He then understood the matter as well as Pattie could have told him, and even better. He explained the trouble to the passengers who, when they understood, crowded about Pattie and insisted upon her getting into the train with them and wait until she could ride back home. But she refused until two of the passengers had released poor Bruno, reset the dislocated bone in his leg and tightly bandaged it. Then she consented to be placed in the train with Bruno, while the passengers loudly applauded "the little heroine," as they affectionately called her. One lady kindly offered to relieve her of her basket, saying she would return on the next train and make whatever purchase for her she wished her to, but Pattie declined that she, herself, would go back in the afternoon and buy a few things for her grandmother. She soon reached home and thanking the passengers with tears in her eyes for their kindness to herself and poor Bruno, she ran to her grandmother who, after hearing her story, always persisted in calling her "Little Heroine."

THE CHURCH COLUMN.

(By Rev. C. E. SCODER.) The topic for next Sabbath morning is, "Heart Religion," and for next Sabbath evening "Temperance." Rev. A. J. Wheeler will preach in the evening.

Next Friday evening the presiding elder will be with us and preach. An invitation is extended to all to attend this service and hear the elder, Rev. J. R. Wright. At the close of this public service the second quarterly conference will be held.

A word about finances. It is much easier to push finances than to have some pushing you for money. It is easier to pay when you have money than when you do not. No one knows when you can pay best as well as yourself. Do not exclude the financial obligations of the church from your religious life. A 25c. a year religion is for most men a poor kind. In nothing is it more true than in finances that when you owe, "Now is the accepted time" to pay. The financial condition of the church is a source of gratification to pastor and people but it is not yet ideal. In our rejoicing let us push forward to even better things.

At Brown's Hall tomorrow, Saturday, evening there will be an illustrated lecture by the Rev. J. A. Wheeler, entitled "Abroad with a Live Yankee." Mr. Wheeler comes to us most highly recommended, and will give us an entertainment both funny and instructive. The proceeds of the entertainment will be for the benefit of the Epworth League. Mr. Wheeler is to speak at the church Sabbath evening on temperance. Do not confound these two lectures. The lecture is not a temperance lecture. It will give us a delightful trip abroad for 25c., while the sermon on Sabbath evening will be in the line of real gospel work and we hope will stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance. At the close of the sermon Mr. Wheeler will illustrate his truth on canvas. He will show pictures illustrating the song, "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight," and other songs that have temperance sentiment in them.

President Much Worse!

The reports up to last evening were that the President was rapidly recovering and practically out of danger.

He took solid food yesterday and this morning at 9 o'clock it was reported that it had had a very injurious effect and that his condition was very critical. The country will await with feverish anxiety the result of this deplorable turn in his symptoms and hope and pray for the best.

The wedding of Miss Lillian Alford Wadsworth of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. Geo. Victor Wallace Peiz of Long Branch, N. J., is announced to occur at the home of the bride September 25, 1901. The groom is a grandson of Mrs. Helen E. Heller of this town.

Prof. Henry K. Boomer of Boomer, N. J., is in town this week attending to his business of piano tuning.

Mother. My mother was troubled with consumption for many years. At last she was given up to die. Then she tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was speedily cured. D. P. Jolly, Avoca, N. Y. No matter how hard your cough or how long you have had it, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best thing you can take. It's too risky to wait until you have consumption. If you are coughing today, get a bottle of Cherry Pectoral at once.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth in General Assembly met, that the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof: Amendment One to Article Eight, Section One.

1. Add at the end of the first paragraph of said section after the words "shall be entitled to vote at all elections," the words "subject however to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact," so that the said section shall read as follows: Section 1. Qualification of Electors. Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject however to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact:

1. He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month. 2. He shall have resided in the State one year (or, having previously been a qualified elector or native born citizen of the State, he shall have resided therefrom and returned, then six months,) immediately preceding the election. 3. He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

4. If twenty-two years of age and upwards, he shall have paid within two years a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election. Amendment Two to Article Eight, Section Seven. Strike out from said section the words "not to electors who have been deprived of the privilege of voting by reason of his name not being registered" and add to said section the following words: "that in regulating and requiring the registration of electors may be enacted to apply to cities only, provided that such laws be uniform for cities of the same class," so that the said section shall read as follows: Section 7. Uniformity of Election Laws. All laws regulating the holding of elections by the citizens or for the registration of electors shall be uniform throughout the State, but laws requiring the registration of electors may be enacted to apply to cities only, provided that such laws be uniform for cities of the same class.

A true copy of the Joint Resolution. W. W. GRIEST, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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Strike out section four of article eight, and insert in place thereof, the following: Section 4. All elections by the citizens shall be by ballot or by such other method as may be prescribed by law: Provided, That secrecy in voting be preserved. A true copy of the Joint Resolution. W. W. GRIEST, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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