

## THE BURLINGTON GRADED SCHOOL

If it were practicable for all the citizens of Burlington to visit the graded school and spend a day in the different grades in observing the character of the work done and the excellent order and thorough discipline that prevail in the various rooms and on the grounds, there would be no occasion for offering one word of explanation. We believe that we do not exaggerate or make a mistake when we say that a person has never yet visited the schools and made a careful investigation of the work being done, who has not gone away endorsing the system and speaking in warm praise in its behalf.

We feel that the present year will prove the best, in many respects, in the history of the school.

It is conceded by many prominent educators that we have one of the very best graded schools in the State. The high order of the work done, the system and discipline which prevail, the excellency of the faculty, the thorough course of study and the high stand taken by the graduates who attended the institutions of higher learning in this and other States are all most favorably commented on by those whose opinion is valued and esteemed.

An impression seems to exist in the minds of some that the lower grades are congested and that some of the lower grades are so crowded that good work cannot be done. This is a mistake. By comparing the attendance in the first four grades of the Burlington schools with the corresponding grades in several of the representative graded schools of the State it has been ascertained that in none of those schools is the attendance in the lower grades less than that of the corresponding grades of the Burlington schools and in several instances it is much larger.

Summing up the entire matter we come to the conclusion that Burlington has one of the best and most systematically conducted schools in the State, that the schools are doing the best work in their history, that by comparison it is found that the lower grades are no more congested than are the corresponding grades of other schools and in several instances not so crowded, that for the present, at least, any change in the policy of the school would interfere with the efficiency of the work being done.

A most cordial invitation is extended to every citizen of Burlington to visit the school, observe the conditions of the different grades, see the work being done, and then decide whether or not any change is needed. This much is due the school, nothing short of actual knowledge of the condition of affairs should be accepted and it is simple justice that a thorough investigation should be made by all before an opinion is formed or a decision is made.

### More Protection Desired.

A Cleveland minister frequently called out of the city, had always arranged for some one to stay with his wife and little girl during his absence. Recently, however, he was called away so suddenly that he had no opportunity of providing a guardian.

The wife was very brave during the early evening, but after dark had fallen her courage began to fail. She stayed up with her little girl till there was no excuse for staying any longer, and then took her upstairs to bed.

"Now go to sleep, dearie," she said. "Don't be afraid. God will protect you."

"Yes, mother," answered the little girl, "that'll be all right tonight, but the next time let's make better arrangements."—Cleveland Press.

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## RETAILING CASE NOT GUILTY

### When "Big Fish" Get Into the Net There is a Considerable Flutter

#### —Mr. Buxton's Speech.

Union Republican.

Since prohibition went into effect and old man John Austin, colored, was sent to the county roads for two years as the first sample case, the Recorder's Court of this city has had its full quota of cases for retailing. The majority of indictments against colored people and some are dismissed, some are fined, and some are sent to the county roads, and quite a number who are able to employ counsel take an appeal. Occasionally a "Big fish" gets into the net. The first case of this kind was T. K. Renigar, a well known white citizen. He was found guilty in the Recorder's Court and took an appeal and the case is still pending, due to continuances. The next indictment of more than ordinary interest were Chas. Holloman, J. K. Henning, and others, well known white citizens who took out near beer license. They were arraigned on the charge of retailing, found guilty by the Recorder, and sentenced to the county roads. They took an appeal and the cases of Holloman and Henning were tried in the Superior Court the past week, while the others in the same establishment were continued. Both Holloman and Henning were found not guilty by the jury. Police Officer H. W. Stanford worked up the cases. In his speech to the jury Mr. J. C. Buxton, who appeared for the defendants did some plain and emphatic talking by paying his respects to the Recorder's Court in not very favorable terms, gave his reason why Recorder Griffith lost his job and "Little Gid" Hastings was elected to succeed, which was because Recorder Griffith would not pile on the penalties, etc. Took exception to the City Aldermen and appointing a man like Stanford on the police force and last but not least he read Officer Stanford's title clear in a good many particulars. In fact Mr. Buxton's speech was freely commented upon, and was a source of considerable talk and interest. The above and other cases impress us with the fact that "history repeats itself." During the period of local prohibition years ago, those who advocated and voted for prohibition were the last to practically lend a hand to its enforcement. It seems to be about the same condition now. Attend a case of retailing in the Recorder's Court or upon an appeal to the Superior Court and watch the evidence and the above assertions will clearly prove themselves. From the evidence introduced the wonder is that as many are found guilty as the record show.

### No Longer Praises Them.

"Cortlandt Field Bishop, the automobilist and aeronaut, sends from Paris a funny automobile yarn," said a member of the Aero Club of New York.

"An American tourist, the story goes, went to Germany in his car to see the last army maneuvers. He was impressed with what he saw, and especially with the brigade of motor ambulances, motor baggage wagons and so forth.

"As the tourist watched the maneuvers from a seat under a tree the axle of a motor ambulance broke. Instantly the man leaped out, ran into the village, returned in a jiffy with a new axle, fixed it in place with wonderful mechanical skill, and tuff-tuffed off again almost as good as new.

"There's efficiency," said the American tourist. "There's German efficiency for you. No matter what breaks, there's a stock at hand to supply the needed part from."

"And praising the remarkable example of German efficiency he had just witnessed, the tourist returned to the village and ordered up his car, to find he couldn't use it, as an axle was missing."—Washington Star.

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## SUPREME COURT

### JUSTICE DEAD

#### Rufus W. Peckham Passes Away in Albany—Appointed by Cleveland.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Rufus W. Peckham, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, died at 8:15 o'clock tonight, at Coolmore his summer home, at Altamont, Albany county. Death was due to a complication of Disease and hardening of the arteries contributing.

Justice Peckham had been in ill health for sometime, but his condition was not considered serious until recently. Following adjournment of the May term of the United States Supreme Court, he came on from Washington with Mrs. Peckham to spend the summer at Altamont, expecting to return for the beginning of the October term. A few days ago his condition became such that his physicians said he was likely to die at any time, or might linger for several months.

Up to a few days ago Justice Peckham exhibited considerable strength and was able to be about the house. The circulatory disturbance, which contributed to his death was first noticed about six years ago.

### Civilizing the Indian.

St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Our brother in red is not a striking proof of the theory that civilization tends to race suicide. The Indian is multiplying under the influence of civilization, as he gets it. The more civilization, the more Indians in the West. If this process could be carried on to what some people may claim to be its logical results, the results might be the return of the Indian, thriving under civilization, to the possession of the land—if the theory of white race suicide was more tenable than it is. None of the present generation of either whites or reds can hope to see it carried as far as that.

The official figures are interesting none the less. The Indian population of the United States has increased about 40,000 during the last 20 years. Within that time approximately \$100,000,000 has been expended by the government in works designed to give the Indians the opportunities and the necessary means and appliances for learning how to work, which is about the best means of civilizing anybody.

Indians are now not only farmers though farming is the work to which most of them naturally have turned. They are drifting into the trades and the professions, and their skill in athletics has just had illustration in the defeat of the St. Louis cracker at football by the red players of Haskell Institute. It is even possible that the Indians may, ere long, be civilized enough to raise up a man who will knock out Jack Johnson as the champion of the world.

### Dr. Hale's Saint.

Dr. Hale and the late Bishop Huntington of New York were fast friends. The latter had been a Unitarian and his shirt caused a sensation.

The Episcopalians have saints assigned to the various days in the year. When an Episcopal minister writes a letter on any day for which there is a saint he always writes the name of the saint at the close of the letter instead of the date.

Bishop Huntington learned all these things quickly and began to practice them at once. The first time he had occasion to write to his old friend, Dr. Hale after joining the church he placed "St. Michael's Day" after his signature.

A reply from the doctor came, and after his name he had written in a full round hand, "Wash Day."—Christian Register.

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## SAYINGS OF MRS. SOLOMON.

### Being the Confessions of the Seven Hindreth Wife—Translated Helen Rowland.

Washington Herald.

O man hear now the supplication of woman!

Lo, I am meek. My patience is long-enduring. I ask but little of thee here below; for I know how little I shall get! Even the odd moments of thy time and a third of thy salary yea and of the steak the toughest portion.

Which one among ye hath not deceived me and been forgiven? Which one among ye hath broken his word and hath not received my mercy? For a little lie told for love is better than a bitter truth told for malice!

Yet I pray thee when thou dost offer me an excuse, make a good one Yea, when thou dost feed me with falsehoods she that they be convincing even ingenious! Spare me the old "fair yates" and suffer me not to bow mine head in shame that thou thinkest me too easy.

Lo! drop thine ashes upon my carpets and fill my curtains with smoke despoil my sofa pillows and cover my divan with mud of thy boots. But tell me not how thou lovest thy wife—and then invite me unto luncheon; for thou shalt be trampled upon!

Make me to suffer and to sigh, make me to want and to wait make me to curl my hair in vain for thy coming but do not make me ridiculous! For thou shalt feel the sting of my scorn! Yea thou shalt be cast out into utter oblivion. Thou shalt be cut from my list!

Kiss me to-day and desert me tomorrow; love me and leave me! But I charge thee do not leave me for a strawberry blonde neither for a chorus girl; for I cannot abide it!

Oh, crush out my hopes and break thy dates with me shatter my best tea cups, and burn my draperies with thy cigarettes walk upon my rifles and tread upon my heart but spare my vanity! Selah!

### Mexico and United States.

Chicago Record-Herald.

The ceremonies at El Paso and Juarez may not mark the beginning of a new epoch, but they are interesting as a first effort at strengthening the bonds after the European fashion. Possibly, too, they may have an influence upon the sentiments of Mexicans and Americans, and a friendlier feeling along the border has certainly been desirable. Not that there was danger of hostilities, but border estimates have led to a great deal of misrepresentation, which has had its effect both in this country and in Mexico. Because of it there has been a tendency to judge the mass of the people by a few unpleasant specimens. As all Americans are not blatant, discourteous, aggressive and greedy, so all Mexicans cannot be roughly classed as "greasers." Much as President Diaz himself has accomplished, he could not have made his record unaided by men of the highest character and intelligence, and the claims of the United States to consideration do not rest entirely upon profanity, pushfulness and the shooting iron. There should be great sympathy between the two republics because, in spite of every noticeable difference, they proclaim allegiance to the same political principles and because they have the best of business reasons for being good friends.

### A Bargain for the Ladies.

The management of the State Dispatch has made arrangements by which we are enabled to give a years subscription to McCall's magazine together with any fifteen cent pattern, your own selection from the magazine, and a years subscription to the Dispatch, all for One Dollar. This, beyond a doubt is the best proposition ever offered by any newspaper, and one that should appeal to every lady in Burlington and the surrounding country. Bring or send us the dollar and we will do the rest.

## PEDESTRIAN AND DRIVER

### Incorrect Theory of Right of Way Causes Many Accidents.

Kansas City Journal.

Careful driving is a flexible term often construed one way by the pedestrian and another way by the chauffeur. The chauffeur will roll down a street at a sharp clip which he feels is safe and reasonable. If a man or woman happens to walk in front of his machine the chauffeur will toot his horn in warning, and having done this, he will assume, in too many instances, that he has relieved himself of responsibility. In his view, the individual should at once spring to safety while the machine passes along without slacking speed. But this theory is fundamentally wrong. The pedestrian is just as much within his rights in walking across a street at a proper designated place as the chauffeur is in running his machine on the same street. There is no more obligation upon the pedestrian to run for safety than upon the chauffeur to check his machine. The tooting of a horn is only a part of the duty of the chauffeur. His other obligation is to slow down and co-operate with the pedestrian in avoiding an accident.

There are many transfer points in Kansas City where, as a rule, quite a number of people get on and off cars at the same time. This forms small crowds in the streets. Do the drivers of automobiles slow up and wait for these crowds to disperse or drive with extreme care through them? Some do, but many do not. The chauffeurs toot their horns or blow their sirens and go right on with the cool and aggravating assumption that if the people do not get out of the way it is their own fault. They do the same thing when a street car stops to discharge passengers. If the reckless chauffeur comes up behind these alighting passengers he plunges right ahead regardless of the danger and discomfort he causes. He toots his horn. The people in his way must do the rest. Not that the chauffeur effects to do anybody harm. He expects the pedestrian to jump or scamp out of the way, and this he usually does, but not until he is startled and given a nervous shock.

It is this unreasonable attitude of many chauffeurs, which smacks of both impudence and bravado, that keeps alive the unfortunate prejudice in the public mind against automobiles. The auto car is not responsible for this sentiment nor are the hundred of drivers and owners of machines who are careful and considerate of other people. Unfortunately a mischievous minority of chauffeur boys odium upon all, and until the average automobile driver is as decently considerate of other people's rights as the average truck driver there will be a popular feeling that stricter regulations are needed.

### Just an Indiscretion.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

Rev. Dr. J. E. Stagg, president of the Presbyterian college at Anniston, Ala., said to a guardian of the peace: "I thought all policemen were walking encyclopedias of information;" and was promptly arrested. The charge so customary in New York police courts: "He called me out of my name," was amplified into an accusation of being drunk and disorderly, as it is often amplified in the North. But President Stagg was quickly released, and the record of his arrest was expunged from the blotter. The policeman, who had himself been drinking, confessed that he thought "encyclopedia" was some sort of a wild animal, and felt that he had been insulted. He has been suspended.

The late Daniel O'Connell was wise enough to select an unofficial fish-woman as his victim when he slung round freely such epithets as "rectangular parallelepipedon." If he had directed such language at a policeman he would have invited the arrest that Dr. Stagg experienced. The Alabama clergyman and educator was guilty of an indiscretion, nothing worse.

## STILL THE LAND OF PROMISE

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

That America is still looked upon as a land of promise by the people of foreign countries is well illustrated by the desertion of some 200 men from the British warships which visited New York for the Hudson-Fulton celebration. The United States is still the lure of Europe. The Eldorado is yet west of the Atlantic.

The experience of the English fleet is but a repetition of what has been met many times before by fleets visiting the American coast. There is always the temptation for the visiting tar to come ashore and forget to return. Perhaps they have relatives in this country ready to shield them and give them a home and a start in the New World. Perhaps they have merely absorbed the current European opinion that the way to fortune and comfort lies through the gates of New York.

A striking contrast is offered between the experience of the American fleet on its recent world tour and the usual experience of the fleets visiting this country. It was one of the boasts of the returning American ships that the men aboard and ashore had conducted themselves with almost perfect decorum; that none had deserted, though opportunities to do so had been many. This is not to argue that American tars are any better grade of men than those of other navies—though we are pleased to believe they are—but merely indicates their different point of view.

### Germany and Peace.

Indianapolis Star.

Much has been heard of England's fear of war and of the conviction of its public men that German is lying in wait for a favorable opportunity for opening hostilities, but on this side of the water the cause of this feeling in regard to Germany has never been made very clear. Germany's Emperor, it is true, is a dominating and aggressive person and Germany has a strong army and has been building up a great navy, but it does not seem necessarily to follow that it therefore means to engage in war with a neighboring power. It is admitted by all modern statesmen that preparedness for war is the strongest influence for peace. It is not assumed by anyone that the United States means to be otherwise than peaceful, except in self-defense, yet the United States as well as Germany is increasing its navy and keeping its small army at a high state of efficiency.

Germany is a great commercial country, just as England and the United States are, and to the disinterested observer it would seem to be as much to the interest of its commerce and prosperity that peaceful relations with other nations should continue as it is to the interest of other countries. While much has been said by the British on this subject, Germany as a rule has kept silent—a fact that has perhaps seemed ominous to the British, but which may have meant only a rather malicious, but not unnatural enjoyment of the British state of alarm.

### Kemp Sisters.

The Kemp Sisters who gave their show here Saturday evening and night was visited by a large crowd the tent being filled at both performances. The show is a typical Wild West scene and every person who admires to see the cowboys throws the lasso was well entertained. The genuine Indians and their war hoop cry was something rare to our people and was historical as well as interesting and especially so to the school boys and girls who are studying the Indian traits and character. The show came here from Greensboro where they had been during the past week and went to Raleigh to spend this week to be viewed by the thousands who visit the State Fair this week.

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