

Public School Department

Edited By Prof. R. J. PEELE

We were much gratified at having so many teachers with us last Saturday at our Teachers Association, as the weather was bad and the roads very muddy. Such interest on the part of the teachers shows us that they are fully determined to do all in their power to lift the dark veil of illiteracy from old Martin County.

Again we ask the patrons and friends of education throughout the county to discuss with us any question pertaining to the public schools. We realize that your business affairs must be cared for, and that your minds are absorbed in other things, but we do hope you can find time to help us to make the schools of the county what they should be.

We have not had any response from any of our committeemen, as to the advisability of having a committeeman's meeting.

We think such a meeting is just as necessary as the monthly meetings of the teachers.

The Superintendent had the pleasure of talking to the pupils and patrons, Corey's school No 36 last Friday, at their closing. This school has made great improvement for the last few years. For the past two years the average attendance has almost doubled that of previous years. Mr. Manning is a thorough and conscientious teacher, and has the confidence of the whole community.

A free government demands an intelligent, patriotic citizenship for its support. Where the voters are the final arbiters of all questions pertaining to public policy, such a constituency is so necessary that the state could not afford to run the risk of leaving the education of the people to the uncertainties of private enterprise; hence the public school system of our state has been instituted for all the people.

The State prescribes for all of our schools not only such a course of study as will sharpen the intellect and strengthen the judgement, but every effort is put forth to inculcate in the children a strong and abiding love for their country. In history the boys fight again the battles of freedom and gather inspiration and courage from the lives of our country's heroes; our national anthems give them the opportunity to breathe out their souls in patriotic song and devotion.

From such environment and training, they go forth defenders of law and order, and can be relied upon in every case of emergency to stand up and do service for their state and country. If you will search out the lawless and unthrifty element in any community, you will find those who have least improved the opportunities afforded them by the public school.

The safety and blessing of education, and the danger and curse of ignorance to the state and nation are as self-evident human experience and history can make it. Who does not know that light is better than darkness? Who does not know that virtue dwells in the light and that vice lurks in the darkness? Knowledge is light. Ignorance is darkness. Who does not know that life, liberty, property, government, society and all things that men hold dearest and best are not safe in the hands of ignorance. It is a divine right of every child to have a chance of obtaining an education, a right as inherent as his right to breathe God's free air. It is the civic, moral and religious duty of every state and individual to help to give him this chance, a duty as binding as the duty of service to God and humanity. Ignorance is slavery of some kind whether it is found in individuals, communities or nations. To get rid of this slavery and to lessen crime (the universal attendant of ignorance) we must educate our children. Our public schools should be our best schools, for the great mass of our children must forever depend upon this branch of the school-system for their preparation for citizenship and for success in life.

In developing our public schools, we are strengthening the very foundations of our free government. Good schools are more potent for law and order than all the police force of the whole country.

While good citizenship is the state's main object in establishing

the public school system, it aims to better prepare the people for the various vocations of life, and increase their happiness by higher culture and greater opportunities for success. That it is accomplishing these ends no one can doubt; that it can be made more efficient by greater zeal on the part of the people is beyond question; then let every friend of education in the county rally to the support of the public schools and they will soon take their proper place in the eyes of the people.

To the Superintendent Public Instruction:

I have been asking myself this question, Will the average teacher be benefited by attending the Teacher's Association? or will he return to his school after seeing and hearing others show much improvement and follow the same line of instruction which he adopted when he first began to teach from five to fifteen years ago?

I would suggest that every teacher who sees an improvement on teaching any branch to adopt it to some extent. If it will not do well to make too radical a change all at once, to make a partial change and before the patrons will have time to raise war against him, he will have a majority of them converted to his new idea. I can not help mentioning how we were advised to teach reading by Miss Liles. If every teacher would adopt something of that kind how much more interested the students would be which would more or less interest parents. I would be pleased to hear from some other teacher on this subject.

SYLVESTER PEELE

We have other communications that came in too late for this issue, they will appear next week, the teachers are asked to have their articles in by Monday.

A Badly Burned Girl

or boy, man or woman, is quickly out of pain if Bucklen's Arnica Salve is applied promptly. G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich. says: "I use it in my family for cuts, sores and all skin injuries, and find it perfect." Quickest Pile cure known. Best healing salve made. 25c at S. R. Bigg's drug store.

A man in Duluth, Minn., stole a train the other day, and was on his way back to steal the depot when one of the Duluth cops woke up.

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The muck-rakers should beware the pitchfork. Senator Tilman has come forward as Senator Bailey's defender.

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We trust there will be no unseemly advance in the price of cannon, even though the expenses of the Krupp wedding were pretty heavy.

Can you win? You realize that to win in anything these days, requires strength, with mind and body in tune. A man or woman with digestive organs is not in shape for a days work or a days play. How can they expect to win? Kodol for dyspepsia contains the digestive juices of a healthy stomach and will put your stomach in shape to perform its important function of supplying the body and brain with strength building blood. Digests what you eat relieves indigestion, dyspepsia, sour stomach, Palpitation of the heart and constipation. Sold by S. R. Biggs.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and saps ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds his flesh, or if when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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Mr. Carnegie is still accumulating university degrees, though he remains a poor speller from choice.

A Young Mother At 70.

"My mother has suddenly been made young at 70. Twenty years of intense suffering from dyspepsia had entirely disabled her, until six months ago, when she began taking Electric Bitters, which have completely cured her and restored the strength and activity she had in the prime of life," writes Mrs. W. L. Gilpatrick, of Dauforth, Me. Greatest restorative medicine on the globe. Sets stomach, Liver and Kidneys right, purifies the blood, and cures Malaria, biliousness and Weaknesses. Wonderful Nerve Tonic. Price 50c. Guaranteed by S. R. Bigg's drug store.

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Mr. W. C. Bott, Saat City, Ind., hardware merchant, is enthusiastic in his praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. His children have all been subject to croup and he has used this remedy for the past ten years, and though they much feared the croup, his wife and he always felt safe upon retiring when a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was in the house. His oldest child was subject to severe attacks of croup, but this remedy never failed to effect a speedy cure. He has recommended it to friends and neighbors and all who have used it say that it is unequalled for croup and whooping cough. For sale by S. B. Bigg's.

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DR. S. D. BLAND
 Of Brewster, Ga., writes:
 "I had been a sufferer for a number of years with Lumbago and Sciatica in my arms and legs, and tried all the remedies that could be had, but with no permanent relief. I was cured with a number of the best physicians, but found nothing that gave me relief. I obtained from 'I-DROPS' a small quantity in my pocket for rheumatism and kidney trouble."

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HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT

Edited by Mrs. C. M. LANIER

To remove mildew from cloth: Put a teaspoonful of chloride of lime into a quart of water, strain it twice, then dip the mildewed places in this weak solution, lay in the sun; if the mildew has not disappeared when dry, repeat the operation. Also soaking the article in sour milk and salt, then lay in the sun, repeat until all the mildew is out.

Rub the nickel stove-trimmings and the plated handles and hinges of door with kerosene and whiting, and polish with a dry cloth.

To clean unvarnished Black Walnut: Milk, sour or sweet, well-rubbed in with an old soft flannel will make black walnut look new.

To brighten carpets: Carpets after the dust has been beaten out may be brightened by scattering upon them cornmeal mixed with salt and then sweeping it off.

Mix salt and meal in equal proportions. Carpets should be thoroughly beaten on the wrong side first and then on the right side, after which sopts may be removed by the use of ammonia and water.

To prevent the odor of boiling ham or cabbage, throw red pepper-pods or a few bits of charcoal into the pans they are cooking in.

Salt will remove the stain from silver caused by eggs, when applied dry with a soft cloth.

To remove paint from window-glass: Rub it well with hot, sharp vinegar.

Flowers may be kept very fresh over night, if they are excluded from the air. To do this, wet them thoroughly, put in a damp box, and cover with wet raw cotton or wet newspaper, then place in a cool spot.

Simple disinfectant: The following is a refreshing disinfectant for a sick room, or any room that has an unpleasant odor pervading it. Put some fresh ground coffee in a saucer, and in the centre put a small piece of camphor gum, which burn, allow sufficient coffee to consume with it. The perfume is very pleasant and healthful, being far superior to pastiles, and very much cheaper.

To take out Paint: Equal parts of ammonia and turpentine will take paint out of clothing, no matter how dry or hard it may be. Saturate the spot two or three times then wash out in soap-suds.

To keep milk sweet: Put into a panful, a spoonful of grated horseradish, it will keep sweet for days.

To preserve brooms: Dip them for a minute or two in a kettle of boiling suds once a week and they will last much longer, making them tough and pliable. A carpet wears much longer swept with a broom cared for in this manner.

Cement for China and Glass. To 1/2 pint of milk put an equal quantity of vinegar in order to curdle it; then separate the curd from the whey, and mix the whey with whites of four or five eggs, beating the whole well together. When it is well mixed add a little quick lime through a sieve until it is the consistency of a thick-paste. With this cement broken vessels and cracks of all kinds may be mended. It dries quickly, and resists the action of fire and water.

Another: Into a thick solution of gum arabic, stir plaster of paris until the mixture assumes the consistency of cream, apply with a brush to the broken edges of China and join together. In three days the article cannot be broken in the same place.

English plum pudding. (The Genuine) Soak 1 pound of stale bread in a pint of hot milk, and let it stand and cool. When cold add to it one-half pound of sugar, and the yolks of eight eggs beaten to a cream, 1 lb of raisins, stoned and floured, 1 lb. of currants, washed and floured, a quarter of a pound of citron cut in slips and dredged with flour, one pound of beef suet, chopped finely, and salted, one glass of wine or a glass of brandy, one nutmeg, and a tablespoonful of mace, cinnamon and cloves mixed; beat the whole well together, and as the last thing, add the whites of eight eggs, beaten to a stiff froth; pour into a cloth, previously scalded and dredged with flour, tie the cloth firmly, leaving room for the pudding to swell, and boil 6 hours.

Serve with wine or brandy sauce. Sauce for Plum-Pudding. Cream together a cupful of sugar and half a cupful of butter; whet light and creamy, add the well beaten yolks of four eggs. Stir into this one wineglass of wine or one of brandy a pinch of salt and one large cupful of hot cream or rich milk. Beat this mixture well; place it in a sauce-pan over fire, stir it until it cooks sufficiently to thicken like cream. Be sure and not let it boil. Delicious.

Lobster Croquettes. Take any of the lobster remaining from table, and pound it until the dark, light meat and coral are well mixed, put with it not quite as much fine bread crumbs, season with pepper, salt and a little cayenne pepper; add a little melted butter, about two tablespoonfuls, if the bread is rather dry; form into egg-shaped or round balls, roll them in egg, then in fine crumbs, and then fry in boiling lard.

The Emperor attended the wedding of Miss Bertha Krupp, but in her opinion, he was not the biggest gun there by any means.

Afflicted With Sore Eyes for 33 Years. I have been afflicted with sore eyes for thirty-three years. Thirteen years ago I became totally blind and was blind for six years. My eyes were badly inflamed.

One of my neighbors insisted upon my trying Chamberlain's Salve and gave me half a box of it. To my surprise it healed my eyes and my sight came back to me.—P. C. EARLE, Cynthia, Ky. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by S. R. Bigg's.

It is annoying isn't it, just as you are getting ready to grin at the iceman, to find that he also deals in coal?

When a horse is so overworked it lies down and in other ways declares its inability to go further you would consider it criminal to use force. Many a man of humane impulses, who would not willingly harm a kitten, is guilty of cruelty where his own stomach is concerned. Overdriven, overworked when what it needs is something that will digest the food eaten and help the stomach recuperate. Something like Kodol for dyspepsia that is sold by S. R. Biggs.

"Shall the tail wag the dog?" asks an excited N.Y. contemporary. Don't know for sure; looks like the tail is wagging the tiger alright.

If an article is imitated, the original is always the best. Think it over, and when you go to buy that box of salve to keep around the house, get DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve it is the original and the name is stamped on every box. Good for eczema, tetter, boils, cuts and bruises, and especially recommended for piles. Sold

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