

Too Many Ologies in School.

The Washington Post puts a volume of much-needed wisdom in this short paragraph: "The average boy or girl has no use whatever for geometry, algebra, chemistry, physical geography or ancient history as studied in the average public school. It is of the utmost importance that he should know thoroughly the principal rules of arithmetic, should be able to spell correctly, write a good hand and read and speak without mispronouncing words."

An assembly of the teachers of the state will meet soon in their annual summer gatherings, at which discussions of important subjects touching school interests in the state will be indulged in. There is not a subject proposed or yet thought of, so far as announcements have been made, more worthy the serious consideration of the teachers than this trend to cram the public and the graded schools with those higher studies, which ought to be confined to higher schools and colleges, and in too many instances with cranky methods, and "sciences" which, in their preparation for the consumption of the young folks, are more sickening than sensible or useful, even after they shall have been mechanically "gone over."

We do not violate the truth, we dare say, in stating that our public schools are growing too rapidly to be the dumping-grounds for book and "chart" publishers and manufacturers of kindred odds and ends. A book on "hygiene" must be used, when a bath-tub and some soap and a towel applied daily—an hour being specially set apart for it as a daily duty—would do more real good in one week than the book would do in a year. The Constitution of the United States and of the state must be "taught" to those helpless, inoffensive pupils, when we see the Supreme court of the United States, composed of old men, "learned" in the law, reversing itself within twenty-four hours on the constitutionality of a tax on incomes; and the Supreme court of North Carolina perspiring great globules of anxiety over the constitutionality of the action of another co-ordinate branch of this great people's government in the appointment of an overseer of the public buildings and grounds and servants employed therein.

These "charts" are said to have cost the people of the state something near \$300,000 within the past two years, when a look at some of them would painfully suggest to over-indulgent grown folks that a case of delirium tremens was dangerously near their immediate tabernacle.

In all seriousness, this question of school instruction, and school methods, with the new innovations, are calling for the best thought and judgment of those who have to do with the matter, in addition to the taxpayers. Reform in this department of our social government is sadly needed; and we call the attention of the teachers, soon to assemble, to these thoughts on this important subject.—Raleigh Post.

Our Dwindling Timber Supply.

The shortage of the timber supply in the forests of the United States is not a matter of guesswork. We have so reduced our wooded areas that the question of future supply and the means of reproduction and replenishment must be seriously considered. Even the great forests of the Dominion must dwindle before Continental demand. The supply is not measureless. A late report of the United States Consul General at Montreal on the Canadian lumber output enters into detail. It shows that Ontario has 102,118 square miles of woodland. Quebec 116,521, British Columbia 285,554, the Northwest Territories 696,952, and the remainder of Canada enough to make a total of 1,248,798 square miles. The quantity of white pine in Ontario is estimated at 19,404,000,000 board feet, in Quebec at 15,734,000,000, and in other provinces at 2,200,000,000. Some of the best cedar areas are north of New Brunswick. British Columbia contains the largest compact timber area in the world.

Two hundred years ago we began the attack on a breadth of forests quite as extensive, and it must be remembered that as the trees have gone their destroyers have multiplied.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for one dozen bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which it is unequalled. For sale by C. E. Holton.

North Carolina Teachers' Assembly.

The 16th annual session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will be held at Morehead City, N. C., June 13th to 18th, this year. A programme of unusual interest is ready, and a handsome 16 page folder will be mailed to all the schools of the State, and to all who may apply for it. The railroad rates for this occasion will be one-half and even less, and the elegant Atlantic Hotel at Morehead has made a special rate to all who attend of one dollar per day. The regular hotel rate there is three dollars per day. "A Teachers' Bureau" will be run in connection with the meeting this year offering an opportunity to all who desire to secure better positions, and change of locations. This will be free to those who attend. Every effort will be made to make this the greatest professional gathering of teachers held in the South this year. Many leading teachers from beyond our borders have already written that they will be present. The social and recreation features will be of the best.

All North Carolina teachers and their friends should not fail to attend; all others who desire to visit the seaside this year will find this the best opportunity they will have, both as to cost and enjoyment. The officers of the Assembly extend a cordial invitation to the public generally to join them in this great gathering of the teaching profession in North Carolina. Accommodations will be arranged for two thousand people. The Secretary this year is W. T. Whitsett, Whitsett, N. C., from whom copies of the Assembly folder may be had. He will also be glad to furnish any additional information at any time. The Assembly will as usual make special arrangements for ladies who desire to attend. Chaperones will be provided for all occasions. No expense or pains will be spared to make this the best gathering yet held.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has issued an official letter urging all teachers, school officials and friends of education generally, to attend this great meeting.

The Bible and Early Rising.

Dorothy Drew, Mr. Gladstone's little granddaughter, according to the Young Woman, one morning at Hawarden, refused to get up. When all other means had failed to coax her out of bed her grandfather was called. "Why won't you get up my child?" he said. "Why, grandfather, didn't you tell me to do what the Bible says?" asked Dorothy. "Yes, certainly," "Well, it disapproves of early rising; says it's a waste of time." Mr. Gladstone knew his Bible better than most men, but he was not equal to Dorothy. For once in his life he was nonplussed as to his scriptural knowledge. "You listen, then," went on Dorothy in reply to his exclamation of astonishment, and, turning up the Bible, she read the second verse of the one hundred and twenty-seventh Psalm, laying great emphasis on the first-words, "It is vain for you to rise up early."

Rudyard Kipling had an experience of his own with the same girl one day when he was on a visit at Hawarden. Being left alone with Dorothy by her mother, the poet exerted himself to entertain his little companion as well as possible.

Upon Mrs. Drew's returning and asking Dorothy whether she had not bored Mr. Kipling, Gladstone's grandchild replied: "No, but he did me."

A Touching Scene.

There was a touching and pathetic scene enacted last Wednesday on the battlefield of Chancellorsville, Va. The occasion was the dedication of a monument to the members of the 114th Pennsylvania Regiment who lost their lives in that battle. This regiment, which was under the command of Gen. W. H. T. Collis, lost in the dashing attack made upon the Union forces by the Confederates, under command of Gen. Stonewall Jackson, 38 killed and 200 wounded out of 400 men taken into action, being a loss in kills and wounded of nearly 60 per cent. Before an eloquent dedicatory address by General Collis, the Union veterans present proceeded to the monument of Stonewall Jackson, near by, and placed upon it a beautiful wreath of flowers. General Collis paid a splendid tribute to General Jackson as a Christian gentleman and a soldier, and the Union veterans gave three rousing cheers for the Southern hero. The incident was in the highest degree creditable to the gallant Pennsylvanians.—Baltimore Sun.

Coughing injures and inflames sore lungs. One Minute Cough Cure loosens the cold, allays coughing and heals quickly. The best cough cure for children. Howard Gardner.

Discipline of the Wood-Pile.

Every human male man, who possesses even a lingering taint of temper, should keep an axe and a wood-pile handy, that he may rush out and work off his wrath when it waxes fierce. There is nothing in this vain old world that will send a man back to his appointed work with a wilted collar and truer apprehension of himself than thirty minutes' wrestling with a full-flavored axe. He can use it so fiercely in the wood. All the fury of his nature, all the hate he feels for his enemy, he can infuse into the axe-handle; and how the chips will fly! Not even artistically, probably, but they will fly. And presently it dawns upon the man that he is feeling more calm. Evidently he is experiencing a change of heart. He does not hate his enemy at all. He changes his stroke, and begins to chop on the Italian system of penmanship—the up strokes heavy and the down strokes light. At last he puts all his failing strength in one terrific blow. He misses to tip with the axe, and smites the chopping block with the handle. A tingle as though he had swallowed an alarm clock goes from elbow to hip and back again, the axe drops from his powerful hands, and a limp, nerveless, perspiring, trembling, gasping thing, he staggers to the house, lies down on the first thing that looks like a lounge, and is ready to die. There isn't a fear or a fault in his heart. Death has no terrors, and life has no temptations for him. He has chopped out all his baser nature, and he is just as ethereal and spiritual as he can be on this side of Jordan. It is a great medicine.—Burdette.

New Editions of the New Testament.

There will soon be on the market "The Marked New Testament," an edition of the authorized version in which certain passages are underscored, and certain others, considered still more important, will be brought out by wide lines of red ink. The author of the idea of the construction of the new edition is Mrs. Stephen Menzies. The particular markings made by Mrs. Menzies have been submitted to and approved by fourteen clergymen of England and an equal number in the United States representing the evangelical denominations. The line of Biblical thought followed by Dwight L. Moody has been followed, and it has his indorsement.

These emphatic marks have been placed against 200 passages, with the view of presenting what is called "Christ's plan of salvation." All controversial doctrines are sought to be avoided. Another novelty is to be called the "Twentieth Century Testament." The editor is W. T. Stead, of London, who will be assisted by William Hudson Harper, of the University of Chicago. It is to be rewritten into plain, correct, but vernacular English.

There Will Be Large Crops.

A dispatch from Americus, Ga., says: "Despite the lateness of the season and unfavorable weather this spring, farming operations in this section are well advanced and the outlook is encouraging. About the usual acreage is planted in corn and cotton, and there will be large crops of both these staples. Four-cent cotton has few terrors, however, as the farmers here are generally well fixed in the way of supplies. Not in thirty years has more home-raised corn, hay and meat been brought in by the farmers and sold to local merchants, as in every grocery store here can be found pyramids of country-raised hams and bacon, representing a portion of the surplus above what is needed for home consumption. Very little Western corn is shipped to Americus, as is shown by railway receipts, and thousands of bushels could easily be spared and sold by the prosperous farmers of Sumter county."

A Baltimore jury has declined to find a woman guilty of murder in the first degree, although, it is said, all the members believed her guilty, because some of them were opposed to the idea of hanging a woman. The sentiment against hanging as a punishment for murder is widespread, but as yet no wholly satisfactory substitute for it has been proposed.

Well Enough.

"Do you love me well enough to be my wife?" he tenderly asked the Toledo girl.

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For he was a young oil producer who had just struck it rich.

Mr. S. A. Fackler, Editor of the Micanopy (Fla.) Hustler, with his wife and children, suffered terribly from La Grippe. One Minute Cough Cure was the only remedy that helped them. It acted quickly. Thousands of others use this remedy as a specific for La Grippe, and its exhausting after-effects. Howard Gardner.

Mormon Senator a Mother.

State Senator Mattie Hughes Cannon, who received votes of several of her fellow legislators for the high position of United States Senator, has demonstrated to the anti-polygamists that Mormons can practice polygamy. Last Saturday she presented her husband, President Angus M. Cannon, with a little daughter.

She is the fourth wife of the great ecclesiastic, the three former ones being alive, her husband having six wives in all.

Dr. Mattie Hughes, as her professional sign reads, is the most prominent woman, politically, in Utah. She has served the state for two terms as senator, and during the session just adjourned occupied her seat every day and voted for the millionaire candidate, A. M. McCune. Toward the close of the term she talked of taking a trip to Honolulu, for her health, and three weeks later notified her friends that she was about to leave for San Francisco.

Her plans miscarried, and she found it impossible to go into hiding. Her little girl was born right here in Salt Lake City. The story became public, and President Angus M. Cannon is receiving congratulations of his friends.

There is a great indignation breaking out all over the state, as one prominent church official after the other comes out in this barefaced way and serves notice that he intends to live his religion.—Salt Lake Dispatch.

John Fisher was placed in the penitentiary last week to serve fifteen months for perjury. He swore in a United States pension case in the Federal Court at Newbern that the husband of a woman who applied for a pension was dead and that he saw him die, and also saw him buried. As Fisher said these words the so-called dead man walked into the courtroom.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.—P. E. Grisham, Gaars Mills, La. For sale by C. E. Holton.

Robert Gatling, of Raleigh, committed suicide last week by shooting himself through the head. He was twenty-five years old and had been in poor health for some time.

EUREKA!

As you travel through southeastern Kansas about one hundred and twenty-five miles south of Topeka and eighty-five miles east of Wichita, the brakeman sticks his head in the doorway and yells: "Eureka!" and a couple of minutes later the train pulls into Eureka, the prosperous county seat of Greenwood County.

One of the happy inhabitants of Eureka is Mrs. Sarah E. Taylor, and the reasons for her present happiness are set forth in the following letter addressed to Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the "Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute," of Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. Taylor says: "I had been a sufferer for fifteen years and in August 1886 was taken with severe cramping pain in my stomach. A hard lump about the size of a goose egg formed in my right side. It became so sore I could scarcely walk about the house, and I had no appetite. I consulted two of the best doctors in town and they said medicine would do me no good. I never got well again. One day I thought I would write to you telling you of my condition. You told me I had enlargement of one of the lobes of my liver and the gall bladder, and advised me to take your 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Pellets.' I had not taken more than half a bottle of each when I began to feel better, and my appetite came back, and for a little over a year since, I began to do my work."

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