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TEACHERS' COLUMN.

What we Found Going On.

Public school business called us to the country recently. The very fact that this visit to the country meant an insight into a number of schools, afforded us a pleasure greatly desired.

At the school house in District No. 10, is being taught by Mr. David W. Misenheimer.

At the school house in District No. 8, we found Miss Rosa Myers busily engaged with her school of interesting boys and girls.

The school building in District No. 3, near Mill Hill, is a good one.

At the school house in District No. 1, we found a regular course at White Hall Seminary in this country.

We spent a short while with Prof. W. A. Kerr, who is teaching the school in Coddle Creek Academy.

At the end of the session, medals and prizes will be awarded to the students in studies, and for practical and behavior.

Board, including room, lights, &c., can be had in private homes at \$8.00 per month.

Feeling that a school of this grade is greatly needed in this community, it is the purpose of the Principals to erect every school in this county, worthy of the support of the town and community.

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POOR THING.

Pick it up tenderly! Touch it with care! Fashioned so slenderly! Give it some air. Let not the winds brush it. With touch that is rude. There, soft! you may crush it. For it is a dude!

Look at the garments! Clinging like cement: And its bright locks of hair Dipped in orange. With the part in the middle. Which won't endearments: And the vacant and hopeless air. Pick it up tenderly! Helpless, inane: Poor faded innocent. Choked on its cane.

Had it a father, had it a mother? Had it a sister, or may be a brother. Who allowed it to wander So far from its home? Did they dream they would lose it If it went to roam? Poor thing, so young in years, Not worth a dollar. See how its suffering ears Hang on its collar.

Sill the world moves along: Why pause to miss Out of its busy throng One life like this? Coroner's inquest— Neck broken, we think. Cause—hat set too far back. And something to drink. Stomach weak, lemonade Went to its brain. Felt itself going, and Swallowed its cane.

The Earthquake's Shock.

At Lima, Panama, January 23, about 9-45 a. m., an earthquake shock of considerable duration was felt, but it did no serious damage.

On the night of December, 29, a loss of over 12,000,000 dollars to property was done by a violent shock of earthquake which extended through San Jose, Heredia, Baha, Santa Barbara, San Rafael de Heredia, Grecia and San Domingo, in Costa Rica.

The father of a family and four of his children, were buried together while the mother and her young child were thrown by the motion of the earth a distance of 1,300 meters although she says she believes the earth swallowed and then ejected her when she was found. Here the hills have changed their position and the ground is full of crevices.

Dr. Gladstone has made elaborate investigations in the schools of England and other countries to ascertain the time devoted to teaching spelling. He finds that 720 hours at least are lost to each scholar, that an Italian child of nine years will read and spell as correctly as English children at thirteen, though the Italian began his lessons two years later.

It is about the same with the Germans and Swedes. This extra time is given to civics and useful sciences. The illiteracy of English-speaking nations is startling. There were 5,658,744 persons of ten years and over who reported themselves illiterate at our census of 1870, 6,259,958, at the census of 1880. The nearly illiterate are probably as many more. England is worse off than we are. But the other Protestant countries of Europe have almost none.

One of the causes of this excessive illiteracy among English-speaking peoples is the badness of English spelling. The reform of spelling is a patriotic and philanthropic reform.—Prof. F. A. March in the December Forum.

There is a great good excitement in the regions of the "Bright Light" diggings but not much gold.

Snow fell here on the 28th inst. with a vengeance but did not stick.

S. E. Klutts will build an addition to his house to keep hardware and groceries in.

Measles and rogueries are the two themes of constant discussion in this community.

We learn that fifteen children went home with the measles from Mr. H. C. Cook's School on last Thursday.

The Brawny son of toil is utilizing the spring like weather.

In our daily rounds we see unmistakable evidence of a happy change that is soon to take place with the farming fraternity. We have often been impressed with the fact

An Incident of War.

[Special Cor. of State Chronicle.] WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 3, 1889.—Is your city has recently had a reunion of the Confederate veterans, it may be interesting to relate an incident of the closing scenes of the war, as told of John S. Wise by a versatile story teller of this city not long ago.

The last communication that ever passed between Gen. Lee and Jefferson Davis, before the surrender at Appomattox, was carried by John Wise, between the troops in the field near Farmville and the government in Richmond. At that time Wise was a boy, not quite nineteen years old, and one can imagine how very yellow he must have been in appearance at that age when now, at the age of forty-two, he looks like a boy still.

When Wise started out with his message from Davis it was with little hope of ever reaching Lee. The country was swarming with the triumphant troops of the Northern army, and through these hostile and jubilant forces the boy messenger had to pick his way. At one time he swam his horse across a stream with half a dozen Union cavalrymen shooting at him; at other times barely escaped capture in the woods or at the farm houses as he stopped for food, and oftentimes he lay "hid out" in the woods with his horse's nose muffled in an old coat to keep him from snoring or whinnying.

Much of his journey was performed on foot, as he had twice to give up his horse and borrow or steal another in his place. But the thing that most impressed itself upon his memory was his first sight of Federal cavalry on the march. As he was feeling his way cautiously upon the road running along the bank of Appomattox river one bright morning, he heard the sound of music ahead of him. He hurriedly withdrew up a rise beside the road into a thick scrub oak and pine undergrowth, where he made himself secure from observation. Then, as the music came nearer, he crept to the edge of the rise, hugged the ground closely behind a log, and, peeping over, watched the passing of a detachment of Sheridan's cavalry and artillery. He had never seen the Northern cavalry. He had only knowledge of the worn-out and decremated cavalry of the Confederates; a cavalry made up of half-starved men and horses and mules; a cavalry in which the men were picturesque in the variety of their tatters and rags, dirty and mixed equipments— all a sorry and forlorn looking soldiery. The Federal troops were passing in quick trot in their pursuit of the flying columns of Lee's army. The men in their tidy uniforms sat on their horses firmly. Their carbines and sabres rattled a merry accompaniment to the rumble of the cannon wheels and the thunder of the horses' hoofs. The bugle rang out merrily and the accoutrements in the steel and brass glistened in the morning sunshine. Like visions in a dream, the splendid squadrons of Sheridan's cavalry swept past the bulging eyes of the ragged young rebel peeping over the rotten log. As the time went by and grew into the hours, with never a break in the hurrying column, with the never ceasing thunder of the horses' hoofs, the rattle of the cannon wheels, the rattle of carbines and sabres, the song and call from the cavalrymen, and the cannoners smoking their pipes upon limber and caisson, Wise covered his face with his hands, as the picture of his own people came to mind and said, "My God! what have we been fighting?"

CORNBREAD.

Chicago Mail. Here is a description of the Samnau men and women: "The Samnau men are very fine specimens of the genus homo—tall, broad, well-developed, and with prepossessing, fine agreeable features. They have the custom of applying lime to the hair, which makes them all redd-headed. There are various shades, from Auburn to a darker shade, which resembles seal skin. The hair is trimmed close on the crown of the head, leaving the front, sides and back long, which, surmounting a really fine bronzed face, produces a handsome effect.

"In the matter of clothing they are quite primitive, as, for the most part, they wear nothing but a strip of cloth wound about the waist, falling half-way to the knee. The original material used was tapa, and many use that now; but the majority have substituted calico, and as would be expected, choose large figures and brilliant colors. All the men are tattooed from waist to the knees, the pattern being identical and very elaborate. A few wear garlands of flowers across the shoulders, and some head-dresses of leaves standing up like feathers. These, we understand, are chiefs.

"The great majority of women wear nothing above the waist and nothing below the knees. A few, perhaps from deference to foreigners' prejudice, perhaps through vanity, attempt waists, but it is such a recent innovation that no well-defined fashion has been established, each aspirant to 'better things' in the way of clothing following her own fancy or that of her particular set. As a result there are many styles, and I fear all would not find favor in the eyes of the average American, but here one soon ceases to notice that they are out and the wearers attract attention only when in European clothes, which they neither know how to make nor wear and in which they appear conscious and uncomfortable."

Curious Facts.

A correspondent of the Columbia Record gives the following curious facts from his memorandum:

1. The South Carolina railroad, from Charleston to Hamburg, was the first road that was commenced in this country with a view of using steam instead of animal power.

2. That the first locomotive engine ever built in this country was built for this road.

3. That it was the first road that carried the United States mail.

4. That when completed and ready for use, which was on 2nd October, 1833, it was the longest road in the world. We traveled upon this road in 1830 five miles in a car rigged with sails and propelled by wind at the rate of five or six miles an hour.

A Successful Man.

If I were asked to define the meaning of a successful man, I should say a man who has made a happy home for his wife and children. No matter what he has not done in the way of achieving wealth or honor, if he has done that he is a grand success. If he has not done that, and it is his own fault, though he be the highest in the land, he is a most pitiable failure.—Edw. Wilcox.

General Harrison appears to have lost patience with people who want to lay out for him his route to Washington.

A wedding ceremony can't pass off without a hitch.

COMFORT ON THE RAIL.

Incidents of the First Journey in a Sleeping Car.

Detroit Free Press. The old man had just arrived at his son's home from the country. "Well, father," said the boy, "I hope you came through in the sleeping car, as I told you to, and had a good night's sleep."

"The old man smiled a sickly, sarcastic smile. "Oh, yes," he said; "I had a good sleep, first rate sleep; went to bed early."

"Did you wake up during the night?" "Only twice; went to sleep twice."

"Say, father!" said the young man, you've got two great bumps on top of your forehead. What have you been doing?"

"Them's the two times I woke up; passed another train both times, and when I heard the big engine whizzin' by an' the bell ringin' I thought 'twas a fire and jumped up slam agin the ceiling. It's lucky I was awake one time, though?"

"Why, how so?" "The high an' mighty importor that laughed when I ast to go to my room early in the evening was sneaking off with my boots."

"Why, how so?" "Oh, go 'way," said the old man. "I never ast him to shine 'em. Any way, I took 'em to bed with me after that, an' never slept another wink. Say, Henry, you ain't got an old pair suspenders, have ye?"

"I guess I can find a pair for you, yes."

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ODDS AND ENDS.

Twenty-five State Legislatures are in session at this time.

Texas has forty-nine county seats destitute of gospel preaching.

Saxony is said to furnish the largest percentage of suicides of any civilized state.

A piano is being built at the Steinyway factory at Hamburg which is to cost \$36,000.

A shingle nail was found in a perfectly fresh egg recently, by a farmer near Niles, Mich.

Louisiana furnishes alone one-seventh of our sugar. Her crop in 1888 was 350,000,000 pounds.

Think of a Democratic Administration going out with nearly 40,000 Republicans in office under it!

Some newspapers announce that they are "entered at the postoffice as second class matter," and they don't lie.

An authentic silver dollar of the Confederate States is valued by coin collectors at \$1,000; only a few were coined.

The raisin pack of California for the year 1888, as compiled by California fruit growers, amounted to 904,909 boxes.

The skeleton of a mastodon has been unearthed in California. It is 30 feet long, and has tusks between six and seven feet in length.

An entire family of five persons was drowned near Bismark, D. T., by falling through the ice while crossing the Missouri river.

Probably the richest newspaper man in the world is Mr. Abel, proprietor of The Baltimore Sun, whose fortune is estimated at \$20,000,000.

Chewing gum is dangerous. It paralyzes. A girl at Harrisburg, Pa., has facial paralysis brought on by the gum chewing nuisance.

A California clergyman lately went crazy while preaching and descending from the pulpit threw books and chairs among the congregation.

The University of Pennsylvania celebrates its centennial in 1891.

The output of the coal mines near Albuquerque, N. M., is 450 tons a day.

The church in Shaker village, Canterbury, N. H., although built in 1728, has never been reshungled. The shingles are heart pine, and were fastened on with wooden pegs.

An Irishman wrote thus to the wife of a sick brother: "If Jamie isn't dead yet, remind him of the twenty shillings he owes me on the pigs; and if he is, tell him not to give himself any consurration about it."

The yearly income of the great Kimberly diamond mines in South Africa is \$20,000,000, and besides this it is estimated that fully \$10,000,000 worth of diamonds are stolen every year by the natives who work in the mines.

Georgia's new capitol at Atlanta is nearly ready for occupancy, and the Legislature, which meets July 1, will hold its session in it. The cost of the building was about one million dollars.

Tommy went fishing the other day, without permission of his mother. Next morning a neighbor's son met him and asked: "Did you catch anything yesterday, Tommy?" "Not till I got home," was the rather sad response.

Secretary Bayard has notified the German Minister at Washington that his government accepts the proposition for the resumption at Berlin of the conference begun in Washington in 1887 in regard to Samoa.

The people of Wapella, Ill., recently saw the little town of Midland City, twelve miles distant, suspended in the clouds. The mirage was so vivid that the observers could see a train of cars approaching and leave the Midland station.

One of the Caroline islands is owned by an American sailor named Benjamin, who has sixteen wives, about fifty children, and has nothing to do but smoke his pipe and boss the ranch. He publishes a letter in a California paper advising other sailors to do likewise.

"Say, Sam! When you proposed to Miss Stikels did you get down on your knees?" "No, old man, I couldn't. She was sitting on them."—Ex. John Wanamaker's life is insured for a round million of dollars, which a statistician computes is at the rate of \$7,5000 for every pound of his flesh.