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PROFIT THEREBY.

The Pupil Has His Ideas of the Circus—So Let the Teacher Profit Thereby and Get the Pupil Interested in Natural History.

The teacher should not overlook the important fact that each child that comes to school has ideas of many things learned at home. The children would be very well educated if all the facts they have on hand when they enter school were arrayed in the proper order. They have ideas but they have no system by which their ideas are put together.

The teacher who goes into the school house believing that he carries in his own head all the ideas that are in that school, will not be long in finding out that he is wonderfully mistaken. When he comes to realize the true situation in which he is placed, if he is not something of a hero, he will find it easier to back down than to proceed with the work.

Suppose that a teacher goes into the school with his head containing one hundred ideas, and suppose that there are in the school thirty pupils, thirty little heads, each containing ten ideas. So far as numbers are concerned the odds against the teacher are three to one. He has to meet three hundred ideas not connected with the school with his one hundred. The children's ideas may be about rabbits, dogs, hunting, fishing, bicycler, baseball, marbles dolls, apples, etc., whilst his may be about reading, grammar, geography, etc. That will be about the situation in the morning when school opens.

The teacher will probably open his part of the day's work with a section of geography or grammar, or it may be history. While he is conducting this part of the engagement if he is not very careful the infantry in the school may get in some pretty solid work against his line of ideas. By eleven o'clock the skirmishing will be likely to become quite sharp. Here the teacher may find the number against him too great, and he may have to resort to strategy. What he lacks in numbers must be made up in tact. If he has been pressed very heavily he will be glad when noon comes. After noon he will probably rely mostly on his section of arithmetic, taking care all the time that the infantry do not capture the school. In the morning he may try a grand rush by having a large spelling class. Here again he will have to look out for the infantry. When school is dismissed, if the pupils feel that they have held their ground during the day, they may as they come out of the house, give a little "rebel yell."

The teacher's troubles may be increased if a circus and animal show happens to come through the country. The heads of the children may then become filled with visions of elephants, tigers, lions, camels, monkeys, parrots and a whole host of other ideas suggested by the big pictures that are posted on the sides of buildings, fences, etc.

This large reinforcement of ideas among the children will require more

strategy on the part of the teacher. The teacher who has read up on animals may turn the circus to good account by taking an interest also in the elephants, e. c. It is a good time then to read those lessons in the readers that treat of animals. If a circus is coming the average boy will take an interest in reading about an elephant.

It is also a good time for the teacher to get in a story about lions, tigers and the whole list of animals that appears on the posters. For one time the pupils will think that the teacher is interested in the same things they are. That will go a long way towards raising the teacher in the estimation of the children. By being thus interested the teacher with a little tact can work in quite a quantity of reading, spelling, arithmetic, as well as preserve good order in the school.

But old Santa Claus can beat a circus in demoralizing a school. His reinforcements to the number of ideas already in the school will begin to arrive about two weeks before Christmas. Each day will bring new arrivals till the day before Christmas when the heads of the children may be filled with visions of candy, oranges, horns, drums, fire-crackers, etc.

During the last week before Christmas the teacher will do well to maintain his ground so as not to lose control of the school. He will have to use the greatest skill in managing and governing the school and may find it best on the day before Christmas to treat for peace and dismiss school till after the holiday.

H T J LUDWIG.

THE WASHINGTON FIRE.

The Damage About \$20,000 Will Soon Be Repaired.

The catastrophe at the National Capital Sunday is of less magnitude than was at first considered. There seems little doubt that some defect about the gas main or meter caused the explosion in the basement of the Supreme court building heard for several blocks around. Fire burst forth and destroyed some original manuscript opinions of the great jurists in the early part of the century, that were prized very highly, together with other matter stored there. The Supreme Court room itself was injured but can be repaired probably in two weeks. The very valuable books in the law library did not suffer much instead of being destroyed as was first supposed.

It is estimated that \$20,000 will cover the financial loss, which is so much less than was at first thought that the affair is looked upon as fortunate in producing so much less damage than it at first threatened.

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ELECTION NEWS BY PHONE.

These Cities Are Quiet: Russell and Chadborn Vote.

By telephone from the Charlotte Observer at 2 p. m. we learn that Mecklenburg is going to come up to the full measure of her expectations in a Democratic majority.

Dispatches say that all is quiet in Rockingham, Laurinburg, Wilmington and Raleigh. Gov. Russell and W H Chadborn voted the straight fusion ticket.

Republicans Vote Democratic. Special to The Standard from the Raleigh News and Observer at 3 p. m.

The Republican mayor and all of the white Republican aldermen of Newbern voted the Democratic ticket. The two Hancocks scratched all negroes.

Latest Election News.

At the time of going to press the votes stood about as follows:

In ward No. 1, there had been 303 votes, 271 of which is Democratic, and 32 fusionist. There is a nice bet up that No. 1 ward will carry by a majority of 300.

In No. 2 ward there had been 166 Democratic tickets cast, and 82 for fusionists.

In ward No. 3 there had been 79 votes cast, 52 of which were Democratic and 27 fusionists.

In ward No. 4, the fusionists ticket is, of course, ahead. The fusionists had a vote of 143, and the Democrats 91.

At 12 o'clock today the vote was exactly even in No. 3 township.

At 2 o'clock the Democrats had a majority of 56 in No. 2 township.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. Horace Freeman, of Lexington, is here today.

—Mr. Fletcher Smith spent yesterday in our city with his sister, Mrs. M L Brown.

—Dr. Jesse Hamilton came home this morning from Charlotte to help fill the ballot box of ward No. 4.

—Miss Connie Cline returned to Elizabeth college last night. Miss Ella Barnhardt did not return until today, having attended Mrs. Lowe's party last night.

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F W Stewart, a negro of Toluce, Ill., assaulted the daughter of one of the miners there Friday evening and was put in jail. In Lacon on Friday 100 miners took him out and hanged him.

We've all heard of middle-of-the-road Populists and the writer thought it meant opposition to all fusion, but Mr. Wood says it only means—won't fuse with the Democrats. Funny, isn't it?

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