

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

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A THOUGHT.

What is a man if his chief good and market of his time be to sleep and feed? A beast, no more. Sure he that made us with such large discourse, looking before and after, gave us not that capability and reason.

All the happiness of man is derived from discovering, applying, or obeying, the laws of his Creator; and all his misery is the result of ignorance or disobedience.—Dr. Wagnall.

POLITICAL NECESSITY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.

Every citizen of our wide-spread country should be fully persuaded that the education of the people is the only permanent basis of national prosperity not only, but of national safety. This, in theory, is now conceded, and the importance of education is very generally admitted among men, especially in our own country. It is evident, however, that the conviction of its importance is not so deeply imprinted upon the mind of society as it ought to be, for it does not manifest itself with all the power of earnest feeling in behalf of education which the subject, in view of its acknowledged weightiness justly demands.

REPORT OF ROCK BLUFFS SCHOOL.

The Teachers' Monthly Reports for the month ending November 30, show that in the higher department of this school there were enrolled: males, 13; females, 23. The average attendance was: males, 9.9; females, 19.7. The total enrollment was 36; total average attendance, 29.7. The number in each branch was as follows: spelling, 33; reading, 29; writing, 19; arithmetic, 35; grammar, 17; geography, 15; algebra, 7; history, (U. S.) 10; composition, 15.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED SCHOLARS HAVE NOT BEEN ABSENT DURING THE MONTH:

Martha Berger, Emma Bridenstine, Jennie Patterson, Flora Smith, Emma Allen, Katie Allen, Laura Chaffin, Mary Folsen, James Patterson, Malan Lee, George Smith, and George Spohn. The following named have not been tardy: Bella Ramsay, Jennie Patterson, Flora Smith, Otis Jones, Emma Allen, Ada Shera, Alice Lambert, Delawan Mann, Marc White, Charley Farthing, James Patterson, Malan Lee, George Spohn, Charley Graves, George Smith, Shered Graves, Ellen Graves, Laura Chaffin, Narcissus Mann, and J. D. Graves.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS HAVE VISITED THIS DEPARTMENT DURING THE MONTH:

Wm. B. Swearingen, Yallie Martin, Geraldine Gullion, Alma Wiley, Clara McGaw, and John Campbell. These visits occupied an average of three hours each. The enrollment in the Primary Department was as follows: males, 31; females, 30; and the average attendance was: males, 23.4; females, 21.5. Total enrollment, 61; and total average attendance, 44.5. The total enrollment in both departments was 96, and total average attendance 73.87, or about 77 per cent of the enrollment.

MR. SMITH IS BOUND TO HAVE HIS JOKE.

His wife walked nearly in front of a railway train the other day, and he said that if she had gone a step farther his children would have a stepmother.

THE PEOPLE OF PROVIDENCE ARE HIGHLY INCENSED AT THE DISCOVERY OF AN OLD ENGLISH GARZETTER, PUBLISHED IN 1773,

which describes Bristol as a town in New England "having a commodious harbor, at the entrance of which lies Rhode Island."

THE SPRINGFIELD (ILL.) STATE JOURNAL SAYS OF THE REJOICING OF THE DEMOCRATS OVER THEIR VICTORY IN OHIO:

"The transformation, the audacity, the noise and noisomeness of this carnival from the political graves of the past, is enough to make the country stop, hold its breath, and stare with astonished mind. No one, we opine, in his senses can see in this farcical parade of the dead legions of a defunct party anything permanent, anything upon which a political struggle in this country can ever depend. It would be a reversal of history, a contradiction of the verdict of centuries, and an igniting of all political philosophy, to suppose for one moment that any party is doomed to be met in battle array by one against which judgment has been irreversibly pronounced by the American people for the last decade."

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Mayor of Keokuk recently discharged such of the jail-brokers as could say the Lord's Prayer. Then a lawyer offered to bet him five dollars that he couldn't say it himself. He declined on the ground that he didn't gamble.

An exchange acquaintance—Miss Loft—"Really, sir, I don't remember; where was I I have met you?" Jenkins—"Well, we ain't met often, so to speak; but I sold you them stockings which, I guess, you've got on."

An Worcester (Mass.) paper tells of a woman stopping in the city, not yet thirty years old who is the mother of thirteen children. "Well, we should think it about time she was stopping somewhere."

The proprietor of a young ladies' academy in Illinois has utterly ruined his business by causing to be inserted in a large number of papers a picture of the building with two girls standing on the balcony with last year's hats on their heads.

Over the shop-door of a pork-butcher in a village in one of the eastern counties of England may be seen a signboard representing a man in a black coat brandishing a hatchet, with the inscription, "John Smith kills pigs like his father."

A wonderful animal.—A western paper publishes the following notes: "Lost or strayed from the scribe a sheep all over white—one leg was black and had his body—all persons shall receive five dollars to bring him. He was a she goat."

Mr. Bugaly has got a nice place on the Sugar Hollow Road, some three miles from Danbury, but the family don't like it, because it prevents them from getting to church. They were in to visit the circus to-day, and told us about it.

Thackery tells us of a woman begging alms from him, who, when she saw him put his hand in his pocket, cried out, "May the blessings of God follow you all your life!" But, when he only pulled out his snuff-box, immediately added, "And never overtake ye."

Some one suggests, with most excellent good sense, that the immense door-plates worn by the ladies on their belts might be utilized by engraving thereon the wearer's name; age, residence, fortune, or expectations, and stating whether heartfree or engaged.

A negro in Boston complained at a police station that a brother colored man had broken a chair all to splinters over his head. On being told there were no marks on his cranium, he said: "No! I didn't make no marks, but 'e smashed de chair all ter pieces, and de chair belonged ter me."

An Iowa editor recently eloped with the wife of one of his subscribers, and was frightened half to death by the appearance of the injured man at the hotel of a neighboring town, to which he had taken his flight. But the husband only wanted his paper, stopped—that was all.

In some parish churches it is the custom to separate the men from the women. A clergyman, being interrupted by loud talking, stopped short, when a woman, eager for the honor of her sex, arose and said: "Your reverence, the noise is not among us." "So much the better," answered the priest; "it will be the sooner over."

A farmer recklessly publishes the following challenge: "I will bet \$42, 25 that my hired man can take longer to do the harvest-field, get back to dinner quicker, eat more, do less, and beat down harder on a rangel of the fence, than any other hired man within fifteen miles of the flagstaff in our town."

Jinks had been indulging too freely in ardent spirits. At a street corner his hat dropped into the gutter. Says Jinks: "I know—if I pick up you'll fall—if I fall you won't pick—me—hick—up—good-night!" And he walked off with a smile of satisfaction, describing innumerable zig-zags as he went, leaving his hat in the gutter.

Scene—A house on Beacon Street, having a dormer with "salve" worked in it; also containing an elegant picture of Cleopatra applying the asp. Mary, one of the upper-servant sort, at a neighbor's inquires "if Mrs. H.'s husband was not a physician, as a picture of a sick woman applying a leech!"

According to a California paper a young lady of that city, in telling a gentleman about her Yosemite trip, said the scenery was gorgeous—perfectly ravishing—but she didn't like their style of locomotion down there. "How's that?" said her friend; "how did you locomote?" "Why, don't you think," she replied, "I had to ride a clothes-pin."

"What is your name?" asked the clerk of a witness about to be sworn before a Justice of the Peace. "Ottwell Wood," was the reply. "How do you spell your name?" then asked the somewhat puzzled Judge. Mr. Wood replied, "O double T I double U E double L, double I, double O D." The astonished Judge thought that was one of the most extraordinary names he ever knew; and, after two or three attempts to record it, both he and the clerk gave it up amid roars of laughter.

A Methodist minister, who lived on a small salary, was unable at one time to get his quarterly installment. He had called a number of times, but each time he had been put off with none. At last he went to his steward, and told him he must have the necessities of life. "Money," replied the steward; "you preach for money! I thought you preached for the good of souls!" "Souls!" replied the minister; "I can't eat souls, and if I could, it would take a thousand like yours to make a decent meal!"

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