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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Spring is very backward.
Mechanics generally busy.

You can have a frog concert every night now.

Venor says we will have more rain next Sunday.

Overcoats added to personal comfort on Sunday last.

It is nearly the time of year "when the roses come again."

Sunday was another cold, damp day, with considerable rain.

The sun-flower seed business has declined, aesthetically speaking.

Gardening is a long way behind here this year. Too much rain the cause.

Fish begin to bite. John Sullivan brought in a nice string on Saturday.

The peach and pear trees are in full bloom. Next cherries, then the apples.

Mother earth is a bank that honors every check drawn on it by the hand of industry.

Where are you going to picnic this year. Don't forget Mt. Crawford "always has 'em."

Just lay down "them musical instruments" and "take up the shovel and the hoe."

The fellow who "knows it all" can be found on the Court yard benches on fair days.

The grass and growing wheat look very well, and both hay and grain crops promise well.

Snow on the mountains last week; grass and wheat growing on the plains and in the valleys.

When the trees begin to leave is just the time when the leaves begin to come. Corious, isn't it?

Mrs. James Pankey has the handsome front yard on East-Market street, considering the size.

We hope Capt. Paul and J. S. Harnsberger, Esq., will hurry up their West-Market street buildings.

Fish have their season to bite, but fleas have all seasons for their own, and attend strictly to business.

With all the drawbacks of old fogysm Harrisonburg continues to improve, and real estate is looking up.

If it wasn't for the foolishness of Venor and Wiggins, we would have had Spring some time ago, probably.

If you have an eye for the beautiful and useful combined call on Henry Ritenour at his jewelry store. He's got 'em.

If we can do no better, start a horse-car railroad to Bridgewater. Let us have some benefit of our \$500,000 subscription.

You fellows who have been drinking "iron bitters" can soon get your iron at Rawley. And that's the place to get it.

J. L. Avis, Esq., expects to move into his new house about May 15. He will have a beautiful and convenient residence.

Church Sociable at L. H. Ott's last Friday night. Thanks for card of invitation. We learn it was a very pleasant occasion.

The old "Hardly Democrat" of the Bridgewater Journal, thinks this world would not be worth living in if Elam was out of it.

The Rockingham Mineral Springs, near McGaheysville, will open early this year. Mr. Hopkins will be ready as soon as the season arrives.

The Government protects the "infant industries." There is no stamp tax on bank checks, patent medicines and matches after July 1st. Whoopie!

As we cannot have any other creamery here, we would mildly suggest that it is about time to take down the shutters and open the ice-creamery.

The closing exercises of the Harrisonburg Graded School will take place on Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week, April 30 and May 1st.

If any of the young girls about here think they are able to support husbands, we would say that May is nearly here, and that it is a good month to begin.

East-Market street is in a disgraceful condition, about as good as a county road. The stones beaten up should be spread and twice as many more put on at once.

We walk in the midst of secrets, but it is an open secret that, there is no remedy in the world so wonderful as Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for coughs and colds.

The "local option law" don't seem to have taken root about here, and from the number of licenses granted there is no danger of a drowth, though some of the boys may get most thunderation "dry."

The factory building at the North end of town remains idle. Why is it, when any one of a number of industries could be started there and run profitably? To let it stand idle doesn't speak well for the enterprise of our citizens.

You fellows that have been going with the girls all winter, sitting up until 10 or 11 o'clock, burning the old man's coal and coal oil, are notified that you are not to play the sneak, and "go back" on the girls, because the ice-cream season is at hand. Stand up to the rack like men.

It is certain that the longer a speech, the weaker it is, but not so with a cold, the longer it runs, the worse it becomes. A cold, be it ever so slight, is no trifle, it should be checked in its early stages. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the "Balm of Gilead" that millions say is divine in its origin.

It Don't Disturb Us.

Two-thirds of the towns in Virginia the size of Harrisonburg are holding meetings, taking stock and establishing manufacturing industries. It does not seem to disturb our *progressive* people. They are content to doze on and let all surrounding towns march forward in industrial enterprise and leave us behind. Will we ever wake up? Is there no way to stir our phlegmatic population into activity?

The business men of Staunton have held a meeting and the money has been put up to establish a railroad car factory in that city. Will it pay? Yes. If the stockholders should not realize one dime above expenses, it will pay in increased population: in increased business to merchants, tradesmen and farmers; in giving more importance to the city of Staunton as a manufacturing place, and thus attract others to come and invest money and engage in other industries. But this enterprise will do much more: it will pay a big per cent. upon the capital investment. Railroad cars are in demand far beyond the capacity of present factories to supply, and there is not a car factory in America without orders from six to twelve months ahead.

Fredericksburg has had a meeting of her business men and several new manufacturing enterprises are the result. Liberty, Bedford county, has done the same; so has Fincastle; so has Winchester, Charles lotteville, Salem, in Roanoke, and we could name a dozen others, all catching the progressive spirit of the age, all moving in the establishment of manufacturing industries.

Look at what Bridgewater and Dayton, in our own county, have done within a year or two, and compare their energy with that of Harrisonburg. God Almighty favored us with many advantages, but we are too shortsighted, too lazy, too mean, or all three, to utilize the advantages thrust before us. There must be an awakening to the interest and advancement of our town in the race of industrial progress.

We must have water, we must have the Shenandoah Valley Railroad connection, or we may as well "put up the shutters," stake off the ground and build a wall around ourselves. Such words are not pleasant, perhaps, but desperate cases require strong remedies. There must be some young blood injected somehow into our city council.

We must have men we must have men whose views are up with the times. The question of water has been fought over for years, and yet nothing has been accomplished. A couple of dozen oil lamps of a very cheap pattern are expected to light up a town of near four thousand people, but they flicker and flare for a while, the chimneys become black as soot can make them, and then go out.

We have a stream through our town that could be made useful, at a reasonable expense, for manufacturing purposes, but even this is not done. We have a factory building on North-Main st., large enough for almost any manufacturing purpose, but it bides fair to rot down by neglect.

Another thing must be reformed and a different course pursued. Instead of standing on street corners, or watching around from secret spots to get a chance to pounce upon the man who comes among us to engage in a new industry; instead of inquiring how much money he has, or discouraging his effort by prophesying evil to his enterprise, or ruining his credit by sneers and insinuations, like men we should step to the front, take him by the hand, encourage his industry and stand by him if he needs help. Many have been driven away from us by the former course. We have heard upon our streets, sneers and jibes from men who should have pursued the opposite course, because they are men of influence and financial standing, and yet their prophecies of failure to several enterprises that are flourishing in adjacent villages have not turned out as they predicted. Why not at least have said: "I hope he may succeed in his enterprise," and then show their earnestness by giving the new enterprise at least a small order for its wares.

Such encouragement will always make the pathway to success much easier to the new enterprise, and make the individual or company who inaugurate it feel that the community around are interested in its success.

For to-day we must drop this subject. We hope, however, our people will think about it.

In many exchanges we read of the destruction of sheep by dogs. Sheep are killed by dogs in almost every county in the State every week, and yet there is no adequate provision made to protect the sheep. It seems to us this business is running at loose ends somehow, and we cannot help but think that a remedy should be found. Good sheep pens should be provided by the owners for housing the sheep at night, and people should be compelled to keep their dogs on their own premises. Otherwise let them be shot whenever found astray. It would not take long to cure the evil if such a course was adopted. The depredations upon sheep by worthless dogs has become a serious matter, demanding public attention.

FARMERS.—We wish to call the attention of our farmers to the Orchilla Guano, advertised elsewhere. The advertisement is a long one, but we doubt not it will pay you to read it. The gentlemen advertising it are men that can be relied upon for whatever they may say. In fact, we know of no better or more reliable firm than Messrs. Woodbridge, Travers & Co., in any business anywhere. Read their advertisement and give their Orchilla Guano a trial, if only in a small way. By experience then you can tell whether it is suited to your land. Try it.

If you desire a *pure* Whiskey, distilled from Rye only and of great age call for Rosenheim's Springdale. For sale by Kavanaugh, at Virginia Hotel, and by Lamb Brothers, and Wm. Kain, old Gem Saloon, Harrisonburg.

Best ever made, Emory's Little Cathartic Pills, pleasant to take, sugar coated; no griping; only 15 cent a box, of Druggists or by mail. Standard Cure Co., 114 Nassau Street, New York.

Correspondence.

From Meyerhoeffer's Store.

MEYERHOEFFER'S STORE,
April 23, 1883.

MR. EDITOR:—Clavering your pardon for a seeming negligence, we beg leave to say that the delay was unavoidable, and will make amends for past delinquencies by promising to be "on time" in the future.

M. J. Meyerhoeffer, Esq., the gentleman, and enterprising merchant of this place, started for Baltimore to-day to purchase his stock of Spring and Summer goods. Mike is an old stager at merchandising and his judgment can be relied on every time.

The scarlet fever scare is about over, there being no new cases to report. There have been two deaths from this disease: Newton and Ada, son and daughter of Robt. E. Painter, living near Whitesell's church. The scare alluded to originated in the fact that Miss Bell, second daughter of Mr. P., attended Rev. Carahan's sacramental meeting at Frieden's on the second Sabbath of this month, at which there was a very large crowd of persons. After mingling freely with his friends and acquaintances after service, she went home, and was taken very sick with the same disease, so much so that a physician had to be called in the same evening. At one time her life was despaired of, but I understand she is convalescent. Several of James G. Yancey's family have been taken sick since, but the attending physician has pronounced the complaint to be quinsy.

Wm. Henry Argabright met with an accident last week which will be likely to disable him for some time. In endeavoring to load a saw-log, preparatory to hauling it to the saw-mill, the "skid" broke, precipitating the log upon his foot, bruising it considerably, but it is not believed that any bones are broken, though it is so swollen that it has been a difficult matter to determine positively. He is now moving about a little upon crutches.

In consequence of the inclemency of the weather yesterday, Rev. Mr. Campbell has postponed his communion services at Frieden's till next Sunday, 29th, at 11 o'clock. A Missionary Aid Society (Reformed) was organized at Frieden's church on last Saturday week, at which time the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Samuel Whitmore; Vice-President, Mrs. Elijah Huffman; Secretary, W. S. Slusser; Treasurer, Samuel L. Slusser; Committee on Constitution, W. S. Slusser, John F. Raubhof and Wm. J. Carpenter; Canvassing Committee, Misses Ann Eliza Huffman, Maggie B. Slusser, Mary Bell Whitesell, Wilmina B. Earman and Lizzie Rodgers.

Isaac Long, while operating a steam saw-mill at the pond, had two of his fingers considerably mutilated by coming in too close proximity to the saw, which makes him the possessor of a rather ugly-looking hand.

J. Madison Irvine, Esq., has taken possession of, and moved his family to, the farm which he purchased of W. D. Rodgers, and they are now rusticating amid the pleasant and odoriferous exhalations of Spring in the country, while, if they ever had any aspirations to

Plow and sow,
And reap and mow,
And be a farmer's boy,

Master Charles and Howard can realize the independence of the position. As we saw them a few days ago, taking their first lessons in plowing, with the sturdiness of veteran yeomanry, we could not help exclaiming to ourselves: "Where there is a will there is a way; and where the will is there is nothing succeeds like success." The sun and wind may bronze the cheek, but the consciousness of having done an honest day's work will soften the pillow amazingly.

The Mahonites hereabouts are not in the best of spirits. They don't seem to take kindly to the way their candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney obtained his nomination. They had been taught by their leaders heretofore to steer clear of all rings, cliques, caucuses and packed conventions.

It has leaked out by some means that when Lt. Gov. Lewis proposed in convention that each delegate should vote for the man he thought to be the choice of the section he represented, this proposition was met with a threat to bolt. But it is thought by election day the most of them will, at the "heck and nod" of Dr. Webb and "Nobby Dan," gulp down the ticket straight, no matter how nauseating the dose. There are those who are still expecting office at the hands of the party, and who, looking through their coalition spectacles,

See Mahone, in full-blown dignity, stand,
Law in his voice and fortune in his hand;
To him the church, the realm their powers consign
Through him the rays of royal bounty shine;
Turned by his nod, the stream of honor flows,
His smile alone securely bestows.

SLACKACE.

Letter from Mt. Crawford.

MT. CRAWFORD, VA.,
April 24, 1883.

W. W. Roller, commissioner, sold, on last Friday, the farm belonging to the late John R. Kagey. It was sold in separate tracts, and purchased, at a low price, by the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Kagey, Gen. J. E. Roller and Adam Pifer, Jr.

At the Reform Church, on Sunday, Dr. Callender delivered an excellent sermon, from the text found in the 10th Chapter of John, 14th and 15th verses. After the sermon, he received 9 persons into church-fellowship, 4 by certificate and 5 by confirmation.

Six bears and a monkey made their appearance on our streets yesterday, accompanied by several men, women and wagons, comprising a band of gypsies, a part of which passed through this place last fall, going in the direction of Staunton. We suppose they are "homeward bound," and will pass the warm season in the North. One of them carried an infant in a coffee sack attached to a pole, which she carried on her shoulder. We took the liberty of glancing at the "sleeping beauty," and found it a bright looking little Turk.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Bare departed this life

yesterday, the 28th inst., after a brief illness of pneumonia, in the 63d year of her age. She will be buried to-morrow at New Erection.

Scarlet fever has been in several families of our community for some time past, but there has been none reported in the town. The fever has been of rather a mild form, and nearly all the children have recovered who have had it up to this time, but the disease this morning claimed as its victim little Richard, the infant son of Thomas and Sue Lindon, and one more lamb has been gathered "safe in the arms of Jesus."

Mr. John S. Funkhouser removed a brick from near the cornice of the house occupied by Mr. Luther Saunders, behind which he found a tin tube about four inches long, in which was a paper giving a description of the town, and containing the following information: "The brick work of this house was done by Wm. and Jas. Baker, of Harrisonburg, and the carpenter work by James Gladden, of this place, and was built for Isaac Fisher. Andrew Jackson, President, and Martin Van Buren Vice-President, of the United States, and Lictetion Tazewell Governor of Virginia."

With it was a picture of George Washington, taken from an almanac, and an eagle, bearing the motto of the United States. The paper was signed by Wm. G. Stevens, fifteen years old, and dated June 10th, 1835.

There are very few persons living here now who were here at that time. Messrs. A. Smith, John Foley, Wm. McAtee, and perhaps a few others, are all that are left of the many who occupied the 40 houses which the town then contained.

Prof. Everett closed the second term of his singing class here to-night. He has given general satisfaction to his pupils, and he is pleased with the advancement they have made.

Mr. J. P. Crawn started to-day to his grazing farm in Randolph county, W. Va., with 150 head of young cattle to pasture during the summer.

Several of our farmers have purchased land in West Virginia, and it is bringing them in a handsome profit on the investment.

Wes.

Letter from Germany.

Mr. Joseph L. Armstrong, son of Rev. Mr. Armstrong, pastor of the Methodist church of this place, has been since last July at the University of Leipzig, in Germany. During a late vacation, he improved the opportunity by visiting the cities of South and Western Germany, in company with Professor Thomas, of the University of Louisiana. A recent letter to his friends furnishes an interesting account of his travels, from which we take the following extract:

"My trip was very pleasant and beneficial. In Southern and Southwestern Germany I saw more familiar names; Ott, Zell, Gutmann, Kaufmann and others. It would be more accurate to say in the stretch from Augsburg to Frankfurt. The type of people is more like that we know here as the German than is that here and Northward. The people here as a class are superior in many respects. Drunkenness seems to be worse, especially in Bavaria, the most strongly Catholic region, and where are the most celebrated breweries. A Munich paper was bemoaning the fact that Palm Sunday was a very disorderly day in Munich, many drunken and rude men being on the streets, while everything passed off quietly in the Protestant cities. The immense and renowned Munich breweries have about as much as Catholicism to do with it, and a little more, I believe; for the Protestants, though not at all backward about guzzling beer, have no city so overworked with it. Still, it must be counted in Protestant sections such things as Holy days are kept by firmer laws from becoming Bacchanalian festivals. You will see what enormous quantities they use up when a man can drink three glasses of beer (44 pints) without feeling it. Many say that they can stand more, and that if they take the whole evening, from 6 to 13 o'clock, they can stretch the number out to double. The weak beer is used in immense quantities—from 20 to 40 glasses between 7 and 8 o'clock. I confess I can't see how they get their fondness for it. I astonish the waiters by ordering hot milk for supper. I am glad I am not a German and don't feel bound to substitute beer for water or coffee."

"I bought a few pictures in almost every place, views of cities, buildings, &c. They remind me of what I saw. When I describe to you the Strasbourg clock at home I can hold the picture in my hand and show you how I went up to the Heidelberg Castle, and what I saw in Luther's room in the Wartburg. I intended to get pictures of the Williamsaboh, but failed. You remember that Napoleon III was there awhile as the guest of Kaiser William. Moreover Cassel, just below, is the provincial seat of Hesse, whence came the 12,000 Hessians hired to the British over 100 years ago. We climbed up above the palace to the head of the water works. I was very thirsty, and went over to the primitive restaurant to get a glass of water. A fine-looking old peasant, the proprietor, and two young men from town, occupied the 'Stube' (Saloon). I ordered water. 'Water! Impf—I-m-m-p! No! Beer! cognac!' and he flourished his stick. 'O! I drink water when I'm thirsty. I wouldn't give one glass for twenty of beer.' 'I-m-m-p! and another flourish of the stick. But he rapped, and a girl came. 'Water! I-m-m-p!' (She)—'Wa-ter!' (I)—'Yes, yes—TER!' (He) She disappeared and soon brought it. (He)—'You are no German.' 'How do you know?' 'I-m-m-p—WATER! You are not a German.'—flourishing stick. (Young man)—'No, you are not a German.' 'No, I am an American.' (He)—'You have good water in America?' 'Yes; better than in Germany.' (But it was fine mountain water that he had given me; the only good that I've had here. 'I-m-m-p! You don't know what good water is.' 'I wanted to invite him to talk, so replied: 'It will do well enough up here on the mountain, but below, bad—very bad. You are a Hessian?' 'Yes.' 'The Americans are not too fond of the Hessians.'"

"I-m-m-p!"—a flourish of the stick. "The Americans aren't dying to embrace the Hessians. Their king sold 15,000 of them to the British to fight against us in the Revolution." "I-m-m-p! Punch-on!" (drink)—and a flourish of the stick in quite picturesque style. "But General Washington caught them one day and used them all up for cannon targets and hum-bie-pie eaters!" "I-m-m-p—No!" "Yes; but it's all over now, and we came out best, and we won't fuss at anybody." Prolonged gestures with the stick. "Your mountain water is cold and good; the best I've had over here." "Good water; mountain water!" I left him twenty pfennigs for the water, and told Thomas he had missed a good deal by not going in with me.

Letter from McGaheysville.

McGAHEYSVILLE, PA.,
April 23, 1883.

Our farmers are now anxiously awaiting the time when they can plant their corn. Much corn would have been already planted had it not been for the rain we have had. The ground is now so wet that it will require some time to elapse before it can be put in order for planting.

The rain, however, seems to be favorable to the work of the fishermen. Since the expiration of the law, nets seem to have sprung up spontaneously. Some fine fish have been taken. We notice, however, that many come home with "fisherman's luck."

Our attention has been called to a small green bug which is attacking the apple bloom. They attack the bloom before it opens. We do not know whether the attack is general over the county or not. It is said to be the same bug which last year destroyed the oats. Present indications are that we would have a fine crop of fruit if left alone.

Mr. J. B. Burner purchased the farm of Mr. Alexander Michael, Sr., near this place for \$6,000. It contains two hundred acres.

Personal.

Rev. J. S. Moser preached in the Lutheran church, in this place, on Sunday. He has but recently returned from a trip South, which has very much benefited his health.

Major Yost was in town last Thursday.

Capt. Fox, A. Daingerfield, who has been confined by a severe spell of sickness for ten weeks, was glad to learn is now able to be up, and as soon as the weather will permit we have hopes that we shall again see him moving about.

Chas. Chandler, clerk in the First National Bank, who had been on a visit to his old home in Westmoreland county, returned on Saturday last. Friend Charlie looks refreshed and improved by his visit.

We are glad to see your venerable friend, Wm. C. Harrison, Esq., on the streets again, after a protracted illness.

Rev. J. M. Frost will preach in the Baptist church, in this place, this (Thursday) evening at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Precious Hope—Peruna.

One morning while he (her husband) was holding her up in order that she could breathe more easily, after having struggled with a bad spell of coughing, he made the remark that he did not believe she would ever get well, when she, in her weakness, said: "Yes I will, if you will bring Dr. HARTMAN." The doctor was brought. He prescribed a teaspoonful of *Peruna* every word on page 80 in Dr. HARTMAN'S book on the "Ills of Life" is true in every particular."

Her husband writes: "South Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10, 1881: I have a living witness of the virtue of *Peruna* in my wife, who was saved from death by it. I certify that every word on page 80 in Dr. HARTMAN'S book on the 'Ills of Life' is true in every particular."

Public Attention Challenged.

The attention of the public is challenged by the certificate signed in the fac simile over their own autograph signatures, that Genl's G. T. Beauregard of La., and Jubal A. Early, of Va., do have the entire control and management of the distribution to be made on Tuesday, May 8th, at New Orleans, La., by the Louisiana State Lottery Company, of which M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La., will furnish all information.

THE ILLUSTRATED WORLD is the name of Mr. James Elverson's new Philadelphia illustrated weekly. Its elegance in make up and matter and its fine illustrations should commend it at once to popular favor. The first number was issued April 14th, 1883. Single copy, 6 cents. Subscription \$3.00 a year. Address James Elverson, publisher, Philadelphia, Pa. Address the same publisher for "Golden Days," the best boys' and girls' weekly in the world.

Preventive of Malarial Diseases.

OPINION OF EMINENT DR. H. R. WALTON, OF ANNAPOLIS, MD.

"Golden's Liquid Beef Tonic is a most excellent preparation. It is, *par excellence*, superior to cod-liver oil or anything I have ever used in *debility or impaired constitutions*, and extremely beneficial as a preventive of malarial diseases." (Remember the name. GOLDEN'S—take no other.) Of druggists generally.

TWO DEATHS IN ONE FAMILY.—Miss Sue V. Wingfield, daughter of Judge Wingfield, of Bedford county, died, of rheumatism of the heart, at the residence of John A. Herring, Esq., near Bridgewater, on the 12th inst., and on the 14th Miss Rebecca Davis, who had been a member of Mr. Herring's family for years, also died. Both were most estimable ladies.

The Gordonsville *Gazette's* outside don't fit its inside, or its inside doesn't fit its outside—one or the other.

"Buchapaliba."

Quick, complete cure, all annoying Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases. \$1. Druggists.

Acceptable Spring Poetry.

Spring comes! But bid us not rejoice. Nor in sweet carol raise the voice! Why should we find a cause for cheer At coming of this time of year? Talk not of nature's waking, The blossoming of everything. What, though it brings the gentle breeze The bursting flowers, the budding trees, The singing birds, the temperature That makes you think yourself secure In casting winter flannels by? These things are nice, we don't deny. But rose in woman mad ambition To clean the house and raise perdition.

Ladies in search of Spring and Summer goods will do well to call at Mr. G. M. Effinger's before making their purchases. His stock is full and complete, and all who have seen his goods say they are pretty and cheap. He is offering some special bargains in dress goods. Give him a call. For particulars see printed bills.

The First Quarterly Meeting for Harrisonburg Station, M. E. Church South, will be held 28th and 29th inst. The Quarterly Conference will meet at the church on West-Market street, on Saturday evening next at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Rev. J. C. Dice, P. E., will preach on Sunday morning and night next. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered after the morning service.

DAMP AND COLD.—For nearly a week we have had a continuance of damp and cold weather, with frequent rains and almost perpetual clouds. On Tuesday evening the weather became cold—very cold for the season. On Tuesday night ice formed to the thickness of one-eighth or one-quarter of an inch. The clouds prevented frost probably, which would doubtless have injured the fruit seriously.

B. F. Thomas, Esq., Superintendent of the Poor House and farm of this county, died on Thursday last. He had not been confined to his bed but a short time, and his death was a surprise to his friends and acquaintances generally. He leaves a family, most of whom are well grown.

We learn that Geo. W. Roller, Esq., has been appointed successor to Mr. Thomas as Superintendent of the Poor-House.

The closing exercises of the Harrisonburg Graded School, will take place on Monday and Tuesday nights, April 30th and May 1st. The programme for Monday night, will consist of recitations, declamations and dialogues, from the Primary and Intermediate departments. On Tuesday night recitations, declamations and essays, from the Grammar and High School departments, will constitute the programme. The medals will be presented on Monday and Tuesday nights, but the distinctions will all be delivered on Saturday, April 28th, at 9 p. m., in the School Hall, when the parents and friends of the children are cordially invited to attend. The invitations which will be sent out by the Principal teachers and Trustees, must be presented at the door, in order to gain admittance. Monday and Tuesday nights.

Malaria, Chills and Fever, and Bilious attacks positively cured with Emory's Standard Cure Pills—an infallible remedy: never fail to cure the most obstinate, long-standing cases where Quinine and all other remedies had failed. They are prepared expressly for malarious sections, in double boxes, two kinds of Pills, containing a strong cathartic and a chill breaker, sugar-coated; contain no Quinine or Mercury, causing no griping or purging; they are mild and efficient, certain in their action and harmless in all cases; they effectually cleanse the system, and give new life and tone to the body. As a household remedy they are unequalled. For Liver Complaint their equal is not known; one box will have a wonderful effect on the worst case. They are used and prescribed by Physicians, and sold by Druggists everywhere, or sent by mail, 25 and 50 cent boxes. Emory's Little Cathartic Pills, best ever made, only 15 cents. Standard Cure Co., 114 Nassau Street, New York.

To Physicians.

We do not find fault, reproach or condemn the practice of any regular physician—this is not our mission—but we do claim if he were to add *Peruna* to his prescriptions as directed in our book on the "Ills of Life" (and furnished gratuitously by all druggists) he would cure all his patients.

"Oswego, Potter County, Pa.

DR. HARTMAN—Dear Sir: The small ulcers are all healed, and the two large ones are not more than half as large as they were. I am feeling quite well. The people say your *Peruna* and *Manila* are doing a miracle. I do not take nearly so much opium as I did before.

"Mrs. ELLEN MAYNARD.

Advice to Mothers.

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Spoonendyke Crab-Fishing.

Coming up the river the other day, I saw a middle-aged gentleman in a blue suit and top hat, sitting in a rowing boat, and feeling around among a lot of strings of crabs from the side of the boat, and warning the lady that she should not keep too quiet.

"Now, my dear," observed the gentleman, "don't you move, because I feel a crab on this line. I'll pull him up until he is in sight and then you slip the net under him. See?"

"Yes, dear," replied the lady, a little flustered, as she contemplated her share of the performance. "But, Mr. Spoonendyke, what shall I do when I get the net under him?"

"Scalp him!" retorted Mr. Spoonendyke, drawing slowly on the line. "Now wait, he's there," and Mr. Spoonendyke became even more cautious in his movements. "See him! There he is! Scalp him, quick!"

Mrs. Spoonendyke jabbed the net into the water and swished around with great vigor. "What you doing?" yelled Mr. Spoonendyke, straightening up and glaring at her, as the crab struck a line for Newark Bay. "What'd you think I had there, the bottom of the river? What'd you expect me to do? Try to catch a church? Take it out! Give it here!" and he grasped the lady around the waist and took the net away from her.

"Did I scalp him?" asked Mrs. Spoonendyke, flushed with her exertions and trembling with her excitement. "Show him to me! Let me see what he looks like!"

"Looks like!" roared Mr. Spoonendyke. "He looks like Sandy Hook by this time! What'd you scalp him for? What's the matter with you?"

"I-I couldn't tell which was his head," faltered Mrs. Spoonendyke, who hadn't seen anything at all. "Pull him up again, and you'll see. I don't scalp the last but one!"

The English language lost its last charm for Mr. Spoonendyke, and he turned to his strings with a withering look of contempt for his wife.

"Now you be careful," he said at length. "Here's another varmint, and you mustn't let him get away. When I say 'Scalp!' you shove the net under him and just bring him aboard."

"Can you see him yet?" asked Mrs. Spoonendyke, waving the net over her head and peering into the water. "Wait! Yes, there he is! Careful, remember. Now, scalp!"

He must have been a crab of phenomenal scholastic advantages to have gotten rid of that swoop, for Mrs. Spoonendyke, with a view to redressing herself, went for the end of the string blindly, but with a strength of purpose that made failure impossible. She not only got the crab, but she slammed the net, and all over Mr. Spoonendyke's head.

"What—wah-h!" shrieked that gentleman, as he felt himself impounded.

"Lost him again!" exclaimed Mrs. Spoonendyke, who, having lost her first idea what a crab was, asked him, "Why, dear, what's that awful big spider in the net? Good gracious!"

"Take it off!" howled Mr. Spoonendyke. "Take it—wow! the thing has got me by the ear! Haul him off, will you?"

Mrs. Spoonendyke dropped the handle of the net as if it were an old-fashioned bonnet, and gazed upon her husband in consternation.

"Cast the crab!" yelled Mr. Spoonendyke, tearing the net away. "Lot go, ye brute! Wah-h!" and the unfortunate man wrenched the fish from off his ear and dashed it in the bottom of the boat. "What's your scheme in doing that?" he demanded, holding the fish with one fist and shaking the other at his wife. "Think you've got to eat 'em right out of the water? Got a notion that he came up cooked and you must down him quick or he'll spoil!" yelled Mr. Spoonendyke, looking beyond all control by the sight of the carriage that trickled down his fingers. "What'd you mean by it?" and he sprang into the air and alighted on the unhappy crab, slipping up and sprawling full length in the bottom of the boat.

"Was that the crab, dear?" asked Mrs. Spoonendyke, assisting her husband to arise and contemplating the mangled fish with anything but favor. "Is that what you call a crab? I thought—"

"You thought!" cried Mr. Spoonendyke, kicking at the bewildered crab. "That's the trouble with you—you think! Did you think I was going to stand here and let that crab chew on my ear till his legs ached? Praps you thought he was whispering to me! Maybe you thought he was telling me a funny story! Well, he wasn't, and if he was his voice was so hoarse I couldn't enjoy it! Ye thought, did ye?" squealed Mr. Spoonendyke, his wrath rising as the pain and fear subsided. "I thought a crab talked with its toes, like some women think, did ye? Oh, you thought! I had such a head as that I'd fit it up with shuck beds and a stick of gum and start a female boarding-school! With your ability to think, you think I can squint and four long words to be a Concord School of Philosophy!" and Mr. Spoonendyke plucked the oars into the water and began to row vigorously.

"Where are you going, dear?" asked Mrs. Spoonendyke, timidly, after her husband had pulled hard for some time. "Home!" grinned Mr. Spoonendyke, with a horrible expression of visage. "I'm going home to show the people how much damage a mistaking idiot can do with a net and a crab."

"Of course," assented Mrs. Spoonendyke, humbly, "but say, dear, wouldn't you get on faster if you unied the boat?"

Mr. Spoonendyke turned and gave a sharp look at the bow. Then he hauled his hat down over his ears, stepped ashore and struck out at a brisk walk.

"I don't know," sighed Mrs. Spoonendyke, as I look'd boat in tow, "I don't know, but I don't think I care much for crabbing, though I'm not sure but what it's more fun than walking home on the wrong side of the river with no bridge within seven miles either way!"—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Murderers in France are frequently compelled, in addition to death or the galleys, to pay a heavy compensation in money, wholly they have it, to their victim's family.

"The prices given for horses in England in the last century were fully as high as now. In 1793 three hunters brought in the aggregate \$5,250; three more, \$6,000, and \$5,000 was refused by Whitehead, the brewer, for another.

"If a Turk meets any of his wives in a walk through the bazaars it is not etiquette for him to notice them, although they may be throwing away his money right and left. He can only stroke his beard and say 'Allah' (God), or 'Allah karim' (God is merciful).

"An English lady who sued for damages because of a fall when boarding a steamerboat has just lost her case. The jury decided that her high-heeled boots had wondrously and wilfully contributed to cause the injury of which she complained.

"The danger of a sudden revolution of feeling was fearfully exemplified a few days since in London in the case of Major Savory, the Chairman of the Committee of the Naval and Military Club. The officer had drawn \$10,000 in the 2500 sweepstakes, and was so excited on hearing the news of the mare's victory in the Derby that shortly afterward he had an apoplectic fit, and soon died.

Two members of the ancient gypsy tribes of the Coopers and Taylors married with Protestant rites at St. Mary's Church, East Moulsey, in England, the other day. Prior to the marriage ceremony a baby belonging to the Cooper family was baptized. The church was crowded with gypsies, who were in the neighborhood in great numbers to attend the Hampton races. Almost all the gypsies present were profusely decorated with wild flowers.

"Accounts from Syria represent the condition of the country as worse than ever. In the interior there is no security whatever either for life or property. The neighborhood of Aidin is infested by three different bands of brigands, who, without let or hindrance from the authorities, plunder houses, rob travelers, and take well-to-do people captive and hold them to ransom. One village has been completely ravaged and its inhabitants despoiled of all they possessed. In consequence of these disorders, commerce languishes and agriculture suffers.

The Paris *Figaro* gives the following recipe for making a free tour of the world: Adopt the Jewish religion and go to Russia. Thence you will be ejected and forwarded by way of Lemberg to America by the emigrant agent. In America assume the garb and appearance of a Chinaman and you will be dispatched to China. There give yourself out as a Russian and you will be returned to that country, from which you may again be expelled as a Jew and returned to Austria.—*Q. E. D.*

Mr. Muckle.

The other night Captain Muckle went home intoxicated. After going to bed, he made so many strange noises that Mrs. Muckle became alarmed. Muckle told her that he must have been attacked by brain fever. The poor woman became so badly frightened, that after Muckle sank into a muttering sleep, she made a mustard plaster and put it on the back of his neck. Muckle finally became quiet and Mrs. Muckle sank to sleep, leaving the plaster on her husband's neck. During the night the plaster was displaced, but when Muckle awoke next morning his neck was so sore he could scarcely turn his head. Mrs. Muckle, ashamed of what she had done, was determined not to say anything about the plaster, and fearful that her husband would mention the unskillfully attended application, she sat at the breakfast table with downcast expression.

"This place on my neck hurts like the deuce," said Muckle.

"Now I'll catch it," thought his wife, but Muckle continued.

"The worst thing in the world how this thing happened. I was standing on the corner of the street yesterday afternoon, talking to a gentleman on business, when along came a lumber wagon loaded with lumber. A long board, which I did not happen to notice, struck about ten feet behind, and while I was deeply interested, the wagon turned the corner, and the long board came around and scraped the back of my neck. I hope the time will come when the people of Little Rock will arise and denounce such nuisances."

Muckle is a terrible liar, and his wife is losing confidence in him.—*Arkansas Traveler.*

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