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An Old Court House.

Speaking about a Court House reminds us that we have the worst court house in Ohio. There are records in the old dilapidated building that are worth many thousands of dollars to the taxpayers and property owners of Lawrence county, and all these valuable documents are at the mercy of the flames should a fire occur. Property owners whose titles to their property are kept in the alleged vaults at the court house may awake to the fact some of these days that the county records, which doubtless would be absolutely impossible to replace, are a pile of ashes. We need a new and modern court house, with safe fire vaults to protect the thousands of valuable documents and records on file and in the county's care, and there will never be a cheaper time to build than right now.—Irononian.

No, not the worst in Ohio. Washington county's public building, an antiquated relic of bygone economy, is about as bad as can be. If the court house at Ironon is any worse than ours we pity them. Our county could build a new court house and jail at a cost of \$100,000, raise the money by selling 5 per cent. 30-year bonds and pay for it and never know the difference, the increase of taxation would be so small. Let's have a new court house and jail by all means.

Macksburg.

Our schools closed on Wednesday, December 23d for the holidays. It was a day that will long be remembered by teachers and pupils. The literary exercises were good and of a high character. This part of the program was prima facie evidence that their reading and declaiming has not been neglected. Rev. D. S. Welch read a short passage of scripture and talked a few minutes to the children and did not forget to say a few words to the older ones. At the close of the literary program the entire school joined in singing "America" and they were through singing "Old Santa Claus" came in with a treat for the school. He first went to the Christmas tree which was beautifully decorated and hung full of valuable presents. After "Old Santa" had distributed the presents from table and tree, and also the treat, he bade them all a Merry Christmas and departed as he came. Supt. Wheeler gave each of the teachers a nice and appropriate book, which has been his custom for many years. The teachers were each remembered by their pupils in the way of a handsome present. A great many visitors were present which shows the interest manifested. Our school is second to none in the county, and F. P. Wheeler is one of the best village Superintendents in the State. While we say this of him we must not fail to say that his able corps of teachers, Misses Lizzie Neptune, Flora Scarborough and Ollie Davidson, deserve credit for the valuable aid they render him and their work shows in the school.

Jake Wiser, of Columbus, and Davy Neptune, of Toledo, are spending the holidays with their parents.
O. S. Gilchrist lost a valuable horse last week. The horse was sick only a few days of lung fever.

Miss Mary Wiser, who teaches the Hale school, is having a two weeks vacation.

Rev. D. S. Welch is conducting a series of meetings at Elba.

T. W. Stewart has his barber shop in the St. James Hotel.

The well on the Rice farm was shot last Wednesday. It will make five or six barrels per day.

Sam and Fred Cox were at home Christmas.

Born, to Fred Gilchrist and wife, Dec. 25th, a twelve pound boy.

G. V. Radenbach spent Christmas with friends at Lowell.

Buell Corps Resolutions.

MARIETTA, OHIO, Dec. 25th, 1896.
WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has in his all-wise providence, seen fit to remove from our midst, our dearly beloved sister, Maud Grafton, and Buell's Womens Relief Corps has lost a dear sister.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we extend to the bereaved husband and family our heartfelt sympathy, and share with them in the hope of meeting her in the beautiful beyond, where there shall be no more parting.

RESOLVED, That as a token of love and memory of her sweet face and loving ways our charter be draped in mourning, and these resolutions be entered on our minutes.

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CARRIE SMITH,
EMMA SPRAGUE,
Committee.

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VISITING TOILETTES.

They Are Made This Season to Look Well Without Wraps.

Toilets for calling are being built with special reference to outdoor wear without a wrap, or, at best, for a loose cloak or mantle of fur, to be left in the carriage or the hall. Bodices of heavy, warmly lined broadcloth are popular, with boleros or small Etons of fur or velvet. A tiny black velvet bolero is trimmed down the fronts and most oddly about its edge by a frill of thickly plaited black ribbon which stands out from the figure almost like a ruche above a very tight and high ceinture of moire. The bodice beneath is plain to the point of severity, with a military choker, about which is tied a black ribbon, with a short, square bow under the chin. In the tortoise-blue broadcloth, with black velvet bolero, overlaid with motifs of cream Hermiton and caracul fur, black moire ribbon ruffles, and ceinture, the effect is stunning. Motifs of fur and lace are used to trim the skirt in deep, square scallops, knee deep, with platings of black ribbon beneath. Whole houses of glace-printed velvet are very French, with thick ruffles of fur about the throat, and perhaps fur sleeves and a yoke of fur on the broadcloth skirt. Ruches of fur seem a bit improbable, but designers are capable of making a fabric serve every purpose, however foreign to its popular use. They are usually made of caracul, that thin, expensive and very fashionable fur, that is so adaptable. Ruffles of this fur are also stylish. They are, rather, circular flounces in different widths, sometimes as an edge to a very short bolero, sometimes encircling a skirt about hem and knees and still higher about the back breadth only, giving that smart, bouffant effect to the tournure. Choix of sable, of seal, of Persian lamhare worn, as well as of caracul. They are formed by two loops of four and two sharply-pointed ends thrust through a buckle under the chin, to fasten a bow or collar reaching far below the waist and edged with sable tails.

Nothing is so trig and appropriate for these autumn days as a tight-fitting bodice and a plain skirt of coarse canvas—so close that it seems woven of cords, with fully an eighth of an inch of bright lining gleaming through its meshes. Black braiding put on by hand about the bodice and the hips, a small epaule of oval velvet and black wings, with the finest of velvets, the largest of caracul and black feather ruffles, and a ruffly muff to match, with a coral lining, make a smart ensemble for calling.

Another costume for this weather, when lovely woman goes out "in her figure," is also of coarse canvas, with a large tart dotting it all over, the color being a rich purple. It has a black moire Eton, the short edged slashed into square tabs, wired to stand out from the figure above the folded velvet ceinture, the front rolling away from the waistcoat in stiff tabbed revers. The bodice beneath is of black caracul, of which the sleeves are also built, a velvet choker having caracul wings flaring out beneath each ear. A very rough and coarse serge is handsome, braided in black in a broad band, that encircles the skirt obliquely in a spiral, a bow of caracul and a steel buckle fastened on one knee, where the braiding commences. A ceinture of black moire, with flat postillions behind, reaching almost to the knees, and a big directive cravat of black moire, finish a peculiarly novel gown, the sleeves quite covered with the braiding.—St. Louis Republic.

THE WITCH HAZEL.

Last Plant of the Year to Put Forth Its Blossoms.

This peculiar plant, which, "amidst the reigning desolation of winter puts forth its yellow blossoms," thrives on the sand hills along the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. In this locality it appears to be the last to furnish reminders of summer before the face of advancing winter. In September, while the leaves are still green, some of the bushes may be found putting forth flowers; late in October, when entirely bare of leaves, other bushes appear in the flush or bloom, the branches dressed in yellow from end to end by the crowded flowers; a month still later frequent specimens still persist in flower, and by the right combination of circumstances one may ride in the gliding sleigh past bushes with a lingering glimmer of yellow. On last Thanksgiving day I waded through snow knee-deep to collect some flowering branches. In some of the flowers the stamens appeared to be immature, but the petals had passed their brightest day. About 15 inches of snow had fallen previously during the month, and the lowest recorded temperature in the vicinity was 14 degrees Fahrenheit. In "Wood's Cines Book of Botany" the flowering season is stated to be November to January. That may be its season in lower latitudes, but in this region its time is September to November. The embryo fruit remains apparently unchanged through the winter and until the following spring is well advanced, ripening in the autumn, when the earliest flowers are appearing.

The witch hazel scatters its seeds in a peculiar way. The fruit consists of an oblong woody case about half an inch in length, inclosing two hard nutlets somewhat resembling the seeds of an apple. The expulsion of these seeds may be witnessed by placing a branch with the ripened fruit on a table in a room. As the case dries strain results, and that causes a slight opening at the apex. The rupture of the case goes on very slowly for a number of hours or days, when the strain suddenly overcomes the remaining resistance, completing the opening with a sharp snapping sound and sending the seeds bounding about the room. The case splits nearly to the base, and its appearance afterward is said to suggest much the wide-opened mouth of a serpent about to strike.—Popular Science News.

BEWILDERING FIGURES.

Employed in Giving the Velocity of the Planets.

Astrolat Calculations Which Fairly Take One's Breath Away—Some Interesting Scientific Facts.

Even with the figures before us duly proved it is impossible for us to comprehend the wonderful velocity at which many of the planets travel. That which moves most rapidly, according to the latest astronomical calculations, is Areturus, which rushes through space at the rate of 197,599 miles an hour or 4,728,000 miles a day.

Areturus, according to Dr. Guillemin, a prominent astronomer, is 11,500,000 times as far away from the earth as the sun, in round numbers 1,069,500,000,000,000 miles, an inconceivable space. It is fairly generally known that if the sun were twice as far away as it now is, we should get only a fourth of the light we now obtain from it.

Careful comparisons have shown that Areturus sends to the earth about one twenty-billionth as much light as the sun, but if the sun were removed 149,600 times as far away as it now is, it would shine as a star no brighter than Areturus. Yet Areturus is 11,500,000 times as far away as the sun.

The sun's diameter is 886,000 miles, and therefore the diameter of Areturus must be about 71,000,000 miles, while its bulk is 551,000 times greater than the sun. Therefore, if every point upon it is as bright as the corresponding point on the sun Areturus must shine 6,724 times more brilliantly than the sun. Such a globe as near to us as the sun is would fill half the sky, but we never could live in such proximity to it. If the earth could be moved through space toward Areturus the spectacle that would be presented to its inhabitants as they approached that great star would be of indescribable magnificence.

When we had arrived within something less than 8,000,000,000 miles of it its light and heat would be equal to that which we get from our sun at a distance of only 93,000,000 miles. When we approached it as close as Neptune the intensity of its heat would begin to be unbearable. At the distance of Jupiter it would smite the earth with the resistless energy of its radiation. The forests would burn, the oceans rise from their beds in vapor, the ground would sink, and before we could approach as close as the earth is to the sun, the whole of our globe would be melted and dissipated in steam.

Truly, Areturus is a king among stars, and our sun, great and brilliant as it is, if dropped into the blazing atmosphere of that great planet would be instantly swallowed up and the only visible evidence of its fate would be a sudden flash.

Upon the sun the force of gravity is 27 times as great as upon the surface of the earth, but upon Areturus it would be 2,290 times as great, so that a man weighing 200 pounds on the earth, when transported to Areturus would be crushed under his own weight of 444,000 pounds, in a speck, almost before the fires of that mighty solar surface could consume him.

A devilish had been born at the same date as Julius Caesar, June 12, 100 B. C., with a tentacle 1,069,500,000,000,000 miles long and on the day of its birth had placed one claw upon the fervid surface of Areturus, it would yet require the lapse of several thousand years beyond the present date before the sensation of the burn would enter the creature's consciousness—upon the supposition that sensation travels with the same speed as light, 186,000 miles per second.

Of course, the figures bewilder one, but as far as they can be they have been proved correct.—N. Y. Recorder.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.



Fond Mother—This is my son Clarence. He is only 13, but he has written some beautiful poetry.

Friend—Then there is some hope for him.

Fond Mother—I am so glad to hear you say so!

Friend—Yes; when they are as young as that it is easier to tickle it out of them.—Sketch.

MODERN CHILDHOOD.



"Ella, I swear, you are my first love."
—Fliegende Blaetter.

Sample of Parkersburg Whiskey.

On Thursday afternoon the east bound Grafton-Parkersburg accommodation train on the B. & O. left here with a large crowd of drunken men on board, who had been to town and were returning home loaded to the neck with Christmas hilarity. They got into a score of fights before the train had gone more than 20 or 30 miles and nearly all were disgraced by black eyes, broken noses or sprains. At Kanawha Station four or five men left the train, every one of whom showed marks of the liveliest kind of a time. One man had both wrists badly sprained, another his shoulder dislocated, besides other accidents too numerous to mention.—Sentinel.

That Requisition Again.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., December 28.—Attorney C. T. Caldwell went to Charleston, last night, to appear in behalf of Dan Hannan, today being the time set by Governor MacCorkle to hear the arguments in the celebrated requisition case. The Pittsburg firm, Hayne, Wilson & Pratt, will be represented by counsel who will endeavor to show that the requisition should be granted. The whole matter depends upon whether the case grows out of a civil matter. If it is merely an attempt to recover a debt, the governor will probably not grant the required requisition.

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