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If when you read

your eyes ache or the letters blur and run together, it is a sure sign of DEFECTIVE VISION. You should have it corrected at once.

A New Departure

We have taken the agency for the East End Green Houses of Punxsutawney and can furnish you anything in the way of

Cut Flowers, Potted Plants, Emblems, Etc.

in fact everything from a ten foot palm to a cabbage plant. Beautiful blooming plants now in stock.

Stoke, The Druggist.

Branch Store at Sykesville.

Article No. 5. PIMPLES—This skin affliction comes from a clogged up system. Keep the bowels well open, apply Perfect Skin Food at night, rubbing in gently, and wash face in the morning with warm water containing a little powdered borax.

A Little of Everything.

Friday is Saint Patrick day. "Mormonism of To-Day" March 16. People will be "Wearing of the Green" Friday, March 17—St. Patrick day.

P. R. R. passenger train No. 105, due here at 6.14 p. m., was three hours late last night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Elliott gave a whist party last Thursday evening. There were about forty persons present.

Mrs. Henry Rhoden and daughter, Miss Emma Rhoden, who were at Scranton three months, returned home last evening.

The DuBois Journal has a libel suit on hands. Editor D. C. Whitehill, of Falls Creek Herald, is the instigator of the libel suit.

Married at 8.00 p. m. Monday, March 13, 1905, by Squire E. Neff at his office on Main street, Walter L. Burkett and Elva Leoma Bussard, of Reynoldsville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Dunsmore entertained a number of friends at their home on Pike street, West Reynoldsville, last evening. It was a pleasant social event.

The B. & P. southbound flyer was wrecked near Butler Saturday evening. Engineer C. J. Wilkes, of DuBois, was killed. Other trainmen and passengers were injured, but not fatally.

Marietta Holley, better known as "Samantha," or "Josiah Allen's Wife," is writing regularly for The Pittsburg Sunday Dispatch. "Rival Suitors" is the subject of her article next Sunday.

The lecture on "Mormonism of To-Day" by Rev. G. S. Womer Thursday evening of this week will be very interesting. Lecture begins at eight o'clock. Admission 25 cents.

His representation of "The Sign of the Cross" is one of the most artistic productions that has ever been given in this city. Such talent as his is rarely if ever equaled.—Bloomington, Ill. Press, Oct. 13, 1903. At Centennial hall, March 20.

J. M. Hutchison, who resides near Panoosa, has his left hand badly injured one day last week while at work in the mines and is now carrying his hand in a sling.

Miss Edna Moore, daughter of M. M. Moore, of Washington township, has graduated from the Samaritan Hospital, Philadelphia, as a trained nurse and is now doing work as a nurse in Philadelphia.

Miss Edna Baum, who accompanied her aunt, Mrs. Charles M. Dinger, to New York City and stopped off at Philadelphia and Sunbury on return trip to visit relatives, arrived home Friday.

Twenty-five Reynoldsville people were at Punxsutawney last Wednesday night to see Willard Spenser's "Miss Bob White." They returned home on special trolley car, arriving here about 1.10 a. m. Thursday.

He held the large audience spell-bound, and won the universal acknowledgment of being the best impersonator who has ever appeared in this city.—Dalton, Georgia, News, Feb. 25, 1903. At Centennial hall, March 20.

Lawyer C. C. Benschoter, of Brookville, was in town Thursday night. He was returning from Huntingdon, where he had been called by the illness of his brother, Rev. C. L. Benschoter, who had a stroke of paralysis on the 4th inst.

Don't miss the lecture in M. E. church to-morrow evening, March 16, by Rev. G. S. Womer, a former Reynoldsville boy. It will be an able and instructive lecture. Admission 25 cents. Lecture begins at eight o'clock.

The revival meeting still continues at the Baptist church. On Sunday evening nine persons were baptized in the presence of an audience that taxed every pew and chair in the building and many were turned away on account of no room.

A. M. Cornell, of Bradford county, state lecturer for the Pennsylvania State Grange, lectured in the Rathmel Grange on Tuesday evening of last week, March 7th. It is reported that he gave an excellent and very interesting lecture.

Squire E. Neff will go to over to Rossmore, Indiana county, to-day to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Neff, who were married sixty-five years ago the 6th of this month. Mr. Neff is over 90 years old and his wife is over 87 years old.

The following delegates from this section went to Altoona Monday to attend the annual convention of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America: Thomas McNeill, Peter Setlock, of Rathmel, Wm. Wagerman, Clarence Early, of Soldier, and Peter Taaf, of Pardus.

The third number on the Knights of Columbus Lecture Course was "The Sign of the Cross." Mr. O'Donnell proved himself to be the most artistic and finished impersonator who has ever been seen or heard in the valley.—New Brighton, Pa., Daily News, Jan. 6, 1904. At Centennial hall, March 20.

O. H. Broadhead, of Reynoldsville, who is a candidate for the nomination for sheriff, was in town Monday. Mr. Broadhead is recognized as a rock ribbed Republican whose party fealty has never been in doubt, and this added to the fact that he is one of the best party workers in the county will make him a formidable candidate.—Punxsutawney Spirit.

It was one of the best lectures ever heard in Lancaster, and we are all glad, from pupil to parent, that we have heard Mr. Gearhart. There was not a moment from start to finish, in which the lecturer did not have his entire audience listening most intently to his noble and stimulating thoughts, his fluent words and beautiful imagery. Best of all the man seemed to fit the lecture and the lecture fit the man.—Prof. W. O. Smith, principal Lancaster Academy, Lancaster, N. H. At Assembly hall Thursday evening, March 22.

Frank Bates, glass cutter, who has resided in Reynoldsville four years and a half, has bought a small farm near Millville, New Jersey, and is moving his family to that place. Mrs. Bates and children went to DuBois Monday to spend several days with Mrs. Todd Seeley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bates, and from there they will go to their new home in New Jersey. Mr. Bates will continue to work in the glass factory at this place until end of this fire. Mr. and Mrs. Bates have many warm friends here who are sorry to have them move away.

In this issue of THE STAR will be found the announcement of Prof. William M. Brown, of Brookwayville, candidate for superintendent of the Jefferson county schools, subject to action of the school directors at the county convention to be held in May of this year. Prof. Brown has been principal of the Snyder township high school several years. The Brookwayville Record, published at his home town, says: "Prof. Brown has made a canvass of the county and has met with considerable encouragement and he thinks his chances are good for success. Prof. Brown goes before the people with a good record and if chosen to superintend the schools of the county he will fill the position in a commendable manner."

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Evangelistic Meetings.

Special meetings will be held in the Presbyterian church every evening this week, except Saturday evening. Rev. Clark, of Punxsutawney, is assisting Rev. McKay.

Work on New Church Soon.

It was mentioned in THE STAR some weeks ago that the contract for erection of the new Methodist Episcopal church at this place had been let to Contractor Harle, of Punxsutawney. The contract and articles of agreement were signed a few days ago and the work will soon be commenced.

Birthday Party.

Monday, March 13, twenty-four of Mrs. Catherine Harris' friends surprised her by dropping in very unexpectedly to help her celebrate her 72nd birthday anniversary. The guests arrived about 10.30 a. m. Dinner was served at the noon hour, after which the ladies spent a social afternoon, and as each departed for their respective homes they declared they had a very enjoyable time. Mrs. Harris received a number of presents.

Baby Died.

The little daughter that was born to Rev. and Mrs. A. D. McKay March 3, 1905, died at 10.00 a. m. March 8. Short funeral services were held at home of parents—Presbyterian parsonage—at 9.00 a. m. Thursday, March 9, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. A. Parsons, pastor of the M. E. church, and interment was made in the Reynoldsville cemetery. Two or three floral designs and a number of beautiful bouquets were sent to the parsonage by friends.

Northey-Ackerman Nuptials.

William Northey and Minnie C. Ackerman, both of this place, were married by Rev. Dr. J. A. Parsons at 8.00 p. m. Wednesday, March 8, 1905, at home of Dr. Parsons. Miss Flora Northey, sister of groom, and Herman Guthrie stood up with the couple. Wedding supper was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Guthrie. Mr. and Mrs. Northey are well known by a large number of young people of town who will extend congratulations and good wishes.

"Mormonism of To-Day."

The lecture to be delivered in the M. E. church to-morrow evening, March 16, by Rev. G. S. Womer on "Mormonism of To-Day," will be a very interesting and instructive lecture. Rev. Womer, who spent two years at Salt Lake City, is a man of education and ability and he will handle his subject in a masterly manner. Rev. Womer is a former Reynoldsville citizen—one of our boys that we have reason to be proud of—and no doubt many of our citizens will be glad of the opportunity to hear him. Price of admission 25 cents. The lecture will begin at eight o'clock.

Candidate for Sheriff.

Frank P. Adelsperger, chief-of-police of Reynoldsville borough, will be a Democratic candidate for the nomination for sheriff at the primary election to be held June 24. The Democrats cannot drum up a stronger candidate for sheriff than Mr. Adelsperger and it is not likely that he will have any opposition for the nomination. He has a large number of friends in the county, regardless of political affiliations, and would poll a large vote at the fall election. Mr. Adelsperger would fill the office of high sheriff of Jefferson county in a very creditable manner. He would always be found attending strictly to business. For a number of years he has been constable and policeman in this borough and Reynoldsville never had a better official.

High Class Entertainment.

A high class entertainment, under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, will be given in Centennial hall Monday evening, March 20th, by James F. O'Donnell, one of America's greatest impersonators. He will appear in Wilson Barrett's famous drama, "The Sign of the Cross," in which he has won fame in nearly every state in the union and Canada. His representation of this noted drama is one of the most artistic productions on the stage. The beauty and moral worth of the play is most edifying and elevating, and Mr. O'Donnell, who for two years previous to entering on his platform career, was professor in the Cleveland School of Elocution and Oratory, gives it a charm that captivates and impresses every one. His stack of complimentary letters from enthusiastic committees of all classes and religions give abundant testimony of his great success in this wonderful play. He is said to give the most clever exhibition of character work of any entertainer on the platform and to be without a peer in his great work, "The Sign of the Cross." Entertainment begins at eight o'clock. Tickets at Stoke's drug store, 25 and 35 cents.

Fresh oysters and fish received daily at Bohren's Cafe.

A reduction of 30 per cent on granite and tinware at Cash New York Racket store.

We give Gold Trading Stamps with each Widow Jones suit for boys. Bing-Stoke Co.

See the spring hats at Millirens.

PASSED OVER THE RIVER.

Clare Eugenia Norris Died March 13th After Long Illness.

Clare Eugenia Norris, daughter of William Norris, of Winslow township, was born May 23, 1864, and died Monday, March 13, 1905, aged 40 years, 9 months and 14 days. She was a sufferer almost 21 years. She joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church when she was 19 years old, and had Christ to lean upon in all her sufferings. Several times she said she could see her mother come down from heaven with a band of angels, she watched them coming, and they came into the room where she sat and would carry her away up with them where she could see Christ waiting for her, but her time had not come and she would come back. She bade her brother good bye and he said, "you are going to heaven?" She answered, "yes; and I want you to meet me there. I want you everyone to meet me there." On Sunday she put her arms around her sister's neck and kissed her and said, "I will come back for you when Christ summons you home." A few minutes before she died she said, "I must get up and read the bible," and her sister said, "you do not need to read the bible; you and I know lots of verses we can read without the bible. Don't you know we learned many verses when going to Sunday school. Can't you tell me some of them?" "Yes," Eugenia said, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you; I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also." Eugenia was asked, "do you remember the text we had picked for our funerals?" "Yes," "I am now ready to be offered, the time of my departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Smilingly she said, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." "Shall we meet Beyond the River?" Is that your favorite hymn? and she commenced singing in a whisper, "My heavenly home is bright and fair, 'I long to be there,' and 'Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go.' Her face lighted up with a smile and she said, "these are my favorite hymns."

She leaves to mourn her departure a dear old father, three sisters and two brothers, namely, Mrs. Jane Wolfe, of Newtonburg, Mrs. Eleanor Vandervort, Eliza, Daniel and John Norris, and John R. McConnell, her promised husband.

Funeral services will be held in the Cumberland Presbyterian church this forenoon, conducted by Dr. Harry G. Teagarden. A FRIEND.

Home Wedding.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Raymer at 5.00 p. m. Wednesday, March 8, 1905, when their niece, Miss Clara Schaffer, and John Heemer, of Proscottville, were married. Rev. Dr. A. J. Meek, performed the ceremony. Miss Elizabeth Carberry was bridesmaid and Oris Sheesley was best man. The bride was dressed in light blue silk and carried white carnations. The bridesmaid carried pink and white roses. Mrs. J. H. Hughes played the wedding march. Supper was served at 5.30. About forty guests were present. The newly married couple received many beautiful presents. They left on the 7.30 trolley car on a short wedding trip.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Uplinger, of Paris, La. Emma Miller and Mrs. Sadie Reed, of Hillman, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Baughman, of DuBois, Mrs. W. A. London, of Sykesville, Mrs. Adam Welder, of Big Run, Miss Lala Schaffer, of Emerlockville.

"Gum Boots."

We have a good solid gum boot, no punched or second, but solid, well built boot, we're selling for \$3.00 Bing-Stoke Co.

Clothing Clothes.

Quite a few, but not all of our men's clothing suits for spring are now ready for your inspection. \$10. to \$20. costing you no more than ordinary kind. Bing-Stoke Co.

A Penny Saved

Is a penny earned. Bing-Stoke Co. sells Widow Jones suits for boys \$1.50 to \$6.00.

Trunks and suit cases at Millirens

Try a Club Sandwich at Bohren's Cafe, the best thing in the line of eatables.

Greatest values ever offered in white vests, \$2.00, at Millirens.

Ready-to-wear spring hats, latest styles, are now on sale at Mrs. S. V. Hays' millinery store corner Main and Fifth streets.

New wash goods ready for your inspection at Millirens.

Try a 25c dinner at Bohren's Cafe and enjoy a good meal.

New neck wear at Millirens.

Buckle Arties.

First-quality buckle arties, well worth \$1.50 and \$1.75, we're closing out now at \$1.25. Bing-Stoke Co.

New ribbon at Millirens.

For fresh oysters, devilled crabs, clams, shrimps and fish go to Bohren's Cafe.

New lace at Millirens.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Omiposes of the People who are Passing To and Fro.

Mrs. E. T. McGaw spent Sunday in DuBois.

Clarence H. Reynolds is in Pittsburg this week.

Miss Gertrude Sterley visited in DuBois Thursday.

Francis D. Smith is at Ferris, Butler Co., this week.

Lawyer Clement W. Flynn was in Clarion yesterday.

Mrs. P. J. Connelly is visiting her parents at Caledonia.

Mrs. W. B. Hoffman is visiting in East Brady this week.

Mrs. Andy Denny, of Driftwood, was a visitor in town Monday.

Lawyer G. M. McDonald was in Brookwayville Friday night.

Joseph W. List, of Phillipsburg, was in town the latter part of last week.

Mrs. M. J. McEntire, of DuBois, was a visitor in town Friday afternoon.

H. W. Lamb, of Johnstown, has been a visitor at J. W. King's the past week.

Mrs. C. R. Hall visited her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Darr, in Brookwayville Sunday.

Miss Belle Coleman, of Sammerfield, was a visitor at Dr. J. C. King's Monday.

Charles Wisor spent Sunday with an aunt, Mrs. A. C. Richards, Johnsonburg.

Mrs. C. A. Stephenson is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nancy Reynolds, at Look Haven.

Mrs. John H. Kaueher and daughter, Miss Laura, have returned from Philadelphia.

Mrs. S. S. Robinson and daughter, Miss Caroline, visited in Punxsutawney yesterday.

Samuel Fieking, of Anita, a former resident of Reynoldsville, was in town Wednesday.

Claire Riddle, of Waterson, Clarion county, was a visitor at O. H. Johnston's over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McSherry and daughter, Miss Jennie, are in Pittsburg this week.

Mrs. J. F. Hinderliter was at North Freedom last week attending the funeral of an uncle.

Miss Jessie Barclay, trained nurse, went to Harrisburg last night to nurse a lady of that city.

Miss Laura McCoy, of Shamont, visited her cousin, Mrs. P. J. Connelly, in this place last Friday.

J. C. Raibrig, editor of the New Bethlehem Indicator, was in Reynoldsville last Friday.

Miss Emma Schrader, of New York City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jacob Henninger, of Hill street.

Mrs. Jarvis Williams was at DuBois Thursday night to see "Wizard of Oz" at the Avenue theatre.

Miss Adeline Holland, of DuBois was the guest of her cousin, Miss Malissa Sensor Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. G. Newell Meeker, of Owensboro, Ky., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Corn Mitchell, on Grant street.

A. Silberman, of New York City, president of the Enterprise Silk Co., was in town three days last week.

Jay Evans and wife, of Greenville, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Evans, in this place.

W. S. Ross went to Beaver Falls Thursday morning to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. John Ross.

Mrs. C. J. Keim, of Watsonstown, Pa., visited the home of her uncle, J. Van Reed, in this place the first of this week.

A. T. Bing, of the Bing-Stoke Company department store, left here Monday for Philadelphia and New York City to buy new goods.

Mrs. James A. McCreight was called to Indiana, Pa., last week by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker.

S. T. Hoover, of Winslow, Indiana Co., visited his son, Dr. B. E. Hoover, in this place last week. Mr. Hoover is over eighty years old.

Mrs. Anna Marbel, of Coudersport, who was visiting her mother, Mrs. Isaac Cochran, and other relatives in this place, returned home yesterday.

Oscar Morrison, ticket agent for Pittsburg, Summerville & Clarion railroad at Waterson, spent Sunday with his uncle, W. J. Morrison, in this place.

A. Katzen, of the Peoples Bargain Store, left Monday for New York, Philadelphia and other eastern markets to buy his spring and summer stock.

Solomon Friedman, proprietor of the Cash New York Racket store, left here Monday night for Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York City to buy new goods.

J. Rielly Smeltzer, who has been working in the Government printing office at Washington, D. C., came to his home in this place Saturday on a vacation.

J. J. Sutter and wife, James O. Donaldson and wife and James E. Mitchell, of this place, were at Corsica last Wednesday attending the funeral of Dr. John Thompson, who died March 3rd.

Congressman W. O. Smith, editor of the Punxsutawney Spirit, accompanied by his wife, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smith, in this place last Friday. Congressman Smith made THE STAR office a fraternal call.

James Bennett and sister, Miss Emily Bennett, went to Nutley, N. J., Monday to visit their brother, Edward Bennett. Miss Emily has been ill for some months and it is hoped the change of climate will improve her health.

Mrs. J. M. Kifer, of Allegheny City, visited her daughter, Mrs. James O. Donaldson, in this place the past week. Mrs. Kifer was called to Corsica to attend the funeral of her brother, Dr. John Thompson, who was buried March 8.

Mrs. Eliza N. Hover, of Biabee, North Dakota, who was visiting brothers and other relatives in Beechwoods several weeks, started for her home the latter part of last week. Mrs. Hover is renewing her youth. The climate of North Dakota must be invigorating.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDED ANNUAL LITERARY CONTEST

Representatives of the County High Schools Acquitted Themselves with Honor and Brookville and Punxsutawney Shared the Laurels of Victory.

Table with 2 columns: Event and Winner. Events include Eulogy, Book Review, Debate, Recitation. Winners include Percy Parsons, Nina Van Ransselaar, Doncaster Hamm, Claire Paddock, Brookville.

The third annual contest between the chosen representatives of the high schools of Punxsutawney, Reynoldsville and Brookville at the latter town Friday evening was marked by all the enthusiasm and interest which made the past contests noteworthy. Long before the hour of commencement every seat in the large Belvedere opera house had been sold, many visitors from nearby towns were present, and a total of three hundred and sixty-four railroad tickets sold here to Reynoldsville and Punxsutawney delegations sufficiently attests the interest attached to the contest in the towns represented.

To those who have attended the contests since their inception, the improvement in the character of the event was gratifying. At Brookville the good feeling reigned supreme, there was almost no yelling or shouting before or during the program, and all the contestants without regard to town were given generous applause and impartial attention. The plea of Superintendent Teitrick that it be made a contest of culture alone came nearer than ever to realization. This is the more complimentary to Brookville from the fact that her representatives at Punxsutawney last year believed they were not given the consideration due them. Even the judges' decision, dividing the honors between Punxsutawney and Brookville, though a new experience to the Reynoldsville people, was received and applauded by all alike. The program was marred only by the unavoidable absence of Miss Laura Bubeck, Punxsutawney's representative for the recitations, who was ill. Otherwise it was carried out without change. In arrangement it resembled those of past years, but was shortened by the omission of comic recitations, and though still long the interest of the people remained tense until the last number after eleven o'clock.

The decision, giving the contest to Brookville, though Punxsutawney had taken two of the four events, excited some curiosity, such a separation of victory never having occurred before, and possibly would not have occurred if this time had Punxsutawney had all four of her contestants present to take part. The rules of the contest require that the judges, besides selecting the best contestant in each separate division of the program, shall also give to the contestant from each town in each division a certain number of points, and the sum of the points given each town's contestants for the whole program constitutes the base upon which the award of victory in the contest as a whole shall be made. Thirty points is the maximum given to any contestant, but less may be given, depending upon merit. Thus Punxsutawney, having but three contestants, could hardly have surpassed Brookville or Reynoldsville, having four each present, however excellent her productions were.

It was not Reynoldsville's honor to carry off the victory in the contest this time, but it was hers to furnish the most entertaining music of the evening. The two songs, "Po' Little Lamb," a lullaby, and a comical "Donkey Song," by a quartette composed of Leonard Harris, Percy Parsons, Frank and Craig King, were received by the audience, the first with a roar of applause, the mimicry of the second with shouts of laughter. Double musical numbers by a chorus of young folks from Brookville and an octette from Punxsutawney also furnished pleasing relaxation. Before and after the program the Mozart orchestra gave several selections.

The contest itself was not inferior to any of its predecessors and in the uniform equality of those engaged, superior. The splendid effects of long and diligent training were evident. Reynoldsville was given but one winner, but if special praise may be given to anyone of the contestants, her one winner certainly deserves it. In the eulogy of "Admiral Nelson," Percy Parsons gave a remarkably effective piece of word painting. "Napoleon" had been presented as a grand villain, quite unnecessarily, "Gen. Gordon" as a great and noble madman, but Nelson, was portrayed as a man among men, daring as the bravest, beloved and honored, heroic in life and death.

Instead of one, three different books were chosen for review by the three contestants: "The Virginians," "Hugh Wynne" and the "Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come." Each of the contestants, Nina Van Ransselaar, of Punxsutawney, Adda Myers, of Reynoldsville, and Letitia Fell, of Brookville, followed the same method of portraying the stories and their morals, and in passing it may be remarked that this part of the program was quite as educational to the audience as entertaining, for it gave many who had never read these books a close acquaintance with three of the best works of modern fiction.

The debate upon the question: "Which has exerted the greatest influence upon the history of our country, oratory, the public press or war?" was thoroughly discussed by three aggressive champions, and the cause of oratory lost nothing from its handling by Fred McEntire, of Reynoldsville. His claims were clear and position definite, which was more than could be said for the Punxsutawney and Brookville contestants, the first of whom made several questionable statements and the latter attempted to limit the meaning of oratory and the press to spheres far too small.

The recitations closed the long program and by their more dramatic character served to sustain interest. Claire Paddock, of Brookville, gave "Hagar," a piece well known, the strong and passionate nature of which was well brought out by the reciter. "Rebecca Mary," by Miss Genevieve Millirens, was equally pleasing and heartily applauded. The judges were W. M. Pierce, of

Reidway, C. E. Hankey, of Clarion, and S. C. Hepler, of New Bethlehem, and the latter was given the pleasure of announcing the awards, viz: The eulogy to Percy Parsons, of Reynoldsville; the book review to Nina Van Ransselaar, of Punxsutawney; the debate to Doncaster Hamm, of Punxsutawney; the recitation to Claire Paddock, of Brookville; and "over all, the contest to Brookville." But he might have added also, "the award of merit and praise to all alike."

Need Better Fire Protection.

We have been informed that the Enterprise Silk Company will ship more machinery to Reynoldsville and increase the capacity of the mill, providing they can get good fire protection. When they had a fire excitement at the mill during the winter the fire plug was frozen and while opening it the plug was damaged and has never been repaired. The morning the City Hotel was on fire one plug was frozen and could not be opened and one or two others were opened with difficulty. Because we do not have a fire very often the fire plugs are not looked after as carefully in the winter as they should be. The plugs should be opened occasionally and kept in working order at all times. Whenever the responsibility rests with Water Company or "borough dads," the matter should be given attention.

The silk mill has been a good thing for our town, as it gives employment to a large number and puts considerable money in circulation every year, hence the plant should have the fire protection it deserves. Especially should this matter be given prompt attention if the increase in the capacity of the mill depends upon it.

Misquoted and Incorrect.

REYNOLDSVILLE, March 14, 1905. Statement to Railroad Men and Others: We, the undersigned members of the ninth and tenth grades of room 13, Reynoldsville public schools, a committee appointed by vote of our school mates, do hereby declare: That the statements now current in our town relative to the use of liquor by railroad men and the responsibility of the Fall railroad wreck are misquoted and incorrect statements and were never made, as is charged, by the teacher in charge of our room, or by him allowed to be made by any student during school hours.

Respectfully submitted to the public. MELISSA E. SENSOR, JOHN H. THORNTON, Com. MARY PARSONS, HAMLIN POSTLETHWAIT.

I hereby certify that the above statement is the voluntary statement of the students of room 13, Reynoldsville schools. D. S. BACON, Teacher.

Sentenced to Penitentiary.