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Denver

W. B. Patterson is buying a large number of hogs that he will prepare for the spring market.

Sunday-school will be held every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A quinquagennial assembly was held in the church last Sunday and much enthusiasm was manifested. The officers were elected as follows: Superintendent, Rev. Silas Perkins; Assistant, Joseph Wilkison; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Eric Rhodes; Janitor for first quarter, Mr. Fred Wyatt. Mr. Perkins promised a prize book to the person under 16 years who collects the most money during this week, for the purchase of Sunday School literature.

Steps are being taken to provide for a Christmas entertainment.

Mrs. J. J. Pulse gave a five o'clock tea last Saturday evening. The occasion was a most enjoyable one. The following ladies were present: Mesdames Sweet, Wilkison, Parker, Orbison, Perkins, Wyatt and Raymond.

It is learned by some (one) that the Rhodes Bros. are making their cage a "leetcle" too secure. Boys, you have not wins out sisters, remember, be charitable.

Mr. Joseph Wilkison and his efficient clerk, David Saesenberg are displaying a fine line of gents' finishing goods. They occupy the Wyatt building.

We have good foundation for being proud of our school building which is nearing completion. School begins about the first of 1895.

A new comer: a beautiful girl. Congratulations, friend Patterson.

Rev. Perkins announced on last Sabbath that he would hold Divine service in Denver every Sunday at 11 o'clock A.M. He will organize a choir, hoping to make the singing a special feature. Now there need be no more confusion in regard to which Sunday we will have preaching.

Rev. Mr. Bateman will administer the rite of baptism to little Willie Perkins next Sunday.

Mrs. Sweet visited with Mrs. Parker several days of last week.

A letter was received from Brodman and Patterson, who are prospering on their journey to California.

We don't believe in ghosts, but wonder why a ray of light flashed through the little cottage just south of the church when the judges announced No. 5 as the successful contestant.

The Demorest Contest.

The most important event of late was the Demorest contest for the Gold Medal. This was held in the M. E. Church last Friday evening under the direction of Mrs. J. J. Pulse. Elaborate and careful preparations had been made for a most interesting entertainment, and it is hardly too much to say that the most sanguine expectations were surpassed. The house was beautifully lighted, and decorated with natural flowers and growing plants. By 7 o'clock there was a crowd, and before the chairman called to order the church was packed. Many were present from adjoining towns and distant country neighborhoods. The contestants (seven in number) each wore a silver medal gained for excellence in previous contests. Six of these were young ladies—the seventh and last to gain in the Silver contest was Will Patterson. Miss Cowan's—no. 1—articulation, conception and smoothness of speech were

excellent; Miss Butler's—no. 2—inflection, animation and pathos moved to tears; Miss Randolph's—no. 3—dignified and graceful manner won her audience; Miss Nelson—no. 4—impressed her hearers as being in genuine earnest; her expressive variation showed much study; Miss Code—no. 5—was perfectly possessed and spoke clearly with telling effect; Mr. Patterson's—no. 6—mastery and enthusiasm held his auditors spell-bound; Miss Spencer—no. 7—powerfully portrayed the horrors of the dram-shops.

The program was interspersed with the choicest music, which was fully appreciated by the congregation. When, with breathless interest, the decision of the Judges was awaited and announced in favor of—no. 5—most hearty applause went up. Miss Code is deservedly popular in this vicinity. It is to be hoped that these "contests" will be continued. Only one thing seriously marred the occasion, the benediction had scarcely been pronounced before some young man or men while yet in the church began hawking for an impromptu dance. It would be well for some of our young "would be's" to learn the a,b,c's of etiquette.

Mason.

Mrs. C. W. McFadden is spending the winter with relatives in Texas.

Mason has met with quite a serious loss in the person of C. E. Richards, Ex P. M. of Forest, who was one of our most reliable citizens, having permanently changed his residence to Ohio.

Mr. Balyen is entertaining his brother-in-law from Salmon river a few days.

One beef, one calf, one dressed hog and two dozen chickens were the stakes shot for at last Saturday's match. "If at first you don't succeed etc." seems to be the motto while the money lasts.

The solitary heel and toe clatter on back porches and barn floors indicate that some of the young people are practicing the double shuffle for a holiday dance.

The Saturday night literary at the Slavin school house wound up with a dance.
H. K. Vincent is now P. M. at Forest and has established a store there. The patrons are fortunate in securing a man so worthy to fill the position.

Messrs. Gibbe, Tefft and others have gone to Salmon river to bring out their cattle for the winter. Feed is cheaper than bunch grass this winter.

An exchange says an Anderson editor was writing up a local theatrical entertainment and he wanted to be particularly nice about it, so mentioned the names of several of the first young ladies of the town and wrote "they all filled their parts to perfection." Then he went home to quietly pray for forgiveness for the lies he had told. The printers went on with their diabolical conspiracy to drive all the editors insane and when the paper appeared and was delivered to its patrons it was found they had put an "n" in the place of the "r" in the word "parts". The girls all have big brothers, and the editor is hiding in a big swamp that is full of ravenous animals and poisonous serpents.

A literary man who recently tried the power of the human on a ferocious bull is recovering from his wounds and bruises, but has lost faith in such mesmerism.—Ex.

Over-production.

The following is related of an Irish wag, and from the incidents that follow it is presumable that he was very closely identified with the dry goods business or making of election returns. After marriage it was agreed between himself and spouse that he should name all the twins their union should be favored with, and when in due time at the first birth she presented him with twin daughters, his wife inquired what he would name them. To which he replied: "Kate and Duplicate," which delighted the mother, whose name was Kate. The twins prospered and grew, and in the lapse of months the mother presented him with a pair of brothers. When they were to be named the wife asked her lord what he would name them, to which he replied: "Peter and Repeater." And as Peter was the Christian name of her spouse the wife was again satisfied. Kate and Peter and Duplicate and Repeater flourished as pairs, and when the brothers just begun to toddle the husband and father was surprised and not a little vexed to be called upon to name a second pair of boys. He was equal to the occasion, and named one Max and the other Climax, and to an inquiry by Kate as to the significance of the latter one he replied: "It is overproduction and must be stopped."—Ex.

Contest Budd's Election

SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 17.—The Republican state central committee had finally resolved to contest the election of James H. Budd. A committee of seven was appointed under instructions to go before the state legislature and demand a recount of the entire vote of San Francisco. Though the legislature is overwhelmingly Republican, many influential Republicans are opposed to the contest.—Ex.

A STORY FROM IDAHO

Two men in Genise, Ida. got to talking over the old folly as to which is the mother of the chicken, the hen that lays the egg or the hen that hatches them out. At last the most aggressive of the twain offered to bet five dollars that he had a rooster that would hatch a setting. This was such a palpably sure thing that the other fellow regarded it as a bluff, and flashed his five. The bluffer went home and bored two holes through the bottom of a saleratus box, caught a rooster and ran his legs through the holes and tied them and made him be a father to the chickens in spite of himself. He won the five and the rooster is just getting able to walk.—Ex.

Our attention has just been called to a book recently published, which indeed charms us. We refer to "Our Journey Around the World", by Dr. Francis E. Clark. It is really a marvel of beauty and a mine of information, being a complete record of a recent journey around the world. One year was spent and about 50,000 miles traveled. Dr. Clark and his wife (who accompanied him) enjoyed rare opportunities for observation and study. The reader is personally conducted through Australia, India, Japan, Egypt, Palestine, Turkey and many other lands. This is a book that should be owned by every one interested in our world

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