

Pettigrew of South Dakota, one time a senator of the United States, promises that he will bolt the Democratic party if Cleveland is nominated. In view of the fact that Pettigrew was a Republican as long as that party would do anything for him, and addressed his first Democratic convention a few days ago, it might not be a bad idea to nominate Mr. Cleveland so as to drive the Pettigrews out of the party.

The Country School and Some of its Improvements.

There have been many discussions on every imaginable phase of the country school problem. At all the educational associations which are annually held throughout the United States, in all the educational journals and magazines which are daily sent to every portion of our country, the country school question has occupied a prominent place. Professional men of high rank have given their views on this great subject; the layman have been interested in it and talked much about it; college men from their stately heights contemplated it and delineated in a scholarly manner the entire situation; it has been discussed by almost every type of man, and from almost every conceivable point of view. But to truly understand the situation we must lay aside the manifold discussions, we must not be contented with what we hear and read about the matter. We must get out into the field, however uninviting it may be, and make the survey for ourselves. We must conscientiously meet face to face rude and stubborn facts; otherwise our conception of the country school will be woefully inadequate. This is a question of paramount importance; every thoughtful man no doubt realizes its surpassing importance.

Of all the great problems which today confront our people for solution, none, it seems to me, is of greater importance than our country schools. The time is ripe for broad scholarship, for wise supervision, for earnest and faithful effort, directed along the line of improvement of public schools. Colleges are important to the country, higher education is necessary for the full and proper development of our country, but the school in the remote corners of the State are none the less important to its welfare. It is worthy of the cordial support of all good citizens. It is an exceedingly important social factor, and as such its aptitude for performing its functions should be cultivated and improved. Work in the common schools is a noble work, and it demands a host of noble workers. The harvest is ripe, but the reapers are too few. Let us all engage more enthusiastically and more intelligently in the great cause of the common schools, and thus edify the standards of our citizenship. Let us be more willing to spend some of our time and talent for the cause of education of the masses, and thus experience a greater material prosperity; let us be more altruistic in spirit, more ardent in work, with reference to the little country school, and thus reap benefits to all the institutions of our modern civilization—family, state, church and school.

Let us now consider some of the improvements of our country schools. Since the opening of the 19th century, school methods have changed from generation to generation, greatly for the better; so that each adult generation has been able to learn something from the schools of its children. And inasmuch as good literature of all the ages is constantly made more accessible, it may be hoped that through a good school's use of literature, old and new, each successive generation may profit by the schools of its children. The children returning from school ought to bring into their homes some fresh daily interest in what they have been doing at school, or in what they are expected to do at home.

In all education of the young, and indeed in the whole trend of life, it is a fundamental object to train the will-force of the individual, and it is the ultimate end of education to make that will justly and actively. The weak will is the one most liable to be misled; he has not force

enough to say "no;" he cannot resist the seduction of the moment; he is at the mercy of casual companions; both home and school training should, therefore, be directed to the cultivation of the individual child's will power. This cultivation can come only through choosing and doing, it cannot come through submission, unreasonable obedience, inaction, or any sort of passiveness. In this respect a child's training closely resembles a whole people's training. Democracy makes choices or decisions, and acts for itself. It does many things much worse than they might be done, or, indeed, are done, under a despotism, but it wills and acts for itself, and thereby gets an education in the self-control and self-created law and order which form a virile and effective national character. For the child, as for the nation, there is virtue in deciding and doing, even though the things done are not done well. It sometimes seems to be the policy of elaborate school systems that the children are not to do things that they do ill, or at least that they are to repeat everything they attempt upon till they can do it well. This is a very unfortunate limitation of choosing and doing by children. They ought to attempt hundreds of things that they cannot perform with any approach to adult skill; they ought to use tools which they may injure in the using, and the teacher ought to be content to have them try a little more difficult new thing, rather than repeat the identical thing in which they have not succeeded. There is more training in a new kindred attempt than in a repetition, a fresh observation and judgment are involved. False starts and unsuccessful experiments should only stimulate them to new and better directed attempts. It is the object of education to develop, not automatic action through long practice, but will-force, and the power and inclination to find or make one's own way.

It is gratifying to see that the legislature of our beloved State has become aroused to the need of education of our people, and have passed such laws as will be directly effective in the uplifting of our schools. One is the establishment of rural libraries, which will probably be one of the greatest stimulus for our schools that they could have granted. Some of the wisest of our fellow creatures have told us that they owed their happiest hours to books. Happy indeed is the man who knows how to read; he can find comfort, counsel and companionship in his books. As long ago as the fourteenth century Richard De Bury, Bishop of Durham, said: "The library, therefore, of wisdom is more precious than riches, and nothing that can be wished for is worthy to be compared with it. Whosoever, therefore, acknowledges himself to be a zealous follower of truth and happiness, of wisdom, of science, or even of the faith, must of necessity make himself a lover of books."

We are beginning to realize that education should last through life, that the education of our children should not be a mere grammar of words, but should include some training of the hand and eye; so, on the other hand, the life of the grown-up man or woman should not be altogether devoted to work of the hands, to the pursuit of money, but they should devote some time to the acquisition of knowledge and the improvement of their minds. It has been well said: "If a man has not the elements of happiness in himself, not all the beauty and variety, the pleasures and interests of the world can give it to him."

But in arguing the multiplication of rural libraries, over and above all the solid advantages of study, it is pleasant to think of the many happy hours which would be spent within their walls. What delightful memories rise out of the very thought of books. Shakespeare, with no less truth than beauty, tells us that: "All places that the eye of heaven visits, are to the wise man ports and happy havens." But this is nowhere truer than of the library. We hope to see in the not far distant future, every school with a modern building and a good library. And if this be our fortune, the world may be kind or unkind. It may seem to us to be hastening on the wings of enlightenment and progress to an imminent millennium, or it may weight us down with a sense of insolvable difficulty and irremediable wrong, but whatever else it be, so long as we have good health and libraries, it can hardly be dull.

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WITH THE CORRESPONDENTS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TENSELY TOLD OF A BUSY AND PROGRESSIVE COUNTY.

Easley R. F. D. No. 5.
Mr. Editor and Readers: Will you please give me space to join your correspondents, as I haven't seen any news from this section.

Farmers in this section are done planting, both corn and cotton. A tent meeting is going on at the Easley mill town, with Dr. L. G. Clayton as superintendent.

Mr. Hort Watson visited his brother, S. J. Watson, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Daisy Woodlands, of Piedmont visited her sister, Mrs. Ada Hill, last week.

We are sorry to note the death of our friend, Mr. John Wilson, who died at his home below Easley Wednesday, April 20. He had pneumonia. He leaves, to mourn his death, a wife and three children, besides a host of relatives and friends. He was a good man and will be missed by many.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, on the 13th of April, a son.

Robert Kelley and wife of Oconee county, visited W. E. Smith last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith made a trip to Oconee Monday.

May Apple.

From Six Mile.

This beautiful spring morning I take my pen to give a few dots from our section. It is a great pleasure for me to write to our good little paper. I rather read the Sentinel-Journal than to eat, when I am hungry.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Rice, a fine boy.

Miss Ruth Willimon visited the city of Seneca last Friday.

A. D. Mann has a fine field of wheat.

Little Anna Willimon, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Willimon, came very near getting drowned last week, by falling into a tub of water. Mr. Willimon happened to see her just in time to save her.

Married last Sunday at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. Seabrook Atkinson, Mr. Fletcher Evans to Miss Mary Finley. We wish them a long and happy life.

Mrs. W. B. Norris is visiting her mother, Mrs. Isaac Durham, this week.

I saw thought that the frost had bit White Rose, by her not sending in her items, but I saw in last week's paper that she had come to life.

Wake up, Blue Eyes, how can you sleep this beautiful weather? Send in your items; we enjoy reading them.

Oh, the cakes that are going to be cooked for the May meeting at Six Mile the second Sunday in May. This old writer will have a fine time eating them. I will ask a few friends to help me.

P. W. Willimon visited in Pickens last Friday.

There is said to be a case of small pox in our community. I am like White Rose, I was in hopes that they would stay away.

We had a light snow on the 20th of April. The old ladies thought their gardens were gone up.

Our fruit is not all killed. If it had been I don't know what we old Pea Ridge folks would do. I don't think there is going to be many blackberries around here this time, for most of the vines have been cut down. The old man can not get a smile on his face, for he is very fond of them.

Robt. Mauldin is laying down lumber to have a barn put up.

Farmers are just working on for 17 and 18 cent cotton next fall. Some have more corn planted and some have more cotton. I will take the corn for you can raise hogs and have your bread stuff at home.

I sure do enjoy reading the letters from Texas. I hope the writers will write often, so we South Carolina people can hear from the West often.

I would write more, but my hand is almost asleep, and the old lady is looking cross eyed at me. I know why she is doing that; she wants me to help work in the garden, for Mr. Crab grass is almost here.

Old Riddle.

From Mica.

The health of this community is generally good at this time, except Mr. T. A. Williams, who is still confined to his room. We hope he may again be restored to his health.

E. Frank Looper and M. E. Hester, of Pickens, visited T. A. Williams the fourth Sunday. We are always glad to meet these gentlemen, as they are such jolly good fellows. Mr. Looper is in the race for Sheriff.

Matthew Hendricks visited Mr. Williams last Sunday.

Mr. Lem Freeman filled his registration at Mt. Tabor.

the 4th Sunday in April. Mr. L. B. Williams is improving fast in the art of playing the violin. He is better on the old sacred music than on the little "git about" kind, but he can "git the gun" on them some.

A wide awake Sunday school is now in progress at Mt. Tabor, with Uncle Sam Looper as Superintendent.

John I. Williams lost his shingle mill by fire a few weeks ago; also his engine was badly damaged, the piping being knocked loose and a fire built up under it, to complete the destruction of it. The burning is thought to be of incendiary origin.

Grundy Hill has treated himself to a handsome new buggy.

Mr. R. G. Trotter has a gourd that holds eleven gallons. Now, dear readers, this is no joke, but a solid fact, as the gourd has been measured.

Miss Cora Williams and little brother, Lawrence, visited at their uncle's, E. T. Edens, last week.

Mosses, Hendricks and Hughes have their corn mill in operation now, which is a great convenience to our bread-eating people.

Tanta Bogus.

From Chastain.

Mr. Blankenship, a mineralogist from the State of Washington, spent one night with Maj. Lynch, recently, prospecting. He carried off some specimens from this section to be analyzed. He is located on the French Broad river, in North Carolina, where he has found a good specimen of gold, and has taken a lease on the land.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. Wade Chastain, on the 20th of April, a boy.

John Miles, colored, has the finest corn we have seen. It is ready for plowing over.

We had a white frost the 22d of April. We fear the peaches are all killed. There are plenty of apple blossoms, but we can't tell yet what effect the frost has had on them. Perhaps we had better plant plenty of melons, which is a pretty good substitute for fruit.

Rev. Murphree failed to reach his appointment the third Sabbath, at Holly Springs church.

Farmers are moving the plow, planting corn and cotton, not waiting for the moon to full.

April 25. All Day.

From Rock.

Most of the farmers have planted their corn and cotton seed. It was a very bad prospect of making much fifteen cent cotton when it began to sleet, last Wednesday.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hendrix on the 11th inst, a fine girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Howard, Miss Mary Burgess and Eugene Burgess made a flying trip to the mountains last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Keith were the guests of W. D. Hendricks last Sunday.

Rev. Joe Foster preached a very interesting sermon at Pleasant Grove last second Sunday to a large crowd.

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