

FIDDLE CREEK ITEMS.

Mr. Gibson has the kitchen of his new house almost completed.

Mr. Miles has recently built an addition of two rooms to his residence.

Despite the bad weather, our Sunday-School still continues with its usual attendance.

G. L. Houghton moved to town last week. But we hope to see him back on his ranch not long hence.

B. F. Wilkes is shaping things in a way which indicates the erection of a fine dwelling house—now pretty soon.

The most important item of the last two weeks was the closing of our school. The entertainment was said to be very fine.

C. H. and D. W. Vanderburg are working the road between their houses and Mr. Young's. When completed it will be a first-class road.

I beg your pardon, Mr. Young! Last but not least! Mr. Young is building a fine house on his ranch. He hopes to have it completed by spring.

The Fiddle creek people are arranging to have a Christmas tree and an exhibition on Christmas evening. It is desired that all attend who can.

A. V. Gibson and M. D. Scott are expected to arrive in a few days from Independence. They will spend the winter with Fiddle creek people.

J. A. Gibson, while going to Mr. Wilkes' place last Sunday evening, was caught in a severe storm, and in going from the wharf to the house, a falling tree struck him with such force as to throw him to the ground. The body of the tree struck him across the leg, between the knee and foot, but fortunately nothing more serious than a few bruises resulted.

L. E. G.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Pittsburg has a \$35,000 saw.

Whitelaw Reid will retire from public life.

Uncle Sam employs 37,000 women telegraphers.

There are oak trees in existence 1000 years old.

Illinois bankers want the three days of grace abolished.

The population of Japan is 41,000,000, an increase of 300,000.

Every fifth boy in India is at school, but only every 15th girl.

Twenty-five thousand people are employed in the Chicago stock yards.

Ten days per annum is the average amount of sickness in human life.

Dr. Koch says Chicago need have no fear of catching the cholera from Germany's exhibits.

Pension Commissioner Raum says the immediate deficiency in his bureau is \$15,000,000.

Traffic was almost entirely suspended in the streets of London recently for almost three days on account of the intense fog.

The total number of Chinese who entered Canada and paid the poll tax of \$50 each during the fiscal year ending June 30 was 3276.

Mrs. McKee, daughter of the Presi-

dent, is to remain at the White House, presiding in her mother's stead. Russell Harrison and wife will also live there.

In places in New York, away from the gilded palaces, population is pretty dense, as may be judged from the following: New York has 8162 dwellings which contain ten families each.

Burial at sea is to be abolished for those who have money to pay for the transportation of their remains in case of death on board ship. Air-tight steel caskets for the transportation of bodies are now a part of the equipment of all the best steamers.

Aluminium, or an alloy of that metal, has been used for the construction of a lifeboat at Stralsund. As is well known, the metal is remarkably light for its strength; but it remains to be seen how the boat will stand sea water, as the air of the sea seems to have a corroding effect upon aluminium and aluminium alloys.

SOME STRANGE FACTS.

Only one person in 10,000 lives to be a centenarian.

Parts of the Atlantic ocean are five miles in depth.

A Florida man grows four cabbage heads on one stalk.

The London Zoological Garden now contains 3000 animals.

In every minute sixty-seven people die in the world and seventy are born.

The hourly rate of water falling over Niagara Falls is 100,000,000 tons.

Hindoostan is about twenty-five times as large as the state of New York.

Before the year 1800 twelve papers were published in the United States.

A lump of coal weighing 1600 pounds was recently mined in Cascade county, Montana.

Two hundred and fifty million letters pass through the postal office of London every year.

Muffs were first used by doctors to keep their fingers soft and were adopted by ladies about 1550.

In Hebron, Conn., is an apple tree that was planted 125 years ago, and still bears good fruit each year.

Yeddo, the capital of the Japanese Empire, contains 4,000,000 inhabitants and has a greater area than London.

Sherman, Texas, has a \$90,000 jail from which ten prisoners recently escaped by sawing through iron bars with a thirty-five cent file.

Nineveh, the ancient city, was fourteen miles long and eight miles wide, surrounded by a wall 100 feet high and twenty-nine feet wide.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

To fail at all is to fail utterly.

Small heads get big the quickest.

Men who hate women hate sunshine.

Being beautiful is the least of being.

He who loves Art must love Nature first.

To live is not merely to breathe, it is to act.

Some people smother their sorrows in words.

Freedom is not caprice, but room to

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enlarge.

Pleasure shortens life; happiness prolongs it.

The condition of humanity rests with humanity.

Take care of your living and your dying will take care of itself.

The greatest truths are the simplest; and so are the greatest men.

Kindness in us is the honey that blunts the sting of unkindness in others.

The pain of losing is softened in the memory of pleasure in winning.

People who do not know how to laugh are always pompous and self-conceited.

Never be afraid of what is good; the good is always the road to what is true.

Kind words will never die. With some people it is because they were never born.

A man who does not learn to live while he is getting a living is a poorer man after his wealth is won than he was before.

Nothing gives such a blow to friendship as the detecting another in an untruth. It strikes at the root of our confidence ever after.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

"I'm nearly always disappointed in the Christmas presents my husband buys me," confessed Mrs. Dimmick to Mrs. Kickshaw.

"Is that so?"

"Yes. He means well, but he doesn't seem to get me the things I want. I try to appear pleased, of course, but I'd rather have things I care for. I give him hints but he never seems to catch them."

"Now I never have any trouble like that with Mr. Kickshaw."

"How do you manage it?"

"Easily enough. I buy him for his Christmas present just what I want to have myself, and he gets for me just what he thinks he would like to have, and then we exchange the articles with each other."

It Was an Accident.

"I understand," remarked the polite reporter to the close-mouthed manager of a western railroad noted for its poor

time, "that there was an accident on your road last night."

"Oh, do you?" was the sarcastic reply.

"Yes, sir."

"Do you know anything about it?"

"Only that it happened to the train which was due here at 8:15."

"That train came in promptly on time, sir," said the manager, firmly.

"Are you sure of that?"

"Of course I am."

"Thanks. That must have been the accident referred to." And the reporter dodged out safely.

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