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More interest is being taken in school matters in Athena than has been noted in years. The sentiment is strongly in favor of educational progress in this city and the taxpayers of the district, almost to a man, stand for better salaries, and the thorough organization of a high school department. The law enacted by the legislature, providing for a high school, maintained by a group of districts, is one of the best educational measures given the state. By this method two or more districts may combine in supporting a high school. The high school department is separate and distinct from the graded departments and its faculty has nothing to do with the departments outside of high school work. The high school interferes in no way with the public school facilities of the districts in which it is situated, merely drawing its strength from the collective districts in which it is located, from pupils passing out of the eighth grade into high school work. The law provides that one member of the school board from each district embracing the high school district as a whole, shall constitute the board of directors, administering high school affairs. By rising to the opportunity which this law affords, Athena has within her grasp the chance to establish a splendid school. But prompt action must be taken. She must at once organize her high school department, so that she will be prepared to take care of the pupils who come from the eighth grade this year, ready for high school work next year. No forcing the proposition must be left to the country districts surrounding Athena. The school here must at once be put on a basis strong enough to draw the country districts to it, in the matter of high school facilities.

The state of Pennsylvania will make one of the most notable departures in road making known in the history of the United States, providing the cherished project of Governor Stuart, embodied in a bill pending in the Pennsylvania legislature is carried out. Governor Stuart's scheme contemplates a colossal enterprise which will cost millions. Its object is a state highway from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, by way of Harrisburg. This public road is to be sixty feet wide and the estimated cost is anywhere from $5,000,000 to $15,000,000. The latter estimate is made by opponents of the measure, who contend that such a thoroughfare as is proposed could not be constructed for less than $30,000 a mile. But Pennsylvania is not alone in promulgating vast public highway enterprises through state aid. New Jersey has a great road system, made possible by a tax levy and bond arrangement that diffuses the burden and commends the scheme. Something similar is being agitated in Illinois. The idea is gradually working west and it is not too much to expect that within another decade Iowa and adjacent states will be feelng the effect and enjoying the benefits of splendid highways built at least in part by legislative appropriation of such magnitude as the conditions demand.

The agricultural college at Ames Iowa has finally been forced to recognize the hen in an official manner and a department of poultry has been established. Fowls of the most popular strains have been placed in suitable quarters and a thorough test is to be made of their egg producing qualities. An accurate record which has been kept on the hens in the experimental flocks shows that during the first year one of them produced 210 eggs, while the same hen has produced 194 eggs in the first 204 days of her second year. At 20 cents a dozen the year's product of this one hen yielded a net profit of $3 after deducting $1.20 for feed and care. While none of the other hens has made so good a showing, their records in egg production are exceptional. The bill of fare for the day consists of breakfast of corn which is covered with four or five inches of litter and has to be dug out; at noon a feed of wheat and oats which has to be worked for in the same way and at night a warm mash of ground grains, vegetables and seasoning feed in troughs. Fresh water and milk are given daily while a supply of charcoal, grits, oyster shell and meat scraps is accessible.

After much bragging and blustering the big suit against the Standard Oil company has finally come to an inglorious end. This was the case where Judge Landis handed the oil trust a $29,000,000 fine which was reversed in the court of appeals. When the retrial was begun, the end came quickly. In rapid succession the presiding judge ruled out the various contentions of the government and then instructed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty.

It begins to look as though the two cent fare laws will be numbered among the things of the past. Down in Mississippi the railroads succeeded in convincing Judge Smith McPherson that no profit could be made under that fare and accordingly he declared the law invalid. This will give the rail roads a starting point from which to attack similar laws in other states.

Pat Crowe, the reformed kidnapper, fell from the water wagon a few days ago. He again announces his reformation and will continue to tell the people of the wickedness of the world at so much per head.

Mr. Rockefeller says he would like to be young again. Perhaps he sees where he could have made more money.

At any rate, the weather man will soon be compelled to give us base ball weather.

STOCK CONVENTION.

Shall we make our city laws a farce—just a good practical joke? Or is the city ordinance only to give the city dads a chance to argue some? That may be the purpose of law, but I doubt it. Now let us see. We have what is called a "stock law" or ordinance, in Athena prohibiting stock running at large. Our good citizens point to the fact that we have good laws, but the trouble seems to be that our cows and horses are not law abiding citizens. Too bad, but they are either ignorant of the law, or wilfully disobey it. At any rate they roam the streets promiscuously, tramp up and destroy lawns, (see the lawn at the Christian church parsonage) in any way which a cow or horse is accustomed. What shall we do? I suggest that we call a mass meeting of all the cows and horses in the city, have it presided over by the "old bag of bones" so familiar to us all, read them the laws, and turn the enforcement of the ordinance over to them. All in favor say "Aye." Carried! No doubt it would be effective, and besides the cows and horses would know for certain just where they are at in the matter of appropriating lawns for spring and summer pasture. Seriously though, I think every law should be enforced, whether it be a "stock," "cleanup," "water," or any other law. U. Gesagen

TRIFLES THAT COUNT.

To skim grease from soup in a hurry use square sheets of clean tissue paper on the surface of the soup. Lay them on one at a time and lift off lightly and every bit of fat comes off.

Icing that has not boiled long enough can be put back on the fire after it has been mixed in the white of egg, provided an asbestos mat is used beneath.

Do not wear a winter suit that must do duty another season too late in the spring. It is more economical to buy a cheap, lightweight suit rather than risk the dust and general shabbiness of wearing a good cloth on hot days.

A box of clean sand kept in the kitchen will be found excellent for hasty cleaning of blackened pots, pans and rusty knives.

When the handles have pulled off the lids of pots or pans cut a spool in half and fasten it to the lid with a screw and nut.

Glass shelves and towel rods in a bathroom save the time and temper of the cleaner. The chief objection to these things is the cost. If one watches marked down sales they can often be picked up at half price.

A delightful fragrance that is not oppressive can be given a sick room by putting a little cologne in a saucer and setting fire to it.

School Report.

For Lamar District number 30, for the month beginning February 15 and ending March 12.

Whole number of days taught, 19; whole number of pupils enrolled, 20.

Those pupils who are on the roll of honor for the month and have neither been absent or tardy are:

Etta Swaggart, Blanche Swaggart, Anna Johnson, Minnie Johnson, Lola Key, Vergie Key, Mamie Sheard, Lenore Swaggart, Lois Swaggart, Margaret McMahon, Carl Sheard, Carl Johnson, Freddie Johnson, Floyd Corporon, Truman Barnes, Charles Henley and Lawrence Pinkerton.

Lillian Downs-Dobson,
Teacher.

Baptist Church Notes.

A good day is looked for at the Baptist church on Sunday. Bible School session opens at 10 a. m. and Supt. Chas Betts wants every member of the school to be there on time. Then we are glad to have Pastor Ryder back with us for all day and he will preach both morning and evening. The B. Y. P. U. will hold its meeting at 6:45. Miss Mary McKinnon leads the meeting. At 7:45 will be the evening services of song and Pastor Ryder will preach; the topic of the sermon will be "Plus." If possible at all you should hear this address by Pastor Ryder. A cordial invitation to all.

Near Death In Big Pond.

It was a thrilling experience to Mrs. Ida Soper to face death. "For years a severe lung trouble gave me intense suffering, "she writes, "and several times nearly caused my death. All remedies failed and doctors said I was incurable. Then Dr. King's New Discovery brought quick relief and a cure so permanent that I have not been troubled in twelve years." Mrs. Soper lives in Big Pond, Pa. It works wonders in Coughs and Colds, Sore lungs, Hemorrhages, LaGrippe, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, and all Bronchial affection. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Palace Drug Co.

Christian Church Announcements.

Rousing services next Lord's Day. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching and communion at 11 a. m. and preaching at 7:30 p. m. At night the pastor continues his series of sermons on "Influence." Every young man and woman, parent, teacher, business man and in fact every one should hear these sermons. They will strengthen you. ½

It Saved His Leg.

"All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, Watertown, Wis, "Ten years of eczema, that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up Then Bucklin's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infallible for Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Boils, Fever Sores, Burns, Scalds, Cuts and Piles. 25c at Palace Drug Co's.

Kills Would-Be Slayer,

A merciless murderer is Appendicitis with many victims. But Dr. King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing Constipaion, Billousness, kills Malaria, Headache and Indigestion. 25c at Palace Drug Co.

Soldier Balks Death Plot.

It seemed to A. J. Jackson a civil war veteran of Kemp Tex., that a plot existed between a desperate lung trouble and the grave to cause his death. I contracted a stubborn cold, he writes that developed a cough that stuck to me, in spite of all remedies, for years. My weight ran down to 130 pounds. then I began to use Dr. Kings New Discovery, which restored my health completely. I now weigh 178 pounds. For severe Cold, obstinate Coughs Hemorrhages, Asthma, and to prevent Pneumonia it's unrivaled. 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Palace Drug Co.

For health and happiness—DeWitts Little Early Risers—small, gentle, easy, pleasant little liver pills, the best made. Sold by Palace Drug Co.,

Washington Once Gave Up

to three doctors; was kept in bed for five weeks. Blood poison from a spiders bite caused large, deep sores to cover his leg. The Dr. failed then Bucklens Arnica Salve completely cured me, writes J. Washington, of Bosqueville, Tex. For eczema, boils, burns, piles its supreme. 25c. at Palace Drug Co's.