

Elk Advocate.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1876.

Evangelical Lutheran Church. REV. I. BRENNEMAN, Pastor.

GRACE CHURCH. REV. WM. JAS. MILLER, Rector.

Car Time at Ridgway. Mail East 4:45 P. M. do West 3:30 A. M.

ELK LODGE, A. Y. M. The stated meetings of Elk Lodge, No. 147, are held at their hall, corner of Main and Depot streets, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The poem "Sunshine," read by Miss Rose A. McCleary, before the Teachers Institute, on Friday evening last, is reproduced in the ADVOCATE in the issue of Nov. 12, 1875.

S. A. Rotz of West End Gallery has been appointed agent for the sale of clothing made to order, by Wassamker Brown of Philadelphia the largest clothing house in America, and has on exhibition samples to a great variety of suits &c., at all prices.

CASH, thus insuring low prices. ONE PRICE, thus treating everybody like.

FULL GUARANTEE, accompanied by every garment sold. CASH RETURNED, if we can't do you. The advantages thus secured are a saving of time and temper, perfect security, absence of all huckstering &c., and it makes good clothing cheap, try it.

Mr. H. A. Patterson, writing from Jacksonville, Florida to Mr. S. A. Rotz of this place says: I am glad to hear that Sheriff Hoely, is coming to our State on a visit, and hope that his impressions, may be of the most favorable possible character both as to himself and for our State. I was struck with the difference of atmospheric temperature between your place and this and yet we have had what is called cold weather by the "old citizens." I will give our temperature as shown by the report of the U. S. Signal service at this place. Monday, 8th inst., 7 A. M. thermometer 38° above, difference 46°; Tuesday, 9th, 38° at your place 14° below here, difference 52°; Wednesday 10th, 52° above here, with you 22° below difference 74°; Thursday, 11th 62° above here with you 3° below, difference 69°; Friday 12th 42° above here, with you 8° below, difference 51°, and all in our favor. The fact is sweet potato vines are dying a natural death so frost as yet to kill, straw berries are coming in quite plenty, not grown in hot-houses, other than that big one caused by the daily shining of "old sol."

A HINT TO THE WORKING MAN.—A man with a family, however poor he may be, owes it to his wife to save her health and strength in every way possible. He has no right to allow the mother of his children to wear her life out toiling with her needle to clothe her family. His duty is to buy the Wilson Shuttle Sewing Machine, the best machine for family sewing and manufacturing purposes ever invented, and he can pay one for fifty dollars. More than his, he can buy the Wilson Machine upon terms which enable him to pay for it in small monthly installments, that he can spare out of his wages without feeling the drain. He will get, thereby, a machine capable of doing every variety of family work in the most careful manner, a machine that even a child can operate, and which will prove a permanent family blessing. Machines will be delivered at any Railroad Station in this county, free of transportation charges, if ordered through the Company's Branch House at 327 & 329 Superior St. Cleveland Ohio. They send an elegant catalogue and chromo circular free on application. This Company want a few more good agents.

BIRTHS THAYER—On Tuesday, Feb. 23d 1875, to Mrs. and Mr. H. S. Thayer, a son. SCHOEING—On Wednesday, Feb. 24th 1875, to Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Fred. Schoeing, a son.

MARRIAGE RHINES—CALLAN—On Sunday B. 21st 1875, by Rev. Wm. Martin, O. M. Rhines to Miss Amanda Callan, all of this place.

DEATHS ERNHOUT—At Wilcox, Pa., on Sunday February 22d 1875, Mrs. Milla wife of Captain John Ernouth, aged 49 years less 5 days. COOK—At Jamestown N. Y., Feb. 20, 1875 Charles Cook, of quick consumption, aged about forty years.

TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS. DEBENTURES. Constable D. E. Hewitt. Supervisors Denis Taylor, Abner Ober. School Directors Geo. T. Rothrock, Osborne Johnson. Inspectors of Election D. S. Johnson, Geo. Mahon. Judge of Election Robert Smith. Clerk James Barr. Treasurer Benj. Johnson. Assessor H. F. Wilson. Auditor R. W. Petriken. Justice of the Peace A. Bryan.

Justice of the Peace G. W. Clinton. Judge of Election E. D. Alden. Inspectors of Election A. B. Sparks, J. S. Chaubertin. Treasurer H. Horton. Supervisors N. T. Hipple, James Philen. Assessor J. H. Horton. Auditor W. H. Hartman. Clerk A. D. Alden. School Directors James McClelland, G. S. Himes. Constable Jas. Brown. SPRING CREEK. Auditors Samuel Daugherty, W. A. Irwin. Supervisors Matthew Shauley, Reuben Mohney. Constable Enoch Moody. Judge of Election Samuel Beers. Treasurer John Megaffick. Inspectors Geo. Irwin, J. J. Henry. School Directors Thos. Irwin, A. Fulmen. Assessor Enoch Moody. Overseers of the Poor E. W. Rogers, John Megaffick.

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FIRE AT EMPORIUM.

LOSS \$79,000. This morning, about 2 o'clock, the front of the premises occupied by P. J. McDougal, in Phelps' Block, was discovered to be on fire. An alarm was immediately given and the fire was under too much headway to be checked by the apparatus at hand. The block was soon in flames. The Union Hotel, owned and occupied by Thomas Creaton, and Riley Warner's Hotel soon fell a prey to the devouring elements. Then the new and unoccupied building belonging to John Creaton was swept away. The fire then crossed Broad Street, completely destroying the Bidle House, and extending down Fourth street soon left nothing but ashes of Rockwell's New Block. Phelps' Block was occupied by Phelps, Miner & Co., Dry Goods, H. L. Putzel, Clothing; Tullis & Hogan, Dry Goods; P. J. McDougal, Billiard Salon and Restaurant; Mrs. Hitchcock, Millinery, Mrs. Crane, residence, and the third story by Masonic, P. O. S. of A., and Good Templar orders. Union Hotel occupied by Thos. Creaton, Warner's Hotel by Riley Warner; Bidle House, owned and occupied by C. Sweazey; Rockwell's Block, by E. Canfield, Groceries and dwelling; H. C. Rockwell, Millinery and dwelling.

LOSSES. Phelps' Block, owned by Philadelphia & Erie Land Co., loss \$10,000. No insurance. Phelps, Miner & Co., \$5,000, fully insured. H. L. Putzel, \$6,000; insurance \$4,000. Tullis & Hogan, 7,000; insurance \$4,000. P. J. McDougal, \$2,000; no insurance. Mrs. Crane, on furniture, \$500; no insurance. Mrs. Hitchcock, on goods, \$600; no insurance. Masonic Lodge and Chapter \$3,500; insurance, \$2,000. Good Templars \$200; insurance \$140. P. O. S. of A., loss only about \$100. Thos. Creaton, hotel and furniture \$6,000; insurance \$4,000. Riley Warner, building and furniture, \$2,500; insurance \$1,500. John Creaton, unoccupied building, \$3,000, insurance \$2,000. Sweazey's Hotel and furniture, \$18,000; insurance, \$7,000. H. C. Rockwell, \$4,000; insurance, \$2,000. E. Canfield, \$1,000, fully insured. In addition to the above, the boards and guests of the Bidle House lost a considerable amount in clothing, books, &c., and the Opera House row was considerable damaged.—Cameron Press Extra, 22d inst.

Elk County Teachers Institute. The Elk County Teachers' Institute convened in Ridgway school building at 2 o'clock P. M. on Monday, Feb. 15 1875, and was called to order by County Superintendent Luore, president ex-officio. The following officers were then elected and installed; S. T. Brockbank, vice president; Miss Babe E. Wilcox, Messrs. J. O. W. Bailey, and S. T. Brockbank, secretaries. The president then addressed the Institute, exhorting the teachers to efficient action, as in the absence, during the greater portion of the time of professional instructors, the success of the Institute would depend largely upon them; also, hoping that their actions and demeanor would constantly attest that they were fully conscious of the importance of the work they were assembled to perform. After transacting miscellaneous business, the Institute was entertained by a class drill in mental arithmetic.

During the evening session the question, "Should children be compelled by law to attend school," caused an absorbing interest. Opened by Mr. Fleming followed by Messrs. Bailey, Hamblin and Little in the affirmative, and Messrs. Brockbank, Luther and Painter in the negative. By a vote on the merits of the question, the expression was in favor of the affirmative. C. S. Luther then conducted a class drill in elocution, exposing the fallacy of depending upon definitions and rules without being able to apply and illustrate them efficiently.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION. After devotional exercises a spelling exercise was entered into by the Institute, followed by a class drill in written arithmetic and music by Ridgway school. Reces. Discussion, "How can regular attendance of pupils be best secured?" Discussed by Messrs. Fleming, Dixon, Rippe, Brockbank and Painter. The general tendency of the remarks was in favor of securing it by freely communicating with and securing the co-operation of parents.

During the afternoon session the exercises consisted of a class drill in grammar by G. R. Dixon, methods of teaching alphabet by S. M. Fleming, and methods of teaching geography by Edgar Wilson. During the evening session a large and attentive audience was entertained by a lecture by Prof. Dixon. We are unable to give the lecture entire from want of space but append the following extracts:

FORCE AND FRICTION. Mr. Superintendent, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is a principle in natural philosophy that force cannot be annihilated. It may assume Protean guises, but it is doubtless essentially a unit everywhere. It may disappear from the earth, still. —Scholar, are you not the force? Move the light globe, my friend. What the nature of force is we cannot tell. We think it to be a mode of motion. Beyond this, all is mystery. Every thoughtful mind, however, admits that there is a something termed force, which is strangely blended and interlinked with the whole creation, developing our bodies, framing our mind, building the oak, revolving the earth. It is a principle in political economy that the educated laborer in any productive employment will waste less force than the uneducated laborer. In a word, that education prevents much waste of labor and utilizes force. We must, of course, grant that there is a necessary waste of force in all kinds of work; but it is the peculiar province of education to direct well the blows that are struck—to so organize and systematize that there will be as little friction in the process as possible. Tanners, mechanics, farmers, railroad kings, producers everywhere of all kinds, are alive to the fact that there is too much force wasted—that friction is eating up the profits; and to remedy this evil political economy was brought into existence as a science, and during the last twenty-five years the civilized world has made startling progress in solving the momentous problem of how labor can be saved, force utilized and friction avoided.

It may be a little unmodest in me (a teacher) to speak of teachers first. But by many people teachers are said to be the sinners above all sinners, and of course, are capable of doing anything, however immodest. I say first, then, friction is caused by the incompetency of teachers. I mean that we lack thorough information, and who will question anything so painfully evident. In many cases we tremble before our school superintendent as guilty criminals before a sentencing judge, and I sometimes think we are criminalizing ourselves by rushing carelessly into positions that angels would fear to occupy. Many of us are barely or only superficially acquainted with the subjects to be taught. We ask for positions as teachers, and have little that we can teach. We may have thoroughly memorized the books in which we were instructed, but even in the mere memory of facts some of us are sadly deficient, while the real gist of the matter is seldom possessed by us. We can give definitions, but not illustrations; results but not causes—showing that we have the husk, but not the corn; the external, but not the internal. Now, to be a parrot is one thing; to be a thinking, reasoning comprehending being is another. To be dependent upon a certain author or a certain text book is to be crippled; but this is very many times the case, for school patrons know

too well, and to the shame of teachers be it said, that with nearly every change of instructors, there is a call for a change of books. And why is it? Because teachers are dependant and not independent; because they are book worms and not thinkers; because they must see the words, the problems, the statements, as they were written in the book out of which they learned, or else they are far out at sea, without a compass to direct or a star to guide. They are much like the boy who could solve any problem in a certain arithmetic, but could not measure a load of wood because he failed to find an example in the book setting forth like dimensions. I solemnly ask, of what use is our teaching unless we can make a practical application of principles? The principles must live—they are the fruits. The words must soon drop from the memory—they are the blossoms. Then, to utilize time and labor, to avoid one great source of friction in common schools, we say: Teachers, let us get something to teach; let us qualify ourselves by learning living, generating principles in all their bearings and relations; make them our own; stamp them with our own individuality, and however necessary it may be to have text books, let us be able to use as not to abuse. Again, as a result of incompetency, a waste of force arises from the teaching of things not useful. Our text books are greatly at fault here. They are in many cases, crammed with details of dead and senseless things, which only serve to burden and discourage the instructor and the instructed. Our geographies, for instance, are strange conglomerations of almost every art and science—almost every subject ever treated—and instead of geographies being an elementary branch, much preparatory knowledge is necessary before it can be studied with any degree of satisfaction. Every teacher knows that it is quite impossible to teach a pupil anything about geography under the present regime, and my humble reason is that there is not one text book in ten on this subject that contains enough common sense to make it practical. "Our intellectual arithmetics are school room juggernauts," as some one has well said, "and beneath their wheels many a bright intellect is crushed." The mental arithmetic is useful enough when the sciences is properly applied, but most text books on that subject lack practicality.

Music by Ridgway school. Discussion—"Is the school day too long?" Opened by Mr. Barlow, followed by Prof. Dixon, Speigel and Luther in the negative, and Prof. Curry and Brockbank in the affirmative. Class drill in elocution by Miss M'Clary. Discussion—"Proper method of warming buildings with a furnace." The discussion was entered into with great earnestness by teachers and citizens. After listening to the "Keeper of the Bridge," read by Miss M'Clary, the Institute adjourned. EVENING SESSION. Instrumental music by Miss Florence Osterhout. Select reading, "A Tribute to Water," by Miss M'Clary. Music, "Peri Waltz," by Katie and Jennie Gresh. Lecture by Prof. Curry—"The Earth as a Model School House." Vocal music, "Sweet Spirit Hear My Prayer," by Prof. Ernst and Mrs. Fullerton. Lecture by Prof. Speigel—"Individuality the Ideal of Life." Select reading by Miss M'Clary. PRAYER BY REV. BARLOW. Music by Misses Gresh and Osterhout. The Institute was then ably entertained by a class drill in mental arithmetic by Miss Flora Spencer. Prof. Curry then occupied the Institute with remarks on oral arithmetic, ably setting forth its uses and necessity. Class drill in written arithmetic by H. H. Sawyer, followed by class drill and select reading by Miss M'Clary. AFTERNOON SESSION. Spelling by Miss May Little. Music by Misses Gresh and Osterhout. Remarks on music in school by C. S. Luther. Etymology—its importance and study, by Prof. Dixon. Lecture by Prof. Curry. Instrumental music by Miss F. Osterhout. Discussion—"Is uniformity in text books desirable, and how can it best be secured?" On motion a committee was appointed to devise means for securing uniformity. Committee—S. T. Brockbank, G. R. Dixon and Miss Elder. Select reading by Miss M'Clary. EVENING SESSION. The evening session consisted of reading by Miss M'Clary, concert reading by class in Ridgway school, and music by Ridgway Music Club sub Choral Society. FRIDAY MORNING. This session was opened by a discussion, relative to the value of district institutes. Music—"Music in the Air," by Miss Schultz, followed by report of committee on uniformity of text books, the report providing for the appointment of a committee to solicit the different school boards to meet, at the county seat the second Tuesday of April, 1875, and provide for the adoption of a uniform series of school text books throughout the county, committee to consist of Supt. B. Luore, H. H. Sawyer, N. J. Berlin, J. C. Wharton, C. H. Barlow, J. C. Painter, George R. Dixon, Wm. Gross, O. S. Luther and Miss R. J. Chadwick. The report was accepted and adopted. The committee on resolutions made the following report which was adopted: WHEREAS, We the teachers of Elk County, have enjoyed a week of profit and pleasure in this Institute, and being about to separate, we wish to express our appreciation of the work performed, therefore resolved— 1st. That we recognize in our County Institute one of the best means of advancing the cause of education. 2d. That we believe the district institutes are productive of great good to teachers, therefore we encourage the holding of them in every township in Elk county. 3d. That, feeling the importance of universal education, and believing that a portion of the youth of our State will grow up in ignorance without some law compelling the attendance at school of all children of a suitable age, therefore we recommend that our Legislature pass a law compelling all children, whose education is not otherwise provided for, to attend our public schools, which are maintained for the benefit of all. 4th. That we urge upon our directors the necessity of establishing a uniform series of text books for the county, and recommend a meeting of directors and teachers to confer upon this matter. 5th. That we are under great obligations to Prof. Curry and Miss Rose A. M'Clary for their entertaining and valuable instructions during this session of our Institute. 6th. That we believe that the culture of the voice and the subject has been too much neglected, and urge each teacher to put forth an extra effort in this important branch of education. 7th. That we tender our sincere thanks to our County Superintendent R. Luore, for this and all like opportunities he has afforded us for meeting in Institute for mutual benefit and instruction. 8th. That we tender our thanks to Mr. D. F. Farrand for keeping the school room so comfortable, and in such excellent order during the week. 9th. That we are under great obligations to the citizens of Ridgway for their encouragement and assistance in our work. G. R. DIXON, J. O. W. BAILEY, MARY ELDER, Com. on Resolutions. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Luther, and adopted: Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to Misses Florence Osterhout, Katie Gresh, Jennie Gresh, May Little, the Choral Society and Ridgway Glee Club, for the excellent music with which they have entertained the Institute.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.—Estate of John E. Turley, late of Jay township, Elk County, Pa., deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims against the same will present them without delay in proper order for settlement. A. W. GRAY, JULIUS JONES, Admrs. Benecette, Feb 25th, 1875-n14

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary of the last will and testament of Phillip Meyer late of Beninger township Elk County Pa., deceased, having been granted to John Gleichner, of said township, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same to the undersigned without delay. JOHN GLEICHNER, Executor Beninger, Feb. 25, 1876-n15.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioners of Elk County will hold a court of appeals at their office in Ridgway, on the 9TH and 10TH DAYS OF MARCH, A. D. 1875, for the purpose of hearing and determining appeals from the assessments, and reviewing the military enrollment of 1875, at which time and place all persons feeling themselves aggrieved by said assessments can attend if they see proper. By order of the Board. C. H. M'CAULEY, Comm'r's, Clerk. Commissioners' Office, Ridgway, Pa., February 15, 1875, 1 feb18-31

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BUSINESS CARDS. G. A. RATHBUN, Attorney-at-law, Ridgway, Pa. 224f. RUFUS LUCORE, Attorney-at-Law Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa. Office in Hall's new Brick Building. Claims for Hall's collection promptly attended to. HALL & M'CAULEY, Attorneys-at-Law. Office in New Brick Building, Main St. Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa. J. O. W. BAILEY, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. vlnz-yl. Ridgway, Elk County, Pa. Agent for the Traveler's Life and Accident Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn. JAMES D. FULLERTON, Surgeon Dentist, having permanently located in Ridgway, offers his professional services to the citizens of Ridgway and surrounding country. All work warranted. Office in Service & Wheeler's Building, upstairs, first door to the left. 73-n-23-ly CHARLES HOLES, Watchmaker, Engraver and Jeweler, Main street, Ridgway, Pa. Agent for the Howe Sewing Machine, and Morton Gold Pen. Repairing Watches, etc., done with the same accuracy as heretofore. Satisfaction guaranteed. vlnzly. G. G. MESSENGER, Druggist and Paraceticist, N. W. corner of Main and Mill streets, Ridgway, Pa. Full assortment of carefully selected Foreign and Domestic Drugs. Prescriptions carefully dispensed at all hours, day or night. vlnzly T. S. HARTLEY, M. D., Physician and Surgeon. Office in Drug Store, corner Broad and Main Sts. Residence corner Broad St. opposite the College. Office hours from 8 to 10 A. M. and from 7 to 8 P. M. vlnzly J. S. BORDWELL, M. D., Eclectic Physician and Surgeon, has removed his office from Centre street, to Main st. Ridgway, Pa., in the second story of the new brick building of John G. Hall, opposite Hyde's store. Office hours: 8 to 9 a. m.: 1 to 2 p. m. Jan 9 '73 HYDE HOUSE, RIDGWAY, ELK CO., PA. W. H. SCHRAM, Proprietor. Thankful for the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon him, the new proprietor, hopes, by paying strict attention to the comfort and convenience of guests, to merit a continuance of the same. Oct 30 1863. BUCKTAL HOUSE, KANE, McKean Co., Pa. R. E. LOOKER, Proprietor. Thankful for the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon him, the new proprietor, hopes, by paying strict attention to the comfort and convenience of guests, to merit a continuance of the same. The only stables for horses in Kane and well kept night or day. Hall attached to the hotel. vlnz3yl. KERSEY HOUSE, CENTREVILLE, ELK CO., PA. JOHN COLLINS, Proprietor. Thankful for the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon him, the new proprietor, hopes, by paying strict attention to the comfort and convenience of guests, to merit a continuance of the same.

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MAMMOTH STOCK. Grand Central Store. You cannot ASK FOR ANYTHING they do not keep, and they have absolutely BROKEN THE BACKBONE of high prices. They buy for cash and SELLS FOR CASH! CHEAPER THAN THE CHEAPEST!

RAILROADS. PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division. WINTER TIME TABLE. On and after MONDAY, NOV. 16, 1874, the trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad will run as follows: WESTWARD. ERIE MAIL leaves Philadelphia 11:55 p m " " " " " " 11:10 a m " " " " " " 1:10 p m " " " " " " 2:05 p m " " " " " " 2:35 p m " " " " " " 3:05 p m EASTWARD. ERIE MAIL leaves Erie 11:20 a m " " " " " " 4:45 p m " " " " " " 6:10 p m " " " " " " 6:05 p m " " " " " " 8:25 p m " " " " " " 5:50 a m Mail East connects east and west at Erie with L & M S R W. Mail West with east and west trains no L & M S R W. WM. A. BALDWIN, Gen'l Supt.

QUOTATIONS OF White, Powell & Co. BANKERS AND BROKERS, No. 42 South Third Street. Philadelphia, February 23th, 1875. U. S. 1851. C. .... 121 20/1 Silver..... 107 1/2 Penn'y..... 54 1/2 Reading..... 50 1/2 Philadelphia & Erie ..... 18 1/2 Lehigh Navigation Div. off. .... 49 1/2 do Valley ..... 63 3/4 United E R of N J Ex. Div. .... 131 1/2 Oil Creek..... 11 1/2 Northern Central..... 34 3/4 Central Transportation ..... 45 1/2 Nesquehoning..... 64 1/2 Gold..... 143 1/2 New 5's Reg. 1881..... 15 1/2 do " 4881..... 15 1/2 Gold..... 143 1/2 Silver..... 107 1/2 Penn'y..... 54 1/2 Reading..... 50 1/2 Philadelphia & Erie ..... 18 1/2 Lehigh Navigation Div. off. .... 49 1/2 do Valley ..... 63 3/4 United E R of N J Ex. Div. .... 131 1/2 Oil Creek..... 11 1/2 Northern Central..... 34 3/4 Central Transportation ..... 45 1/2 Nesquehoning..... 64 1/2 Gold..... 143 1/2 New 5's Reg. 1881..... 15 1/2 do " 4881..... 15 1/2

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