

The Advocate.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1879.

Local Notes

—1879 in the snow.
—Cabbage at Morgester's.
—Who said new court house?
—Seasoned wood is in demand now.
—Apple butter, an excellent quality, at Morgester's.
—School ma'ams are numerous in town this week.
—Snow from two to three feet deep, and still snowing.
—Cold weather—never saw it so cold since we had the measles.
—Notchpads, billheads, tags, cards and envelopes at this office.
—Only \$1.50 in advance for the ADVOCATE and a chance for a prize.
—Sleighting is good, and the prospects encouraging for a long run.

—A large assortment of canned goods at Morgester's corner grocery.
—The deer hunting season is now over. Venison is now called "beef."
—Cut loaf dips, the finest syrup in the market, at Morgester's corner grocery.

—Methodist sociable in the basement of the M. E. church next Wednesday evening.
—Methodist quarterly meeting next Sunday. Quarterly conference Saturday evening.

—Court commences on January 27th. See proclamation, trial and jury lists, in this issue.
—Presbyterian sociable Friday evening, at the residence of E. C. Barrett, at Powell's farm.

—Company H may stand a chance of going to Harrisburg to see Governor Hoyt inaugurated.
—Joe Bowers has repaired the turnstiles at the Main street entrance to the court house yard.

—Charles Holes says the fellow who stole that old turkey of his has the owner's heartfelt sympathy.
—Commence your diary at once, young woman and young man. No time should be lost in this matter.

—An exchange says that "half a dozen newspapers scattered over the floor are a terror to burglars, as they dare not handle them or walk over them."
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—Cal Luther is working at Wilmarth.
—James McAfee had a goose for New Year's.
—Frank Earley is at home during the holidays.
—Martin Sowers, of Wilcox, was in town this week.
—Will Fannin and family have moved to Dagsuchonoda.
—Thomas Noon's youngest child is very sick with scarlet fever.
—Ed. W. Gray, an employe of the Gazette, paid us a visit this week.
—George French, son of M. T. French, was very sick last week.
—Brandon was in to see us this week. His arm is getting better.
—Jerry Thompson's father, mother and brother are in town on a visit.
—Dr. Ayer hummed to himself and feelt good on account of his girl.
—John Cobb has been to Texas, and is spending a few days in Ridgway.

—Miss S. E. Elliott, of Millport, N. Y., is visiting for a few days in this village.
—Misses Florence Osterhout, Nellie Grant and May Little are at home during the holiday vacation.
—Ed. Geary, of Lock Haven, and formerly a student in the law office of Hall & McCauley, is in this village on a visit.
—Miss Jennie Stout, an employe of James McAfee, visited Lock Haven during the holidays, returning yesterday afternoon.

—N. T. Cummings is home again from down the river. He says he had hard work to get enough money to come home with.
—Page Prindle was in town a few days last week, with one of Job's comforters on his neck. Page is getting fat, breaking most agree with him.

—We are pleased to notice J. S. Powell once more on the street and at his place of business. Jerome had a hard time of it for four weeks, but he stood the racket all the same.

—A raid was made on this office by Charley Earley, Willie Greary, O. G. Keltz, Louis Ely, Alton Chapin, Will Messenger and Jim McCauley. All the aforesaid "gang" did make much litter of peanut shucks on our office floor, and they all belong to that famous society called the Nixey-Weeden's.

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Teachers' Institute.

The teachers of Elk county met in convention at this place on Monday last at 3 p. m.

We take the proceedings from the *Daily Democrat*:

The institute was called to order by Superintendent Dixon, who, in a few well chosen words set forth the object thereof, at the conclusion of which Professor J. B. Johnson was chosen vice president, and Miss May Hall and M. C. S. Luther, secretaries.

The county superintendent then made a short address, urging the necessity of the teachers having a definite idea of the cause of their being thus brought in annual convention. He divided them all to take notes of the proceedings during the week; and in order that they might be better understood the lessons that are given by the instructors, requested them to take the front seats during the several sessions.

After fixing upon 9 o'clock as the time for opening the sessions in the morning, 1:30 in the afternoon, and 7 in the evening, the institute adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock in the evening.

A call of the roll during the afternoon showed the presence of fifty-two teachers.

MONDAY EVENING
The institute met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 p. m., and was opened by a vocal selection by the Ridgway Glee Club, entitled "Moonlight on the Lake," which was well rendered.

Prof. J. B. Johnson, principal of the Ridgway graded school, delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Prof. W. H. Prideoaux, principal of the Wilcox graded school. Both addresses were couched in appropriate language, and were well delivered.

This was followed a duett entitled "The Beautiful Bells," by Mrs. H. H. Wensel and Miss Kate Gresh.

Mrs. S. C. Riddell was introduced and read with fine effect a selection entitled "Lullaby," by Mrs. Leona Prof. N. H. Schenck addressed the institute upon the improvements of the school system, comparing the past with the present, and showing the wonderful progress that has been made. His address was interesting, and was listened to with marked attention.

Mrs. Riddell's rendition of a comic selection, entitled "Hans and Fritz," provoked peals of laughter, at the conclusion of which the Ridgway Glee Club sang in good voice, "Children, We All Will be Free," when the institute adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The special school room was well filled with the best class of people in the community, and if their faces may be taken as an index of their hearts, they were entertained and benefitted by the evening's exercises.

TUESDAY MORNING
The institute was called to order at 9 o'clock by the county superintendent, and was opened with the Lord's prayer.

Mrs. Ernhout sang a beautiful little chorus, entitled "Merrily All," which was well rendered.

Mrs. Riddell occupied twenty minutes in a drill in reading, preparing the exercise with some well-timed remarks upon the human voice and the necessity of properly cultivating it in order to read with effect. The teachers entered upon the exercises with a will, and though some of their movements were not graceful, they certainly were none the less vigorous.

Mrs. Ernhout and Dr. Hartley sang "The Best Song," in which they were heartily joined by the institute.

"How to Conduct a Recitation" was the subject of an interesting exercise by Prof. Schenck, the essentials of which he declared as follows:

1. A brief reproduction of the preceding lesson.
2. A review of the daily lesson.
3. Rehearsal and critical examination.
4. Recapitulation.
5. Adequate preparation for the succeeding lesson.

And the objects are—

1. The development of the faculties.
2. The acquisition of knowledge.
3. The development of individuality.
4. To develop originality.

Upon all of which he talked with much force and effect, and we trust with benefit to the hearts of the institute. Then followed a recess of ten minutes.

Mr. Lenig was appointed to open the discussion on "The Objects of Study," and Mr. Sawyer to open the discussion on "The Objects of Government."

Mrs. Ernhout and Miss Rhoda Wilcox sang "When Shall We Meet Again?" by Mrs. Ernhout and Dr. Hartley, assisted by the institute. The selection was very pretty.

Superintendent Dixon upon "Punishment, and the Object of Punishment," the latter of which he defined to be—

1. To reform the criminal.
2. To punish for reform, and not to give vent to your pent up anger.
3. To strike terror to the hearts of evil doers.
4. The law must be vindicated.
5. To educate the moral sense.

Upon each of which he dwelt at some length.

Mrs. Riddell then gave another exercise in breathing and calisthenics, the exercise consisting of a recapitulation of her first exercise.

Prof. Schenck occupied fifteen minutes upon the subject of "History," which he declared to be "the science of events," the substance of which was to "teach events, not chapters," and to arrange the facts in groups in the following order: Causes, results, persons, places, and dates.

The institute then adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The institute was called to order at 1:30 by Supt. Dixon.

Mrs. Ernhout sang "Shadows on the Stream," by the Ridgway Glee Club. This was a most beautiful selection, and was finely rendered.

The institute then sang with telling effect a grand anthem "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Supt. Schenck gave a treatise upon "Composition," and handled the subject in his usual earnest and impressive manner. He set forth the objects as follows:

1. To cultivate the observing powers.
2. To cultivate thought.
3. To cultivate the powers of expression.
4. To tell what is known.
5. To develop originality.

And among the methods the following:

1. Copying reading lessons.
2. Copying from dictation.
3. Sentence building.
4. Putting words into sentences.
5. Description of familiar objects.
6. Description of persons.

He recommended the following rules:

1. Begin early.
2. Continue long.
3. Don't expect much original thought.
4. Teach pupils to think.
5. Interruption of ten minutes.

Mr. Lenig spoke well for five minutes upon the "Objects of Study."

Mrs. Ernhout sang "The Clouds Go By,"

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