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Erie Mail, 6.22 a m
Niagara Ex., 12.35 p m
Elmira Mail 4.05 p m
Fast Line, 7.00 p m

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Money orders will on Saturdays.

Local Affairs.

THE County Auditors have adjourned to meet on the third Monday of this month. We don't suppose that the county debt made the last year, had anything to do with scaring them.

DEMOCRATIC economy now consists of raising the wages of the appointed officers. When living was high the wages of Commissioners' clerk, &c., was put down to fifty dollars per month. Since wages of all kinds of laborers and mechanics are being reduced, the Democratic board of Commissioners raised the salary of the clerk to seventy dollars per month. Democratic economy always does begin at the wrong end.

A NEAT board walk has been laid from Second to Third streets, through Barbary alley, between the Clement House and Masonic building to S. P. Wolverton's law building. P. S. Burrell and S. P. Wolverton made the improvement at their own expense.

HEAVY PORKERS.—There were a number of fat hogs killed in this place this winter. Among the fattest was three killed by Col. C. Neff on the 30th ult., which weighed respectively 454, 445 and 425, making an aggregate of 1,324 pounds. Mr. Charles Garinger killed two on the 4th inst. which weighed 942 pounds. Col. Neff has another hog to kill which is expected to weigh about 600 pounds.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Dr. L. D. Robbins, of Elysburg, this county, we regret to learn died suddenly on Monday of last week. The Doctor was hospital steward of the 131st regiment P. V. during the late war. He was a talented physician and was widely known throug successful practice. He was a good citizen, and his loss will be much regretted by the whole community in which he resided.

THE Watsontown *Record* has been enlarged and the patent outside abandoned. The paper has been improved with the expectation of the Sheriff's sales. Auter has an eye on improvements as well as tobacco. He will undoubtedly now give us some 'phunny things." Long may he wave.

IF you want Centennial calendars, blotters and first-class fire, life and accident insurance go to Shipman, he can supply you.

MR. WM. H. HAAS, of this place, who carried on the baking business on Fourth street several years ago, died at the residence of his father, on Fourth street, on Sunday morning last. He had been ill for seven years during which time he suffered intensely. He was aged about 35 years.

ON Thursday moring, the 6th inst., Mr. Geo. Follmer, watchman at the First National Bank of Sunbury, disovered smoke, and on examination found the door had caught fire from the heater at the register. The flooring about the register was considerably charred by the heat. With a few buckets of water the fire was extinguished without much damage.

MR. AUTEN, of the Watsontown *Record*, wants to make it appear th a tramp had stolen his best coat. Tramps will not tolerate such abuse and will, no doubt, bring suit for damage, as everybody knows tha John never owned a "best coat" nor any other.

ENOS SHIPE has purhased the store lately kept by Reed, Brother & Seasholtz. Mr. Shipe has already opened a new stock of goods, and is astonishing everybody with his low prices.

"HONESTIES" is the best of policies, but Shipman thinks a Fire, Life and Accident insurance policy in his companies really as good.

SOL. MALICK, Esq., was taken suddenly ill in the court room on Tuesday of last week from a slight attack of heart disease. We are glad to see that he has recovered sufficiently to attend to business.

SHERIFF STRINE, assisted by John S. Hoffa, of Turbut, and M. F. Scam, of Milton, took the prisoners, sentenced by Judge Rockefeller last week, to the eastern penitiary on Saturday last.

WE are indebted to Shamokin Dam Cornet Band for a serenade the last day of 1875. The band, considering the short time they have been organized, produced music, and bids fair of becoming one of best in this part of the State.

C. G. BREWER, for a time superintendent of the Sunbury [illegible] who has removed to Pen Yan, N. Y., [illegible] chief extensive gas works.

MISSING [illegible] Wilson *Gazette* & *Bulletin* [illegible] notice disappearance of Dr. [illegible] who it is supposed [illegible] last. He was last seen on [illegible] November traveling between St. Mary's and [illegible]. He was about 21 years of age. Any information concerning him will be thankfully received by Welshline, of Williamsport.

THE Scotch granite monument of W. M. Daugherty's marble yard, this place, is something very design and finished in the best style known in the a. It is to be erected to the memory of the parce of our worthy townsmen Hon. B. Packer and S. J. Packer, Esq.

THE rush for new and beautiful good is not over yet at Marx & Bro's store next door to post office. We notice daily crowds leaving that establishment with large package. The firm keep up their stock constantly, and the low prices induces all who there to buy. Another new stock has just been opened which will be sold at the usual low prices as heretofore. No one can form an idea of their large stock unless they call and see.

THE HISTORY OF THE SUSQUEHANNA.—We will resume the publication of the history of the Susquehanna in our next issue. We were compelled to suspend publishing it for the last two months on account of not having the copy at hand. The future chapters will be more interesting than those already published.

THOSE of our readers who visit the city for the purpose of purchasing articles of dress, especially ladies' fashionable cloaks, &c., would do well to examine the stock of Ely, Hunsberger & Ely, staple and fancy dry goods, No. 112 Chestnut St., Philadelphia

SHEET MUSIC.—A large assortment for sale at the periodical stand in the postoffice.

THE NEW JAIL.—We are rejoiced to see that the last Grand Jury had the good sensee to recommend, almost unanimously, a new jail for this county and avoid further disgrace in having it noticed in the State records as the worst building of the kind in Pennsylvania, or perhaps in the United States. We hope now, that the County Commissioners will do themselves credit by erecting a building of the most approved modern plan, one that will not only be creditable but useful, and in its purposes prove economical to the county. But this cannot be done by false economy. They should examine jails of other counties which have been built of late years, and adopt the best plan before commencing the work. It will require considerable foresight to erect the right kind of building to be occupied probably for a century to come, and the Commissioners cannot be too cautious in exercising their judgment in the matter. A few thousands more or less judiciously applied now may save tens of thousands hereafter.

ODD FELLOWS' SUPPER.—The anniversary supper of Northumberland Lodge, No. 196, I. O. of O. F., on last New Year's evening, was one of the most pleasant features of that town during the holidays. The members of the Lodge have kept up the custom of an annual supper in their lodge room for many years, when the wives take part and give encouragement to their husbands to continue in the good cause in which they are engaged. The occasion is one of pleasure, as there is a re-union of all the members and their families, who meet to give expressions of joy that they are permitted to encourage each other in doing good and benefitting their fellow men. The supper was grand, and was presided over by our old esteemed friend John A. Taylor, now the oldest Odd Fellow in this State. After some two hundred were seated around the tables impressive prayers were offered up by two ministers, thanking Him, who rules the universe, for the bountiful gifts, and to be again permitted to meet together in their annual meeting. The Northumberland Cornet Band was present and discoursed excellent music. After all having done justice to the good things spread before them, D. D. G. M., A. N. Brice, and Grand Warden, S. B. Boyer, were called on and delivered short addresses, after which the meeting adjourned at a late hour all pleased with the evening's exercises.

DEATH OF AN AGED CITIZEN OF CAMERON.—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., John Boyer, of Cameron township, died after a lingering and painful illness, at the advanced age of 72 years. Mr. Boyer was the father of S. B. Boyer Esq., of this place. He was a generous-hearted and unassuming gentleman, beloved by all who knew him for his exemplary character. He was one of the early pioneers of Cameron township, and contributed largely to the many improvements of that township. As a neighbor he was always ready to assist in a good cause, and many will feel that by his death they have lost a good friend.

A HANDSOME PRESENT TO A PASTOR.—The members of the Klinesgrove church, on the evening of the 27th ult., surprised their pastor, Rev. W. W. Colburn, by present ing him with a handsome bible at the parsonage, with the names of the donors printed on in gilt letters. The Reverend gentleman has been the pastor of the church for nearly three years, and will soon part with the congregation under the rule of the M. E. church denomination, and this token of their appreciation of services must certainly have been gratifying to him. The bible was presented by A. M. Campbell, Esq., of Klinesgrove, and was received by the pastor with much feeling. Our young friends in that vicinity know how to appreciate worth and how to make others happy.

DEATH OF WM. DEPPIN, ESQ.—We regret to announce the death of Wm. Deppin, Esq., of Trevorton, this county, who after a lingering illness of several years, died at his residence on Saturday evening last. Mr. Deppin was for many years engaged in the mercantile business at Mahanoy, and afterwards in the town of Trevorton. By his exemplary character he won the esteem of all who came in contact with him. He was well known throughout the county, and on several occasions was the choice of the Republican party for prominent positions, but that party being then largely in the minority, he was unsuccessful. During the war he was an ardent advocate of the administration, and contributed largely in raising recruits for the suppression of the rebellion. He was a gentleman of good judgment, and was esteemed by all for his kindness towards his neighbors and his christian and exemplary character.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a meeting of Washington Fire Company, held in their hall on the evening of the 6th, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

President—Sol. Stroh.
Vice-President—G. M. Renn.
Secretary—J. Moore Campbell.
Financial Secretary—T. D. Reed.
Treasurer—W. H. Miller.
Foreman—H. J. Waltz.
Assistant Foreman—S. F. Nevin.
Chief Engineer—J. C. Kerschner.
Assistant Engineers—J. C. Miller, Norman Nodecker, M. C. Bowby, E. N. Shindel.
Firemen—John Mantz, H. W. Bucher, Geo. P. Krohn, W. B. Hendricks.
Axemen—Wm. Logan, Geo. Bower, A. Ketler, Jos. Poyer.
Pipemen—Wm. Krisher, (Chief) H. D. Bucher, John Lyon, Thos. Malone, R. F. Dieffenderfer, Samuel Weaver, G. A. Sleeder.
Directors—B. F. Bright, H. H. Conrad, J. B. Smith, F. S. Kern, P. M. Eckman.

MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF I. O. OF O. F. AT SUNBURY.—A special meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of Pennsylvania, will be held at Sunbury on Thursday afternoon, February 3d, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of admitting Past Grands to membership in the Grand Lodge. At 7 o'clock in the evening a visitation meeting will be held to exemplify the work of the order, when members not Past Grands will be admitted. The lodges in this vicinity should send full delegations to these meetings, as they will not perhaps have another meeting of the Grand Lodge as convenient for many years to come. 3t

SUNBURY & LEWISTOWN R. R.—At a meeting of the purchasers of the Sunbury & Lewistown railroad, held on Friday at the office of James H. Campbell, in Philadelphia, the following officers were chosen:

President—Aaron Fries, Philadelphia.
Directors—R. W. Swenk, Lancaster; Josiah Hart, Doylestown; Daniel Buck, Philadelphia; W. Budd Deacon, New Jersey; Geo. Shannon, Norristown; Geo. Schnure, Selinsgrove.

Arrangements will at once be made for the operation of the road to the best interests of those interested.

COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS.—The County Commissioners, on the 3d inst., made the following appointments for the ensuing year:

Clerk—D. M. Schwartz, of Jordan.
Attorney—T. H. Pardy, Sunbury.
Mercantile Appraiser—W. K. Erdman, Shamokin.
Janitor—M. E. Bucher, Sunbury.
Physician—Dr. F. L. Haupt, Sunbury.

WHEN THE CAT IS AWAY THE MICE WILL PLAY.—As soon as we announced our intention in our issue of the 31st ult. that we intended to have a week's vacation the Democratic batteries were opened upon us; the *Democrat* leading off and followed by the Watsontown *Record*.—Even the *Daily* and its depot reporter with the "yaller dog" were induced to bark at us, but then there was no harm done. We have resumed, and expect quiet will be restored.

COBLE'S INSURANCE AGENCY.—We are glad to find that many of the farmers in this and adjoining counties avail themselves of the opportunity to get their property insured in the Ætna Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., of which Geo. Coble, Esq., of Herndon, is the agent. The Ætna is a reliable company, and no farmer should neglect to insure so that in case of fire he will receive the greater portion of his loss back again. The small sum paid for a policy and assessments, frequently is the means of saving a poor, hard-working man from total ruin by fire, which is liable to occur at any time. Call on Geo. Coble, Esq., Herndon, North'd county, if you wish to secure a safe insurance policy.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court opened on Monday morning, the 3d inst., Judge Rockefeller on the bench. The Court appointed Augustus Berger, Jacob Cable and Henry Haupt tipstaves for the first week, and S. Boughner and J. Houpt for the second week. The following cases were then disposed of:

Com. vs Henry Hackenberg. For. and bas. True bill. Found guilty and sentenced to pay the usual penalty.

TUESDAY, Jan. 4th.

Com. vs Geo. Philips. For. and bas. Guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $10, and undergo an imprisonment of three months.

Com. vs James DeMuth Disturbing a public meeting. Guilty in manner and form as indicted.

Com. vs David Buyers—Larceny. Guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $5, and undergo an imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary for 18 months.

Com. vs Benj. Norman—Larceny. Guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $5, return the stolen property, and undergo an imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary for 15 months.

Com. vs Philip Phillips—Assault and battery. On trial.

Com. vs Hiram Richard Munson—Larceny. Guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $5, return the property stolen and undergo an imprisonment in the eastern penitentiary for the term of 15 months.

The Grand Jury returned the following bills:

Com. vs Philip Phillips—Larceny. True bill.

Com. vs Philip Phillips—Robbery. True bill.

Com. vs Thomas Rafferty, John Rafferty and Thomas Welsh—Larceny. True bill.

Com. vs James DeMuth—Nuisance and drunkenness. True bill.

Com. vs James DeMuth—Resisting police. True bill.

Com. vs William Cook, Emma Cook, Annie Barnfield and Delilah Snyder—Keeping a bawdy house. True bill.

Com. vs William VanDyke—Gambling as tavern keeper. True bill.

Com. vs William Vandyke. Selling liquor without license. True bill.

Com. vs Levi Allbright. Assault and battery. Bill ignored and prosecutor, Frank Weinaw, to pay costs.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5.

The following bills were reported by the grand jury:

Com vs Robert Meisenheller, Levi Witman and William Hartman. Felony. Bill ignored.

Com vs William B Wallace. Assault and battery. Bill ignored.

Com vs Simon Z Bassler. Malicious mischief. True bill.

Com vs Levi Allbright. Assault and battery. Bill ignored.

Com vs Zebadee Bostian. Larceny. True bill.

Com vs Jesse and Alonzo Hensyl. Selling liquor to drunkards. True bill.

Com vs Jesse and Alonzo Hensyl. Selling liquor on Sunday. True bill.

Com vs Jesse and Alonzo Hensyl. Selling intoxicating drink on election day. True bill.

Com vs Jesse and Alonzo Hensyl. Selling liquor to persons visibly affected. Bill ignored.

Com vs Thomas G McWilliams. Assault on a constable. True bill.

Com vs Frank Harrison. Malicious mischief. Guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $25, costs of prosecution and undergo an imprisonment of six months in the county jail.

Com vs James DeMuth. Resisting police officer. Not guilty. County to pay costs.

Com vs J H Drumheller. Assault and battery. Guilty of an assault. Sentenced to pay a fine of $10, costs of prosecution and undergo an imprisonment of 2 months in the county jail and give bail in the sum of $400 to keep the peace for the period of one year.

Com vs Annie Barnfield and Delilah Snyder. Keeping a bawdy house. Not guilty. County for costs.

Com vs William VanDyke. Selling liquor without license. Picads guilty.

Com vs Antonetta Coolaski. Larceny. Guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $1, return the stolen property and undergo an imprisonment, in the county jail, "at separate and solitary confinement at labor," for five days.

Com vs Robert Meisenheller, Levi Witman and William Hartman. Larceny. True bill as regards Meisenheller and Witman, but bill ignored as regards Hartman. Witman and Meisenheller guilty. The former sentenced to pay a fine of $5, costs of prosecution, restore stolen property and undergo an imprisonment "by separate and solitary confinement at labor," in the county jail for the term of six months. Meisenheller sentenced to pay a fine of $5, costs of prosecution, return stolen property and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail at "separate and solitary confinement at labor," for the term of 5 months.

Com vs Philip Phillips. Robbery. On trial.

EVENING SESSION.

Court convened at 7 o'clock, and his Honor charged the jury on the case of Com vs Philip Phillips—Robbery. It seemed in the evidence in this case that in a scuffle between William VanDyke and Philip Phillips, Phillips came in possession of VanDyke's watch and was afterwards arrested for robbery. The judge directed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty, the case properly belonging under an action of replevin or trespass.

The case of the Com vs Thomas and James Rafferty and Thomas Welsh—Larceny. The above parties went in an old coal drift, loosened the coal and hauled it away. It was held properly that larceny is the felonious taking of personal property, and as the coal was in the drift in its natural state it was legally a trespass and not larceny. Verdict not guilty.

The case of the Com vs Simon Z Bassler—Wilfully removing property from the railroad company. In this case Simon—alias Lode—amused himself pulling coupling pins out of some thirty cars and throwing them away. It was so proven and hence the verdict, guilty.

THURSDAY, Jan. 6.

The following bills were returned by the grand jury:

Com vs Andrew Wilson. Assault and battery. True bill.

Com vs John F Campbell. Larceny. Not guilty.

Com vs A J Coble. Selling liquor without license. True bill.

Com vs Alfred Brady. Malicious mischief. True bill.

Com vs Annie Curwin. Assault and battery. Bill ignored.

Com vs John Shanahan. Larceny. Bill ignored.

Com vs Mary McGill. Larceny. Bill ignored.

Com vs Andrew Wilson. Larceny. Bill ignored.

Com vs Andrew Wilson. Burglary. Bill ignored.

Com vs Valentine Stout. For. and bas. Bill ignored.

Com vs Jacob Withington. Malicious mischief. Bill ignored.

Com vs Mary McGill. Attempt to commit arson. Bill ignored.

Com vs James Richardson. Assault and battery. Bill ignored.

Com vs Jesse and Alonzo Hensyl. Selling liquor to minors. Continued till next court.

Com vs Philip Philips. Larceny. Not guilty.

Com vs William Vandyke. Gambling as tavern keeper. Continued till next court.

Com vs William Vandyke. Selling liquor without license. Guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $250, costs of prosecution and stand committed until the sentence of the court is complied with, not exceeding the term of 90 days.

Com vs Simon Z. Bassler. Malicious mischief. Guilty.

Com vs Jesse and Alonzo Hensyl. Selling to drunkards. Continued till next court.

Com vs Same. Selling liquor on Sunday. Continued till next court.

Com vs Same Selling intoxicating drinks on election day. Continued till next court.

Com vs J. W. Bassler. Assault and battery. Nol. Pros. entered by leave of court.

Com vs James Mahan. Selling liquor without license. Guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $250, costs of prosecution, and stand committed until the sentence of the court is complied with, not to exceed 90 days.

Com. vs Same. Selling liquor on Sunday. Guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $250, cost of prosecution, and stand committed until the sentence of the court is complied with, not to exceed 90 days, from the expiration of the sentence of the court in the case of Com vs same, selling liquor without license.

Com vs Geo B. Genther. Assault and battery. Nol. Pros. entered by leave of court.

Com vs John E. Rathvon, Patrick O'Garra, Thomas O'Garra, James Summons and Patrick Waters. Forcible entry and detainer. This is a case involving some coal lands and will likely occupy several days. Both sides are represented by eminent counsel, A. J. Dietrick, Esq., Judge Bently, Judge Maynard, of Williamsport and T. H. Purdy, Esq., of Sunbury, for the commonwealth, and James Ryan, Esq., of Pottsville, Judge Linn, of Williamsport, and G. W. Zeigler, Esq., of Sunbury, for the defence.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

SUNBURY, Jan. 6, 1876.

To the Honorable William M. Rockefeller, President Judge of the county of Northumberland:

YOUR HONOR—We, the Grand Inquest, inquiring in and for the county of Northumberland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, respectfully report,

That we have attended to all the business submitted to us, having acted on 44 bills, 34 of which have been returned true bills and 10 ignoramus.

We have carefully examined the Court House, and find the roof leaks on the southwest angle, causing the plastering of the Traverse Jury room to fall down, which we recommend be repaired.

The Court Crier and his room are both in a good state of preservation, and it may not be generally known that the desk and eagle quill in his room date back to 1772. Our friend Beckley endeavored to make us believe the ink stand was equally aged, but we have some doubt on that question.

After visiting all the rooms up stairs we repaired to the county offices, all of which we find in good order. We recommend a new desk for the Treasurer's room. Also, double desk, case for blanks, Campbell's system of indexing and repairing of gas fixtures for Prothonotary.

The privy is in the same filthy condition Grand Juries always find it, and would recommend cleaning and a liberal sprinkling of lime.

We called on the new Sheriff, who very kindly showed us through the worst constructed, illy ventilated and most insecure jail in Pennsylvania, if not in the United States, and as so many repairs were necessary we concluded the best thing to do was to say nothing about the needed repairs but recommend a new jail, which we most heartily do.

The Grand Jury unanimously request a copy of the President Judge's charge to them, or so much as refers to the early history of the county and Centennial year, for publication.

J. A. BOYD, Foreman.

Proceedings of the Northumberland County Teachers' Institute.

SHAMOKIN, Dec. 20th, 1875.

In pursuance to the call of County Superintendent, H. H. Bartholomew, the twenty-first annual session of Northumberland County Institute convened, in Helfenstein's Hall, at Shamokin, on the 20th day of December, 1875, at 1.30 p. m.

The President appointed W. J. Wolverton temporary Secretary, after which the Institute listened to some excellent music rendered by the "Shamokin Glee Club" entitled "Merry Greeting." The Rev. H. C. Haithcox then read the first Psalm and offered a prayer.

The following gentlemen were nominated for Vice Presidents:

Henry Kembel, by Wm. M. Boal; M. Nolan, of Shamokin, by W. J. Wolverton; E. Enterline, of Lower Mahanoy, by R. T. Owen; and J. T. Hepner, of Shamokin, by S. Shipman.

On motion, nominations closed. Mr. Nolan then withdrew his name leaving as permanent Vice Presidents, Henry Kembel, E. Enterline, and J. P. Hepner.

Wm. J. Wolverton was made permanent Secretary. Messrs. Griffith, John, and W. H. Harper, of Shamokin, and Miss Maggie Huff, were chosen assistants.

Wm. M. Boal, of Sunbury, was elected Treasurer of the Institute.

The Chairman appointed J. B. Savidge, Geo. W. Campbell, Geo. W. Hoover, Miss Jennie Christie, and Miss Amelia Gossler, Committee on Resolutions.

The President, Mr. Bartholomew, appointed Wm. M. Boal and Ira Shipman, of Sunbury, critics of the Institute.

Mr. J. W. Shower, of Jackson township, moved that the registration fee be fixed at twenty-five cents. G. W. Campbell moved that it be one dollar, to include season ticket. Mr. Shower's motion was seconded and carried with an amendment by S. Shipman that the money thus accruing be applied to paying for publication of the minutes of the Institute and other necessary expenses. The amendment was carried, also the original motion as amended was carried.

On motion of Mr. Fink, it was resolved: That all persons identifying themselves with our public school system, and with the Teacher's County Institute, and becoming honorary members of the Institute, may become active members of the same by paying a registration fee of fifty cents, when they shall be allowed all the privileges of active members. That the proceeds thus accruing shall go to the paying of the Secretary for services rendered, and the balance, if any, to go into the Treasury as a public fund. That all persons identifying themselves with our public schools are cordially invited to become members according to this resolution.

The President then delivered his inaugural address, specifying the nobility of the teacher's vocation; the labor attending it; the necessity of being interested in it; and assured the teachers of his sympathy with them in the common cause of general education.

At this juncture a recess of fifteen minutes was granted for the purpose of enrollment, during which time the school districts of the county were alphabetically called and 74 teachers were enrolled.

The Institute was then called to order and listened to the profitable address of welcome delivered by Mr. J. J. John, of Shamokin. This address started from the cradle of literature and traced its course through rough and smooth until the present; noting among other things of worth, the time and place of the birth of the Northumberland County Institute, contrasting then with now, in terms of eloquence and humor.

On motion, resolved, that the Institute solicite Dr. John's address for publication.

After this the Shamokin Glee Club brought the afternoon session to a happy close by singing one of their beautiful pieces, entitled "Away we go."

The Chairman then adjourned the institute until 7.30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

At the time specified the President called the Institute to order.

Music by the Glee Club, "Happy welcome to all."

Prof. C. H. Verrill was then introduced, who lectured on "What shall we study?" His remarks were eminently instructive and very encouraging to the earnest teacher. He thought it wise not to be too practical nor theoretical; but occupy a middle ground covering all common school branches, with the addition of drawing. Items of civil government: Would have pupils instructed in these because many never attend any other than the common schools; four-fifths of the borrowed words of the English language are of Latin origin, hence pupils would do well to study Latin; the study of Mathematics was highly encouraged; lastly, that the true object of study is to understand, to pleasantly communicate. The lecture was well received.

After this the Institute was enlivened by the Glee Club singing "Brooklet."

Miss H. F. Chidester, of New York, was then introduced who rendered "Little Mable" in a faultless style, as such, throwing deep emotion into the audience. Immediately following the "The widow's choice" was rendered in an exceedingly easy and natural manner, in striking harmony with real life.

The *finale* of the evening was characterized by an enlivening quartette—"Jolly Jonathan," composed of Shamokin pupils, presenting the happy mood of the citizens of the fatherland.

At this point Institute adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 21.

Institute opened by music and devotional services, conducted by Prof. G. H. Verrill, after which the roll of members was called and minutes read and corrected, and after correction approved.

Prof. Verrill then engaged the Institute upon Arithmetic, giving his views upon thoroughness as advancement is made. Advocated reviewing for the purpose that the farmer cross-ploughs and cross-harrows; the main point being to make men and women; contrasting the French and English systems of notation showing they are alike until 10th figure.

The subject of English Grammar was then treated by the Secretary. After which G. W. Campbell read an essay on "Morality of our Schools," holding up morality as of paramount excellence and necessity in the teacher, and dealing heavy blows to the use of tobacco and strong drink. The essay was well and forcibly written, and was well received.

President declared a recess of fifteen minutes, during which time teachers who had not yet enrolled came forward and did so.

After recess Miss H. Florence Chidester, of N. Y. dealt with the subject of elocution, pointing out its use, age, etc. That tone and gestures are understood rather than words; that elocution teaches to be natural.

After this five minutes speeches were allowed in discussing the views advanced by those who treated subjects in the former part of the day.

Prof. Verrill was the first speaker, and spoke to the profit and pleasure of all.

On motion the paper read on "Morality in our schools" be published in the minutes.

Institute then adjourned to 1.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Institute opened by music, after which the roll was called.

Subsequent to this the subject of drawing was discussed in five-minute speeches. Prof. C. H. Verrill took the lead, showing the value and importance of drawing. European draftsmen are employed at high salaries because America does not possess the skill demanded. Mr. Fink, of Shamokin followed, advocating drawing as an improvement in penmanship, that there should be professorships in drawing. Griffith John endorsed the foregoing. R. T. Owen thought drawing had been neglected too long as an element of education. By request of Mr. J. W. Ziegler, Prof. Verrill gave some instructions touching the mode of teaching drawing.

At the close of this discussion Miss Chidester engaged the Institute upon calisthenics. She advocated the idea of a sound mind in a sound body. After this giving the Institute practical exercises in the art, which proved very amusing as also useful.

President declared a recess of ten minutes for purpose of enrolling teachers who came in during the day.

At the close of the recess the Shamokin Glee Club treated the Institute to a piece of superb music entitled "Spelling Bee."

After this came the spelling contest for the gold watch—106 words, pronounced by Prof Verrill. The papers on which the words were written were collected and put in care of the examining committee, Rev. Haithcox, Dr. J. J. John and Prof. Verrill, who will report the result at a subsequent time. After which the Institute adjourned with music by the choir entitled "When you are in trouble," till 7.30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Institute opened with the discussion of the subject of the morning's essay, in which Messrs. Deibler, Campbell and G. John spoke affirmatively, and Messrs. Shipman, Fink, Boal and Owen spoke negatively.

After which the Glee Club rendered in most happy style "Sailor Song."

The Chairman then introduced the orator of the evening, Capt. Arms, of Pittsburg, who spoke on the subject of "Boys."

Capt. Arms kept the audience in good cheer by his masterly treatment of his subject. He first described boys in a very humorous manner, after which he spoke of their education—the education of their God-implanted powers. The nature of home, both noble and ignoble, was graphically described; the sphere of father and mother was teelingly noticed as touching upon the future boy. That the best mode of governing boys is to secure their respect. Personal experience noticed with much humor. The lecture was well received.

The Chairman then announced that the report of the critics would be heard in the morning. After which the Glee Club rendered "Away we go" in fine style. After which Institute adjourned till 9 a. m. Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Institute convened at 6 a. m., the President in the Chair. The Shamokin Glee Club sang "Coronation"; after which a portion of scripture was read and prayer offered by the Secretary, W. J. Wolverton. The roll was then called, and the minutes of Tuesday were read, corrected and, as corrected, approved.

The Chairman appointed the following ladies a Committee to secure subscribers to the "Pennsylvania School Journal," viz: Miss Anna John, Miss Amelia Fisher, Miss Maggie Huff, and Miss Jeremie Longmore.

The critics then reported, after which Wm. M. Boal, of Sunbury, spoke upon the subject of "Organization." Mr. Boal first described organization in general, then traced its fitness and application to the public school stytem. His remarks were full of good sense and very practical. Following this was a discussion upon the subject, in which Messrs. Campbell, S. Shipman and Dr. John participated.

Prof. Verrill took the floor at this point, and discussed "Philosophy of Education" First, he defined science as principle systematised. That to know advantageously the following are necessary: 1, collecting facts; 2, comparing facts; 3, elementary classification; 4, higher classification; that all knowledge is of matter and mind. Pending the discussion the time given to that subject expired. Recess at this juncture afforded opportunity to enroll teachers not enrolled.

After recess, the subject of history was taken up by Mr. Saul Shipman. He said the object of history was to teach children to love their country; that it should not be a study of dry facts; it should be in connection with geography. His views were then thrown open to a general discussion, in which Messrs Fink, Griffith, John and G. W. Campbell participated.

Miss Chidester then gave instruction upon elocution, commencing with phonetic spelling particularly noticing the different sounds of the vowels, showing the need of familiarity with the correct sound of them, to secure correct pronunciation. During this exercise the time for adjournment arrived, and the Institute was accordingly adjourned till 1½ o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Institute opened with the singing of "Kind words can never die"; after which the roll was called. The election of Committee on Permanent Certificates was the work of the afternoon.

Preparatory to this election, names were written on the board, representing the teachers eligible to the office, viz: G. W. Campbell, John B. Savidge, S. S. Reeder, R. T. Owen. G. W. Hower, S. P. Fink, Jeremiah Longmore, Saul Shipman, J. T. Hepner, Mrs. Mary Gray and Matthew Nolan. The Chairman gave five minutes to prepare ballots and appointed Mr. Deibert and Mr. Sheep as tellers to collect the ballots.

On motion of Mr. Boal, all eligible were made nominees. Pending the counting of the ballots by the tellers, Miss Maggie Murtrie, of Shamokin township, read a select piece entitled, "Darius Green and the Flying Machine" in a manner quite commendable to the reader.

Immediately following this, Prof. Verrill gave a very practical drill on "School Government." He dwelt upon the following topics as of especial value, viz: 1, Good Nature; 2, Presence; 3, 4, A Student of Character; 5, Ideas; Perseverence; Organizer.

Under "*Things to be done*," he specified these: 1, Plan; 2, Study temper of School. Knowledge of Patrons

"In conducting classes," he specified these:—(a). Test, knowledge; (b), Expression; (c), Imparting instruction. He thought teachers should talk of their business—should grown in knowledge.

At the conclusion of his drill, the Chairman declared a recess of fifteen minutes, during which time the new-coming teachers were enrolled, making a grand total with the present of 123.

Following the call to order, was the address of W. P. Withington. Subject, "Enforced Education." To analyze would be to detract from its excellence—so thorough, so clear, so comprehensive, so erudite. We hope to see the address *in toto* in print.

Miss Chidester then gave an exercise in Calisthenics, greatly to the interest and pleasure of all.

The tellers here announced the following result of votes for Permanent Committee, viz: G. W. Campbell, 40; G. W. Hower, 85; Mrs. Mary Gray, 95; Saul Shipman, 95; R. T. Owen, 80; J. T. Hepner, 64; J. B. Savidge, 35; S. P. Fink, 59; Jessie Longmore, 13; S. S. Reeder, 12; M. Nolan, 5.

Mr. Campbell moved that a rising vote be taken to test the validity of the election.

S. Shipman amended by moving to postpone all further action on this point until after recess Thursday morning. This was carried. Immediately after which the Institute adjourned until 7½ p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening sessions opened by singing "Rain upon the Roof." After which the orator of the day, A. Frank Seltzer, of Lebanon, Pa., was introduced by the Chairman.

Mr. Seltzer's subject "What I know about Money," was made completely alive by the peculiarly happy style of his treating it. He noticed the Iron and Golden Ages respectively, with remarkable pungency, among other things reading extracts from the diary of Adam and Eve. Paper money was humorously dealt with, pointing out its relation to the Government. Among the many ways to make money, he thought inheriting it the easiest, the surest way, the right way. The latter part of the address was designed to encourage the teachers to cultivate and maintain personal integrity.

After the Glee Club sang a beautiful piece of music, the Institute adjourned until 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING 9 A. M.

In the absence of the Choir, Prof. Verrill read 19th Psalm and offered up prayer, next followed the calling of roll and reading of the minutes, which after correction was approved. The critics reported some very valuable and well taken criticisms, after which Prof. Verrill took up "Object Teaching" and made a number of good suggestions advocating its being taught in the schools.

Penmanship was then treated by S. P. Fipk of Shamokin. Mr. Fink first treated of the principals of the art, and insisted upon giving pupils the right start in Penmanship for the reason that a wrong start, is much more difficult to acquire. The subject of Geography was subsequently discussed quite humorously as also profitably by Messrs. Boal, Fink, S. Shipman and Campbell. The following resolution was then passed, viz: That Messrs. R. T. Owen, G. W. Campbell and W. F. Derr, be elected an Auditing Committee to audit the accounts of the ex-Treasurer of this Institute and report previous to adjournment this afternoon. Recess: After the Chairman had called the Institute to order, the matter of the resolution referred to this hour's consideration as per minutes of Wednesday afternoon, on motion W. J. Wolverton was indefinitely postponed, after which the subject of Elocution was again taken up by Miss Chidester of Syracuse, New York. She called upon different teachers to pronounce and phonetically spell words written on the board. This exercise was of general profit and appreciation. Immediately following this a drill in Calisthenics was conducted by the same instructress who introduced an extended variety of figures calling into action the entire physical organization. The exercise concluded by a very pleasant promenade, when the Institute adjourned to 1½ p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Institute opened by roll call and singing "Home of the Soul" by the Glee Club. After which there was a general discussion upon the following subjects:

1. "How shall teachers prevent tardiness and absence?"
2. "Should teachers be paid according to the grade of certificates?"
3. "Should teachers be required to attend the County Institute?"

Messrs. G. John, S. P. Fink, G. W. Campbell, W. M. Boal, Mary Hay, Prof. Verrill and W. J. Wolverton discussed the subjects to their merited extent, after which Dr. J. J. John treated the Institute to a terse and practical address upon the subject of "Enforced Education." He spoke of the very probable action of our Legislature on this subject, recounted European States in which enforced education was a blessing.

He also read extracts from N. Y. laws to foreshadow what we in Pennsylvania may hopefully expect one year hence. Dr. John manifests deep interest in our public schools, and his remarks are always well received.

REPORT OF PERMANENT CERTIFICATE COMMITTEE.

The Committee organized by electing Mrs. M. S. Gray, to the chair, and R. T. Owen as Secretary.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That all business transacted by the Committee shall be as an organization, not as individuals. That applicants are expected to come prepared