

ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS.

Local Intelligencer.

Teachers' Institute.

A few games of fashionable life to play cards for diamonds.

It's pleasure may be a shadow, but it's a drop of substance.

This week will be a good time to subscribe to the *Democratic Watchman*.

177 Oranges, cost 10 cents; how much the bright with 89 pence?

The Davenport Gazette is printed on a paper press the first introduced into Iowa.

The city of Burlington, Iowa, is to be incorporated.

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FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

After a lecture on Arithmetic by Prof. Sweet, the Institute held an election of officers for the ensuing year. The following persons were elected:

President—Oris T. Nourse.

Vice-President—Miss Jessie McBride, and Mary E. Hoover.

Recording Secretary—J. H. Hoopes.

Corresponding Secretary—Jno. H. Hoopes.

Treasurer—Samuel B. Bathurst.

Editor—Ira C. Mitchell, Esq.

R. C. Allison, late Superintendent of Clinton county, was then introduced, and favored the Institute with a few remarks on the duty of Teachers to support Associations established for their mutual benefit.

Ira C. Mitchell being called upon, gave his views respecting the manner in which Institutes should be conducted.

APERTURE SESSION.

J. H. Hoopes reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we still continue to recognize the *Pennsylvania School Journal* as one of the most efficient means of advancing our cause, and we consider it the duty of every teacher, director, and friend of education, not only to become a subscriber himself, but to assist in extending its circulation.

Resolved, That we consider it the duty of every teacher in the county to attend the sessions of that Institute, and we regard all Teachers who do not do so as particularly recreant in their profession, and of the rank of Teacher, and not entitled to confidence and support.

Resolved, That as yet we have no cause to regret the establishment of the office of County Superintendent, holding that it has greatly already improved the condition of our State, by cloaking the standard of Teaching.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend the Directors of this county to remodel, and in most cases, to rebuilt their school houses, and furnish them with the best apparatus, financially, as we regard a good house, well furnished, as an indispensable auxiliary to good Teaching.

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Resolved, That we are in favor of the co-education of the sexes.

Resolved, That we regard all opposition to Pennsylvania Teachers as unfeudal; and hope the day is not far distant when such opposition will cease.

Resolved, That we have learned with great pleasure that the School Department contemplates asking the Legislature to make an appropriation for the establishment of Teacher's Institutes, or Normal Schools, in every county of the State.

Resolved, That we consider it the duty of the Legislature to make such an appropriation, we will ask for an annual appropriation of \$200 to be applied to the advancement of the object of the "Clinton County Teacher's Institute," and the same sum.

Resolved, That the school system of that Institute is not yet made public. However,

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REASER. That the thanks of the Institute, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of Bell-

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Mr. Frederick Orris then offered a few remarks on the subject of Algebra, and endeavored to delineate its merits, multiplied by minus produces minus. After which,

Prof. Sweet conducted exercises in Elocution. On motion of Jas. H. Hoopes, it was then adjourned.

The Prof. Muffy, Ira C. Mitchell, J. H. Stover, S.

B. Bathurst and Jonathan Parsons were appointed a committee to prepare business for the Institute.

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Stover and S. B. Allen, were appointed a Committee to draft resolutions.

Mrs. Muffy, Bathurst and McFerry were appointed a Committee of Finance.

AN INTERESTING exercise in Spelling was then conducted by Prof. Sweet.

In the evening J. Holden Orris offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we will use our best endeavors to have Pelton's *Outline Maps* introduced in our schools.

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