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The County Teachers Institute.

The 45th annual session of the teachers institute of Centre county, which was sitting in this place last week, closed Friday morning, after having accomplished some very beneficial work. The list of instructors, which Sup't. GRAMLEY had secured, included several educators of national repute: Their talks teemed with salient advice for teachers of all grades of public schools. The lecturers, before the Institute, were men whom it was a pleasure and a benefit to hear, though it is a question whether their remarks received that careful consideration at the hands of some of the teachers which they certainly merited.

For a number of years the attention of the more conservative attendant at Institute has been attracted to a growing inclination, on the part of some, to make the sessions a time for flippant pleasure rather than one of mutual advancement. This growing tendency, which aims to defeat the purpose for which these gatherings are called, has led to many suggestions as to a possible remedy for an evil which proves not only a nuisance to those teachers who attend Institute with the desire to get all out of it they can, but which also places the perpetrators in a very unfavorable light before the County Superintendent and parents of children whom they are paid to train.

The astute thinker can find only one way out of the difficulty and that it is to make the sessions of Institute entirely private except to directors and parents of children. Exclude, entirely, all that class of young people and children who make a habit of loafing at the different sessions for the sole purpose of "having a good time with the teachers." It is that class of loafers—young boys and girls—that gather in the back of the court house and conduct itself in a most disgraceful manner, not entirely free from the approbation of teachers to whom the term "giddy" applies with striking appropriateness.

The proceedings during the last session were interrupted time and again by this idle class and it is to be hoped that when the next session convenes some measure will have been taken to effectually put a damper on the flirring inclinations of a few short sighted teachers and certain idle boys and girls of our town.

Begin the New Year With Reform.

With the beginning of the New Year there are many things which suggest themselves as worthy of attention the most insignificant of which are by no means those which confront our town council. Its meetings during the year just closed were characterized by a general "don't care" kind of legislation, which if continued will surely plunge the town into deeper financial straits that it is now suffering in.

It is to be hoped that our councilmen have turned over a new leaf and awakened to a realization of the fact that Bellefonte's municipal affairs will not run themselves. This year will be an important one in our history and our citizens have a right to demand of council the careful consideration of its sworn duty. This thing of staying away from the semi-monthly meetings just whenever they feel like it has re-

sulted disastrously in more ways than one and the voters will remember it when the Spring elections come on.

The election will be held on the 21st day of February when it will be possible to change the political complexion of council, as a new member will be elected from each ward in town. Is it not time to try a change?

—It seems like a very late date for detectives to begin to find out that WILLIAM B. TASCOR did not murder A. J. SNELL, the millionaire Chicagoan. For the last three years they have been spending money on every old clue they could pick up and now, when they find themselves completely baffled, they hope to cover their failure by proclaiming that it was not TASCOR, but a wealthy Chicago merchant who committed the foul deed. TASCOR has been clever enough to elude them all these years and it is hardly probable that he will let himself be fooled back to Chicago by a lot of detectives who say another man committed the murder yet have no desire to apprehend him.

—The Republicans commenced well for the Democrats of the northwestern part of the State by committing the outrage they did in the HIGBY—ANDREWS case in the House at Harrisburg on Tuesday last. It is such actions that open the eyes of decent people to the extent to which partisan wrongs can be carried, and if the flagrant disregard of all forms of law and every instinct of justice, that characterized the action of the House at its recent organization, does not waken a feeling in Crawford and adjoining counties that will wipe out QUAY Republicanism from that section of the State then we are fooled in the kind of people who vote and live up there.

—The recent adjudication of the difference between Father MCGLYNN and the papacy is looked upon in Rome as a stroke of great moment. Pope LEO XIII is too wise and far seeing a man to let such a trifling difference, as that which caused Dr. MCGLYNN's disaffection keep so able a man out of the church. The vatican is doing everything in its power to promote harmony in all branches of the church and cannot afford to lose the co-operation of able men of the MCGLYNN order.

Mexican Revolutionists.

Another Engagement Reported From the Other Side of the Rio Grande.—Many Were Killed and Wounded.—The Rebels Being Hated Pursued.

NEW ORLEANS, January 1.—The Times Democrat's Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, special says: Colonel Caron, commander of the Mexican military garrison here, received a dispatch this morning from Guerrero, Mexico, giving an account of another bloody engagement which took place on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, just north of that place, Friday evening, between about 180 revolutionists and about 80 Mexican troops belonging to the Sixth cavalry. The revolutionists were commanded by Prudencio Gonzales. They are the same detachment who made the successful attack on Mexican troops opposite San Ignacio a few weeks ago. They had been pushed for several days by Lieutenant West, of the Third United States cavalry, and his troops. The United States soldiers pushed the revolutionists so closely that the latter determined to cross the river into Mexico and make another bold strike for the cause for which they were opposing. They had hardly crossed the other side when they struck the camp of the Mexican troops. A stubborn fight ensued, and despite the fact that the soldiers were outnumbered two to one, they succeeded in repulsing the revolutionists, who retreated down the river. It is rumored that ten of the revolutionists were left dead on the field and that twelve others were wounded, including Prudencio Gonzales, who escaped on his horse. The loss to the Mexican troops is said to have been seven killed and twenty wounded.

A large force of Mexican troops are in pursuit of the revolutionists, who are thought to be making their way to a rendezvous near San Miguel, where they will be reinforced by 300 more revolutionists, who are reported to have crossed over into Mexico Thursday night.

Will There Be an Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2.—The recent conference between the president-elect and Speaker Crisp was expected to result in some authorized announcement on the subject of an extra session. While these anticipations have not been realized as Speaker Crisp has studiously refrained from giving any statement as to what passed between Mr. Cleveland and himself, something in the nature of a statement on "good authority" is being passed around among the democratic leaders. This runs to the effect that while no decision will be made on the question of an extra session of congress, by which time the cabinet of President-elect Cleveland will probably have been selected, the probabilities are decidedly against an extra session before next autumn. Mr. Cleveland, it is stated, has said to Democratic leaders in congress that he will call congress in special session. He also told them it is reported that it would not be convened before autumn, unless the financial situation and the condition of the treasury made it absolutely imperative that congress should meet in the spring.

Pennsylvania Lawmakers Convene at Harrisburg.

Thompson Is Re-Elected Speaker of the House and the Republican State Is Put Through in Both Branches—Considerable Dispute in the House Over the Andrews-Higby Contest—Republicans Seat Andrews in Spite of Protest.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 3rd.—The biennial session of the legislature began at noon to-day. The aisles and lobbies of both senate and house were so crowded with outsiders that it was difficult for those entitled to the floor to assert their right. All succeeded in obtaining their places, and there was the usual grumbling and muttering from those who were assigned to back seats and otherwise unfavorably placed.

The house was called to order at noon by Charles E. Voorhees, the new chief clerk, who acted as presiding officer. The reading of the returns of the election of the members of the house, as certified by the secretary of the commonwealth, and presented by Mr. Hartry, and their reading consumed nearly half an hour. When Crawford county was reached the chief clerk substituted for the returns certifying the election of Wilbur P. Higby, Democrat, the document awarded on Saturday last to William H. Andrews, Republican, by Judge Henderson, before whom Andrews had raised the question of the legality of Higby's election.

The Democrats led by Messrs. Fow, Wherry and Ritter made an attempt to check this action but Chief Clerk Voorhees declared that nothing was in order but the reading of the returns and the Democratic objectors were, for the present at least, bowled out.

They objected again when the reading of the roll of the members revealed the presence of Andrews' name thereon, but Voorhees downed them with his resounding gavel, although it was necessary to threaten Mr. Fow with the sergeant-at-arms before he would take his seat. Mr. Fow denounced the proceedings as an unheard-of outrage. The chief clerk announced that the returns of the election officers were superseded by the decision of the Crawford county court.

The next proceeding was the assembling of members before the bar of the house, where all were sworn in. The election of speaker was then held, Caleb C. Thompson, of Warren county, being formally declared elected over Walter E. Ritter, of Lycoming, the Democratic nominee.

After the members had been sworn in it was discovered that both Andrews and Higby had gathered with the crowd and both took the oath. Higby arrived first this morning and took the seat assigned to the Crawford county members. Andrews will probably slip into the seat the first time Higby vacates it, and thus the war promises to get merily on.

Charles E. Voorhees was formally elected chief clerk, and then the announcement of the various house officials as agreed upon by the "state committee" was made. A. D. Fetterole, of Montgomery, is resident clerk; Fred W. Fletch, Lackawanna, journal clerk; Jere B. Rex, Huntington, reading clerk; Robert S. Canklin, Lancaster, message clerk; George R. Hoopes, Chester, sergeant-at-arms; Edward Hilderbrand, Philadelphia, postmaster; Frank Vandusen, Tioga, door-keeper.

Both branches of the legislature, after effecting an organization, took a recess until 3 o'clock.

SENATE REASSEMBLES.

On re-assembling the governor's message was read. At the conclusion of the reading Senator Grady obtained unanimous consent for the introduction of a bill in accordance with a recommendation in the message, that the various boards of mercantile appraisers be abolished. The measure provided for the repeal of the act of April 2, 1887, for the appointment of appraisers for mercantile and other licenses, and authorizing the publication of the same and the collection of mercantile taxes.

By Senator Penrose—To facilitate the commencement of action and service of writs by amending an act relating to commencement of actions in Chester county, approved April 15, 1892, and extend the same throughout the commonwealth; to establish the liability of endorsers of negotiable instruments.

By Senator Henninger—To repeal an act of graduating the duties upon wholesalers and retailers of merchandise and prescribing the mode of issuing licenses and collecting said duties, approved April 7, 1890; to repeal the eleventh section of an act to provide for the reduction of the public debt, approved April 22, 1849; to repeal an act to provide revenue to meet the demand on the treasury and other purposes, approved May 4, 1841.

Appointments made by the governor during the intervals in the last session were presented for confirmation and ordered printed. A resolution to adjourn was introduced and, after waiting an hour until the house had concurred, the senate at 5.50 p. m. adjourned until Thursday, Jan. 12, at 4 p. m.

REPRESENTATIVES RECONVENE.

The house reassembled at 3.15 o'clock and spent over an hour in listening to the reading of the governor's message. The message will be divided and referred to the appropriate committees when appointed. As was expected the Crawford county case was reopened as soon as the communication from the governor was disposed of. The Democrats fought hard for Mr. Higby and were aided by several Republican members, but without avail.

The vote was then taken, a call of the roll being demanded by the Democrats. Mr. Boyer's motion to refer Mr. Wherry's resolution to the committee of elections was carried by a vote of 117 to 75. The following Republicans voted with the Democrats: Messrs. Cessna, of Bedford; Cotton, of Allegheny; Jeffrey, of Luzerne; Kennedy, of Schuylkill; Hewitt, of Blair;

Moore of Chester, and Ritter, of Philadelphia. As the case now stands Andrews will retain the seat and Higby must file notice of contest with the house within ten days. After the announcement of some appointments by the speaker and chief clerk, speaker Thompson requested the members of the house to mail to him at his home in Warren a list of the committees on which they desired to be placed, and then the house at 6 p. m. adjourned until 4 o'clock, Thursday, Jan. 12.

Dr. McGlynn Spoke.

NEW YORK, January 1.—The Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn spoke at the anti-poverty society meeting at Cooper Union to-night and reaffirmed his belief in the doctrines of the society, the purport of which led to his excommunication. He spoke with all of his old-time force and set at rest all talk of his having retracted and apologized before he was restored to his priestly function.

A Wise Protest.

From the Indianapolis Sentinel. Judge Foster enters his respectful and forcible protest against the Republican effort to steal the Kansas Legislature. In this he shows not only courage and honesty, but political wisdom. If the Republicans steal the Legislature and the United States Senator the child is not born who will live to see Kansas again a Republican State.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Mr. J. W. Lose and his family of Millheim, are additions to Bellefonte's list of residents.

—The Centre Hall corn planter Company will put 1,000 planters on the market next Spring.

—Miss M. E. Schnell, of Cleveland Ohio, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hamilton, on Howard St.

—Mrs. Sarah M. Harter, the aged mother of ex-Recorder Jno. F. Harter, died at her home, in Millheim last Thursday, of dropsy of the heart. Deceased was 72 years of age.

—Register John A. Rupp granted three hundred and fifty three permissions for young fellows to get married during the year 1892. It was a gain of ten over the year 1891.

—The Grammar School Times is the name of a new paper which Ralph Malory and Martin Smith will begin publishing ere long. It will be a 6x4 two page paper devoted to school news.

—A musical convention is being held in the Presbyterian church at Hunter's up Buffalo Run this week. Prof. P. H. Meyers is conducting it. A grand concert will finish it up to night.

—The Millheim people are in earnest about building a railroad from Coburn to that place and having secured the right of way are now waiting for the rail-road company to act on their proposition to build.

—On last Wednesday, Miss Ruth Yarnell, an aunt of Miss Sue Jaek, died of pneumonia at Mrs. J. J. Lingle's on Spring St. where she had been making her home for several years. She was buried, Friday, at the old burial ground, at Marsh Creek.

—Lawrence Gares, Policeman Gares' nineteen year old son, who while getting out of the way of a freight train, on a trestle he was crossing down near Lock Haven, the week of the election, was jarred from the ties by which he was holding to the rocks thirty feet below, died on Saturday last from his injuries. At first it was thought that he would recover, as he was able to be out, but lately he suffered the most intense pain and his death was a great relief.

—A most distressing accident happened last Friday at Mr. Joseph Strouse's, at Briery, up Buffalo Run. Harry, the fifth son, fell headlong from the haymow to the stables below receiving injuries which were regarded as fatal from the first and from which he died on Wednesday morning. Harry was sixteen years old, and after seeing and talking with him every day for four years, and knowing him well for six, we can sincerely say that no manlier boy ever drew breath or gave greater promise of a noble and useful life. His death is a great affliction to his parents, who have made arrangements to go back near the College in the Spring, in order that their younger children may be educated.

LOCAL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The teachers' of Huston, Union, Taylor, Half Moon and Worth townships are getting ready to hold a local institute at Port Matilda, on Saturday, January 21st. They met on last Friday to elect officers and effect an organization so that all the preliminaries will be done when the institute begins. Miss M. E. Pile will preside, and will be assisted by J. F. Goss, while Miss Susan Williams will look after the duties of Secretary. Miss Candace Woodring, Clara Kline, Messrs. Edward Williams, Charles Waite, J. H. Harpster and J. H. Cowher were appointed a committee to prepare a program. Misses C. J. Kline, S. Williams and Mr. John Burkett were appointed a committee on music.

PHILIPSBURG'S NEW BANK.—Pursuant to an order from the comptroller of the currency, at Washington, D. C., the Phillipsburg National Bank began business, on Tuesday morning with a paid up capital of \$50,000. O. Perry Jones, Esq., cashier of the new institution enjoys the confidence of the business men of that community and will undoubtedly draw a liberal patronage to it. His straightforward dealings with the creditors of the defunct Phillipsburg Banking Co., have been a great testimonial for him.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.—The Bellefonte Amateur dramatic club gave two plays before a very fashionable audience in the opera house Tuesday evening. "My Wife's Maid" was presented as a curtain raiser, the cast including Messrs. John Blanchard, Ellis Orvis, John Dale, Edward Valentine, and the Misses Harris, Valentine, and Jane Valentine. The play was well staged and portrayed the troubles of society life in which the servant cuts no small figure. Miss Valentine made a very acceptable "Barbara", a sentimental maid, while Miss Katharine Harris was a stately, though scheming mother of a marriageable daughter. Ellis Orvis' "Mr. Tootles Sr." and John Blanchard's "Lysenachus Tootles" were both well taken characters.

The cute little play in two acts, "A Box of Monkeys" was presented for the second time here and its cordial reception was evidence that it has not worn out yet. Messrs John Dale and John Blanchard and Misses Valentine, Mary Valentine and Caroline Orvis took leading parts and easily maintained the hit they scored at its last production.

SALES IN THE SPRING.—Time never flies so rapidly as when one is busy. So right in the midst of your labors the WATCHMAN wants to drop you a bit of advice. If you intend making sale of your property or personal effects during the Spring months it is well to be looking up a suitable date and securing an auctioneer. Our long experience in printing bills enables us to give you the benefit of mature judgment in the matter.

There will be a great many sales this Spring. They will begin as early as the latter part of February and last well into May. And it behooves those who expect to hold them to fix on a date so that there will be no conflict in the same community. The auctioneer is always a hard man to procure so you had better see him as soon as you can. Bring your list of articles to the WATCHMAN office and we will enter you on our "Register", thus securing your date. About two weeks previous to your day of sale we will send you your bills and notes for the same. It is folly for anyone to post a paper bill earlier than ten days ahead of his sale. If he does, in nine cases out of ten, the wind or rain tears it down or it is by the time the sale is to be held.

The WATCHMAN's sale bills for 1893 will be beauties and you should be careful to get your work done where the greatest satisfaction is guaranteed. We will print you bills ranging in price all the way from \$1 up to \$10. Bring them in.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued during the past week—Taken from the docket. George F. Miller and Eliza Rogers, both of Phillipsburg;

Philip Abrahams, of DuBois, and Mary Lutcher, of Phillipsburg.

Harry Goss, of Bellwood, and Mary Nyman, of Boggs township.

Daniel M. Dunkle, of Hublersburg, and Sarah E. Miller, of Oak Hall.

Ed. Heppburn and Emma J. Bridge, both of Bellefonte.

John R. Zerby, of Sober, and Lizzie C. Ulrich, of Millheim.

Wm. Hoover and Sallie Reamer, both of Julian.

Arthur Norris of Fillmore, and Jennie Tressler, of Bellefonte.

Philip C. Deitz and Alice J. Cornman, both of Howard.

James H. Flick, of Port Matilda, and Annie S. Hillard, of Penna. Furnace.

Thomas Hoover and Laura Fetzer both of Union township.

James B. Heverly and Kate Campbell, both of Milesburg.

W. S. Baney, of Altoona, and Alice Grenoble, of Bellefonte.

Robert W. Bitner and Margaret Condo, both of Spring Mills.

John McCartney, of Curtin township, and Jennie McCelvie, of Renovo.

Frank Waldron and Maggie Casady, both of Phillipsburg.

Jacob Heston and Rebecca Nyman, both of Boggs Twp.

James E. Stover and Carrie Glenn, both of Woodward.

John H. White and Emma Neff, both of Walker Twp.

A HARROWING MURDER.—On Monday morning, the 26th of Dec. Joseph Fox, the contractor and builder, of this place, received a telegram that his brother James had been nearly murdered in Cleveland, Ohio. James was an ex policeman in the Forest City and boarded with a family named Blakesly. On Christmas evening he was visited by a fellow workman, who afterwards turned out to have been Patrick Moran. Mr. Blakesly and his wife heard a scuffle just after Moran had gone up to Fox's room and the former went up to see what was the matter. The scuffle continued until Mrs. Blakesly became uneasy and ran up, to find her husband and her boarder both literally chopped to pieces. Moran had committed the awful crime with a hatchet and escaped, but was afterwards arrested. Both men died and the remains of Mr. Fox were brought here for burial on Thursday morning.

He was the youngest of the family and was 32 years old, having learned his trade at Axe Mann. It is supposed that his assailant wanted to borrow money and upon being refused sought vengeance in this terrible way.

Pine Grove Mentions.

Robert Meek, of Altoona, spent New Year's with Grandmother Glenn.

Mrs. Johnathan Stover, Aunt Herrietas who is known, has spent a pleasant holiday visit among her Centre county friends.

Mr. J. H. More and wife, of the Buckeye State, spent Christmas with his old time friend P. F. Bator. They are extending their visit with other Centre county friends.

Our special friend Peter Louck has been laid up for repairs by a severe attack of La-Grippe, from which his legion of friends will be glad to learn of his partial recovery.

We are sorry to note the serious illness of little Alma, youngest daughter of O. B. and Bell Krebs, of Conestoga of the lungs, in Altoona, where they went to spend the holidays.

Prof. G. W. Weaver, A. M. of the Curwensville high school, is taking advantage of holiday vacation and is superintending the specification of a new barn to be built on the old homestead next season.

Bills are posted for a Musical Convention in our town during the fourth week of January consisting of vocal and instrumental music. All lovers of music and singers are invited to attend and spend a joyous good time under Prof. Meyers instruction.

We regret to note the accident that recently befell our agricultural friend, Adam Feit, Some days ago he fell down from the hay mow breaker, one of his limbs up in the thigh. The break was adjusted next day and he is now patiently awaiting its improvement.

We are pleased to see our student J. C. McCracken spending the holiday season with his parents. John has one more year at Washington and Jefferson College where he has a splendid record, which is far better than if he stood at the head of a Champion base ball team.

Individual members of our school board are in receipt of more anonymous letters, threatening the same fate to private buildings as befell the school house at Oak Grove unless certain conditions are complied with. Fortunately for taxpayers the building was insured for \$70 in the Philadelphia Fire association and the loss was promptly adjusted by its authorized agent, W. C. Heinley, of Bellefonte.

We recently had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of Wm. B. Eckhart, Esq., of Sunbury, who for the past week has been superintending P. F. Bator's improved water works. By the use of a hydraulic ram the water is being forced from the spring to a tank in the house, thence to the barnyard watering-trough. A long and much needed improvement. He also, in connection with the water works, has completed a fish pond which will be stocked with piscatorial wonders.

Jacob McClellan one of the steam saw mill employees near this place while trifling with the large strap wheel was caught by it and violently hurled around. It was only by the timely breaking of some of his clothing that he escaped with some bruises and scratches about the head and face besides a broken arm.

The country has been heard from and Jacob Krumrine is entitled to the belt as the boss hog raiser. Recently having butchered one of the Poland China species that tipped the scale at 777 pounds. Ferguson's ahead.

Another Christmas season of joy and glad tidings for the aged grand parent to the prattling child has come and gone. In all the four Sunday schools the teachers and scholars shared alike in this season of unalloyed happiness and tokens of filial love were given and exchanged. Amongst the most valuable was a lady's gold watch, Mrs. Jacob Wagner was the happy receiver. Declarations, responsive readings and excellent music was the program in each of the Sunday schools, and each part was well performed. Our Presbyterian neighbors deviated somewhat from the regular order of program, Dr. Woods reading the history of the Sunday school from its organization, which we will give next week.

During the last week there has been unusual activity at the upper dam near town. The mercury 10° below misery indicated that the ice harvest was on hand, and every house, far and near was filled, and the town dale, known as the J ice company, formed a combination and, erected a large ice house at the breast of the dam which was also filled so there need be no scarcity of the crystal trade during the coming heated season.

Honorable J. T. McCormick was busily engaged during the week, settling matters right preparatory to taking his leave for the State Capitol, where he will be donned with the official robe as a Pennsylvania law maker.

We regret to note the sad accident which on last Saturday befell young Wesley Tate, youngest son of A. J. Tate. Young Tate was accompanied by his brother David in a gunning trap, when David discharged his gun at a rabbit, the shot glanced striking young Wesley in the side causing quite a serious wound but we trust no so serious as first reported and that his life may be spared. A holiday long to be remembered as one of sadness in the family. But a few days before Thomas, another son, took his departure for the west very much against the wishes of his invalid mother, who has been in feeble health and for a time her life was despaired of. Her motherly characteristics were never more manifest than when surrounded by and in the bosom of her family.