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## What Some of our Contemporaries Had to Say of Our Christmas Edition.

The Christmas number of the WATCHMAN has called forth not only a great number of personal and highly flattering comments, but many of our contemporaries have recognized in it something of real merit. As a rule newspaper men are most compentent to pass upon what constitutes an artistic and ably edited paper, therefore we attach more than the ordinary value to the com ment from that source and while thanking our brothers of the craft for their unstinted praise we take the liberty of republishing a few of the many notices received:

From the Bellefonte Daily News. If there is a rural weekly newspaper in Pennsylvania that can eclipse the Xmas edition of the Democratic Watchman, issued last week, it is not on our exchange list. The holiday edition of the Watchman is the handsomest that has ever come into our office and we take placeure in comparable time it editors. we take pleasure in congratulating its editors upon the success of a venture in progressive journalism seldom attempted out side of metropolitan fields and not to be excelled by its contemporaries the State over.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent.

The handsomest holiday newspaper which has thus far reached this office this year or any other year is the Christmas number of the Bellefonte Watchman for last week. It has an illuminated cover of rare beauty and has an illuminated cover of rare beauty and artistic excellence, the front page representing "Church Decorations," and the back page a market scene, entitled "Choosing the Christmas Dinner." Mr. Meek has departed from his old time custom in this number and instead of giving the first page to editorials, he fills it with a most interesting Christmas story, the editorials appearing on the fourth page. In other respects the Watchman is the same old, handsome, able and artistic newspaper that it has always been. Mr. Meek is paper that it has always been. Mr. Meek is to be congratulated both on his enterprise and the success of this new departure in in-

From the Philipsburg Daily Journal.

The Christmas edition of the Bellefonte Watchman, issued last week, was one of the prettiest we have ever seen issued from an inland printing office. It was a big hit, and evinced marked enterprise on the part of the publishers.

--- We have had many letters of congratulation on the artistic beauty and literary merits of the Christmas edition of the WATCHMAN and while it will be impossible to acknowledge them all, we trust that those who were so kind as to express that those who were so kind as to express signalers heilographed that the North-their appreciation will accept our sincere thanks. Few people realize how encouraging a few unsolicited, words can be some time, for if all did the world would be full of brightness and hope for many a worker dwarfed for want of one word in appreciation of his efforts.

The report of the commissioner of pensions shows that on June 30th 1899, there were 991,519 pensioners borne upon the roll. During the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1900, there were allowed 40,645 pensions on original applications and the number restored to the roll was 4,699, making a total of new names added to the rolls of 45,344. The pensioners dropped from the rolls during the year by reason of death and all other causes aggregated 43,334, leaving the number remaining on the rolls June 30th, 1900, 993,529, a net increase of 2,010 as compared with the previous fiscal year, 1899. The pensioners borne upon the rolls June 30th, 1900, are classified as follows to wit :

Survivors and widows of soldiers of Survivors and widows of soldiers of Indian wars Survivors and widows of soldiers of Mex-General laws: Army invalid pensione Army widows, minor children, etc. Navy invalid pensioners... 4,622 Navy widows, minor children, etc. Act of June 27th, 1890 : Army invalid pensioners. Army widows, minor children, etc ...... Navy invalid pensioners. Navy widows, minor children, etc War with Spain : Army invalid pensioners Army widows, minor children, etc .... Navy invalid pensioners. Navy widows, minor children, etc ....

Widows and daughters of Revolu-

Five Overlooked Subsidy Points.

From the New York World. The Frye-Hanna plea for the ship subsidy scheme is incomplete. For instances,

it omits these points:
First—Does the bill compel more American sailors at better wages? It does not. On the contrary, the shipowners may pocket the subsidy and hire foreign seamen at the lowest wages.

Second-Does the bill assure larger American cargoes? It does not. On the contrary, it makes it possible for shipowners to sail with

empty vessels and still get the subsidy.
Third—Does the bill secure faster ships? It does not. On the contrary, it makes

fast trips of no consequence.

Fourth—Does the bill arrange for more It does not. On the contrary, it leaves the foreign mails as now, to be carried by the fast British and German ships.

Fifth-Does the bill provide for more ships?

It does not. On the contrary, it makes

it to the interest of the existing companies to combine, crush competition and divide the subsidy among as few ships and shipowners as possible.

What then, does the bill promise?

Large bonuses to be added to the dividends of steamship companies which are at present earning good profits without subsidies. That is all. But in the name of Hanna

and McKinley and the campaign chest, isn't that enough?

-Subcribe for the WATCHMAN.

With Part of His Force He Breaks Through British Cordon. British Losses for a Week. This Represents the Result of the Latest Reported Activity Among the Boers in Parts of South Africa.

MASERU, Basutoland, Dec. 17 .- Gen. DeWet and part of his force, after severe fighting, broke through the British cordon at Thaba Nichu. Other bodies of Boers, attempting to get north, were repulsed.

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- The Evening Standard says that fighting began at dawn tobetween the British and 1,500 Boers who were stopped recently from going south. They were surrounded at Orange river, and after several hours fighting were

defeated, with very heavy losses.

The Boers reported defeated are believed to be part of De Wet's commando. The Boer general had 3,000 men with him when he made the break for freedom at Thaba N'Chu, and, according to the dispatches, though he escaped, part of his forces were not so fortunate. With their lines of escape to the north blocked, they probably doubled south only to run into a British column near the Orange river.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—British casualties, representing the loss of nearly 1,000 men during the week, represent the latest revival of Boer activity in South Africa. this action the Grange sustained the action of Worthy Master Hill in removing Hutch-Dispatches received from Kitchener bring news hitherto unreported of heavy losses in both the Transvaal and the Orange river colony, including the capture of several hundred prisoners as the result of a running fight with General DeWet and engagements with General Botha's troops. At Vryheld on Dec. 10th the Boers "drew off" after an all-day attack with the loss of .00 dead and wounded, but not until they had killed and wounded forty-eight British and taken 134 prisoners.

The defeat of General Clements at Magaliesberg is described as follows, in a dispatch to the Standard from Rietfontein: The scene of the engagement was a horseshoe-shaped depression The Northumber-lands occupied the centre. Gen. Clements's camp was pitched 1,000 yards lower down at the eastern point of the horse-shoe, and Colonel Legge's camp was about 800 yards

distant. General Delarey's 1,000 men, against whom Clements had fought repeated actions, were suddenly, unknown to Gen. Clements, reinforced by 3,000 men from Warm Baths, under Commandant Byers. At daybreak Colonel Legge's picket descried what seemed a fresh force of British and that efforts be made to defeat the protroops. The strangers were challenged. They replied with a volley revealing 400 Boers in khaki. The firing became heavy and the noise aroused Colonel Legge's delegates froops, who arrived just in time to save attendance.

the outposts from capture. A furious engagement ensued. Artillery was brought up and it compelled the Boers to retire. Colonel Legge followed up the withdrawal and was shot dead by a bullet through his head. Gen. Clements and his staff soon arrived. The staff suffered severely, but Gen. Clements appears to have a

While mounted men were driving the denly broke on the plateau above. hold their own, disposed of the remainder of his forces on the flanks and rear of his ings.

two camps At 4:40 a. m. a heliograph from the whose ambition and talents are daily being western peak announced that the Boers were about to overwhelm the fussiliers. adequate help, but dispatched voemanry to climb the precipitous hillside and create a diversion. Before the yeomanry could State Department of Agriculture, and a come into action the Boers had overlapped the Northumberlands and where in possession of the entire horse-shoe, firing down on the yoemanry, entangled in the bushes and boulders.

The Northumberlands made a magnificent defense so long as their ammunition lasted. According to the Boer accounts many even when resistance was hopeless

Another Battle Imminent.

DeWet and Delarey Have Joined Forces. Clements

KRUGERSDORP, Transvaal, December 16 .- A pitched battle is imminent between the British, under General Clements, who has been reinforced, and the Boers un-

der General Delarey.

LONDON, December 19.—It is reported this afternoon that General Kuox has been forced to abandon the pursuit of General DeWet, owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers crossing the Orange river. It is said that 3,000 republicans have entered Cape Colony and that a considerable number have reached Philipstown. The report adds that DeWet, with about 4.500 men, is northeast of Ladybrand and that au attack on Winburg

is momentarily expected.

The British losses at Mooitgedacht, according to the official accounts, were eighty-two killed and wounded, with fortyfour missing and still unaccounted for.

Cleveland is Satisfied

Heartily Indorses the Views of Ex-president Har-

PRINCETON, N. J. Dec. 18.—Former. President Grover Cleveland to-day expressed his hearty endorsement of the views of former President Harrison upon expan-sion, as outlined in a speech by the latter in Ann Harbor, Mich.

"I saw a liberal synopsis of the speech in some of the papers," said Mr.Cleveland, "and I regard it as the best deliverance yet made on the subject which it dis-

"It seems to me that those who desire to acquaint themselves with the precise question involved and what territorial expansion means to our Republic, and what it threatens our people, cannot possibly be afforded a better means of enlightenment than former President Harrison has fur-

Reapportionment Puzzle.

Proposition to Make a House of 348 Members WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—There promises to be a big fight over the Hopkins reapportionment bill when it is taken up in the House after the holiday recess. The Representatives of the States which will lose under the bill are organized for

the struggle. It is said that by making 194,000 inhabitants the basis of representation the House would consist of 348 Members and no State would lose, while the following would

Arkansas, 1; California, 1; Colorado 1; Connecticut, 1; Florida, 1; Illinois, 3; Milesburg on the first Saturday night in Iowa, I; Louisiana, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Jan. 1901. A camp fire of some interest Minnesota, 2; Mississippi, 1; Missouri, 1; New Jersey, 2; New York, 3; North Carolina, 1; North Dakota, 1; Pennsylvania, 2; Texas, 3; Washington, 1; West Virginia, 1, and Wisconsin, 1.

Adjourned at Lock Haven Last Friday, but Selected No Place for Next Year's Meeting. Officers Elected and Resolutions Passed.

The Pennsylvania State Grange finished siness at noon last Friday adjourned until-next year. Upon the executive com-mittee will devolve the duty of selecting a place of meeting next year. The only place so far mentioned has been Johns-town. As Lock Haven has had the Grauge twice in succession, is it not likely that it will be chosen for next year's meeting.

While there was a marked Quay and anti-Quay feeling under the surface, it was not allowed to crop out into the open.

The vote for W. F. Hill, for Worthy Master, was a surprising endorsement of that gentlemen's course in the Grange. Out of 400 votes cast, only 27 were scattered complimentarily for other candidates. This strong endorsement is viewed with great favor by the friends of Mr. Hill.

TABLED THE REPORT.

The grievance committee presented a report on G. C. Hutchinson's frantic appeal for a vindication. The committee made a report on the matter, but the Grange took no other action than to table the report. By inson from the legislative committee. The closing proceedings are found in the

THURSDAY AFTERNOON. The election of officers in the State Grange resulted as follows: Worthy master, W. F. Hill, of Westford; lecturer, A. M. Cornell, Altus; overseer, A. C. Barrett, New Milford; steward, H. M. Gooderman, Patton; assistant steward, H. H. Pratt, Oceanville; chaplain, Rev. W. H. Clipman, Finleyville; treasurer, S. E. Nivin, Landenburg; secretary, J. T. Ailman, Thompsontown; gatekeeper, W. Chase, Fall Brook; Ceres, Mrs. V. B. Holiday, Crooked Creek; Pomona, Mrs. L. A. Thayer,

Lock Haven; member executive commit-tee, G. W. Oster, Osterburg; member finance committee, J. T. Patton, Warrior's WANT RABBIT KILLING LAW REPEALED. The agricultural committee reported in favor of direct tax legislation, equalization of taxation and reduction of the legal rate of interest in the State to five per cent.,

Atlantic; Flora, Miss Florence Rhone, Cen-

tre Hall; L. A. S., Mrs. Mary E. Bloom,

posed Kirk road bill. The credential committee reported that 280 Granges were represented and that delegates from fifty-two counties were in

A resolution, offered by the agriculture ommittee, that the legislative committee endeavor to secure a large appropriation for conducting and maintaining farmer's institutes throughout the state was adopted. The committee on constitution and by laws reported.

The committee on flags, for State, Pomona and subordinate Granges reported that While mounted men were driving the enemy back along a slope covered thickly with Boer dead, a deafening rifle fire sud-The exhibited at the State Grange and were

views being introduced at Grange meet-

THE GRANGERS' ATTITUDE. Before adjournment the committee on

resolutions presented the report, which Gen. Clements was unable to send the deposition to decorate help, but dispatched vocaments to

Will Continue The Fight.

Representatives of Religious Bodies Oppose the Can

WASHINGTON, December 19 .- A con ference of church and temperance bodies favoring the anti-canteen section of the army bill was held here to-day.

The bodies represented by delegates or

communications were the permanent committees of temperance in the Presbyterian church in the United States, the Methodist Episcopal church, the Evangelical Lutheran church, the Disciples of Christ, the Universalist church, the Friends, the national Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the national non-partisan Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the national divison of the Sons of Temperance of America. Representatives of the Baptist and Congregational churches and Independent Orders of Good Templers participated as individ-

Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, legislative superintendent of the anti-Saloon League, after the meeting said :

"The conference held to-day indicated that the bodies represented, having a constituency of about 8,000,000, will not be content with any compromise such as has been represented by the sub-committee of the senate committee on military affairs but will insist on the anti-saloon provision as it passed the House.

> -Subscribe for the WATCHMAN. ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

-Mr. and Mrs John M. Dale entertained a party of congenial friends at the Nittany Country Club on Wednesday, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Fenlon.

GEO. L. POTTER POST OFFICERS .- At the election of officers in Post 261, Milesburg, the last meeting night, the following were elected for the ensuing year : Col. Austin Curtin past commander, (re-elected): William Eminbizer S. V. commander (advanced from J. V. C.); Samuel H. Orris J. V. commander; Thomas Wilson, chaplain, (re-elected); Joseph A. Green, quartermaster; J. G. McKinley, officer of the day, (re-elected); Simon Parsons, surgeon, (re-elected); Henry McMullen, officer of the guard; George F. Derr, trustee; Growth." The Professor has made a the speaker Miss Helen and Charles Bar- ful treatment it doesn't show much of a for three years (re-elected); Alfred S. Smith, delegate to Dept. encampment; Jas. McMullen, alternate.

The installation of the newly elected officers will take place in the post room in Milesburg on the first Saturday night in sion fee will be asked, the proceeds of tute.

## Public School Teachers of the County in Institute Sessions.

Hundreds of the County Educators Gather in the Court House for a Week of Work-Trouble in Getting Started but Finally Successful-Able Instructors and Profitable Sessions.

Pursuant to the call of County Superintendent C. L. Gramley most all of the public school teachers in Centre county embled in Bellefonte on Monday for the fifty-fourth annual session of institute. But after they had gathered from the four corners of the little earth that has produced Governors, United States Senators, Judges and other statesmen galore they proved a veritable white elephant on the hands of even such a resourceful man as the County Superintendent.

He had invited them here, thinking that the court house would be available for use ing sway in the temple of justice, with that record breaking land case, and the opera house could not be secured, because there was a show there that night and the teachers were truly out in the cold.

gave them time to get comfortably located | teenth century brightness. at hotel or boarding house and then to take a look around the shops. Beside, its made them all the keener to take up the work on Tuesday morning, when access was had to the court house.

MONDAY'S PROGRAM.

Nothing of real importance was accomplished on Monday. There was an impromptu session held in the opera house during the afternoon. It was n't long, just long enough for about half the teachers to catch a little cold. The object of the session was one of organization. Sup't. Gramley called it to order and introduced Clement Dale Esq., who made an address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Bellefonte. To Mr. Dale's cordial greetings Prof. I. H. Mauser, of the Philipsburg public schools, responded pleasantly. Short talks were then given by Dr. H. R. Pattengill, of Lansing, Mich., and Prof. C. C. Ellis, of Juniata College, Hunting-

The organization of the institute is as follows: C. L. Gramley, president; vice Pennsylvania Railroad Co, Etz. who presidents, H. C. Rothrock, Alice K. Dorworth; recording secretary, M. E. Heberling; assistant secretary. D. K. Keller; enrolling secretary, T. A. Auman ; doorkeepers, W. H. Limbert and Harry Crain; ticket agent, J. C. Morris, and it makes a dignity of labor, thrift, honesty and indusvery efficient and capable regime.

The music is in charge of Prof. Philip H. Meyer, with Miss Helen Barthlomew, of of the pure food laws, a plea for a more teachers in conducting the singing exercises consideration of all matters, in dispute. fair idea of the rudiments.

THE COURT HOUSE Bell "pulled up stakes" and turned his Mame Bell, of Pleasant Gap. day morning they were at home once more

clean court room. ing and prayed that the teachers might, line which could satisfactorily distineveryone, have a full appreciation of the guish between dignified and undignified position they hold in the making of the labor.

the real work began. his address.

The other speaker of the morning was teachers. Dr. H. R. Pattengill, ex-state Superintendent of Public Instruction of Michigan,

good humor The afternoon session was called at 1:30. After the musical numbers Dr. Pattengill "Koscinsko." ontinued his talk of the morning.

At the close of his very interesting relege, was introduced and gave a thirty given by Dr. Pattengill and Prof. Ellis.

After the calling of the roll the follow-

wick, W. B. Haines.

Resolutions-W. H. Morris, J. K. Hor- The lobby of the building and the great ton, A. T. Ilgen, J. C. Bryson, Alice S.

Auditing Accounts-J. D. Meyer, L. W. Musser, Edward Hancock, Milfred Pletcher, L. H. Yocum.

Legislation-D. M. Wolf, D. O. Etters. I. H. Mauser, H. E. Robb, W. H. Markle, W. F. Kienzle, E. E. Holter.

Committee on Permanent Certificates, appointed by State Superintendent-James Gregg, Ella Levy, J. O. Harpster. The entertainmint for the evening was

Dr. Pattengill's lecture on "Nancy Hanks for their work, but Judge Bell was hold- and the Nineteenth Century." Dr. Pattengill is, to say the least, a decidedly brilliant talker and had his large audience with him from start to finish. While "the Abbot" has "Nancy Hanks" distanced as a Schools," which was introduced by Prof. harness horse Dr. Pattengill's lecture was J. P. Jackson, of State College. All of the They enjoyed the little suspense. It right up to the last second of nine-

> WEDNESDAY'S SESSION. The morning session opened as usual at 9 o'clock and after the regular devotional exercises Prof. C. C. Ellis took the floor for in the regular routine of school work would a very exhaustive talk on "Words," their use and misuse and their power for good or evil.

Grant, Garfield and others would live on forever. He went on to show how the greatest care should be taken in instructing children in the proper use of words.

The last half of the morning was taken up by Dr. Pattengill who began a talk on 'Education and the Labor Question." He stated that labor and capital both bad their rights and both should be respected. Labor has the right to strike and capital to combine, if they do it in the right spirit. If it was not for American capital we would not have had the great engineering feats that have astonished the world. He argued the question from the side of the laboring man and illustrated by the capital and labor could work harmoniously together. He applied all this to the schools and said that the teachers could settle in a great measure the labor question, by teaching them five things: The Golden Rule,

With this climax Dr. Pattengill concluded his morning talk and the session Centre Hall, as accompanist. They are adjourned. We hope every teacher condoing everything possible to add to the ses- sidered seriously the points made by the sions by making the music as harmonious speaker, because, as he says, the labor and pleasing as is possible under the cir- trouble could be almost entirely eliminatcumstances. In addition to this Prof. ed if children were taught liberality of State Department of Agriculture, and a Meyer keeps constantly dropping little mind and made to see that stubborn redemand for its removal, the enforcement suggestions that will prove helpful to the sistance to is not half so satisfactory as fair

equitable tax burden and an endorsement in their respective schools. Of course there At the afternoon session, after preliminary of the proposition to have United States Senators elected by a direct vote of the is no time for nor attempt at much instruction in music, but there are little tion to the teachers in regard to the graded points, nevertheless, that the alert teach- course of study, after which the result of ers are able to pick up that give them a the election held in the forenoon was announced. Those elected were: Vice-THE TROUBLE OVER, THE INSTITUTE IN presidents, I. H. Mauser, of Philipsburg and Miss Bessie C. Walker, of Pine Grove; The land case having finally gone to the recording secretary, James B. Strohm, of jury for disposition on Monday night Judge | Centre Hill; Asst. recording secretary, Miss

quarters over to the teachers, so that Tues- Dr. Pattengill then continued his talk, which he had been forced to discontinue when they found themselves seated in in the previous session, owing to lack of comfortable, well lighted, well ventilated, time. He manufactured an immense patent sneeze, and then remarked that that After Sup't. Gramley had called the was no sign that the institute was to be norning session to order Rev. Thos. Levan sneezed at. He remarked on the dignity Bickel, pastor of the Reformed church, in- of labor and made some excellent points, voked the blessing of God ov the gather- saying that he never saw anyone draw a

character of men and women. Several D. F. Fortney then recommended a book musical selections were rendered and then by Dr. Schaeffer, after which Prof. Lybarger discussed "Laws of Mental Develop-The first speaker of the morning was ment." He spoke of the power of envi-Prof. C. C. Ellis, of Juniata College, Hunt- ronment and remarked that if objects did ingdon, Pa., who gave an excellent talk on not exist in the external world, we would "Language." He is a young man but a have no thought of external objects, whatbright and entertaining talker. Many in- ever, for our thoughts are entirely governed teresting thoughts could be gleaned from by our surroundings. He then answered a number of questions given him by the

and editor of the Michigan School Mod- Dr. Arnold, of Rugby. He spoke of one will be celebrated at the home of the brideerator and Timely Topics. He established of the great qualities of Dr. Arnold's elect's father. J. C. Condo, the well known himself at once as a favorite of the in- character, that is his candor. When he carriage builder, at 11:30 a. m. on New stitute, by giving a very helpful talk on was asked a question that he could not "The Five Powers," necessary to a success- readily answer he was not slow in saying the groom's best man and Miss E. Blanche ful teacher of a district school. His ad- he could not. This is one of the requi- Condo, a sister of the bride to be, will be dress was interspersed with jokes and witty sites which many teachers do not have, and her maid. Rev. F. W. Brown will officiate. sayings that kept his audience in a constant he illustrated the fact by an experience of A dinner and reception will follow the his own. Prof. Lybarger then recited a ceremony and the couple will depart on an humorons selection from Bill Nye entitled afternoon train for a short honeymoon

The attraction on Wednesday evening was the Hou. Champ Clark, member of still nursing the hand that has had him marks, Prof. G. C. Watson, of State Col- Congress from Missouri, who delivered his laid up for the past three weeks. He is famous lecture on "Picturesque Public troubled with catarrh in it and notwithminute talk on "Nature Studies in Plant Men." Preparatory to the introduction of standing frequent lancing and most carespecial study of this subject and his ad- tholomew, of Centre Hall, rendered a dedress was both interesting and helpful. lightful piano duet that called forth rounds Short talks on the same subject were then of applause. Mr. Clark's lecture dealt large. ly with personal reminiscences and incidents in public life of such men as exing committees were announced and re- speaker Thomas B. Reed, of New York; the quested to meet with the County Superin- late James G. Blaine and others. It was a tendent after the adjournment of insti- brilliant discourse, throughout, full of instructive points and entertaining enough for during the season. Covers were laid Election-D. Paul Fortney, N. N. Harts- for all. It was one of the strong attrac- for fourteen and all of the appointments

Not since the days of the County Centennial have Bellefonte streets been crowded as they were yesterday. There were many who came merely to attend institute, others came to shop, several hundred school directors were here and then with the

A GREAT DAY YESTERD AY.

townspeople who turned out to lend to the Holiday appearance of the throng there was interest and activity on all sides. The court house was jammed with people at both morning and afternoon sessions.

porch made a rendezvous for young people

all day long so that there was merriment

At the morning session Prof. L. F. Lybarger, of Philadelphia. who was already popular in Centre county by reason of a great speech made at Millheim early in the fall, was the first talker. He carried the immense audience with him in a most interesting discussion of general topics of interest to teachers. Prof. Ellis followed and Dr. Pattengill concluded the morning session with another of his excellent talks, that are punctuated frequently with clev-

er bits of wit. Dr. Pattengill opened the afternoon session and took up the time until Prof. G. C. Watson, of State College, was introduced. He had been specially delegated to talk on the subject "Should There be a Course of Nature Study in the Public directors were in attendance and Prof. Watson appealed to them to take up the matter, not as a regular text book branch. but merely by use of the pamphlets published, from which teachers could prepare interesting and helpful little talks for their scholars to be given at times when a change

prove acceptable.

That the subject made a favorable impression was evidenced by the attentive hearing Prof. Watson received. He was The words of Patrick Henry, Lincoln, ably seconded by Prof. Lybarger, who was trant. Garfield and others would live on the last speaker of the afternoon. The Mozart Symphony Club, of New York, was the attraction for last night and appeared before a packed house, giving general satisfaction.

THE DIRECTOR'S MEETING. The meeting of the Directors Association was held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms and was called to order at 10 o'clock yesterday morning by president Jos. L. Neff, who made an appropriate address. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved after which Senator Heinle moved that a committee on nominations for officers for the ensuing year be ap-pointed by the chair. President Neff then named W. C. Heinle, Henry Etters, of College Twp., and C. T. Fryberger, of

Philipsburg.
"Why is the Cumpulsory School Law not enforced in many of the Rural School Districts" was the subject of a very interesting paper read by Mr. F. L. Black, of Ferguson Twp. Mr. Black took the ground that the law is a good one, but ascribed its non-enforcement in most districts to a division of sentiment among the directors, some of whom have spread the idea among parents that the law is unconstitutional thereby causing trouble in enforcing it. Hon. John T. McCormiek, Supt. Gram-ley and Sen. W. C. Heinle discussed Mr.

Black's paper, agreeing that his points were well taken. John A. Daley, of Curtin Twp., read a paper on the same subject, but he took the ground that the law is a hardship. in many instances where parents are really too poor school. W. A. Murray Esq., of Harris, rather sided with Mr. Daley and the discussion was becoming very interesting when the dinner hour arrived and adjourn-

meeting is given in the institute proceed-Prior to the adjournment the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, S. W. Smith, of Centre Hall; vice presidents, C. W. Atherton, Philips-burg, F. L. Black, Pine Grove Mills; sec-

ment was made to meet in the court house in the afternoon, a full report of which

Executive committee, Jos. L. Neff, Mt. Eagle, R. M. Kaup, Bellefonte; H. C. Rice, Philipsburg; U. S. Shafer, Madisonburg, and Jacob Dunkle, Hublersburg.

retary and treasurer, H. C. Quigley, Belle-

Delegates to State Association, D. F. Fortney, Bellefonte; Dr. W. U. Irwin, Julian; W. H. Neff, Howard; J. H. Wyle, Aaronsburg and Sup't. Gramley.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$108.69 in hand.

BARTGES-REIBER.-W. Alfred Reiber. of Colver, who is here attending institute. was united in marriage, Wednesday evening, to Miss Della Anne Bartges, daughter of David L. Bartges, former proprietor of the Centre Hall hotel. The fair bride came over from Centre Hall on the afternoon train and was met by Mr. Reiber who accompanied her to the home of his aunt, Mrs. James Weigley, on West High street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Holloway at the Lutheran parsonage, on Linn street, at 6 o'clock, which was followed by a supper and reception given by the groom's aunt at her home.

-Cards are out announcing the ap-Prof. Ellis addressed the institute on proaching marriage of H. N. Meyer and "Messages of a Great Life," or the life of Miss Carry Condo, both of Penn Hall. It Year's day. H. F. McManaway will be tour.

> ---Henry Walkey, of Logan street, is disposition to get well. Mr. Walkey hasn't much pain from it any more, but the swelling still remains.

> --- Leading the events of social interest this week was the charming dinner given last night by Col. and Mrs. W. F. Reeder at their home on Allegheny street. It was the second of the series they have arranged were perfect.