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The Public School Teachers of the County in Session.

The fifty-fifth annual institute of the public school teachers of Centre county convened in the court house in this place on Monday morning and will continue in session until today at noon, when adjournment will be made and the teachers will go back to their work, renewed in vigor, ideas and hopefulness.

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The afternoon session was brought to a close by all rising and singing "My Country 'tis of Thee"

TUESDAY MORNING

The institute opened with a song service under the direction of Prof. Meyer.

Miss Elizabeth Crouch of Philipsburg is the pianist at this session of institute and is performing her duties in a very satisfactory manner.

"Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah," and "The Morning Light is Breaking" were the opening hymns.

The devotional exercises of the morning were conducted by Rev. Wilford P. Shriner D. D., pastor of the Methodist church of Bellefonte.

There was responsive reading of the 13th chapter of St. Matthew. Dr. Shriner then made an earnest prayer after which all joined in the Lord's prayer.

The first speaker of the morning was Dr. S. D. Fess, professor in the Ohio State Normal who spoke on "History" and the best method to teach it.

He showed the importance of training the memory. History is a memory study.

He gave a history of the events which led up to the Hay-Panefoote treaty now about to be ratified by the senate for the building of the Nicaragua canal.

He started with the Monroe doctrine and came up to the present time. He paid an eloquent tribute to Alexander Stephens, the great southern statesman.

You can take a number of events that have a relation to each other and the one will help you to remember the other.

He gave out fifty words that had relation to each other and then got the teachers to repeat them unaided in the order he gave them which they did quite successfully thus illustrating his method of teaching history.

The closing talk of the morning was given by Dr. Corson. His subject was "Adaptability to Teach" Character and scholarship are the two main necessities for a teacher.

I have no sympathy with the grumbler and fault finder as I believe the world is growing better every day and the teachers are helping to make it so.

Work if it is meritorious will be appreciated.

Tuesday afternoon session of the County Teachers Institute was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by Supt. Gramley.

The interest in the proceedings seems to be on the increase and almost every seat in the Court House was taken.

There was the usual inspiring song service in opening in which everyone joined heartily.

The first speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Corson who gave an interesting talk on "The Originality of the Teacher."

He said "all true theory and practice must be the product of the teachers own originality. He impressed on his hearers the benefits of originality in teaching.

Each man has within himself a continent of undiscovered originality. He hoped that each one of his hearers would have a Columbus to discover this vein within them

Supt. Gramley has suspended the practice of calling the roll placing the teachers on their honor in regard to attending the sessions.

After the recess the vote was taken on the Institute officers for the ensuing year but the result will not be known until later.

Dr. Warren Darst, who is on the Board of Control of "Ohio Teachers Reading Circle" was the next speaker introduced.

He talked on "Education." He is a native of the Central part of this state and recalled with pleasure this fact and stated that he was now renewing his allegiance to his old home. He handled the subject of education in an eloquent manner.

He is a fluent talker and held the attention of his audience from start to finish. The great benefits of education were ably set forth. Poverty is no bar to education, it is open and free to all. He related incidents of poor boys who attained the highest positions in life setting an example that all can follow.

The institute then arose and sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

Dr. Fess made a short address at the close of Tuesday afternoon's session on "The Personal Side of History." Many anecdotes of Jefferson, Jackson and others were related by the speaker in an interesting manner.

Tuesday evening there was a large attendance at the court house to listen to the lecture by Dr. Warren Darst, of Ada, Ohio. The subject was "I, the Heir of All the Ages." The speaker is an eloquent one and he delivered many profitable thoughts, couched in beautiful language, that could not help but be of advantage to those who heard them.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. T. Scott, pastor of the Buf-

falo Run Presbyterian Church. There was responsive reading of the 19th Psalm, all joining in repeating the Lord's prayer in conclusion.

The usual inspiring song service was conducted by Prof. Meyer, all joining in with enthusiasm.

Dr. Fess occupied the first period of the morning with an interesting talk on "The Causes of the Revolution." The acts of the mother country, England, which led up to the struggle for liberty by this nation, was told in an interesting and instructive manner.

Frank H. Gamel, general secretary of the Bellefonte Young Men's Christian Association, was then introduced and gave an earnest talk on the evils of tobacco.

If the young women of our country would refuse to have anything to do with a young man who uses tobacco, that instant would the evil be abolished. Tobacco ruins the health, causes cancer, weak heart and many other diseases. It is not a preventative of disease; will not prevent contagion. Nicotine poison is killing many people every year. It affects the mind, stops the growth of children. Students who do not use tobacco carry off the highest honors at the universities. It is also an expensive habit.

A recess of ten minutes followed Mr. Gamel's talk. After the recess all joined in singing Nos. 3 and 2 in the Institute song book.

Dr. Warren Darst then gave a talk on the subject "Illustrated Pedagogy." He said, among other things, "The mind grows by self-activity. It begins with sense activity and goes to a higher mind activity. We are studying books and not the objects." He urged the advantage of teaching by means of objects. Much more progress can be made by this method than by the text book alone.

Dr. Corson made the closing talk on "What a Pupil Expects from a Teacher in Discipline." It is hard to look on both sides of the question. There is no person in the world who is in so much danger of getting on one side of the question as a teacher. Let us think of the pupil's side of a question. The speaker discussed the pupil's side in a very able manner. The methods of enforcing discipline were set forth ably and the advantage of firmness was shown. Discipline is better than ever before in our schools and kindness and humanity have their proper place.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Court House was crowded at the afternoon session, standing room being at a premium. The principal addresses were as follows: "Literature" by Dr. Darst, "Self-Help" by Dr. Corson and a historical talk on "War" by Dr. Fess.

Supt. Gramley appointed February 21, 1902 as Parents Day in the Public Schools over the county.

The Rogers-Griley recitals drew a packed house at Institute Wednesday evening. The entertainment was one of the finest of the kind ever given in Bellefonte and the audience were delighted manifesting their pleasure by repeated applause.

THURSDAY MORNING

Thursday was the banner day in Institute in point of attendance, the Court House being crowded at both sessions.

The devotional exercises of the morning were conducted by Rev. George Israel Brown, rector of St. John's Episcopal church of Bellefonte and were very impressive. This was followed by the regular morning song service.

Dr. Corson delivered an interesting address on "The Teaching of Language." Other addresses of the morning were by Dr. Darst and Dr. Fess.

16TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF CENTRE COUNTY.

The School Directors Association of Centre county met in the hall on the second floor of the Y. M. C. A. building Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and held their 16th annual session. There are two hundred and four directors in the county but only about 75 were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Association, S. W. Smith, of Centre Hall. The roll was called and the minutes read by the secretary, H. C. Quigley, of Bellefonte.

The treasurer, H. C. Quigley, read his annual report for the year which after expenses were deducted showed a balance of \$93.61.

The chair then appointed a committee of three to select officers for the ensuing year, the committee was composed of D. F. Fortney, Capt. C. T. Fryberger and A. C. Williams.

Hon. William C. Heinle then read an interesting paper on the subject "Recent Legislation Relating to the Public Schools and the Duties of Directors under the same." The centralization of schools was the main topic of his paper. He made a strong argument in favor of the same.

Senator Heinle's paper proved a very interesting one and the convention tendered him a vote of thanks for same.

D. F. Fortney Eq., discussed the paper of Senator Heinle and also spoke on Compulsory education. He is strongly in favor of the rigid enforcement of this law. Hon. W. K. Alexander, of Millheim, County Supt. C. L. Gramley, of Rebersburg, John A. Daley and H. C. Quigley also spoke on the subject.

In closing the morning session secretary Quigley offered the following resolution which carried unanimously.

Resolved—That a vote of thanks be extended to Supt. Gramley for the very efficient manner in which he has conducted his office during the past year.

In the afternoon the Directors attended in a body the Institute session in the Court House.

Grangers Capture Johnstown.

Patrons of Husbandry Are Holding Their Annual Session.

JOHNSTOWN, Dec. 10.—A thousand grangers are in town and another thousand will be here tomorrow to attend the twenty-ninth annual session of the Pennsylvania State Grange, the opening session of which was held this afternoon.

After the appointment of committees Master William F. Hill, of Westford, Pa., delivered his annual address in which he referred to the fact that in 1850, there was \$8,500,000,000 of wealth in the United States of which the farmers had \$5,000,000,000, and that in 1890 the wealth of the country was \$64,000,000,000 but the farmers had only \$16,000,000,000 of it, although 70 per cent of the wealth annually produced came from the farmers.

Master Hill indorsed the placing of free rural delivery mail service, the provision for postal savings banks, an amendment to the constitution for the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people, submission to the people of an amendment to the constitution granting to Congress the power to regulate and control all corporations and combinations, preventing monopoly from restraining trade, and other vital matters.

This evening in an open meeting in a crowded opera house Mayor Woodruff tendered the visitors the freedom of the city. Addresses were also made by William T. Cressy, City Solicitor Greer, Thomas Irel and Joseph J. Thomas. The visitors were taken through the great mills of the Cambria Steel company and were shown every procedure in the production of steel from the ore to the finished state.

Democrats Sweep City of Boston.

Patrick Collins Elected Mayor by Almost Unprecedented Plurality of 18,000.

BOSTON, December 10.—General Patrick A. Collins, a Democrat, has been elected Mayor of Boston by an estimated plurality of 18,000. Every one of the 191 voting precincts has been won from except four and these will only affect the general result by a few hundred votes.

On the face of the returns Thomas N. Hart, the present Mayor, who is a Republican, lost in every precinct that he carried two years ago.

Although Boston is normally Democratic by about 7,000, Hart has been elected three times, in 1887, 1889, 1890 making great inroads in the Democratic vote by reason of his popularity.

Collins' plurality is the greatest given any Mayorally candidate with the past twenty years. The Board of Aldermen will probably stand 10 Democrats and 3 Republicans. Although the campaign only opened a week ago, the canvass was fast and furious. The issues were purely local, the Democratic platform being taxes.

CAUSE OF COLLINS' VICTORY.

The direct cause of the great landslide that struck the Republicans to-day was what the Democrats termed "the unbusinesslike methods of the Republican administration."

The principal sin in this direction was the advance of over \$2 per thousand in two years in the city's tax rate. That this was a strong factor in the election is proven by the tremendous Democratic gain in the Back Bay district, where the wealthy property-owners live.

David Fagin Killed.

For More Than Two Years He Had Been Leading Filipinos Against American Troops.

MANILA, Dec. 8.—Native scouts from Bengabon, province of Nueva Ecija, have killed the American negro David Fagin, a deserter from the Twenty-fourth (colored) infantry, who for more than two years has been leading Filipinos against the American troops. The native scouts decapitated their prisoner. The man's head, however, was recognized as that of Fagin's. They also secured his commission in the insurgent army.

Fagin had on one of his fingers the class ring of Lieutenant Frederick W. Alastetter, who was captured by Filipinos, supposedly under the command of Fagin himself, October 28, 1900.

Fagin has been reported killed upon several occasions. The authorities are satisfied that former statements of his death were erroneous and that he has now been killed.

A military commission has sentenced the Filipino general, Isidoro Torres, to be hanged, after finding him guilty of ordering the assassination of corporal Fieldner, of the Twelfth infantry, at Malolos, province of Bulacan, last October. The sentence of the commission had been disapproved by General Chaffee, who finds that the commission had reasonable grounds to doubt whether General Torres personally ordered the assassination of the American soldier.

General Chaffee thinks that the high rank held by Torres in the insurgent army would have been sufficient to prevent such un military action on his part.

Grangers at Johnstown.

Sessions of State Convention Wednesday Were Well Attended.

JOHNSTOWN, December 11.—The meeting of the convention of Pennsylvania grange were largely attended Wednesday.

The interest centered in the degree of work which was done this afternoon and evening by a specially selected team, which went through the six state degrees, three of them being conferred this afternoon on eight candidates who received the fourth and fifth to-night, the sixth being conferred with all the regalia and ceremony on a class of seventy-five candidates later in the evening.

Reports were received from Overseer A. C. Barrett, Chaplain Clippman, Treasurer Nivin, Assistant Steward H. H. Pratt, secretary T. J. Ailman and the executive committee. A proposition to pay full mileage to members attending all the sessions with corresponding reduction for absence from sessions was recommended. It was recommended that the register be published promptly. No register should ever be given politicians. The amount of the receipts from business houses for the year amount to \$1,561.01.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS

—Rev. Father McArdle has established a free reading room in the parish hall on Bishop street which is to be open to the public week day evenings from 7 until 10:30.

—The farmers institute at Stormstown on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30th and 31st, is likely to be quite an event in that place, especially if there should be snow enough for sleighing.

—The thermometer registered 14° below 0 at Millheim on Friday morning

—Edwin Lucas, of Unionville, lost the end of the index finger of his left hand in a sausage cutter on Friday.

—Ten members were taken into the Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday at the communion services.

—A son of Dorsey Calhoun, of Union township, narrowly escaped freezing while returning from school one evening last week.

—The Salvation Army workers have placed stocking banks in all the public places in town to gather up contributions to their fund for free Christmas dinners for the poor.

—The Millheim knitting mill was not started on Monday, as expected, but a number of the machines are in operation now. There are enough in the factory to furnish work for ninety hands, but Mr. West, the new owner, says he will push it up to three hundred machines if possible.

—Mr. Charles Haynes and Miss Maize Keeler were united in marriage on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, by Rev. G. H. Brown, of the Evangelical church. The groom is a son of David Haynes, of Thomas street, and is an expert moulder at the Standard scale works. They have gone to housekeeping on Logan street.

—Mr. and Mrs. John P. Harris Jr., of north Thomas street, have decided to give up house keeping until the apartments over Petriken hall are ready for occupancy and will spend the winter at the Harris home on Linn street. Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and Miss McCalmont have leased the house they will vacate and will take possession of it right after Christmas.

—The people of Howard and vicinity are just now enjoying a series of meetings in the Disciple church at that place, which are being conducted by Rev. Bergen, the pastor. He is being assisted by Rev. Ira C. Moore, of Barracksville, W. Va., one of the prominent ministers of the church, and he will remain in Howard all of next week to take part in the services. He is a very eloquent and forceful talker and the people of that vicinity are taking advantage of this opportunity of hearing him nightly.

WHAT THE GOOSE BONE READS.—Elias Hartz, the old goose bone prophet of Reading, has been heard from at last. He reads a forecast of the winter weather from the breast bone of a goose that was hatched last spring and, showing the bone, says: "You see that slightly-dark portion near the top? That indicates the stormy weather we went through in the fall. But the rest of the bone indicates what is before us. From its very dark brown color you will know that we are to have a fierce and stormy winter. The coloring runs all the way to the bottom of the bone, indicating that we are to have a long winter and a late spring. The very bottom of the bone indicates spring and the coloring continues into it.

"There will be few spells of relief, but these spots where the coloring is more dense than at others indicate blizzards and terrific storms. The winter will be cold and rough. The fact that they have snow in New York State and in the South early in the season bears out what is indicated at the top of the bone."

HAPPILY MARRIED.—Although the wedding of Miss Sue F. Campbell and Rev. J. M. Adair, on Tuesday, was a small, quiet affair it was the most important one of the week and of general interest on account of the prominence of the bride and groom and their late in life romance. The wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Henry W. McCracken, near Rock Springs, and the ceremony was performed just at noon by the Rev. D. E. Hepler, of the Lenont Presbyterian church, assisted by the groom's son, Rev. William Adair, of Millin county. Only their nearest kin and a few old friends were bidden to the marriage and the bride wore a handsome gown of black broadcloth silk with a white chiffon and lace neck piece. After the ceremony a splendid wedding breakfast was served and when the happy couple departed on the evening train quite a crowd of neighbors and friends had assembled at the station to wish them well and give them a fine send off. They spent Thursday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Van Tries in this place and while there so many acquaintances called to congratulate them that it was like unto a reception. Wednesday morning they continued their journey to Indiana, Pa., where the groom is pastor of the United Presbyterian church.

Miss Campbell is of the well known Ferguson township family of that name. All her life she has been so actively engaged in and occupied with church, missionary and educational affairs that it was generally supposed she refrained from affairs of the heart and consequently the announcement of her marriage was much of a surprise. She is a most gracious, intelligent woman and with her gentle manners and peace loving disposition will fill, ideally, the new position she has assumed.

Among the guests who were present at the wedding were Rev. William Adair and wife, of Millin county, Mr. and Mrs. Adair, of Indiana, Mrs. Mollie Campbell Profit, of Florence, Col., Dr. and Mrs. J. C. McCracken, of Johnstown, Misses Margaret and Kate Stewart, of Colerain Forges, Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Van Tries, Mrs. A. P. Mitchell, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, Miss Sophia Hunter, David M. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Oliver.

KILLED IN THE WESTINGHOUSE WORKS

Richard Thompson, a son of B. Frank Thompson, of Beech Creek, was instantly killed at the Westinghouse works in Pittsburgh on Tuesday night. Though the particulars of the accident are not known it is stated that he was struck by a locomotive while crossing the railroad tracks.

Richard Thompson was 23 years of age and a very promising young man. He will be remembered as a boy when his father lived in Benner township, on the Buffalo road and later at Jacksonville. When grown to manhood he went to Niagara Falls, where he soon worked his way to a fine position in the carbundum works in that city. Later he went into the Westinghouse student course and it was there that the fatal accident befell him.

His body was brought home Wednesday night and interment will be made at Jacksonville this morning, Rev. J. T. Scott of the Presbyterian church officiating.

Richard was a brother of Guy Thompson, foreman of the Howard creamery plant in this place.

THE POOL HEIRS AFTER A FORTUNE.

According to the Tyrone Herald the descendants of Henry Pool, a revolutionary resident of Philadelphia, will meet in that place tomorrow to take the initiative in an action against the United States government to recover \$100,000,000 for supplies furnished Washington's army during the dark days at Valley Forge.

Henry Pool, the progenitor of the present heirs, who number over half a hundred, was a French resident of Philadelphia, who threw in his lot with the colonists during the revolution, and furnished supplies to Washington and his men during the gloomy winter of 1778, at Valley Forge. He accepted in payment for his supplies bonds of the colonies, payable whenever the united colonies were able to pay them, and some land in Germantown, Philadelphia, then belonging to the colony of Pennsylvania.

After the revolution was over and the colonies formed the United States, Pool left Philadelphia and came to Centre county and later to Huntingdon county, where he remained until the close of his life, being drowned at the mouth of Spruce Creek, at the age of over 100 years, and he is buried near that place.

The bonds and the deeds for the property were passed from one hand to another and finally came into the hands of an aged lady in Centre county, one of the descendants of Mr. Pool, who kept them in a box along with other papers and valuables. Some years ago these papers, along with a large part of her house and household goods, were destroyed by fire and are thus no longer in existence.

Now the heirs, who number over fifty are taking the matter up and are instituting a close investigation of the status of the case. They contend that their claim is now worth \$100,000,000 and the meeting to-morrow will be to decide whether the claim shall be dropped or prosecuted.

REV. HICKS ON DECEMBER WEATHER.

—Rev. Irl Hicks, who was supposed to have been dead, has been heard from again and makes the following predictions for December weather.

"Our storm diagram for December indicates many wintry storms and rough weather, especially for the first two weeks in the month.

A continuation of stormy weather is quite probable through the reactionary centre about the 6th and 7th. The temperature will react to some warmer on those dates, as we enter the Vucian period, extending from the 8th to the 14th. Especially will a marked change to warmer be noted about new moon, on the 10th. The barometer will fall at the same time, and during Wednesday to Saturday, another blizzards sweep of rain, snow and sleet, driven by high winds, and followed by a great cold wave, may be reasonably counted on.

The next change to storm conditions will be central 16th to 18th. This reactionary will also bring its quota of winter storms—first rainy and warmer with possible lightning and thunder southward, but turning to snow west and north. All through these winter solstice storms, dangerous blizzards are highly probable and very cold waves and high northwesterly winds will come as sequels to the regular storm periods. Watch storm indications when planning a journey or making arrangements for outdoor undertakings.

The shortest days and longest nights will be about the 21st to 25th. The probabilities of heavy winter storms are very great, say about Sunday 22nd to Thursday 26th. These storms will culminate in heavy and general rains in the south, but about the time of the full moon, which is on Christmas day, sweeping snow storms will visit the western, northern and central parts of the country.

On and touching the 29th and 30th, the regular reaction from anti-storm conditions will take place, bringing a change to warm, cloudiness and more snow with these disturbances disappearing to the east and cold, fair weather following up from the west and north.

—The house on the Dr. W. S. Bigelow farm south of Philipsburg was destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The barn and other buildings on the farm were burned only a short time ago.

—Blacksmith William Throssell, of Aaronsburg, set seventy-two shoes one day last week.

—William Vance has bought the Jacob Dunkle property north of Aaronsburg.