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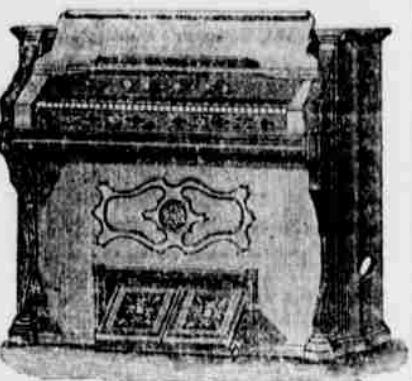
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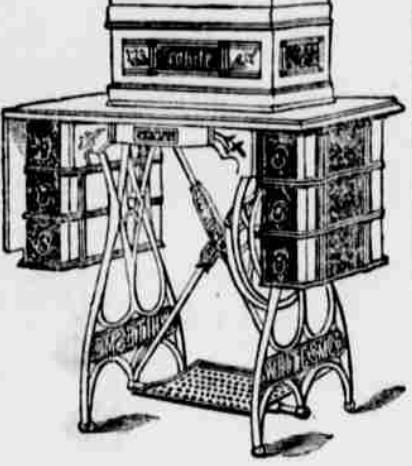
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ers ought to have more pay. Directors should see that there are no overcrowded schools. There are two or three districts in this county where more money is drawn from the State treasury than is paid their teachers. We are willing to pay five million dollars to you but we want you to pay as much as we do. I was glad to hear three districts in this county had lengthened the school term to nine months. Out of the thirteen districts in this county which did not lengthen the school term, nine closed last year with money in the treasury. O, if you can do anything when you go home for these thousands of children, do it. Every one of these districts is abundantly able to give at least one month more. The schools are for the children, not to save money for the people. The appropriation is for the support of the schools and not to save from taxation.

Look at the State report and see where you stand; well up or down on the list. Thirty-five counties are ahead in the wages of male teachers and forty-two in the wages of females. Try and get it up to the tenth or twelfth. Did you ever think that possibly seven years from now none of these children will be in school? I cannot see how the directors can close the school houses with a thousand dollars in the treasury.

The teacher's influence will go far beyond the school district. If you can go from here better you ought to do more for the state than you have done. The next hundred years will see a great change in our schools and you will certainly receive the thanks of the age and in the end the reward that awaits every faithful servant.

Dr. White next spoke on Moral Instruction. There is nothing our teachers need more help on than moral training. This moral training must reach the will and it can be done in three ways, by awakening right principles, quickening the conscience and developing clear moral ideas. The rules of conduct are best presented in the form of maxims or proverbs, which have a power of the child's mind abstract ideas never have. The materials to be used are stories, fables, parables, literary gems, songs, pictures and golden rules of conduct. The method should be to awaken and ennoble feeling, to lift it to principle, the spirit should be from heart to heart.

Dr. L. B. Kline, of Catawissa, occupied the next period in speaking to the school directors. A school director should furnish everything essential for the teachers and welfare of the pupils, exercise watchful care over the teacher's work, and endeavor to promote regular attendance. The best way to secure good teachers is to pay good wages.

Supt. Coughlin spoke next. As I listened to these addresses I have become quite enthusiastic and I have come to the conclusion that educational progress should bear the head. I will address myself to the citizens this afternoon. There is a responsibility resting upon you. There is a tendency to shift responsibility. Now you ought to visit your school before another month. Your presence inspires the school. A school house should be as good as an average dwelling house. Dollars and cents should never stand between you and a good teacher. As long as God gives me a chance to vote I will vote for such men. (applause).

FRIDAY MORNING.

This morning the teachers all met in the Opera House, to receive their final instruction. After singing Nearer My God to Thee, Rev. Mr. Ferguson, offered prayer, all joining in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Supt. Coughlin said to many children study the book and think knowledge is only found in memorizing books. Distinguish between means and ends in education. The child should not be allowed to be careless with his books. Power to do and not merely accumulate facts is the real end of our work. I like the story of the "Evolution of Dodd" because it shows us how Mr. Bright studied and found out a way to lift a boy out of moral degradation into hope and a good life. Children are living things and while we are doing something for them they are doing something for themselves. Distinguish clearly between recitation and preparation. Don't make up by recitation what the child should acquire by actual preparation. Do not cease trifling mistakes too severely or you will not be able to give a great mistake justice. We should be very careful of our personal habits, the child will most likely shape his life from that of the teacher. A good noble character is more valuable than mere knowledge of books. Exercise self control. Do not use the voice when the eye secures the result. These talks may be suggestive and nothing more, I hope however, that they will help us to do more for childhood and humanity.

Dr. White took for his last talk Graded Synthetic Exercises. Facility and not grammatical accuracy is the end of language training. We should teach correct speech in all our exercises. Our language work is too chaotic, if I have done anything in the last few years it has been in the sequence. Language should be taught by observation, pictures, stories, letters and dictation. A text book on grammar should not be used until the arithmetic is nearly completed. Language

is a simple thing if we do not try to make it complicated, we will find that before ten years of age they will likely write better than you do. Correct all papers before the class.

After a recitation by Prof. Butts, Hon. D. J. Waller, Jr., Supt. Public Instruction, spoke a short time. There is no State that has done as much for public schools as Pennsylvania. In the future there will be a scrutiny to see whether it is done well. I heard Gov. Patton had made the remark yesterday that if the people did not make this appropriation an improvement to the schools there would not be another like it so far as he was concerned. During the week you have been listening to the best instructors that can be found anywhere. I trust you will treasure up what has been said.

Dr. White and Prof. Case eulogized each other on their success in life, they formerly often met in their work, but this was the first they had met for twenty-seven years.

The reports of the various committees were as follows:

O. H. Yetter, Samuel Purcell, W. W. Heffner, Hannah Breece and E. K. Richardson were appointed examiners on Permanent certificates.

The Auditing committee reported \$854.69 as the receipts last year, and \$699.68 as the expenditures leaving a balance of \$155.01 in the treasury.

The committee on Resolutions offered the following:

REPORT OF COM. ON RESOLUTIONS.  
Whereas we, the teachers of Columbia county, in Institute assembled, wish to express our appreciation of the labors of others in our behalf and to express our opinion upon some matters which we think are important, therefore,

Resolved, that we extend our heartfelt thanks to our institute instructors for their lucid scientific and impressive lessons in the fundamental principles and best methods of teaching; that we esteem it a great privilege to be under their instruction, and that in consequence of their labors we go forth with a strong determination to strive to reach the high ideals which they have so clearly set before us.

Also that we extend our thanks to all others who have contributed to the success of this Institute; especially would we gratefully mention the clergymen who have addressed us and conducted our devotional exercises.

Also that we extend to our honorable State Supt., Dr. Waller, our congratulations and gratitude for the great work he is doing for the cause of education in our commonwealth.

As we say good bye to all these friends who have aided us, we wish God's richest blessings for them in this future work.

2. Resolved, that we most heartily thank our worthy County Supt. W. C. Johnston for the rich intellectual feast which he has with so much labor and care prepared for us; that we congratulate him on the wonderful success of the Institute, and extend our best wishes for the future.

3. Resolved, that we fully appreciate the troubles, cares, and vexations of the School Directors of our county and heartily thank them for what they have done to enable us to more carefully and thoroughly instruct their children and the children of others.

4. Resolved, that it is the sense of this Institute that the minimum term in ungraded schools should be seven months, and in graded schools, eight months.

5. Resolved, that it is the sense of this Institute that the diplomas of the graduates of colleges, especially of Pennsylvania, should be accepted by the proper authorities in lieu of an examination in all the branches, included in the course for which the respective diplomas were granted; but that all persons, except Normal graduates, upon entering the profession of teaching, should be examined in the history and theory of teaching.

6. Resolved, that those who hold provisional certificates should at the end of the fourth year of teaching at most apply for either a professional, or Normal certificate and if they do not reach a standing of at least 2 in each branch that they be excluded from the list of teachers until they can obtain a professional or Normal certificate.

7. Resolved, that it is the sense of this Institute that the study of vocal music should be introduced into our public schools, and we heartily thank Prof. Case for emphasizing this and for his valuable instruction.

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Supt. Johnston said of the 220 teachers in the county all were present but three, two of whom were sick. He desired to thank the directors and all others for their attendance and attention.

Rev. Mr. Leverett pronounced the benediction after prayer.

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