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NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES.

Although rude old Boreas has for the last fortnight, been chasing the mercury down about the zero point, and while all about the town is heard the crack of water pipes and the click, click of the plumber's hammer and wrench, yet all of the great family "on the hill" are happy and about as comfortable as a ro' below the goose-egg condition of things will permit.

Since last Saturday evening—excepting Sunday—there has been a continuous round of merriment. The trouble began when some one—very probably Prof. Welsh—proposed Saturday afternoon, that the Faculty take a sleigh ride. The word announced all hands were eager for the fray.

Millville was the destination and at 4 p. m. under the careful management of the Buckleaw Bros., sixteen members of the Faculty were gliding merrily out of the town.

Arrived at Millville a bountiful supper was spread and we fall to find utterance to the justice done it by the generally sedate, but now most jolly pedagogues.

We should like to mention the toasts given at this spread. But we must content ourselves with simply saying that Prof. Welsh was called upon to discuss the struggles with "Steam Heating", and "Bloomsburg Water Company", and the electric bells. Prof. Bakesless discussed the recently married young man. Prof. Hartline told about "Cut Fingers and Thumbs", Mrs. Welsh about "Old Married Women", Prof. Cope "the weather", and thus it went round until all were completely tired out from the laughter occasioned by the genuine wit and quaint humor of the "merry crew", they all cried "enough", and prepared to make the return trip.

But the sequel to this happy occasion came Monday when the fever—almost as bad as Asiatic cholera—broke out among the students. Five great sleds were hurriedly summoned from the town and off they jingled, each with twenty pairs of dancing eyes and twenty hearts as light and free as the keen sting of Jack Frost was sharp and biting.

What we wanted most to say was to remind the good people of the town that on this Friday evening, January 20th, the third number of "The Students' Lecture Course" will be given.

This is by Rev. Charles H. Caton of Chicago. Subject: "Wellington and Napoleon".

He is said by many eminent men to stand in the very fore front as a great lecturer.

Dr. Gunsaulus says: "One is reminded indeed, of Wendell Phillips, or Mr. Beecher, for Mr. Caton is witty, philosophical and inspiring."

MILLVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kester spent last Sunday at the home of Mrs. K's above Rohrsburg.

A telegram reached this place last Saturday of the death of Samuel Wilkinson at his home in Chester Co. Mrs. F. W. Heller is a niece. Mrs. Cutler, sister of the deceased and mother of Mrs. Heller, was visiting at the later home when the news reached them. She had made her home with him for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Heller and her mother started for Chester county on Tuesday. The funeral was on Thursday, the 19th inst.

Philip Stroup of Buckhorn while in town last Monday made a purchase of two Barred Rock Cockerels, for the purpose of improving his poultry.

William Patton of Columbia made a flying trip to this place the fore part of the week.

A four horse sled load of young folks from Bloomsburg Normal School took a 3 o'clock dinner at James Rice's hotel on Monday.

The good sleighing makes business brisk for the merchant.

Miss Hattie Peacock of Bloomsburg, has been spending a few days in town at Wilson M. Eves and J. C. Christians'.

Mrs. W. W. Eves who has been on the sick list for some time is improving.

A party of young folks "drove to Washingtonville last Sunday for a sleigh ride, and took supper before returning.

W. B. Lawton, wife and baby spent Monday night in town.

The series of local Sunday School institutes held last week in various points in the county were well attended, and very interesting. Since the first of September last, twenty three local institutes have been held, and others are being planned. The presence and aid of the state secretary adds to the interest and profit of these gatherings.

LOCAL INSTITUTE HELD AT BENTON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1893.

The institute was called to order by Prof. J. F. Harkins and opened with singing "Nearer My God to Thee".

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Maltman. The teachers present were Mr. Callender, Miss McHenry, Mr. Fritz, and Mr. Thomas from Jackson. O. M. Hess, Nora Harvey, Emma Harvey, and Blanch Fritz from Sugarloaf. Miss Evans, Miss O'Brien, Prof. Harkins, Mr. Larish and M. R. Keeler from Benton. Teachers present from other townships were H. B. Gibson, Centre; Miss Fritz, Greenwood. The first speaker was Mr. E. H. Larish who talked for a short time on Improvements needed. "Our school houses should be improved. In some houses part of the plastering is off and on a cold day the wind comes through; the cold draughts that are continually passing through the room are apt to cause disease. Window blinds are needed to protect the eyes. It is impossible to keep a building warm with only one small stove in the middle of the room. The character of a child is influenced by his surroundings. We should have a beautiful building as well as a comfortable one; our school room should be as pleasant as our homes, the ground should be beautiful as well as the room. A part of the state appropriation should be used in beautifying the grounds and school rooms."

The next was a recitation by Miss Hattie Albertson, followed by a recitation by Miss Edna Smith, and a solo by Master Bennie McHenry. The next speaker was Prof. Noethling of the Bloomsburg Normal School. "The first institute I ever attended here you were in the back woods, now you are out in the public. You have modern buildings, and you are in the line of progression. That is right for we are in a progressive age. Farmers, mechanics and professional men are improving, but there is still room for improvement. Our school houses are better than they were, but there is still room for improvement. In some schools children are sitting on seats so high that their feet cannot touch the floor. This is positive cruelty. If we cannot lower the seats let us raise the floor. The teaching is better than it was, but there is room for improvement. The largest room in the world is the room for improvement. If the people want good schools they must elect good directors; good directors employ good teachers and they give us good schools. Pay the teachers a good salary so they need do nothing but teach. A man to be successful must follow the business and nothing else." The next was a recitation by Doyle Hartman, followed by a recitation by Arthur Fiske. Music by the choir.

The next speaker was J. G. McHenry. "The public school is the only agent by which a government can be sustained and perpetuated. To send children to school is a parental duty. The parent who sends his child into the world without an education does a wrong to mankind as well as to his family. All children should be educated to such a degree that they can understand the laws of our land, and become useful citizens. The parents should visit the schools and see what is being done, but it ought to make no material difference with the success of the school whether they attend them or not. The teacher should not require the personal supervision of the citizen. The children of Benton have never before had better opportunities for acquiring an education than at present. Taxpayers should not grumble at a tax which they think is to be honestly used. The schools are the greatest of institutions, let us then cherish them. Send your children to school and work in harmony with the teacher." Recitation by Miss Anna Edwards; a solo by Miss Bertell Laubach.

The state superintendent, Dr. D. J. Waller next addressed the institute. "We should have free schools. Thousands of dollars can be saved in a year by free text books. Directors can buy the books much cheaper because they buy them at wholesale. When one pupil completes a book another can take it, thus getting double service from it. There are other benefits to be derived aside from dollars and cents. No valuable time is wasted in waiting for pupils to get books. If you don't feel able to put them all in at once, put one or two in at a time. Histories and Geographies this year, Grammars and Readers next year, and so on, and the taxpayers will not know the difference. Free text books are within the reach of you all this year. In buying school apparatus provide that which is needed by all the children all the time. We need good dictionaries, good black-board surface, and in some schools a

musical instrument. We hear that it wont do to pay teachers any more because wheat is cheaper than it has been before. I am not here to plead for the teacher but I am here my friends, to plead for our children. The quality of the teacher is graded by the salary. When you get a first class teacher keep him. It does not pay to send children to a poor teacher. Are we going to keep our children at business that don't pay because grain is cheap? We can have just what kind of schools we want. Under free school system you can educate your whole family for what you can send one off to educate him."

The next was a recitation by Miss Grace Kitchen. Music by the choir. A recitation by Miss Hattie Getz. An essay on Habits by Miss Evans. "We have it in our power to form good or bad habits. A teacher who is not neat and orderly cannot expect to have a tidy and orderly school. A teacher is responsible for the habits formed by the children. A child must understand what a neat desk is before he can keep one; he must know what a neat task is before he can do it nicely. One of the bad habits of children in the schools of to day is the habit of standing on one foot or leaning on some desk. It is the teacher's duty to see that nothing but good habits are formed under his care."

A recitation by Master Freddie Cox. The next address was given by Supt. Johnston. "The majority of the teachers I find are doing quite well. The most of them are doing as well as they can. There are a few who are not doing as well as they might. All teachers should take educational papers. Last year out of 218 teachers 48 were not taking any educational paper. I believe the majority of the teachers are doing better work because they are taking these papers. We are trying to organize throughout the county teacher's meetings. We would like to have the teachers meet at least once a month and discuss the work. In some districts they decide to take a certain educational book and read at their homes and discuss it at their meetings. I would like to see every district in the county having something of this kind. The pupils should have a good position in class. The whole of a teacher's time belongs to the class in the time appointed for it. It is necessary to keep an eye on the room, but the time and attention should be given to the class; details should be attended to between classes, let the pupils note down on paper or slate what he wants explained, and have it attended to in class. Out of 100 pupils that I visited some time ago at least 75 were not taking as many studies as they should."

A recitation by Miss Maud Clewell. The next talk was given by Mr. Pursell of Bloomsburg. "School houses are nearly all built in cold places I don't know why, unless they think the teachers will have to work harder to keep warm. A barn would not be placed there because it would be too cold for the cattle. Botany should be taught in every school. There would not be an uninteresting lesson in school if Botany were taught. Wherever there are flowers there is peace and sunshine, wherever you see flowers you never see a scolding mother nor a grumbling father. Many a boy has left school before he would if he had found one bright spot there."

The institute closed with a recitation by Miss Verda Fritz. M. R. KEELER, Secretary.

A NEW CLOTHING HOUSE.

Mr. J. M. Giddings of Scranton, the gentleman who has leased the store room now occupied by Rawling's Meat Market was in town yesterday making arrangements preparatory to the opening of his clothing store, which will be about April 1st. Mr. Giddings is a young gentleman who has plenty of push and he will make just such a citizen as our town needs. The store room of which he will take possession will be entirely refitted to suit the requirements of his business and a handsome new plate glass front will be put in. We wish Mr. Giddings success and will be pleased to have him come among us.

The cold weather of Monday necessitated the closing of the schools at Fifth street for half a day. In the afternoon the building committee visited the building to ascertain the cause of not sufficient heat. It may be possible that the new heating system does not do the work intended; if not the trouble will be corrected. Since it was found that the rooms heated by steam the thermometer registered as low as in the other rooms, it seems that the new system is doing as well as the old; and that the remedy must be more fuel.

LICENSE COURT.

Monday, January 16th, was the day fixed for hearing license applications, and accordingly the courts were in session, all the Judges being present. The court was open for any business that might come before it.

Estate of Mary Brittain, acceptance of C. B. Jackson Esq., as trustee &c. filed.

Report of county Auditors filed. Boyd M. Smith appointed Judge and Henry Traugh and J. L. Freas, appointed inspectors of north east election district in Berwick.

Application of F. E. Barriger for restaurant license in Jamison City withdrawn.

All applications for liquor licenses where no remonstrances are filed, except new applications for new houses, and new applicants for old houses, were granted.

Petitions of J. P. Biehl and John Davenport, guardians of minor children of Mary A. Sterner deceased, for leave to release lien of judgment, from property of G. W. Sterner. Granted.

C. H. Moore appointed viewer of a road in Catawissa in place of J. B. Knittle.

Application of J. S. Mann for restaurant license in Berwick, continued until 27th.

Hotel license of M. W. Brennan in Centralia, transferred to M. L. Albert. A session of court was held in the evening, when the Heller and Schenke, and Stohner applications were heard.

Court adjourned to 17th at 10 a. m. Application of Jacob Steen for hotel license at Central, refused.

Application of Peter J. Bradley for restaurant license in Conyngham, refused.

Licenses granted to Heller and Schenke for restaurant in Berwick; J. W. Lore, hotel, Iola; J. D. Rimby, hotel, Jerseytown; B. Stohner, hotel, Bloomsburg; C. S. Taylor, hotel, Eversgrove; J. H. Dieterick, hotel, Buck Horn.

Judge Ickler dissented from the granting of a license to J. W. Lore.

Sale ordered in the estate of Daniel Billman. Adjourned to January 27th. 1 p. m.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

An adjourned court was held last Friday, all the Judges on the bench. The following business was transacted:

Adoption of Gertrude Hawk by Andrew J. Bickle decreed.

Petition of G. M. Tustin, assignee of Catawissa Deposit Bank, for order to sell real estate. Sale ordered.

J. W. Morehead appointed inspector of southwest election district in borough of Berwick.

B. D. Freas, J. H. Hoyt and H. F. Glenn appointed auditors of the borough of Berwick.

James L. Evans Esq. sworn and admitted as an attorney of the several courts of Columbia county.

Jonathan Tyson vs. Wm. Bahme. Opinion of court filed, judgment of justice reversed.

Wm. Adams vs. Reuben Riegel. Interpleader, rule continued to first day of next term.

Angelina Shuman vs. F. L. Shuman. Petition of plaintiff for rule to show cause why order of court of August 8, 1892, should not be stricken off. Rule granted as prayed for.

Estate of John C. Myers, dec'd. Bond for sale of real estate filed and approved.

W. S. Fisher, J. F. Bauman and J. C. Brown appointed viewers of a road in Roaringcreek township near George Craig's.

Petition to change voting place in West Scott Election District from public house of John Eckrote to P. O. S. of A. building in Light Street. So ordered by the Court.

Auditor in the estate of Jos. Tyson continued to next term.

Robert Buckingham appointed auditor on exceptions and to make distribution in the estate of Jonas Doty, deceased.

When any of the citizens of Columbia county visit at Harrisburg they should call upon our Representatives. Mr. Fritz is now serving his third term and is thoroughly acquainted with all the places of interest. Mr. Tewksbury who is serving his second term, has become so thoroughly acquainted that he can direct you to any of the departments or acquaint you with any of the members. You will feel at home if you call upon them.

Our office boys have discovered a new kind of rat trap. While cleaning up on Wednesday they found a glass jar which had contained paste, and inside were four half grown rats. Two of them got away, but the other two were captured.

A Concert.

The concert announced for January 19th in the Parish House has been postponed until Thursday evening, the 26th. It will be given by the members of St. Paul's Choir, assisted by Misses Maud and Beth Runyon, Charles P. Elwell, and the Bloomsburg Orchestra. The program will consist of vocal and instrumental music, and recitations by Prof. W. H. Butts. The price of admission has been fixed at 35 cents, and it is believed that all who attend will receive full value for their money. Three hundred people can be seated in the Parish House, and every seat should be taken. As all seats are equally good, there are no reserved seats. The entertainment will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be used to defray the necessary expenses of the supplied choir, including vestments, furniture, music, &c.

Big Damages.

At the recent term of court at Danville, Mrs. Annie Kelly of Catawissa obtained a verdict of \$2,250 against Mayberry township, Montour county.

In 1888 Mrs. Annie Kelly in company with a number of ladies from Catawissa riding in a sled driven by a liveryman from Catawissa, while driving along a road in Mayberry Township was thrown from the sled down an embankment and into a mill-race, breaking her ankle in two places; in a suit to recover damages against the township the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the Plaintiff, as stated, for \$2,250. It was contended by Defendant that the road was not unsafe, but that the accident happened through negligence of a drunken driver who wandered off the road and upset the sled.

A motion has been made for a new trial.

A Young Lady Passes Away.

The Shickshinny Echo of last week contains the following account of Arminta Heacock, formerly of this county:

Arminta Heacock, eldest child and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Heacock, died at 5:30 yesterday morning. Miss Heacock enjoyed comparatively good health until a few weeks ago when she was confined by diabetes. She was not considered dangerously sick until last Friday when her symptoms became alarming and her death the question of only a few hours.

The deceased would have been eighteen years old next month and was a young lady of rare intelligence. She was popular with her circle of friends and many young hearts join with the bereaved parents in their sorrow. She was a member of the M. E. Church and faithful to every obligation as a Christian. She was a regular attendant at the Sunday school and in all the religious and literary meetings of the Epworth League took an active part. The parents in their bereavement are cheered by the consolation that all is well and that they are not alone in their sorrow. The burial was at Greenwood, this county.

Wm. Cheney, editor and publisher of the Sullivan Republican was obliged to refund the price he received for printing the ballots at the November election. Action was brought against him under the Act of 1834, Section 43, Pamphlet Laws 540, which provides that no county treasurer or commissioner shall be concerned in the execution of any contract of work for the county, under penalty of having the bill disallowed, a fine not to exceed \$500 and removal from office upon presentation of the fact to the Court. Mr. Cheney is the minority commissioner of Sullivan county and assisted in awarding to himself the contract for furnishing the ballots. The case was argued before the auditors, who disallowed the bill, and Mr. Cheney must return the money.

The Hazleton Sentinel of last week contained a notice of Rev. W. T. Auman, formerly of this town. It says:

"Rev. Auman, the popular rector of the Episcopal church in Weatherly has accepted for a year a call made out from the Weatherly church in connection with the one at White Haven. He will divide his time between the two. His residence, we are sorry to say, will be at White Haven. The church there has a very large rectory.

Rev. Auman has chosen this field from a number that were open to him; among others, assistant to Rector Tollman at Mauch Chunk and also a very desirable place as assistant in one of the Philadelphia churches."

Several of the factories were obliged to close on Monday on account of the cold.

PERSONAL.

Harry B. Low of Orangeville was in town on Wednesday, on business.

Mrs. P. B. Heddens who has been very ill, is improving.

Dr. and Mrs. G. P. Waller, of Chadron, Nebraska, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. W. S. Rishton is spending a few weeks with her mother in Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. L. Girton has been confined to her bed for the past week with an attack of rheumatism.

The Messrs Herlihan and Miss Mary J. Hess of Benton township are visiting friends in Pottsville this week and next.

Dr. R. B. Pealer of Wilkesbarre, who having a two years practice with Dr. J. N. Warner of the same city will open a dental office the 1st of April in Mrs. Ent's building next to Court office.

Dr. Geo. P. Waller received a letter from his home at Chadron, Nebraska, a few days ago, in which the writer stated that they were having fine weather out there. It was mild and warm, and there was no frost in the ground. It is not an uncommon thing, however, to have the thermometer go down to twenty degrees below zero out there.

Sleighing parties are now in order. On Monday night about one dozen loads started out for different points. Everybody who owned a team and a pair of bobsleds had no difficulty in finding a load. On Tuesday night a number of parties went out, Jerseytown, Orangeville, Berwick, Mainville and other places were the objective points.

Mrs. L. E. Waller gave a delightful progressive euchre party at her home on Fifth street last week Thursday night. About fifty guests were present. Mrs. Fairchild of Bridgeport, Conn. and Mr. S. A. Goodhue of Jamison City were the winners of the first prizes, and Miss Vida Miller and Dr. G. P. Waller were the recipients of the "booby" prizes.

A party of seventeen ladies went to Geo. R. Hess' above Benton last Tuesday. They expressed themselves as enjoying the best sleigh-ride in their lives. They arrived there about 11 o'clock and partook of a bounteous dinner. They returned about half-past seven in the evening. Frank Jones was the captain of the load—handling the reins for the four horse team, assisted by his nephew J. D. Jones. Friends of Geo. R. Hess, together with the sleighing party, numbering in all thirty-seven sat at the dinner table.

An explosion occurred in Glasco Cameron's barber shop Monday morning. The supply pipe furnishing water for the bath tubs was frozen, and when the stove, in which are the return coils, became heated there was no circulation; an explosion followed. The stove was blown to pieces, and the hot coals scattered over the floor. Frank Parks was in the act of drawing water from a copper vessel on top of the stove, and was blown across the room against the wall. He escaped serious hurt and immediately extinguished the flames caused by the burning coals.

Harris Blank and Isaac Rosenwig were convicted in the Wyoming county court last week, of murder in the first degree, for killing Jacob Marks. The two men were in company with Marks when last seen a live on a lonely mountain road. After the murder they retraced their journey and sometime during the night of the 18th of March reached the residence of a farmer by the name of June in Mehoopany township, in whose barn they were found on the morning of the 19th of March, with not only their own rig but that of Marks also, claiming to have bought out peddler Marks including goods as well as horse and cutter. As soon as the roads were passable—they were badly drifted on the morning of March 19th—these red-handed criminals made their way from Mr. June's over back roads and through Easton township, to Ransom station on the L. V. railroad, where they left their two rigs on the opposite side of the river with Mr. F. J. Miller, saying, when Marks' rig was recognized, that they had bought him out. Their ill gotten gains were shipped by express from Ransom station to New York City and the murderers took first train for Wilkes-Barre and from thence to New York City.

They were subsequently captured in Canada.