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A LOCAL INSTITUTE.

A local institute for Orange and Fishing Creek townships was held in the M. E. church at Stillwater, Saturday, March 4, 1893. The institute was opened by singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee," after which the ninety-fifth psalm was read and prayer offered by Prof. G. E. Wilbur of the B. S. N. S.

After electing Miles I. Beishline secretary, E. B. Beishline of Stillwater, gave a few opening remarks. One remark of special note and interest was that the first school in Fishing Creek township was taught at Stillwater, and that Mr. John Sutton, the poet of Stillwater was the teacher.

The program was as follows: A recitation by Lizzie Barber; Music; Remarks on Grammar, by E. B. Beishline. We can make each recitation to a greater or lesser extent a language lesson. Grammar, unless taught practically, is of very little use. Grammar is the most useful study, because it is the most used; recitation by Daisy McHenry; Music; recitation by Leona Smith; recitation by Sadie Kelchner.

Prof. Wilbur now gave us a short address. No teacher can interest his or her pupils, unless he or she has a true love for them. If you can impress upon the parents the true love that you have for your school and their pupils, nine-tenths of the opposition can be overcome. We should remember that some boys and girls are in school but a short time, and that we should give them a line of work that will be most useful to them; Music. Adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Afternoon session opened with Music; recitation by Geraldine Hagenbuch; an address by Prof. W. E. Mauser of Orangeville. "The Memory." The memory is placed second by psychologists in the order of intellectual growth. We retain only what we have thoroughly acquired. Retaining facts depends upon three conditions: (1.) Strength of first impressions. (2.) Length of time to dwell on knowledge gained. (3.) Frequency of renewal. The power to recall facts depends upon the manner in which ideas held in retention are connected with each other; recitation by Daisy Smith; Music.

An interesting talk on the subject of "History," by Prof. Wilbur. Assign lessons by topics. Teach pupils to analyze all subjects. Give dates only of important events. Teach cause of war, and not number of men killed. We can teach the history of county or township with a great deal of interest.

An address, "What parents and directors can and should do to make our schools a success," by John G. McHenry of Benton. We are living in an age of progression, and the great question that confronts us, are we keeping up with the times. Directors should be educated, honest, and upright people. Perfect harmony should exist among directors, parents, teacher and pupils. Give each child an equal chance, whether clothed with rags or broadcloth and silk. Prepare yourselves for live action for you know not to what important action you may be called.

After listening to another beautiful song, W. C. Johnston, County Supt., addressed the audience. The teacher must know the child that he is teaching. Where there is a lack of promptness on the part of the teacher, we readily see a lack of promptness in pupils. Give directions, and let pupils do the work. Let your aim be to set a good example, because your example will be practiced and not your precept. Music; recitation by Miss Clara Raber; recitation by Miss Lulu Raber.

The following teachers were present: Fishing Creek—E. B. Beishline, Sarah Moyer, Grace Albertson, Millie Albertson, Grace Edgar, Mattie Arnold, O. J. Hess, W. W. Pealer, J. M. Boston. Orange—Eva Moyer, J. W. Hilday, Prof. W. C. Mauser, Miles I. Beishline. Benton—Hattie Edgar, H. W. Beishline. Greenwood—Leah Follmer.

Institute closed by singing "God be with You."

The contest over the Post Office at Berwick waxes warm as the time for expiration of Commission (March 28) approaches. The contestants are: R. S. Bowman, the present republican Post Master, C. H. Dorr, who recently purchased the Berwick Independent of Mr. Bowman, John G. Jacoby, Berwick's popular Justice of the Peace and Insurance Agent, and J. W. Campbell a first-class mechanic and genia workman at the Berwick Car Shop. It is hard to say who will be the winner but we venture the prediction that Mr. Bowman will not be "in it," and he ought not to be.

Leases are for sale at this office: 5 cents apiece, 30 cents a dozen.

LIGHT STREET.

Last Wednesday quite a number of the citizens of town and vicinity gave Rev. Whitney's family a cordial greeting.

On Sunday morning last Rev. Shaffer preached a sermon for the P. O. S. of A. preparatory to his leaving for his new field of labor.

Rev. Donahue preached in the M. E. Church on Sunday evening the last of the conference.

On last Thursday things were pretty lively for a while judging from the active part taken by the citizens in opening the ditches to let the water out. As it was several cellars were filled with water.

At this writing three of J. E. Zeigler's children are reported as having scarlet fever.

Chas. Rink on Saturday last bought Jacob Oman's bay horse.

The Loyal Temperance Legion gave an entertainment on Saturday evening in the M. E. Church.

Mrs. O. P. Ent of Shickshinny spent Tuesday evening in town.

A Miss Biddle from Cowen has been visiting at Rev. Shaffer's for the past week.

Jay Brown returned from his trip South on Thursday last.

STILLWATER.

The snow is going fast, and the roads are very bad.

Spring's coming, the robins and blue birds were chirping this week.

The sale of Henry Kelchner was well attended, the articles sold brought a fair price. He contemplates moving to Benton about April 1st, has rented his farm to Mr. Everett.

Mrs. Hufford was called to Scranton to attend the funeral of her sister.

Minerva, daughter of Eli McHenry was buried in the Benton cemetery last Wednesday, she will be greatly missed in their family. She had a serious case of inflammation of the bowels. Her only sister Anna an invalid for some ten years being unable to walk most of her time or wait upon herself, her disease is rheumatism.

Lieutenant John Karns of Benton has been sick since early last fall, his disease being softening of the brain, he is not improving very fast.

Mrs. Sutton's case is still serious.

Miss Mertie Herring has been visiting friends at Stillwater the past week.

MILLVILLE.

Charles Eckman is quite sick.

J. B. Eves had quite an extensive sale of agricultural implements last Tuesday.

Wellington Shultz, son of Hiram Shultz of Iola was buried last Sunday in the cemetery at this place. He leaves a wife and three children. He was 36 years, 11 months and 16 days old.

The high waters caused by the recent rain and snow took two spans of the W. & W. R. R. bridge at Evers grove so the train could not go over, and they went for the mail on the hand car, it is now repaired so they will use it again.

The snow going off leaves the streets and yards in a very dirty condition.

Prof. J. P. Welsh, Principal, and Messrs. C. W. Miller, J. C. Brown, and Geo. E. Elwell, of the Board of Trustees of the State Normal School, appeared before the Legislative committee on appropriations in the Capitol at Harrisburg last week Thursday night on behalf of a bill that has been introduced asking for an appropriation of \$97,000 for the school. This sum is needed to pay off an old debt of \$40,000, and to erect the proposed new building, including a gymnasium and its equipment. The school is now filled nearly to its utmost capacity, and the new building will supply more class-rooms, and accommodate about 100 more boarders. This school has not asked for an appropriation in seventeen years, when the Dormitory burned. Since that time the Trustees have erected the building containing 26 class-rooms, have added a large wing to the Dormitory, and last year remodeled the Auditorium, making it one of the handsomest of the kind in the state. There are 112 students in the Senior class. Such an institution that has done so much for itself, certainly merits some recognition from the state authorities, and it ought to get what it asks for now.

A sub-committee from the committee on appropriations will probably visit the school soon, and make a personal investigation of its needs.

Evangelical Ministers.

The Evangelical Conference held at Milton last week, made the following appointments.

LEWISBURG DIST.—A. H. IRVINE, P. E. Lewisburg, E. Crumbling. Buffalo, J. D. Shortless. Milton, M. F. Fosselman. Washingtonville, I. M. Pines. Hughesville, H. A. Stoke. Muncy Valley, W. J. Campbell. Dushore, H. T. Minsker. Danville, S. S. Mumey. Bloomsburg, J. Womeldorf. Light Street, D. A. Artman. Waller, W. Minsker. Columbia, C. D. Moore. Berwick, A. Stapleton. Nescopeck, J. F. Dunlap. Nanticoke, C. L. Sones. Ransome, E. E. Shaffer. Tunkhannock cir. } B. F. Kellar. Tunkhannock, } W. H. Hoch. Scranton, Zion, J. W. Messinger. Scranton, Trinity, J. G. Whitmire. West Clifford to be supplied. Zion's Grove, L. Dill. Luzerne to be supplied. I. E. Spangler, Secretary of Y. M. C. A., of Milton, Pa., and member of Milton Quarterly Conference. A. L. Reeser, G. Hunter and E. Swengle, members of Lewisburg Quarterly Conference.

SUPREME COURT CASES.

The cases that have been appealed from this county to the Supreme court will be heard in Philadelphia during the week commencing on April 10th. The following are the cases and counsel:

J. O. Doty vs. Jonas Doty's estate, Wintersteen and Lenihan for plaintiff; Freeze and Barkley for defendant.

Harry B. Hess' estate, Little, McKillip and Elwell for the estate; Hollingsworth & Fraley of Philadelphia for appellants.

Jacob Bartholomew's estate. Barkley for estate, Geyer and Scarlet for appellants.

J. W. Hoffman vs. B. & S. R. R. Co., Wintersteen, Barkley and Scarlet for plaintiff; Buckalew, Freeze and Waller for defendant.

J. D. Fulmer vs. Jennie S. Poust, Barkley and Fritz for plaintiff, Little for defendant.

Paper books must be served 20 days before April 10th.

Attempted Robbery.

There was an attempt made to rob the National Bank of Catawissa last Thursday night. The burglars bored a hole through the outer door and forced the lock off to gain entrance. They next proceeded to the vault and there drilled a small hole into the door, evidently intending to place powder and blow open the doors. They were disturbed from some cause and left the place. Had they gained entrance, two other heavy doors would have been found barring them from the funds. Three suspicious characters were seen to get off the evening up train of the Pennsylvania railroad, and walk back in the direction of the tank they carried a satchel. The same parties were seen to take the early morning train on Friday.

The new orchestra contemplates giving a concert in the near future. There are a dozen members, and it is the best organization of the kind the town has ever had. Many of them have played in public for charitable or church entertainments on numerous occasions, and now that they propose to give a concert for their own benefit, they are entitled to a very liberal support. It costs money for music, as well as time and practice, to belong to such an orchestra, and the members can hardly be expected to keep it up at their own expense, to play for the public benefit gratuitously. When they announce their date every seat in the house ought to be filled.

H. G. Eshleman, of the firm of Eshleman & Wolf plumbers, gas fitters and dealers in ranges, stoves, heater, agricultural implements, &c. is a musician as well as a first class mechanic. For many years he has played the clarionette in the Bloomsburg Cornet Band, and in Methers's orchestra, and now plays with Prof. C. P. Elwell's orchestra. He is always ready and willing to lend his talents to any entertainment, and has played at a great number of concerts for charitable object, always giving his service most cheerfully. Such men are a benefit to any community, but musicians are not always appreciated.

An able minister gets \$3,000 a year a Congressman \$5,000, a good lawyer \$10,000 a year, a good doctor about the same, while last year Jockey Fred Tural, for six month's work, got \$26,000.

High Water.

The rains and thaw of last Thursday made a sudden rise in the streams in this section causing some damage. In the little Fishingcreek the ice breaking Thursday night, formed a gorge against the bridge at Mordansville, this made a rapid rise of the stream and surrounded the home of County Commissioner Sands; with difficulty he saved his stock and property—the cows were in the water over their backs; at three o'clock next morning the gorge broke and the water at once subsided. Many movable articles as wagons, sleds, lumber and barns were carried down the stream. The county bridge was moved a little but no great damage done. At Eversgrove several spans of the W. & W. Railroad bridge were carried away, necessitating the transfer of freight and passengers across the creek—a train being run on either side of the creek. In the Susquehanna river the ice breaking above, came down by the Bloom ferry at five o'clock Friday afternoon; the river rising very rapidly with it. The highest point the water reached was about fifteen inches deep on the top of the banks at the ferry. The ice ceased to flow to any great amount, Sunday afternoon, and the water had then fallen about six feet but the warm wind of the morning had caused the remaining snow to melt rapidly and the waters again to rise. This Friday (St. Patrick's Day) March 17th, marks the 28th anniversary of the great flood in the North Branch of the Susquehanna, when the water was 35 feet above low water mark.

The Bloomsburg Orchestra now consists of twelve members, and they make excellent music. It was a matter of much regret that they played only two numbers at the Monument Fund Concert last week, as everybody enjoyed their music greatly. They ought to give a concert of their own, and show what they can do. Bloomsburg has never had such a musical organization, and if it receives any sort of public encouragement and support, it can be kept together. The COLUMBIAN is at their service when ever they will consent to give a concert.

It is an old saying that if you don't blow your own horn, nobody else will blow it for you. So we toot a toot or two. In the matter of job work we unhesitatingly say that no other printing office in this county can successfully compete with THE COLUMBIAN. Where others have but one job press, we have three. Where others have to run their one by foot power, we run two of ours by water power. Our facilities are unsurpassed. Come and see them, and get our estimates before ordering your printing. We have just received an order for printing the ordinances and laws of Bloomsburg, ours being the lowest of three bids.

From birth a boy can own property; at 7 he is, if intelligent, answerable for crime; at 14 he, if necessary, could choose his guardian and could contract marriage, at 14 he is punishable for a misdemeanor; at 18 he is qualified for military service; at 21 he may declare himself independent of his father, and is then old enough to vote; at 25 he is eligible to Congress; at 30 to the United States Senate; at 40 to the Presidency; at 45 he is exempt from military duty.

Farmers who are fortunate enough to own sugar trees are said to be counting on a great season for sugar making the coming spring. It is well known to those engaged in that business that a good season always follows a winter that furnishes abundance of cold weather. The maple sap is always sweeter after a period of intense frost and furnishes a larger percentage of sugar. Not only that, but the trees yield a larger quantity of sap after a cold winter than they do after a winter that has frequent thaws and periods of warm weather.

Each time a cigar dealer takes a handful of cigars from a box and spreads them on top of the show case for a purchaser to select from, he violates one of the most stringent laws of the United States. The internal revenue law has a rigid provision to the effect that a retailer must not take cigars from the box after it has been packed and stamped. He should always hand out the box to his customers and let them select from it.

Wesley Freas of whom mention was made several weeks ago having received a stroke of paralysis, died at his home in Centre township last Thursday evening. A wife and one son, survives him. Funeral services were held at the house Sunday afternoon March 12th. One brother, B. B. Freas of Bloomsburg, survives.

Princeton Quartette.

A rare musical treat is in store for our people. The Princeton College Quartette under the leadership of Mr. P. P. Bliss, will give one of their popular vocal concerts in the Opera House on Friday evening, March 31st. This Quartette was organized about three years ago, since which time it has been rapidly growing in favor. During the past year they have sung before large audiences in Asbury Park, Philadelphia, Jersey City, Hartford, Conn., Chicago and other large cities, and all have spoken in high praise of their ability and execution. Mr. Bliss, the leader is a son of the late P. P. Bliss, famous as a composer and singer, and he promises soon to equal, if not surpass his father in fame and ability. Those who enjoy good music should not miss this opportunity.

Thh Spring Flood Danger.

The condition for great damage by the spring floods were never more complete than at the present time, and none who have noted with any watchfulness the extraordinary winter which has just closed will be surprised to read of immense ice gorges, inundated towns, crushed bridges and general destruction along the valley of our principal rivers and their tributaries. In the northern and western counties of the State snow fell nearly or quite four feet during the winter. The extremely low temperature created ice of unprecedented thickness, and the recent heavy rains have served to melt the snow and send the water down the hill sides in torrents. Disastrous floods could hardly fail to follow, and that the losses will be unusually heavy is not to be doubted.

The denuding of the hill and mountain sides of their forest has greatly increased both the danger and damage of the present spring flood. The snow has been as deep and the ice as thick and plentiful in former exceptional years as during the past winter. But with a large proportion of the watershed of our principal rivers formerly covered with dense forest, neither the sun's rays nor the heaviest spring rains served to bring the melting snows out of the mountains in two or three days' time. Under the old conditions it required weeks instead of days for these accumulated waters to find their way into the rivers.

The lesson is obvious. The remaining forest of Pennsylvania should be preserved, not destroyed, as a measure of protection from disastrous floods, if for nothing more. While the floods are rushing down the riverbeds, submerging towns and endangering life and property, nothing can be done of a preventive nature. Those endangered must meet the existing emergency in the best way they can. But there should be remedial measures taken by the Legislature and people combined to lessen the flood danger in the future or at least to guard against its increase.—Times.

A custom similar to that of the American Arbor day prevails in India; where it is deemed an act of great religious merit either to plant a tree or dig a well. In fact many rich Hindoos have in the expectation of making a short cut to Paradise, spent large sums of money in planting trees and making wells to provide both refreshment and shade to weary travelers and pilgrims.

Superintendent Waller has appointed ex-Congressman Bruner of Reading, C. W. Miller, of Bloomsburg, H. C. Greenwalt of Chambersburg, and Colonel Ezra H. Ripple of Scranton, to act with the school Superintendents of the Fourth Normal School District in reference to the building of a Normal School at Stroudsburg.

C. H. Rice is making extensive improvements in the room lately occupied by G. N. Wilson the grocer. He is preparing it for his meat market and has arranged it in the most convenient way. His elevated track for carrying meat will no doubt prove a great success. The second floor is being arranged into convenient rooms for the use of his family.

Francis Lafontaine the ferryman, says he will not float the flat for a week or more, since information received, shows that the ice has not yet all come down the river, and the flat would be in danger before the ice is removed. From Wilkes Barre upwards the ice has only moved out of the central part of the river leaving high banks of ice at the sides.

W. C. McKinney expects to open a boot and shoe store in the store room vacated by Jac. Keller, about April 1st.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. Q. Creveling of Plymouth has been visiting at Mr. E. M. Knorr's. John Fox has been on the sick list for several days.

Geo. A. Clark of Tyrone was in town over Sunday.

Mrs. Blackmar who has been visiting friends in this place returned to her home at St. Louis, Tuesday.

Judge Joseph Buffington of the United States Court for this district, spent Sunday at Mr. William Neal's.

W. L. Eyerly is assisting General Secretary B. F. Armstrong at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

John B. Earhart and wife went to Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa., last Wednesday morning to attend the funeral of his mother Mrs. Daniel Earhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf Driefuss of Milton were in town last Friday evening. Mr. Driefuss returned home on the late train while his wife remained for a few days with her mother Mrs. D. Lowenberg.

Cottolene.

Since Tuesday there has been a practical test of the merits of Cottolene given at the grocery side of I. W. McKelvy's store. Mrs. Sumner, a graduate of Mrs. Rohrer's Cooking School has been kept busy, with an assistant, making cakes, pies, &c., for those calling at the store to see the great substitute for lard. Cottolene is made of 80 per cent. Cotton seed oil and 20 per cent. beef fat. It is the purest, most healthful and digestible substance for cooking purposes. It is used the same as lard, except that two-thirds of a pound of Cottolene does the work of one pound of lard, and it is sold at 15 cents a pound. In using Cottolene there is no need of using any butter, as it answers every purpose in making the best of the pastries. Mrs. Sumner will remain here until Saturday evening; all who can should call and see the cooking and test the articles.

The Republican office next week will move into their new quarters in Moyer building, in the rear of Hess Bros. Jewelry store. The room has been specially fitted for them and ought to make a great improvement over their present location.

The sudden melting of the great depth of snow has made it uncomfortable for the great majority of our people. There is scarcely a residence in the town, that has not been troubled with the water running into the cellar. Bloomsburg is generally free from such annoyance, but this is an exceptional winter.

The members of the committee on appropriations were each presented with a catalogue of the Bloomsburg Normal School at the hearing before them last week Thursday. Several of them pronounced it the neatest book of the kind that had been before them. Thanks, gentlemen! It was printed at THE COLUMBIAN office.

Numerous improvements are contemplated in this office in the near future. We are now giving our readers, weekly, a story, an article on road improvements, a column of Christian Endeavor matter, a considerable amount of general news, and all the local news. Subscribers who pay in advance also get the benefit of our clubbing offer announced in every issue. An eight page paper for only \$1.00 a year. It is very cheap, but not to cheap too be good. Try it a year.

Charles Watson McKelvy has accepted a fire insurance agency representing Thomson Derr & Bro. of Wilkesbarre, who are the agents for many of the best known companies in the world. B. F. Hartman has been their agent here for many years, and has done a very large business, but his declining years and ill health prevent his securing any new risks, and all old business will remain in his hands, while Mr. McKelvy will receive new applications. The latter is a young man who is thoroughly competent to fill the position, and will give it his careful attention. His office is in the business office of I. W. McKelvy's store.

Paper Book.

The facilities of THE COLUMBIAN for getting out Supreme Court paper books are not equalled by any other office in this section. We can get out 30 pages a day if necessary, but we prefer not to do it at that rate. Bring in your orders now. If everybody waits to the last day, we cannot fill all the orders.