

Co-Superintendent's Report of Schools in Columbia County.

The county institute was a success. The instructors were Drs. J. B. DeMotte, L. B. Sperry and J. P. Welsh, Prof. L. A. E. Crouther, C. M. Parker, Wm. Noetting, H. Albert, and Henry R. Russell, Miss Ella Richardson, and Mrs. Ella Greene. Evening entertainments were lectures by Dr. DeMotte, Levin Irvin Handy, Col. Bain, and the Ollie Torbett Concert Co. gave a concert. Local institutes as usual were held during the year, and brief accounts of them were given at the time.

The directors, as a rule, are doing commendable work. Seven substantial school houses with modern improvements were erected. One each in Benton, Briar creek, Fishing creek, Greenwood, Hemlock, Locust, and Pine. Berwick built a substantial addition to the Market street building at a cost of \$10,000. Many houses were repaired and better furniture and more apparatus were put into several. Some districts were unable to comply fully with the law regarding out buildings, yet this receives closer attention and all desire to comply with the law.

Berwick, Bloom, Catawissa borough, Centralia, and Conyngham each had a nine month term of school; Millin, Montour, Millville, and Scott each had an eight month term; Fishing creek, Benton, Briar creek, Catawissa township, and Orange each had a seven month term; the other fourteen districts had the minimum term of six months. Every district did something to advance the schools, and a stronger and better educational sentiment everywhere prevails.

An examination of the secretaries' annual reports shows that the amount of money expended in Columbia county last year for free text books was \$12,288.97, for teachers' wages \$60,074.10, for all school expenses \$117,821.24. The estimated value of school property in the county is \$264,200.00. From these annual reports we find that the daily attendance of pupils in 20 districts was greater than during the previous year, in five districts the daily attendance was less. The state appropriation for 12 districts was greater than the preceding year, and for 12 districts it was less, due to the triennial change of base for distribution. In 10 districts the average salary of male teachers was increased; in 5 districts it was decreased, and in the remaining districts it was the same as last year. The average salary paid lady teachers was increased in 11 districts, and was decreased in but 1 district, being the same as last year in the remaining districts. In 19 districts the cost per month of educating each pupil was increased, in 6 districts it was decreased. The highest amount paid per month for each pupil was \$3.85—the amount paid in Berwick; the lowest per month was 56 cts.

The tax rate for school purposes in 5 districts was greater than the preceding year, in 10 districts it was less, and in the remaining districts it was the same as the year before. The highest rate levied was 13 mills in but one district; the lowest rate was 1 mill and this in but one district. I have always urged directors to abolish having principals and assistants in lower grades in graded schools. Berwick, Bloom and Centralia recently did so and better work is accomplished. The majority of our teachers are faithful, conscientious and progressive. A few, still hoping to continue teaching by the eternal efficiency of higher grade certificates, are neither progressive, qualified, nor disposed to qualify themselves. Directors, however, as a rule, more carefully select teachers and ability and skill more generally prevail. Hereafter teachers with provisional certificates will be marked in the practice of teaching as in the subjects. This was the year to renew professional certificates. It was necessary to refuse to endorse several. One teacher refused to be examined and had to resign his position. Proper and legal objections were made to his application for state certificate. These objections stand against him and for the good of the schools and for the information of school officers and teachers I have asked the Department of Public Instruction for a decision in the case.

Directors will please see that all teachers employed have proper and legal certificates. Free text-books give general satisfaction, and it is a fitting thing to introduce a graded course of study into the ungraded schools of the county and we hope to have such a course ready by the beginning of the coming term. It should be said here that in some of the teachers' old report books may be seen pasted on the inside of the cover, a plan of work, or course of study, with instructions to the teacher arranged by ex-Supt. Wm. H. Snyder. A careful reading of it will convince anyone that it was thoughtfully arranged and must have done much to systematize and better the school work of the county. The former Board of County Commissioners claimed that money was too scarce to fit up an office for the County Superintendent. The present Commissioners may very properly claim the same thing and it may be some time before arrangements are made for this office. However, the Commissioners have assured me that it will be done as soon as convenient and possible. The instruction in physiology, language, read-

ing, arithmetic and drawing is improving. The High Schools of Berwick, Bloom, Catawissa and Centralia sent out a number of graduates. The normal continues to make improvements, to have a large attendance, and to graduate large classes. It might be of some interest to the public to know that the papers that are handed in by applicants at examinations are always preserved for future reference. Any applicant can look over his papers at any time. When there have been doubts in the applicant's mind about the kind of work done at examinations, they have been clearly and successfully removed by an inspection of the papers. The method gives entire satisfaction.

I desire to thank the directors for my unanimous re-election at an increased salary, the Department for courtesies and counsel, those papers of the county that aided the school work, and I desire especially to thank those directors whose fairmindedness and loyalty to their trusts and the teachers whose fidelity to their positions and hearty sympathy and co-operation made the year's work easier and successful. And to all the people of the county at whose hands I received during the year the kindest treatment and the most generous hospitality my sincere thanks are gratefully tendered.

WILLIAM C. JOHNSON, County Supt.

Lippincott's Magazine For Sept., 1894.

The complete novel in the September number of Lippincott's is "Captain Molly," by Mary A. Denison, and it deals with the philanthropic work of the Salvation Army. The heroine, a banker's daughter, leaves a luxurious home to dwell for a time in Paradise Flats, and tries, not without success, to alleviate the miseries of her neighbors there; the hero follows her in disguise, and the tale comes to an orthodox end.

The three short stories are of unusual merit. "Josef Helmuth's Goetz," by Frederick R. Burton, is a weird tale of a too imaginative musician and of a violin which imprisoned a human soul. Will N. Harben does his very best work in "The Sale of Uncle Rastus," a slave whose devotion to his master assumed a unique form. "On Second Thoughts," by Lalage D. Morgan, is a love-story with an uncommon ending, for the young lady's heart was finally controlled by her head.

Laura A. Smith writes of "Songs of the Battle Field," and gives specimens of them, music as well as words, from many lands. "How I Found the Baron," by Edward Wakefield, describes a queer piece of semi-political history, including a dangerous expedition through the wilds of New Guinea. In "Head-Lines," W. T. Learned collects and comments on some of the worst liberties of the American press.

"The Evolution of the Heroine" is a pleasant literary essay by Professor H. H. Boyesen. The "Human Horses," treated of by Walter Rogers Furness are the jirrickisha-bearers of Japan. F. K. Henry writes of "Inconsistent Franchises" in the mingling of trusts with insurance. In "Talks with the Trade," the editor discusses "Writers and Typewriters." The poetry of the number includes a sonnet by Titus Munson Coan, and quatrains by Frank Dempster Sherman and Charles G. D. Roberts.

All the talk in the world will not convince you so quickly as one trial of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for Scalds, Burns, Bruises, Skin Affections and Piles.—W. S. Rishton, Druggist. tf.

Mars Wants Us, Perhaps. According to an exchange the planet Mars, which is distant from the sun 141,000,000 miles, and only 40,000,000 miles from the earth, has certainly stirred up a war of debate among the astronomers of the earth. Despite the explanation by Percival Lowell, of the Flagstaff Observatory, of the newly discovered shining specks as the reflection of Martian snow caps, Professor Wiggins, the ex-professor, persists in his belief that our neighbors upon that planet are signaling to us. "There is the best scientific evidence," he declares, "to prove that man is a native of Mars and lived there millions of years before he was transplanted to the earth, leaving the greater part of the human family behind. The Martians regard us as their lost brethren, and have been searching for us for thousands of years. They have been especially hopeful since they saw the electric lights in our cities. We will be able to converse with them by signals before another century passes." Professor Wiggins' prophecy may be stuck in the hat-band; but his words evoke the conjecture that, since the earth presents the phases of the moon to Mars, the lights of New York and Brooklyn, especially the great Sandy Hook searchlight, might possibly be seen as a light spot from Mars with the aid of a great telescope.

Fruit culture is more profitable to the farmer now than his other crops. Brown Bros. Co., the most extensive nursery house in the U. S., have a variety in this section. Write them at Rochester, N. Y., for their terms.

BECAME HER BROTHER'S BRIDE.

A remarkable tale of how a man married his sister to save her from the disgrace brought upon her by another man was told in court recently by Robert H. Archbald, a convict, who is serving a year's sentence for bigamy. He was called as a witness in the suit of his second wife, Mrs. Joseph D. Archbald for an annulment of his marriage.

Archbald had pleaded guilty to bigamy before Recorder Smyth, October 11. At that time it appeared that he had been married to Miss Mary Prior, November 25, 1878, and had married Miss Joseph D. Meade on April 2, 1893, without the formality of having secured a divorce from his first wife.

When Archbald was called to the stand he said:

"I was never married to my first wife, Judge."

"Why did you plead guilty, then?" asked the Judge.

"I did it at the advice of my lawyers to save Miss Meade's name being bandied about in the newspapers."

He admitted that he had gone to the church and that a ceremony had been performed there by a clergyman, Michael J. Prior, a brother of Miss Prior and Mary Powers, were also present.

Although his name appeared in the marriage certificate, Miss Prior and her brother were married under his name in order to protect Miss Prior, who was in a delicate condition through Archbald. In order to deceive her family he and she lived together for some time after their marriage.

Archbald said that Miss Prior suggested the substitution of her brother. She afterward left him, and he married Miss Meade, thinking the other marriage invalid.

The Judge granted the divorce on the ground that Archbald and Miss Prior were, by living together, married by common law.

No Griping, no Nausea, no Pain, when DeWitt's Little Early Risers are taken. Small Pill. Safe Pill. Best Pill.—W. S. Rishton, Druggist. tf.

BOOK-BINDING.

Bring your Magic City, Dream City, or any other World's Fair pictures to this office, and have them handsomely bound for one dollar. Orders taken for all kinds of book-binding. Bring your books here, or leave order and they will be called for and delivered. Our work is done by the Sunbury Bindery, and it costs no more to order from us than direct from the Bindery. tf.

Headache is the direct result of Indigestion and Stomach Disorders. Remedy these by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers and your Headache disappears. The favorite Little Pill everywhere.—W. S. Rishton, Druggist. tf.

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Small in size, great in results: DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Best pill for Constipation, best for Sick Headache, best for Sour Stomach.—W. S. Rishton, Druggist. tf.

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Legal Advertisements.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the following account has been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County and presented to the said court on the last Monday of September A. D. 1894, and confirmed, and unless objections are filed within four days thereafter will be confirmed absolute. The first and partial account of A. P. Young, Trustee of Amanda Cox. G. M. QUICK, Prothy. Aug. 21, 1894.

NOTICE. To James Boone and all whom it may concern. Take notice that a petition has been presented to the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, setting forth the execution by Joshua Haines, of a mortgage on a tract of land in the Township of Bloom, County of Columbia, Penna., bounded by the Susquehanna river, by lands late of Benjamin Boone; lands of Samuel Boone, and lands of Thomas Malone, containing 106 acres, and allowances; payable to James Boone; to secure payment of \$5000 in six successive annual payments of \$500—each, beginning A. D. 1881. Said mortgage being recorded in the office for recording deeds, &c., at Bloomsburg, in Mortgage Book No. 5, page 86, &c., and that by reason of lapse of time the legal presumption of its payment exists, and no satisfaction appears on the record thereof; and praying the Court to decree satisfaction of said mortgage to be entered of record, in the event of non-appearance of any person to answer the said petition at the next term of said Court to-wit: The first return day of September Term, 1894. JOHN MOURRY, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Bloomsburg, Pa., August 22 1894. 8-20-94

NOTICE. At an election of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg Water Company held July 31, 1894, it was decided to increase the capital stock from \$90,000 to \$180,000. By a resolution of the board of directors of said company, at a meeting held Aug. 1, 1894, an assessment of 30 per cent. of said increase was laid, payable within thirty days from Aug. 1, 1894. The present stockholders have the privilege of subscribing for one share of the new stock for each share now held, payable at time of subscription. The Treasurer will be in the office of the company from four to five and from seven to nine o'clock P. M. daily. F. M. EVERETT, Secretary.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE

REAL ESTATE.

In pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Penna., the undersigned, one of the administrators of the estate of Sylvester Pursel, late of the township of Hemlock, in said county, deceased, will expose to public sale at the homestead of said decedent on tract below mentioned as number one, in said township of Hemlock, on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, '94, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, the following described real estate, to-wit:

No. 1. A tract of land, homestead of said decedent, situate in said Hemlock township, bounded by lands of Isaac G. Pursel, estate of Mrs. Mary Unangst, deceased, other lands of said decedent and Reuben B. Guild, containing about

1 1/2 ACRES, and eighty perches, more or less, upon this tract there are a large

STONE DWELLING HOUSE, with kitchen, etc., a wooden tenant or farmer's house, a large frame bank barn with straw shed, wagon shed, and other out buildings. It is largely under cultivation, has apple orchard and other fruit trees, and is well watered—situated about two and one-half miles from Bloomsburg. A grant or lease of iron ore etc., therein held by William Neal and sons or others.

No. 2. A tract or piece of land adjoining the above mentioned tract No. 1 on the eastward, and bounded by the same, and lands of Peter A. Evans and others, containing about

3/4 ACRES, all or nearly all under cultivation. A grant, lease, or reservation of iron ore etc. therein, held by the Bloomsburg Iron Company or others.

No. 3. A tract of unseat land, in said Hemlock township, bounded by lands of Isaac G. Pursel, Reuben B. Guild and others, containing 3/4 ACRES and fifty-four perches, more or less. A grant, lease, or reservation of iron ore, etc. therein, held by William Neal and sons, or others.

No. 4. A certain piece, lot, or parcel of ground, situate in Wedgetown, said township of Hemlock, containing one-fourth of an acre, more or less, bounded on the north by an alley, south and east by road, and west by public road leading from Bloomsburg to Jerseytown, upon which there are a one and a half story DWELLING-HOUSE, frame stable and well of water with fruit trees, etc.

No. 5. A tract of unseat land in said Hemlock township, bounded by lands of Hugh D. McBride, I. G. Pursel and others, containing 3/4 ACRES and sixty-nine perches, more or less. In which the decedent owned the undivided one-half of the surface and the undivided one-fourth of the iron ore. Grants or leases, or reservations of iron ore, etc. therein, held by William Neal and sons, H. D. McBride, or others.

Tract No. 1 is a desirable and valuable farm property, located conveniently to market. No. 2 is a valuable and conveniently located tract of farm land. No. 4 is a village dwelling property. Nos. 3 and 5 are wood tracts. All the right, title and interest of the said decedent, in and to the aforesaid lands will be exposed to sale as aforesaid.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten per cent. of one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; the one-fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmation of sale; and the remaining three-fourths in one year thereafter, with interest from confirmation nisi. All crops in the ground reserved. Purchaser to pay for deed.

P. D. DENTLER, Adm'ristrator, Bloomsburg, Pa.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to distribute the fund in the hands of Jeremiah Snyder, Administrator cum testamentary powers of the estate of Isaac G. Pursel, deceased, will sit at the office of W. H. Rhawn, Esq., in the Town of Catawissa, in said County on the 10th day of September, 1894, at ten o'clock A. M., to perform the duties of his said appointment; where and where all parties interested may appear and present their claims or be forever barred from coming in on said fund. R. RUSH ZARR, Auditor. 8-17-94.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to distribute the funds in the hands of D. B. Federoff, Administrator, as shown by his first and second accounts, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, on Monday, September 17, 1894, at 10 o'clock A. M., to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all persons having claims against said estate may appear and prove the same, or be forever barred from coming in on said fund. J. B. ROBINSON, Auditor. 8-21-94.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to distribute the funds in the hands of the Administrator of the estate of Peter Swank, late of said county, deceased, to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit, at 10 o'clock A. M., to perform the duties of his appointment at the office of Grant Herring Esq., in the Town of Bloomsburg, said County, on the 13th day of September, 1894, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day; when and where all parties interested may appear and be heard or be forever barred from coming in on said fund. FRED IKELER, Auditor. Aug. 10-94.

CHARTER NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on the 18th day of September 1894, by John K. Lockard, George M. Lockard, Richard W. Oswald, Grant Herring and William F. Meigs, under the Act of Assembly, approved April 29th, 1874, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Bloomsburg Car Manufacturing Company," the character and object of which are a corporation for the purpose of manufacturing iron or steel, or both, or of any other metal, or of any article of commerce from metal or wood, or both, as provided by Paragraph IV, clause 17, Section 1 of the Act of 29th of April, 1874, and for these purposes to have, possess, and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and supplements thereto. GRANT HERRING, Solicitor. 8-24-94.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Mary E. Covanohoran, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administratrix, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, or those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to LIZZIE G. GRAY, Administratrix. 7-27-94.

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