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The Annual Report of Dr. J. P. Welsh, of the Bloomsburg State Normal School.

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Hon. N. C. Schaeffer, Supt. Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—I beg leave to submit to you the following, as my annual report for the school year ending June 26, 1895.

We had in attendance during the past year seven hundred and thirty-one different students. Of these one hundred and forty five were graduated. This formed the largest graduating class the school ever had, and it is believed to be the best. The class was divided into small sections and carefully trained. They put about half their time on professional work. The model school work was especially satisfactory.

The trustees of the school, last January employed a special teacher to introduce the Pollard Synthetic or Phonic Method of teaching children to read.

There were two reasons for doing this. One was to test the results of the method by placing a class of children under daily instruction in it. The other was to give the members of the senior class, many of whom will secure schools in cities and boroughs where the method is in use, a chance to learn how to use it.

The teacher, Miss McMullan, of Marshalltown, Iowa, brought the experimental class at the end of about twelve weeks before an assemblage of patrons and trustees, and explained somewhat of the nature of the method and of the work done by the class, and tested the class to show results. The result was very gratifying to all present, and it was decided to continue the work to the end of the year.

Every senior received the instruction without charge; interested teachers in neighboring towns were accommodated by the organization of special classes, and in the end it was decided to adopt the method and use it throughout the Model School during the following year. The coming senior class will also receive special instruction in this phonic method.

Early in the year two important pieces of machinery were added to the Manual Training Department; a lathe, and a fret saw. Both proved very useful and attractive. More machinery is to be added for next year. It is run by steam power. A new dormitory for the use of employees has just been completed. It was greatly needed. The entire basement of this new building which is 40 x 80 feet has been fitted up as a new laundry. The growth of the school made it impossible to continue longer in the old laundry which in size and appliances was suited to accommodate the needs of the institution when it had only half its present number of students.

The grounds in front of this building have been laid out in terraces and present a most attractive appearance. The building is a fine structure and adds greatly to the appearance of the back campus.

The athletic field, and the gymnasium to which it is adjacent, form a wholesome attraction for students who are inclined to devote themselves too exclusively to their books. No tendencies to neglect duty for athletics have yet appeared in the school.

The changes in the course of study and the enlarged examining board are improvements, so far as this school is concerned. Fifty-four post graduates returned to the school during the past year to take advanced work. The examining board was able to do its work with greater satisfaction than ever before. The only instance in which there is danger of injustice being done to candidate now grows out of the assigning of subjects to the examiners. When allied subjects are assigned to two different examiners, the candidate may receive two negative votes, although he may be deficient in only one kind of knowledge. For instance, when one examiner has history, and another civil government, two subjects allied in character and in the kind of training they afford, two negative votes may be given although the candidate may be sufficiently strong in all other respects. A student weak only in mathematics, may receive two negative votes when arithmetic and algebra are in the hands of separate examiners. In either case one examiner could presumably judge better of the standing of a candidate than two. In most every particular the plan seems to give promise, when modified by experience, of bringing good results.

The prospects for the coming year are exceedingly promising. Not only will there be a large attendance, but there is promise of a much better trained class of new students than we have ever before had. It is gratifying, too, to be able to report that

there will be almost no change in the faculty for the coming year. This insures the more successful carrying forward of plans for improvement in various departments. Yours truly,
J. P. WELSH.

Laurel Hill Park.

Among the many posters advertising picnics, &c., there are none more inviting than that of the P. O. S. of A. They go August 3rd, 1895, to Laurel Hill Park above and near Scranton. The round trip to the Park is to cost but \$1.35 including admission to the Park, which considering the distance and circumstances is very low. The Park, while one of the wildest, is one of the best equipped of any to which picnics are drawn. Plenty of wild scenery, plenty of fresh spring water, plenty of fresh cool shade, plenty of conveniences of all kinds in the way of eating, drinking, resting, sleeping, etc., and the journey to and from this Park from Bloomsburg is, as everyone knows, through beautiful scenery and historic ground. Make a little inquiry and you will find this to be picnics of picnics for those who love nature, comfort and cheapness. A first class orchestra, fifteen pieces, will accompany the excursion. X.

A SENSATION AT CENTRALIA.

A STORY OF FOUL PLAY THAT WAS EXPLODED BY CORONER LENIHAN.

Early in the present month a young Polish woman who gave her name as Mary Ryns, came to Centralia, from Olyphant, Pa., in search of a man whom she said was in honor bound to marry her. She found a temporary home with the family of M. Zirnovack, and on Monday morning last she became the mother of twin babies. Somehow, the story got abroad that the children had been foully dealt with, and Deputy Coroner Lenihan, empaneled a jury and investigated the case finding that there was no truth in the story, and that both babies had died from natural causes.

The woman's betrayer, a fellow countryman of hers, has skipped out from Centralia, and his present whereabouts is unknown.—Ashland Local.

BECAME SUDDENLY RICH.

A. S. RUHL, BY THE INVENTION OF A RAIL SPLICE, WILL RECEIVE \$80,000.

A. S. Ruhl, a poor man of Sunbury, has become suddenly rich through the invention of a rail splice which he had patented about a year ago. The splice is a mechanical device used for fastening rails on the railroad tracks. The Pennsylvania Railroad company made a thorough examination of the splice and pronounced it a success. The tests were made at Williamsport and Allegheny City. The company was about to close a deal with Mr. Ruhl when the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad stepped in, offering the gentleman \$80,000 for the right to use the splice and a per cent. royalty. Mr. Ruhl accepted the offer and the deal was closed to-day.

CAMP-MEETING.

The Rupert District Camp meeting will commence July 26th, Friday, and will continue ten days under the leadership of Rev. William H. Brown, the Presiding Elder of the First District, assisted by Rev. Dr. Asbury, the Presiding Elder of the Second District, of Pittsburg. The Doctor will preach Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Father Henson and H. Johnson will be there, and others during the meeting. There will be meeting every day through the week in the afternoon and night. Good order, good preaching and good singing. All are invited to come.

Ton of Coal Fixed by Law.

One of the laws of widespread interest in Pennsylvania signed recently by the Governor is that fixing 2240 pounds as a ton of coal. Dealers who sell less than that can now be fined. In some parts of the State dealers have been giving only 2000 pounds for a ton, and the complaining housekeeper could not easily get redress. Now the exact ton is fixed by law and coal dealers will have to look sharp lest they tumble into a trap by giving light weight.

The Third Annual Excursion from the Fishingcreek Valley to Atlantic City will be run over the Reading's Royal Route to the Sea, on Thursday, Aug. 22, 1895, rain or shine. Comfortable coaches, smokeless locomotives and lowest rates of fare. Wait for the big excursion, join the crowd ocean bound and enjoy a grand outing down by the sea. Everybody is invited and there will be ample accommodations for all.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

NORMAN HENDERSHOTT JR., KILLED BY PUTTING HIS HEAD OUT OF A CAR WINDOW.

On Thursday of last week a merry party of picnickers left Bloomsburg on the B. & S. railroad for Wynona Park in Sugarloaf township. The party was made up of the Presbyterian congregation and Sunday School, and any one else who wanted to go. All went well until a short distance this side of Benton, when a hot box attracted some attention, and a number of passengers put their heads out to see it. They were cautioned by the brakeman, and several of the younger ones were forcibly drawn back from the windows. As they neared the Benton bridge warning was again given. Norman Hendershott, only son and child of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hendershott of this town, was among those who were looking out. He was evidently out nearly to his waist, and resting on his elbows. He either did not hear, or did not heed the warning, and as the train entered the bridge he was struck on the side of his head by the end of a bolt in the bridge timber. He was rendered unconscious and remained hanging out of the window until after the train had passed Benton, when it was discovered that he was seriously injured. As the nearest physician was at Jamison City, he was taken there, and a doctor called, who directed a telegram to be sent to the boy's parents, to come and to bring their own physician. Mr. and Mrs. Hendershott immediately started up on a special train, with Dr. Gardner. They reached Jamison City at 12:31, but their boy had breathed his last just six minutes before their arrival. The remains were brought down home by special train at three o'clock. The funeral was held at the residence on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby.

This is a peculiarly sad case. Norman was eighteen years old, and was a student at State College. By his death the bereaved parents are left childless. They have the sympathy of the community.

THE TOWN CHARTER.

To the Columbian:

I notice in your paper of last week an article on the "Change of Town Charter," in which are mentioned three complaints made concerning the present organization, namely, the difficulty of telling what laws concerning boroughs apply to this town; electing the whole council each year; and the cumulative system of voting. It seems to me that all of these points are as to matters that ought not to be dropped from our town charter. If we were organized under the general borough laws we would be subject to every new borough law, whether we wanted it or not. All of these laws are passed as general laws, but each one is introduced by somebody who wants it only for a particular case.

If old members of the council are not retained from year to year, it is the fault of the voters and not of our town laws.

The system of cumulative voting has been in operation here for twenty-five years, and seems to have given general satisfaction. Why should we make any changes?

CITIZEN.

K. G. E. EXCURSION.

Theta Castle No. 276 K. G. E. will give an excursion picnic to Island Park to-morrow (Saturday). Trains will leave the D. L. & W. depot 7 A. M. Fare, adults 60 cents, children 40 cents.

The prospects are good for a large turn out. Bloomsburg Cornet Band and Orchestra will accompany the excursion. Everybody invited. Tickets are on sale at Car Co. Store, Ringler's Drug Store, W. H. Slate's, J. W. Moyer's and J. R. Schuyler's.

One of the most horrible tales of modern times is being unearthed by detectives in the case Holmes, the man now in prison in Philadelphia. He procured heavy life insurance on the life of a man named Pitezel, and then, it is alleged, killed him. He is also charged with murdering Pitezel's three children in Toronto, and two women named Williams. The evidence thus far seems to show that he has murdered at least ten people.

Wednesday, August 7th, has been selected for an excursion to Wynona Park, by St. Colamba's church. Metherell's orchestra will furnish music. The usual price, 50 cents, will be charged adults; children under 12 free, if accompanied by parent or guardian.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Thos. Foreman, of the Wilkes-Barre "Record," spent last Tuesday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Buskirk of New York are visiting at H. P. Chamberlin's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gidding have returned from their summer trip.

The condition of Mr. Amos Buckalew is slightly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Unangst of New York are visiting relatives here.

J. W. Mears and Edward Moyer started on Monday, on their bicycles, for Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. John P. Haas and daughter, of Sunbury, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Purman.

Mr. Kimball of Springfield, Ill., spent last Saturday in town. He is an uncle of Mrs. Lee Hartman.

J. K. Lockard and wife, C. H. Campbell and wife, and T. D. White and wife spent a few days at Benscoter's pond this week.

Harold Neal, who has been camping with the Nimrod Club, went to his home in Harrisburg on Tuesday.

Miss Edith Reber entertained a party of young people at her home on Market street on Tuesday evening.

Albert Hendershott and Mrs. A. B. Jamison of Washington, D. C., came up last Friday to attend the funeral of their nephew, Norman Hendershott.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Oswald last Saturday, at the residence of Mrs. Oswald's mother in Berwick, where they have been visiting for several weeks.

W. B. Taylor's family is at Arbutus Park for an outing. Misses May Gilmore and Laura Metherell are with them, and they are enjoying themselves.

Mrs. Sarah Conner is quite ill at her home on East Street. Her sons, Dr. Conner of Wilkes-Barre, and W. Scott Conner of Trenton N. J. both came home to see her.

Hiram W. Thornton of Salem, Oregon, spent a day in Bloomsburg last week. For many years he was a clerk in McKelvey, Neal & Co's store, and later was connected with Peter Baldy's store in Danville. His many friends here were glad to greet him.

J. H. Coleman is preparing to build two double houses on East Fifth Street.

The Episcopal picnic at Wynona Park on Wednesday was not as well attended as it should have been, but those present had a very pleasant day. The weather was all that could be desired.

A telephone company, with a capital stock of \$10,000, has been organized in Lewisburg. The purpose is to extend the lines to every part of Union County, the central station being at Lewisburg.

Magdalena B. infant daughter of Charles C. Tate and wife of Williamsport, died on Tuesday evening of cholera infantum. Mr. Tate is a son of the late Col. Levi Tate who for many years was the editor of the Columbia County Democrat.

A dog belonging to Theo. Redeker bit the little daughter of Mrs. J. C. Kimble of Brooklyn who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Turnbach on East Street, on Wednesday morning. The child was bitten in the cheek. Dr. Rutter dressed the wound.

There were many people looking for huckleberries in the market on Tuesday morning, quite early, who went home disappointed. But about eight o'clock a wagon load came in, and went off like hot cakes. The wagon had the name "Barclay's Bakery, Millville," on the sides. There were four hundred quarts in the load.

It is announced that when the present contract runs out, the U. S. Government will cease furnishing envelopes with the return card printed on. It will then be done by local offices, as it should be. Every head of a family whether in business or not, should have a return card printed on his envelope, as, by a recent ruling of the post-office department, letters will be held (if not delivered,) thirty days in the absence of any outward instructions to the contrary.

There will be sufficient coal in Pennsylvania for several generations to come. The United States geological survey will show that 22 coal seams of commercial value have been found and named in the bituminous fields of the State. And the quantity of available coal in these seams has been estimated at a total of 33,547,000,000 long tons. As our average annual rate of coal consumption for the past five years has been 43,000,000 tons, Prof. Chance, of the geological survey, estimates the bituminous coal supply of Pennsylvania will last 330 years. This removes all cause of present anxiety.

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