

Annual Report of the Schools of Columbia County, Penn'a.

During the year the work done in the schools of the county was in keeping with the conditions underlying and governing them.

The county institute was one of the best ever held here, and it was the best in the attendance of teachers.

The local institutes were held during the year at Berwick, Buckhorn, Espy, Jamison City, Mainville, Millville, Numidia, Rupert and Stillwater.

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A graded course of study was prepared for the ungraded schools of the county, and was distributed at the last county institute.

It has been noticed during the past five years that of the young men and women who attend the examinations for teacher's certificates, those who are all round the strongest and most practically prepared, come either direct from the ungraded schools or from the country school after a term at the summer school or the Normal and stand higher and are stronger than are their sisters and brothers from our high schools with similar advantages.

In Fishingcreek township we have something of an illustration of what a district advanced school may accomplish. The directors finding it necessary to erect another building at Jonestown to accommodate all the pupils decided to locate the new building at such place as will accommodate all the larger pupils of Jonestown district and be convenient also for the larger pupils of adjoining districts in the township.

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During the year every school in the county was visited once, about eighty times, and a number three times. It was necessary to go a third time about fifteen miles in order to visit one school.

There were ninety-eight men and one hundred and forty-one women teaching in the county last year, and as we get it there were ten thousand and thirty two pupils enrolled in the schools. In five districts the average salary of male and lady teachers was more than it was the previous year, in eight districts the average salary of both was less, and in fifteen districts it was the same as the previous year.

Two hundred and thirty-two of the two hundred and thirty-nine teachers report that they take educational journals and read regularly books on professional subjects. This is a great improvement over a few years ago, and it shows in the work.

A poor teacher is dear at any price, but a good one is rarely, if ever, fully remunerated for his work, and should be retained even at an increase of salary.

The majority of the directors are doing commendable work, and are careful and faithful in the discharge of their duties.

In nearly all districts they are more careful in selecting teachers, and it is encouraging to state that most directors now fully realize that the little people in all schools should have the best qualified teachers.

The Berwick schools lead the county in the quantity and quality of apparatus with Catawissa borough a close second.

The Pollard System of teaching reading has been in the Catawissa schools and in two rooms in the Bloomsburg schools during the year.

The Berwick directors have established a Cooking Department in connection with their schools. It is ably conducted by Mrs. Kusil.

The object of this department is to train the young ladies of the High School and the Grammar grades in the art of cooking, and each class is instructed in this art for one half school day each week.

The people of Berwick are to be congratulated on having this department established in connection with their schools. It is the first of the kind in the county, and no doubt will, as it should, receive the attention and hearty support it so well merits.

Some of the Boards have decided to have music taught regularly in their schools. This is a commendable move, and if a teacher is engaged who is well qualified to teach music the results must be satisfactory and prove the wisdom of such action.

The High Schools of the county at the close of their terms graduated about the usual number.

The Normal continues to prosper, and this year graduated the largest class in the history of the school, namely, one hundred and forty five.

In conclusion, I desire to thank all who have aided in any way to make the year's work successful.

Respectfully, WILLIAM C. JOHNSTON.

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Each year at the institute a committee of five teachers is appointed to audit the accounts of the institute for the previous year.

I have the itemized, audited statements of these several committees and the receipts for all money paid out at each institute and any one at any time may examine the accounts of each and every institute.

It will be seen that the receipts at any one of our institutes never amounted to the sum received by Mr. Grimes at his last institute, and it will also be noticed that at no institute were our expenditures as great as were his at his last one.

The receipts of our institutes have been less than those of former ones because every year since we held institutes and not before there has been another lecture course in Bloomsburg, but notwithstanding this the people there have always generously supported the institute lecture course.

That we have been able to hold as good, or even better institutes, with less receipts and with a less expenditure of money than was formerly done needs no explanation from us.

Beautiful silk flags were presented by the Sons of America to the Berwick schools, and the Women's Relief Corps of Berwick gave to each school in Briarcreek township two nice ones.

This township continues to have a seven month term of school, at an increased salary to teachers, and has one graded school.

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WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, August 9, 1895.

Senator Gorman is evidently letting the other fellows do all the worrying about the situation in Maryland.

He has gone for his usual August stay at Saratoga. He was in Washington just before starting, and said: "The ticket is first-class in every respect, and the democratic party is to be congratulated. The trifling objections that are being raised against it are no more than were to be expected."

The truth is there is less objection than I expected, and much less than has often risen before when tickets were named, and the party majority has been larger than usual when the votes were counted.

I anticipate no more than the usual amount of difficulty in carrying on the campaign, and look for a good majority for Mr. Hurst and the other nominees.

There must always be disappointments in politics, but the party in the end will get together and win, as usual.

How many of the newspapers which make a practice of misrepresenting the acts and intentions of the administration, both at home and abroad, will make public the fact that the U. S. minister to China was the first representative of a foreign government to demand of China, at the time of the recent destruction of missionary property and massacre of missionaries, not only reparation for damage done and the punishment of those who did it, but the fullest protection for Americans temporarily residing in China?

This demand was made in June and its effect may be judged from the more recent massacre of English missionaries, which has started the British lion to roaring at the Chinese dragon at an awful rate.

In that massacre not an American was killed or injured, although they had a mission station near by that of the English who were killed.

Talk is cheap, but when it comes to acts this administration is not behind that of any other in the history of the country in protecting Americans and American interests abroad.

The fairness of the republican papers in your vicinity can be judged by the way they treat this Chinese incident.

It's brick houses to ginger cakes that most of them will ignore it entirely.

Secretary Morton has more than once shown that his ideas on public affairs are of the good, old Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson sort of democracy.

He has just given another instance of it. Some time ago he said to a newspaper man in regard to a proposition to pay a government bounty on agricultural products:

"If it will pay to raise and export agricultural products, there is no bounty needed. And if it will not pay to raise and export agricultural products no bounty should be given."

This did not please the editor of the New York periodical for whom the interview was secured.

He fixed up an answer to the Secretary's words and this week Mr. Morton received a proof of it.

In reply Secretary Morton has written him a short letter, from which the following paragraph, which is a nutshell statement of the whole bounty question, is taken:

"Be kind enough to explain to your readers how the bounty is to be raised to pay the producer of agricultural products for his exports, except by taxation upon the people.

Has the government of the United States a single dollar that is not taken from the pockets of its citizens by means of taxation?"

The bounty system is merely a modern application of "robbing Peter to pay Paul," and there is no doubt of its being class legislation of the most vicious kind, although it is difficult to convince those temporarily benefitted that it is.

She Was Particular.

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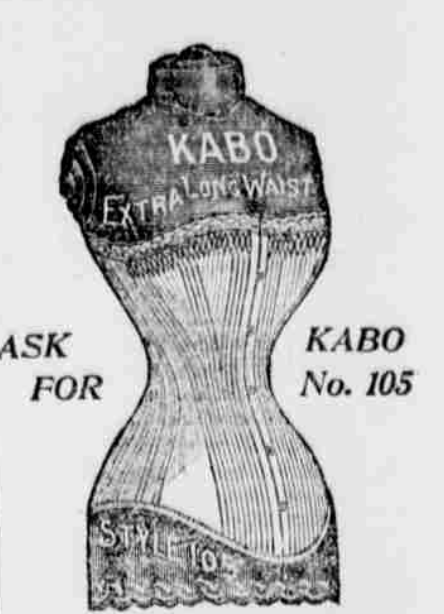
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