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The President's Message, sent to Congress on Monday, is printed on the second and sixth pages of this paper. It is an unusually interesting document, as it deals largely with the new questions that have arisen out of the war with Spain.

Queer Pennsylvanians.

It is useless for outsiders to attempt to measure the queer politics of Pennsylvania by the standards prevailing elsewhere. Here is a commonwealth filled with a good, honest, church-going people, and it carries on a heated political campaign upon the question whether a man who has been detected at various times in burglarious attempts upon the State Treasury, and who has made a practice of using banks as instruments for the transfer of public funds to his private pocket, shall be given absolute control of the State Government. After the issue has been fully explained and discussed, the people vote by 118,000 majority to make this acquisitive statesman their dictator. It is queer, but it is Pennsylvania. Let us humbly bow our heads and pass on.—N. Y. Journal.

The Official Vote.

D. R. Coffman, congressional return judge for this county, met the other return judges at the Court House on Friday. The soldier vote had not been received at their first meeting, hence the second meeting. The official vote for Congress is as follows:
Columbia County—Polk 4767, Woodin 3584, Caldwell 869.
Montour County—Polk 2096, Woodin 992, Caldwell 27.
Northumberland County—Polk 6619, Woodin 6784, Caldwell 791.
Sullivan County—Polk 1310, Woodin 1203, Caldwell 94.
The entire soldier vote for Congress in the district was 13. Northumberland county gave Polk 8 and Woodin 4. Sullivan county gave Polk 1.

State School Teachers and Pupils.

A statement prepared at the Department of Public Instruction at Harrisburg shows that there are 27,347 schools in the State and 28,080 teachers. The average salary of the male teacher is \$42.69 per month and of the female teacher, \$38.45. The whole number of pupils is 1,143,100, and the total amount paid for teachers wages last year was \$10,332,759.97. The increase in the number of schools was 641; decrease in salary of male teachers per month, \$1.03; increase in salary of female teachers, 34 cents. Delaware county pays the highest salaries, the average for male teachers being \$77.48, and for female teachers, 45.58. Susquehanna pays the lowest salaries.

PROGRAM.

Following is the program of the entertainment in the Methodist church to-morrow night:

PART I.

1. March Lefebure-Wely
Mrs. Fred Holmes.
2. "On to the Charge," Heine
Choir.
3. Male Quartet, "Medley No. 2," White
Messrs. Barton, Hartman, Ent and Yetter.
4. Reading, "Silence," Towne
Miss Grace Corell.
5. Anthem, "The Wondrous Story," Barrows
Senior Choir.
6. Glee, Now by Day's Retiring
Lamp," Bishop
Choir.

PART II.

1. Anthem, "Have Mercy Upon Me," Ogden
Senior Choir.
2. "A Very Bad Cold," Towne
Miss Williams and Mrs. Hess, Messrs. Barton and Eyer.
3. Solo, "Margarita," Lohr
Miss Mabel Peacock.
4. Quartet, "The Girl Who Sat Down on my Hat," Towne
Messrs. Barton, Eyer, Ent and Yetter.
5. The Laugh of a Jolly Good Fellow," Tracy
O. H. Yetter.
6. "Evening is Falling to Sleep in the West," Spence
Choir.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE. Continued.

THURSDAY.

The fourth day of the Annual Teachers' Institute opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. B. C. Conner.

Singing and Instruction, Prof. O. H. Yetter.

"Scientific Temperance" was ably discussed by Mrs. Anna M. Hammer. After two recitations by Miss Prudence Mendenhall, Dr. Neal addressed the teachers, on "The Educational System of China." It was an able address and of great value to the teachers.

The balance of the session was occupied by Dr. Jacques W. Redway on "The Correlation of Geography and Human Industries."

In the evening a large audience greeted the John Thomas Concert Company. The entertainment was first-class and thoroughly enjoyed.

FRIDAY.

The last session of the Institute convened at 9 o'clock. After music, by the teachers, Rev. G. H. Hemingway conducted devotional exercises, and made a short address on the scripture lesson.

"Common Emergencies of Life, and How to Meet Them," by Dr. Andrew Graydon. It was a valuable talk and was listened to with great interest.

Prof. O. H. Yetter led the Institute in music, after which Prof. D. H. Hartline made the closing address.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report:

WHEREAS, the past school year has been marked by improvements in the length of the school term in some districts and an increase of salaries in others as well as a general improvement along the line of education, therefore,

Resolved: that the teachers of Columbia county tender their sincere thanks to all who have in any manner, contributed to the welfare of the schools.

Resolved: that the thanks of the teachers of Columbia county are due, and are hereby tendered the citizens of Bloomsburg for their hospitality and cordial welcome during this Institute.

Resolved: that we extend our special thanks to the Trustees and Faculty of the Bloomsburg Normal School for the free use of their building during the sessions of this Institute, and for all other favors shown.

Resolved: that the Instructors of this Institute receive the thanks of the teachers of Columbia county for their untiring efforts in behalf of better education.

Resolved: that we believe a thorough study of the English classics recommended to the teachers of Columbia county will result in a more elevated line of reading, and broader views of English literature, and that we commend them to the teachers for careful study.

Resolved: that the thanks of this Institute are hereby tendered to all who have in any manner contributed to our entertainment and instruction during this week.

Resolved: that in the death of William H. Snyder, a former teacher in our ranks and for nine years superintendent of the schools of Columbia county, the cause of popular education has lost an ardent advocate, the teachers a sympathizing friend and the legal profession a faithful expounder.

BOYD TRESKOTT,
W. C. MAUSER,
W. E. ELMES,
SARA C. DISEROD,
HESTER BURR LEWIS.

Supt. Miller deserves the especial thanks of the teachers for presenting so strong a course and for his arduous and untiring labors in making the Institute an entire success.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY

Will Issue Clerical Orders for 1899.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that the issue of clerical orders will be continued for the year 1899 on the same lines as in effect at present.

Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the General Office by December 20, so that orders may be mailed December 31 to clergymen entitled to receive them. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergymen when made on blanks furnished by the Company and certified to by one of its agents.

The great six-day bicycle race started at New York at a little past twelve o'clock Monday morning. Eight countries are represented in the contestants, but United States comes in with the greatest representation, having eleven starters. Germany comes next with nine of her sons in the race. The other countries represented are: Sweden, with three men; Ireland, with three; France, with two; Switzerland, with two, and England and Canada with one each. Joe Rice of Wilkesbarre, who has taken second twice before is again in the race. He is looked upon this time as a probable winner. Joe has many friends in Bloomsburg.

The Luzerne County Commissioners have given notice that hereafter they will not allow the Court House to be used for any purpose except the regular court business. The political parties and reform movements will have to seek elsewhere for rallying places in the future.

John Lachman of Catawissa, met with a very serious and probably fatal accident on Sunday. He was picked up Monday morning in an unconscious condition under the railroad bridge between Rupert and Catawissa. It appears that he lost his balance while crossing the bridge and fell to the ground below, a distance of about twenty feet. He laid there all night, which of itself was almost enough to cause death.

The Musical and Literary entertainment in the M. E. Church Friday evening Dec. 9th, bids fair to be a success in every particular. Two popular readers from our town will give select reading and the present M. E. Choir will be assisted with the music by the M. E. Choir of twenty-five years ago. To the music loving people of Bloom., these two choirs need no introduction, a glimpse at the program will prove to you that a rich treat is in store for those who come, and since there is an abundance of room, every body should come. Admission 25c, and all under 15 years, only 10c.

HOOD'S Coupon CALENDAR

1899 is a perfect beauty, patriotic, up to date. Subject: 'AN AMERICAN GIRL.'

One of the handsomest pieces of color work issued this year. Lithographed, with border of army and navy emblems embossed in gold. Leave your name with your druggist and ask him to save you a copy or send 6 cents in stamps for one to C. I. HOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass. [Mention this paper.]

Remember

Hood's Sarsaparilla is America's Greatest Medicine for the Blood and the Best that Money Can Buy. Hence Take Only Hood's.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual election by the stockholders of the Farmers' National Bank, of Bloomsburg, Pa., to choose a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank on Tuesday, January 10th, 1899, between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcrest Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Luzerne County, Pa., will be held at the hall, Centre Grange, No. 56, P. O. of H. on January 9, 1899, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. for the election of two directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

TRIAL LIST

For December Term of Court, Commencing Monday, December 12th.

- David Llewellyn vs. C. W. Kline.
- Susan Cooper vs. Margaret Avera et al.
- Lloyd P. Fox vs. George Fox, Exr., et al.
- Susan Cooper vs. Daniel Miller.
- Martha A. Case vs. D. L. & W. R. R. Co.
- Wm. Case vs. D. L. & W. R. R. Co.
- Wm. Hoffman, Admr., vs. Wm. Hopper and Mary Hopper.
- Howard R. Snyder vs. James Magee, 2d.
- Dennison Brink vs. the Ewp. of Hemlock.
- The Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., of Middle Pa., now to use of Harry S. Knight, Receiver, vs. Bartold Kierhoff.
- Locust Mountain Coal & Iron Co. vs. George Wyatt.
- Robert S. Howell vs. Daniel Snyder and wife.
- Charles C. Evans, executor of John Hunt, deceased, vs. D. Z. Remsley.
- Mary Leshar, widow of Matthias Leshar, vs. Lehigh Valley Coal Co.
- John Rovats vs. Lehigh Valley Coal Co.
- Uriah Brooke vs. Christian Small, Jr.
- Wm. C. Spensler vs. Wm. Walp et al.
- Rebecca J. Martin vs. Boyd R. Yetter.
- J. B. Robinson vs. Benj. H. Karns et al.
- W. J. Mohr vs. Joe C. Eves et al.
- Simon Abels' use vs. B. J. Doyle et al.
- John O'Connor vs. Mid Valley Coal Co.
- H. E. Elston vs. Wilson U. Jury.
- W. M. Weaver vs. Henry Deighmiller and Hiram Sterling.
- Beneville Rhoads vs. G. W. Billig and W. M. Lemon.
- Theodore Yeager vs. W. H. Stebbins.
- Theodore Doster et al. vs. Elizabeth Johnson et al.

ARGUMENT LIST.

- Commonwealth vs. Hiram Albertson.
- Mary C. Kline vs. Rebecca J. Adams.
- C. D. Hamlin vs. N. E. Hamlin.
- David Naus vs. William Roudy.
- Simon Abels' use vs. B. J. Doyle.
- In re annexation of territory to Boro of Berwick.
- In re road in Catawissa and Main Twp., from river bridge to Mainville.
- Madison Township Poor Dist. vs. Bloom Poor Dist.
- Road in Greenwood Twp., near Heacock's R. R. Station.
- Road in Catawissa Twp., near Daniel Morris' barn.
- In re division of Briarcreek Twp. into two Twp's.
- Francis Evans, trustee, vs. Henry M. Martz.
- Metropolitan Collecting Co. and Danville Stove Mfg. Co. vs. Anna M. Berninger et al.
- Jeremiah Snyder vs. Christian Adams.
- Road in Franklin Twp., near Francis Ely's.
- Quaker City Watch Co. vs. H. R. Irvin, Deft., and Scott E. Fenstermacher, garnishee.
- Estate of John Michael, deceased.
- The Leader Co., Ltd., vs. Thos. Gorrey.
- C. C. Peacock's use vs. M. A. Albertson.
- J. E. Wilson vs. M. A. Albertson.
- Estate of Boyd A. Kille, deceased.

STAR CLOTHING HOUSE. XMAS GREETING.

Half the joys of gift making lie in the knowledge that your money has obtained full value. Our store is full of surprises, and no trash or old shop-worn goods.

- \$4.75 Buys a Suit of Clothes for father, brother, or grandfather.
- \$3.00 Buys a good Storm Reef-er, storm collar. Good Chinchilla, well linen.
- 19c. Buys boy's Knee Pants.
- 75c. Buys a Suit of Underwear, sold elsewhere for one dollar. They are good values.
- \$5.75 Buys a good Storm Coat, or Overcoat, warm and comfortable.
- \$1.95 Buys a pretty Veste Suit, for boys' wear.
- \$3.00 Buys a Suit of our Double Seated Knee and Ebony School School Suit.
- 25c. Buys an Outing Flannel Shirt or Cheviot.

House Coats from \$3.50. Bath Robes from \$3.00. These are only a few of the bargains now being offered during the holidays. We invite a call from you and we are sure you will find our goods will please you, in quality, price and style.

At Townsend's Star Clothing House. Holiday Life At This Store

At this time every storekeeper is disposed to say, "We have the largest and best stock." But is the saying so in an advertisement always the settlement of a fact? It is not we think, or what we want others to think, but as it is.

Year after year there is more common sense shown in the choosing of gifts. Useable things, that is the idea. And we use our wits to meet the demand in a liberal way. Useful things, to be sure, but beautiful as well.

China.

Our China you will find displayed through the centre of our store. We have never had such a pretty lot, or so much of it. We can give you at almost any price. Cups and saucers at 10c., plates at 10c. Usual asking price, double.

Silverware.

We have the same make of silverware we have always handled. Something that we can guarantee to you. 4-piece tea sets, from \$4.50 to \$10.00. These goods are worth a great deal more.

Pickle casters, sugar bowls, cracker jars, crumb trays, mugs for children, cake baskets, fruit baskets. Anything you need to make a table look nice, at prices one-third less than usual.

Dress Goods

For Christmas.

Our Dress Goods stock is too heavy. It must be reduced by Christmas, and the way to do it is to lower the prices.

- Dress Goods, worth 42c, at 29c.
- " " 56c, at 44c.
- " " 65c, at 58c.
- Special lot of Dress Cloth, all wool, at 23c.

Ladies', Children's Coats and Capes.

From Tuesday of this week until Christmas we will make special prices on our Coats and Capes. These prices will save you money. Our stock is complete.

Unusual Linen Value.

We call your attention to our lots of Table Linen. Worth 35c., 52 in. wide, at 25c. Worth \$1., 72 in. wide, at 75c.

Special Towels For Christmas.

A lot of figured Hucka Back Towels, large size, we have never offered under \$1.00 per pair, we put on sale this week at 50c. the pair. Don't miss them.

Our Furniture Department.

White Enameled Iron Beds, brass trimmed, with springs to fit, from \$3.50 to \$15.00. We will sell at these prices a short time. 28 different patterns in Fancy Rockers for Christmas, at prices that will save you money. We

sell our Furniture with no extra expense. This accounts for our prices.

Christmas Offer.

You will find these goods displayed in the window next to the grocery department:

Handsome hand-painted hair receivers, plates, trays, candle sticks. These goods have never been sold for less than 60c. We put them on sale Wednesday morning at 25c. each.

Toilet bottles we sold last Christmas at 79c., we put on sale Wednesday morning at 39c. each.

Footing and Laces For Hand'fs.

Ten different patterns and widths in footing tottrim handkerchiefs.

Neat, pretty edges of lace, with inserting to match, in any quality.

Outings.

We will put on sale another lot of those nice, soft Outings, worth 10c. the yard, at 8c. the yard.

Umbrellas.

There is nothing so nice and useful for Christmas as an umbrella. 98c. for a steel rod Gloria Umbrella. Would be cheap at \$1.50. We can please you. We show them as high as \$7.00.

F. P. PURSEL.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS' NATIONAL BANK, at Bloomsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business December 31, 1898.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$44,566 07
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	21 22
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	80 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	88,291 75
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	4,500 00
Other real estate and mortgages owned	1,067 48
Due from Nat'l Banks (not Reserve Apts)	10,166 08
Due from State Banks and Bankers	440 91
Due from approved reserve agents	15,597 18
Checks and other cash items	11,224 09
Notes of other National Banks	215 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cts	104 33
Total	\$350,663 16

LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:

Specie	\$10,492 05
Legal-tender notes	13,447 05
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	2,250 00
Total	\$26,189 10

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	11,716 73
National Bank outstanding	45,000 00
Due to other National Banks	1,895 44
Due to State Banks and Bankers	708 15
Dividends unpaid	1,425 00
Individual depos. subject to Ck. \$227,160 10	
Certified checks	1,361 61
Cashier's checks outstanding	995 57
Total	\$350,663 16

SPECIAL SALE!

Now is the time to get bargains. During the next 30 days we will give you many goods at and below cost. Wool Dress Goods that was 25c, now 15c. Dress Goods, from 50c. to 30c. Do not miss these special sales. We have just received new supply of pretty Coats, Capes and Fur Collarettes for ladies. Fur sets for children.

- Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, from \$5.00 up.
- Ladies' Coats, Capes, Separate Skirts. Coats for misses and children. In this line our stock is large. Prices low.
- Ladies' Fur Collarettes, from \$2.00 up.
- Our sales in Shoes increases daily. Ladies' Fine Shoes, from 79c. up. Gents' Fine Shoes, from 98c. up. Good Calicoes, 3c. Good Muslin, 3 1/2c. Our stock of Underwear is complete. We handle the celebrated Leather brand Stockings for ladies, misses and boys. Corsets, for 24c. up.
- Our Grocery Department is improving daily—adding new goods at better prices. Our whole stock is complete and prices always right. It will pay you to see our goods before you buy.

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