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DWELLING HOUSE DESTROYED.

The Local Fire Department Responded to the Alarm But Could Render no Assistance.

Our people were awakened from their slumbers at an early hour Friday morning by the sounding of the fire alarm. While making his rounds, night watchman A. V. Hower observed that the sky in the direction of Light Street was all aglow and thinking that it was a building on the outskirts of town, he hurried to box 13 and sent in an alarm. The fire companies responded with their customary alacrity and all the hose carriages were out ready for action, but realizing that the location of the conflagration made the use of their apparatus impossible, it being too far from any of the water plugs, the boys after reaching a point a short distance beyond the Town Hall, concluded not to go any farther.

The building, which was, with all its contents, entirely consumed, was the dwelling house of J. J. Musselman and was located on the left side of the public road leading from Bloomsburg to Light Street, probably one mile beyond town. Mr. Musselman and family were absent. They had left a day or two previous, leaving the property and some live stock in charge of Harry Zeigler, a young man residing just across the street. He had attended to everything the night before, and as there was no fire about the building the origin is indeed very strange.

The fire had reached an advanced stage of destruction before the Zeigler household was awakened, and had it not been for some hard work on the part of the people who had hurried to the scene, the Zeigler property would also have been consumed.

Mr. Musselman carried some insurance, but the indemnity will not cover the loss.

ESTIMABLE LADY DEAD.

Death relieved the suffering of Mrs. Harriet Roan shortly after nine o'clock at her home on East street, this town, Monday morning. She had been ill only a few days, suffering with a complication of diseases. Mrs. Roan was aged seventy-two years, seven months and five days. The following children survive. William Roan, of Orangeville, Mrs. Frank Rinker, George C. and Clark, Mrs. C. K. Taylor and Miss Elizabeth. The two last mentioned and Arthur Roan, a grandson, reside at home.

Few women were held in as high esteem as Mrs. Roan. She was of an amiable disposition, kind of heart, gentle of character and a true Christian lady, having been a charter member of the Baptist church and always manifested great interest in its success.

The funeral services took place from the house Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment was made in Rosemont Cemetery.

TWO YOUNG HEARTS UNITED.

Arthur Traub and Miss Catharine Richard Assume the Solemn Vows.

In the parlor of the residence of the bride's father, F. J. Richards, on Normal Hill, Arthur Traub and Miss Catharine Richard, were married Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. The couple, attended by Miss Julia, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, Howard Traub, brother of the groom as best man, and Miss Jennie, sister of the bride as flower girl, entered the parlor, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march rendered by Miss Delia Geisinger, of Espy, and took their places in front of the officiating clergyman, Rev. W. M. Fry-singer, who joined their hearts for life.

After the ceremony a supper was served. The guests included only the relatives and a few intimate friends of the families. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Traub departed on a trip to the eastern cities. After their return they will reside in Bloomsburg. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Traub, of Fernville.

HOLIDAY ADVERTISING.

Our columns are usually crowded with advertising, but during the holiday season they are taxed to the utmost. Those who desire space at that time should not wait until the last moment before placing an order for it, as we may have none left. The issues of THE COLUMBIAN of December 12th and 19th will be unusually desirable as an advertising medium, as a large number of extra papers will be circulated during those weeks. Engage your space now.

About two years ago we opened this bank, confident in the belief that our excellent equipment, careful attention to business and good service, would bring us good business. Our expectations have been more than realized by our remarkable growth and success. We extend our greeting to all our patrons and friends and respectfully solicit their continued patronage and good-will. To those who have not yet done business with us we extend a hearty invitation to give us a trial, assuring all of our best efforts to please.

THE Bloomsburg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

COUNTY INSTITUTE.

REPORTED BY THE SECRETARY.

TUESDAY—CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

Supt. Becht then delivered an interesting address on "Devices in Education." He said in part: One rule will not meet all the requirements of a school. Rules should arise from the occasion for the rule and should never be formal. The teacher is in danger when putting into operation a device which is not his own.

The spelling class may be interested by having each pupil find what he considers the most difficult word in the lesson which the boy at the foot of the class pronounces for the boy next to him to spell. The primary object of devices is to create an interest. A device for remembering the preamble of the Constitution is "flips." The prismatic colors may be remembered by the use of the letters "vibzyor." In the teaching of Geography more time should be spent on the essentials and less on the non-essentials. No class should be allowed to recite in geography without a map before it. Pupils should be encouraged to ask questions. The globe should not only be used in teaching mathematical geography but also in teaching comparative areas and relative positions. The senses should be trained. Pupils should be allowed to leave the room for two or three minutes, and on their return tell about what they have seen. The teacher has more to do with the device than the device itself, more in the fiddler than in the fiddle.

After music by the institute, Supt. Coughlin addressed the institute on "How to Study." Among other good things he said: All that we attain must come from the side of our own mental activity. It is a great hindrance to the progress of pupils if they are unable to read and understand the language of the text. Thoroughness should be put on the essential parts of the lesson. Pupils should be led to feel the importance and pleasure of a search after truth. It is necessary to keep the mind active on the thought side. The child should be taught to observe, record, infer and express. Knowledge should be so mastered that the child can use it, to gain available knowledge is the great problem of life. Every pupil should have an analytical power when he leaves school.

The afternoon session was opened with singing conducted by O. H. Yetter, after which "Imagination Reading" was discussed by Supt. Becht. He used as the basis of his remarks Nehemiah 8: 8. He spoke of the necessity of mastering the new words and understanding the thought of the lesson. The dictionary should be used more instead of less than any other book in the school. The position of the pupil and other mechanical acts should be attended to before the pupil begins to read, otherwise the continuity of the thought will be spoiled. The pupils should learn the peculiarities of the language of literature and also the mythical and historical allusions which are some of the characteristics of literature. The cultivation of the imagination is essential, as no one having a defective imagination is a good reader and is unable to catch the beauty of the thought.

The Institute was then favored with a duet by Messrs. Yetter and Barton.

"Knowing by Thinking" was then ably presented by Supt. Coughlin. In part he said: Teachers should establish a reputation in class-room work. What is the great end of education is a question that each one should answer for himself. It is a mistake to

develop the intellectual faculty only. Education should be measured by its utility. It is important to distinguish between the means we employ and the ends we hope to obtain. The results of the work in all branches should converge, not parallel. The teacher should have a high ideal. The child should be taught to be self-helpful so as to be able to support himself when he goes out into the world. Education should lead to the pursuit of happiness, the result of which is joy in old age, and by developing the altruistic spirit the child has faith in mankind.

A large number of teachers then repaired to the Carpet Factory where they were shown through the large factory, and the wonders of carpet manufacture were explained by the kind and obliging manager, Mr. Magee. The din of the machinery prevented the hearing of all that was said, but the eyes of every one were busy not only in viewing the marvelous and ponderous machines, but to catch the pleasant glances of the employees who seemed glad to see the visitors.

The evening lecture on "The Message of the Optimist" by Chas. B. Landis, Congressman of Indiana, was one of the best provided for the teachers of this county in recent years. It was replete with encouragement, making one feel that it is a great privilege to live at the present age, which is better in education, religion and politics than any age since the creation. Before and after the lecture the Berwick Band delighted the large audience with a number of beautiful selections admirably rendered.

WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday morning's session was opened by Rev. Dr. Fry-singer. The first period was occupied by Supt. George Howell, of Scranton, who presented the topic: "My Geographical House," in a very able manner.

After singing by the institute Prof. Hartline addressed the teachers on "Zoology for township High Schools." Among other things he said: The education which touches life at most points is of most worth. We should eliminate the old views of bygone days and introduce the new and progressive ideas. The first thing necessary in the teaching of Zoology is for the teacher to inform himself on the subject. This will require hard work, but the things that cost most in soul energy are worth most. The knowledge gained is available in the pupil's every day life. He will understand how the bacteria of plants cause typhoid fever and how to prevent the destructive work of caterpillars and other insects. One way to become informed is to take a Saturday course, either correspondence or at a nearby college or Normal School. Another source of information is in the collecting of specimens. The teacher should secure books on the subject which publishers have prepared in anticipation of the need of them. Field work is necessary. The student of nature should go into the fields and get the air and sunshine, keeping eyes, ears, mind and hearts open.

The enthusiasm of the boys and girls will be aroused by asking them to collect things for study. Animals, plants and insects may be collected. Insects are best because of their number and convenience in handling and preserving. What the teacher needs are ready and skillful fingers to carry on the work. The scientific method of getting at things is developed in the study of insect life. Birds are of great interest in this work on account of their songs, beauty, and the fact that they have souls which develop very much like those of men. Agriculture would be a complete failure without the help of birds. Supt. Coughlin then addressed the

convention in his usual animated manner on the subject "Biography in its Relation to Character Building." Character is a growth. Actions repeated become habits, and habits continued form character. Men are liable to become the mere creatures of habit. Youth is the impressive age. Manhood is the reflective period in which the impressions deepen into convictions. We are, and should be, in a sense hero worshippers. Books of great men who were once poor boys are of great value to young people. The character that will stand under pressure is the right one. Among the traits of character that may be developed by the study of great men are: patriotism, sympathy, self-sacrifice and purpose.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30. After singing by the Institute Supt. Coughlin delivered an address on "Thoroughness in Teaching." He said in part: The work of the teacher is more than hearing recitations. The effect of contact of mind with mind has a moral value that cannot be indicated on the report card. Questions in arithmetic should have a good moral tendency. Moral training is more useful in gaining a livelihood than the knowledge of the text book. When children are deprived of the privilege of attending school the loss of the disciplinary value of the school is to be lamented more than anything else which they may lose. Attendance in a good school means lessons in punctuality, order, system, regularity, opportunity to excel, recognition and approval, and equality.

There should be a demand for shorter school hours. Too much home work is not required of pupils. If all the work could be done in the school the teacher could determine whether the work was done thoroughly or not. The work of children should be simplified as much as possible. If a definite task is assigned to the pupil

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Provide your own Turkey, but allow us to do the dressing. The well dressed man on this, the Nation's Thanksgiving Day, always possesses a feeling of satisfaction that the careless dresser does not have.

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TABLES.—We have in all shapes—round, square, oval and in fancy shapes—solid oak and mahogany and the finest finish. They range in price from 75c. up to \$10.00.

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