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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

Prof. L. P. Sterner, Supervising Principal of the Public Schools, made his monthly report to the School Board last Friday evening. It is as follows:

The eighth month of the present school term ended last Tuesday with an enrollment of 1077. The average daily attendance for the month was exactly one thousand. The percentage of attendance of the pupils in the High School building was 97 1/2; in the Third street building 96, and in the Fifth street building, 97 1/4. There were but few cases of truancy during the month. The pupils' monthly reports were better this month than last, and I conclude that they are aware of the fact that the final examinations are near.

The senior examinations closed today. The questions were prepared with great care, and the results, excepting a few cases, were satisfactory. One senior was examined in the subjects in the Classical course, one in the English, two in the Normal and five in the Business course. I have tabulated the marks made by each one in each of the branches and will report these orally.

Our Commencement week this year will begin the first Sunday or second day of June. In the evening of that day, Dr. Ganoe has promised to preach the class sermon in the Methodist church. On the Tuesday evening following, June 4, we will have the annual contest in declamation, and on Thursday, June 6th, the Commencement exercises. If you decide to close the schools on Memorial Day, the term will end Wednesday, June 5th.

Since making my last report I have examined seven schools in spelling. Of the 264 pupils examined but three fell below eighty. Of 468 in 13 schools examined only five have fallen below the standard. This is a creditable record in this branch. The final examinations in Arithmetic will be held two weeks before the close of the term, and the other finals the last six days of the term. Some of the examination questions have been prepared, and the plan of holding the examinations has been carefully formulated.

Respectfully submitted,
L. P. STERNER.

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The Profanity Habit.

In all the catalogue of vices and sins there is nothing so senseless as the habit of swearing. It degrades a man without giving any recompense. A drunken man may forget for a time his troubles, or he may feel, briefly, a sense of exhilaration preceding the after period of remorse and shame, but the profane man derives no form of pleasure from his profanity. His is the shame without recompense, and if he feels no remorse, then so much the greater is his shame.

Profanity is the language of the illiterate and the vulgar. Our language is of such vast vocabulary that no educated man need employ profane words to help express his thoughts. One cannot conceive of a man like Roosevelt punctuating his conversation with profanity.

We now and again meet a man who is in all other particulars a gentleman, and yet who has fallen into the profanity habit to such an extent that the most disgusting oaths slip into his conversation unawares. Such a man is to be pitied, for his speech will constantly betray him. The oath slips out in the presence of ladies and with due embarrassment he apologizes. Apologizes for what? For not being a gentleman. The oath slips out in the presence of gentlemen and he forgets to apologize. The profanity habit is so senseless that any intelligent man should be ashamed to acquire it. Omitting entirely the religious aspect of the profanity habit, it indicates a lack of culture and a want of consideration for others inconsistent with gentlemanly conduct. And what doth it profit?

—Odd Fellows' Siftings.

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HARTZ, GOOSEBONE WEATHER MAN, DEAD.

For Forty Years He Had Forecasted Conditions in His Way.

Elias Hartz, of Reading, the famous goosebone weather prophet, died Saturday at the Friends' Asylum, near Philadelphia. Hartz was known all over the country on account of his peculiar weather prognostications. Mr. Hartz was 92 years of age and he has foretold the weather as indicated by the markings of the goosebone for nearly 70 years. Some months ago he was taken to the Friends' Asylum because of infirmities incident to old age. He gave goodby to many friends and said that he had made his last prediction from the goosebone. He was a picturesque old man; was personally known to thousands of people in Reading and Berks County and had a large number of followers, who, with him, never took any stock in Government reports but had implicit faith in Mr. Hartz's method of foretelling the weather. He received letters from all parts of the country.

He was born in western Berks, near the Lancaster County line, and when a youth was apprenticed to a miller, who had a local reputation as a goosebone weather prophet. Mr. Hartz always declared that the art of reading the goosebone correctly was a science, and he became an adept. For the last 40 years his forecasts have been eagerly looked forward to by the people of Pennsylvania and neighboring States.

It was his custom to select a goose born in the spring of the year. This he would carefully raise and watch until the following Thanksgiving Day, when he would enjoy the fowl for his dinner. On this date he would be besieged by neighbors, friends and newspaper men to give them his reading of the goosebone. No one ever questioned his accuracy, and if he predicted blizzards, severe cold weather and heavy snows, it was taken as a fact that that would be the state of the weather for the ensuing winter.

In January he would give a supplemental reading of the goosebone. Mr. Hartz never despised the lowly ground-hog and admitted upon all occasions that it was a valuable adjunct in determining the state of the weather.

He claimed that in his long career he only made one mistake, and that was when a wag mistook off on him the bone of a gander. After that he carefully looked after the goose from whose bone he made his forecasts. Farmers, particularly believed in his predictions and they frequently consulted him as to putting out their crops in spring.

About 10 years ago the country enjoyed a mild fall, and during the Thanksgiving season Mr. Hartz issued his famous warning, "Fill your coal bins," at the same time issuing a portent of a disastrous winter. Many laughed at Hartz. Hundreds took his advice. It was the severest winter in a generation, and Hartz's reputation was more firmly established than ever.

HUMAN HEAD DUG FROM RIVER BED.

Coal Diggers in Susquehanna Near Sunbury Find Head of Man in Bucket.

Men operating a coal digger in the North Branch of the Susquehanna River, near Boyd's station a little above Danville, shortly before noon last Saturday, dug up a human head. The discovery was made when the contents of one of the buckets on the endless chain of the machine were emptied on a flat and the employees noticed a mass of matted hair protruding from the combination of coal and dirt. When examined the object was found to be the head of a human being in a badly decomposed state.

From appearances the head had been in the water for a long time. It had been cut from the body close to the chin by a sharp knife and there were several stab wounds on both sides of the face. It is believed the head belongs to the headless body which was found floating in the river below Sunbury several months ago, sewed up in a burlap sack.

The gruesome discovery of the head was made by Frank Baylor, one of the employes of the digger, when it was seen to appear on the endless screen. The engine was at once stopped and the head left on the screen while Justice E. W. Young, of Riverside was notified. He in turn notified Coroner Dreher, of Northumberland county, who directed that the head be embalmed by the undertaker. This was done and later in the day a jury was empaneled, finding that they believe the man to whom the head belonged had been murdered.

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J. W. Moyer attended the convention of Golden Eagles at Harrisburg this week.

Work on the paving of Market Square is progressing, and it appears to be a good job thus far.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg Post Office: Mrs. Myra Lewis, Mrs. Elmira Lewis, Mr. L. W. McHenry, (2) Miss Lillian Rhoads, Mr. A. W. Wilson, Mr. E. Hurber Wright.

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The same booths but not the present ballot boxes can be used at the primary election on June 1st, next. The county commissioners have ordered new ballot boxes for the primary election. The law requires that all ballots used at a general election shall remain in the ballot boxes now in use and are not available for the coming primary election.

The organ recital by S. Wesley Sears in the Methodist Church next Tuesday evening should prove of unusual interest to Bloomsburg people, as Mr. Sears received a portion of his early musical training here while his father was pastor of the Church. He has since broadened himself considerably in his art, having studied abroad under Sir J. Frederick Bridge, the Organist of Westminster Abbey, and later under Charles Marie Widor, the distinguished French Organist and composer. Mr. Sears is Organist and Choirmaster of St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, a Church which for many years has been renowned for the excellence of its musical services. As many of our fellow townspeople as possible should take advantage of the opportunity of hearing him play the fine organ in the Methodist Church next week. Silver offering at door.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

The grand jury made its report to the Court on Friday as follows:

"That we have pursuant to our required duties, investigated all bills of indictment presented for our consideration, and have passed upon them according to their respective merits. We have also examined the public buildings and find the same are in a clean condition and we recommend:

"First. That the sheriff's office be repapered and painted.

"Second. The treasurer's office needs repapering and new linoleum.

"Third. We find the jail roof needs new trough.

"Fourth. Floor in corridor of jail to be replaced with concrete, also a new range and larger hot water boiler for the kitchen at the jail.

"Fifth. Also all wood work outside in front of the jail be repainted.

"All of which is respectfully submitted

JOHN W. FORTNER, Foreman."

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS.

Miss Mae Gross has been appointed valedictorian of the graduating class at the High School; Gladstone Hemingway, salutatorian, and Miss Mary Sullivan, class historian.

The closing exercises of the school will be held in the Normal Auditorium on the evenings of June 4th and 6th.

PARISH HOUSE SUPPER.

The members of St. Margaret's Guild will serve a supper at the Parish House on Saturday, May 18, beginning at five o'clock. Supper 25 cents; ice cream and cake extra.

MRS. L. M. SLEPPY.

Mrs. Mary Lilly Sleppy, wife of L. M. Sleppy, of East Fourth street, died at the Joseph Ratti Hospital on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, after an extended illness. She was the daughter of Joseph Lilly, of Light Street, who died some years ago, and she was born March 5th, 1856. Her husband and one son, J. Guy Sleppy, survive her.

The following brothers and sisters also survive: J. M. Lilly, of Wilkes-Barre; Rev. W. H. Lilly, of Jersey Shore; J. W. Lilly, of Seattle, Washington; Bowman Trowbridge, of Berwick; Mrs. A. P. Stoddard, of Orangeville, and Mrs. Etta Townsend, of Berwick.

The funeral services were held from her late residence Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The services and interment were private. Interment was made in Rosemont cemetery.

Mrs. Sleppy was a devoted wife and mother, and her death is mourned by a large circle of friends.

CATHEDRAL DEDICATED.

St. Patrick's cathedral, Harrisburg, Central Pennsylvania's most magnificent building, was dedicated Wednesday by the greatest assemblage of Catholic church officials and before the largest congregation ever gathered in Harrisburg. One hundred and thirty clergymen took part in the services and the congregation numbered 1,500.

The services opened with a procession of all the priests of the diocese of Harrisburg, which formed in the parish hall, in the rear of the cathedral, and proceeded around the cathedral on Church street, entering the cathedral by the center door, led by Mgr. J. J. Koch, of Shamokin. As they entered the cathedral, Mgr. Koch sprinkled holy water about the cathedral and returning to the altar sang the prescribed prayers.

The priests then moved to the rectory, and thence preceded the bishops and clergymen to the cathedral, the procession ending at the sanctuary, when Professor Frederick C. Martin, the organist, played a prelude. Bishop J. W. Shannon, of the Harrisburg Diocese, celebrated Pontifical High Mass, at the gospel of which the dedicatory sermon was preached by Bishop E. J. Garvey, of Altoona. At the close of the sermon the Gregorian Te Deum was sung.

Deeds Recorded.

The following deeds have recently been recorded by Recorder Miller:

C. W. Miller and wife to G. F. Dieffenbach for lots in East End Park, Bloomsburg; consideration \$500.

J. M. Robbins and wife to G. F. Dieffenbach for lot of ground in Bloomsburg; consideration \$275.

A. R. Pennington and wife to Edna Harrison for a lot of ground in Benton; consideration \$1200.

J. B. O. Coleman et al. to S. T. Seybert for lot of ground in Briar Creek township; consideration \$500.

J. S. Cole and wife to Ralph Cole and Harry Cole for 114 acres and 64 perches of land in Benton township; consideration, maintenance and support of grantors.

Charles Wanich and wife to Elsie M. Casperson for lot of ground in Espy.

Elsie M. Casperson to Susie A. Wanich for lot of ground in Espy.

Catherine Smith to Harry E. Smith for lot of ground in Berwick.

Ella G. Stewart to Daisy Mulliner for tract of land in Greenwood township.

James P. Pursel et al. to G. W. Yount for lot of ground in Bloomsburg.

Emanuel Diltz and wife to Lizzie B. Klinger for tract of land in Center township.

M. E. Stackhouse to Marks Graham for lot of ground in Bloomsburg.