



ATTENDANCE WAS LARGE

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Delegates Present from Many Districts in the County.—Three Sessions Held Daily.—The Order Increasing.

The County Sabbath School Association held its annual meeting in the United Evangelical church of this place, on Tuesday. Most all the Sunday schools in the county were represented.

The attendance was large, especially in the evening, when it was held in the Lutheran church on account of its greater seating capacity. The music at this session was excellent and came with power from the audience and choir, the latter being made up of members of all the town choirs. The address of state secretary, Dr. Roads, at this session, was lengthy yet interesting throughout.

The convention, we believe, has been productive of good to the great and all-important Sabbath school cause in our county.

All the churches of the town participated in the work of the convention, and the Scripture Exercises, during the afternoon session, by classes from the different schools of the town, was an interesting part of the program.

Altogether the convention was a success and an edifying affair. The cause was benefited. The large attendance went to their respective homes, glad that they were here.

The institution founded by Robert Raikes, of Gloucester, England, in the latter part of the 17th century, the ragged schools of London, has borne mightily, blessed fruit, and the cause is a never dying one.

The election of officers for the ensuing year is as follows:

President: Rev. A. Z. Myers, Phillipsburg.

Vice President: Rev. J. M. Rearick, Centre Hall.

Treasurer: Abr. Luckenbach, Belf.

Executive Committee: Rev. Rhoads, Rev. Aikens, C. M. Bower.

Delegates to the State Convention:

Rev. Hepler, Boalsburg; Prof. Gramley, Bellefonte; Rev. W. W. Rhoads, Centre Hall; Mrs. C. T. Aikens, Pinegrove; Miss Elsie Geiss, Centre Hall; Rev. Kershner, Centre Hall; Rev. Rearick, Centre Hall; Miss Emilie Alexander, Centre Hall; W. E. Grove, Lemont; W. A. Murray, Boalsburg; Mrs. Henry Kreamer, Centre Hall; Miss Winifred Wolf, Rebersburg.

Rev. A. A. Black, Boalsburg, corresponding secretary.

Committee of Enrollment: Rev. Rearick, G. W. Hosterman, Walter Kerlin.

Number of delegates present 46.

The convention convened with Rev. A. Z. Myers, President of the county organization presiding. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. W. Rhoads. Rev. J. M. Rearick then delivered the address of welcome, extending the courtesies of the community to the organization and the delegates. Rev. Charles Roads, General State Secretary responded. The music for the occasion had been specially prepared and a choir was made up from the various Sunday schools in the town.

The program published was not strictly adhered to owing to the inability of several who were unable to be present. With few changes however, the original outline was closely followed.

"Conference—Home Department Starting," was discussed in a learned manner by State Secretary Roads.

"Building up the Sabbath School" was the theme discussed by Rev. D. E. Hepler, of Lemont. State Secretary Roads followed by an address on the "Normal Class and Progress. Rev. A. A. Black, of Boalsburg, delivered an interesting address on "The Proper Use of the Proper Helps." "The Adult Bible Class," was handled by W. A. Murray, of Boalsburg.

A pleasing part of the program was the Scriptural exercise arranged by children from the several Sunday schools of Centre Hall, by that ardent worker for the cause, Rev. R. Crittenden, of Bellefonte. State Secretary Roads followed in an address adapted to the children.

Rev Roads handled his subject skillfully and touched upon many important points. Various questions touching upon this were propounded by delegates and a general discussion followed.

President Myers presented his annual report. He stated that the organization was progressing in the county and had met with general public approval. Four district organizations had been formed and a number of local conventions had been held at Pine Grove Mills, Boalsburg, Tusseyville, and Lemont. Through the organization he had come in closer touch with Sunday school superintendents all over the county, and he had hopes for even

greater future developments of the association.

The President then appointed the following committees:

Nominations.—Rev. Leisher, John Potter, Matthew Grove, Mrs. C. T. Aikens, W. A. Murray.

Place of holding the next Annual Convention.—Rev. C. T. Aikens, Dr. D. M. Wolf, Rev. Crittenden.

Committee on Resolutions.—Rev. Hepler, Rev. Black, Rev. Kershner.

At the afternoon session there was a very large attendance. The session was opened by devotional exercises conducted by Rev. G. W. Kershner.

A number of short addresses were delivered on practical topics consistent with Sunday school work, which were interesting and instructive to the attending delegates.

Owing to the large audience it was deemed advisable that the closing session be held in the Lutheran church, which afforded a larger seating capacity. This edifice was comfortably filled at the evening session.

Evening session opened by devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Aikens, followed by the report of Rev. Meyer.

The report of the committee on resolutions was read by Rev. Kershner, and approved by the convention. An interesting talk was given by Rev. Meyers, on Primary Bible School," after which a most instructive and entertaining lecture was given by Dr. Chas. Roads, on "The Parents Place in the S. S. and also "Teach the Little Ones to Pray," after which the convention closed, all feeling highly delighted with the success of the convention.

The following resolutions were adopted: Resolved,

1. That as pastors, teachers, officers and members of Christian churches, we renew our interest in S. S. work and increase our diligence in building up the Sabbath Schools in this county.

2. That a personal canvass be made of each town and community, gathering all possible into the regular Sabbath Schools, and organizing the rest into the Home Department.

3. That we organize and support distinct organizations in the townships of the county, wherever practicable.

4. That we work for the interest and increasing efficiency of the County Association.

5. That we aim to put a Bible into the hands of each Sabbath School student and teach him how to use it.

6. That we indorse and seek to promote the graded system of Bible study according to the admirable plan outlined by Dr. Roads, General Secretary of the Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association.

7. That we endeavor to establish a Normal Training Class in each town or district.

8. That our ideal Sabbath School shall be the whole church of God studying the Bible in the Sabbath School.

9. That we tender our sincere thanks to the kind people of Centre Hall for their cordial welcome and generous hospitality.

D. E. HEPLER,
A. A. BLACK,
Geo. W. KERSHNER.

Foster's Weather Forecast.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from March 15 to 22 and the next will reach the Pacific coast about 23, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 24, great central valleys 25 to 27, eastern states 28.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 23, great central valleys 25, eastern states 27. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 26, great central valleys 28, eastern states 30.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. April 2 will average below normal in the great central valleys, below in eastern states, and above on Pacific slope. Rainfall for same period will be above normal east of the Rockies and below west.

About date of this bulletin a high temperature wave will cover the great central valleys and immediately behind it will come a cold wave inclining toward the blizzard kind. This storm wave with warm wave in front will reach Atlantic coast not far from March 19.

First storm wave of April will reach Pacific coast about March 29, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 30, great central valleys 31 to April 2, eastern states 3.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about March 29, great central valleys 31, eastern states April 2. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about April 1, great central valleys 3, eastern states 5.

About April 3 severe storms may be expected in the great central valleys and parallel 40. While these storms will be of the thunder storm or tornado class they will probably not be very destructive; the cause does not seem to indicate any very great force.

For fine job work, try the Reporter.

HUMMEL CONFESSES.

Admits That He Killed His Wife and Her Three Children.

William Hummel, the convicted murderer, under sentence of death in the Lycoming county jail in Williamsport, has made a full confession, admitting the killing of his wife and her three children and explaining in detail how he caused their deaths. In his statement Hummel says that on November 16, the day preceding the murder, Mrs. Hummel went to her former home, and when she returned stated that three Deckertown men had told her that she was not legally married, as the ceremony had been performed by a magistrate. She told Hummel she would have him arrested, take all his property and skip out.

They went to bed about nine o'clock, but the quarrel was kept up until three o'clock in the morning, at which time Hummel says he got up, went down stairs, picked up an axe and then returning to the bedroom, struck his wife on the head with the axe, killing her. He then seized the weapon again and brought it down on the head of the baby, which he says was lying alongside of his mother. After killing the baby he walked to the bed where the two other children slept and first killed the little boy and then the girl, striking each a crushing blow over the head with the axe.

After covering the bodies of his victims with quilts, Hummel says he went down stairs, got his breakfast and ate it and then went on with his regular business as though nothing had happened. After dinner he went to the barn and procured four sacks. He first intended to bury the bodies around the foundation of the house, but says that when he went to dig there he found the ground so full of rocks that he gave it up. He then put the bodies in the sacks, and after waiting until it was dark he carried them down stairs and loaded them into his wagon.

When he started away from the house with his ghastly load Hummel says he did not know exactly where he was going to take them, but after driving a short distance he thought of the strawstack and decided to put them there. Driving to the stack he took three of the bodies from the wagon, placed them in the stack and drew the straw down over them.

He says he forgot about the baby, and only discovered that its body remained in the wagon when he was near home. He left it in the wagon until he had unlitheed and then carried it to the horse stall and threw some cornstalks over it. The next morning he buried the baby near the spot where the body had lain during the night.

After doing this Hummel says he took the sheets, mattresses, pillows and cases, threw coal oil over them and burned them. That day he says again went to the straw stack to see if the bodies were properly covered, and that night he went there again, removed the sacks from the bodies and threw them into a field where they were afterward found.

While Hummel repeated this story of his terrible crime he sat on the cot in his cell puffing away at a cigar and displayed not the least emotion.

Goebel's Murderer Known.—The Plot is Told.

From Lexington comes the information that Goebel's attorney's claim that Sergeant Golden, the leading Republican of Barbourville and a member of the State Guards, has turned state's evidence and told the workings of the plot resulting in Goebel's murder. It is said that he confessed two weeks ago and since has been working up the evidence against Secretary of State Powers and others recently arrested.

Golden gives the names of the men who brought 1,200 mountaineers to Frankfort and furnished them arms and ammunition. He described alleged conferences of leading Republicans in which the killing of Goebel was discussed. A plan to start a row during the joint session of the legislature and killing Goebel during the fight was abandoned, Golden says, because too many lives were involved.

Accordingly then were found who were willing to kill Goebel and did it with a rifle pistol using smokeless powder. This fellow is said to be known and is being shadowed in a little town 50 miles from there.

Will be Furnished With Badges.

Census enumerators will be furnished with badges by the government which are to be worn in a conspicuous place so as to be plainly seen and which will be their credentials for gathering statistics. These badges will be made of pure German silver one and one-fourth inches wide by one and five-eighths inches long, shield shaped, surmounted with an eagle and bearing the words "United States Census, 1900." An order has already been placed for 16,000 by the directors of the census.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

REPUBLICANS SPLIT OVER THE PORTO RICO TARIFF.

Conferences Daily Held to Unite the Party, and Disaster Faces the President—The Party Must go on Record.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The nightmare labeled "Porto Rico Tariff" still hovers over the pillows of prominent Republicans and destroys their rest. Conferences are held every day with Mr. McKinley by Senators who favor the tariff and by Senators who favor free trade, and the odd thing is that both classes of Senators talk as though they believe Mr. McKinley to be on their side. All sorts of propositions are being advanced by Republican Senators to avoid anything like an open rupture in their party on this question, one of them being to continue the debate until the close of the session without allowing the bill to come to a vote, and another to load it up with all sorts of amendments and then defeat it by an overwhelming vote. The dodge in either of these expedients would be so palpable, that it is hardly conceivable that the Republican leaders will be foolish enough to allow either to be adopted. The Republican party is in control of all branches of the government and for it to fail to place itself on record by positive legislation on this question, would be an acknowledgment of weakness that would be absolutely certain to drive the party from power. That is why they will have to patch up some sort of legislation.

It was by a strict party vote, excepting Senator Lindsay, of Ky., who voted with the Republicans, that the Senate tabled Senator Allen's amendment to the Porto Rico bill, declaring that by force of the Paris Treaty of Peace the Constitution of the U. S. was extended over Porto Rico and its inhabitants, and the previous talk of some of the Republican Senators made their votes somewhat surprising, as a vote to table the amendment was equivalent to a vote in favor of the contention that Congress can legislate for our new possessions, regardless of the Constitution. By a coincidence the vote was taken just after Senator Chilton had made a speech, in which he said: "Our constitution goes to Porto Rico. It goes everywhere that the American power goes, and it is a shame to our pretensions that the first act of an American Congress in dealing with our new acquisitions from Spain should be an effort to deny to that people the highest right of free men—the protection of a written Constitution. It seems like a travesty to hold that Congress, which is the creature of the Constitution, can legislate for anybody or anything in disregard of the terms of that Constitution."

The Senate amended the House bill, placing at Mr. McKinley's disposal all money collected on Porto Rican products, under the Dingley tariff and all to be collected thereunder, to be spent at his discretion for the benefit of the Porto Ricans, by limiting the money to the amount collected before the beginning of this year—slightly more than \$2,000,000—and providing that it should only be used for public education, public works or for other governmental purposes on the island, and then passed it without a division.

The alleged offer of the good offices of this government to facilitate negotiations for peace between Great Britain and the Dutch Republics in South Africa, was confirmatory rather than otherwise of the belief that an understanding exists between the McKinley administration and the present British government. It enabled Mr. McKinley to make an attempt to soothe the numerous Republican sympathizers with the two struggling Republics, by pretending to do something, and at the same time gave Lord Salisbury just what he wanted—an excuse to serve notice on the powers of Europe, through his answer to the alleged offer of our good offices that no mediation would be tolerated by Great Britain, and that the conquest of the two Republics would be pushed to a conclusion as originally planned. If that was not the result of an understanding between the British Government and the McKinley administration, it was one of the oddest coincidences that ever occurred. Senator Mason today called up his Boer resolution in the Senate, and something may be said on this phase of the question. The Republicans have compelled the resolution to be debated in secret session, but the talk in secret session has a habit of getting out.

Foreign policies are not the only things this administration is copying from European nations. Secretary Long has created a Board to be known as the Naval Policy Board, corresponding to general staff of European navies, which will control our navy both in peace and war. Admiral Dew-

ey is head of the new Board. Inasmuch as our Navy has got along for more than a century, during which it has won some of the greatest victories ever fought on water, the reason for such a radical departure is not apparent. Less red tape, not more, would seem to be what is needed. As long as Dewey is at the head of the new Board, no fear need be felt about what it may do, but with a political favorite at its head, it might do much mischief. Deeming the present session an inopportune time to secure ratification of the several reciprocity treaties with colonies of Great Britain, the administration has had the time within which they may be ratified extended one year.

WASHINGTON.

Four-day Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania R. R.

The almost unparalleled success of the tour last year has induced the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to offer the residents of Williamsport, Wilkesbarre, Sunbury, Harrisburg, and neighboring cities in Central Pennsylvania another opportunity to avail themselves of the peculiar advantages of a personally-conducted tour to Washington, and has therefore arranged for a four-day tour to the National Capital on Monday, April 2.

Train will leave Renovo at 6.40 a. m., Williamsport 8.30 a. m., Scranton 7.48 a. m., Wilkesbarre 8.45 a. m., Sunbury 10.50 a. m., Mt. Carmel 7.30 a. m., Altoona 7.15 a. m., Lancaster 10.48 a. m., Harrisburg 12.35 p. m., stopping at the principal intermediate stations and at York. Returning, special train will leave Washington at 3.30 p. m., Thursday, April 5. Passengers from points west of Williamsport, and from Dewart, Selinsgrove, Lykens, Dillsburg, Lebanon, Lancaster, Columbia, Wrightsville, and points on the Shamokin Division will use regular trains from Washington returning. All tickets will be good to return also on regular trains until Saturday, April 7, inclusive.

Round-trip rate, covering transportation, hotel accommodations from supper on date of tour until after luncheon, April 5, \$12.90 from Williamsport, \$13.60 from Wilkesbarre, \$11.70 from Sunbury, \$14.00 from Altoona, \$10.10 from Harrisburg, and proportionate rates from other stations, including stations on the Cumberland Valley Railroad north of Chambersburg. Guides to Washington will be distributed free on the train.

For itineraries, rates, tickets, and full information apply to ticket agents; E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.; Tourist Agent, Williamsport, Pa.; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. mar15-21

Readable Clippings.

A loaf of bread 600 years old is something of an antiquity. Such a loaf is to be found at Amboston, in England. It was included in a grant of land from the crown in the reign of King John, and has remained in the Soar family ever since.

Cornstalks continue to increase in value. They yield cellulose, worth \$400 a ton, for stopping holes in battleships, for fine cardboard and paper, the best foundation for dynamite, a patent cattle food and a superior glue. But it is said that 250,000,000 tons of cornstalks still go to waste every year in England.

In Cumberland county recently dogs got among sheep of Joseph Erb, killing five and wounding several. The county paid Mr. Erb \$40. Suit was brought against Joseph Ruening, the owner of the dog, to recover the \$40, as he would not kill the dog or pay for the sheep. The case was decided in favor of the county.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Mrs. Maude Williams, of Lemont, while in Altoona one day last week, and running to catch a train, was stricken with paralysis and fell unconscious in the street. She will probably recover.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by J. H. Ross Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills; J. F. Smith, Centre Hall.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

The New Deliverer.

Spring is clad in garments sweet,
All her arm is bear,
Golden shoes are on her feet;
Fireflies in her hair.
Comes she lightly walking by,
With cheeks of white and pink,
Half a sigh and half a smile—
Is on her lip I think.

Half a sigh and half a smile—
A tear for April rain
That in a joyful after while
Will daisy o'er the plain.
A laugh for summer song and sun
For bud-hung May and June.
Sigh and tear are just begun;
Laughter follows soon!

Spring? Breathe your breath on her,
Now that snows are sped!
Her heart than all is tenderer,
Her little lips are red!
Winter chilled her love with frost
While I was lying warm.
Go and fetch my dear that's lost
Cud led in your arm!
—Post Wheeler.

Remarkably fine to-day.

Chickens are not idle laying eggs.
Sleighing fair, Thursday to Monday.
Got quite cold, with high winds last Tuesday night.

Live stock brings high prices at the public sales.

Last Saturday night was coldest this winter—5 below 0.

Sunday night changed from cold to mild and light rain.

Jonathan Abbott, of Blanchard, was granted a pension, \$6.

John Callahan, of Phillipsburg, was granted a pension, \$10.

Sunday school convention and Gentzel horse sale made town lively Tuesday.

Amos Parker, a veteran of the civil war, living near here, was granted a pension, \$12.

Mrs. Wm. Horner will leave town and again occupy her home 2 miles west of here.

Of 500 persons who attend the public sales, only from 30 to 60 are buyers, the balance are onlookers.

Jacob Lee, one of our best citizens, had an attack of pneumonia, but has been getting around again.

We are pleased to learn that Joseph Gilliland is improving from the amputation of his hand by a planer.

Last Thursday's snow was a seven inch spring snotter, over half as much as all previous snows of the winter.

Never lack in doing solid work to benefit your town and vicinity—such as will speak louder than mere talk.

The Reformed Churches of Hublersburg and Salona have extended a call to Rev. Harvey Crow, of Mercer county, Pa.

Merchant Meyer, successor to Wolf & Crawford, will move into the Flory house, down town, opposite the Dan Keller property.

Judge Metzger censured the Williamsport constables soundly in court for winking at lawlessness of which they have full knowledge.

Talmage once remarked: Some people are blind with good eyes open as to some sins around them—at least they pretend so. True, very.

From Geo. Kister, the peach grower of Aaronsburg, we learn that the peach buds in his orchards were not killed by last Saturday night's freeze.

A Brush valley farmer in our office last Tuesday, learning that Hummel had confessed, made the remark, "Now haerd der Hummel's bolt brumme."

Last Thursday's snow was good for the grain in the fields—that is, for what is left of it. Some farmers tell us that there are fields in which the wheat is all killed.

The Disciple church at Howard, was partly destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, and but for the prompt efforts of the firemen would have been wholly destroyed. The roof burned off and the interior of the church is badly damaged. The fire originated from a defective flue. The loss is estimated at \$600, fully insured.

Pure food agent McGregor a few days ago lodged information against ten of the merchants of Johnstown and vicinity on charges of having violated the pure food laws by selling adulterated vinegar. If these officials were also empowered to make information against all impure gossipers, talebearers and strife breeders in every community, what an immense good would be accomplished!

The plant of the Bellefonte Lime Company, at Salona, is again in operation after an idleness of a week or more, occasioned by a strike of the forty or more workmen. The strike was not so much one for wages as of a grievance of the men over what they considered too much docking. Only eight of the old hands returned to work, while the company supplied the places of the remainder with new men.