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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Opens Monday, November 12—Officers, Instructors, Lecturers, Etc.

Centre County Teachers' Institute will open Monday, November 12. The event is looked forward to by teachers, school directors, and all others who are interested in school work, with pleasure.

THE OFFICERS.

The officers of the institute are as follows:
President: David O. Eppers, County Superintendent.
Vice Presidents: F. M. Pletcher, W. P. Hosterman.
Secretary: Miss Mary E. Penny.
Enrolling Clerks: E. J. Williams, W. S. Holter.
Ticket Agent: Jonas E. Wagner.
Door Keepers: T. L. Moore, H. W. Loneyberger.

INSTRUCTORS.

Dr. Henry Houck, Deputy Superintendent Public Instruction.
Dr. Chas. C. Miller, President Lima College.
Prof. Chas. H. Albert, Bloomsburg.
Supt. A. Reist Rutt, Ardmore.

DISCUSSIONS.

DR. HOUCK:
Besides his lecture on his trip to Jerusalem, he will give several talks on general topics pertaining to the great work of the teacher.

DR. MILLER:
Monday p. m.—Introductory, "The Lessons of Frisco."

Tuesday a. m.—"The Value of Time, or The Age of Young Men." P. M.—"Africa—The Land of Extremes."

Wednesday a. m.—"Blennerhasset and Aaron Burr." P. M.—"How to Teach a Great Poem."

Thursday a. m.—"Russia—The Sleeping Giant." P. M.—"Battle of Gettysburg."

Friday a. m.—"Heart Power in Teaching."

PROF. ALBERT:
Several talks on Geographical topics, and practical talks on school work generally.

SUPT. RUTT:
"Geographical Influences in American History." "Pennsylvania." "Les Miserables."

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Monday evening, Lecture—Napoleon, "The Man of Destiny." Dr. Chas. C. Miller.

Tuesday evening, Lecture—"The Reveries of a Bachelor." DeWitt Miller.

Wednesday afternoon, Lecture—Travels in the Orient. (A Trip to Jerusalem.) Dr. Henry Houck.

Wednesday evening—An evening with Capt. Jack Crawford, the Scout.

Thursday evening—Penn State Musical Club.

The entertainments will all be in the Court House except Thursday evening which will be in Petrik Hall. The admission for the first two evenings is 25 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents. The last two evenings admission is 35 and 50 cents.

New Dean at State.

Prof. Thomas F. Hunt, of Cornell University, has been elected dean of the School of Agriculture and director of the State Experiment Station at Pennsylvania State College at a meeting of the Board of Trustees. Prof. Hunt was a number of years ago professor of agriculture at State, going from there to the Ohio State University, and then to Cornell. He is considered one of the brightest men in the agricultural line in his profession.

Keith's Theatre.

Mrs. Langtry, the famous English beauty, and her own company are entertaining large audiences at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this being the second and last week of their performance of an one act play of South African life. Clarice Vance, the southern singer, and Lew Sulley, the renowned humorist, are important factors in this week's gaieties. Gillett's dogs are a feature for the children. The Immensaphone, world's grand musical mystery, is a special attraction. Franco Piper, the banjo king, and Hilda Clarke, violinist, delight the music lover. The three Perry Pajama girls, in a sketch; Fred Ray & Company; Kremka Brothers, European acrobats, are among the many others appearing at Keith's.

LOCALS.

November started in very delightfully. Thursday morning was brisk, the ground being frozen, but the day was one of sunshine.

The charter for the proposed electric railroad between New York and Chicago has been approved by Governor Pennypacker.

After being confined to the house for a few days on account of rheumatism, D. J. Meyer was stepping around town at a lively rate beginning of the week. The approach of an election acted like an elixir.

TWO BILLS FOR TEACHERS' PENSIONS

One, Contrary to Provisions of the Constitution, Cannot be Considered.

The committee which has been entrusted with the preparation of bills to be presented to the Legislature to secure pensions for school teachers throughout the State has submitted two measures. They are to be transmitted to the county, city and township superintendents and others for opinion.

One of these acts proposes that the State shall appropriate the money and control a direct retirement fund, and the other provides that the separate school districts shall be authorized and empowered to create such a fund. The State plan has been tried only in Maryland, where teachers are retired on \$300 a year. The district plan is not uncommon. It prevails to some extent in quite a number of States, and Philadelphia has created a retiring fund which will be effective at the beginning of the coming year.

It will be impossible for the Legislature of Pennsylvania to make a direct appropriation from the State Treasury to a pension or retirement fund. The Constitution of the State provides that "no appropriation, except for pensions or gratuities for military services, shall be made for charitable, educational or benevolent purposes to any person or community." It does not seem possible there can be any misunderstanding of that provision. It makes useless any consideration of one of the bills now proposed.

The other method suggested is entirely feasible, and may be greatly promoted by proper legislation. It may be possible also for the State to assist by indirection, as it does in the case of the firemen's pension fund. The teachers' cause will very properly have quite as much sympathy and willingness back of it, but in the expectation of State help it will be wise to proceed with great caution, as it would be very easy to take steps that could not be supported if the constitutional question should be raised.

All phases of the matter should be taken into consideration, because nothing is more certain than that the next Legislature will be asked to take this matter up, and popular sentiment back of a deserving claim will demand the most favorable action possible.

Meeting of County Grange.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange will be held in the hall of Bald Eagle Grange, Milesburg, Wednesday, November 21st. Session will open at 10 a. m., and continue during the day. The following program will be carried out:

Opening exercises.
Appointment of committee on credentials.
Address of welcome by Bald Eagle Grange.
Response by Lecture of the County Grange.

Introduction of new business.
Report of Encampment committee.
Recitation, Miss Edith Lutz.
Report of Insurance company.
Recitation, Mrs. John Dale.
Report of Patrons Rural Telephone company.

Recitation, Miss Annie Dale.
Reports of Banking committee, of finance committee and special committees.

Suggestions for good of the Order. D. M. CAMPELLE, GEORGE DALE, Secretary, Master.

For the Hospital.

The auxiliary society of the Bellefonte hospital will return jars, etc., next week, and at the same time solicit canned and preserved fruits, and anything adapted for hospital use. The great abundance of fruit during the past season should enable the society to receive large quantities of prepared fruits for hospital use.

Ex-Sheriff Spangler Very Ill.

Ex-Sheriff John Spangler is very ill at his home in Centre Hall. He took sick about two weeks ago, and for the past few days his condition has been extremely critical.

Colyer.

Mrs. Wm. Reiber left on Thursday for Johnstown where she will pay her son Alfred a visit.

John H. Bitner, who is employed as a conductor on a street car in Philadelphia, is spending his vacation with his parents.

Sunday morning when he came to his barn Samuel Kilsfelter found that the straw stack had fallen over during the night and suffocated two fine head of young cattle.

One day last week a large black bear was seen near the residence of John Wingard. In the evening Mr. Wingard followed the bear, but could not get close enough to get a shot at him.

George R. Meiss is the proud father of a baby girl.

In the time of peace don't start to talk about your wife's relatives.

DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION

Met at Spring Mills Friday—Large Attendance—The Subjects Discussed.

Friday of last week the district Sunday School Convention met at Spring Mills. The attendance was good, and the topics well brought out. The afternoon session was in the Methodist church and in the evening a large number came together in the Lutheran church for the last session. Thirty or more people represented the Sunday schools of Centre Hall. The district is composed of Potter and Gregg townships and Centre Hall borough. The next meeting, which will be in the spring, will be held in the latter place.

The first speaker in the afternoon was Rev. E. E. Haney whose topic was the Qualifications of a Sunday School Teacher. Some of the requisites given were fidelity, earnestness, enthusiasm. Then a competent teacher must be a christian in belief and experience, as well as in example; the teachers should remember that they are teaching every day by example, and possibly more effectively this latter way than by their instruction on the Sabbath. Other qualifications are being a church member and a Bible student.

Discipline in the Sunday School. This topic was very ably discussed by Rev. Dr. W. H. Schuyler. He said in part:

The most obvious need for good order in the Sunday school room is that instruction may be given successfully. Confusion is unfavorable to either teaching or learning. Moreover a well disciplined school has a religious and moral value. Men indulge in many harmful practices against their better judgment. They know, for instance, that they ought not to drink alcoholic liquors, but they have a craving desire for drink, and never having learned to curb and regulate their desires it is easy to yield to appetite. Or they know that success depends on industry, system and steady application; but these qualities are not acquired without effort that seems counter to inclination, and having been permitted in childhood to do about as they pleased they have not the power to overcome inclination. Hence if in the Sabbath school they are required to control the inclinations that run to disorder, an important contribution is made to the backbone needed in correct living.

Unruly pupils are often tolerated in the school to the great hindrance of good discipline and instruction through fear of offending parents who are prone to think their own offspring little angels and do not like to hear any reflection upon their characters. If a kindly interview with such parents does not lead to reformation, their good opinion, rather than the good of the school, should be sacrificed.

Then there is a mistaken idea that a bad boy must be held at any cost, but his disorderly conduct in a disorderly school is more likely to be confirmed than that he will learn good. Then he may be the direct or indirect means of leading others astray. Besides, he is more likely to be held by a school that insists on his good behavior than by one that lets him do as he pleases. Unruly boys who withdraw because rebuked by superintendent or teacher have been known to return in a very penitent mood and to profit by the instruction, whereas before they learned little if anything. This is very likely to be the result where kindness and justice are joined to firmness.

Let teachers be patient and kind, giving reasons, if possible, for what they require; but yet insisting firmly on good order, remembering that this course may do the child more good than even the instruction given. In fact the very best teaching will not help a boy or girl who is bent on disturbing the school or class. After all the young have great respect for order, and will respect the teacher that insists on order, and will learn more from one they respect than from one they do not esteem.

The evening session was opened with a song service, after which the first subject—How to Interest and Hold the Boys—was discussed by Rev. J. M. Rearick. A summary of what this speaker said is given:

"Teachers are born and not made," is true of the Sunday school teacher as well as of the public school teacher. Where this fact is overlooked in the selection of teachers for the boys in our Sunday schools there will be a lack of interest. No one can inspire interest or create enthusiasm to any extent in a cause to which they are not adapted. This is true of the professional man, of the artist and of the mechanic. It is further true that one not born to be a teacher or an artist may attain to a measure of success by proper study and discipline.

The first point advanced, therefore, as necessary to interest and hold the boys, is natural adaptation on the part of the teacher to teach boys. One

may have large teaching ability but may not be especially adapted for this particular line of work; where such is the case interest will be wanting among the class. Adapt the teacher and the class and interest will be growing.

A second requisite is a teacher full of vital godliness. This begets conviction on the part of the teacher so that he comes before his class assured in his own heart of the blessedness and importance of the truths he is there to present. A consequent earnestness will therefore accompany the presentation of those truths—an earnestness that will solicit interest.

A third requisite is a deep interest in the lesson on the part of the teacher. It goes without saying that one can not interest others in a matter in which he is not himself interested.

Again, to interest and hold the boys, the teacher must be intensely in earnest and deeply in love with the work. When such is the make up of a teacher's heart he will warm every heart that will come under his instruction.

Finally he must present the lesson to the boys from the boys' own standpoint. The boys have their own peculiar way of looking at things and you can not make them see things from the standpoint of the adult. You must meet a boy as a boy and deal with him along the line of his own peculiar disposition. The teacher was once a boy and knows boy nature, but the boy was never a man and does not, therefore, know adult nature. Only boylike teaching can and will interest the boys.

A very interesting and scholarly address was given by Rev. D. Gress on the subject, Memorizing of Scripture should be part of Sunday School Work. A short sketch on this excellent talk follows:

This subject is a very important one. The Bible is the text book of the Sunday school and so a book which which teacher and scholar should be very familiar. There is only one way of becoming really familiar with the Bible and that is by memorizing portions of it which are valuable for the christian's daily life. This memory work must be done in the period of childhood and youth. That is the time to train the memory in order that it may have the power of retention. As no scripture is memorized in the public schools, and but little in the average home, it follows that the Sunday school is the place for this kind of work.

After children become men and women they can frankly say they thank God for the scripture they committed in childhood. It has helped them so much in life; it has given comfort and strength in time of sorrow and weakness; it has inspired to greater service; it has helped to resist temptation and to overcome. There is no temptation which can come to us which we will not find some passage in scripture to meet, even as Christ quoted scripture to repulse the evil one in the wilderness. Such a ready knowledge of scripture every Sunday school scholar should have.

Such knowledge helps in the understanding and enjoyment of all good literature. Our authors and poets are Bible scholars. Shakespeare quotes the Bible 551 times. The knowledge of scripture also aids in prayer. The quoting of scripture in prayer makes prayer touching, effective, full of power.

There are some portions of scripture every Sunday school scholar should know to memory. The ten commandments, the 19th, 23rd, 24th, 51st and 121st Psalms, the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, the great commission, the story of the Prodigal Son, the 14th and 15th chapters of John's gospel, the 8th and 12th chapters of Romans and the 3rd of 1st Corinthians, should all be recited from time to time by classes and by the school from memory. A good exercise is for the scholars to memorize the text of each lesson.

Superintendent and teachers should urge more memorizing of scripture and scholars should be interested in this work. At first it will be a task, but will in time become a pleasure. In this way all will become more familiar with the Great Book of life, and it will become a power in our lives.

T. M. Gramley then gave an explanation of the work of the State convention. He also urged the formation of Normal classes for the study of the Bible, with a view to teaching.

The program was interspersed with music. The discussions, especially in the afternoon, were participated in by a number of others besides those mentioned, and a lively interest was manifested throughout the sessions.

Mrs. Milton M. Snyder and daughters left for Greensburg last week where they will make their future home. Mr. Snyder has been located at that place during the past few years, and it is to have his family near him that they have changed locations.

Hallow'en.

The young people who indulge in the mischievous pranks of Hallow'en give never a thought to the origin of this festival of mirth, which they owe to Pope Boniface, who away back in the year 610 set apart the first day of November to be observed as All Saints Day. This possibly was done by the wily pope to propitiate any of the saints who might chance to be overlooked in the calendar of saints, and thus ensure their kindly offices. The eve of All Saints Day is Hallow'en. The ancient Celts and Germans among whom the festival was widely celebrated, considered the lighting of a bonfire or a number of candles at nightfall an essential rite in the observance of the Hallow'en festivities, without which no frolic on that night would be complete. The freshly kindled open fires afforded a chance too good to be lost to roast apples, toast nuts, pop corn and mull or heat cider, all good rural dainties made plenty by generous autumn.

Robbed for the Eighth Time.

Another robbery has occurred at the St. Cloud hotel, Look Haven, Harry M. Kettler, proprietor, the haul this time being larger than in any of the several previous visits of thieves. Some time on Sunday, 28th ult., during the absence of Mr. Kettler and his assistants, the combination of the safe, which was in a small room in the rear, was "worked," and nearly \$400 was taken. Of this amount \$270 belonged to James David, a boarder, the balance being Mr. Kettler's. The matter was kept quiet for some time in the hope of securing a clue to the thief, but he has carefully covered up his tracks. Within the past year or so this hotel has been robbed eight times, not only of money, but of dozens of cans of fruit, hams and other provisions.

Accidentally Shot His Mother.

A youth of seventeen years, at Cato, accidentally discharged a gun, the contents of which badly shattered his mother's limb between the knee and ankle. He had just gotten home from a hunting trip, and in demonstrating how he knelt to shoot a pheasant, the hammerless gun he was holding was discharged with the above results. The lady's name was Mrs. Maggie W. Swope. She was taken to the Look Haven hospital for treatment, but she never rallied. Death came Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Swope was aged forty-six years. She is survived by a husband and several children. She was a sister of William Rhoads, of Bellefonte.

Corn and Alfalfa Show.

The Pennsylvania Live Stock Breeders' Association will award a number of cash prizes for corn and alfalfa at the Corn Show to be held in connection with its Annual Meeting at Harrisburg, January 22-25, 1907. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture and the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Dairy Union, which will have a great exhibit of dairy products. Competition open to any resident of Pennsylvania.

For further information write to E. S. Bayard, Secretary, East End, Pittsburg.

Farmers' Week at State College.

Farmers' week at the Pennsylvania State College will be December 27 to January 2.

At the various State agricultural colleges it is now the custom to hold a farmers' week, when men can spend time at the corn schools and farmers' conventions, which consist of lectures on stock raising, practical farming and practical lessons in the growing of corn, feeding steers, hogs, dairy cattle and poultry, and butter making, even to judging and so on.

The work here will be carried on under Professor H. E. Van Norman.

Big Crops.

From all quarters come reports of big crops—aggregate of bushels and yield per acre. Four farms south of Linden Hill farmed by James Wert, Arthur Fortney, George Horner and Newton Yarnell, combined, yielded seven thousand bushels of grain, corn excluded. On the D. J. Meyer farm, tenanted by Mr. Yarnell, forty-three acres of wheat yielded twelve hundred and sixty-two bushels.

Telephone Meeting.

The officers and directors of the Central Company of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company will hold their quarterly meeting at the Gorman House, Bellefonte, Tuesday, November 13th, at ten o'clock. All stock holders in Branch Companies are invited to be present.

Miss Sophia Krumboltz, of Vintondale, is visiting among friends in Centre Hall.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

James H. Lohr, of Philadelphia, was in Centre Hall for a day or two last week.

A car load of horses, mostly "old skates," were shipped from the Centre Hall station Friday morning.

Korman's cider press at Tusseyville will hereafter be in operation only one day—Thursday—of each week.

The new proprietor of the Haag House, J. M. Cunningham, is making improvements in the interior of the house.

Twenty thousand former Pennsylvanians, now residents of the state of Washington, have organized an association.

The pasture fields are holding out splendidly, for which the farmer is very thankful, and especially so when hay is worth \$15.00 and up per ton.

D. W. Zerby, Esq., and Fred Mosebarger, of Bellefonte, were in Centre Hall Thursday of last week. They were on their way to lower Penns Valley.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. William Keller, her daughter, Miss Tillie, was unable to attend to the duties of assistant postmistress at the Centre Hall post office.

In giving an account of the sudden death of William Walte, at Smultton, the name was written "White." The information was received over the telephone lines, and the names being so nearly alike accounts for the error.

Mrs. Widder, wife of Dr. G. H. Widder, of Harrisburg, is visiting relatives in Centre Hall and surroundings. She is spending part of the time with her uncle, J. J. Arney, and sister, Mrs. Homer Barr, the latter at Boalsburg.

Although badly afflicted by rheumatism for the past few years, J. Kyle McFarlane, of Bellefonte, up to within two weeks was able to walk about in the house. About that time he fell to the floor, and had to be carried to his bed, and has since been confined to it.

The Round Table Conference of public school superintendents and principals will meet in Milton Friday and Saturday. The district embraced by this organization includes a dozen counties in Central Pennsylvania, and contains some of the best educators in the state.

Lawyer Clement Dale and Mr. Bennett, composing a lumbering firm, are about to close a deal whereby they will control a large section of timber land at Glenn Harris, along the Snow Shoe railroad. The firm has been operating a saw mill at that point for some time.

At a depth of something over one hundred and fifty feet, water was secured near Brislin & Company's saw mill, on the Bortges farm. The well is so located that the water may be piped to the farm buildings, which is the intention of H. C. Shirk, the owner of the farm.

The Bell telephone lines between Centre Hall and Millheim have been rebuilt with poles and wires. Copper wire was substituted for iron, which is far superior material for telephone use. Short iron circuits, such as farmer lines, when connected with the copper wire give entire satisfaction.

Constable David P. Lawhead, of Madera, who shot and killed Lods Cardollo at Hawk Run while the latter was attempting to make his escape after having been placed under arrest, has been released from jail, having furnished the \$2,000 bail required for his appearance at the November term of court.

John F. Gray & Son have purchased the insurance business of S. E. Goss, and will continue the same at their Bellefonte office. The insurance previously taken by Mr. Goss will not be affected by this change, as Gray & Son will look after the same just as though they had originally written the insurance. The firm of Gray & Son now is one of the strongest insurance agencies in Central Pennsylvania. Write them for further information.

A letter written to the Millheim Journal by V. I. Walker, of Miami, Florida, son of Thomas Walker, of Rebelsburg, relates a thrilling experience the young man had while on board a wrecked boat. He and a number of other men were engaged in constructing concrete bridges at Key West when the boat went to pieces. The portion to which Mr. Walker clung had thirteen fellow workmen on it, one of whom was later washed off by a great wave. They were at the mercy of the waves for a full day, and at one time were within forty miles of Havana. About five o'clock a steamer came near them and made the rescue. When writing Mr. Walker did not know how many of his companions who floated on other portions of the ship were lost, but he thinks there must have been quite a number.