



### TEACHERS' LOCAL INSTITUTE

For District No. 4 held in Boalsburg, Saturday—Brief Account of the Proceedings.

Teachers' local institute convened in regular session in Boal's Hall, Boalsburg, January 5th, 1907, at 10 o'clock, being called to order by District Chairman Prof. H. C. Rothrock, principal of the Boalsburg schools. Opening exercises consisted of music by the institute, followed by devotional exercises by Rev. A. A. Black, of the Boalsburg Reformed church.

The first topic for discussion was "The disciplinary value of the school to the pupil." Prof. Noll being absent, Rev. Black opened the discussion. He dwelt largely on the value of school life to the American boy in after life, and stated that "every American boy ought to go to school." R. B. Harrison was then called upon and responded in a very able manner, speaking largely from experience. Prof. J. P. Smithgall further discussed the subject in a very entertaining, as well as instructive, manner. Squire Ferguson Potter gave a little talk. He is a veteran in school work, having been a teacher for many years, and said that in all his school work he could best govern pupils by having no rules at all, but asking them to do the very best they could.

A recitation, "The life boat," by Miss Edna Krumrine, was well recited and much appreciated.

Music by the institute then followed after which Fay Weber favored the audience with a recitation.

"Spelling reform" was first discussed by Orin Grove who advocated its use. Discussion was continued by Prof. Smithgall who also is in favor of a different mode of spelling, and predicted its coming.

Alida Rothrock delivered a recitation, and the morning session closed with music.

At 1:30 p. m. the afternoon session opened with singing.

A very helpful and instructive paper was then read by Miss Cordelia Acker on "Primary reading." The discussion was continued by Profs. Rothrock and Smithgall, who advocated concert reading.

"The teacher out of the school room" was discussed by Prof. Smithgall. He said that nature is beyond a doubt the teacher out of the school room.

A solo by Miss Acker was well rendered, and was followed by a recitation, entitled "Agonack," by Helen Coxe, of the Boalsburg primary school.

"How to secure attention" was the next topic discussed.

C. E. Crawford, a reader and impersonator, entertained the audience with a few selections.

A solo was then sung by Miss Rose Woods.

The last topic was "School visitation." R. B. Harrison, president of Harris township school board; H. M. Hoesterman, S. W. Smith and E. H. Williams took part in the discussion, which was continued by Chairman Rothrock.

The convention adjourned after singing "America."

Following are the names of the teachers who were present, also the districts in which they teach:

State College—Margaret Krebs, Mabel Brungart, Cordelia Acker.

College township—E. H. Williams, O. L. Grove, Geo. Mothersbaugh, D. S. Musser.

Ferguson township—Gertrude Keichline, Della Garbrick, J. A. Hoeman, Alberta Dreibeis, W. M. Garner.

Potter township—Lillie McCool, Anna Stover, Lida Musser, Claudia Wieland, Georgia Steele.

Harris township—H. C. Rothrock, Frank Young, Edna Krumrine, C. Gertrude Wieland, H. W. Lonberger. Centre Hall—J. P. Smithgall, Luttia Goodhart.

H. M. Hoesterman, of Benner township, and Clevan Brungart, of Spring, were also in attendance.

[The foregoing account was written by one of the teachers present, and to whom the reader is indebted. Those from a distance who attended the institute were convinced that in Harris township there is a healthy educational sentiment.—Ed]

### Two Ways of Seeing It.

The old pike between Bellefonte and Milesburg is to be built under the Sprout road law, which calls for one-eighth of the cost of construction to be paid out of the county treasury. Now wouldn't the good people over there call the good people of Penna Valley chumps if the latter sent up a wall against taking this good cash out of the county treasury. Really, it would be silly to do so. But my! what a difference it makes when an effort is made to have the pike through Penna Valley improved by the aid of county funds. Yet the law permits the latter as well as the former.

## CRIMINALLY ASSAULTED BY A BURLY NEGRO

### Ferguson Township Young Lady Assaulted in Her Home at Fairbrook. Found Unconscious but Recovers—Hunt for the Brute.

Thursday afternoon of last week the village of Fairbrook, near Pine Grove Mills, was stirred from centre to circumference with excitement and indignation over the dastardly crime committed by a negro.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gray is one of peace and happiness and no person ever dreamed of any harm befalling any one in that quiet, peaceful neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Gray went to Pine Grove Mills to do some shopping and Miss Irene King, aged eighteen years, was left in charge of the household. About four o'clock she was busy preparing supper for Mr. and Mrs. Gray, whom she expected to arrive at any moment, when to her surprise a big, burly negro entered the kitchen, bolted up to her near the stove, and asked whether any other persons were at home. The young lady being badly frightened answered him no, and the next moment he struck her over the head with a heavy iron bar. The brute then tied her hands and gagged her by stuffing a lot of dirty rags and cut grass in her mouth. Unconscious and lying on the floor of the kitchen, the villain proceeded to carry out his belated intent.

The first to discover the young lady's condition were the Gray children upon their return from school.

The disarrangement of the young lady's clothing and other conditions were pointed to as evidence that the brute had been successful in committing a most wicked crime, which conclusion was supported by the young lady herself upon regaining consciousness.

On the return of Mr. and Mrs. Gray, physicians were at once summoned, who began work on the young lady to bring her back to consciousness. Their efforts were rewarded late in the evening, and a description of the person who committed the assault was obtained. The same appears in the offer of a reward attached hereto.

Miss King is said to be a handsome young lady, and is an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gray. Although possessing superior strength for a young woman, the first blow on the head was sufficient to serve to rob her of every physical power.

Shortly after the crime was supposed to have been committed, a negro was observed crossing a wheat field near the Gray home. He was going in the direction of Oak Hall, where it was claimed a negro was seen later in the evening.

Upon reporting the case to District Attorney Runkle, word was telephoned and telegraphed to many points in Central Pennsylvania, and the board of county commissioners offered a reward for the capture of the brute—dead or alive.

### \$200 REWARD.

Bellefonte, Pa., Jan. 4, 1907. Notice is hereby given that we, the Commissioners of Centre Co., will pay the sum of two hundred (\$200) dollars, for the apprehension and conviction of the negro who committed the assault upon Irene Gray, at Fairbrook Station, Ferguson Twp., Centre county, on the 3rd day of January, 1907.

Marks of identification. About 5 ft., 6 in. tall; heavy set, will possibly weigh 170 lbs.; wears a black derby hat, black coat and grey trousers, and when last seen his trousers were very muddy; it is also thought that he wore a thin black moustache.

JOHN L. DUNLAP, C. A. WEAVER, JOHN G. BAILEY, Commissioners.

### FAKE STORIES.

As is the rule there are many fake stories float concerning this fiendish crime. Negroes were seen here and there, according to report, yet when sifted to the bottom the foundation disappears.

Monday Sheriff Kline and a number of persons from Linden Hall scoured Nittany Mountain where it was reported a negro had been seen, but the story proved a fake.

Another story came from Pottery Mills that a gentleman of color was seen at that place and Tusseyville. The best information obtainable revealed that this man was regularly employed in a lumber camp in the Seven Mountains and could not have been at Fairbrook at the time the crime was committed.

### DELIGE NOT THE MAN.

Two negroes have been arrested, but the one who it was generally supposed might be the guilty man could not be identified by the victim of the assault. This negro, Harry Delige, aged about thirty years, lives in Scotlis, but for

some time was engaged in chopping wood within two miles of the Gray home when the outrage was committed, and boarded and lodged in a shanty. Sunday he failed to make his appearance at Scotlis, as was his custom, to secure provisions for the following week. This at once aroused suspicion, and since the description given by Miss King tallied in a general way, this man Delige was placed under arrest Tuesday, and in the evening was taken before Miss King for identification. The young lady was unable to say that he was the negro who assaulted her Thursday previous.

### NEGRO-INDIAN ARRESTED

Monday the Lewistown authorities arrested a colored man as he alighted from a freight train at that place. In some particulars he corresponded to the description of the negro wanted, and consequently was held. Tuesday morning Sheriff Kline, Robert Montgomery and James Cori, by carriage went to Milroy, at which place the man had been delivered by the Milroy county authorities, and brought him to Bellefonte, passing through Centre Hall at about six o'clock.

Miss King, up to the time the Reporter goes to press, had not had an opportunity to identify this individual, but the local authorities are of the opinion that he is not the criminal.

This man claims to be half Indian and half negro, and according to his story is a native of Arkansas, and gives his name as Robert Burrell. He is a professional "tourist," and was making his way east when interrupted at Lewistown.

Those who have conversed with the half-breed are impressed with the straightforward story he tells.

### BURRELL NOT IDENTIFIED.

Wednesday morning Miss King saw Burrell, but could not identify him. This leaves the guilty negro yet to be discovered.

### Engineer Killed.

James Andrew Miller, one of the most prominent engineers on the Tyrone division, and an active and well known citizen of Tyrone, was instantly killed at Ocoela Junction Thursday last week. Mr. Miller was in charge of engine No. 294, the lead engine of a train which left Tyrone yard northbound that morning at an early hour. About 7 o'clock when nearing the Ocoela Junction the train was supposed to have gotten beyond control and looked as if it might run away and into a train ahead of it. Mr. Miller jumped from his engine to the side of the track and fell heavily. His head struck the end of the ties, his neck being broken. He was aged forty years and was a native of Bald Eagle. He is survived by a wife and seven children.

### Work for Borough Caucuses.

Although many districts will conduct primaries under the new law, the various townships and boroughs in Centre county will make nominations as heretofore, under the supervision of political parties. The time set for the nomination of candidates is the "fourth Saturday preceding the February election," which would fall on Saturday, January 26.

The retiring office holders in the borough are:

Council—D. J. Meyer, R. D. Foreman, W. H. Bartholomew. School Directors—J. G. Dauberman, G. W. Bushman. Auditor—C. D. Bartholomew.

### LOCALS.

As a result of a fall in her back yard, Mrs. Joseph Grossman, of Bellefonte, is suffering from a broken arm.

H. Henry Potter and sister, Miss M. Rhoda Potter, of near Centre Hall, were callers at the Reporter office last week.

People are crazy for hogs, and at public sales they are bringing all kinds of prices, and the smaller the hog, the higher the proportionate price.

Last week was one of almost continuous rain. The grass, when cleaned of snow, looked green and thrifty, not unlike after April showers.

Miss Anna C. Grove, of Centre Hall, has accepted a position in the Indian School, Carlisle, and is now at that place. She formerly taught school in Potter township, but last fall was not an applicant.

The Bellefonte Trust Company recently declared a five per cent. dividend, and also added ten thousand dollars to its surplus fund, making the same \$20,000. The company has been formed but two years.

### Horses Ran Away.

A team of horses hitched to a carriage and driven by John S. Dale ran away Saturday night. Besides Mr. Dale there were in the carriage his wife, father and sister. The run off was caused by the neck-yoke strap breaking while the horses were descending a hill in the vicinity of Peru. Mr. Dale was pulled from the carriage, striking his forehead heavily against a stone in the road. For a time he was dazed, but after recovering it was found that his injuries consisted of numerous flesh wounds in the face, which are not considered serious. The ladies in the carriage jumped from the vehicle, but the senior Mr. Dale remained seated. All escaped injury.

Soon after the breaking of the neck-yoke strap, the horses became detached from the carriage, and at great speed started in the direction of Pleasant Gap, from there they took the pike across the mountain, and near the summit, above Centre Hall, they were captured by Oscar Lonberger, who was on his way to Centre Hall. The horses remained hitched together, and were little harmed. A telephone message from Willard Dale revealed the owner of the horses, which were held at Centre Hall until claimed.

### Keith's Theatre.

Song and comedy are produced in an endless variety at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia. On the bill are such favorites as Bessie Wynn, the musical comedy star; Hamilton Hill, the Australian barytone. One of the most laughable features is Harry Tate's "Fishing," and "Volta," the human storage battery, performs some remarkable feats. Others appearing this week are Ferry Corwey, the musical clown; Burke and Dempsey, "two natural comedians"; Mosher, Houghton & Mosher, comedy cyclists; McIntyre & Bennett, "When Do I Eat." An extra added attraction is Willard Simms & Co., presenting a screaming farce, "Flunder's Furnished Flat." A special feature consists of moving pictures of the Mummies' parade on New Year's day.

### LOCALS.

Saturday was the most beautiful day. The sun was bright, sky clear.

An occasional farmer was plowing and the latter part of last week and beginning of this week.

Druggist J. D. Murray was in Boalsburg over Sunday the guest of his brother, Hon. W. A. Murray.

R. D. Killian and S. H. Meyer are back from Baltimore, having finished the shipping of walrus logs from that point.

W. J. Mitterling shipped a car load of milk cows to the eastern markets Tuesday. Cows appear to be very plentiful.

Messrs. Victor Auman, of near Centre Hall, and Robert Lingie, son of W. P. Lingie, of near Spring Mills, were business callers at the Reporter office Monday.

The horrible crime committed at Fairbrook is detracting attention, at present, from the Dale murder case, which apparently is resting. Hunt for the criminals down.

Congressman Solomon R. Dresser, of Bradford, who has been seriously ill, has slightly improved but not sufficient to permit his sitting in Congress. He remains constantly in his house.

There is more or less jangling on the part of renters in Centre Hall, all because houses are so very scarce. This is a tip to builders. Why not erect small, cozy dwelling houses to be rented at a good rate per month?

The grain fields in Penna Valley have not looked more promising for a number of years. The wheat plants went into the winter in fine condition, and at present do not show any effects of the sudden drop of mercury to ten degrees below zero.

Engineer Samuel Kaufman, of Selingsgrove, who served the Sunbury and Lewistown Railway Company as a passenger engineer for twenty-five years, was found dead at his post on Saturday morning with his hand on the throttle of the engine.

The Centre Reporter has always held that judges of courts are proper subjects to criticize, but it holds, too, that no one is called upon to make a fool of himself in doing so. This with notice to the Keystone Gazette in its remarks concerning the Peter Rider bond.

The Bellefonte Daily News remarks: Frank M. Crawford, who is with the Potter-Hoy Hardware Company has leased for three years the Howard Cook property on Linn street. . . . Perry and Harry Alters left for a week's visit with friends at Altoona and Lewistown. Perry Alters has just received an honorable discharge from the United States Army, while Harry is one of the efficient clerks in Joseph Brothers & Company's large store in Bellefonte.

### FIRST FEBRUARY COURT.

To Convene Monday, February 25—Two Weeks Session—The Jurors.

Following is a list of the jurymen for February court, which begins Monday, February 25th, and continues two weeks:

### GRAND JURORS.

Thomas P. Beightol, Marion B. D. Biegel, Phillipburg Emmanuel Cornman, Spring L. C. Dom, Phillipburg C. T. Gerlach, Bellefonte C. E. Hackenberg, Gregg N. E. Hess, Ferguson T. F. Hill, Haines Harry Hoffer, Phillipburg Jacob Hoy, Benner James H. Johnson, Phillipburg C. D. Loraine, Phillipburg Samuel Markie, Rush James H. Munson, Phillipburg D. G. Meek, State College E. B. McMullen, Millheim John B. Royer, Spring David Spitzer, Rush William Schenck, Liberty Frederick Schenck, Howard boro. Charles S. Solomon, Phillipburg C. B. Sweeney, State College James S. Weaver, Haines Phillip Young, Worth

### TRAVELER JURORS—1ST WEEK.

Joseph E. Bruger, Unionville Floyd E. Bowersox, Gregg George W. Bradford, Potter Joseph Besser, Bellefonte D. A. Erie, Gregg N. W. Eby, Haines William Ferguson, Phillipburg W. H. Fry, Ferguson John B. Fortney, Potter T. Fulton, Milesburg George Fisher, Harrisburg J. C. Goodhart, Potter J. C. Heckman, Gregg George Hamer, Phillipburg J. W. O. Houseman, Millheim Thomas Houser, State College John Hord, Phillipburg Joseph F. Hoy, Ferguson Edward Johnson, Milesburg J. W. Kerstetter, Penn Thomas Kennelly, Gregg Joseph Lyons, Howard boro. Arthur Lukens, Phillipburg John H. Miller, Huston E. Mingle, Bellefonte F. F. Musser, Millheim Daniel Miller, Spring Emanuel Mark, Gregg Emanuel Musser, College George Martz, College George Moore, Harris E. R. Owen, Spring Shuman Fletcher, Howard boro. Josiah Pritchard, Phillipburg W. H. Patterson, Taylor G. W. Port, Bellefonte Bruce W. Ripka, Gregg Fred Reed, Ferguson James Schofield, Bellefonte George Smiler, Phillipburg Hayes Schenck, Howard boro. James Williams, Bellefonte L. W. Wert, Haines Joseph Woodring, Worth Abednego Williams, Huston Aaron Young, Harris Jerry Zettie, Gregg

### TRAVELER JURORS—2ND WEEK.

Wm. H. Adams, Boggs Isaac Armstrong, College Bert Bathurst, Bellefonte Chester Beightol, Harrisburg Benjamin Brown, Gregg A. G. Bows, State College John P. Condo, Haines John Carl, Harris H. F. Oarso, Patton George Cox, Spring John A. Dalry, Curtin J. Humer, Decker, Ferguson John Garchick, Spring A. J. Gephart, Millheim John Getz, College W. H. Glenn, Ferguson William Greebe, Phillipburg Joseph Glatas, State College Tyson Hoffer, Phillipburg M. F. Haze, Spring Samuel C. Hoy, Walker Elmer Johnson, Rush Gates Kennelly, Gregg Bruce Lingie, Gregg Schuman Lyon, Spring George C. Meyer, College T. F. Meyer, Millheim George K. Mensch, Millheim Charles Mohrnsch, Harris K. W. Mensch, Haines A. A. Fletcher, Howard boro. William Kishel, College Abram Sharrow, Rush George B. Slover, Miles F. F. Smith, Rush George W. Smith, College J. J. Wagner, Liberty Sime Walker, Ferguson

### Borough Purchases Hose.

At a regular meeting of the Centre Hall borough council held Friday evening, six hundred feet of Arrow brand fire hose were purchased from John J. Bower, of Bellefonte, representing the Fabric Fire Hose Company, of New York. The hose purchased is similar to the fifty feet of hose owned by the fire company, and cost seventy cents per foot, or \$420 for the six hundred feet.

If the borough council provides a suitable place in which these new hose may be properly cared for their usefulness will be much prolonged. The outlay for hose and other fire-fighting apparatuses, even in a small borough like Centre Hall, is considerable, and it certainly would be economy to erect a fitting place in which to store and care for this property. There is a disposition on the part of the borough council to do so, but no definite action has been taken.

At the meeting Friday night, Mr. Bower ventured the opinion that the junk cover, near the lock-up recently erected under a resolution calling for the erection of a building in which to store "both hose carts and road scraper," was in no wise fit to store fire hose.

### U. Ev. Church Dedication.

The new United Evangelical church at Madisonburg will be dedicated Sunday, January 13th. Services commenced Tuesday evening, and will continue every evening during the entire week, conducted by the pastors of the various churches. The dedicatory ceremonies will be in charge of ex-Bishop W. M. Stanford, D. D.

### The Bulk of 'Em Are Tittles.

From the Democratic Watchman.

What is the matter that the price of milk has been advanced so much in almost every city in the land? Can it be possible that a shortage has been caused by the theatrical profession's gathering up all the good calves?

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Dr. J. E. Ward will return to Bellefonte from Carlisle.

Jacob Shuey, of Centre Furnace, will make sale next spring and quit the farm.

Messrs. J. H. Eberhart and H. P. Shaffer, of Bellefonte, drove from that place to Penn Hall Sunday.

During 1906 there were 1,100,735 immigrant aliens admitted to this country. That beats all previous records.

Elmer Harshbarger, tenant on the farm of W. H. Bartholomew, near Linden Hall, will move to Buffalo Run, on the farm of George M. Glenn.

An old cooper shop on the premises of Enoch Kreamer, in Haines township, was recently destroyed by fire. The most valuable thing in the shop was Mr. Kreamer's meat supply, which was gotten out before being damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bare, of Spring Mills, recently attended the funeral of the former's aunt, Mrs. Sophia Montgomery, at Lewistown. Mrs. Montgomery was a sister of Samuel Bare, deceased, and was aged some seventy years.

Among the Reporter's callers Friday was John J. Bower, Esq., of Bellefonte, who was in Centre Hall in the interest of the Fabric Fire Hose Company. He met the council that evening, and secured an order for six hundred feet of hose.

A freak of nature was brought to the Reporter office last week by J. O. Deininger, one of the oldest citizens of Centre Hall in point of age and residence, in the form of carrots. There are two distinct carrots, one of which encircles the other four times.

Mrs. Annie Chaney, who was recently brought from Altoona to the home of her brother, Robert Smith, in this place, in a very delicate condition, is considerably improved in health, and is now at the home of her mother, Mrs. Hannah Smith, west of town.

Benjamin Gramley, of Kaneville, Illinois, came east to visit his mother, Mrs. Joseph Gramley, at Rebersburg, but arrived too late to see her alive. Mr. Gramley went west thirty-two years ago, from Madisonburg. He engaged in farming, but now is living retired.

Miss Edith Sankey, of Pottery Mills, accompanied by Mrs. W. F. Smith, of Millheim, were pleasant callers at the Reporter office. Mrs. Smith is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Marcellus Sankey, and the little babe that is just now the idol of the whole connection.

Jacob Wagner is visiting his son, Rev. W. J. Wagner, at New Bloomfield, and before returning will go to Washington to see the President and the Congress that is making the Chief Executive so much trouble. While in the National capital he will be the guest of his granddaughter, Mrs. Frank Long.

Messrs. John F. Hagen and John H. Rishel, builder and merchant, respectively, of Farmers Mills, were in Centre Hall Saturday, to complete plans for the erection of a store-house and dwelling to be erected for Mr. Rishel, on the Finkle store site, at Spring Mills. The structure is to be up and ready for occupancy early next spring.

The cider house of John A. Hagan, at Howard, was partially destroyed by fire Christmas morning. The building was of brick and contained about three hundred barrels of cider and, as water was scarce, the juice of the apples was used to extinguish the flames. The fire started from an over-heated stove and the loss is about one thousand dollars, with no insurance.

J. M. Yeager, a leading citizen and business man in Millin county, died at Yeagertown, aged seventy-five years. He was the owner of the Yeager flour mills at Yeagertown since 1857, the mill having been purchased by his father in 1842. The deceased was the father of Mrs. Charles Rice, who last summer spent several weeks at the Centre Hall hotel.

Elmer S. Ishler, of Oak Hall Station, was in Centre Hall Saturday. Mr. Ishler lives on one of the farms recently purchased by Theodore Davis Boal, but one year after next spring he will move to the Ishler homestead, above Boalsburg, which he purchased a short time ago for \$2800. After moving to his new possession, Mr. Ishler will be obliged to build a barn to replace the one destroyed by fire.

Messrs. John H. Bitner and Jacob E. Bitner were callers, Friday of last week. Both gentlemen are from Pottery Mills, but the latter is engaged at present on a large saw mill operated by Orwig and Kryder, at Arbovale, West Virginia. He went to Virginia forests last September, and, of course, wanted to be home over the Christmas season. He expected to return to work again this week.