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TEACHERS' LOCAL INSTITUTE

At Boalsburg, Friday and Saturday—Large Attendance at Lecture and Other Sessions.

The teachers' local institute at Boalsburg Friday and Saturday was largely attended by teachers and others interested in school work. The Reporter's able correspondent at Boalsburg makes the following report:

The Friday evening session was opened with music. Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, pastor of the Reformed church at Bellefonte, gave a very interesting talk on the subject "Across the Atlantic and Through the Mediterranean," giving a description of the voyage from Boston to Rome, where he attended the Fifth World's International S. S. Convention. He commenced by giving a description of the steamer. In height this was like a seven-story building, four stories being above the water and three underneath. The entire number of persons on board, including the ship's crew, were 999. The third day of their journey they saw the first whale, which spouted a spray of water about twelve feet above the level of the ocean. Three more whales were seen during the voyage. The sixth day out there was a heavy fog, and in the evening the shrill whistle of the foghorn was heard, indicating that another vessel was near. They waited there for about an hour and then moved on.

The entire voyage was made in 16 days covering about 4,400 miles, and traveling from 300 to 365 miles a day. Whenever convenient the steamer stopped at different places along the route to see the people, their manners and mode of living. At one place as they were nearing the shore they were signaled that the people had smallpox, so the travelers were content to see some of the natives on the bank waving to them.

Rev. Schmidt described the waters as having beautiful colors, that of the Atlantic being a rich green, and the Mediterranean a deep blue. He also gave a short description of some of the beautiful sights in Naples and Rome. The return voyage was made in 12 days, having taken a shorter route. They landed at New York. During the entire trip of twelve weeks there was no sickness and they had no accidents. Dr. J. W. Sahr, president of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, who had been abroad before, was Mr. Schmidt's traveling companion.

After the lecture a play was given, which was a very pleasing part of the exercises of the institute.

Saturday morning session opened with music, scripture reading and prayer by Rev. J. I. Stoneyffer. Some introductory remarks and words of welcome were given by the chairman, Prof. H. C. Rothrock. The first subject discussed was "What makes an ideal recitation," and was opened by Miss Margaretta Goheen. "The study of agriculture in our rural schools" was discussed by Prof. C. R. Neff. Frank McFarlane and William Goheen expressed their opinions on the subject. These were followed by a recitation by John Homan on "Temperance." The last topic before noon was "Mistakes in teaching," opened by Prof. B. H. Bottenhorn. The session closed with a solo.

Afternoon session was opened with music, after which the last subject of the morning was continued. The sacredness of the teacher's contract" was opened by S. W. Smith. Prof. G. W. Johnston brought by unavoiably absent, the next subject was dropped. By request the "Scarf Drill" by the little girls was repeated, followed by music, "Flag of Liberty." The subject "Examinations" was taken up for discussion, M. E. Heberling being the first speaker. Miss Margaretta Goheen gave a recitation entitled, "The second trial." The last topic on the program was "Is the custom of changing teachers so frequently in the rural schools a good one?" The institute closed with a solo.

Mr. King, of Pine Grove Mills, entertained the audience during all the sessions with solos of a humorous nature. The class music, under the direction of J. M. Wieland, was a pleasing feature of the institute. Altogether the exercises were entertaining and edifying.

The following teachers were present: Centre Hall borough, Prof. C. H. Neff, Helen S. Hosterman.

College, Margaretta Goheen, Gertrude Wieland, Sophia Thompson, Margaret Musser, M. G. Decker.

Fryburg, Clarence Weaver, J. H. Decker, Gertrude Keichline, John Homan, Margaret Peters, Sara Mc Williams.

Harris, Prof. H. C. Rothrock, E. H. Williams, Frank Young, Margaret Mothersbaugh, Isabel Miller.

Potter, T. L. Moore, Elmer Miller, Claudia Wieland, S. C. Brungart, Roy Decker.

State College borough, Prof. B. H. Bottenhorn, M. E. Heberling.

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A GREAT TEMPERANCE YEAR.

Not Only in the United States but Over the Whole World Temperance is Growing.

The year 1907 was notable for the progress made in temperance, not only in the United States but the world around.

This was the year of the Chinese imperial edict against opium. Prohibition made great strides in the south, reclaiming the states of Georgia and Alabama and winning a hundred counties of Kentucky. It was seriously proposed as a Presidential issue for the Democratic party. Oklahoma entered the Union with a law forbidding the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. The incident of the sewers of Oklahoma City flushed with 2,300 barrels of contraband beer was sufficiently novel. Two of the three counties of Delaware went "dry" at the November election. The bishops' Excise law was a leading issue in the New Jersey campaign. Chicago added a square mile to its prohibition territory. Thousands of employes of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad "took the pledge." The consumption of strong liquors diminished in Great Britain.

The Government of Roumania is planning drastic measures to check drunkenness. The new bill restricting drink in that country makes the sale of brandy and whiskey a state monopoly and gives municipalities the control of the saloons. Barkeepers become municipal employes. Intoxication is punished by fine for the first offense and by a prison term for the second. Habitual drunkards are registered, and barkeepers selling them liquors are subject to heavy fines.

A Realization.

There is considerable pleasure and satisfaction in seeing the materializing of things in one's life time for which honest effort was made to accomplish, and especially so when at the time the individuals were striving to do a creditable thing the effort was opposed and the work held in derision. Reference is here made to the conditions at Pennsylvania State College at this present time, at which institution agriculture is not only taught to regularly registered students, but a "farmers week" has been arranged for, and several hundred farmers annually listen to lectures on a varied number of subjects all pertaining to agriculture.

Some years ago, when Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Hon. Leonard Rhone, speaking and acting for the Patrons of Husbandry of the State and farmers in general, advocated just such a line of work at Pennsylvania State College as has been adopted within the past few years. Mr. Rhone's ideas were stoutly opposed and rejected, but since then conditions have changed, and he now has the satisfaction and pleasure of seeing in effect the measures he sought that institution to adopt.

Telephone Company Meets

The annual meeting of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company was held in Bellefonte Thursday. The officers of the previous year were re-elected. The business of 1907 was also closed up, and accounts referred to the auditors.

For the Odd Fellows.

An event that Centre Hall Odd Fellows are beginning to look forward to, although it is yet a few months distant, is the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' Anniversary Association. Shamokin is the place chosen for the next gathering, the date of which probably will be Monday, April 27th.

Minister Surprised.

Thursday of last week Rev. W. D. Donat and wife, of Aaronsburg, drove to the carriage factory of J. C. Condo, at Penn Hall, with the intention of purchasing a sleigh. After looking at different ones and comparing prices with the contents of his purse, Mr. Donat was informed by the proprietor that the members of Salem Reformed church had bought the highest priced sleigh in stock as a gift for him, and that he was at liberty to hitch "My-Jay" to it and drive home, which was done.

The surprise was genuine, and that the gift is highly appreciated goes without saying. Mr. Donat thanks herewith to tender his heartfelt thanks to the kind donors.

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County Superintendent D. O. Eitner was also present.

The following little girls took part in the scarf drill: Ruth Rupp, Marjorie Rothrock, Leona Wieland, Naomi Meyers, Ida Sequer, Elsie Rishel, Rachel Rothrock, Rebekah Wieland, Hazel Lucas, Ethel Gingerich, Helen Coxy, Catherine Stamm, Miss Alida Rothrock played the organ accompaniment.

The evening session closed with music.

ASSAILANT OF DAN SHOOP ARRESTED

A Close Friend and Neighbor Under Bond Charged with Having Committed the Crime.

Guy Kettering was arrested in Lockport, Illinois, charged with having murdered Dan Shoop, June 30th, near his home in that place. The complainant in the case is Illinois State's attorney. Kettering was placed under bond in the sum of \$1500.

On the night of the thirtieth of June Mr. Shoop, on returning from his place of business, was assaulted and badly beaten, from which injuries he has not fully recovered and possibly never will, near his own home. The first stroke knocked the man insensible, and it was several days until he gained full consciousness. Mrs. Shoop heard the cries of her husband, but did not reach the scene of the tragedy until after the assailant had robbed Mr. Shoop of three hundred or more dollars, mostly in cash.

Guy Kettering was a close friend of Mr. Shoop, and lived with his father next door to the Shoop home. The next day Kettering called on Mr. Shoop, and as the story goes, was indirectly accused of having been the man who committed the deed. He indignantly denied the charge, but in the midst of his denials fell to the floor in a faint. Before Shoop gained consciousness sufficient to make a statement, Kettering left Lockport. Later his father sold out his business and also removed to Colorado. In the meantime a story was circulated that everything had been adjusted between Kettering and Shoop, but this was denied.

A short time ago Kettering unexpectedly came to Lockport, and was placed under arrest as noted above.

The Kettering family and the Shoop family were on intimate terms previous to the assault, and on more than one occasion Shoop did the young man financial and other favors. From stories afloat, it appears that Kettering had urgent need of cash, and knowing that his friend Shoop carried money on his person it is believed it was he who committed the assault.

Mr. Shoop is a native of Potter township, and a brother of Samuel Shoop, of Centre Hall.

New Car for the Central.

The Bellefonte Central railroad is now equipped with a new car driven by a steam motor, gasoline being used as fuel. The total length of the car is seventy feet, and it is divided into four compartments, the first being devoted to the driving apparatus, the second to baggage, the third as a smoking room, and the fourth as a general passenger compartment. The car is finished in solid mahogany, and presents a fine appearance both on the outside and interior.

DEATHS. — 3

Only those who must, venture on the roads since Saturday night.

Rain Saturday night and nearly all day Sunday. Sledging was badly damaged and the ice ruined.

A piano was recently purchased by Samuel S. Kreamer from Prof. P. H. Meyer, and last week it was placed in their home.

Sunday afternoon a regular mid-winter thunder storm passed over Philadelphia and that section of the state. This was the second thunder storm during the present January, and was the first recorded by the Weather Bureau since its organization in 1871.

Some of the Reporter readers will find enclosed in this issue bills showing their standing on the Reporter's subscription list, and those who receive them are kindly requested to make prompt payment. This action is necessary in order that the paper will not be excluded from the mails.

After being in service with the Pennsylvania railroad company for several years, Forrest Bible, formerly agent at Oak Hall Station, resigned and will in the future be engaged in some other line of work. Mr. Bible had been offered a place at the Georgetown station, on the P. & E. R. R.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lingle was eighty-two years old Sunday, and to celebrate the event a dinner was given for her by her daughter, Mrs. John Q. A. Kennedy, west of Centre Hall, Saturday, at which her children, except her son, were present, besides a number of other invited guests. Mrs. Lingle, a year ago, was in very delicate health, but at present is in quite good physical condition for one of her age.

Miss Candace M. McCormick and Andrew McCormick, of Joliet, Illinois, arrived in Centre Hall the latter part of last week, and are at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reesman. They are sister and brother of Miss Bertha and Robert McCormick, who have their home with their grandparents. During the past ten years Candace and Andrew have been in the home of Mrs. P. Marsinger, in Illinois.

TEMPERANCE ADDRESS.

"Intemperance, the Master Social Curse." Topic Assigned Dr. J. W. Boal During Week of Prayer.

The week of prayer was observed in Centre Hall last week, the services being of a union character. The subject assigned Dr. James W. Boal was "Intemperance, the Master Social Curse," and it was handled in a most admirable way. Appended is a brief review of the address, and is here printed to give a wider distribution of his views on the question.

After a brief introduction, in which he made an appeal to consider the great evil which confronts us with sober thought, he proceeded to the discussion of the great theme, the outline of which is substantially as follows: The gigantic monster strong drink is walking to and fro, leaving destruction, shame, poverty, wreck and death in his dreadful path. It is only necessary for us to open our eyes to see these bloody foot-prints. Need I say that ninety per cent of the crimes that challenge the eye of our courts can be traced to the intoxicating cup? That a large majority that occupy our jails and penitentiaries come from the ranks of the intemperate? That those who uniformly desecrate the Sabbath, that blaspheme heaven, that neglect the home and the proper education of their children, that corrupt morals come largely from the same ranks? Such is the character of that evil; such is his power to work ruin that unless we meet him—drive him back—he may enter and make our homes his dwelling. It is time to awake; to rise and strike the blow of death.

What shall we do? Seize every legitimate instrumentality to hem in that destroying monster. Drive him back and out and redeem the land. As the secret of Napoleon's military triumphs was the concentrating of his forces, presenting an unbroken front and dividing the masses he met, so we should, as far as possible, mass our forces that we may meet this enemy. Division has been our weakness.

The Doctor said that no single means yet employed would exterminate the evil. Total abstinence had done much and would do more. It had proved efficient to a certain degree, but not sufficient. The joint action of the pulpit and the press were not adequate to the task. Moral argument alone will not effect the reformation we desire. We cannot calm the winds or still the waves by moral argument, neither can we persuade certain men by this means. The thirst for gain which the liquor traffic excites is unextinguishable. The pulpit and press are mighty forces and with their moral motives are efficient, very efficient, but not sufficient. Neither will constitutional and statutory law alone effect the end so dear to those whose heads and hearts are in this work. To give efficiency to law there must be a moral sentiment in strict consistency with the principles of the enacted laws, to make them living, moving powers, and to strengthen the hands of those we entrust to administer those laws. Therefore, labor to create a sentiment that will strengthen law and that will banish intoxicating liquors as a lawful article of commerce. This would be more effective than to pour out vials of wrath upon those who are unfortunately engaged in this evil traffic.

Let the nominally temperate cease to drink. Let the nominally respectable refuse to countenance in any form this traffic, but earnestly try to persuade anyone who may ask his aid, either to endorse his bond or sign his application, against engaging in a business that brings ruin to heart and home, and on which the curse of God rests. There is a curse in that traffic, and those who encourage and support it will bear their part of the curse. Be not deceived. What we sow we will reap. Sow to the wind and the harvest will be the whirlwind.

Hear, O men. This traffic violates the great command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor. This law of love in active exercise will not, for the sake of enriching self, inflict evil upon his neighbor. Love does not lead a man to steal his neighbor's goods, burn his buildings, squander his property, poison his food and damn his soul. But the commerce in ardent spirits does all this. Property, health, reputation, salvation fall before it. Dr. Lyman Beecher said, if what was done directly by this commerce were done directly it would subject those doing it to the ignominy of an execution and yet it is scarcely a palliation of the wrong that this ruin is effected indirectly. It must be that offences will come, but woe to those through whom they come.

The speaker then showed the great aid given to the work by the press, and the spread of the temperance sentiment as encouraging signs. He

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Paragraphs Picked from Exchanges of Interest to Reporter Readers.

Millheim Journal—
Dr. Charles Stitzer and sister, Mrs. Grace Glover, of Millinburg, spent Sunday with Millheim friends.
Bruce M. Stover, a student at the Pennsylvania State College, spent his vacation in this place and Woodward, Samuel D. Musser and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grice, of Scranton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Campbell, Thursday.

C. O. Alter, of Greensburg, arrived in town Monday to spend his two weeks vacation with his mother, Mrs. Jacob Alter.

Miss Mary Catherman, of Hartleton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McManaway several days during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Harter arrived from Harter, W. Va., last week and are now at their home, near Coburn, for a short time.

Miss Emeline Sturgis, accompanied by her brother Bernard, of Watsonstown, were guests at the home of A. Walter Sunday and Monday.

After a two weeks' vacation spent at his home in this place, William Duck left for Selingsgrove Monday afternoon to take up his studies at the Susquehanna University.

State College Times

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyers, of Alexandria, have been visiting friends here and down Penns Valley.

The popular young divine, the Rev. R. H. Bergstrosser, of Pine Grove Mills, laid by his ministerial cares last week and with his family visited their home at Millertown.

Mrs. John C. Hoy, of Centre Furnace, has discovered the secret of preserving pumpkins, for she has a 30-pounded sweet pumpkin that was garnered in the fall of 1906 and which to all appearances is as perfectly sound as the day it was brought in from the field.

Last Tuesday morning the early train over the L. & T. branch had as passengers a number of ladies bent on having a jolly time. They left the train at Pennsylvania Furnace and made their way to the home of A. M. Brown, which they stormed. Mrs. Brown surrendered and bade the invaders enter. A sumptuous dinner was served by Mrs. Brown. The afternoon was spent in social chat and games. Those present were Mrs. Larimer, Mrs. J. L. Reifsnnyder, Rosa McFarlan, Mrs. Aikens, Mrs. McManus and Mrs. May Shreffler, who planned the attack. The occasion was indeed an enjoyable one.

Democratic Watchman

Nelson E. Robb has been promoted from district manager of the American Union telephone company to superintendent of contracts, with headquarters in Harrisburg.

Prof. Watts to Succeed Butz.

Prof. Ralph L. Watts, of Scalf, Level, Cambria county, has been elected the successor of Prof. George C. Butz, deceased, at Pennsylvania State College as professor of horticulture. Prof. Watts is a graduate of State, and is especially well equipped for the head of the department at which he has been placed.

Prof. Watts will be remembered by many of the Reporter readers as the brains of the lecturing force at the last sessions of the Farmer's Institute held in Centre Hall. As an institute lecturer he was highly complimented in these columns, and the Reporter is confident that he will meet all demands made on him in his new role.

Concert at Madisonburg.

The first concert of the season will be held in the town hall in Madisonburg, Saturday evening, January 18, at 7:30, under the direction of P. H. Meyer, of Centre Hall. The chorus selections will be by fifty voices, interspersed with quartettes, duets and solos. Admission 25c. Children under twelve years of age 15c.

Smith, the Photographer.

W. W. Smith, the Photographer, will be in Centre Hall Friday, January 24.

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explained the attitude of his church as against this traffic by the deliverances of its courts for a century. Its utterances and deliverances against the traffic are of the most positive and solemn character. He concluded with an earnest appeal to parents to instruct their children in the principles of temperance, to teach them that the traffic in strong drink is a sin against God and a crime against man. He appealed to professing Christians—members of the church—to put on the pure white robe, the fine lincens the saints wear. The address was punctuated all through by incidents, figures, facts, and some very impressive ones, that came from his own knowledge or personal observation.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Evangelistic meetings are being held in the Methodist church this week.

Oliver Hosterman, of Woodward, left Woodward for Denver, Colorado, a short time ago.

With all this good sleighing the man's a poor skate who can't get a female companion to go "ridin'."

Some of the young people from Spring Mills, accompanied by a few of the children, held a party at the home of George K. Long.

H. E. Zimmerman, of Spring township, has announced himself a candidate for county commissioner, in the Republican column.

W. A. Clees, of Phillipsburg, has announced his willingness to accept the nomination for recorder on the Republican ticket at the April primaries.

Charles Fisher is willing to go to the Legislature, provided he can be nominated by the Republicans and then can muster up enough votes to be elected.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bailey, of State College, drove to Centre Hall Saturday to be present at a dinner given by Mrs. Kennedy for her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lingle.

The condition of John Todd, the Phillipsburg Journal notes, is improving, and it is expected he will be able shortly to go to North Carolina to spend part of the winter with his sister.

Mrs. L. S. Stine and daughter, of Anville, are guests at the home of the former's brother, D. M. Campbell, at Linden Hall. Her mother, Mrs. Eliza Campbell, who is also a member of the Campbell household, is in delicate health.

State Health Commissioner Dixon is of the opinion that a system will shortly be inaugurated in Pennsylvania whereby every physician will be required to make a daily report of every case of illness which comes under his care.

Evangelist J. M. Mayes, of Arlisle, is conducting a series of meetings in the Green Grove United Evangelical church, north of Penn Hall, and is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. John Bair. The meetings are being largely attended. Rev. Mayes is blind, but not spiritually blind.

From Milton comes the news through William H. Snyder that times are very dull there since the iron works had closed down, and there are no indications of them resuming work. The car works, which are employing about one third their men, is the only institution of consequence in operation.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Weber, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church, Soudbury, had his right leg amputated. The operation was due to cancer having developed on his foot. The physicians at Clifton Springs sanitarium decided that it was a matter of either losing his limb or life, and the Doctor chose the former.

Messrs. A. N. Griffin and Will D. Altkin, of Reedsville, were in Centre Hall the latter part of last week. The former is a veterinary dentist, and came to Centre county to do a bit of work in his line. Mr. Altkin is an all round man in Reedsville and came along to say the proper words to quiet the horses while the doctor cut down the rough edges on the molars.

John Coble, of Linden Hall, was in town Monday, and called at this office. He is hale and hearty at seventy-eight years, and for a week tramped through the Allegheny Mountains with the Bradford hunting party during the deer season, and did it as easily as any other member of the party. He served during the Civil War, having been a private of Company C, 148th Regiment.

William Houser and family and the families of George Thomas and John Mowery enjoyed a moonlight sled ride to the home of Samuel Gicherich, west of Centre Hall, Friday evening of last week. The evening was pleasantly spent, say the participants, and that the refreshments were varied and delicious. But, "where was the duck?" was a question put up to Mr. Houser to answer at that time and remains for him to answer yet.

Mrs. Flora O. Bairfoot and Will J. Smith, Wednesday of last week, returned from Philadelphia where they visited friends for a week or more. This was the latter's first visit to the city in fifteen years, and it is not saying too much to say that he thoroughly enjoyed the trip, as there are few young men who more closely attend to business than he—the farmer and dairyman. He brought with him, for the Reporter, a parrot which is receiving its first lessons in English.