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EDITORIAL.

LICENSING GAMBLERS.

The editor of the Patron, a monthly paper published by the grange organization of this county, in its last issue cites the fact that considerable betting occurred at the State College-Bucknell football game, at Williamsport recently. It concludes, that if the same thing had occurred at an agricultural gathering in this county, the local papers would have severely censured it—but circumstances make a difference. As there is but one prominent agricultural gathering, at Grange Park, in this county, that must have been in the mind of the editor of the Patron. By insinuating he imputes unfairness to the editors of our local papers, who fearlessly censure the management for the licensed gambling dens at Grange Park. It also is an apology for their course, and seeks satisfaction by an attempt to besmirch the motives of the local papers.

The managers of Grange Park and the Patron are practically the same. For years they have openly defied the laws by licensing forms of gambling devices which fleece the people and especially many farmers who attend this gathering. No matter what others may do at Williamsport, gambling and dishonest practices at Grange Park all the same is a notorious violation of our laws, has an evil effect on the community at large, and the managers of the Park, along with black-legs and thugs have been exceedingly fortunate thus far in escaping from fine and imprisonment. We think the local papers have been exceedingly lenient in the face of such affairs.

Betting on foot ball at Williamsport, and the shortcoming of the Centre county editors are no comparison, or even excuse, for the lawlessness, the crime, the gambling so openly licensed at Grange Park. Any attempt to belabor the county papers, or question the motives of the editors, does not lessen the responsibility nor mitigate the crime for licensing gambling and swindling. They well know they are in the wrong, but it is done because their moral stamina does not rise above their love for the filthy here derived by dishonest practices.

Gamblers make no pretensions to good citizenship, they know they ply a dishonorable profession and corrupt public morals. Then what can be said in defence of those who aid, abett, encourage or license such schemes?
It remains for the Patron to purge, if possible, the management of Grange Park from the odium incurred, rather than to question the motives of the local county papers.

Further, we know that large numbers of Grangers throughout this county are in sympathy with the sentiments, expressed above.

The Dingley deficit is a bugaboo that alarms our republican friends.

To the minds of many people the annexation of Hawaii means an endless amount of trouble—we have enough at home, without hunting for more.

The currency question is one that promises to give an endless amount of trouble to the administration while congress is in session. The views of the president are not generally accepted by leading members of his party.

AFTER all the talk of dollar wheat killing Bryanism in Nebraska, the official returns of the election show that the silver men carry the State by an increased majority, on a decreased vote. The total vote was 191,837, a loss of 31,000 from last year. The fusion plurality is a little larger, 13,470 last year, 14,819 this year. The gold Democrat vote, which was 18,638 in 1895 and nearly 3,000 last year, is only 718 now. The followers of Ex-Senator Morton have evidently either gone to the Republicans or joined Mr. Bryan.

BRYAN is in Mexico for the purpose of studying the industrial and economic conditions that exist in that country and what the effects of free silver has upon the condition and welfare of that people. This expedition of Mr. Bryan causes much uneasiness among the goldites. All the leading republican journals are devoting much time and effort to giving him advice. The fact is they fear he will come back loaded to the brim for another free silver campaign. Whether Bryan goes to Mexico or not, free silver will be a national issue.

Big Porker.

Mr. Houser, who lives two miles east of Linden Hall, killed a porker on the 27th of November that dressed 64 lbs. Can Lamont, or anyone else, beat that?

SOBER ITEMS.

Sing a song of rainy days,
The roads are full of slop,
But Ezra says he's bound to go,
And nothing can make him stop.
Every other evening, rain or shine,
He makes a call near bed time,
And in the morning, when they wake,

They find it always past day break.
Mr. W. W. Jamison is working at the shoe-maker trade. Willard what did you charge to fix those shoes last week.

Have you seen the hills posted for Malinda Smith's sale? If you did not, you can learn by this that it is on the 18th of Dec. Do not forget to attend.
Mr. Calvin Snyder, who—made his home in some of the western states for nearly a year, is in our midst again. His brother also came back about two weeks ago.

Mr. J. P. Wolfe met with a very sad accident last week one day while doing some work with the axe. He in some way cut his hand very badly; it is supposed that he will lose one finger.

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Mere sana in usera items (no 2) dos da menscha factory date ois ma hend geva, und wons hend gebt und don geb'ts aw fees. Und os se shant dale fun erim house. rode soch gricked hen. Des is bissel we's yunga hinkle rasi. Wom mer de oyer of fressed bis de hinkle breich worra, no hut mer kenny for se setsa. Don mus mer lana. So is es bissel mit since soch gre'a. Wom mer si soch arsch grick't, no hut mers. Ower won mer de frow grick't, und don hut mere uft moles ken gelt ma fer soch gre'ga. No dates node mer date aw lana und giv mus mer on ame blots lana fer on mer blots widder bat'cala. Ich hob der onner dang seller kari g'sana, und hob mit em gablodered, und are but mere g'sote won de menscha factory even in circula-ware, und don date aret net nochia we dale fun da bova in dem eck hen. Os se sich u crim dady si gelt forlossa fer eri responsibilities meeta.
Em Bonastiel si echo.

ROMOLA RUMBLINGS.

Mr. R. C. Daley found it convenient to visit Williamsport, on Monday.

The CENTRE DEMOCRAT and Pittsburg W. Post for \$1.50 a year.

Mr. Irvin Wensel and family are visiting friends in Snow Shoe this week.

Oscar DeLong came home on Monday. We thought he had left us never to return.

Mr. John Robb made a flying trip to Nittany, on Sunday. He reports a very pleasant time.

Rev. Lane, of LeRoy, Pa., preached a good sermon in the Christian church, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Marie DeLong came home from Williamsport, on Monday, after a stay of almost four months.

Mr. Samuel Hoy and wife, of Hubbersburg, spent Sunday at the home of Win. Wensel, in this place.

Miss Mamie DeLong is spending her vacation in Slate Run, at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. E. Rodman.

Mr. Chas. White spent the greater part of last week in bagging game. Mr. White was in company with Wm. Robb's sons, and enjoyed the hunt immensely.

Messrs Geo. Bottorf and Samuel Lucas started for Klondike on Monday. They are traveling in a two-horse wagon, and took provisions enough to keep them for the winter. We hope they will not forsake us.

Miss Vernie Brickley, and brother Ernest, are at present visiting in Summerville, Jefferson county, at the home of their sister, Mrs. Carrier. Before coming home they expect to visit their brother Allen, in Marionville.

COST ONLY \$1.00.—A year's subscription to this paper, for some friend, would be an appropriate X-mas gift, and cost but \$1.00 when paid in advance. It would furnish them with all the news from this section regularly.
We are positive that one of our "gentler sex" will soon be called Mrs., and would venture to say that another one living about one and one-half miles from Romola, is also contemplating matrimony,—of course there is an "it" connected with this one.

RUNVILLE NEWS.

Forden Walker, who has been working at Grampian, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hancock, were visiting friends at Unionville, on Sunday.

Frank Lucas visited his sister, Mrs. Wm. Johnson, at Snow Shoe, over Sunday.

Miss Eva Poorman left on last Friday, for Sunbury, to learn the seamstress trade.

A man came into our blacksmith shop, one day last week, and asked the smith for a bear trap. The smith said he did not have any. He then inquired if he could make one for him. The smith told him he could not catch a bear at this place. He said he didn't want to catch a bear, but a widower that was sneaking after mother-in-law.

The contest between Miss Sadie Freil, and Miss Bessie Poorman, for the gold ring, came to a close on last Friday. Miss Bessie was the winner. She collected seven dollars and one cent, and Miss Sadie collected six dollars and seventeen cents. Total \$13.18. The teacher was so well pleased with the work of the girls that he awarded a second prize to Sadie, it being a gold stick pin.

He has answered the last roll call. Thomas H. Mills, an old veteran of the late war, died at his home in Boggs twp. on Saturday December 11, from effect of wounds received in the battle of Winchester, September 19, 1864. He was a member of Company C. of the 87 Regiment. He was 70 years, 4 months and 17 days old. Interment was made in the Advent cemetery, on Monday afternoon, Rev. J. Ziegler, officiated. Politically he was a democrat.
LITTLE BOY.

Silver Jubilee.

The members of St. Agnes Catholic church of Lock Haven are making preparations for a silver jubilee in celebration of the founding of the parish. The anniversary day is really January 1st, but owing to its falling right in the busy holiday season the members decided to celebrate it on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 15th and 16th.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

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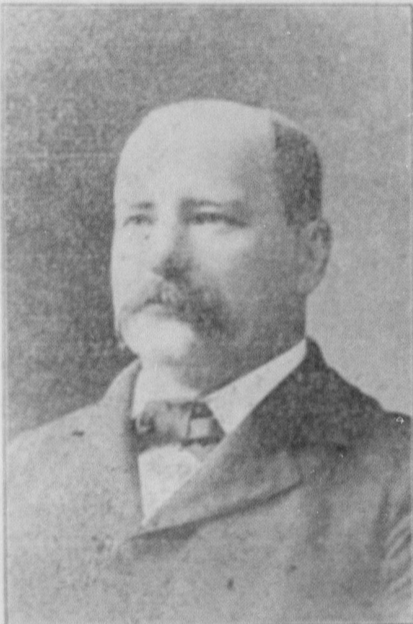
2nd: "Give a classic as a whole." 3rd: "Vary the kind." 4th: "Aim at intensity, rather than extensiveness." 5th: "Cultivate a love for the language which may be written." 6th: "Get at the spirit of the selection." Institute then enjoyed an exercise of singing. Then Hon. Henry Houck occupied the next period and interested his hearers in his old time way. Mr. Houck spoke of the "Discouragement in the school room. We must be particular in assigning lessons; they are very often too long and away beyond the comprehension.
Roll call was next in order, after which Prof. Green recited several beautiful selections of poetry.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The convention was called to order, after which all joined in singing several pieces of music. Deputy Supt. Houck occupied the first period, basing his remarks on music.

Prof. Green again devoted a short time to literature, stating that if impossible for us to visit the homes of our various poets and other literary men, we can study their writings and make ourselves familiar enough, that in teaching literature we can create an interest in the subject.

The "Round Table Conference," consisting of the grammar and high school teachers, met in the W. C. T. U. rooms in Crider's Exchange, and devoted



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about two hours to profitable discussion on the following subjects: "A Uniform Course of Study for our Grammar Schools—for our High Schools—Why Not?" 2nd: "School Libraries. What Should They Consist and How Should They be used." It was decided to make this conference a permanent organization. Prof. D. O. Eters was chosen president and Prof. E. S. Latshaw, secretary.

D. F. Fortney, Esq., spoke in behalf of the compulsory attendance law as amended during the past year.

The roll was called which was followed by singing "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again," after which Institute adjourned.

SAM JONES' LECTURE.

On Tuesday evening the court house was completely packed to hear the Rev. Sam Jones deliver his lecture on "Get There—Stay There."

The exercises of the evening were opened by the rendition of a beautiful solo by Miss Helen Frame, of the Phillipsburg schools. Supt. Gramley then introduced the speaker of the evening, the Rev. Sam Jones, of Georgia. In appearance he is a tall, stately fellow with thin, sharp features, dark piercing eyes, small moustache and has by no means a broad expansive forehead. His appearance and easy, free, indifferent manner does not impress one that he is a man of eloquence and oratorical powers. He is not. His ideas are all for that which is practical—sort of a matter-of-fact fellow, who takes no stock in theories but goes straight at it, quick and in a striking and original way. In his lecture he spoke of how to "get there and stay there" in religion, politics, finance, education and society. His lecture abounded in many bitter denunciations of the liquor traffic which is one of his chief topics. In many of his views he is extremely radical and impractical, and at times his illustrations were crude, bordering on vulgarity. Eliminating these features it was a remarkable discourse. His sledge hammer blows at the evils of modern civilization and the follies of our people were well taken, and was telling. Sam Jones is a treat and pleased the large audience.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The morning session opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and other selections.

Rev. Stephens, of the M. E. church, conducted the devotional exercises by reading part of the 2nd chapters of Proverbs, and prayer.

The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved, after a few corrections.

Institute sang several favorite pieces of music being assisted by Prof. Brown who put life in the music by the use of the coronet.

Prof. Frank Albright, of Phillipsburg, was called to the chair and conducted the teacher's session.

The subject discussed was "School Examinations, Their Purpose, Benefit

and How Best Conducted." Miss Kathryn Kerr opened the subject and gave a good talk, emphasizing that pupils must be regular in attendance in order to derive the proper benefit from school examinations. Messrs R. U. Wason, J. O. Harpster, C. V. DeLong, and W. P. Hosterman were the regular speakers on the subject and ably discussed it. A general discussion followed from which we obtain some good information.

Then Institute refreshed itself with music.

The next period was occupied by Supt. J. M. Berkey, of the City Schools, of Johnstown. Prof. Berkey is the author of the course of study adopted by most of our School Boards. The Supt. talked on the subject of "Country Schools." Mr. Berkey condemns moulding, in the the schools of the country, but admitted that it is useful in the city schools. Use nature studies as a means to develop scholarship. Manuel Training is essential in schools. The teachers should unite and request that the Directors supply the proper equipment. The essentials of a country school,—"Supervision," "Body of Well-paid Teachers," and a few others were ably discussed.

Prof. Green occupied the second period and gave some interesting instruction on Language and Grammar. First—"Begin at the right place and continue in the natural order." Second—"Keep in mind the Purpose of Teaching Language."

Third—"Never overdo the subject of diagramming and parsing." Fourth—"Teach the parts of speech, in speech." Fifth—"Do not Put Unnecessary Words in Sentences." Sixth—"Be not a Slave to Text-books." Seventh—"Spend no Precious Time in the Grammar Class in Settling Quibbling and Petty Points."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and other favorite selections.

The committee on elections presented the following nominees for office for the ensuing year. For Vice President—A. C. Thompson, J. G. Garthoff, R. J. Snyder, and M. E. Heberling. For Sec'y—Miss Mary Ward, H. A. Detwiler and D. K. Keller.

The roll was called at 2 o'clock. Spring township has the greatest number of teachers, which is 19, and they are the most prompt in responding to their names.

Supt. Berkey talked on the "Course of Study" in the country school. Mr. Berkey emphasized the fact that schools may be so poorly managed as to become "book work-shops." Teachers too frequently yield to the dictates of parents, and he further states that the teacher must assume a right where the pupils should stand. Prof. Berkey says there are twenty counties in our state that are using the same course of study.

Singing by the Institute. Prof. Meyer deserves much credit for the way he has conducted the singing.

Supt. Houck gave a very interesting talk and entertained the vast audience in a pleasing manner. Mr. Houck showed many mistakes on the part of the teacher in opening school in the morning, and the manner of conducting the school. The teacher should be pleasant and must not fail to give his pupils an occasional smile, and must allow them to enjoy a hearty laugh. The Hon. gentleman paid a tribute to Prof. Green and says he doesn't understand why he can't "catch on."

Singing by the Institute.

The balloting resulted in the election of Messrs A. C. Thompson and R. J. Snyder, Vice Presidents; and Miss Mary Ward, Sec'y.

Prof. Green gave his farewell address, and paid a glowing tribute to Hugh Beaver. Mr. Green pronounced his subject, the "A. B. C." method: A is for aim; B is for bravely; and C is for courage.

All were quite sorry to part with Prof. Green and they anticipate his presence again at our County Institute some time in the future.

After singing, "God be with you till we Meet Again," Institute adjourned.

C. V. DeLong, of Romola.

Among the prominent young instructors attending institute this year, Mr. DeLong is conspicuous. Last session he acted as Secretary of Institute in an efficient manner. He has been engaged in teaching the past six years. Mr. DeLong is a frequent contributor to the columns of this paper and we regard him as a young man of ability and promise.

Cows in Winter

If cows begin to fall off in milk during the winter, after being given an abundance of grain and hay, it is an indication that the quarters are cold or that they require some kind of succulent food. When ensilage is used, it serves as green food, but on farms where no silo is filled the food may be varied by allowing sliced carrots or turnips, though the best results can be secured by first cooking the turnips and then thickening the mess with bran. When fed warm the cow will relish the mess highly, and the change of food will improve the appetite.

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Garman's Opera House, season of '97. The following attractions have been booked by Manager Garman for season of 1897-98.

Dec. 16—"Little Trixie."
Dec. 21—John Dewitt Miller.
Jan. 12—Rev. Thos. McClary.
Jan. 22—"A Breezy Time."
Jan. 24—Concert Arion-Cook.
Feb. 12—Guy Brothers' Minstrels.
Feb. 14—Ransoms Entertainers,
Feb. 22—"The Passion Play."
Mar. 5—Byrne Bros., "Eight Bells."

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