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52ND TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Convened in the Court House at 1:40 p. m., on Monday
ABLE CORPS OF INSTRUCTORS

The Superintendent to be Congratulated Upon the Good Quality of Evening Lecturers—The Attendance is Large—Complete Programme for the Week.

The annual sessions of Teachers' Institute are in progress, in the court house, this week. The attendance of teachers and others is as large as usual. From the expressions of those in attendance, the instructors are first class and are not only entertaining, but interesting and instructive. In every respect Institute is a success, for which Supt. Gramley is deserving credit for his efforts. Considerable space of this issue is utilized so as to have a complete report of the various sessions, which is carefully prepared by C. V. DeLong, of Romola, who is one of Centre county's progressive young instructors:

(Reported by C. V. DeLong.)

Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock County Superintendent Gramley called the house to order, after which Institute was led in singing "America," and other pretty selections, by Prof. P. H. Myer, of Boalsburg. The Rev. Dr. Holloway, pastor of the Lutheran church, of Bellefonte, conducted the devotional exercises. Institute then sang several choice selections from the "Song Ship."

Prof. R. N. McNeil, superintendent of the public schools of Dauphin county, was presented and spoke on "School Government." He stated the fact that in many cases, parents do not have any control over their children at home, and these are the pupils who make the most trouble in school. Some teachers are natural disciplinarians, and some do not possess any of the qualities of discipline. One of the essentials of success is self-confidence, and many teachers fail because they lack this quality. The Prof. impressed the fact upon the teachers that they should do their work skillfully, and to succeed they should go before their schools having a thorough daily preparation of all lessons.

The next thing was the announcement of committees by Superintendent Gramley. They were as follows:

Elections—S. M. Weber, E. A. Humpston, W. S. Chambers.

Resolutions—E. S. Latsch, J. C. Morris, Ed. R. Hancock, J. T. Garthoff, Lillian Glossner.

Auditing Accounts—J. Frank McCormick, J. B. Stroh, T. L. Crust.

Legislation—D. M. Wolf, D. O. Ethers, G. W. Andrews, A. R. Rutt, H. C. Rothrock.

Memorial—J. Victor Royer, Lucy M. Rowen, T. M. Barnhart.

Prof. W. W. Deatrick, professor of psychology, Kutztown, Pa., gave a talk on "Co-ordination, illustrated." Mr. Deatrick gave several definitions for the term "Co-ordination," saying that some wish to call it correlation and others concentration. All studies that are related should be taught in such a way as to tend to a common center, like the spokes of a wheel. He gave quite an interesting, as well as instructive, talk with the assistance of the teachers, by using a selection from Lord Tennyson. A good lesson was then taught from a selection of Kingsley, "The Three Fishers." Prof. Deatrick gave the following definition of co-ordination: "It is the relating of all related branches and facts of instruction—the interpretation and enrichment of a fact by all related facts possessed by the pupil. It is teaching facts not as isolated items of knowledge, but as related parts of a significant whole."

After roll call Institute adjourned.

TUESDAY'S SESSION.

Institute convened at 9:05. Rev. Bickle, of the Reformed church, conducted the devotional exercises. The minutes of Monday afternoon were read by the secretary, Miss Mary E. Ward, and approved.

The teachers' session was then opened by Prof. L. W. Musser, principal of State College schools, who spoke briefly on the subject, "Special Exercises for Friday afternoons." W. H. Ott then spoke, being followed by Miss Mary Ward, who gave a good talk on the subject, saying that we can secure the best exercises through our educational papers. Prof. W. F. Leathers and A. Reist Rutt gave excellent talks on the same subject, after which, Prof. Myer conducted an exercise in singing.

Prof. Deatrick gave a talk on the vertical writing and special work, presented by Prof. Musser. The papers were prepared by seven of Mr. Musser's pupils, and all the teachers who examined them, pronounced them as an excellent lot of work. Prof. Deatrick then took up his subject of the forenoon, "Quick Wires of Intelligence." He stated that there is no such thing as white matter in the nervous

system, the so called white substance is nothing but fat, acting in the same way as the wood around the graphite in a pencil. One of the best themes in Prof. Deatrick's talk was, that there are no two persons who have the same kind of thumb prints. He presented a drawing of the print of his own thumb which he had had copyrighted. The Professor's talk was good throughout, and was highly appreciated by the teachers.

Supt. McNeil then continued his talk on "School Government." The main thing for the teacher to bear in mind is, the importance of impressing upon the pupils the system that we have enacted for the success of the school. The best rule to practice in life, and to inculcate in the minds of the pupils is, the "Golden Rule." If we could have the principles of this rule actuated in our schools, we would have better success. Prof. McNeil impressed the teachers that they are to lead the pupils in the habit of self-government, and to show them the power of cultivating the habit of self-control in their schools.

The roll was then called after which the following committee was appointed as ushers for the evening: Messrs. R. T. Stroh, T. L. Crust, J. Randall Musser, and W. M. Kerlin. Adjourned.

Institute opened at 1:30 p. m. with singing. Prof. Deatrick continued his talk of the forenoon. A child, when born, has all the nerve cells he ever will have, but they are not developed. And it remains with parents and teachers to see that they are developed properly. He stated that an undeveloped nerve cell is called the cell body; the second stage the neuraxon, and the last stage the nervous terminal.

Prof. McNeil gave an instructive talk, his subject being, "Personal Element in Teaching." The teacher's personality is one of the most prominent features to be noticed in a teacher's qualifications. It is important for a teacher to exercise, as far as possible, a positive influence over his pupils. Prof. McNeil stated that if a teacher has offended a pupil, it is his duty to apologize to him for that offense, even if it has been effected in provocation. He emphasized the fact that the teacher should do more individual work. It is his duty to win the bad and dull boys, and the teacher will certainly receive his reward.

The Hon. Wallace Bruce, of Brooklyn, the lecturer of the evening, was introduced and gave a witty, as well as interesting talk. Mr. Bruce lectured in this place twenty years ago, his subject at that time being "Robert Burns." The roll was then called, only five teachers being absent. Adjournment.

TUESDAY EVENING.
Miss Elizabeth Crouch, pianist for Institute, rendered a fine selection of instrumental music, after which Supt. Gramley introduced the Hon. Wallace Bruce, of Brooklyn, who delivered an excellent lecture on "Wit and Humor." His lecture was modified by using various illustrations, and was heartily applauded by a large and appreciative audience.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSIONS.
Institute opened with singing, after which Rev. E. L. Williams, pastor of the M. E. church, of Pleasant Gap, conducted the devotional exercises.

"What and How to Teach the Chart Class," was first discussed by the teachers, being opened by Mr. H. M. Hosterman, of Boalsburg. Mr. Rufus T. Stroh followed by giving an instructive talk on the same subject. Dr. Deatrick occupied the remainder of the period allotted to the teachers. He impressed them that the three essentials in teaching the Chart Class are, apperception, proceed from the known to the unknown; always appeal to some interest; attention, attend to one thing at a time.

Supt. Gramley made a few good suggestions to the teachers, stating that they should utilize a part of the blackboard for the small pupils, if they do not have sufficient work on the chart.

Prof. Deatrick, from a series of questions, gave us an interesting and instructive talk on the facts of geography not generally understood. He stated that the days and nights are never equal, the day being as much as 22 minutes longer than the night. That on March 20, 1898, the sun arose at 8 hr. 59 minutes a. m. The day's length being 12 hrs. 9 minutes. Autumn began Sept. 22, 1898, at 7:35 p. m. The day being 12 hrs. 11 minutes.

Institute enjoyed a few minutes intermission.

Prof. Gramley introduced Dr. A. T. Smith, Professor of Pedagogy, West Chester, Pa. The Doctor spoke of the "Vices of the Imagination." He defined the two kinds or types, of imagination, as the Receptive and Creative. Some of the practical impressions made, were as follows: 1st, we want to be very careful of the perceptions of our pupils; 2nd, keep the mind actively and pleasantly engaged with that which is worthy; 3rd, prevent, or correct, every exercise of a

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R. A. BUMILLER DIED SUNDAY

Editor of the Millheim Journal Called to Rest

WAS ILL SEVERAL MONTHS

Was One of Centre County's Active Newspaper Publishers—Brief Biography—Other Deaths During the Past Week in the County.

After a prolonged illness of about five months R. A. Bumiller, editor of the Millheim Journal, died at his home in that place, on Sunday last. His first ailment was typhoid fever, followed by paralysis and other complications from which he was a great sufferer.

R. A. Bumiller was born January 1, 1855, in Munich, Bavaria. In 1873 he left his native land to seek his fortune in the United States. His destination was Millheim, Centre Co., where his uncle, Adolph Miller (Bumiller), was living, and here he entered the printing office of George W. Poote, editor of the Centre Berichter, which paper was established at Aaronburg, Centre county, in 1827.

During the winter of 1873-74, Mr. Bumiller conducted an evening school, where the German language was taught, being well equipped for this task by his previous scholastic training in Germany. This instruction was all given in addition to his duties in the printing office. The years 1874 and 1875 were spent in Bellefonte in the office of the Republican, where he gained a good practical knowledge of the art of printing, and on his return to Millheim, in the latter part of 1876, became German editor of the Berichter, which at that time was published half in English and half in German. In 1880 the paper became entirely English, and the name was changed to the Millheim Journal, at which time Mr. Bumiller became half owner and associate editor. Three years later he purchased the paper, of which he has since been editor and proprietor.

In Millheim, Mr. Bumiller was married April 4, 1876, to Miss Ella, the eldest daughter of Squire B. O. Deininger, one of Millheim's leading citizens, and they have two children: Ida A. and Frances C.

Emanuel Markle Dead.

Emanuel Markle died Saturday evening at 11 o'clock of typhoid fever in a hospital at Pittsburg. He was the son of Elias Markle, of Hubersburg, and was born in that village. Had he lived until the 2nd of next February he would have been 25 years old.

About six years ago he came to Bellefonte and secured employment with the firm of Jenkins & Lingle and there learned to be a first class machinist. Last summer he secured a much more lucrative position with the Pennsylvania railroad Co., at Pitscairn, Pa.

The mother of the young man died about 11 years ago but he is survived by his father, Elias Markle, of Hubersburg, and the following sisters and brothers—Mrs. Mary Swartz, of Clintondale; Mrs. James Seibert, of Bellefonte; James, of Pittsburg; Mrs. May Trevillyan, of Iowa; Edward, William and Grace, of Hubersburg.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte on the 1:42 train Monday afternoon and taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. James Seibert, on Bishop street, where the young men who were associates of the deceased in Christian work, held services.

Tuesday the remains were taken to Hubersburg where the funeral and interment took place. Rev. William A. Stephens, pastor of the Methodist church of this place, and Rev. J. W. Rhuc, of Harrisburg, conducted the services.

Death of Mrs. Jane Aikens.

Mrs. Jane Aikens, mother of J. A. Aikens, of this place, and widow of Hugh Aikens was found dead in bed at the home of her son W. H. Aikens in Juniata, Blair county, Friday morning. She had been in failing health for some time, but on Thursday night retired apparently in her usual health. The discovery of her death was made by Mrs. W. H. Aikens about 6 o'clock Friday morning. The physician who called said she had died of heart failure some hours previously.

Deceased was born in Earlestown, Centre county, September 25th, 1812, making her age at the time of her death 86 years, 2 months and 21 days. She was married in Centre county to Hugh Aikens and from here removed to Millroy, where she resided until finally she went to Altoona to make her home with her children Mrs. Charles Moore, of Altoona, and W. H. Aikens, at whose home she died. The following children survive: Mrs. C. W. Moore, of Altoona; W. H. Aikens, of Juniata; J. A. Aikens, of Bellefonte and Mrs. Jennie Harcy, of Bellevue, Ohio. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church. The remains were taken to her old home

in Millroy where the funeral services and interment took place at noon Monday.

Died at Pleasant Gap.

On Monday of last week Mrs. John C. Mulfinger, of Pleasant Gap, was taken ill with pneumonia and she grew worse, her death taking place on Friday morning at 3 o'clock. The interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery, Sunday morning, Rev. Leshar officiating, and was largely attended. She would have been 36 years of age by Feb. '99. Mrs. Mulfinger's maiden name was Catharine Mundric, and her parents reside in Williamsport. She was a niece of Gotlieb Haag, of Bellefonte, with whom she early made her home. She also was a sister of Harry Haag, of this place.

A husband, five sons and three daughters survive. Mrs. Mulfinger was esteemed in that community for her many excellent traits, and always proved an ideal wife and mother. Her death is a heavy affliction in that home.

The Death of Miss Quigley.

Miss Quigley died Thursday evening 15, at her late home in Liberty township. Her death had been hourly expected for nearly a week, though she enjoyed good health up to within three weeks of her demise. She was in the 93rd year of her age, and was the oldest person in that vicinity, and was the last surviving member of a family of nine children. She was born at McEwensville, Northumberland county, her father with his family moved to Dunningtown, when she was young and located on the farm adjoining that of the late David Baird. During the early part of the 60s she moved to Liberty where she has lived ever since. For many years she was interested in the village store and postoffice.

Killed by a Fall.

Mrs. Catherine Haley, of Burrow street, this place, who is over 72 years old and lives alone, on Sunday morning as she started to go down stairs, tripped and fell down backwards. She was found by one of the neighbors an hour afterwards lying at the foot of the stairs. She was so seriously injured that she died on Tuesday. The interment took place this Thursday morning in the Catholic cemetery.

She was the widow of the late James Haley, who was a soldier and an officer in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Haley came here from Philadelphia over 40 years ago.

Lesson on Food.

Miller, the winner of the six days' bicycle race, ate no meat or solid foods during the contest. His fare consisted entirely of cereals, liquids, fruit and eggs. Weights and measurements of every particle of food consumed by him were taken by Professor Atwater, of Wesleyan College, whose intention it is to make a report to the Department of Agriculture at Washington on the relation of food to energy in trials of endurance. Among other things Miller consumed during the six days were forty-eight pints of prepared bottled milk and three quarts of milk and four pounds of beef extract. He took no stimulants and his total sleep amounted to nine and one-quarter hours.

Boys, Take Warning.

Boys with hats on back of their head and long hair hanging down over their foreheads and cigarettes and smutty words in their mouths are cheaper than an old worn out shoe, nobody wants them at any price. Men will not employ them and girls will not marry them. They are not worth their keeping to any one, and they will never be able to keep themselves. If any boy happens to read this description, let him take a look at himself and then do what his conscience tells him to do.

Farmer Hamilton Makes Hay.

It is said that Professor John Hamilton, at present Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, will succeed Thomas J. Edge as head of the Agricultural Department, under Gov. Stone.

George Hutchinson, of Huntingdon, who is connected with the Dairy and Food Department wants to succeed Hamilton as deputy.

Shipping Machinery Away.

W. W. Boob, having discontinued the manufacture of spokes and wheels, at Centre Hall, has sold his wheel machinery in the shops and is shipping it to other parts. He will replace his large engine and boiler with one of smaller size, and the spoke and wheel industry in our town is now a thing of the past.—Reporter.

Valuable Property.

In another part of this issue will be found the advertisement for the sale of the C. C. Loose real estate, in Miles township, which embraces some fine property in that section. The sale takes place Tuesday, January 17th.

STRANGE FACTS OF PORTO RICO

Peculiarities that Preval in Our New Possessions

A DENSELY PEOPLED LAND

Carriages Unknown—Intemperance Unknown Animal Life is Sparse—Prof. G. G. Groff, of Lewisburg, Writes Some Interesting Facts Observed by Him.

There are no wild animals in fields or woods. There are no frogs, toads or snakes and only one little harmless lizard. Insects are scarce except in the houses. There is a cockroach half as large as an English sparrow. Birds are few. Animal life is sparse, probably because the island is so far distant from the continent. Oysters grow upon the mangrove bushes. Although within the tropics grass grows very luxuriantly, the cattle are large and fine, and the milk is excellent. Good cheese is made but butter is unknown. The cows are driven to the doors of customers and milked there. Each cow is accompanied by a calf. The horses are small ponies. Pigs are tethered and led about by a rope. The yoke is tied to the horns of oxen. Chickens are tethered by a string to the front door. Sidewalks in some places seem to exist more for the benefit of the donkeys than for pedestrians, the former being tied to the store doors and completely blockading the pavement. The children of the poor are not dressed until they reach five or six years of age. The poor of both classes go barefoot, but otherwise dress neatly, especially do they like to appear in white starched garments.

Many towns can be reached only by mule and pony trails. Carriages are unknown in the interior. Porto Rico is one of the most densely peopled portions of the earth. Many of the inhabitants have distinctly Indian features and the straight hair of the Indian. Only about one person in ten can read and write.

The principal flesh eaten by the poor is codfish from North America. All the flour, lard, oil, wine and lumber used are imported, also all iron implements. The people are laborious in their habits. Intemperance is unknown, though rum is cheaper than pure water. There is not a vegetable garden in the island. The fruits seen in the markets all grow wild. Games of all kinds seem to be unknown. Children are never seen playing. At school the pupils study aloud. The native Porto Rican is a small person. The greatest physical development is seen in pure blood negroes. There are no bridges and people are carried across streams on the backs of men.

There are more than 100 fruits growing wild, and over 100 hard wood trees, though no forests exist. The leaves of the cocoon tree are 20 feet long and 7 feet wide. For an umbrella the natives use a single banana leaf. For a wash tub, a single palm leaf. For a fence, cocoa leaves. Cactuses grow higher than two story houses. Sunday is the best market day. The crop of sugar cane is so great that railways are laid into the fields to move it to the mills. Children are wrapped in a single palm leaf when dead and buried with no other coffin. Rats and mice are practically unknown. Coffee is an undergrowth like the tall huckleberry.

G. G. GROFF.

PICKED UP A FORTUNE IN LAND.

Denny Heirs Get Five Acres in Pittsburg for a Song.

Major William F. Aull, manager of the Denny estate, has just secured by State patent land in the Fifteenth ward, Pittsburg, valued at over \$150,000 which has for years been without an owner. It has long been considered as a part of the Denny estate, and has been rented for years by the Carnegie Steel Company, whose Thirty-third street mills are now located on it. The property contains five acres, and it was generally supposed to belong to the Denny estate, but Major Aull found that the heirs had no title to it. He then quietly made application to Secretary of the Commonwealth Martin for a patent to the property and secured the title in his own name after proving that no claimant existed.

Major Aull says the matter will be adjusted and later conveyed to the Denny estate. The only cost of securing the patent was about \$400, and the Carnegie Company or any other person who knew of the status of the property could just as easily have obtained possession of it.

Safe Shattered.

The Bald Eagle Valley railroad station at Mill Hall was entered on Tuesday morning. The robbers tried to break the safe by the use of dynamite. Two explosions were made but they could not secure the contents. The explosion was heard some distance away.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

A Column of Pithy Paragraphs that Sparkle with Wit and Humor.

May fate be kind to great and small.
To pauper, prince and peasant;
Who Santa Claus his roll shall call
Let each one answer, "Present!"

The girl who dances every set
May think that she's right in it, yet
The shy, conservatory fairy
Gets ten proposals while she get nary.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
He asked in a manner quite gay,
"Under the mistletoe, sir," said she,
And the hint wasn't thrown away.

She clamped the bright skates to her footless so nice
And rose for a spin on the glistening ice,
And cried out in accents delightfully clear:
"Now watch me slide off on my beautiful ear!"
And it wasn't no lie, for the maiden so sweet
Slid off on her rear, about twenty-nine feet.

Pocket books are growing consumptive.
New leaves are nearly ready for turning.
There's many a slip 'twixt the china and the hired girl.

The error of the past is the wisdom and success of the future.
Trying to love is an absurdity; love is spontaneous combustion.

Cycling is certainly bad for the morals. It makes people fast.

Christmas appears at present to be used as a sort of buy-word.

The turkey gobbler's gobbling is now more plaintive than ever.

A new version of an old saying is "Do others and they will dun you."

It's no more than fare that a conductor should have a little change.

Some of the best lessons we ever learn we learn from our mistakes and failures.

Astronomers should make a great success of life, as they naturally have an eye for business.

Speaking generally, the superior race is the race which has sufficient power to take what it wants.

A beautiful woman pleases the eye, a good woman pleases the heart; one is a jewel, the other a treasure.

A league of street musicians would furnish pessimists with another grinding monopoly to add to their lengthy list.

"It seems as if I am to be outdon here," remarked the collector as Young Six-day rapidly made his exit by the rear.

There is one kleptomaniac who is always willing to give back what he steals, and that's the young man who purloins a kiss from his girl.

Harry—Stunning girl just passed. Ed, old boy! Did you see her look back at me? Fred—Yes; they say it doesn't take much to turn a woman's head.

The Judge—You must stop these interruptions! I won't allow you to waste the time of the court! The Prisoner—But, my lord, you know I have got no lawyer to do it for me.

Joak—"This X-ray machine certainly produces some wonderful results." Hoak—"That's right. A friend of mine had the light thrown on his lungs and it showed the seat of his pants."

"I've called to tell you sir, that the photographs you took of us the other day are not at all satisfactory; why, my husband looks like an ape!" "Well, madam, you should have thought of that before you had him taken."

While Frederic Remington was in the West he observed a well-executed portrait in a dark room on the wall of a cabin, and asked whose picture it was. "That's my husband," said the woman of the house, carelessly. "But it is hung with fatal effect," urged the artist. "So was my husband," snapped the woman.

A Lancashire miner was badly injured one night, and, on being taken to the infirmary, was told by the doctors that he must give up the ale he loved or lose his leg. Looking ruefully down at the injured member, he said: "If this 'ere wound cannot stand a sup o' good yale, him and me must part company. Of wi' 'im!"

A Southern family has an old—a very old—servant named Jeff, who is an inheritance from further back than any one can remember. The other day he asked to get off, to see his aunt in Atlanta. "Why, Jeff," said his mistress, "your aunt must be pretty old, isn't she?" "Yas'm; pretty ol'; she's 'bout hunder an' five years ol', ah'spect." "A hundred and five years!" exclaimed the lady; "why, how on earth does she get along?" "Deed ah dunno, missus," replied Jeff; "she livin' up dar wif her gran'mother."

Always in the Lead.

The Christmas number of "The Pittsburg Sunday Post," issued last Sunday, was the finest newspaper in appearance and all-round excellence ever published in that city. It consists of 32 large pages everyone filled with interesting and timely matter. There were 44 half-tone pictures, 63 zinc etchings and over 200 columns of reading matter. "The Sunday Post" is certainly Pittsburg's best newspaper.