NINE YEARS IN CHAINS

Fastened to the Walls of a Russian Prison in Bleak Siberia.

BUILT HIS LIVING TOMB HIMSELF.

Turned Loose at Last Without a Single Word of Explanation.

THE SEQUEL IN A SACRAMENTO COURT

or in semi-confidences told over Japanese mats in leafy tea houses. Little by little, then here, then

there, he had become n sort of reality to us in the wardroom; and in various naval minds on the China station, dim mental pictures of an old American chained to the Russian walls of a gloomy prison, excited true indignation and desultory sympathy. It was not for many

months after this tha the reality indeed stumbled on the stage of at least my own of at least my own experience. We had been roving up and down the China coast for a year or two, hating Tientsin and restriction for Shanghai.

yearning for Shanghai. tiring of Shanghai and yearning for Hongkong, till the heat of a Tonquin summer drove us north with its spice-laden breaths over the muddy Yellow Sea back to Japan. On the Water at Yokohama.

Here ships galore, ships with stately masts and spider yards, square-trimmed against a cloudless sky; ships with stumpy spars and crowds of shouting men tumbling bales and boxes into great lighters groaning alongside; plenty, too, of long, low, rakish steamers with lend-colored sides and short stacks vomiting black smoke against a back

company. Her black hull, with its long band, the broad walk that ran to the gate in row of square white ports, each dotted with the fence all covered over with trailing a gun; her lofty masts and masses of heavy rigging, the quiet dignity with which she the blue waters of the bay smid the noisy fleet of native junks and sampans, but above all the flutter of blue and red and many stars at her peak. It was the flagship, with the permant of an admiral flying at her mizzen. She didn't intend to her yellow hair in a turn of the road. rive us much rest, either, for almost before our booms were out her boarding officer was ngside and in to see our captain. We don't sailing orders" that very night, and early the next morning, pitching and rolling about, were flying before a heavy easterly gale to the N. and W. and the inble coasts of Asiatic Russia.

est harbors of the Eastern World, stands, in and a kind and compar seem to trend the narrow roads that run by steps of those that are watched and suspected. The entire population is convict, either political or criminal, or the descend-

There is a military club and a military park where a military band plays to an idle rowd of loungers in long coats and shaggy to the shores of the Japan Sea. Our Captain had been ashore several times; once in uniform with an side to ettend him; several times in plain clothes and finally in all the anval regalia of his rank. This last visit of is seemed to settle the reason of our unexpected visit, for the following morning we put to sea and returned to Vokohama.

A Mysterious Stranger on Board.

But we had a passenger. He had come on the day before we sailed in a peculiar old boat, pulled by two rough Russian sailers prison of Vladvostok?" trunk e-vered with bair and brass-bound on he corners. Little attention was paid to his slanggy cont buttoned to the chin about



The United Post Dronnky. him, and his great hands thrust in the winter night settled down and I became depths of its baggy pockets. He wore on somewhat uneasy, as well as the others aphis head a round fur cap, which every now and then he would scrape off, to pass his fingers across his face or to throw back his tangled grayish hair. He kepthis eye upon wrapped the bare room in darkness, they was one by one, till I sat alone and sailors and the hourse shouts of the "getting under way." Finally they carried it below. under way." Finally they carried it below, and he followed it in a meek sort of way till it disappeared down the ferehatch.

ile seemed to be a quiet, inoffensive man who took his allotted place at the mess cloth of the betty officers, and after that sat in voices. This one struck me roughly on my obscure corners to smoke his pipe in silence or to comb with his fingers his long unkempt beard. We, in the ward room, had | der?" only a general idea that he was some outcast in hard luck to whom we were giving a | the military district of Irkutsk." passage free of expense, out of charity.

Getting at the Man's Story. It was not, in fact, for some weeks after our arrival at Yokohoma that I stumbled ses him again in the streets. He wore the same old cont and cap, was smoking the same ponderous pipe and staring about him us, balf-luxy way. took ais hand from his pocket and raised it to his face as I passed. I turned back and spoke to him: "Well, hew are you making

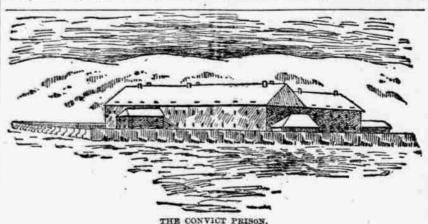
with quick glances cast about him, so peculiar, that my interest in him revived, and I motioned to a public house near by, and suggested that he go with me and tell me his story. He followed me across the narrow street in his shambling way and took a seat opposite me at one of the little wooden tables. There was no one else in the room. He leaned his hairy head upon his out-stretched hands and told me this:

"I am an American, sir, though they say I look like a Slav. I was born in the West, in one of the then new States, 58 years ago this coming month. My real name is Simpson, though I have had many since.

His Name Was Only-a Number. "For nine years it has been 536, in the Russian tongue; that was the number I had on the iron collar I wore about my throat. You see, sir, I was of the roving and law-less kind that makes tails out of heads of everything and sweeps round and round in the eddies and gullies of life. I didn't stay on the farm long, but wandered further West till I floated over the Rockies and fetched up in California in the early fifties. Then from camp to camp, from good luck to bad and up again till I came out the mines with a good \$20,000 in a 'Frisco bank and a fair smattering of engineering. So I gave up a roving life and made a hitch to

settle down and enjoy myself. I took to studying too, and paid my way in a school where they taught building and such. "I married during these years, the daugh-ter of a chum of mine in the old days, who owned a small hotel and was doing a flour-ishing trade. She was a pretty little thing, We had heard of him in a misty sort of with wavy flaxen hair that she had a way of letting tumble down when she got to talking and shaking her head to convince me. Well, sir, I followed her advice and took half out of the bank and put it into the hotel and married her. So when the Occidental went up it took with it my half and I drew the rest out of the bank and with my wife and children, we had two then, I

came out To Japan to Start Afresh. "I made out to do pretty well at first. Europeans in my trade were few then, and came, but worse; they took me from my



the Japs had a craze for foreign buildings and foreign railroads and foreign clothes, so I had a good deal to do. I built a pretty house in Tokio and took my wife and children there. One day I got a letter in a big square envelope with a heavy seal and a coat of arms. It was an offer from the Commandant of the Russian military station at Vladvostok to come over and help them to spars and crowds of shouting men tumbing balos and boxes into great lighters groaning alongside; plenty, too, of lone, low, rakish steamers with lead-colored sides and short stacks vomiting black smoke against a back ground of dwarfish hills and trees and low-roofed houses—Yokohama.

We made her out soon enough, though it had been many months since we had been in lower than the bend with its lead.

> vines and sweet smelling flowers.
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> 'Goodby,' she said, 'goodby, Ben,' and threw back her long hair all tumbled over her teary face as usual, 'write us often and I'll bring the boys down to meet the steamer that brings you back.

"So I kissed her and lost sight of her and Building a Convict Prison.

"Well sir about ten versts back from the oast, on the road to Irkutsk from the conviet military settlement of Vladvostok, I settled down, and under the supervision of a Russian Commissioner began the plans have not complained, it is useless. I went and watched the construction of a convict up to Tokio when we got here, with some The Spirit of Russian Esplonage.

Spread along the shores of one of the finst harbors of the Eastern World, stands, in rambing sort of way, the queer convict of way, the queer convict of way, the queer convict of the Eastern World, stands, in rambing sort of way, the queer convict of the Eastern World, stands in the constraint a convenient of a convenient to construct of a convenient to the construction a convenient to the construction a convenient a convenient to the construction a convenient action. At the head of this commission was an officer of the Russian Secret Police by the name of Protoplovski, a major in rank and a kind and companionable man. In the two or three years that followed we became great friends, and he knew all my ideas as two-story building, a half Japanese, half great friends, and he knew all my ideas as two-story building, a half Japanese, half great friends, and he knew all my ideas as two-story building, a half Japanese, half great friends, and he knew all my ideas as two-story building, a half Japanese, half great friends, and he knew all my ideas as two-story building, a half Japanese, half great friends, and he knew all my ideas as two-story building, a half Japanese, half great friends, and he knew all my ideas as two-story building, a half Japanese, half great friends, and he knew all my ideas as two-story building, a half Japanese, half great friends, and he knew all my ideas as two-story building, a half Japanese, half great friends, and he knew all my ideas as two-story building and single friends and the constant and the co a rambling sort of way, the queer convict two or three years that followed we became town of Russian Vladvostok. An air of great friends, and he knew all my ideas as Russian mystery comes over one from the mement that the anchor drops from off the bows of a foreign craft. Everything is in-accessible. The great arsenal is scaled to visitors; the post and telegraph offices are good dinner. Of course I missed the wife very caves of secrecy; even the inhabitants and little children, and never tired of tellwith the uncertain and suspicious talk of them and the rising prison we did

winter, I went out alone on my usual tour of inspection; that finished, I was hurrying back to be in time for my breakfast with the Major, when there passed me the usual post beards with big odd caps on their heads. It is the Eastern eye of the greatest of modern despots, the Czar; the tip of the middle finger of that modern hand of power that spreads from the confines of civilized Europe to the driver, when I noticed for the first time that the bards of the spreads from the confines of civilized Europe. that three strangers, closely wrapped in long gray military coats, were seated huddled together in the bottom of the vehicle.

The Message of the Strangers. "It swept by me a little way and then suddenly came to a balt, and the three strangers alighted and advanced toward me strangers alighted and advanced toward me the Russians won't give him back, sir, his over the snow. The leader of them, for I so \$6,000 that are gone, sir, and—"

"I bowed 'yes,' and the three whispered together a moment over a paper that the leader held in his hand. Then he added: "We beg that you will conduct us to that prison and allow the 'drousky' to go and bring over Major Protoplovski to join us. We are prison officials from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with you as to the directing from Irkutsk with instructions to confer with your and the result of the converse of the converse of the building and the result of the converse of the progress of the building and the possibility of directing from Irkutsk a train of political

exiles to Eastern Siberia." "I walked back with the officers and introduced them to the head governor of the prison who had arrived but a few days prior to this date with a small prison garrison. I took particular pride in the under-ground dungeons and was very minute in my descriptions of them, I well remember.

Protoplovski Did Not Come. "Upon my return we all went to the Governor's room to await the arrival of waited. An hour after this the door opened violently and a man came in with a lantern and stood in front of me. I heard the sound of grounding arms in the stone corshoulder and said, 'Follow me, sir.'
"'Where?' I asked, 'and by whose or-

"By order of the Governor General of

"Well, sir, that was the warrant, and that was all of it. For nine long, inter-minable years I lay in one of the most in-accessible underground dungeons that my own ingenuity had planned and executed, a solitary prisoner, fastened by an iron collar and chain to the wall waiting death. I never but twice had a visitor in all that wretched life.

Only Two Short Visits.

"The first came but a few days after my "About the same, sir, about the same; nothing to do and nowhere to turn, I'm some years behind my time, and the crowd have sort of left me—passed and left me behind."

His appearance was so odd generally, and the hesitancy in his speech, punctuated

convict comrades and drove me from the prison gates. It seemed a dream to me, sir, but I wandered back to Vladvostok some-how; but I could not find a friend. No one had ever heard of Major Protoplovski or the American architect. So I wandered from door to door, begging alms and sitting as the long nights came on upon the sea wall

this one, that is the man-the architect

years, sir, that the iron upon my neck

news of my cruel imprisonment might be

Released Without an Explanation

ing that I was about to die.

litical prisoners.

looking across the bay. The Sight of Stars and Stripes

"One morning my heart gave a great leap. I believed my eyes to be lying to me and I rubbed and rubbed them, for anchored off the Naval Club was a stately ship with the flag of free America floating in a Russian breeze. Well, sir, the day after that, as I was standing on the little wharf where your boats came in, I was accosted by a Russian subaltern officer accompanied by the rough looking men who carried between them, sir, my trunk, the trunk, sir, I had not seen for ten years and long since thought destroyed. The official addressed me, 'Are you the convict Simpson?'
"I am 536,' I said.

"So they pulled me off to your ship, sir, with my trunk and all and left me there. There is little more to tell that you do not know. Everything in my trunk was as I left it, clothes and books and instruments, but not a paper, not a pin, not a dollar. I

He covered his wrinkled, time-worn face with his hands as he finished, and I could see the moisture of his eyes glisten between his fingers. I begged him to come on board again as I gently laid the few foreign coins I had before his bowed head and left him.

A Scene in Sacramento.

Half a dozen years had rolled by me when, one idle hour accompanied by an old and curious friend, I strolled into the new Court House just completed at Sacramento.
The usual crowd of ill-fortune tossed humanity was gathered behind the iron fence that barred off petty offenders against the law. We entered just as a seedy figure clad in an old coat, buttoned to the chin, stepped into the prisoner's box. A tall Sergeant of police rose in his place and addressed the

Judge.
"This man Roberts, Your Honor, has been defrauding people with a story of a lost wife with yellow hair and a couple of children, and about a missing trunk that

Bright's Disease of the Kidneys.

The symptoms of this dread disease are puffiness of the face, especially under the eyes, sometimes of the feet also, dull, heavy pains in the back and loins gradually in-creasing, restlessness and weakness, palpitation of the heart, indigestion and urinary sediments. At the appearance of the first symptom Pe-ru-na should be taken in tablespoonful doses six times each day, or, if more convenient, two tablespoonfuls three times each day before each meal. This remedy strikes at once at the very root of the disease. It at once relieves the congested kidneys of their stagnant blood, preventing the escape of serum from the blood. Peruna stimulates the kidneys to excrete from the blood the accumulating poison, and thus prevents the convulsions which are sure to follow if the poisons are allowed to remain. It gives great vigor to the heart's action and digestive system, both of which are apt to fail rapidly in this disease.

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A Woman's Life Saved at Hillsboro, Pa.

Physician No. 3. Sent free to any address by The Peruna Medicine Company, Colum-

A neighbor woman was afflicted with cramp colic. My wife thought it would cost her life. She gave the woman Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy according to directions and it gave perfect satisfaction. I do heartily recommend it to do all it is recommended to do, and feel thankful for the good it has done. JOSEPH BERKEY, Hillsboro, Somerset county, Pa. WSn

Only Four Hours to Cleveland. Special train Tuesday morning, June 16, Leave P. & L. E. R. E. station at 7:30 A. M. (8:30 city time). Tickets only \$3. Good five days.

HANOVER awnings at Mamaux & Son's,

Simpson. "I recognized my friend, then, Major Protonlovski I never saw him again. Seven long years before anyone, other than my jailor, pushed aside my door. Years, sir, that make my blood tingle at the thought; Introduction of the Sloyd System in the Public Schools.

years, sir, that the iron upon my neck clasped no more closely about my throat, nor clanked the chains against the damp walls of my cell, than did the spirit of despair in my heart. Little by little I had managed to write with my blood upon a piece of linen they had used to bind up a sore the manaele had made upon my wrists, my name and birth and begging that the news of my cruel imprisonment might be CASE OF PRINCIPAL JOHNSON. Drawing in Pittsburg and the Prang Model-

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ing in Allegheny.

sent to my family and to the nearest American Consul. This I gave secretly to my second visitor, an English clergyman, who had been permitted to see me, they think-The Industrial Committee of the Central Board of Education met yesterday at 3 P. M. to make arrangements for the introduction of the Sloyd system of industrial training, which the Central Board of Education adopted at its last meeting. The ex-perimental school will be opened at the Forbes School with pupils of that school "Weeks rolled by into months and these nto two long years, and there came neither my release nor my death. One day, it was in the early Siberian winter, there came the sound of unusual voices outside my cell and on the first Monday in September. The Industrial Committee candidly stated that the shuffling of strange feet. Presently a flood of light poured in upon me and strange people stood about, while one read from a paper he held in his hands. When that the first steps of arranging the new room the first steps of arranging the new room was to them quite a problem, and inquired of Superintendent Luckey, who was present, if he knew of a teacher who would take charge. Mr. Luckey stated that Miss Esselins, teacher of the Sloyd system at the California Normal School, would be giad to give an outline of the work proposed. This lady was introduced and gave a list of the tools required and the estimated cost in the schools of Boston. For 12 pupils, the number in each class, including benches and tools, the school can be run at a cost of \$256.89. was done they unloosened my manacles and took me from my dungeon. Through long narrow corridors my dazed memory could not place they pushed me till an open courtyard was reached, and I found myself in a crowd of convicts seated on rough wooden benches and eating black soup from wooden bowls they held between their knees. From their greater liberty I knew them to be po-

tools, the school can be full at a cost of \$256.83.

After the lady gave her information, Mr. Phelps asked her if she could recommend anyone to the committee who would take charge of the new departure. She at once replied, "I will recommend myself."

A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Phelps, J. O. Brown and Mr. Yagle, was appointed to confer with Miss Esselins, asking what compensation she required to take charge. She asked \$900. Miss Esselins was then elected teacher at that salary, and she will supervise the fitting of the room, to be ready by September. The Chairman of the meeting then appointed Messrs. Kellar, Yagle and Torrence to assist Miss Esselins in her duties. This lady has been at the California Normal School for two years, and previously taught three years in Sweden, which country is her home.

Superintendent Luckey, who is a great advocate of industial education, was inter-"There was snow upon the barren ground and it was cold, and I had nothing to cover me but the rags my long confinement had left upon my body. A bowl was given me, sir, and I ate the soup. That night and for three days following I ate my soup twice a day and slept beneath one of the wooden benches, prayed again for death. None came but worse; they took me from my

vocate of industral education, was interviewed by a Disparch reporter after the meeting and said: "I think the Sloyd system is the best system for the public schools It differs from the systems of other cities, in that theirs is so costly while the Sloyd will be comparatively inexpensive, outside of the salary of the teacher. It is a mistaken idea to think that all the pupils will be made mechanics. The primary idea is to have them cultivate their hands, teach them observation and mental discipline. The Sloyd system embraces the advantages of physical culture as well as those I have pointed out."

If the school is a success a room in which will be taught industrial education will be established in every schoolhouse in the city. At the meeting it was developed through an oversight that Mrs. Van Wagoner was not re-elected supervisor of drawing. To remedy this difficulty Dr. Kearns, of the Committee on the Course of Instruction, will call a meeting for this purpose.

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The State Teachers' Association. The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association will be held in Public School Hall, Bedford, Pa., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 7, 8 and 9. The features of the programme are as follows: Tuesday, at 10 A. M., addresses of welcome: Hon. John M. Reynolds, Bedford; Hon Jac.

Hon. John M. Reynolds, Bedford; Hon Jac. H. Longenecker, Bedford; responses: Superintendent C. A. Babook. Oil City; Prof. E. C. Lavers, Pittsburg; report of Higbee Memorial Committee, Prof. J. P. McCaskey, Chairman, Lancaster.

Tuesday, 2 o'clock p. M., inaugural address, Dr. G. M. Phillips, West Chester; report of Committee on Closer Supervision, Dr. E. O. Lyte, Chairman, Millersville; "Defects in the Present Method of Licensing Tenchers in Pennsylvania," Superintendent B. C. Youngman, Clearfield county; Prof. W. H. Cover, Altoona; Superintendent J. M. Berkey, Somerset county; Prof. E. W. Moore, Braddock; Superintendent R. F. Hoffecker, Montgomery county; Superintendent George J. Luckey, Pittsburg, followed by general discussion.

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Tuesday evening, addresses, Hon. James
A. Beaver, ex-Governor of the Common-wealth, and Hon. H. I. Gourley, Mayor of

Pittsburg.
Wednesday, 9 o'clock A. M., "History as a
Wednesday, 9 o'clock A. M., "History as a Preparation for Citizenship," Miss Annie E. Lyle, Millersville; "Patriotism in the Public Schools," Superintendent N. P. Kinsley, Franklin; "The Academic Side of Normal School Training," Dr. A. E. Maitby, Princi-pal Slippery Rock Normal School; Superin-School Training," Dr. A. E. Maitby, Principal Slippery Rock Normal School; Superintendent L. S. Shimmell, Huntingdon: Prof. J. B. Welsh, Principal Bloomsburg Normal School, followed by general discussion.
Wednesday, 2 o'clock P. M., nomination of officers and selection of place of meeting: "Scientific Temperance Instruction," Miss Lella A. Cooper, Allegheny City, Pa.: Mrs. Anna Moore, Altoona, Pa., followed by general discussion: the "Teacher of The Twentieth Century," ex-President E. H. Magill, Swarthmore College; "University Extension," Secretary George Henderson, Philadelphia.
Wednesday evening, addresses, Hon. Robert E. Pattison, Governor of the Commonwealth, and Dr. J. O. Wilson, Brooklyn, "Yellowstone and Yosemite."
Thursday, 9 o'clock a. M., "Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association"—Prof. George L. Maris, West Chester: Superintendent R. K. Buchrie, Lancaster; Prof. H. S. Hockenberry, Carbondale; Prof. J. H. Michener, Philadelphia; Prof. W. W. Woodruff, Newton, followed by general discussion; address, Rev. E. P. Prettyman, State Superintendent of Maryland.
Thursday, 2 o'clock P. M.—Memorial exercises on the life of Hon. J. P. Wickersham. consisting of a biographical eulogy, by Dr. A. R. Bierly, Millersville, and a number of addresses.
Thursday evening—A social reception at

addresses.

Thursday evening—A social reception at the hotels of Bedford Springs.

The music will be under the direction of Prof. W. B. Hall, of Lancaster, assisted by Prof. John L. Shroy, Doylestown, cornetist, Besides, popular solos are expected of Miss Ida M. Lindsay, of Pittsburg, and Miss Ida M. Pecht, of Huntingdon.

Next Year's Corps for Braddock

The Braddock Township Board of Education met Friday evening and reorganized as follows: President, Robert E. Stewart, Esq.; follows: President, Robert E. Stewart. Esq.;
Secretary, A. C. Coulter; Treasurer, Braddock
National Bank. The only change made was
James H. McCrady, of Rankin, superceded
John McKelvey, of Swissvale, who had held
the office from that district for ten years.
President Stewart has been given that office
yearly successively since he first went on the
board, 12 years ago.

The election of teachers for the entire township was then made and resulted as follows:

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The salaries of all the teachers in the township were increased in proportion to their grades voluntarily, and in many cases are quite large. Prof. Carson D. Coffey, Superintendent of the North Braddock School, has already served eight successive terms as superintendent of that school. His salary this year was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per year. The salary of Miss Mary K. Price, of Wilkinsburg, Superintendent of North Braddock High School, was raised from \$60 to \$70 per month. She has been teaching at that school for 11 years in succession, and she is still quite young—26. The salaries of the principals of the Swissvale and Copeland schools, Prof. J. A. Keener and Miss N. J. Marshall, respectively, were raised from \$75 to \$90 per month.

The Stevens School Board.

The Board of Directors of the Thad Ste vens sub-district at its last meeting organ ized by electing Henry C. Bankard, Presi-

ized by electing Henry C. Bankard, Pfesident, Samuel Harper, Secretary, and Andrew G. Strieb, Treasurer. The following corps of teachers have been re-elected for the ensuing term: Grammar Department, Miss Ida M. Garbooh: Primary Department, Anna R. Mitchell, Clara M. Kay, Emma O. Kiefer, Sadle J. Campbell, Maggie A. Allen, Mary C. White and Ella White. W. M. McCullough was re-elected principal and Mary E. Rogers assistant principal for a term of three years. The board discussed various plans for making the annual plente, to be held at McKee's Rocks Thursday, June 25, one of the most enjoyable ever given by the school. After adjournment the board was taken in charge by the Principal and teachers and conducted into an adjoining room, where they regaled

themselves with a collation of hasty pudding and milk: after dispensing with the first course they were again conducted to another room, where a table grouned under the weight of ice cream, strawberries, cake, coffee and other delicacies. Everything passed off pleasantly and the participants on this festive occasion are unanimous in the opinion that Principal McCullough and his able and agreeable corps of teachers know how to make their friends happy.

* Teachers of the County.

County Superintendent Hamilton held teachers' examination at Etna Friday. The class numbered 72. Examinations had already been held at Turtle Creek, Cornopolis Elizabeth and Sewickley. In all 235 appli cants have passed through the trying ordeal, About 700 are examined each year. Mr. Ham-Oton is assisted by Profs. Kendall, of Home stead; Cook, of Chartiers borough, and Cof-

stead; Cook, of Chartiers borough, and Coffey, of Braddock. Chartiers borough will receive a visit from these gentlemen Wednesday. The class at that place will number at least 100.

The teachers of Allegheny county can congratulate themselves on account of the tidal wave of increasing salaries that is sweeping over the county. Braddock and Homestead lead the list with salaries raised to \$1,400 each for their principles and a fair increase in salaries of lower grade teachers. Sewickley, North Braddock and other boroughs are following in the same line. The educational interests of Allegheny county are surely booming.

The Standard of Drawing.

Mrs. Van Waggoner, the supervisor o drawing, will, at the close of school, spend a week at Asbury Park and then go to her nome at Kingston, N. Y. She is much pleased with the progress made in drawing since her advent here, and next year, when the system is fully understood, she predicts a remarkable standard of drawing in Pitts-

The trouble in the beginning was that when the system was first introduced no teacher was here to explain it, and consequently each teacher had an interpretation for herself. At the State Teachers' Association, to be held at Bedford, there will be an exhibit of drawing from the Pittsburg schools. At the opening of the Mt. Washington School a splendid exhibit of industrial drawing in its progressive steps will be ready for inspection.

Prang System of Models.

For the last two years the Allegheny schools have been working at the Prang system of modeling, form study and drawing. The system involves considerable expense, and in order to give the Board of School Controllers an idea of the work accomplished. Superintendent Morrow three weeks ago sent notice to each teacher in the city to prepare at least 12 specimens of her pupils' work to be placed on exhibition at the High School. This work is now completed and has been received by Mr. Morrow. It consists of free-hand drawings, borders and other decorative work in colored paper, cutting and pasting of objects such as the cube, cone, pyramid and modeling in clay of leaves, apples, etc. School Controllers an idea of the work ac-

News That Created a Sensation To say that the dropping of Prof. Johnson as principal of the Moorhead School Friday night had a cyclonic effect on educations circles yesterday morning would be putting t mildly. So far all the elections have passed off smoothly. It has now become public that for a month there have been lively times in that school district. One of the leading candidates was Prof. McClure, of the Moore school. He had strong religious backing. Miss Mackrell, however, was the winner over all candidates.

The name of Miss Erwin does not appear in the published list of teachers elected, and there is considerable comment as to whether

this was an oversight or not. Pleasant Affair at Mt. Pleasant, The middle-year entertainment of the Mt. Pleasant Academy occurred Friday evening. The features of the programme were as fol-lows: Oration, "The Progress of Socialism," lows: Oration, "The Progress of Socialism,"
A. B. Long; essay, "Fragments of Time,"
Mamie T. Berthel; oration, "The Annexation
of Canada," O. S. Burchinal; essay, "A
Glimpse Beyond," Agnes Clare Barnes; cration, "The Parochial School," Chauncey
Lobingier; oration, "Coke Is King," A. W.
Stephens; oration, "Wages," A. C. Rohland.
The first prize, a gold medal was awarded to
O. S. Burchinal, of Uniontown.

Gossip of the Schools. To-MonRow the first batch of provisional

SUPERINTENDENT MORROW, of Allegheny, heads a large delegation of Allegheny teachers who will attend the International Teachers' Association at Toronto in July. Later the majority of the party will view the beautiful scenery of the Thousand Isles. THE Allen School Board organized las Monday. M. M. Garland is Pro Monday. M. M. Garland is President, R. L. Jones, Secretary, and Rinehart Herbster. Treasurer. Principal W. W. Kennedy and the present corps of teachers were relected. The Allen School will have the earliest picnic of the season. It will be held at Idlewild next Monday. The grove was engaged for the after dates.

THE organization of the Humboldt School resulted as follows: President, F. Eglinsdorf; Secretary, C. B. Deets; Treasurer, John Ru-dolph. It was decided to hold the annual picnic of the school at Kinney's Grove on the 26th. The board has been contemplating the addition of three rooms to the main build-ing on the property which was lately bought, but the present strike her deleved covers. but the present strike has delayed opera-

At the Mt. Washington schools the three last days of the school year will be given mostly to enjoyment. At the new building the Whittier, reception day is announce for Wednesday, June 24; at the old building, reception day is slated for Thursday, the 25th. On Friday the climax of pleasure will be, for that day will be known as Jubilee Day. A brass band will be in attendance and ice cream and other dainties served to the pupils.

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