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FOR GOVERNOR IN 1872,
HON. JOHN B. PACKER,
OF SUNBURY.

The Governor's Message.

Governor Geary's message is an unusually comprehensive document. All the more prominent interests of the Commonwealth have received due attention from the Executive, and his suggestions are generally wise and timely.

A full and very satisfactory exhibit is given of the State finances. From this it appears that the reductions of the public debt since December 1, 1866, have amounted to $8,724,338,-04, and for the year ending November 30, 1871, to $2,131,590.17. The debt remaining unpaid at the latter date was $28,980,071.73, from which, however, should be subtracted assets, in the form of railroad bonds, to the amount of $9,400,000, and a cash balance in the Treasury of $1,476,808.59 The balance of debt unprovided for is therefore, $18,103,263.14.

From those figures it will be seen that within the last five years the debt of the State, has under the rule of the Republican party, been practically reduced more than one-half. In less than another lustrum, at the same rate, the whole of our Srate debt will be extinhuished. This successful financial management is as creditable to the party in power as it must be gratifying to the taxpayers.

Into the subject of the State war claims, which was so largely discussed in the newspapers a few months since the Governor enters with much minuteness. *His* account of the various transactions between the officials of the State and General Government extends back over a period of ten years, and shows that claims to the amount of $2,910,466.11 have been settled and collected, while a balance of $262,749.08, for which claims have been filed, is still in suspense awaiting the action of the proper departments, and further claims to the amount of $100,000 are yet to be submitted, with a good prospect of being allowed.

Reference is made to the suit pending between the Commonwealth and the Credit Mobilier for a large balance of unpaid dividend taxes, and the Legislature is urged to take whatever act that may be necessary to guard against possible difficulties of the same kind in future.

Attention is called to the importance of giving effect to the popular verdict for constitutional reform, and of the Congressional apportionment required of the present Legislature by the provisions of the National Constitution.

Considerable space is devoted to the subject of education. Legislation is asked to "remedy any defects in our school system that have heretofore failed to make it thorough, comprehensive, and universal," which is equivalent to advocating compulsory education; and liberal appropriations are recommended both for the common schools and the soldier's orphans' schools.

The National Guard is shown to have increased in numbers and efficiency, a full report of the pardons granted by the Executive during the year is appended, and fitting mention is made of the public services of Senator George Connell and Hon. David Stanton, Auditor General elect, who have died within the year.

Numerous recommendations and renewals of former recommendations are made by the Governor in favor of legislation which he deems necessary or expedient. Among the most important of these are those suggesting the passage of laws to make vaccination compulsory, establish a State Board of *Health*, and sanction the removal of the quarantine station from the Lazaretto to the mouth of the Delaware river, or to some point upon the bay.

These subjects are eminently worthy the earnest consideration of the Legislature, and will doubtless receive it. That portion of the message relating to the coal mines is no less important. The frequent and fatal accidents, and occasional occurrence of such calamities as those of the Avondale and Pittston, is evidence either that the mining inspection law is inadequate, or that its execution has been placed in bad hands. In either case some remedy should be applied.

The Governor wisely refrains in this message from any extended discussion of national topics. *He* touches briefly however, upon the tariff, deprecating the assaults upon it and expressing the patriotic hope that our Senators and Representatives in Congress will present a solid phalanx in defence of the nation's industries.

The message as a whole will strongly commend itself to the people of the Commonwealth, and deserves the attentive consideration of the Legislature. It is in some respects the ablest State paper which has emanated from our present Executive.—*Press.*

The Legislature.

Both branches of the Legislature met on Tuesday, the Senate at 3 o'clock p. m., and the *House* at 12 m. In the Senate no business was transacted save the calling of the roll and reading the returns of the election of new members, when an adjournment took place until Wednesday morning. Speaker Broadhead has issued his warrant for an election to fill the vacancy in the Fourth District.

The *House* of Representatives was organized by the election of William Elliott as Speaker, and Gen. Selfrigde as Clerk. Alexander Morrison, of Butler, takes the place of Mr. Lee, of Philadelphia, as assistant clerk, and John F. Sherman, of Philadelphia, is the sergeant-at-arms. J. A. Smull is retained in his old position as resident clerk.

Proceedings of the Snyder Co., Teacher's Institute.

SELINSGROVE Dec. 26, 1871.

In pursuance of a call made by the County Superintendent the Teachers' Institute commenced its Fourteenth Annual Session, on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1871, at 1½ o'clock, P. M. in the Odd Fellows Hall Selinsgrove.

The Institute was called to order by the County Superintendent, and opened with prayer by H. C. Haithcox. In the absence of J. V. Fisher, the Secretary elect, Wm. H. Moyer, was appointed *pro. tem.*, and Prof. D. S. Boyer L. W. Anspach, were chosen assistants. In the absence of the Treasurer, Dr. A. M. Pfaler was appointed to the office.

The following persons were appointed as reporters for the different county papers: M. L. Erlenmoyer, A. M. Pfaler, W. P. Scharf and P Hermann.

Prof. D. S. Boyer, L. W. Anspach, P. M. Teats, Miss E. Mitman and Wm. H. Moyer were elected as a committee on permanent certificates. The roll was called and 32 teachers responded. The President then introduced S. Shipman, Superintendent of Northumberland county, who made a few practical ramarks on Grammar in which he strongly recommended oral instruction. He was followed by U. H. Brown, of Harrisburg, Co. Supt. Moyer and W. H. Moyer, who made remarks on the subject Mr. Anspach then introduced the subject of Geography. He suspended several of Guyot's Wall Maps and gave his method of teaching the physical characteristics of a country, and also gave his method of chanting, in which the Institute participated.

On motion adjourned to meet this evening at 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Exercises opened by music, by L. W. Anspach and his pupils. Devotional exercises by Rev. Wm. A. Haas. The board of School Directors of Selinsgrove were elected honorary members The address of welcome was delivered by L. W. Anspach and followed with responses by Prof. D. S. Boyer, Dr. Pfaler and Jos. S. Arnold. Readings by Dr. Pfaler, subjects "The Whiskers" and "Socrates Snooks." Adjourned.

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 27.—The exercises were opened by Prof Boyer. Practical remark on composition were made by S. Shipman. A class in Elocutionary drill by Dr. Pfaler. Directors H. P. Smith, Capt. S Shadel and E. H. Leisenring were elected honorary members. Roll called, 61 members present. Elocution was then resumed by Dr. Zeigler, who introduced new characters to represent some of the sounds of the language.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presiding officer in the chair.—M. L. Erlenmeyer, H. K. Sanders P. R Hoffer, P. Herman, and J. H. Arnold were appointed as a committee on resolutions, and Elsie Mitman and Miss L. G. Evans as a court of errors. The subject of History was then introduced by Mr. Shipman, and was further discussed by L. W. Anspach, Dr. Pfaler, J. S. Arnold and Wm. H. Moyer.

The use of dictionaries was then discussed by S. Shipman, Co. Supt. Moyer, U. H. Brown, D. S. Boyer, Dr. Pfaler, J. H. Arnold and Wm. H. Moyer. During the discussion many valuable suggestions were given. Recess of five minutes, after which the roll was called, and 72 members responded. Previous minutes read and adopted. Messrs. J. B. Savidge, T. W. Weatherwax, H. C. Haithcox, H. T. Long and R. H. Shindel were elected as honorary members.—Next in order a selection entitled "The Hypochondrain," read by Dr. Pfaler, which created considerable merriment The subject of Composition was then resumed by Wm. H. Moyer, and was discussed by D. S. Boyer, U. H. Brown and Dr. Pfaler, after which U. H. Brown gave his method of teaching elementary drawing.

On motion adjourned to meet this evening at 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Institute called to order by the President. Exercises opened with music by Mr. Anspach and some of his pupils. Roll called and previous minutes read and approved. Next in order was the President's inaugural address, subject "The Common School as a field of Labor." The production was carefully prepared and well read. Rev. Wm. A. Haas next read an essay subject "Show thyself a Man." The essay abounded in useful instruction, was well interspersed with wit and humor, and was highly appreciated by the audience. A selection entitled "The Savin," was next read by Dr. Pfaler, after which a production was read by W. E. Housoworth, subject "The true not always the probable." The next in order was the report of the Court of Errors, after which the Institute adjourned.

THURSDAY, Dec. 28.—President in chair. Exercises opened by reading a portion of Scripture by L. W. Anspach. The subject of reading was then discussed by Co. Supt. Moyer, P. R. Hoffer, Robert M. Teats, Dr. Pfaler, U. H. Brown, Prof. Boyer and H. K. Sanders. A number of words that are frequently mispronounced were written upon the board by W. H. Moyer. Recess of five minutes, after which the roll was called and 58 members responded. The subject of Arithmetic was then taken up by U. H. Brown, who gave his method of teaching this branch to elementary classes. He was followed by W. H. Moyer, who gave a class drill on the subject. On motion adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Institute called to order by the President. An essay was read by Dr. Pfaler, subject "A Retrospect of Public Schools," after which the Co. Superintendent read, for the benefit of the directors, the special instructions to the different superintendents relating to their reports concerning school houses, grounds, out-buildings furniture, etc. The necessity of having a uniformity of text books in the county, was discussed by I. B. Smith, a School Director of the Borough of Selinsgrove, followed by Dr. Pfaler, Supt. Moyer, and Prof. Boyer. The subject of School Furniture was next discussed by Supt Moyer, I. B. Smith and Prof. Boyer. A short recess was given after which the roll was called and 91 members responded. W. H. Moyer, by Means of Physiological charts showed the necessity of breathing pure air, and by an experiment proved that impure air is injurious to health; thereby showing the importance of properly ventilated schoolrooms. The subject of ventilation was further discussed by Dr. Pfaler, U. H. Hrown, Prof. Boyer and Supt. Moyer. U. H. Brown then resumed the subject of Drawing and illustrated his method of teaching map drawing. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

President in chair. Exercises opened with music by L. W. Anspach and some of his pupils. Devotional exercises by Rev. Haas. Dr. Zeigler then delivered a lecture on the subject of "Mental, moral, and religious culture." This lecture evinced profound thought and logical reasoning; well delivered and contained many valuable suggestions and made a very favorable impression on the audience. After the lecter L. W. Anspach read a selection entitled "Wanted a Minister's Wife." Wm. H. Moyer, "The Coquette Punished" and Dr. Pfaler "The Drunkard's Wife." The readings in general seemed to be well appreciated. Adjourned

Friday, Dec. 29, 1871. Institute was called to order by the President. Reading portion of the Scripture by Prof. Boyer. Next in order an essay read by Luther Erlenmeyer, subject; (Rely on Yourself). J. S. Arnold, then spoke on the subject of Elementary instruction after which Wm. *H* Moyer conducted an exercise in pronunciation. *He* was followed by U. *H.* Brown, who gave some suggestions on accent, after which Dr. Pfaler conducted a class-drill in reading. Roll called and previous minutes read and approved. Committee on resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, That we regard the law, making it the duty of the County Superintendent to hold County Institutes as a very important enactment believing that these said gatherings are productive of much good to the cause of common school education, having a tendency to elevate the profession to its proper rank and we deem it the duty of every teacher in the county to attend, and urge upon directors the importance of granting the time spent at the Institute.

Resolved, That, as the law compels the holding of Institutes, we recommend the enactment of a law making it obligatory upon teachers to attend and the directors to grant the time actually spent at the County Institute.

Resolved, That we recommend to the directors and teachers of the common schools, Townsend's Patent Folding Globe, the county map of 'Pennsylvania,' and the Map of "American Union and world," and "The World."

Resolved, That we regard the *Pennsylvania School Journal* with the highest favor, and we hereby express our gratitutde to the *Hon* J. P. Wickersham, its present editor, for the improvement he has made in it, and it affords us pleasure to recommend it to the teachers and educators of our county, and feel gratified in knowing thet so many of our teachers are subscribers and readers of the same.

Resolved, That in Wm. Moyer, our present Co. Supt., we have an efficient officer whose skill and experience render him peculiarly fitted for the office and from whose labors we are yielding the most beneficial results, and it would be a wise policy to continue him in the position he so ably fills.

Resolved, That our thanks are due S. Shipman, Co. Supt., of North'd county, for his valuable instruction, and we regard him as a progressive teacher and we congratulate the citizens of North'd Co. in having such an enterprising officer.

Resolved, That we are under obligations to Prof. U. H. Brown, of Harrisburg, for the instruction he imparted in various branches during the session of the Institute, and we hereby tender our thanks to Rev. Wm. A Haas, Dr. Ziegler, and Dr. P. R. Wagenseller for the excellent addresses which they delivered before the Institute.

Resolved, That the proceedings be published in all the county papers, *Pa. School Journal*, and *Educator*.

Next in order was the selection of a place for holding the next Teacher's Institute. Middleburg was the place selected. Dr. Ziegler then engaged the attention of the Institute on the subject of definition. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President in chair. Dr. Pfaler conducted an exercise in elementary instruction. He was followed by U. H. Brown who continued on the same subject. On motion L. W. Anspach, Wm. H. Moyer, Prof. D. S. Boyer, U. *H.* Brown and P. M. Teats were appointed a committee on text-books.

The committee on text-books reported in favor Kerl's Grammar and Guyot's Geography.

Wm. *H.* Moyer, conducted an exercise in Grammar giving various examples in false syntax. Recess. Roll called and previous minutes read and approved. Ninety-three members were present during the sessions of Institute. School Government was then discussed by A. Zellers, Dr. Pfaler, U. *H.* Brown, Prof. Boyer and Joseph S. Arnold. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Institute was called to order by the President. Devotional exercises by Dr. Zeigler. On motion Henry Moyer, A. J. Fisher and L. E. Pawling, Directors of Penns, Henry Yerger a director of Middlecreek, *H.* D. Fisher, Noah Doebler and Joseph Lepley Directors of Monroe, and Jonathan Arbogast a Director of Washington tp., were elected as *Honorary* members. Dr. P. R. Wagenseller then delivered a lecture on the connection and relation between the mind and the body, which contained much information and was well received by the audience. Col. A. C. Simpson then read several *Humorous* poems, after which Dr. Pfaler rendered "The Greenhorn" which elicited loud applause. Institute adjourned.

WM. MOYER, Pres.

W. H. MOYER, Sec.

Cause of Hard Times.

We are fast becoming a nation of schemers to live without genuine work. Our boys are not learning trades; our farmers' sons are crowding into cities, looking for clerkships and Post Offices; hardly one American girl in each hundred will do housework for wages, however urgent her need; so we are sending to Europe for workmen and buying of her artisans millions worth of products that we ought to make for ourselves. Though our crop of rascals is heavy we do not grow our own lamp. Though we are overrun with lads who deserve flagellation, we import our own willows. Our women (unless deceived) shine in European fabrics; our own men dress in foreign clothes; the toys which amuse our younger children have generally reached us over the sea. We are like the farmer who hired his neighbor's son to chop his wood, feed his stock, and run his errands, while his sons lounge at the grog-shop, playing billiard, and then wonder why in spite of his best efforts he sinks annually deeper and deeper into debt, till the Sheriff cleans him out, and he starts west to begin again

We must turn over a new leaf Our boys and girls must be taught to love labor by qualifying themselves to do it efficiently. We must turn out fewer professionals and more skilled artisans, as well as food growers. We must grow and fabricate two hundred millions worth per annum, that we now import, and so reduce the foreign debt that we have so long and so successful augmented year by year. We must qualify our clever boys to erect and run factories, furnaces, rolling-mills, tanners, machine shops, etc.; to open and work mines, improve and fashion implements, and double the present product of their father's farm. So shall we stem the tide of the debt that sets steadily against our shores, and cease to be visited and annoyed by hard times.—*N. J Mechanic.*

Appointment to Office.

The question of reform in the civil service of the Government now bids fair to receive the right kind of attention. The board appointed to investigate this subject, has made a report, and presented a series of rules for guidance in the appointment to office. The President in a special Message to Congress says that after the first of Jan., 1872, he will be guided by these suggestions, but thinks Congress had better legislate in the matter, so that future Presidents will have to conform to these rules.

The features of the plan in regard to appointments, are:—First, entrance into any branch of the civil service at the lowest appointment; Second, competitive examination at that point, and at every succeeding stage; Third, probation; Fourth, promotion; Fifth, no fixed tenure, leaving the power of *removal* with the president, who, cannot, however, fill the vacant place, it being required that the successor shall come in according to the fixed rules of the service. This, of course, while keeping in the hands of the Executive the power to remove incompetents, takes from him both the temptation and the scandal of acting from partisan motives. He can no longer accommodate either his own or a Congressman's political or personal friends with a place, inasmuch as the right to make most appointments is entirely removed from him, and placed in the hands of a board, who can base their action on the result of an examination. The scheme is made to apply to all clerks employed in the custom or revenue service; all Collectors and Assessors of Internal Revenue, all Collectors of Customs and their subordinates, all Postmasters above a certain grade, all Consuls, all Indian Agents and Pension Agents, in fact, every officer of the Government, whether at Washington or elsewhere, except a few of the highest officers, and a limitad number in subordinate places, which the rule specifies.

THE CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR.—A writer faom Harrisburg alludes to the activity among the Republican candidates for Governor. As a Republican nomination is equivalent to an election, a keen competition may be expected. The writer says:—

General White, especially, is working hard, and with considereble success. He will be much stronger in Convention than is generally anticipated. Gen. Hartranft is believed to be the strongest man, and whoever is nominated will find him the hardest man to defeat. Ketchum is popular and will be strong in the Convention; while Jordan is highly esteemed by all who know him, has strong backers and will make a good fight. After the meeting of the legislature the fight will begin in earnest, and by the first of February we will be able to determine the chances of the candidates pretty definitely. At present it is all guess work.

William Wilson, of Howard county, Ind., slaughtered a hog, which weighed, dressed, one thousand and ninety-two pounds three ounces, and wants to know who can beat it.

REV. ROBERT J. BRECKINRIDE, who has been in ill health for some time past died at his residence in Danville, Ky., on Tuesday evening last. He was an able divine, and during the rebellion and ardent friend and supporter of the Government. He was in the 72d year of his age.

MR. SUMNER'S proposed amendment to the Constitution, limiting the Presidential office to one term, is an important part of the Civil Service Reform If we are to have civil office taken out of the hands of politicians, and an end put to the corruption attending the possibility of a second term. Not only the President, but all holding office under him, are tempted to bend their energies toward the renewal of their lease of power; and as long as human nature is as it now is, most men will yield to such temptations. The remedy is easy. And we hope that Mr. Sumner's amendment will become a part of the Constitution.

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