LAST SESSION OF INSTITUTE

COUNTY TEACHERS DISMISSED YESTERDAY NOON.

Resolutions Adopted and Reports of Committees Heard Just Before Adjournment — Dr. Hull's Farewell Address Was One of the Features of the Institute, and the Talks Given by Miss Connolly and Dr. Davis Were Highly Instructive. Superintendent Taylor's Speech.

The main court room and corridors at the court house looked bare and deserted yesterday, and the merry voices of the teachers who held county institute during the week no longer echoed in the halls. The session came to a close in the morning and at 12 o'clock the instructors were dismissed by Superintendent Taylor, and will now go back to work with fresh vigor, after their pleasant week's recreation.

Before the adjournment of the institute the following resolutions were presented by the committee on resolutions, through M. W. Cummings, of Olyphant:

Whereas, The twenty-second annual institute of the teachers of Lackawanna county is about to pass into history after a fruitful week's work, and

Whereas, Custom and duty of such occasions require that we give expression to our opinions of important educational questions, and make such recommendations as may prove beneficial to the great cause for the advancement of which we are laboring; therefore be it

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to our executive officers, County Superintendent Taylor, and Superintendent Boyard, of Dunmore, for the excellent talent secured for this institute; to the instructors for their masterly efforts for our professional advancement; and to the city press for the complete published reports of our proceedings.

WILL GET IT IN FULL.

Resolved, That we congratulate the people of Lackawanna county upon the assurance given by Dr. Schaeffer that the full amount appropriated by the last legislature for the support of the public schools will be paid.

Resolved, That we recommend to the several school boards of the county the advisability of allowing each teacher in their employ, at least one day in each term, with full pay, for the purpose of visiting other schools in the county in which work of a similar grade is being done.

Resolved, That we are opposed to holding future institutes in the court room. Its acoustic defects make it impossible to hear the instructors in all parts of the room, and we feel sure that more suitable quarters should be secured even though at an additional expense to the teachers.

Resolved, That we recognize in the school library a necessary adjunct to the modern school, and that we earnestly recommend to directors the necessity of taking advantage of the Act of Assembly of June 26, 1895, providing for establishing and maintaining a school library in the several districts of the commonwealth.

Resolved, That the violation of beneficent educational statutes by our school boards is not only injurious in its results, but vicious in its example. We, therefore, earnestly hope that the school directors of every district in the county, and especially those of the valley, will take immediate steps to put in force the provisions of the compulsory education law.

Resolved, That in the death of Mary E. McHale, of Dunmore, the teaching profession has lost a faithful and earnest member, and that we extend to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That Superintendent Taylor be requested to appoint a legislative committee of five members to carefully examine all measures affecting educational interests at the coming session of the legislature.

Resolved, That the Lackawanna School News be recognized and adopted as the official organ of the county institute.

MISS COX RECITED.

Several of the other institute committees also presented their reports. One of the features of the programme of the day was a recitation by Miss Margaret Cox, of Parsons, instructor of elocution in the Dunmore schools. She told of a pretty incident in the life of Governor Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, of the prisoner who on Christmas sent to him a home-made fiddle, with a pathetic appeal for pardon.

Miss Louise Connolly, of Washington, who has been one of the favorites of the institute gave her last address yesterday morning, speaking about "A Model School." Miss Connolly advised the teachers to use a great deal of judgment and discrimination in the literature which they read, either with a view to utilizing in school work, or in recommending for perusal to the pupils.

"Many of the books in Sunday school libraries," she said, "should be condemned because of the bigotry, narrow views and far from wholesome sentiment which pervades their pages."

In speaking about the essentials of teaching, she remarked that while there are three great purposes of instruction, the teaching of reading, writing and ciphering, still unless the proper use of each of these is taught, education will prove, instead of a grand aid and source of benefit throughout life, only a dangerous weapon to civilization in general.

Dr. Hull, of the Millersville State Normal school, gave a very interesting farewell talk on "The Successful Teacher." In the course of his address he paid tribute to the Scranton High school, and to public schools throughout the states, quoting the census taken by Senator Ingalls, which showed the majority of senators and congressmen to be graduates of public schools.

LOVED HIS PUPILS.

He declared that no teacher can successfully follow his profession without some knowledge of psychology, and said that the secret of the success of that great instructor, Arnold, of Rugby, was the fact that, like the greatest of all teachers, he loved his pupils. "The greatest teachers," he said, "are not to be found in the public schools, in the colleges, in any of these institutions, for those who rank above all others as instructors are none other than the mothers of our children."

County Superintendent Taylor next delivered a short address, in which he urged on the teachers the necessity of regularly reading at least two reliable educational journals, and in maintaining a lively interest in all advances and forward movements in school work.

After the reports of commitees, Dr. Sherman Davis gave another of his "Nature Studies" talks, dwelling particularly on the characteristics of the adolescent boy. At this period the lad's ideals are beginning to be formed and he is more susceptible than at any time during his life. At the close of his address Superintendent Taylor dismissed the institute, and about three hundred teachers filed through the big doors and separated, after one of the most beneficial and interesting annual assemblies held in the history of Lackawanna county school work.

Every one of the instructors whose addresses were heard proved entertaining and instructive, and the attention paid and interest felt throughout the work were abundant evidences of the appreciation of the county teachers of the excellent programme arranged for their benefit.

Vote for William Connell for congress and sustain the administration which brought about good times.

INDUSTRIAL.

D., L. & W. Board for Today.

Following is the make-up of the D., L. and W. board for today:

WILD CATS SOUTH.

Friday, Nov. 2.

6 p. m.—M. J. Hennigan.
8.3 p. m.—T. Nauman.
11.30 p. m.—P. Cavanaugh, with Bisbing's men.

WILD CATS, NORTH.

6 p. m.—J. Ginley.
7.30 p. m.—J. J. Duffy.
9.30 p. m.—John Swarts.

Saturday, Nov. 3.

WILD CATS SOUTH.

12.30 a. m.—G. Rafferty.
1.30 a. m.—John Ennis.
2.30 a. m.—O. Kearney.
3.30 a. m.—O. Case.
4.30 a. m.—B. Bennett.
6 a. m.—G. Thomas, with Fellows' men.
8 a. m.—G. Burt, with D. Wallace's men.
9 a. m.—H. Doherty.
11 a. m.—P. Gilligan.
12.30 p. m.—F. D. Secor.
1.30 p. m.—J. Mosier.
2.30 p. m.—F. F. Stevens
3.45 p. m.—A. Gerrity
5 p m.—J. Gerrity.

SUMMITS.

6 a. m., north—G. Frounfelker.
10 a. m., north—W. H. Nichols.
8 p. m., north—M. R. McLane.
1 p. m., south—E. McAllister.

PULLER.

10 a. m.—Singer.

PUSHERS.

8 a. m., south—F. Van Wormer.
11.30 a. m., south—M. Moran.
7 p. m., south—M. Murphy.
9 a. m., south—O. W. Fitzgerald.
10.15 p. m., north—C. W. Dunn.
6.15 a. m., north—Thomas Thompson.

PASSENGER ENGINES.

7 a. m.—Gaffney.
5.30 p. m.—Stanton.
7 p. m.—Magovern.

WILD CATS NORTH.

4.30 a. m.—T. Fitzpatrick.
5.30 a. m.—J. E. Masters.
6 a. m.—J. H. McCann.
7 a. m.—John Baxter, with John Gahagan's men.
8 a. m.—C. Bartholomew.
10 a. m.—F. Wall.
11 a. m.—F. L. Rogers.
1 p. m.—J. Carringe.
2 p. m.—A. G. Hanamitt.
3 p. m.—M. Loughney.
4 p. m.—A. Ketcham.
5 p. m.—J. Ginley.
6 p. m.—J. J. O'Hara.
7 p. m.—W. LaBarr.
9 p. m.—G. Hill.
10 p. m.—J. Swarts.

NOTICE.

Conductor E. Duffy and crew and three engine crews will go to Nay Aug on No. 30 Friday, Nov. 2, and work as Summit, South.

Brakeman Michael Burke will go out with Conductor John Ennis, at 1.30 tomorrow a. m., in place of C. W. Dunn and remain there until further notice.

Thomas Mossett, John Healey, Malachi O'Malley, Martin Langan, Thomas D. Williams, P. R. Phillips, jr., and Isaac Evans, will call at trainmaster's office between 1 and 5 Saturday afternoon.

Objection in England.

The English papers record a good many expressions of indignation on the part of British manufacturers over the probability that most of the orders for the new material needed for repairing the South African railroads will be placed in the United States. This is probable, since the material is needed at short notice, and American makers can supply it as wanted and at lower prices than the English. If the contracts are placed in Great Britain they can be filed only after long delay. Under the circumstances it is perfectly natural that the orders should come here. We are inclined to think, however, that the British indignation is rather assumed as a precautionary measure to prevent the placing of orders abroad. Later advices show that the show of feeling has had some effect, since it is announced that most of the material needed for the railroads will be supplied by English firms; though some cars have been ordered from the United States. The mining companies are ordering their new machinery chiefly in this country.

This and That.

A feature of the industrial situation just now seems to be the organization of new steel companies for the avowed purpose of competing with the big consolidations formed within the past two years. The American Steel and Wire company seems to be the chief object of attack, and several concerns have already been launched for the purpose of making wire and wire products.

Montana is to have the longest electric railroad in the world, if a project just brought out succeeds; and the road will be built if it is true, as reported, that the Great Northern railroad, has agreed to take it up. The proposed line is from Billings to Great Falls, some 200 miles, and the plan is to operate it entirely by electric power which is to be supplied from generating stations on the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers. The road would have a considerable traffic in coal, ores and other heavy freights, and would be the first line with such traffic to be worked by electricity. The plan is perfectly feasible and seems to present advantages, especially where large water powers are available, as in Montana. The only question is the financial one. The line, if built, will benefit several important mining districts.