

Have you kept your good resolutions? Read Parker & Parker's advertisement...

The public schools of the borough opened Monday, after a vacation of two weeks.

Rev. Cyrus Muser will preach in the Reformed Church next Sunday morning and evening.

Prothonotary Critchfield took charge of his office Monday morning, with Mr. B. S. Flick as his deputy.

Representatives Colburn and Morgan left for Harrisburg Saturday, to enter upon the discharge of their Legislative duties.

Ex-County Treasurer Weimer handed over the keys of the Treasurer's office to County Treasurer Schrock Monday morning.

Mr. Frank Granger, proprietor of his new dwelling house on Third-street, was visited by Mr. David Broder, Monday, the consideration was \$1450.

The outgoing Court house officials held a reception in the arbitration room Monday. Their friends were received and entertained in a right royal manner.

Jury Commissioners C. F. Rayman and C. H. Fisher are engaged in filling the wheel with the names of the persons to be drawn during the present year to serve as jurors.

Register and Recorder Shaffer moved into his new quarters in the Court House Monday morning. The "Counselor" has been there before and will run the office himself and he will run it right.

Among the many weddings during the holidays was that of our accommodating young man, Milton C. Pike, who took to himself a wife in the person of Miss Bertina J. Spangler, on Saturday, Dec. 27th, performed by Rev. Shearer at the Lutheran parsonage.

Rev. Winters and family and his son-in-law and deputy, Ed. H. Kimmel, left for the city Monday morning. Mr. Winters and family have gone to the Glade House to board while Deputy Dickey will move on to his farm in Somerset township, near Friedens.

Barkeley & Weimer's store, at Bakersville, has been burglarized for the second time this winter. Goods to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars were stolen.

The last appointment by the old going board of county Commissioners was that of Mr. Charles H. Schumaker, as Mercantile appraiser for the present year. Mr. Schumaker is a resident of Somerset township, is a staunch republican and is well qualified to discharge the duties of the position. The appointment is a good one.

17000 was the lucky case at the bean jar at McDowell. It was the gold which was drawn, 17000 was the amount of the prize, which was paid to the owner of the ticket, a man named John J. Day, of Rockwood, who was the lucky fellow who will take great pleasure in telling his friends what time it is by her gold watch and chain.

The Johnsons Tobias says: It would be a well-merited compliment to the staunch Republicans of Somerset if the House would elect Hon. J. C. Johnson, a position which he would fill acceptably. Somerset polls an enormous Republican majority in proportion to her population, and too great a compliment could not be paid her noble sons, but this is not generally the case.

The contractors of the twin tunnels in Franklin county are at work on the tunnel every day. The tunnels will now be 16 feet wide the remainder of the distance between the headings—about 2.00 feet in each mountain. The heading in east end of Blue mountain is 135 feet from the shaft, and the heading in west end of 145.

The construction of the superstructure of the Vanderbilt bridge over the Susquehanna river at Harrisburg, which is being built by the Phoenix Iron Works, will give employment to 150 hands of six months.

MEMBERS OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The Somerset County Teachers' Institute, the Somerset County Teachers' Institute, was held on Monday, Dec. 29th, at 2 o'clock P. M. The fall of the President's favor formally announced the opening of the Institute. President Weller appointed N. George Keim Secretary pro tem. Rev. Dunham was introduced, and conducted the devotional exercises.

There are three members of the new state Legislature who are under twenty-four years of age. Two of the young members are from Philadelphia while the third hails from Indiana County.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The Teachers' Institute which assembled in the Court House last week was more largely attended than any of its predecessors, and was highly interesting and instructive. The Address of Welcome, Monday night, by Prof. A. C. Holbert was most highly spoken of, as was the response thereto by F. J. O'Connor, Esq. The lectures engaged for the occasion are among the most renowned in this particular sphere. One of the most interesting of these is "The Bright, Cheery, Genial Presence of the Little Man," which he did not utter a word. Every seat in the house was sold before noon Monday, and before many of the teachers had gotten to begin, the Court room was literally packed, every available inch of standing room being occupied. The large audience was more than delighted for the two hours that the speaker entertained them. This was a splendid send off for the lecture course of the week. Those who heard "Bob" Barkeley's lecture will never forget him and will always be glad and anxious to hear him again.

Col. Copeland was greeted by a crowded house Wednesday night. The subject of his lecture was "Snobs and Snobbery." The Col. is not an orator but makes some points which elicited the most uproarious applause from his audience. Some of them were coarse, verging on vulgarity, while the manner and frequency with which he spat on his hands and caustic up and down the platform was offensive and disgusting. We were so engaged by the lecturer, it would be a very cold day when we would engage Col. Copeland.

Those who heard Chaplain McCabe Thursday night were convinced that there was a "High Spirit" in the Libby Prison. This most interesting and eloquent talker well sustained his reputation as a vivid and forcible orator, and his singing was of a popular and pleasing kind. Few of the audience had in long time spent an hour and a half with the degree of interest they did in any lecture of this kind.

The Superintendent Weller is entitled to the thanks of all who were present at any time during the week, not only for the delightful entertainment afforded, but for his great kindness and politeness and untiring efforts to make room for all who came and to try to have them all comfortably seated.

Additional assessments have been made upon the stockholders of the South Penna. Railroad Company, and the work upon the line will be pushed forward rapidly. The bridge over the Susquehanna river, at Harrisburg, is to be finished by the first of May. It is officially stated that train will run over certain portions of the road next summer.

At the meeting of the officers and directors of the South Pennsylvania road held in New York on Wednesday, it was decided to push the work of construction as rapidly as possible and every effort is to be made to have the road in running order by the latter part of the month of September. The directors of the line were notified to excavate for single track only, instead of double track as heretofore. The company will widen out the tunnels for double track at its own convenience after the road is in operation.

J. T. Harahan has been appointed Division Engineer of the Pennsylvania Division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, with headquarters at Pittsburgh. David Lee has been appointed Master of the same division.

The Chambersburg Valley Spout says that the South Pennsylvania railroad will be graded for two tracks, if both are not needed, it will be graded for one track in Franklin county. A number of the fills and cuts are made for only one track. In places where material is needed to make fills, cuts if convenient are widened for two tracks, but this is not generally the case.

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Determined to exact good sense, Common respect, be firm, do right, and with your own good sense.

THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS reported the following, which were adopted by the Institute: Resolved, That we condemn the conduct of those teachers that, without good cause, absented themselves from the sessions of the Institute, and we can only designate them as the drones of the hive.

Resolved, That our most hearty thanks are due to Dr. A. C. Holbert, J. H. Durling, W. B. Hall and F. V. Irish, for valuable instruction given during the sessions of the Institute. Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to Robert J. Brodette, Col. L. F. Copeland, and others for their interesting, entertaining and instructive lectures, delivered at the evening sessions.

Resolved, That the lecture course introduced into our county is an important and instructive feature of educational work, and meets our hearty approval. Resolved, That we recognize in Prof. J. C. Weller a worthy County Superintendent, an able, zealous and efficient worker in the cause of education, and we hereby congratulate him on his success.

Resolved, That we condemn the use of teachers as a filthy, low, degrading and disgusting habit, and that we would use our best efforts to prevent their use by our pupils. Resolved, That we have learned with regret that Ex-County Superintendent J. B. Whipple is about to leave this county, to make his home in Carlisle, Fayette county, Nebraska, therefore:

Resolved, That in his removal from this place Somerset county loses one of her best citizens, the teachers of the county lose one of their ablest and most devoted supporters of popular education. Resolved, That we commend him to the people with whom he is heretofore associated as a gentleman of integrity and probity, and congratulate them upon an acquisition which will be long felt.

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AT COST! Lancaster Gingham, at 8c. Berkshire, at 6c. Indigo Blue prints at 7c.

CHOICE GROCERIES, FLOUR & FEED. Apples, dried, 10 lb. 1.00. Apples, fresh, 10 lb. 1.00.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Jacob Snyder, late of Somerset County, Pa.

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