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Close of The Teachers' Institute.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's session of the County Institute was considered excellent by all in attendance. Prof. W. M. Peirce, of Ridgway, Dr. C. H. Gordinier, President of Kee Mar College, Hagerstown, Md., and Prof. O. J. Gunning Supt. of Warren county were the principal instructors for the remainder of the week. Prof. Peirce on Wednesday morning gave an excellent and practical talk on "Spelling." He requested the teachers to take notes and make an outline which he himself had formulated and which he believed would meet with success wherever put into operation. The substance of the method is that most persons remember how to spell a word by remembering how it looks, by the sound of the letters as they are spelled together, by the habitual association of lips, tongue, palate, etc., made in spelling the words by the association of the movements of the hand and arm in writing words and by the use of a few important rules. Prof. Peirce discussed the application of each of the above and demonstrated their importance. The talk included some very important material for the thoughtful teacher. Prof. F. A. Wheeler occupied thirty minutes during the forenoon session instructing in music and discussing the importance of teaching music in the public schools. Dr. Gordinier then addressed the institute on the subject of "Words." He spoke of the growth of languages and the changes that were constantly being made to express the exact thought, and that from indications the conclusion is justified that all languages had a common origin but where the origin was no one has been able to prove. He spoke of the value of foreign languages as an important part of education as many of the English words are formed from foreign or parts of foreign words. He discussed the simplified spelling saying that the opponents of it had but one available argument against it, that by its derivation of the word would be lost. The afternoon session was occupied by a second talk by Prof. Peirce on the subject, "What Do You Know," followed by thirty minutes instruction by Prof. Wheeler. Dr. Gordinier also talked on the subject of "Put Yourself in His Place," in which he showed what the true relation should be between pupil and teacher. The evening entertainment was the John Thomas Concert Co. The entertainment consisted of readings by Mr. Thomas and instrumental music by Miss Alice Eortin, pianist, and Miss Anna Webster Thomas, a violinist. The audience was well pleased and the entertainment was considered a success. The session on Thursday was begun by singing and devotional exercises. Prof. Wheeler again instructed in music and County Supt. Morrison addressed the teachers. Prof. Peirce discussed the subject of "Reading" and Prof. R. W. McWilliams gave an "Indian Club Drill," which was well performed and reflected well on Mr. McWilliams' athletic training. Dr. Gordinier gave an important address on the subject of "Mythology," discussing it in a systematic manner. He said these questions naturally arose to the ancient philosophers, Whence come I? Whither am I going? Who am I? What am I? and What is the cause in nature and in myself? He explained the reason of the ancients believing in so many "Gods." That the belief was common until the times of the later philosophers and that some of them on account of unbelief were put to death. That mythology reached its culmination during the palmy days of Greece, and that during the history of Rome it was on the decline, but with inclinations toward stranger superstitions. That mythology came to an end so far as human belief was concerned when Paul made his famous oration to the Athenians on Mars Hill. Prof. G. W. Mitchell, of Marienville, made a short address to the teachers which was well received, after which Prof. Peirce made his farewell speech to the teachers which was the concluding address of Thursday's session. The evening entertainment was a lecture by Dr. Gordinier on the subject of "What Makes the Wheels Go Round." Dr. Gordinier made an excellent address which received the most favorable comment from the audience. Friday's session consisted of music instruction and an address by Prof. Gunning. Dr. Gordinier also gave a short address on the subject, "The Little Red School House" which was the concluding address of the session. All the instructors are deserving of congratulations for their sincere work in conducting County Supt. Morrison. The following is the financial report:

RECEIPTS.

From Teachers	\$1 00
From Course Tickets	100 00
From Advertising	1 00
Sale of Music Books and Trays	1 30
From General Admittance tickets	53 55
From County	134 00
Balance from last year	07
Total	\$433 93

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to Day Instructors	\$ 137 08
Paid Evening Entertainments	185 00
Paid Printing	10 00
Singing books	1 50
Planist	6 00
Janitor	5 00
Boarding Instructors	25 75
Postage	2 06
Freight, Express and Drayage	2 14
Stage Lumber	9 19
Total	\$430 32
Balance	\$ 3 60

RESOLUTIONS.

We also submit the following resolutions: That we express our gratitude to the Creator and preserver of the Universe in that no teacher of the County died during the last three years.

That we thank Supt. Morrison for his successful management of the institute and that we favor his re-election.

That we express our appreciation of the welcome received at the hands of the people of the town and to the County Commissioners for the use of the Court House.

That we extend thanks to the promoters of the summer school for the extension of practical knowledge and methods to the schools of the entire county.

That we thank the unknown donor of the scholarship to the Clarion Normal, previously given for the educational interests in this county.

And also that the Institute next year should be held early in October.

FASSETT'S KNOX TALK.

Leader of Up-State New York Republicans Declares for Pennsylvania Senator.

Washington, Dec. 31. — A significant impossible of exaggeration is attached here to the declaration of J. Stout Fasset, at his home in Elmira, N. Y., in favor of the nomination of Senator Knox for the presidency.

Fasset, in addition to being a member of the house, is regarded as the Roosevelt up-state leader. What Herbert Parsons is to the New York county Republicans Fasset is to those who live in the so-called rural districts. He is the up-state man who can go to the White House and come away carrying things of value in a political sense. At times he has also been known to voice the views of the president.

The least the Fasset declaration can be construed as meaning is that the promises of a fight between Governor Hughes and President Roosevelt for control of the Empire State delegation were not made without a knowledge of the facts. Parsons stopped the indorsement of the governor proposed by the New York county committee, and there is not much doubt he did it because the president wished it.

It is not a bad inference that the up-state Roosevelt leader's declaration for Knox was made at least not against the protest of the president to serve as a still further notice to the governor that he is not to be permitted to carry away the delegation and have it for his own use.

But it is a better deduction that the Fasset declaration is a notice to the Taft people that they must get the New York delegation as a result of their own exertions rather than expect to have it delivered to them on a platter by the Roosevelt people. It may also be regarded as notice that the president never thought of putting his former attorney general in the hat of reactionaries. He could not be so ungrateful to the man who pulled him out of the wide and deep hole he dugged for himself when he expressed the conviction that trusts could not be controlled except through an amendment to the constitution. Knox told him the Sherman law could be made to work, and then proved it by winning the Northern Securities case.

That the Knox people have had an idea that Fasset was likely to do something of this kind can be inferred from the fact that he is to be one of the speakers at the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce Lincoln Day dinner, at which Senator Knox is also to speak. Congressman James Francis Burke, who has been the spokesman for the Knox boom, had much to do in getting Fasset and Senator Burrows of Michigan as speakers for that night.

It was announced that Senator Knox will speak at the Lincoln club annual dinner at Kalamazoo, Mich., the night before he speaks at Pittsburg.

Station Agent Murdered.

Clarington, O., Dec. 31. — Edward Hutchinson, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad station agent here, was robbed and murdered at an early hour yesterday and the station burned over his head. The burglars bound and gagged Hutchinson and after taking his watch and money ransacked the station. Hutchinson had worked for the Baltimore and Ohio for a number of years. The burglars evidently decided to burn Hutchinson as he lay bound in order to conceal their identity.

Killed by Fall From Car.

Penn Yan, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Curtis L. Wood of Elmira, freight brakeman, fell from the top of a car and was instantly killed in Penn Yan.

MARKET REPORT.

New York Provision Market.

New York, Dec. 30.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, \$1.05 1/2 f. o. b. adroit; No. 1 northern Duluth, \$1.22 1/2.

CORN—No. 2 corn, 67 1/2 c f. o. b. adroit; No. 2 white, 67 1/2 c.

OATS—Mixed oats, 26 to 32 lbs., 54c; clipped white, 32 to 40 lbs., 56 1/2 c @ 2 1/2.

PORK—Mess, \$14.50 @ 15.25; family, \$18.00 @ 18.50.

HAY—Good to choice, \$1.00 @ 1.05.

CHEESE—State full cream, fancy, 15 1/2 c.

BUTTER—Creamery specials, 30c; extras, 29 @ 29 1/2 c; western factory, 15 @ 20c; state dairy, 20 @ 25c.

EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, 32 @ 34c.

POTATOES—State and Western, \$1.80 @ 2.10; per sack; Maine, \$1.75 @ 2.15.

Buffalo Provision Market.

Buffalo, Dec. 30.

WHEAT—No. 1 northern carload, \$1.18 1/2; No. 2 red, \$1.05.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, 63 1/2 c; No. 3 yellow, 61 1/2 c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 54 1/2 c f. o. b. adroit; No. 3 white, 52 @ 53c.

FLOUR—Fancy blended patent, per bu., \$6.00 @ 6.75; winter family, patent, \$5.40 @ 6.20.

BUTTER—Creamery, prints, fancy, 30 1/2 @ 31c; state and Penn., cream, 27c; dairy, choice to fancy, 26 @ 27c.

CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 15 1/2 @ 16c; good to choice, 14 @ 15c.

EGGS—Selected white, 30 @ 32c.

POTATOES—Home grown, fancy, per bu., 70c; fair to good, 65 @ 68c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Choice export steers, \$5.25 @ 5.75; good to choice butcher steers, \$4.00 @ 5.00; state and Penn., cream, 4.85; bulls, common to good, \$3.00 @ 3.75; choice veals, \$9.00 @ 9.25; fair to good, \$8.50 @ 8.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice spring lambs, \$7.00 @ 7.10; choice yearlings, \$5.00 @ 5.30; clipped mixed, \$4.00 @ 4.50.

HOGS—Light Yorkers, \$4.75 @ 4.85; medium and heavy hogs, \$4.90 @ 4.95; pigs, \$4.50 @ 4.75.

Buffalo Hay Market.

No. 1 timothy, baled, \$17.50; No. 2 timothy, \$16.00 @ 16.50; wheat and oat straws, \$8.00 @ 8.50.

In building castles in the air. Be up to all the tricks. And most of all, pray, have a care. And do not buy gold bricks.

Two Ways of Looking at It.

There is a young artist in Washington who classes himself as of the impressionistic school and who, being somewhat out in drawing, generally makes up for his lack of technique by spreading color recklessly and counting on distance for his effect.

At an amateur exhibition he once hung one of his most extraordinary performances.

"Well," said a friend whom the artist had taken to see the work, "I don't want to flatter you, old chap, but that is far and away the best stuff you have ever done. I congratulate you."

Much pleased, the artist was receiving the compliment with becoming modesty when he chanced again to glance at the picture and turned very red. The committee had hung it upside down.

Hurrying to the head of the committee, he was about to launch into a loud complaint when he was informed of the good news that an hour before the picture had been sold for \$61. The original price mark had been \$19.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Where the Horse Bit George.

"Now, please show me the spot where the horse bit George Washington," was the astonishing request made by a country visitor of his host, a downtown publisher. The latter had escorted him about and shown him the statehouse, the Liberty bell, Carpenter's hall, old Christ church, the grave of Benjamin Franklin and the site of the house in which Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. The publisher had never heard of the spot where the horse bit the Father of His Country, but, equal to the emergency, he took his guest to Washington square and said that it was in one of the corners of that space (which one he did not know) that the horse did the biting, in commemoration of which event the square was named after the general. The gentleman from Down Yonder Somewhere was fully satisfied and has gone home full of good, ready made history to tell his neighbors. It would be interesting to ascertain the identity of the wag who sprung this one on George Washington.—Philadelphia Record.

When Reynard Goes Hunting.

Those who have tried wild fowl shooting know how difficult a matter it is to approach within range without disturbing the birds. The fox's only weapon is his mouth, and the range is necessarily short, but for Reynard it proves all sufficient. His knowledge of the habits of his victims prompts him to a suitable linking place among the withered rushes in a clump selected to hide the color of his coat as far as possible. Lurking there, almost wholly immersed in water if need be, he waits his opportunity and seizes it. We may say his cunning is proverbial, for there is no animal or bird on which the press that can baffle his pursuit. Even the prickly armor of the hedgehog proves an inadequate protection when the fox requires his presence in his lair. His harder! What a harder it is! The thought of it, the smell of it, savors of a whole army of tragedies.—London Tit-Bits.

Six o'Clock Folk.

How many of our readers know what a "6 o'clock man" is? Miss Spurgeon, one of the lecturers in English at Bedford college, Baker street, has a country cottage and an old "Ralph's mill" in the middle of Westleton heath, Saxmundham. The other day a non-Suffolk lady told her that her gardener's wife had often said, "We are 6 o'clock people," and she had taken it to mean "early risers." But soon after some one said that this lady's husband was a "6 o'clock gentleman," and as she knew that he didn't get up early she asked what the epithet meant and was told, "Ebright, like the hands of the clock are at 6 o'clock." Another use of the word in Suffolk is seen in "living upright"—that is, on independent means.—Westminster Gazette.

Backwardness of the First Families.

While without doubt the courtesy of street car conductors and minor city employees isn't all that it might be, the public is hardly justified in demanding Chesterfields and Brammels on wages of \$2 a day. Many years ago an indignant citizen complained to old Mayor Quincy of Boston that the street sweepers were an ungentlemanly lot.

"I know it, I know it," acknowledged the old gentleman sadly. "I've tried to induce the members of the first families of Commonwealth avenue to handle the brooms, but they won't do it."—Woman's Home Companion.

The Harder Labor.

"What did you get the rubber gloves for?" they asked her as she passed them around to show how handsome they were. "You have a girl, haven't you? You don't have to wash the dishes."

"No," she answered, "I don't have to wash the dishes, but while she is washing the dishes I oil the floors."—New York Press.

Exceptional Case.

"They couldn't convict that forger. When he was caught he chucked up the forgery and swallowed it."

"Well, it isn't every man who is so willing to eat his words when it's proved he's in the wrong"—Kansas City Times.

Insulted.

Eph—What were de maffah wif Sal an' dat drugget? Rufus—Why, she wanted some complexion powder, an' he gib her powdered charcoal.—Illustrated Bits.

Suppers kill more than the greatest doctors ever cured.—Scotch Proverb.

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Pennsylvania Railroad.

Bulletin.

THROUGH SLEEPING CAR TO WASHINGTON.

For the better accommodation of its patrons between Western Pennsylvania and New York, and Baltimore and Washington, the Pennsylvania Railroad will place on its schedule, beginning Monday, January 6, through daily sleeping car service between Oil City and the National Capital.

This sleeping car will leave Oil City at 5:30 p. m., and will be attached at Corry to train leaving Erie at 5:55 p. m., and will run through to Baltimore and Washington without change.

This car will afford residents of Oil City, Titusville, Erie, Mayville, Jamestown, Warren, and other points in Western Pennsylvania and New York convenient service to both Baltimore and Washington.

A through sleeping car to Oil City will leave Washington at 7:45 p. m., daily, and Baltimore 8:20 p. m., daily, arriving Oil City 10:45 a. m.

For full details of this and other changes in the schedules taking effect on Monday, January 6, Ticket Agents should be consulted.

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