

THE CITIZEN.

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Congress.

The annual meeting of Congress takes place on Monday next. The principal question that will likely be discussed is, "What is to be done with the surplus?" Why this surplus is so large has never been made clear. To some Democrats it seems an awful matter. If the source is a tax or tariff, from which the surplus appears to come, then it would appear reasonable to make it again and again, to destroy it. But the taxes from which it comes, as for instance on liquor and tobacco making, are as actual benefit, being upon luxuries that could be dispensed with. But the great mystery is why this surplus cannot be applied to public and good objects. The education of the people is one that would promote better citizenship. The thousands of public buildings that have been erected, such as a post office building in every town of importance in the country, would be another good purpose for using the surplus. Other necessary improvements of a National character could be mentioned. So that, instead of trying to destroy the alleged surplus, reason and the true policy would seem to be its application to public improvements.

Winfield Township Institute.

The teachers, directors and friends of education met according to previous arrangements at Centre School, Winfield township, on the 15th ult. to organize an Institute for all who wished to attend. The Institute was organized by choosing J. F. Hutzler as Chairman and W. C. Findley as Secretary.

Primary reading and spelling

was discussed by J. M. Painter, who

condemned the old method of teaching by letter. He believed in taking

some object familiar to the child,

writing the name of the object on a

board, and then having the child

write the word, gradually advancing

by supplementing new words, until

the child can read readily. J. H. Donald

followed, recommending a picture of

the object on the board as an aid

in teaching. He also endorsed Messrs. Painter

and Donald.

Language was next discussed.

Opened by W. C. Findley, who divided

the subject into two parts—natural

and word language. The first part

was explained by the use of objects

in the study of this branch could be

remedied by noting incorrect and vulgar

expressions, calling attention to them,

and so awaken curiosity. J. F.

Hutzler, who had one of the most

correct conceptions of the play-ground, and then

proposed them, a part of the exercise.

W. S. Graff thought that easy and

plain words and sentences should be

used to start young pupils. J. H.

Donald believed that the play-ground

should be taught early in life, and especially

by practical corrections.

Geography came next. Opened by

W. S. Graff, who would teach by

dividing into three common divisions.

Primary geography should be taught

by comparing near and far objects

by synthetic methods, passing on to

the analytic. J. M. Painter would draw

a picture of the hemispheres on the

board and the circles which cross

them. W. C. Findley and W. S.

Graff recommended the use of globes

to teach the two motions of the earth,

its relation to the sun and other planets.

J. F. Hutzler believed that

board illustration was beneficial in

teaching geography.

Recess. A query box was

opened and answered by the teachers.

Writing was opened by J. F. Hutzler

who, he believed there should be no

hobby made of writing, but pupils

should be taught to write a good leg-

ible hand. Mr. Donald agreed with

Hutzler and Mr. Graff favored set

copies.

How to secure the co-operation of

parents was opened by Mr. Donald,

who said that the child betrayed its

training at home by its actions at

school, and that it was not necessary

to visit parents to find out their atti-

tude towards the school, for the child

showed it. Mr. Findley observed

that those who never visit the school,

co-operate with the teacher, and most

of the first to complain are the parents

of the school. The hope was that the

teacher as a failure. Director J. C.

Smith recommended the visiting of

schools by friends of education.

This closed the program of the

day, and now may we be allowed to

add a word to the attitude of the

people of this and adjoining townships

to our efforts to make these

meetings the fulcrum on which shall

be overbalanced indifference and apathy.

Only lend us your power arm

and we will do the rest. The hope was

that their well imbedded resting places

and plant in their places trees of

knowledge, whose branches are al-

ways the safest under which to shelter

in sunshine or storm.

Adjourned to meet at Leasewille

School, Nov. 2, on Saturday, Dec. 17,

at 10 o'clock a. m., physiology, history,

spelling, decimals, how to secure

attention during recitations and

how to grade a district school, will be

discussed.

SECRETARY.

Prospect Whisks.

EDS. CITIZEN.—Prof. Shanon, of

West Newton, Pa., was home on

Thursday. Perry, what was the trouble?

Paul Lambert has moved his family

to town.

Dr. M. L. Leighner will soon leave

our town to take up his abode in

Butler, where he is now building a

fine residence.

Miss Nettie Niblock, of Peters-

ville is visiting her friend Miss

Mollie, who is here on her holiday

and has been a most agreeable

presence to the school.

The singing class under the

charge of Prof. Wolford, of Grove

City, is progressing finely.

Mrs. N. L. Shearer who has been

sick for some time, is convalescing

slowly.

Mr. Samuel Weigle who has been

working for the Shenango Gas Co.,

is home on a vacation.

Prof. Magee returned from a tour

to the northern part of the country,

and has been looking up material for

the Academy.

The Directors of this place have

promoted 17 pupils from the Primary

to the High School.

Titus, how does it go to accompa-

nying the school? Do you not agree

and read to you for doing it? You

are not alone in the world.

L. H. and C. G. have a liking for

the word Alex, but C. G. would not

give much for it.

I. B.

Forest The Banner Company.

HARTSHORN, Nov. 23.—At last

the much talked of Chairman Cooper's

banner to the county giving a Repub-

lican vote this year nearest approach-

ing that given in 1851, will go to

Forest, the smallest county in the

State.

A table compiled by and pub-

lished in the *Telegraph* this evening,

it is seen that Forest leads with 109,

Crawford being second, 99; Jeffers-

burg, 97; and 92; Potter coming

next, with 97; pushed closely by

Fayette, 92; Bedford being but little

behind her Western sister, with 95.

Montgomery comes in seventh, with

95.6. The percentage of Hart's

vote of the Blaine vote is 81.3.

Official Figures in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, Nov. 22.—At last

the official vote of the State is in.

Total vote cast in 1887 was 733,963.

On 1886 it was 744,233. This year

the total vote reached the very large

figure of 744,568, which is a large

increase. The totals on the Govern-

ment ticket are as follows: Foster, 356,

937; Powell, D., 333,925; Bell, L.,

24,712; Sharp, P., 29,700; seat-

ing, 14, Total, 744,568. Foster is

a slight increase for the Prohibitionists

over 1885, when Leonard received

25,051.

Mr. William Achre, an old citizen

of Greenville, Mercer county, and

well known to some of our citizens,

has removed to Los Angeles, Cal.

Notwithstanding the shu down

of the oil market, confidence is rather

dull. Confidence is expressed, how-

ever that it must soon take a rise.

The market at this place during the

past week was as low as 72 1/2 cents,

but has averaged about 74 cents, and

on this Thursday morning, opened at

74 1/2 and at noon was 74 1/2.

The Saxenburg field this county

still continues the most exciting and

productive one in the whole field, al-

though not coming up to the expecta-

tion of many. The flow well is re-

ported to average about 40 barrels

per hour; the Levens, 12 barrels per

hour; the Grandmother No. 1, 10 bar-

rels per hour; Grandmother No. 2, 28

barrels per day. The whole distil-

lation of the Saxenburg is re-

ported at about 2000 barrels. Several

new wells are expected in within a

week or two, the results from which

will either increase or diminish the

interest in this field.

There is nothing new from Reibold

or any of the other fields of this Co.

Committees Appointed.

A letter from Mr. George B.

Cross formerly of this county and now

of Kansas, dated Nov. 26, ult.,

states they have a fine country there

but no rain since Oct. 8th, ult. He

is well and sends his regards to Judge

McJunkin, Major G. W. Reed, John

Blair, Rev. H. H. Leighner, and

other friends here.

THE NEXT thing in order will be to

arrange for the time and place of a

district meeting of the committees

from the several counties.

A Righteous Law.

Among the laws of 1887, is one

to punish and punish the making and

dissemination of obscene matter.

The attention of those who are in the

habit of defacing walls by obscene

lines and pictures thereon, is called

to the third section of the act, where

they will find that a penalty of a fine

not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment

not exceeding one year is imposed on

those who indulge in that sort of

amusement. Fences, walls, floor,

ceiling, closet, room, passage, hall or

any part of any hotel, court-house,

school-house, or other public building,

places or buildings are included in

the law, all or any one who makes or

causes to be made therein or thereon

any obscene drawing or picture or

print, liable to be seen by others pass-

ing or coming near the same, are li-

able to suffer the penalty of the law.

Shot His Mother Through the

Ceiling.

GREENVILLE, Nov. 21.—As John

Fritz was putting a cap on his gun in

the kitchen of his parents' house, the

charge exploded and the load of shot

penetrated the body of his mother, who

was sitting at the table. She received

twenty-four wounds and fell to the

floor writhing in agony and bleeding

copiously. Her wounds are serious, but

not fatal.

The Judge Meant to be Cautious.

The story is told of a Chicago Jus-

ice, who, in the line of his duty, was

called to see a man who had been

shot through the head. The judge

was very cautious, and he said to the

man, "These are important points you

have brought up," he said to the attorneys

in the suit, "and should not be decided

without mature reflection; I will

therefore take three or four days to

consider the matter, and then I will

decide. The man was very much

pleased, and he said to the judge,

"I am discharged."—Chicago Tribune.

Thirty-Eight Degrees Below

Zero.

WATERLOO, IOWA, Nov. 29.—Yes-

terday was the coldest day ever

known in this section at this season

of the year, the temperature reaching

38 degrees below zero.

How To Use The Surplus.

"There is Philadelphia Press says:

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