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County Institute.

(Continued from last week.)

THURSDAY FORENOON

Session called to order at 8.30. Devotional exercises conducted by Prof. Gresh. The "Library" question was taken up for the final discussion. The question was discussed by a number of teachers; also by Mr. Myers, a visitor, who claimed that the proper way to raise a library fund was by entertainments. The Superintendent had the teachers to report whether their different schools had a library. It was found that there were forty in the county. The committee on resolutions was appointed, namely, Prof. B. N. Palmer, Stella M. Bard, L. H. Wible, B. C. Lamberson, A. C. Peck, Nora Griffith, and E. E. Kell. A talk on "Teaching Geography" was given by Dr. Lybarger. Question: "Teaching Geography—Primary, Intermediate, and Advanced and Map Drawing" was discussed by E. E. Kell, Miss Doran, S. E. Walters, and others.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Afternoon session was opened with singing by Prof. Gresh. Prof. C. E. Barton occupied the next period. The directors met in the public school building or ganized and proceeded to the court room. Singing. An address was made by Hon. R. L. Myers on "What our schools should teach." Singing by Prof. Gresh. A general talk was given by Dr. Lybarger. Next a talk on "Centralization of Schools" was given by Hon. R. L. Myers, who explained the bill providing for the centralization of the public schools. The institute then adjourned to meet the next morning at 8.30.

FRIDAY FORENOON.

The last session of the institute was called at 8.30. Devotional exercises by L. H. Wible. The committee on resolutions met in the jury room. Singing by Prof. Gresh. Question—"Oral and Written Reproduction—Material—What Extent—and Value," was discussed by C. C. Rotz, D. C. Hart, Gilbert Mellott, and a number of others. The next period was occupied by Dr. Lybarger on "Hypnotism in the Schoolroom." Question—"Building and Learning Tables," "Original Problems," and "Oral Solutions," was discussed by Howard Hollinshead, Blair Truax, and a number of others. Singing by Prof. Gresh. Address by Prof. C. E. Barton. The resolutions were then read and adopted. Hon. R. L. Myers gave a short talk. Supt. Chesnut then gave a talk to the teachers, and the institute stood adjourned.

LEWIS HARRIS,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, We have been permitted to assemble at the 35th annual session of the Teachers' Institute of Fulton county; and being greatly inspired; and that we are about to go out again on our field of labor, be it—

Resolved:

1. That we heartily endorse the effort put forth to secure libraries, and that a more persistent effort be made to place one in each school in the county.
2. That we have been greatly benefited by the lectures and the entertainment given by the Wesleyan Male Quartette, and show our appreciation of the same by the adoption of this resolution.
3. That we have never before been so greatly benefited by the work of the instructors—and, especially by the faithful and inspiring work given by Dr. L. F. Lybarger.
4. That we heartily endorse and appreciate the untiring, persistent effort of our Superintendent to improve and advance the school work of this county.

B. C. LAMBERSON,
STELLA M. BARD,
NORA GRIFFITH,
B. N. PALMER,
L. H. WIBLE,
A. C. PECK,
E. E. KELL,
Committee.

Fulton County Churches.

If the inhabitants of this county are not good people, it cannot be charged to their account that they have not built churches. With a population of 9,924, Fulton county has 68 churches—only lacking 20, of being as many churches as schoolhouses—an average of a church for every 171 of her people.

These churches are distributed as follows: Ayr township has 3; Belfast, 5; Bethel, 6; Brush Creek, 5; Dublin, 4; Licking Creek, 5; McConnellsburg, 5; Taylor, 6; Thompson, 5; Tod, 4; Union, 5, and Wells, 5.

Thirteen denominations are represented, namely, Methodist Episcopal, 22; Christian, 8; Presbyterian, 6; German Baptist, 4; United Brethren, 6; Primitive Baptist, 3; Evangelical Lutheran, 2; Reformed, 2; German Lutheran, 1; United Presbyterian, 1; Associate Presbyterian, 1; Church of God, 1, and three are union churches.

The number of inhabitants in each district to one church is: Ayr, 437; Belfast, 189; Bethel, 140; Brush Creek, 122; Dublin, 225; Licking Creek, 199; McConnellsburg, 115; Taylor, 166; Tod, 159; Thompson, 162; Union, 141, and Wells, 119.

Three or four old churches in the county not used as places of worship are not included in the foregoing. Among the oldest churches in the county are, the Tonoloway Baptist church, the old stone church near Webster Mills and the old white church as you enter McConnellsburg from the south.

One among the first church buildings was a union church, that stood near the residence of George A. Winters in Thompson township; but it was torn away a number of years ago.

Allowing a trifle over \$860, as an average for each church, furnishings, parsonages, &c., \$50,000 is invested in church property in this county.

Cooper Convicted.

Saturday morning September 14, two men in disguise attempt to hold up a train at Mt. Dallas and rob Paymasters Souder and Kay, who, together had about \$7000 dollars taking it from Bedford banks to pay men in the Broadtop coal region.

It will be remembered that Souder killed one of the men, a negro from Bedford, and the other man escaped. Later in the day Policeman Sam Stiver, arrested in Bedford, George B. Cooper, a sewing machine agent, on suspicion. The case has attracted much attention, and was tried last week, the jury finding Cooper guilty, on first ballot. Judge Bailly sentenced him on Monday to fourteen years confinement in the Western Penitentiary.

Webster Mills.

Our miller, Harry Duffy, made a flying trip to Cove Gap last Thursday to get some repairs for his mill.

Among those who attended institute, last week, were Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Patterson and J. L. Patterson and Frank Duffy.

Frank Duffy was in Mercersburg, Tuesday.

Mrs. Tobie Glazier and daughter Millie, spent a part of last week visiting relatives in Franklin county. From the general appearance of things one would suppose they enjoyed themselves, while east of the mountain.

As a result of the rain Saturday and Sunday, our farmers are busy plowing their corn ground.

We notice Stech and Thompson are in our midst again doing painting. Stick to it, boys; we hope you will paint everything in the village before you leave—even the blacksmith shop; yes, and the blacksmith, too.

The storm Sunday night did some little damage; the smoke stack was blown from off the creamery; hence no milk was separated this week until Tuesday.

Joseph Deshong.

Another of Fulton county's oldest and best citizens has been called away from earth during the past week, in the person of Mr. Joseph Deshong, of Licking Creek township.

Mr. Deshong was born December 16, 1836, and died November 19, 1901; hence his age was 54 years, 11 months, and 3 days.

He was married to Miss Harriet Lohr, and the two were permitted to tread life's pathway for a number of years. His wife survives him. To Mr. and Mrs. Deshong were born four children—Preston, of Everett, Geo., of Hustontown; Clara, wife of J. L. Garland, of Needmore, and Miss Linna, at home.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Deshong.

His brothers and sisters were Morgan, Stilwell, and Simon, of Licking Creek township; Henry, of Belfast; Harriet, wife of David Kline, of Pleasant Ridge, and Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Layton, of Needmore—Samuel and John, deceased.

For a number of years Mr. Deshong was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Siloam, and lived a quiet, christian life. He was an excellent neighbor and citizen, and was faithful and regular in attendance at church as long as health permitted.

Funeral, Thursday, in Taylor township at Fairview M. E. church. Funeral sermon preached to a large crowd of relatives and friends by Rev. Lewis Chambers, assisted by Revs Pittinger Melroy.

"Day after day we think what he is doing.

In those bright realms of air; Year after year his tender steps pursuing.

Behold him grown more fair.

Thus do we walk with him and keep unspoken

The bonds which nature gives, Thinking that our remembrance, though unspoken,

May reach him where he lives."

Siding Hill.

Protracted meeting at Cedar Grove is still in progress, but the attendance is not very large.

Reuben Mellott lost a horse last Saturday from the effects of lung fever.

The school at Mt. Airy is progressing finely under the tutelage of Miss Minnie Funk.

Wm. Griffin is building a commodious dwelling. Amos and Henry Layton contractors.

Squire Garland is cutting hoop poles and killing turkeys for a livelihood.

Reuben Karnes, wife, and son Clyde, of Cumberland, Md., have returned home after a ten days' visit in the home of Mrs. Karnes' father, J. L. Garland, Esq.

The whistle of Irvin Fisher's engine is once more heard in our community. He is baling hay for the farmers.

A. R. Hixon and R. J. Layton are moving their mill onto Geo. Hill's farm to saw out lumber for J. L. Bridges of Hancock.

Licking Creek.

We are glad to see rain again. Farmers can plow now.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Kline spent one day last week with their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hershey, near West Dublin.

Rev. Pittenger and wife have returned to their home near Siloam.

Charley Mellott and Miss Irene Hockensmith attended institute in McConnellsburg.

Miss Dot Deshong of Hustontown, and Mrs. J. L. Garland spent several days with Mrs. Harriet Deshong.

Miss Fannie Strait and her mother spent Monday at Miner Truax's.

Mr. Preston Deshong and family of Everett attended the funeral of their father, Joseph Deshong.

Wm. Deshong and sister Linna made a trip to Riddlesburg last week. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lake made a trip this week.

Rev. Pittenger and wife spent Sunday evening at Mr. Michael Bard's.

DIVERSIFIED CROPS.

State Institute Lecturers Will Advise the Farmers to Raise Products Which Find a Ready Market.

Lecturers furnished by the state department of agriculture at the series of farmers' institutes to be held throughout Pennsylvania this winter will make a special effort to impress upon farmers the necessity of paying more attention to growing crops that are more profitable than the crops which many are now growing.

Many of these lecturers believe, that the trouble with the average Pennsylvania farmer is that he is following too closely in the path of his forefathers by growing wheat and other cereals, when it would be more profitable for him to grow vegetables and other crops for which there is a ready market.

George G. Hutchinson, chief clerk of the dairy and food division, who owns and manages one of the most productive farms in Huntingdon county, says that fifty car loads of cabbage are shipped from New York state every day during the fall to Pittsburgh and other cities and towns in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Hutchinson believes that if the farmers of this state would pay more attention to the raising of cabbage and less to wheat they would be better off.

Pennsylvania consumes more potatoes than any other state in the union and yet does not raise more than one-third of the potatoes it consumes. Thousands of bushels are shipped into the state annually by the farmers of New York, who make a specialty of potato raising. Ohio farmers are also getting rich raising potatoes for shipment to Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hutchinson thinks the farmers of this state would do well if they would also give more attention to raising tomatoes and other vegetables used for canning. The canning factories in this state are required to draw on others for their vegetables and as a result many of these industries are leaving Pennsylvania and locating in Maryland and other neighboring states.

Farmers of Bradford, Clinton, Lancaster, and Berks counties complain to the department of agriculture that they are suffering heavy losses by the rotting of their potatoes, caused by too rapid growth and lack of maturity when harvested.

Saluvia.

Charles H. Mann has gone to Everett where he has secured employment for the winter.

W. N. Stewart, who holds a lucrative position with the Reading Railway Company at Lebanon, spent a few days last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stewart.

Mrs. L. E. Harris is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. D. Stevens at Chambersburg.

The viewers appointed to view the proposed new road from the pike near John H. Kline's to John Sharpe's met last Thursday and located the road as prayed for. A remonstrance is being circulated, as the route is not satisfactory to Mr. Sharpe. We are reliably informed that in the event of the new road being opened, the turnpike company will move their toll gate from Green Hill to where the new road intersects the Pike.

The many friends of Jacob C. Mellott, were very much surprised to learn that he was quietly married to Miss Sadie R. Deshong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Deshong, at the home of the officiating justice George A. Harris, Esq., Wednesday evening. The "News" joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Harriet A. Deshong of Licking Creek township, wishes in this way to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of her husband, Joseph Deshong.

Let It Be Thanks Giving.

With the recurrence of another Thanksgiving Day it is well for us to remember that nations, like individuals, have their moral obligations. Of late years the day has been turned into one of ordinary feasting, with other merriment. To a certain limit that is right, but it is well for the people of this country to follow the lead of the churches in organizing special services and encouraging attendance upon them. The setting aside of one day out of the year as a time for the giving of thanks for special mercies granted by the Creator is an example set the nations by the youngest of them all. The full meaning of the day should not be allowed to lapse into a mere jovial celebration.

Cost of Czolgosz Trial.

The bill for \$1,799.50 for the trial of Leon F. Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley, has been rendered. Of this sum \$500 was paid the attorney who defended him; \$1,000 was paid the alienists who examined him; \$140 was paid the deputies who guarded him; \$46 was paid for pictures taken and there is a bill of \$119.50 for the transporting of Czolgosz and his guards to Auburn. This bill, it is expected, the State will pay.

Wells Valley.

Not having seen or heard anything of our correspondent for some time, we will try and send you a few items.

Hunters are plenty. There have been several deer killed in our vicinity—the largest weighing 296 pounds.

Emory P. Horton has returned home from Johnstown where he has been employed in the Loraine Steel Works. He reports an epidemic of typhoid fever there—as many as twelve funerals in one day.

Lewis Guillard, who has been spending the past week with his parents in this valley, hunting, has returned to his work at South Fork.

Mr. David Duvall of Bellwood is spending a few days among his old friends here.

W. N. Horton of South Fork is spending hunting season among his old friends.

Edward P. Bart, of Johnstown, who has been spending some time with J. P. Horton's family, hunting, has returned home. Among his many captures was a beautiful young "deer," which, unfortunate for him, he had to leave behind for the present; but it is expected he has only gone to prepare a place for it, after which he will return again and take it unto himself.

There was spelling match at No. 2 school last Friday a week, conducted by the teacher, J. C. Baker, of that place. The scholars of the visiting school (No 1) report a very enjoyable time.

The Valley M. E. church is about ready for the painters. J. C. Kirk has the contract.

Jessie Sweet and family of Saxton spent Sunday with A. F. Baker's family.

On Thursday last Clarence Horton while trying to ride a Mustang pony, was thrown and badly trampled by the animal.

J. E. Stewart has resigned his position at Hopewell and accepted one at Sonman, Cambria county.

The Juniors of the Epworth League of Pine Grove have organized a choir and will hold practice every Sunday afternoon.

Miss Maude Baumgardner, a student of Juniata College, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents at this place.

H. L. Horton, formerly of this place, but now of Pompton Lakes, N. J., was united in marriage on November 6, 1901, to Miss Edna Mayden of that place.

Howard left here about seven years ago and has been employed in V. M. C. Company, of Pompton ever since. His many friends wish him a long and happy life.

Kicked the Bucket.

A new Ayr township reporter makes his appearance above the literary horizon this week, and gets off the following: "Died—Honorable Jacob Johnston died at his home in Ayr township on the Cove road, three quarters of a mile south of McConnellsburg, on Friday night, November 22, 1901, of the infirmities of age, having witnessed the snows of thirty-six winters. His life was one of usefulness and he never was known to 'kick' when he had an unpleasant task to perform. While he never had the advantages of professional vocal culture, he had a voice of much strength and power, and was never known to swear. His longevity was probably due to his temperate habits as he was never known to take a drink of whiskey, nor a chew of tobacco. He was born in Bedford county and came to this county at the instance of Ex-Commissioner, David T. Fields in 1876. Later his home was transferred from that of Mr. Fields, and he spent the last years of his life, a pensioner on the bounty of F. McNaughton Johnston, Esq., whose surname he bears. From his life long associations, it is not to be wondered at that he was a Republican, and it is said he figured conspicuously in every parade of that political party since the election of Hayes, and when he lifted his voice, it might always be heard above that of the noisy crowd. What ever influence he had or did not have, those who knew him best, say he had a strong 'pull.' That our new correspondent may not keep our readers in the dark any longer, we will tell you that the "Honorable Jacob" was a mule and that he has gone where all good mules go.

Wells Tannery.

Rev. Fulcher, of Everett will preach our Thanksgiving sermon in Pine Grove church. Services to begin at 10 o'clock promptly.

Sunday-school Convention of Wells district to be held at same place, afternoon and evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold an oyster and ice-cream supper in the Hall, Saturday evening the 30th. They will greatly appreciate a liberal patronage at this time, as they have undertaken to pay for the carpet for the new church which is about completed and which is a beautiful structure since our skillful painters, J. C. Kirk and Clarence Horton, have finished their work.

Thursday last W. L. Moseby, with the assistance of about fifty men, raised his large barn. His turkeys and chickens were not spared in preparation for same. James Forman of Laidig is boss carpenter.

Among those who attended the County Institute from this place were Hon. S. P. Wishart and daughter Miss Alice, Calvin Walters, and Harry and Bruce Spangler. They report a very pleasant and profitable time.

Misses Marjorie and Eleanor Sipe spent their vacation with their aunt Mrs. Reuben Cook at Everett.

Mrs. Amanda Snow is visiting her son John, at Robinsonville.

J. A. Wishart spent a day or two in Bedford last week.

Mrs. Young, of Six Mile Run, spent a few days with her sister Mrs. George Young near this place.

Mrs. Franklin Fans and Mrs. William Snow, of Sandy Run, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Jere Sprowl.

Peter Guillard, Sr., always wears a smile, but now it is almost from ear to ear. A number of boys have been added to their family, but recently a bright little girl came, and it has been given the good name "Mary."

W. H. Baumgardner received from the United States Fishery a lot of Crappies and placed them in Aughwick Creek.

Among those who have returned to take a hunt on the hunting grounds of their boyhood days are N. H. Horton, Leon and William Mitchell of South Fork, and George Sprowl of Pittsburgh. One of their crowd Jacob Steerer, of Altoona, killed two deer one day recently.

Personal.

Henry Waltz of Belfast spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

S. E. Peck, of Bedford, is visiting his brother the editor of the "News."

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Johnston spent last Saturday at Mercersburg.

Merchant John Douglass of Plum Run spent a few hours in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Ellen Seylar of Mercersburg is visiting Mrs. Rebecca Comer of this place.

D. A. Garland of Needmore was among the callers at the News office Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert of Greencastle spent a few days among friends here last week.

Mrs. Carrie Miller of Chambersburg is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stevens of this place.

Dr. W. A. West of this place was called to the bedside of his sister who is critically ill at her home in Pittsburg. He left Monday noon.

Mrs. J. V. K. Fisher of Baltimore, spent a day or two this week with Mr. and Mrs. Davie Little.

W. H. Peck Esq., of Gem, attended the Funkhouser—Trump-hour wedding at Pectonville, Md., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ryan of Orbisonia attended, last week, the funeral of their brother-in-law Joseph Deshong, Esq.

Misses Clara Carbaugh and Ella Stevens spent from Friday until Monday with Ella and Gertrude McClucas just below town.

Hon. Samuel P. Wishart and daughter Miss Alice, of Wells Tannery, spent a day or two among friends in town last week.

Charles Robinson and sister, Miss Allie, of Bethel township, were among the visitors in attendance at the institute last week.

Alvin L. Sipes left last Friday for Pittsburg, and now has on his studying cap in Duffs Commercial College, where he is taking a business course.

Harry E. Spangler of Wells Tannery and his brother Bruce of Pittsburg, were guests of their sister, Mrs. W. E. Hoke, a day or two last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hess of Thompson township were in town Tuesday making some purchases preparatory to going to house-keeping in the house recently vacated by George Evans.

W. N. Stewart, a former Fulton county school teacher, but now a civil engineer and assistant supervisor in the employ of the Reading Railroad Company, spent a few days during the past week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stewart at Greenhill.

Gem.

Funk Brothers are busy planing lumber.

E. B. Fisher was in our section last week baling hay for David Harr and Charles Mellott. He has a good rig for hay baling.

Walter Peck, of Pittsburg, returned home this week, accompanied by Corder Snider and Oliver Mellott.

It is reported that G. B. Mellott has sold his farm to Samuel Hess.

D. C. Mellott and wife visited their son Howard near Warfordsburg last week.

Jno. G. Mellott sold a fine mule a few days ago.

Elder C. L. Funk is filling appointments in Huntingdon county this week.

Elder White of Virginia passed through our community enroute to Sideling Hill, where he preached Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. John Seville raised during the past season in her garden on the Hunter place in Ayr township, on one vine, 11 pumpkins, weighing respectively, 97, 78, 72, 67, 63, 50, 40, 35, and the smallest 30—making a total of 593 pounds.