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## DR. SWARTZWELDER.

### Impressions of Ohio and Illinois. Left for California Last Week.

Galesburg, Ill., Nov. 30.—After leaving Republic, Ohio, where we had a very pleasant visit with our Fulton county friends, we came to Fostoria, Seneca county, O. Here we visited my cousin, W. E. Robbins, who lives on a farm of 140 acres, which is as level as a floor, and the soil as black as your hat. This may sound a little "fishy" to some of the Fulton county people, but there are thousands of acres of that kind of land. You can stand and look in any direction, save for hedge fence or a cluster of cultivated tree, and see as far as the eyes will carry, and it looks like a floor. This land is not only valuable for its agricultural products, of which corn is king, but hogs, horses and cattle in their order. Not only the surface products tend to make the farmers rich; but the surface is underlaid with gas, petroleum, and various minerals. On this farm is an oil well and a gas well, with a tank of 100 bbls. of oil to ship. The Ohio oil is not as good as our Pennsylvania oil, the former is a black oil, and the latter, a beautiful golden, which is better for illuminating purposes, and worth two or three times as much. I forgot to mention another farm product which is being raised extensively, lately—which is sugar beet. I saw some eleven carloads of them in one train, being hauled to the factory where they are made into sugar. I am told they are a very profitable crop and sell for about five dollars per ton. The seed (as well as tobacco seed of which considerable tobacco is raised in some localities) is sown in hot beds, and as soon as the plants are large enough to set out they are pulled and set out by machinery—similar to the corn planter, except the machine carries a tank or barrel of water to moisture the ground. Fostoria is an active place, of 3,000 inhabitants and has five rail roads and several electric interurban lines. It McConnellsburg had either the one or the other of those lines, she would not know what to do with herself! This is not the only town that has these facilities, but all of them have one or more, and you can look in any direction and see or hear the trains running.

Our next stop after leaving Fostoria, was Hartford City, Ind. The weather was very inclement while we were there and our visit was confined to Dr. T. W. Sharp and mother, except a call on Mr. Ezra Stahl. We had a very pleasant visit with the Dr. and his mother, and left not only feeling better for the visit, but with some of the Doctor's gold on our canines (teeth) which, by the way, is only a grain of the Doctor's little fortune of thirty thousand dollars made since leaving McConnellsburg. Hartford City is a beautiful town and has the western hustle, but not so active as it was thirteen years ago when I visited it, due to the failure of the oil and gas. From Hartford City we went via Gas City over an interurban electric line to Fairmount, Ind. There we visited Brooks Hill and brother James. They are engaged in a meat market, buying, butchering, and selling by wholesale and retail, live stock and poultry. They are rearing boys, and are doing a paying business.

Our next stop was Galesburg, Ill., which is 226 miles from Fairmount, and where we are now stopping in the hospitable home of Henry Sipes, a half brother of George W. Sipes, who was born and raised on the Sipes farm, now owned by Alexander Mellott near Needmore. Henry came west 39 years ago and has a family of two sons and two daughters, all of whom are married and have families, and live around here; but some a little too far to drop in for a fine Thanksgiving dinner yesterday—consisting of roast turkey, scalloped oysters, boiled ham, celery, and things innumerable and good enough for a king.

## KOONTZ STARTS CONTEST.

### Will Fight Election of Miller—Alleges Many Illegalities.

General William H. Koontz, of Somerset, on Monday formally instituted a contest for the election of his "straight" Republican opponent Dr. William C. Miller, of Bedford county. Mr. Koontz contends that the Somerset county computation court should not have counted any of the 171 votes cast in East Wadswor. The votes were polled on the strength of affidavits which the Somerset computation court declared illegal, but refused to reject because it was without power.

It is also alleged that 200 or more illegal votes were polled in other districts. If a judicial investigation is made, it is asserted, a startling state of rottenness will be uncovered.

## Squeals From the Porkers.

Geo. E. Brant, of Tod township, on Monday of last week butchered two ten-month old Poland China pigs that dressed respectively 340 and 318 pounds.

S. A. Hess and John Spade on the same day as the above, butchered for S. W. Truax, of Belfast township, four year-old pigs that dressed respectively 472, 481, 490, and 510.

The day following, Silas Morgret and Ezra Peck butchered a two year-old Polled Angus that dressed 785.

There will be a Christmas tree entertainment at Cedar Grove, on Christmas night, December 25th, and the belfry will be dedicated the following Sunday, December 30th; also, preaching Saturday evening before and same Sunday evening of dedication. Rev. W. T. Walters, of North Carolina, will be present. All are cordially invited. Rev. W. H. Hendershot will preach the third Sunday, at 2:30 p. m.

able and good enough for a king. Those present however, were his son Johnson, wife and son Robert; his daughter, Mrs. Lucy Dredge and her daughter Bessie and son Ralph; George W. Sipe, Aaron Peters, and myself and family. Although Mr. and Mrs. Sipes have lived through some 76 winters and their hair has become quite frosty, they have the life and vim of those much younger. They live in a beautiful farming country, similar to Fostoria, Ohio, and the crops are about the same. Corn is the principal crop and as I read of W. C. Patterson's big corn ears in the News, I will tell you of one I saw here. It is 11 inches long, 9 inches in circumference at the middle of the ear, has 24 rows of 65 grains to the row, or 1560 grains. Most of the corn raised here is of the yellow variety—but some white varieties are raised also. Corn and hogs grow together here and a good crop of corn means a good crop of hogs. Mr. Sipes has 75 Chester Whites. The largest of which will weigh dressed about 400 lbs. and are now selling near \$6.05 per hundred pounds. Horses are also in good demand. Mr. Sipes' son lately sold three horses for \$605. The same son lives on a rented farm and pays \$1,000 per year cash rent, and \$30 per month for a hired hand. He is adding a nice sum to his bank account each year, which is evidence that farming is a profitable business here. All western people have plenty of money, or at least they use it freely.

I was sorry to learn through the News of the death of H. P. Vanclef and Miss Lula Clark, whose father was sick when I left Needmore. I hope the rest of the family, as well as all my friends are well. We will leave here December 4th for the Pacific Coast. Inclosed find one dollar subscription to the News, which please send to the address of Mrs. Mary Sipes, Galesburg, Ill., R. F. D. No. 1, beginning with the issue of November 10th. Send mine to Reedley, California.

Yours truly,  
J. S. SWARTZWELDER.

## Farmers' Institute.

As was duly announced in the News, the annual sessions of the County Farmers Institute were held at Greenhill and at Fort Littleton, last week. In arranging for the time the committee were not aware that they were fixing it on the same week as that of the Teachers County Institute. However, as everybody does not attend farmers institutes, neither does everyone go to teachers institutes, and after all the attendance at the farmers institutes while not so large, was made up of those who are directly interested, the work was practical and helpful, and those who attended were well repaid for their time.

The sessions at Littleton opened at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and the first period was occupied by E. S. Hoover on "Failure in Farming and the Cause." Among other points made by the speaker were, "unequal taxation, lack of knowledge, system, economical use of time and resources, close application, and proper cultivation."

The second period was occupied by J. H. Peachy on "Breeding and Feeding the Pig." Mr. Peachy said, Choose the breed you fancy most; consider your market; early maturity, the most profitable pig makes daily gain from start to finish; feed for bone and muscle while growing, and this can best be done by feeding food high in protein; grow rape for pig pasture.

W. C. Patterson read a carefully prepared and helpful paper on "Crop Rotation," in which he suggested varying from any set rule. Conditions must be suited—conditions of soil, lay of the land, &c. In a general way, however, he advises a four-year rotation. In the paper, and in the general discussion which followed, much emphasis was placed upon clover green manuring.

This was followed by D. M. Watts on the "Steam Engine on the Farm." Mr. Watts thinks that for furnishing power to run machinery, and heat in the winter, they would be found useful and profitable.

## Concrete Houses.

In a recent newspaper interview, Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, is quoted as saying that a series of movable, interchangeable molds for cement houses of varying designs, and all the paraphernalia for using it, would be easily within the compass of a corporation or firm with a capital of \$100,000. From these molds and with semi-fluid concrete made with cement and poured into the molds, houses could be built, if the term may be still used, in a few hours, ready to have all the windows, heating pipes, and water and illuminating fixtures put in place. A day would be ample time, economically utilized. And as to the cost, this estimation \$350 would be sufficient to build a good, artistic, comfortable little house of seven rooms. Another feature which he incidentally mentions is that such a house simply could not burn, would not require repairs, as walls, floors, stairs, roof, cellar, and in short, everything but the doors and windows, would be of cement. In point of beauty, such a structure would be as readily a artistic design as any other. In durability it would literally defy the gnawing tooth of time.

"Just say for me that I have tried it and know it will work, and that I would do it myself as a business if I had time, which I haven't. I've been working all day and all night, a few odd hours excepted, for 10 years, and I can't begin to get through with my own work. But such houses as I have outlined would unquestionably be the very thing for the man earning small pay. The rich might at first look askance at such houses, but the time will come when they will live in them, too."

"I will see this innovation a commonplace fact, even though I am in my sixtieth year, for I ought, accidents barred, to live 20 years more, at least, and inside of 10 years you will be living in a cement house."

## COUNTY INSTITUTE.

### Proceedings From Wednesday Noon. Until Close, Friday Noon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.  
Institute assembled at 1:30 p. m. The court house being crowded to its fullest, was an evidence of interest taken by the general public.

The first period was occupied by Dr. Albert. His subject—"Some Rightful Demands of Parents, Pupils, and Teachers." Dr. Albert forcibly impresses the institute with a better understanding of school rights and demands. After a recess of five minutes, the institute was favored with another very beautifully rendered vocal trio—"I Think of Thee"—by Mrs. Barton and Misses Greathead and Sipes. They were encored, and responded with a very good selection.

Dr. Willis occupied the next period. His subject was, "The Well Disciplined School." After a song, Prof. Gordiner was introduced and made his introduction speech.

The institute then adjourned. The Lecturer of the evening was Hon. Philip P. Campbell. His subject was—"The Average American."

THURSDAY MORNING.  
Institute assembled at 9:15 a. m., Dec. 6.

Devotional exercise was conducted by Rev. Grove, of the United Presbyterian church.

Mr. Shaffer, the representative of the Tri state Business College, announced the names of the contestants for a free scholarship in his institution, which he had offered. Contestants are—Miss Ida Bard, Pleasant Ridge; Russell Neison, McConnellsburg; Alvah Gordon, Plum Run, and Charles Mellott, Salvia.

Prof. Seville occupied the next period. His subject—"The Royal Path of Life." Mr. Seville's talk showed good preparation and was well delivered.

The committee appointed by Supt. Barton for drafting Resolutions of Respect, occasioned by the death of Miss Belle Stouteagle.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, to remove by death, since the last session of our institute, one of our former teachers, Miss Belle Stouteagle, and

Whereas, it seems proper to place upon record a tribute to express our appreciation of her worth both professional and moral, therefore, be it,

Resolved, that while we greatly regret the loss of our esteemed friend and teacher, who by her worthy example and earnest efforts has adorned the profession, we bow in submission to Divine Majesty. A formal tribute of respect is worth nothing. Therefore, excluding formality, we would say that the profession has lost in Miss Stouteagle a veteran teacher of sterling quality, an enthusiastic worker in the cause of education, and a devoted christian character.

Miss Stouteagle always showed true love for her work, always aiming at higher ideals.

While we mourn her loss, we feel that our loss is her gain, and that she has gone to be with that greatest of Teachers, who taught as never man taught and that she heard from that Supreme Ruler the welcome words, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

EMERY THOMAS,  
E. B. CLINE,  
ESTELLE LOGUE,  
GILBERT B. MELLOTT,  
H. B. HILL,  
MARGARET DANIELS,  
Committee.

Upon motion of Frank Daniels, and seconded by D. K. Chesnut, the Institute adopted the above resolutions.

After a song, Prof. Gordiner, of Kee Mar College, occupied the next period. His subject—"What Makes the Wheels Go Round." He gave illustration after illustration, showing to and impressing the institute with the fact that behind all great achievements and industries is the "Human Mind."

After an intermission of 5 minutes, Dr. Albert occupied the next period—"A Study in Character building."

After a song and roll call, Dr. Willis occupied the next period. His subject—"The Constitution and By Laws of Health."

1. Good Parentage.
2. Temperate Habits.
3. Abundant Sleep.
4. Proper Food.
5. Pure Air.
6. Pure Water.
7. Proper Exercise.
8. Careful Attention to the Excretions.
9. Suitable Clothing.
10. Cheerfulness.
11. Well Directed Effort.
12. A Resolute Will.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.  
Session assembled at 1:30 p. m., with a very crowded house. After a roof raising, blood-warming singing of America, Prof. Gordiner was introduced. His subject was—"The Man in the Moon."

During his visit to the School Moon, he found—

1. Plenty of Music.
2. Self Control.
3. Brightness.

"The teacher makes or mars the school."

"The teacher should come closer to the pupils."

"The teacher should not be too dignified."

"They should study the conditions of the child life."

After a five minutes recess and a song, Dr. Willis occupied the next period. His subject—"Moral Training."

"Teach the emotions."

"Teach moral ideas and moral judgments."

"Most teaching is, or should be, done around the fireside."

"Teachers are responsible for the morals of the child."

"Teach maxims of morality."

"Teach stories, fables, songs, pictures, etc."

"Have school room decorated with pictures suggesting moral lessons."

"Teach cleanliness, first by example."

"Teach politeness."

The attention and quietness of the room showed marked attention and interest in Dr. Willis' work.

Adjournment.  
The Boston Musical Five furnished the entertainment of the evening.

FRIDAY MORNING.  
Institute assembled at 9:15.

Devotional exercise was conducted by Rev. Adams.

Dr. Willis occupied the next period. This was Dr. Willis' closing talk. His subject—"The Will."

All play, all teaching, all educational work, should go to make up the will. The teachers showed their high appreciation of Dr. Willis' work by their response at the close.

After an intermission of ten minutes, and a song, Supt. Barton called the roll and found all teachers present.

Prof. Gordiner then gave his farewell address. He discussed some very practical questions of the rural school and school life.

Prof. Gordiner's work in the institute was very instructive and full of inspiration.

After a song, the committee on resolutions submitted the following report:

Whereas, through the Providence of God, we have been permitted to assemble in this the fortieth session of the Fulton County Teachers' Institute, we desire to show our appreciation to those who have contributed to its success. We express our desire to have our schools on the highest plane of efficiency, and therefore, offer the following Resolutions—

That we express our sincerest thanks to our able Superintendent for the dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over this institute; for having given us such an able corps of instructors, from whom we have received great intellectual inspiration,

## LET THE LIGHT SHINE IN.

### Company Organized to Furnish Electric Light and Heat for McConnellsburg.

#### FRANCHISE GRANTED BY COUNCIL.

On application of D. L. Grisinger, George A. Harris, and Frank P. Lynch representing the McConnellsburg Light, Heat and Power Company, the town council at a special meeting Tuesday, granted the said company a franchise for planting poles and stringing wires in the streets and alleys within the limits of said borough under the supervision of the council, the company to be subject to the usual tax and in addition pay an annual sum of three dollars into the treasury of said borough, unless the plant shall be in operation within a period of eighteen months, the franchise, to be null and void.

All accidents resulting to citizens of the borough or damage to property from negligent construction, operation, or maintenance of said plant, shall be made good by said company.

The company will immediately apply for a Charter, and an organization will be effected speedily.

Last Saturday evening shortly after dark, the home of John P. Nesbit, a mile north of Spring Run in Rath Valley, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with all the contents. There was no one at home when the fire broke out. Mr. Nesbit was away butchering. All he has left of his property is the clothing he wore to butcher on. There is no insurance on the house. The fire was caused by an overheated stove. Mr. Nesbit's youngest son had just left the house a short time before the fire was discovered.

and that we highly esteem his efforts for the same.

2. That we are conscious that another great educational feast has just been given to the teachers and people, and we urge upon every teacher the whole soul effort for the betterment of our schools.

3. That much credit is due to our competent instructors for their labors in helping to lift us to a higher plane—both intellectually and morally.

4. That we appreciate the efforts of the clergy who conducted the devotional exercises.

5. That thanks are hereby expressed to Miss Greathead, Miss Sipes and Mrs. Barton, for the rendition of several trios which were highly appreciated by all present, and that this resolution includes a vote of thanks to Mrs. Stevens for her services as organist during the rendition of the songs above named.

6. That we owe Rev. Adams a vote of thanks for conducting the vocal music in such an able manner.

7. That we make an effort to increase our school libraries and properly use the ones already established.

8. That to our county papers and public in general, we owe a debt of gratitude, that we hereby express.

9. That the children of our county should have the advantage of the best possible schools; and to have this, they must have the best possible teachers; and that it is the duty of directors to consider that they are acting only as agents for the boys and girls, when it comes to the employment of teachers to fill the schools.

10. That we urge upon the teachers a careful study of the circular letter mailed to each teacher by our Superintendent.

11. That we, as teachers, return to our work with renewed zeal and a determination to make of ourselves teachers who will do honor to the profession by lifting the schools of this county to a loftier plane than they have as yet attained.

EMERY THOMAS,  
ETHEL HAYS,  
JESSIE GREENER,  
ADA BARTON,  
MYHELLE STEVENS,  
GILBERT B. MELLOTT,  
C. C. ROTZ,  
Committee.

Upon motion of B. C. Lamberston and seconded by Levi P. Morton, the resolutions were adopted.

After a song, Supt. Barton closed the institute with some very appropriate suggestions.

The institute was closed by song, and benediction by Rev. Adams.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

### Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

#### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

M. D. Mathias, of Hustontown, was a welcome caller at this office Monday morning.

Ex-Commissioner L. K. Cline, of Burnt Cabins, was in town a few hours Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Motter, of the Eastern Shore, Md., is visiting among her friends here.

Andy Fore and Landlord Sjcek, of Burnt Cabins, were in town attending to business Tuesday.

James Lake, of Laidig, who had been at Harrisburg and Altoona on business, returned to his home Thursday.

Mrs. James E. Lyon, of West Dublin, spent last week in this place, the guest of the Misses Dickson.

Robert Everts and son Jacob, two of Thompson's prosperous farmers, were in town a few hours last Friday.

Miss Nellie Trout is spending a couple of weeks with her brother, Dr. N. C. Trout, at Fairfield, Pa.

Miss Anne Buckley, of Fort Littleton, who had been visiting friends at Chambersburg, returned to her home last Thursday.

Lewis Sipes, of Laidig, is moving this week to Locust Grove, where he will occupy the farm lately acquired at the latter place.

Frank Duffy, the popular miller at Webster Mills, has been suffering from a dangerous attack of appendicitis, during the past week.

Mrs. S. M. Cook, who had been called to Chambersburg last week by the death of Mrs. Zacharias, is spending this week with friends in that place.

Dr. J. W. Mosser, of this place, has received notice of his appointment as Medical Inspector for Fulton county, by the State Board of Health.

Rev. C. W. Summey will preach in the Reformed church next Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and at Hebron at 2:30 p. m. You are invited to these services.

Capt. Dotterman will hold preaching services at the Salvation Army church, at Big Cove Tannery, on Sunday at 2:30 p. m., and in the evening at 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

Squire Billy Grove, of Clear Ridge, and son H. G. Grove, of Garrett, Somerset county, were in town Tuesday. The son, who has been away from Clear Ridge about eighteen years, is spending a week on his old stamping ground.

We were shown, one day last week, by Mr. Nicholas Koettgar, a piece of an inch and a half lead pipe which had been gnawed entirely through by rats, the marks of their teeth being plainly seen on the pipe. The piece was about 2 1/2 inches long and was cut the entire length.

By the breaking of a cable on an elevator in the Geiser shops at Waynesboro, on Wednesday of last week, three men were killed, one fatally injured, and several others seriously hurt, among whom were Harry and Henry Sipes and Harry Ray, of this county.

Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Adams, and their little daughter Henrietta, of Newport, Pa., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stevens, during institute. Mr. Adams has been Director of Music at the County Institute here during the three last annual sessions, and has "filled the bill" in every particular. Possessing an excellent voice, and a thorough familiarity with the art and science of Music, together with his pleasing manner and gentlemanly appearance, he easily takes first rank with the most desirable "musical men" for county institutes.