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## FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Interesting and Profitable Sessions Held in Court House Last Friday and Saturday.

The eighteenth annual meeting of The Fulton County Farmers' Institute was held in the Court House, McConnellsburg, December 11 and 12, 1908.

The first session opened at 2 o'clock. Chairman J. L. Patterson introduced Hon. D. H. Patterson, who extended a hearty welcome to the farmers, their families, and all others who were gathered in the interest of agriculture. L. W. Lighty, of East Berlin, Pa., responded in a happy strain, emphasizing the value of organization among farmers in the interest of their calling.

E. L. Philips, of New Bethlehem, Pa., next spoke on "The Way to Get Good Roads." The speaker, after noting the vast amount of money spent, and the poor results that have attended former efforts, strongly advocated the use of the King Road Drag for the making of good country roads. After answering a number of questions on the subject, the Institute set aside its program to make way for the meeting of the Supervisors of the different townships, who proceeded at once to effect an organization.

Friday evening session was opened with a piano solo by Miss Ethel Kendall, followed by a chorus—both of which were well received. Miss Ruth Kendall gave a well rendered recitation entitled "The Sioux Chief's Daughter," after which Miss Mollie Seyler read an exceedingly well prepared paper entitled "A Forecast of the Country Home," which gave the audience much food for thought.

Mr. Lighty occupied the next period with his lecture, "Education for Our Boys and Girls: What and How?" The speaker thinks that the farmer, is a conservative man, and useful as the balance-wheel of society—yet in educational matters in the public schools of many of our country districts, there has not been shown that same progression that has been displayed in farm methods. The speaker was especially severe in his criticism on the sanitary condition of most of our public schools, as well as the evil that arises from the employment of teachers without the necessary experience. The centralized Township High School was also discussed, and its popularity in many sections of the state mentioned. Mr. Lighty predicts that the Township High School will become a potent factor in the education of the boys and girls of the rural districts in the near future.

Saturday morning session opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. L. Grove. E. L. Philips occupied the first period with his talk on Commercial Fertilizers. The Pennsylvania Fertilizer law requires that manufacturers shall place a true analysis of the contents of the sack which contains the phosphate; and, as all the elements available in such goods are found to be Nitrogen Phosphoric Acid and Potash, the analysis to be found on the sack is a pretty safe guide to the purchaser. The speaker recommends the purchase of goods that contain only phosphoric acid and potash, as the other element is a very expensive and volatile element of plant food.

There were many questions answered by the speaker.

Dr. J. H. Funk occupied the next period discussing Potato Culture. As essentials to the raising of this crop, the speaker named soil, fertilizers and cultivation. The soil needs to be loose, fertile clover sod deeply ploughed, thoroughly harrowed and rolled, fertilized with ashes or commercial fertilizers at the rate of 1000 pounds per acre well mixed with the soil. The cultivation

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## THE HAPHAZARD FASHION.

"What We Need is System in the Building of State Highways," Says J. H. Weeks.

"Take a map of Pennsylvania and mark the roads the state has built and it will look like a puzzle. They start nowhere and end nowhere. They are built in a haphazard fashion. If the present plan is followed we will not have a system of roads in this state in 100 years. What we need is system. Until we get it we might as well stop just where we are. To go on is a waste of money," said J. H. Weeks, chairman of the good roads committee of the Pennsylvania water federation, at the state grange meeting in Altoona.

Mr. Weeks urged the grangers to support the bill advocated by his federation. They are three in number. The first provides for a \$50,000,000 bond issue by the state for roads. The second for a state board to locate the main state highway and provide for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for two years commencing 1909. The third provides that money received from motor licenses be used in putting preservatives on roads constructed by state aid.

## Recent Weddings.

TAYMAN—DODD.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of E. M. Dodd, Aquasco, Md., at high noon of Tuesday, December 1st, when his daughter, Miss Lora May became the wife of William P. Tayman, now a resident of Westwood, Md.

The beautiful marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Brubaker, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, after which the guests were invited into the dining room and a sumptuous dinner was served. The guests were next seated at a table laden with choice confectionery. The bride received many valuable and useful presents. She was handsomely gowned in steel colored silk and looked very pretty. The happy couple have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

HEWETT—SHIPLEY.

In the presence of a number of the young friends of the contracting parties, at the home of the groom's brother J. C. Hewett, 148 N. Mechanic St., Cumberland, Md., on Sunday December 6, 1908, Mr. Richard R. Hewett, formerly of this county and Miss Amanda Shipley, of Bedford county were united in marriage by Rev. J. S. Brane, of that city.

The happy couple is now happily ensconced in their new home at 139 N. Mechanic St., and Calvin is pleased in having his brother and new sister-in-law for near neighbors. The News joins in wishing the young couple a long, happy, and prosperous life.

DOYLE—HOUCK.

At the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in this place on Wednesday evening of last week, Rev. C. W. Bryner united in marriage George W. Doyle, son of Francis M. Doyle, of this place, and Miss Blanche, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Houck of Ayr township.

The many friends of Roy R. Tayman, formerly of this county, but now a soldier in Uncle Sam's army will be glad to learn that Roy is well and enjoying army life. Roy enlisted at Johnstown last May, and was sent to Columbus, O., where he remained a month at the recruiting station, after which he was assigned to his regiment and sent to Fort Screven, Ga. Fort Screven is on a small island 18 miles from the city of Savannah. The Fulton County News will keep Roy posted on the doings in his old home county.

## HAPPY AND HOSPITABLE.

Morgan Deshong Tells of His Visiting Among His Fulton County Friends in The Buckeye State.

Deshler, O., December 8.—I left my home in Licking Creek township, on Friday, November 13th, and reached the home of R. Deshong, in Deshler, Ohio, Saturday morning. I staid in Deshler until the following Wednesday, when Jennie and her daughter Hazel Deshong and I drove three miles down to the home of J. B. Deshong, a cousin of mine from Fulton county, found them all well, enjoyed a splendid dinner with them, and in the evening drove back to town. The following Sunday we drove three miles east to a church where we listened to an excellent sermon from Rev. Tytle. From church we drove over to Peter Kline's for dinner and staid there until the next day, when Peter and I drove to the home of John M. Deshong, another Fulton county man who went to Ohio several years ago. He took us over his farm which is a fine one; and after enjoying his hospitality during the day, we returned to Peter's Monday evening. Tuesday Peter and I drove to McComb, a nice little town, where we visited John and May Tracker and Elias Mellott's, and were well taken care of. On Wednesday we drove to Hoytsville, another small town, and stopped with J. Price's where Abram Kline has his home. Abram, who moved from the Meadowgrounds, in the early sixties, is well and lively for one of his age—91 years. While in that town we also visited Uriah Deshong, who owns and operates a fine large farm and conducts a large grocery in the town. On Thursday (Thanksgiving) I had the pleasure of eating dinner in the home of Turner Kline, where a company of about thirty friends and neighbors had assembled for the occasion. Friday, the next day after Thanksgiving, we were at Priscilla Mellott's for dinner, and at John Kline's for supper. Saturday we drove to J. B. Deshong's, and from there in the evening returned to Deshler, where I remained until the fifth of December, on which day R. Deshong and I went by rail to Union City, where we were met by W. Hockensmith, who took us out to his farm seven miles into the country. The next day, Sunday, we walked about a mile to Wm. Sipes' where we met Martin Sipes and family, whom I was glad to meet, as also John Sipes and family. John is a brother of Laura, wife of C. Sipes, in Licking Creek township. Without speaking of the welfare of each one of these Fulton county families in detail, I want to say that they are all well fixed, happy, contented, and very clever.

The land through this part of the State is sometimes rolling, but generally level, very productive, and easy to farm. It is a great corn country. John B. Deshong told me that he took out ten bushels to the shock. The wheat in the ground does not look very promising, on account of the unusual drought this fall. But I find I have already taken too much of your space, and so will close by thanking you for your courtesy in publishing this, which I hope will be interesting at least to the relatives and friends of these Fulton county people.

MORGAN DESHONG.

Miss Emma Sloan, who has been teaching in one of the public schools in Johnstown, Pa., met with a painful accident last Thursday morning. She was walking from her boarding place to the school building. A slight fall of snow on a icy place on the sidewalk, and without seeing the danger, Miss Sloan fell on the dangerous spot and fell sustaining painful injury, and has not been able to be in school since. She left Johnstown yesterday morning and is expected home to day.

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## CLOSING SESSIONS OF THE INSTITUTE.

Durno Drew Big House Thursday Evening, and Everybody Pleased With the whole Entertainment Course.

The County Institute closed last Friday at noon, and the teachers hurried away to their homes to be in readiness for their school work this week. The evening entertainment course was unusually good, and was well patronized. While the day instructors were strong and practical, there seemed to be a feeling among the teachers that there was too much sameness in the work—too much time given to the instructors, and too little to the teachers for conference, and opportunity for expressions of individual needs.

Just before the close of the Friday morning's session the committee on resolutions reported the following which was, of course, adopted:

Whereas, Through the Providence of God we have been permitted to assemble in this the forty-second annual session of the Fulton County Teachers' Institute, to express our appreciation to those who have contributed to its success and to declare our desire to have the schools of Fulton county raised to the highest plane of efficiency, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, First, That our sincerest thanks are hereby given to our able, dignified, and impartial superintendent for the careful manner in which he has presided over this Institute, and for his great care and good judgment which has brought to our Institute such a competent corps of instructors from whom we have received such great inspiration and that we put the highest appreciation upon his successful efforts.

Resolved, Further, that since money cannot suffice to pay him for his successful labors in making this the best institute ever held in the county, that we go back into our schools with renewed energy fully determined to demonstrate to him that in the same measure he has been successful in securing able instructors we have been successful in catching the inspiration from them and carrying it into our schoolrooms.

Second: That we appreciate the services of the ministers who have conducted the devotional exercises.

Third: That we extend our highest gratitude to our efficient instructors and all who have contributed to our moral and intellectual uplifting during the week.

Fourth: We tender our thanks to Miss Gertrude Sipes, who so faithfully presided at the piano.

Fifth: That to the press of the county, the hotels, and the public in general, we offer our thanks.

Sixth: That every boy and girl in the county has a right to the best possible educational advantages and that the best educational advantages are found in the best schools, and that the best schools have the best teachers, and that directors should make a strong effort to keep our own successful teachers at work in the schools of our own county.

Seventh: That our night sessions, including the lectures and entertainments have shown that Superintendent Lamberson has spared neither effort nor money to secure the best talent available for County Institutes, and we thank him for the same.

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## BLAIR WANTS A STATE NORMAL.

Teachers Send Petition to State Superintendent Schaeffer Asking Him to Use Influence With Legislature.

At the County Institute in Blair county last week, the teachers took the initiative toward securing another State Normal school in Pennsylvania, and ask that it be located at Martinsburg in Blair county. A petition was signed by them and addressed to N. C. Schaeffer, superintendent of Public Instruction asking him to use his influence with the present legislature to bring about the desired object. It is likely that the teachers of Bedford county at their institute this week will take up the matter, and cooperate with the teachers of Blair county in their effort to secure a new State Normal district, and the establishment of a school at Martinsburg.

There are thirteen State Normal Schools in Pennsylvania. Huntingdon, Blair, Bedford and Fulton counties are included in the seventh district with the State Normal at Shippensburg. Geographically Martinsburg is farther from their State Normal than the people of any other locality in Pennsylvania are from theirs, as it is 199 miles from Martinsburg to Shippensburg, and the distance from Bedford is 194 miles by railroad.

It is claimed that Blair county is far enough away from the Maryland state line, as Bedford and Fulton are in the tier of bordering counties, and not too near the schools at Indiana and Lock Haven, as it is 107 miles from Martinsburg to Indiana, and 93 miles to Lock Haven. The people of Bedford county are cognizant of the fact that they are too near the line of the bordering state of Maryland, and too, that with a school at Martinsburg it would be within three miles of the county line, and 28 miles of Bedford.

In addition to the four counties above named, Somerset could be included. This would include a population of considerably more than 200,000.

## DR. DIXON'S WARNING.

Urges People to Boil Water to Prevent Typhoid Fever.

State Health Commissioner Dixon has issued an urgent warning against the increased danger of typhoid fever that he declares must certainly follow a period of heavy rain.

"Boil all water," is Dr. Dixon's message to the people. "Heavy rains following the long drought that we have had, will wash into the streams any accumulated filth along the water sheds. This must necessarily increase the danger from polluted drinking water, especially where the water is not effectually filtered. Therefore the people should be on the closest guard against typhoid fever and boil the water used for drinking and other domestic purposes."

## Died.

MILLS.

Oscar, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mills, of Union township, died Tuesday, December 8th, and the funeral was held on the 9th. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Keltner, of the M. E. church, Hancock, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Buck Valley M. E. church.

## FUNK.

Edna Pauline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Funk residing at Foltz, Franklin county, died at the home of her parents last Friday aged 1 month and 21 days. Funeral Sunday, and interment in the cemetery at Mercersburg. Mrs. Funk is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Reamer Sipes.

H. B. Barton and sister Miss Sadie, of Brush Creek Valley, drove over to McConnellsburg last Thursday and attended the entertainment Thursday evening.

## COUNTY ORGANIZATION FORMED.

Road Supervisors Held Meeting in the Court House Last Friday, and Elected Permanent Organization.

Pursuant to notice, a number of the Road Supervisors met at the Court House on Friday afternoon of last week and formed a permanent county organization, and elected officers for the current year. The object of the organization is to awaken an intelligent sentiment in favor of better road making, and to devise such means, as shall give us better road making, and to devise such means, as shall give us better road service for the money expended. Hon. Peter Morton, of Tod township was elected president of the association, and J. Findlay Johnston, of Ayr, secretary. Aside from the public schools, there is no interest in the County that so directly affects every citizen in the county as that of good roads. Good roads adds comfort and pleasure to every one who has occasion to travel over the roads—and who does not use the roads—but good roads add a money value to every farm adjacent to a good road. It is hoped that every supervisor in the county will promptly send his name to the secretary and ask to be enrolled as a member. The failure to do so will show a lack of public interest that will not be very creditable to the judgment of the citizens whose votes placed the supervisor in office.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That we cordially invite every supervisor in the county to send his name to the secretary [J. F. Johnston, whose post-office address is Cito, Pa.] and be enrolled as a member of this association.

Resolved, That we request our Senator W. C. Miller, and Representative James McDoanough to use all their influence to prevent the placing of any part of the cost of building and maintaining a highway across the State on the counties through which the road may pass.

Resolved, That we also ask our Representatives to use their influence in favor of amending the present law by giving to every township having a cash road tax fifty per cent of the amount spent on the roads.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our Senator and Representative.

A. M. CORBIN, FRANK RANCK, J. F. JOHNSTON, Committee.

## Comic Entertainment.

A comic entertainment, and Band concert will be held in the Court House, Saturday evening, December 19, 1908. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Everything new—New Songs, New Plays, and New Music. A strictly moral entertainment. With an entire change of program. All-around Bobby, the black face comedian will entertain both young and old. Solos, duets, trios and quartets. A special brass quartette will render different selections which will be one of the features of the evening. In fact, quite a lot of special music has been prepared, which will please the most fastidious. Laugh and the world laughs with you; so here is where you laugh. Every act will be comical all the way through. Every effort has been put forth to make this the best entertainment the Band has ever given. Come one and all and enjoy a good time. General admission, 25c; Reserved Seats, 50c. Tickets for sale at D. E. Latle's from Friday at 1 o'clock until Saturday evening, December 19th under management of C. R. Shore our clarinet player.

Mrs. Mary Kelley is visiting her brothers and sister in Thompson this week, she was accompanied by her niece Mary Bishop.

## 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

Samuel W. Peck, of Bedford, is visiting his brother and uncles in this place.

Miss Nettie Yeakle, of Plum Run, visited friends in McConnellsburg last week.

Associate Judge H. K. Markley, of Warfordsburg, spent Monday night in town.

Scott Mellott and sister Miss Goldie, of Covalt, attended the Institute last Thursday night.

Chester Brant, of West Dublin, was among the out-of-town visitors at the institute last week.

Miss Bess Motter spent from Saturday until Monday evening Xmas shopping in Chambersburg.

James E. Ritz, of Warfordsburg, came to McConnellsburg Monday and returned home Tuesday.

Howard Culler and Miss Jessie Truax, of Thompson, spent Thursday and Friday with the former's aunt, Mrs. Mary Kelly.

Mrs. Susie Wink and Miss Lillie Wink, both of Sipes Mill, spent institute week in the home of Mrs. Addie Woodal, of this place.

Misses Mary and Olive Kope, of Burnt Cabins, spent last Saturday in McConnellsburg doing holiday shopping. Of course, they didn't forget the printer.

Mr. Wilson Myers, one of Thompson township's prosperous farmers, called at the News office last Thursday, while in town attending County Institute.

Hugh Ewing, who had been spending a year or two in Kansas, is home for a holiday visit. Hughie thinks Kansas farming a snap compared with the work that has to be done in this county.

Mrs. N. I. Fimff and little son, came over from her home near Mount Alto, Franklin county last Saturday evening, and is spending this week visiting among her relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Robert N. Fryman, of this place, left Wednesday morning for a trip in which he expects to visit the cities of Harrisburg, Baltimore, and Washington. He is accompanied by his cousins, Mr. E. T. Fox and wife, and Mrs. Annie Cooper.

Miss Esta Hart, who had been visiting in the home of her aunt Mrs. Harriet Dixon in Chambersburg, came over to McConnellsburg last Thursday, attended the entertainment in the Court House in the evening and returned to her home at Needmore Friday afternoon.

## Crop Not Encouraging.

The correspondents of the National Department of Agriculture are nearly unanimous in their reports that the winter wheat crop on December 1 was far from being encouraging. According to the reports there is a decrease in the acreage as compared with last year of 1,702,000 acres, while the condition was only 85.3 as compared with 91.1 on December 1, 1907, and a ten-year average of 92.2. The dry weather last fall delayed seeding long after the usual time, and also interfered with the rapid advance of the grain fields after they were sown. In Pennsylvania there is an increase of two points over the conditions of the crop a year ago. In almost all the other states there is a difference in the other direction. Still, there are seven months until harvest time, and there are abundant opportunities for the situation to change not only once, but several times, between now and then.