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## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Forty-Third Annual Session Now In Progress in the Auditorium of the Public School Building.

EVERY TEACHER PRESENT FIRST DAY.

The forty-third Annual session of the Fulton County Teachers' Institute, opened in the auditorium of the Public School building, Monday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock. Every one of the eighty-two teachers in the County were in town and had registered before the opening of the first session. There have been times when all the teachers in the County were present the first day, but this is the first time when all were present at the opening of the first session.

After the Institute had been called to order by County Super-



PROF. J. EMERY THOMAS.

Prof. Thomas has been teaching in the public schools of this county about 20 years. During the last ten years or more, he has been Supervising Principal of the McConnellsburg schools.

intendent B. C. Lamberson, Rev. C. W. Bryner, of the M. E. church conducted the devotional exercises, the song service being in charge of the Musical Director for the week, Rev. J. V. Adams, of Newport, Pa.

A short, but very practical address was made by Superintendent Lamberson, when the regular work of the afternoon's session was taken up, and the first period occupied by Dr. J. I. Woodruff, of Susquehanna University.

After a short intermission, and a song drill by Mr. Adams, Prof. W. M. Pierce, of Ridgway, Pa., was introduced, who after a few introductory remarks, launched out on his subject, "How to Keep the Children in School." Prof. Pierce is a practical teacher, and gave as some of the reasons why children stay out of school: "Indifference of the Pupils, them selves," "Indifference of the Parents," "Desire to Make Money," &c. Among the remedies suggested was to educate pupils and parents along the line of a proper appreciation of the value of an education.

### MONDAY EVENING.

The large auditorium was well filled Monday evening by persons who had gone thither to listen to the lecture of W. Quay Roselle, a Baptist clergyman, of Philadelphia, and a popular lecturer. The fact that he was recalled from last year is an evidence that last year's effort was satisfactory; and those who heard him on Monday night were enthusiastic in their praise of the very practical lecture.

### TUESDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. H. Rice, of the Reformed church.

The first period of regular work was taken by Prof. Pierce, on the "Mother Tongue." Prof. Pierce said in substance: "There is a group of subjects that belong together and they should be treated together in the public schools; they are reading, writing, spelling, language, literature and grammar. These subjects not only belong together, but should be treated together. When you are hearing a reading class, you should use that as a supplement to your language work."

You can take your spelling words and use them for your writing lesson, &c. These subjects belong together, and for that reason, I think they should be called the Mother Tongue group. One of these branches has assumed the name of that group, and that is language. I think that this is the most practical subject that we teach in the common schools; but I know that we do not usually look upon it as such. I suppose that the majority of us would say that Arithmetic is the most important. Is it all so important? Now, your mother, like my mother; and your father, like my father, spent a lot of time in working fractions, percentage, compound interest, allegations, square root, etc.; but have you ever seen your mother take a pencil, go off and sit down working compound interest? No, of course not; but does your father use it? O, yes, men use it. He uses it, perhaps, to figure interest and lumber, but all of the rest of it is forgotten in a few years after they get out of school. Did you ever see your mother go and sit down and read a book? Read! Why, we read always! That is one of the most practical subjects that is taught in the schools. Let a young man write a letter of application and miss two words and it will be immediately turned down. Let me tell you, that too is one of very much interest. I wonder if you, teachers, really teach writing and how many of you really teach penmanship? How many of you think you teach it successfully so that your boys and girls are writing a little better and are making progress in this subject? I do not think we are spending too much time in teaching penmanship, and yet it is an intensely interesting and practical subject. In the first grade, pupils learn to read nine hundred to a thousand words; in the first three grades, two thousand and words, and in the next four or five grades, they hardly learn eight hundred words. What is the reason of this? First, the matter of time which cannot be helped; the second reason is, the words are more difficult, and the third is a lack of interest on the part of the teachers themselves. There is not any subject taught in the public schools that is more important than reading. To my mind, reading divides itself into four heads: First, the word calling or word naming; second, word meaning. It is possible for the child to be able to pronounce words in the dictionary, and yet not be able to read single sentences. Milton made his daughters read Greek to him by the hour every day, and yet they did not understand a word of it; likewise there are children that read English right along just as the daughters of Milton read Greek. Don't you think for a moment that the child knows the word because he can pronounce it. The last point is thought getting. I would give the children drill in getting these and then have them give the thought in the sentences and then they are really able to read.

The last period of the session was taken by Dr. Woodruff, subject—"Teaching of English." Points made—"Do not give children something to talk or write about that they do not understand." "Have children observe." "Practice correct vocal interpretations."

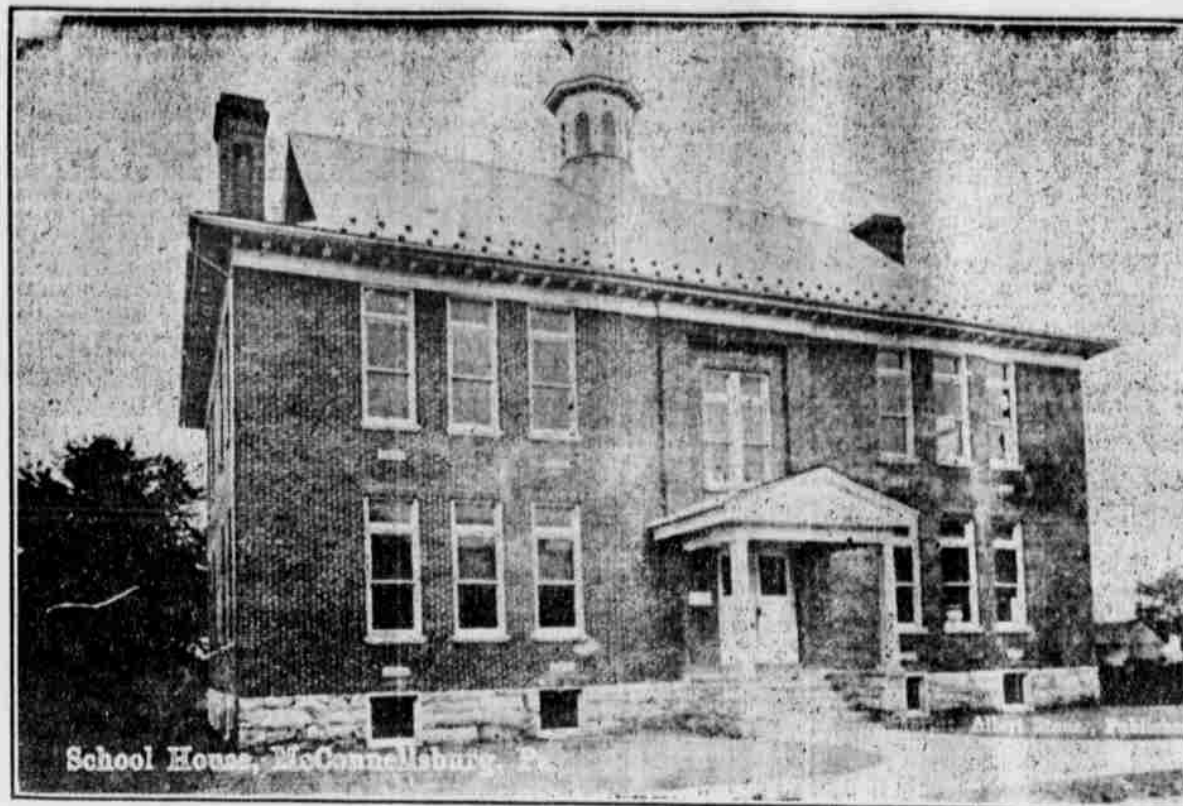
### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Song drill. Prof. Pierce took the first period. His subject was—"Relation of the School to the Home." Some of the points brought out were: Parents fail to visit the school after a certain time, "Parents should not send offensive notes to the teachers," "Teachers should get in touch with parents."

Duet by Miss Greathhead and Miss Sipes. Next period was occupied by Prof. Chas. M. Lodge, a Dickinson.

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## PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.



This week, for the first time, the County Institute is being held in our new Public School building, of which every citizen of McConnellsburg is justly proud. This building was erected during the summer of 1908 at a cost of something over ten thousand dollars. This does not include the pavement, which cost \$111 89, the chairs in the auditorium, which cost about \$650, and the \$350 Lester piano recently purchased from L. W. Funk, by the McConnellsburg Choral Society.

To provide funds for the construction of this building, bonds for the sum of \$6,500 were sold. To pay these bonds and the interest on them, takes just \$8,775. One thousand dollars of these bonds have already been paid, and there remains yet an indebtedness (according to the last auditors' statement) of \$6 411.00 and interest.

### PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Miss Effie Barnhart became the Bride of Mr. Thomas F. Wink, at the Home of Her Parents.

At high noon, on Wednesday of last week, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Barnhart, in Thompson township, Eld. Calvin L. Funk, of the Baptist church, pronounced the magic words that joined in solemn matrimony the hearts and lives of two popular young people, Miss Effie Barnhart and Mr. Thomas F. Wink, of Needmore. The parlor was very tastefully decorated, and the bride was very prettily gowned. A number of the immediate friends of the contracting parties were present, and a sumptuous dinner was served. On the day following a reception was held for them at the home of W. H. Wink at Needmore, at which about seventy-five persons participated, and a most enjoyable time was had. In the evening, the Calithumpians made their appearance, and paid their respects to the newly wedded pair.

The News joins their numerous friends in extending congratulations.

### VISIBLE SOON.

Halley's Comet Can Be Seen in Early Part of December.

On December 11 Halley's Comet will be visible to the naked eye for the first time. This remarkable figure is hurdling through space towards the earth at a rate of a million miles a day. From the day it first appears it will continue to grow brighter until May 18, when the earth will sweep through its fiery tail. It will then begin to grow dimmer until sometime in September, when it will disappear from sight for 75 years.

This comet promises to be one of the most gorgeous spectacles ever witnessed and will during its presence in reach of human vision be the cause of much comment and speculation. It appears every 75 years and its return has always created a profound impression and on several occasions caused even terror and alarm.

Mrs. M. Cook and daughter Miss Cassie, returned to their home in this place after an absence of several months, seeing Niagara Falls, the Great Lakes, and visiting friends and relatives in the Middle West. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Cook's son Charles, who will remain here awhile.

### RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

#### MRS. ANNIE S. ROBINSON.

Mrs. Annie S. Robinson, widow of Hon. John A. Robinson, died at the home of her daughter Virgie, wife of Richard Henderson, at Newport News, Va., last Sunday, aged about 65 years. Funeral, Tuesday, and interment in a cemetery in that city, beside the remains of her deceased husband, who died several years ago.

Mrs. Robinson's maiden name was McNulty, she being a daughter of Wm. C. McNulty, at one time proprietor of the Cross Keys hotel, a famous hostelry in early days that occupied the site of the Nace building, now occupied by Reiser Brothers and the First National Bank. Mrs. Robinson's father was Prothonotary of this county from 1860 until 1863, and he selected as his deputy and clerk, a young school teacher, John A. Robinson, whose services were so satisfactory, not only to the public, but to his employer as well, that he won the office at the election in 1863, and also the hand of his employer's daughter, Miss Annie McNulty. Mr. Robinson served as Prothonotary until 1869, was admitted to practice law at the bar in this county in 1870, represented this county in the State Legislature in 1887-8, shortly after which time, he purchased a newspaper in Hammond, N. J., and the family removed there. From Hammond, they removed to Baltimore, and thence to Newport News.

There was no more hospitable home in McConnellsburg than that of the Robinsons, and their memory will remain green in the minds of their old friends and neighbors, as long as any of them live. Three sons and two daughters survive, namely, Benjamin S. and Mac, of New York City; William M., Baltimore; Mary, wife of R. N. Greathhead, Staunton, Va., and Virgie, Mrs. Henderson, Newport News.

#### MRS. ALICE GORDON.

Mrs. Alice Gordon, widow of former Associate Judge Peter Gordon, died last Saturday at the home of her son James S. Gordon, at Natrona, Pa., where she had been making her home since last February. Mrs. Gordon's maiden name was Richardson, and she was

born at the old Richardson homestead on the State Road in Taylor township, now the home of Editor E. H. Kirk. Of her father's family, but two are now living, Annie E., wife of John K. Fisher, Bedford, and Jane, married and living somewhere in the West.

To Mrs. Gordon and her husband Judge Gordon, ten children were born, all of whom are living, namely Prof. Mac D. Gordon, of the Indiana State Normal School; Alex., principal of one of the big Ward schools in Allegheny City; L. Porter, West Newton, Pa.; John, in the West; James at Natrona, Pa.; George and Harry in Johnstown; Ed in Cambria county, Alice, wife of Harvey S. Strat Licking Creek township; and Anne, married and living in Allegheny City. Seldom has it been the lot of parents to raise a family of ten children whose success in life have been a source of greater satisfaction to their parents than the Gordon family here mentioned.

Mrs. Gordon was a consistent member of the M. E. church, and the beautiful in the character of the mother is reflected in that of her children.

#### JEREMIAH GLADFELTER.

Jeremiah Gladfelter, a highly esteemed citizen, died at his home near Waterfall, this county, November 24, 1909, aged 62 years, 1 month, and 18 days. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Oak Grove church, and the large number of persons in attendance at the funeral bore testimony of the esteem in which Mr. Gladfelter was held by his friends and acquaintances.

The deceased for many years prior to his death had been a consistent member of the United Brethren church at Oak Grove, and by his death the church loses one of its most faithful members, and the family a loving husband and father.

His widow and three children are living. The children are David, of Waterfall; Katie B. Wibel, of Oak Grove, and John, of Clear Ridge.

#### Shot a Chinese Pheasant.

Herman Bard, while out hunting in Belfast township one day last week, had the good fortune to shoot and kill a Chinese pheasant. This is a game bird that is rare in this county, having been introduced in this section only a few years ago. The Chinese pheasant is a beauty, and should be protected as far as possible until they have a chance to be come plentiful.

### LOS ANGELES, CAL.

City Has Doubled in Size During the Last Three Years—So Writes M. L. Hann.

DEAR EDITOR.—I see by the label on my paper that it is again time to pay the printer, and I want to assure you that the NEWS is a welcome visitor into our home every week. Although we live in the Land of Sunshine and Flowers, the mind often wanders to the old home county, and the best way to get the news from there is to subscribe for the FULTON COUNTY NEWS.

Well, Mr. Editor, it may be of some interest to tell your big family of readers something about Los Angeles—"The City of the Angels."

Permits for the erection of new buildings, and for the improvement of old ones, during the month of September, 1909, estimate value, \$1,375,909. In the same month, 59 permits were granted for business buildings of steel, brick, and concrete enough to cover the frontage of two city blocks. During the first nine months of this year, 6,050 permits were granted for new buildings to cost \$10,181,292, an average sum of \$37,022 per day; and projected during that period, the erection of 24 new buildings per day. From July 1st of this year, up to Oct. 22nd, 1464 permits for the erection of homes were granted—an average of 366 per month, or a total addition to the city of 12 blocks per month, or 3 blocks per week. The month of October shows a still larger increase—a matter of \$1,171,000 having been expended, and we had two holidays in that period.

During the month of September the applications called for 28 new buildings per day, and in October 26 per day. In 1899, the City's territory was 43 square miles and was inland 18 miles with no connections with the ocean as a City. In 1909, the City is double in area, embracing 85 square miles; it has direct connections with the Ocean, and owns what is to be the greatest port on the Pacific coast. During 1906, the Shoestring Strip, which gave the city a direct connection with the Ocean, was added. This year, 1909, there was added the Seaports of San Pedro and Wilmington, a territory of 14 1/2 square miles, and the residence districts of Colegrove and East Hollywood, 10 square miles. In other words, in three years, the city has doubled in size. Exclusive of annexed districts, the city has opened up this year 190 miles of new streets. We now have 714 miles of improved streets exclusive of annexed districts. There are 346 miles of street car lines in the city, and 700 miles of suburban roads; 102 passenger trains leave or arrive on the steam roads every day, and 46 freight trains.

The Owens River aqueduct is progressing nicely. Water will be here by the Summer of 1913; and we will have, in addition, power plants to generate at least 98,000 horse power of electricity for light and heat. Southern California has added a new crop to her products, the Imperial Valley is now raising cotton of a fine staple and a good yield. A year ago that valley was a desert. Now it produces cotton, corn, melons, fruit and alfalfa, cattle and hogs.

M. L. HANN.

### 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

Mr. B. F. Simpson and daughter Miss Bess, spent last Saturday in town.

Mr. Peter Guillard, Sr., of Wells Valley, called at the NEWS office while in town Monday, to renew his subscription for another year.

Miss Mary Batdorf, near Harrisonville, is visiting in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Alexander at the toll-gate east of town.

Mrs. John LaMaster and son Earl, of Markes, Franklin county, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. LaMaster's father, Daniel E. Fore Esq., and helped to eat the goose.

John F. Johnson, of Taylor, who like the Editor of the NEWS, is one of Fulton's way-back teachers, could not resist the temptation to come to town Monday and rub clothes with modern educational people.

We were very glad Tuesday afternoon to have a call from our old friend, J. W. Grove, of Clear Ridge. He and his son Luther came in to witness the performance of the Honolulu Students at the Institute.

W. H. Shoemaker, of Carlisle, a popular salesman for a big carpet house, was making one of his periodical visits among the merchants of town this week. Will is looking well, and does not seem to grow a bit older as the years by.

Roy Rummel, a former typo in the NEWS office, and who has just completed a three-years' enlistment service in the United States army, returned to McConnellsburg last Monday evening, and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Susan Rummel. Roy is so much pleased with military life that he expects to re-enlist in a few weeks.

Rev. J. V. Adams and family, of Newport, Pa., are guests in the home of County Treasurer and Mrs. C. B. Stevens this week. Mr. Adams was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in this place a few years ago, and is this week, Musical Director in the County Institute, and is just as popular with the teachers as he is with his congregations.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reid Sloan, returned home Monday afternoon, after a honeymoon trip of almost two weeks. We were just about to say a "pleasant" honeymoon trip but to use that adjective would be to raise a doubt as to whether all honeymoon trips are pleasant. Of course, they are, and if you don't believe it ask Bony and Mabel.

#### I Want to Say "Thanks."

On the 29th day of the eleventh month, there was a lot of cards sent to me. Some of them came from Iowa and some from Texas. My cousin in far off Texas, Miss Addie Mellott—thought I might eat too much and get sick; but if all the turkeys were eatable, there would have been danger—for I got thirteen. We just had chicken and mashed potatoes and lots of other things, and so I did not eat too much. Mrs. Chesnut ate supper with us; so, you see, there was no big time at our house, the thing was just cards. After supper the card shower came. There were forty-four dandies—just four more, and my album would be full.

I wish you could see my cards. So I will say "Thanks" to one and all. I almost forgot to say that I got two quarters that day.

PETER C. FORNER, Hustontown.

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