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Fulton County Teachers' Institute Will Begin the Last Day of This Month.

After several months of careful planning, County Superintendent Thomas has at last perfected arrangements for a County Institute that should in every way meet the conditions of advanced methods in educational work. Sugar and beer are not the only things that remind us of war prices. Institute managers that could place first class day-workers on the platform for fifty dollars a week and local expenses, must now pay from one hundred, to one hundred and fifty dollars for the same service. Of course, there have been changes in other things as well. In the early days of County Institutes, teachers were expected to attend without pay, and board themselves. Now, the teacher gets three dollars a day, and is in position to contribute toward the defraying of the extra expense in securing instructors.

The evening lecture course is a different proposition. The public demands first class talent. First class talent costs money. The County Superintendent becomes responsible for the payment of the evening lecturers and entertainers, and must depend upon the "gate money" to make good; for he may not use any of the County's money for this purpose. If the weather is favorable, and he gets full houses, he has a chance to "come out whole."

While Mr. Thomas has a county of 82 teachers against many that have five times as many, he goes into the market for workers and gets the best. The day-workers are Arthur Harrop, A. M., Ph. D., of Allegheny College; Prof. Francis Green, of the West Chester State Normal School; Dr. Ezra Lehman, of the C. V. State Normal, and Rev. J. V. Adams, of New Cumberland, Pa. Dr. Harrop is a native of Ohio, graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University, took his Ph. D. degree from the Boston University, and has filled the positions respectively of Principal of town schools, College Professor, Popular Lecturer, Institute Lecturer, and author of educational works. Governor Ferris, of Michigan, says that Dr. Harrop is one of the best "all-round" institute instructors he has worked with in twenty years. Of Mr. Tetrick, who did such efficient work here last year, says that Prof. Green is one of the most popular institute workers in Pennsylvania—a man that teachers like. Dr. Lehman, does not need any introduction to our teachers, and is always sure of a warm greeting when he comes to a Fulton county institute. Mr. Adams, the man who will wield the baton,—he has done that work so satisfactorily in the past, that there will not be any question about the singing this year.

The evening entertainments consist of two lectures and two entertainments. Dr. Hedley, who lectures Monday evening, has been here on, at least, two occasions, and will be remembered by those who heard him as being exceptionally fine. On Tuesday evening, the Leigh Concert Company will make its first appearance here. The Company consists of Nell Whayne, prima donna-soprano; Noreen Gorman, harpist; Harry Robinson, violinist, and Miss Bessie Leigh, reader. These people have appeared before audiences in many of the leading cities in this country and in Canada, and come highly recommended. For Wednesday evening, Mr. Thomas has secured Dr. N. McGee Waters—lecturer, minister, author—pastor of the largest Congregationalist Church in the world. It will be a rare opportunity, and no one should miss his lecture. The entertainment course will close Thursday evening with the Clara Wallace

Visited Old Home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Anderson, of Burlington, Iowa, spent several days in town last week looking up the place where the latter was born sixty-eight years ago. Mrs. Anderson's maiden name was Landonio Gilbert. She is a daughter of Lewis Gilbert who, in 1850, left this place with his family for Burlington, Iowa. Landonio was then but three years of age, and, of course, cannot remember the house in which she was born. But from what she can remember of her father's description of it, she said it was the "first log house east of town." Doubtless this is the house now occupied by Mrs. Agnes Ray. After the Gilberts moved away the house was weather-boarded. Mrs. Anderson is a granddaughter of Daniel and Polly Fortney. Upon looking up the names of some of the early residents of McConnellsburg, the name of Daniel Fortney appears in the list of taxpayers for the year 1826. He was a butcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson went from here to Elkton, Md., to visit the scene of Mr. Anderson's early boyhood days. They were much interested in the account in the NEWS of our "eleven-teenth" attempt to secure a railroad for the town, and they took with them a number of copies of the paper to mail to other old-timers.

Remodeling the Fulton House.

Work of remodeling the Fulton House began Monday. The long porch in front of the building was removed and erected again at the west end of the house along the alley leading to the garage. A porch the whole length of the front of the house is now being erected—or, rather, two porches—for steps will lead up both east and west in the middle of the porch. A portico will be built to the second story, the whole length of the building, with the middle portion to extend out as far as the curb. This will be supported by pillars at the curb, and it will afford a sheltered landing place for autoists. Some time in the future, the second story portico will be covered with a flat roof to make a promenade level with the eaves, from which guests will have a fine view of the town.

Got His Deserts.

Two young men claiming to be from Pittsburgh were hunting in this vicinity last week with high-power rifles that used metal cased bullets. Not finding much game, one of them thought it fun to puncture the metal highway signs along the Lincoln way, and glass insulators from telegraph poles. Not satisfied with shooting through the signs, he tried the force of his gun at the base of one of the metal posts with the result that the bullet casing rebounded and struck his trigger finger with such force that he had to walk two miles to town to have the flow of blood stopped. They left on the noon hack last Thursday. Later in the day a constable came to town to arrest them for defacing the signs, but the quarry had flown.

Mrs. Thomas F. Sloan and daughter Miss Harriet spent Wednesday of last week shopping in Chambersburg.

Concert Company with the following personnel: Miss Grace Kennedy, soprano and piano; Miss Sylvia Clisby, contralto and cello; Miss Rachael Major and Miss Marjorie Godfrey, violin; Miss Clara Marie Bull, contralto and reader; Mr. Harold Hall, baritone and clarinet, and Mr. Homer Rothrock, flute. The members of this company are true artists, possessing unusual talent and ability. Hence, from the foregoing, it will be seen that Mr. Thomas has been busy; and, if the institute is not a great success, it will not be his fault.

Mountain Fires.

Mountain fires raged in many parts of the State last week. The rain on Sunday extinguished them to the relief of all interested. A portion of the Ridge close to town was burned over. Siding Hill was burned from a point three miles south of the Lincoln Way to Hoover's Mills north of the pike. The Isaac P. Deshong place not far from Laidig was burned over—woods, fields and all fences being burned. Plows were brought and furrows thrown up to stop the fire in the fields. A high wind fanned the flames on the mountain and on the Deshong farm, so that the flames on the latter place, to use one reporter's language, traveled as fast as a horse could run. 200 acres were burned over on the Deshong farm as far as Andrew Brant's, and, it is said, 1,000 acres in that neighborhood were fire-swept, so that furrows had to be hastily ploughed around buildings to prevent fires from reaching them. Everything was so dry that even the ground seemed to burn.

Fire broke out in the timberland west of the famous Bedford Springs hotels on Friday, and the high winds drove the fire with great fierceness toward the buildings, and for a time it looked like nothing could save the buildings. By most strenuous efforts the fire was brought under control just in the nick of time to save the property.

A Jolly Auto Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Batt, Charles and Richard Shellhammer and Herman Paul—all of Johnstown, Pa.—came over last Wednesday in Mr. Shellhammer's auto. The first place they stopped was with Mr. George Humbert. Squirrels and rabbits tried to keep out of their way, but they succeeded in getting a nice lot. Saturday the men took dinner at Judge Humbert's and scared all his rabbits to death. On the way back from the Judge's one of the men exclaimed, "Oh, see! Is that a bear in that tree?" They all fired, but when nothing fell, one, braver than the rest, climbed up to see why the "critter" did not fall, and behold, it was a bee. After having obtained permission from Mr. Humbert to cut the tree they got about five gallons of extracted honey which they tucked away in the auto along with other good things they were going to take home with them. Sunday they took dinner with J. H. Covalt and wife, and after dinner they went to H. W. Hatfield's where they made themselves at home. Monday they got J. H. Covalt, B. C. Powell, Lon Bernhart, and H. W. Hatfield and all went hunting—got two squirrels and six rabbits. Monday evening the party went up along the mountain to Ed Swope's to take a deer hunt the next day. Every family they visited joins in inviting to come again.

Lincoln Highway Much Used.

At the annual meeting of the Lincoln Highway Association held at Detroit on Tuesday, of last week, the following officers were elected:

President—H. B. Joy, Detroit.
Vice Presidents—R. D. Chapin, Detroit; Carl G. Fisher, Indianapolis; A. R. Pardinger, New York; W. F. Coan, Clinton, Iowa.
Treasurer—Henry W. Clark, Detroit.
Engineer—Frank T. Trego, Springfield, Mass.
Secretary—A. R. Paradington, New York.

According to reports from several hundred towns, submitted at the meeting, much use has been made of the highway in the last year and it was predicted there would be still more traffic in 1915, because foreign conditions have made European touring by automobile practically impossible.

FOOT STRAIN.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner Health.

Rudyard Kipling makes one of his characters in a military tale say "A soldier is no better than his feet."
The man or woman whose occupation or duties require them to stand or walk for a greater portion of the day come to a certain extent in the same category they are no better than their feet.

This is not alone due to their lack of mobility but to the ever present strain of the nervous system when the feet are partially incapacitated. Anyone who has suffered from the breaking down of the arches of the feet can appreciate how extremely painful this is and how serious a handicap. Cases of this sort are of an extreme character.

What people do not appreciate is, that worn down heels which throw the weight of the body to one side or other of the foot may cause a continuous strain when walking or standing. Many people who are particularly careful in the care of their hands pay less attention to their other extremities.

Our modern shoemakers are turning out better shoes than have ever been made in the history of the world. They are less clumsy and more serviceable. Unfortunately, however, the dictates of fashion have led women and men to wear footwear which distorts the natural shape of the foot.

The Roman sandal which permitted the toes to assume their natural position and allow each one of the five to bear its portion of the weight and give spring to the step was obviously more sensible than the French heeled pump. The latter throws the weight of the body on the ball of the foot and this causes a strain to keep the body balanced. This may be an unconscious action, but it is nevertheless extremely tiresome. It is possible owing to the craftsmanship of present day shoemakers for both men and women to secure neat, trim looking footwear which is sensible in shape.

To be comfortably shod is no small factor in the preparation for one's daily work and will prove a material aid in increasing individual efficiency.

Some Chickens.

The North American's Third International Egg-Laying Competition, closed October 31. In the twelve months from November 1 1913:

One hen laid 286 eggs.
One pen of five birds laid 1180 eggs, averaging 236.

Sixteen pens laid more than 1000 eggs each, an average of 214 eggs per bird.
The 500 birds (100 pens) laid 84,940, eggs, 7026 more than the in the previous contest and 9710 more than in the first test.

Of the 500, no fewer than 131 exceeded 200 eggs each.

The average per hen was 153 eggs the first year, 156 the second and 170 in the year just ended.

It has been carefully computed that the average number of eggs laid by each hen on the farms of the United States is 70. It has been demonstrated time and again that it cost no more to obtain and maintain a flock of 500 that will double this, than it does to raise and keep the flock that lays but 70 eggs each. It is all in knowing how.

Bergstresser.

Warden Alton Bergstresser, infant son of Warden and Margaret Bergstresser, died at Waterfall, this county, Tuesday morning, aged two weeks. Interment in the cemetery of New Grenada, Wednesday afternoon.

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Are We Christians.

We do not believe that true Christianity is dying out in the world, but, that there are false notions about it among enough professing Christians to make it less effective than at once was among the masses. This could be abundantly proven if we had the presumption to delve into the private lives of citizens. We will, therefore, confine our observations to public life and citizenship to prove that Christianity is not now practiced in accordance with the rules laid down by Him who founded it.

Beginning as far away from home as possible, look at the so-called Christian nations of Europe that are now doing the will of the devil in a manner never known to the world heretofore. What must be the opinion of the pagan nations concerning the boasted superiority of the Christian religion? Heathendom has offered no parallel to such debauchery since the foundation of the world. Certain pagan faiths teach that if you die in battle for your country, you will go straight to heaven; and during the late Russo-Japanese war, the Japs seemed to vie with each other in getting into the most dangerous position until they won the battle. During that war we were accustomed to comment upon the fanaticism of the heathen Japs; but the slaughter in those battles was as child's play when compared with what now takes place almost daily in "Christian" Europe. It was said that very few of the Japs and Russians knew what they were fighting about. The same is true to a far greater extent among the rank and file of the armies now in the field. Why? Because one proud would-be ruler has placed personal aggrandizement above Christianity.

In America we see the same spirit manifest at every election. Certain townships and counties have had the distinction of being either Republican, or Democratic. The number of voters of each party is known to a fraction. Some great moral reform bobs up and "good" men of all parties preach—and even pray—for the success of the reform movement until one feels sure that party lines will be forgotten and the reform will be granted. But, when the election returns come in, we look over the vote and find that each party voted practically the same number that it had been doing since the time of Andy Jackson. What became of the prayers of these "good" men? A minister of the gospel said in our hearing the other day that it was the professed Christians that defeated the anti-liquor movement in this state at the last election.

We think it would be a good idea for us to make Christmas 1914 a time for some real reform. Instead of buying Mary a plush toilet set to be finally thrown into the garret as a nuisance, give her a real comb and brush at one-fifth the cost, and put the other four dollars into the collection basket of your church, and in this way, strengthen the cause of Christianity in not only your own heart, but in your community. Let the gifts for just one year be to Him whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas. We believe with all our heart that individual restraint in this manner will do more to make men vote at the next election as they prayed before the election, than any course of training that could be devised.

A continuous downfall of rain for twelve hours last Sunday brought relief to sufferers from low water. At no time did it rain fast enough to damage by washing. The "sponge" on the sides of the mountains, and in woodlands, is now so thoroughly soaked that forest fires will probably not occur again this fall—another matter to be thankful for before Thanksgiving Day.

Why Hens Stop Laying in Winter.

That hens stop laying as winter progresses is a fact known to every farmer and chicken fancier, also, indirectly, to every housewife through the rise in the price of eggs. The reason is explained by the Revue Scientifique which says that the egg producing organs degenerate through too much fat. This condition is the consequence of too great abundance of food during the winter, coupled with lack of exercise, due to the narrow limits of the ordinary chicken run.

The fat invades the liver and piles up in the heart, the blood becomes sluggish and the lungs do not take enough oxygen to ensure combustion of the fat.

"The obvious remedy," says the Scientific American, "is to give less food to hens which stop laying." Mr. Brochemin, in an article in L'Acclimatation, advises that starchy foods, such as corn, rice and barley, be limited, while an abundance of such green food as cabbage, boiled clover, sorrel, etc., be given. Also the hens must be made to take exercise, by giving them a large run and by mixing their food with straw, etc., so that they will have to work for their food.—New York World.

Enlarging the World.

Science has done more to enlarge the habitable world in late years than have the explorers. The discovery of the poles added nothing of practical value to humanity, but those who fought the battles of sanitation in the tropics have opened vast possibilities. Surgeon General Gorgas, who is competent to speak on this subject, says: "The great valleys of the Amazon and Congo probably would produce all the food needed by the world if they were settled by the type of white man we now have in northern nations."

The cleaning up of the Panama district and changing it from a veritable death hole to a region where life is as safe as anywhere on earth is the proof. With the experience there gained, and with the natural enterprise of the race which he so ably represents, it is safe to predict that in time the regions he mentions will be developed and made to yield their share in the support of human life. It is in that direction that the world will widen in the future.

Did Not Kill Steer.

Last week, when rumors of the foot and mouth disease were flying thick and fast, we were told that H. B. Trout had one of his cattle killed last week on account of this disease. It seems now that our informant had just heard that over a year ago Mr. Trout killed one of his herd on account of some trouble, (but it was not for the foot and mouth disease) and in this manner the word spread that the killing occurred last week. We are only too glad to know that there is no foot and mouth disease on the Trout farm or anywhere in the county.

Mellott.

Corbett J. Mellott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mellott, Warfordsburg, R. R. 1, died Wednesday, November 2, 1914, aged 2 years and 20 days. The funeral, conducted by T. P. Garland, of Needmore, took place on Wednesday following, and interment was made in the cemetery at Cedar Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Mellott have the sympathy of their many friends.

Mr. Cornelius Doyle, of Harrisburg, in sending a dollar to renew subscription, said "The NEWS is a very welcome visitor every Friday morning." The modest home newspaper plays a great part in the drama of life by going into the homes of former residents and talking to them about the old folks at home, or about what is going on there.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

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

Miss Mary J. Sloan returned home from Philadelphia last Saturday.

Dr. Campbell and family of New Grenada, spent the weekend with Mrs. Malissa Lodge, in this place.

Mrs. Lillie Peck and Miss Savannah Stevens, near Big Cove Tannery, were shoppers in town and callers at this office Tuesday.

Howard Shimer, of McKees Rocks, left for his home this week after having spent some time here with his mother, Mrs. James Shimer.

Mildred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hull, accompanied her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Zelma, to her home in Michigan last week where she will make her future home indefinitely.

Mr. James Linn, of Harrisburg, came to town last Saturday, and on Monday he accompanied his wife to their home. Mrs. Linn had been visiting her sister, Mrs. George A. Harris, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Huston, of Taylor township, were shopping in town Saturday. They also visited Mrs. Huston's aunt, Mrs. Morrow M. Kirk. Mr. Huston called at the NEWS office on business and said that it was two years since he was in town before. Always welcome, M. r. Huston.

Had Great Social.

Saturday evening Nov. 14th 1914 was an evening of mirth and good cheer in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hann of Saluvia, when fifty three of their neighbors and friends gathered to celebrate their birthdays and wedding day, namely 55 years, 54 years and the thirty-first anniversary of their wedding. Neighbors and those from a distance were; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Sipe Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Horton, and Mrs. Mary Batdorff and son Walter of Wells Tannery; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bair and son Max of Greenhill; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Laidig, Mr. and Mrs. John Mumma, Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Deckler, and daughter Clara, Mrs. Addie Hann, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hann and children Ellis and Clyde; Mrs. Margaret Mellott, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Melius and son Elmer; Mrs. Emory Hessler, Mrs. Ella Vittitow (nee Mann) of Colorado; Mrs. Leona Sipe, Misses Julia Mumma, Grace and Marie Hann, Carrie Mellott, Marion Hessler, Esta Desheng, Goldie Sipe, Pauline Hann, Mr. and Mrs. Clem E. Sipe and daughter Beatrice, Mrs. Harvey Strait, Ross Barton, Akersville; Simon Sower, Roy Berger, and Reuben Gibson of Pittsburgh; Frank Hill Warfordsburg; Carl Hann Edgar Hann, Master Orsion Mellott, Clyde Sponsler, and George Applegate. After refreshments were served congratulations extended and many useful presents given, the friends went home wishing the return of many happy birthdays for Mr. and Mrs. Hann.

No Institute.

Washington county, Md., will not have a teachers' institute this year. Instead, the teachers will be given the money they have been receiving to attend institutes, and they will have to attend some summer school approved by the State. There are some good arguments in favor of this move. Each teacher gets about \$25 to attend institute for four or five days and the County authorities have decided that this money can be spent to a much greater advantage to the county by sending the teachers to school for a period of several weeks. We are inclined to think that the directors are on the right track.