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The St. Paul Pioneer 'Press' recently sent printed inquiries to the members of the present Congress asking their views on the question of the division of Dakota and its admission as either two States or one. It has received replies from 76 members of the House, representing 27 States and including 58 Republicans and 18 Democrats, which indicate a strong probability of the passage of an enabling act admitting the Territory as one State after the next Presidential campaign, if such action will be acquesced in by the people of the Territory.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have a compulsory school law there are a great many children not only in cities and towns but in the country also, who scarcely know the meaning of education. They are not in school simply because of their distaste for school work and the indifference and negligence of parents who make no effort to compel them to attend. The law does not make it a special duty for any one to look after its enforcement. But every citizen, therefore, who has an interest in the welfare of society has a duty to perform in looking after the execution of the law. The men who have been honored with a place on the board of education should have an especial interest in the enforcement of this law. We cannot afford to have the rising generation grow up in ignorance, loitering about contracting vicious habits that lead to their own ruin, and make them pests to society and a danger to the nation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

SELINSGROVE, Pa Dec. 31 1887.

ED. POST.—It has been suggested that it would be quite appropriate to give public expression to our appreciation of the invaluable service rendered us in our late convention, by Prof. Paul Billhart. His high order of musical talent and culture is by no means overshadowed by his social excellence, gentlemanly deportment, and high moral character, which introduced him to our parlors, firesides and affections. Accomplished as a musician and gentleman, when he goes hence our best wishes will follow him. A word for Alvin Gift, for Schoch and Rhoades: Gentlemen, your namely deportment—the assistance rendered us commands our respect and esteem. On an early future day we will reciprocate.

IDA K.

Middle Creek.

Christmas passed by very quietly. The only event of note was that Mr. George Herbster, A. H. Ulsh's clerk, took unto himself another and better half in the person of Miss Emma L. Goss. May their future days be as bright and happy as were the past, is the wish of their many friends.

Quite a number of our young folks attended the teachers' institute last week.

Old Andy Ulsh is boss trapper; having caught 9 muskrats with two traps in three nights.

Miss Adda S. Kuepp was at home visiting her parents several days last week.

Miss Ida Yetter has left for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Shambach of Centre Co.

John Strauser has left for Perry Co. on a visit to his mother and friends.

Prof. O. B. Steely from Phila. was at home between Christmas and New Year, visiting his parents and friends.

Also Joseph Steely from Idaho is at home at present.

Oscar Shultz and wife spent last week with their friends at Selinsgrove.

J. O. Klingler hauled several loads of potatoes to Logan, last week, at 60 cents per bushel.

It is high time that some persons are more careful at the other end of this Twp, in dealing out whiskey to persons of known intemperate habits.

Remember the hunting season is over now.

On account of the unpleasant New Year's day, many had to stay away from the roasted turkeys.

REP.

The 30th Annual Session of the Snyder County Teachers' Institute assembled in the Court House at Middleburgh, Dec. 26, 1887, and continued until Friday, 12 o'clock.

Institute was called to order by Supt, Herman at 2:30 P. M. After devotional exercises by Rev. Orwig, the following officers were elected Vice President, A. M. Wonder, Secretary, H. K. Gregory, Assistent Secretary, W. F. Hughs, Treasurer, H. C. Haas. Roll was called and 100 teachers responded. Addresses were delivered by County Supt. Herman and Prof. Kelchner of Williamsport.

MONDAY EVENING SESSION

Opened with music by Middleburgh Band, Address of Welcome by Wm. Romig, response by A. M. Wonder. Music by Band. Prof. Kelchner delivered a lecture on 'A trip to the South.' Music by the Band.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Singing by the Inst. Devotional exercises by Rev. Spayd. Roll called and 102 teacher responded. Singing by the Inst. A paper was read by H K Gregory on 'objects of graded schools.' An address was delivered by I N Johns on 'A course of study for our schools.' Singing A M Wonder spoke on 'The necessity of adopting a course of study followed by Rev. Spayd, Prof. Moyer, John Straur, Henry Stettler, and Prof. Kelchner. Singing by the Inst. Mr. Johns made a motion to appoint two committees for the purpose of drawing up an outline of work for graded and ungraded schools. Singing. Adjournment.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing by the Inst. Roll call and 107 teachers responded. I. N. Johns talked on exhibition work, Prof Kelchner addressed the Inst. on reading. Singing by the Inst. Committees on courses of study were appointed, Prof. Harris was introduced, and spoke on the 'Earnestness of Teachers Work.' A. W. Wonder spoke on Latitude. Singing by Inst. Adjournment.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

Music by Middleburgh Band, Recitation, 'The Surgeon's Story' by Miss Carrie Walker.

Music by the band.

Prof. Harris lectured for nearly two hours on 'The Two Sides of a Dollar to a large and appreciative audience.

Music by the Band.

Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSIONS

Singing by the Institute; Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Wampole. Music by Institute. Roll called and 111 teachers responded. Prof. Kelchner talked on Reading. Prof. Albert discussed primary Arithmetic. Singing by Institute. Longitude and Time was ably discussed by Prof. Harris. Singing by the Institute. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with music by the Institute. Roll called and 112 teachers responded. Prof. Albert continued the Subject of Arithmetic. Prof. Harris presented the subject of 'Education and Labor" in a masterly manner.

Singing by the Inst. Prof. Kelchner spoke on 'Mistakes of Teachers." Col. Copeland was introduced, and humorously and earnestly talked on 'Nobility of the Teaching Profession Recitation by Eva K. Schoch. Singing by the Inst. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Music by the Middleburgh Band. Song by Miss Schoch. Music by Band. Col. Copeland lectured for nearly two hours, on 'Snobs and Snobbry.' Everybody pronounces this the best lecture that has been given before Inst, for many years. Recitation by Miss Schoch. Music by the Band. Adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Inst. was called to order at 9 o'clock. Music by the Inst. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Wampole. Music by Inst. 113 teachers answered to their names Prof Albert continued on Arithmetic. Music by the Inst. Prof. Kelchner continued on 'Mistakes of Teachers.' Instrumental music, by Messrs Kessler and Teats. Prof Lyte gave a very instructive talk on Grammer. Music. Adjournment

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Directors' Day. Inst. called at 1:30. Singing by Inst. Dr. Herman was elected chairman of Directors' Association. Supt. Herman submitted to the directors a schedule for ungraded schools. (The schedule will be printed next week.) The schedule was dicussed by Dr. Herman, Supt. and Shindle. The schedule was adopted by the directors. Dr. Lyte addressed the directors on the subject of 'Moral Training for children.' Music by Messrs Teats and Kessler. Rev. Wampole, Maj. Dill, and Adjournment.

The Institute was called to order by the Middleburgh Band. Recitation by Miss Walker. The subject of Literature was presented by H S Stetler. A committee on professional literature was appointed. Rev Klepfer lectured very acceptably on the subject, 'Genius.' Music by the Band. Adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Singing by the Inst. Roll call. A. M. Wonder, Eli Portelline, and G. W. Walburn were appointed a committee on arrangements at the unveiling of the Major Dill Monument. The election of members for permenent certificate committee resulted as follows: M I Potter, H S Stetler, Carrie Walker, Charles Noetling and A M Wonder. Prof Albert spoke on Primary Reading. Dr Lyte talked on Primary Language. Singing by the Institute. Prof Albert spoke on Physiology. [The schedule for graded schools will be published next week.] Closing remarks by the Superintendent in which he urged Local Institutes. Sully's Hand-Book of Physiology was recommended to teachers for the next year's reading.

The Institute adjourned to meet at the call of County Superintendent.

Phantom Visitors.

EDITOR POST:—Please say to your many patrons, that Beaver West Franklin, Beaver and Spring townships sent greetings to Middleburg on Saturday last, a truly jovial fantastic brigade in variegated colors, particularly the faces, mounted on war horses of various values, colors, and conditions in life, and up to the gentle long-eared mule with merciful heels—if they miss fire—when fired off—and in good order, and in the line of duty, as well drilled cavalry-men, paraded our streets and terrorized the boys and 77-year old ladies. The general roll was called and Tom Harter, editor POST, responded in the shape of a hideous monster not in Goldsmith's animated nature; Prothonotary Wittenmyer, Sheriff Middlesworth, Treasurer Seebold, Recorder Duck, Lawyer Gilbert, and last, but not least, ex-Sheriff Bolender was called—all responded, and the Adjutant, by some inadvertance, ordered the brigade back in line, with drawn sabres, in front of the Washington House, called for the ex-Sheriff, who made his appearance bare-headed, when they sent up a general hurrah, and bade the Sheriff a long life, happy new year, and a God speed. The Sheriff, in a magnificent courtesy as only school-marms can do up, and a wave of the right arm, as if he were shaking hands with a pump-handle with the thermometer at 40 below zero, waved the fantastic crowd good bye. ESTIS.

THE MASONS.

Lafayette Lodge of A. F. & A. M. located at Selinsgrove, is in a prosperous condition. It is receiving accessions of young men of character and standing, who, if they adhere to the pure principles of the order, may be mutually elevated by the association.

Last St. John's day was an occasion of more than usual interest with this Lodge. It was the time for the installation of the officers. This gave use to a series of instructive exercises in the lodge room, which lasted till near 9 o'clock in the evening. These ceremonies over, all were called off from labor to refreshment; and leaving the hall, they went to escort their wives and loved ones, with other invited guests, to the annual banquet. This was prepared in the capacious dining room of the Keystone Hotel. Mr. S. T. Frain, the proprietor, and his esteemed wife are veterans in the art of catering, and they had every thing done up in grand style. The bill of fare was extensive and elaborate and every item was prepared with exquisite taste. At the sound of Music from the orchestra, the line was formed and, to the number of sixty-nine, the ladies and gentlemen filed into the dining room and took their seats at tables richly set. Silence was called by the Master of the lodge, A. W. Potter Esq., and the divine blessings was invoked. Then amid the flutter of polite waiters and the strains of sweet music these brilliant guests did ample and appreciative justice to the elaborate collation. The banquet over, all retired, some to the parlor and some to the hall above stairs to spend the evening in enjoyments suited to their several tastes.

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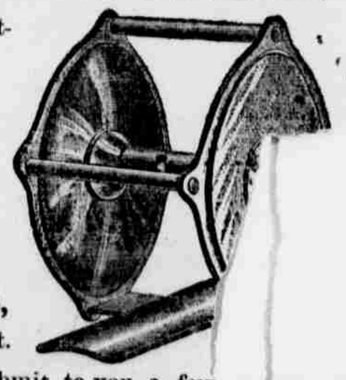

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