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CONDENSED NEWS.

Christmas month.  
Now for Christmas shopping.  
Skate dealers are anxious for cold  
weather.

Now is the time that Young America  
is looking after old jobs in order  
that he may earn money with which  
to purchase Christmas gifts.  
And now the wild and woolly foot-  
ballist can part with his hair and begin  
to look civilized again.  
The turkey that escaped Thanksgiving  
with its life will at once go into  
training to keep off the Christmas  
dinner table.

According to an old belief we will  
have twenty-nine snow storms the  
coming winter. The day of the month  
on which snow first falls in any  
season indicates the number of storms to  
be expected during the winter. The  
first snow fall was on October 23,  
hence twenty-nine snow storms can be  
looked for. But, even the ground log  
theory has been known to fail.

As a result of the hold-up scare in  
Harrisburg, over three hundred revolvers  
were sold in that city in a week.  
When the highwaymen get through  
with the town the citizens can save up  
the revolvers for the next event.

The deer hunting season closed on  
Saturday and now the monarch of the  
forest can roam about without a guardian  
for almost another year.  
The family man will soon be observed  
smoking home nights with mysterious-  
looking bundles under his star-board  
arm. Christmas comes on apace.  
Charles Rogers spent Sunday with  
relatives in Sunbury.

Well, here we are on the last lap of  
the year.  
Samuel Bailey is serving at the  
United States Court, Harrisburg, as a  
juror this week.

Miss Eva Schick and Miss Ada  
Heffer, of Sunbury, visited friends in  
this city on Sunday.

The sequel of the dying poker  
echoes and re-echoes over the hills  
these crisp mornings.  
In most of the Sunday Schools com-  
mittees are now at work on the ar-  
rangement of Christmas programs.

The present weather has a promise  
of winter in it.  
Braze Mingle, of Newport, Perry  
county, is visiting friends in this city.  
Mr. Mingle was a former Danville  
resident.

Make your home pleasant for the  
boys and girls, that the attraction of  
home will be greater to spend  
their leisure time than to be pro-  
ceeding the streets late at night. Many  
boys has gone astray because he was  
ade to sit on the woodbox in the  
itchen to read, while the parlor was  
set open only for strangers.

Miss Florence Connor, of Orange-  
ville, is visiting Miss Sara Wilson,  
in street.  
The Christmas feeling will now be  
sensibly cultivated. Look out for  
the Christmas ads.

In these days of hurry and bustle no  
angels from one store to another to  
ad out which one has what he wants  
buy. He consults the newspaper,  
as what store advertises what he  
wants, goes there, and makes his pur-  
chase. The man who advertises always  
sits patronage.

Good sleighing during the holidays  
could be enjoyed.  
Get out your furs and overcoats. A  
dive is on the way, though it  
ll not be of long duration. The  
lorado and Texas storms joined  
ives in their northwestern march,  
d have brought heavy rains and  
ads, or snow and wind, according  
the location of the country through  
which the storm passed.

FOR SALE—One E Flat Brass Bass  
ba. Short model. Length 30 inches.  
It sell at a bargain. Apply to C. H.  
es, 217 East Maining street.  
The "Flaming Arrow" at the Opera  
house tonight.

ing Coal is beginning to realize  
Santa Claus is giving him a hard  
se.  
arl Litz entertained a number of  
members of the Germania Verein  
restaurant on South Mill street  
Friday night "Hanson Peffer," an ap-  
ing German delicacy was served  
a most enjoyable evening spent.

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HORSE THIEF  
SENTENCED

Michael Katz, frequently under police surveillance here, who with Abram Burger was convicted of horse stealing at Bloomsburg, Tuesday, was sentenced yesterday noon, receiving the full penalty of the law—ten years in the Eastern Penitentiary at separate and solitary confinement. Burger, who had two offenses to answer for, was given a sentence of seventeen years in the penitentiary at separate and solitary confinement.

Katz and Burger were arrested in Snyder county on September 10th, by officers from Mt. Carmel. They were charged with the theft of two horses belonging to William Ratig and J. S. Levan, of Scott township, Columbia county.

Burger pleaded guilty of complicity in the theft of one of the horses. Katz pleaded not guilty. The latter was ably defended by Ralph Kiser of this city. Burger, charged with stealing Levan's horse, was put on trial and defended by E. J. Flinn of Centralia. Both were found guilty, the jury returning a verdict Tuesday night.

Katz operated about town as a junk dealer and was arrested some two or three years ago on suspicion, but was discharged for want of evidence. Burger, who served a term in Sunbury jail for horse stealing, is also known in Danville.

Another Large Congregation.  
Another large congregation assembled last night to hear the Evangelist Schiverea. The sermon was founded on Exodus, 30th chapter, 16th verse: "Who is on the Lord's side? let him come to me." The sermon was a strong appeal addressed to men and made a profound impression. It started out with the proposition that to be on the Lord's side is to be on the side of permanent joy, permanent prosperity, permanent happiness—the Lord's side is the safe side in life and the safe side in death.

Coming on the Lord's side involves three things: 1st, Forsaking the course of sin; 2nd, casting ourselves upon the mercy of God; 3rd, the simple act of faith in accepting Christ as Redeemer.

The evangelist for the first time during the series of meetings held at Danville after service, a large portion of the congregation remaining.

A Victim of Diphtheria.  
Alice, the five-year-old daughter of Charles Ashton, Cooper street, died last evening of malignant diphtheria. The attending physician first saw the child on Monday when the case was far advanced. The child will be buried this morning, the funeral being private, as required by the rules when death is caused by diphtheria or like infectious diseases.

There are four other children in the family, who, it is hoped may escape infection. Every precaution possible has been employed to prevent the spread of the disease.

Schiverea at the Store Works.  
The evangelist, Schiverea, yesterday noon addressed a big meeting at the Store Works, practically every employe being present. The best of good order prevailed and the speaker was treated with the utmost respect.

To-morrow the evangelist will address the employes at Curry & Vannan's between 12 o'clock and 12:30.

The Bible reading at the Mahoning Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon proved of a very practical and helpful nature.

The Bible reading this afternoon will take place at 3 o'clock. All are invited to be present.

License Court January 23.  
Licenses court for Montour county will convene on Friday morning, January 23, at nine o'clock. The court usually sets for the granting of licenses on the first Friday after the third Monday in January. All applications or new licenses or renewals must be advertised for four weeks. It is also necessary that the applicant's name be published along with the location of the property to be licensed. It is rumored that there will be several new applications.

Heptastoph Eleet Officers.  
The following officers were elected by Lotus Conclave, No. 137, L. O. H., last evening: Archon, John Richards; Provo, E. E. Peters; Prelate, F. M. Herrington; Secretary, C. G. Clond; Financier, W. L. McClure; Treasurer, E. W. Wetzel; Inspector, Charles White; Warden, John Kilgus; Sentinel, R. E. Murray; Trustees, W. O. Green, P. H. Forns and W. B. Gearhart. Representative to the Supreme Convention, E. W. Wetzel. Alternates, John Kilgus.

Invited Montour County Teachers.  
Dr. J. P. Welsh, of Bloomsburg, has extended through County Superintendent Derr, an invitation to the teachers of Montour county to join the annual Normal School excursion to Washington, D. C., on December 15th. Mr. Derr informed the teachers of the invitation yesterday afternoon.

New Oyster Wagon.  
A. M. Peters has received from Baltimore a novelty in the form of a wagon to be used in delivering oysters. It is fashioned after a pattern new in this city and to make it more unique it is painted white.

STRUCK BY  
SWITCH TARGET

H. S. Innis is a brakeman on extra freight No. 2134, eastbound, met with an accident near South Danville Sunday afternoon which obliged him to return to Sunbury. As the train approached the station a hot box was detected. Innis who was riding on the locomotive was watching the troublesome box and to get a good view was leaning far out of the window.

The train, which had an engine at each end, was running very fast. As it swept by siding No. 2 the brakeman's head struck a switch target. The blow was a severe one, but the force was somewhat broken by the brakeman's cap, which fell to the ground, while the brakeman himself bleeding and badly stunned fell back into the cab.

Innis soon recovered from the blow, when it was found that his worst injury consisted of an ugly scalp wound, which necessitated surgical treatment. He was unfit to continue on duty and was left off at the station where he took the 4:31 passenger train for Sunbury. He went to the Mary M. Packer Hospital.

The accident is one which frequently happens to railroaders. Notwithstanding the frequent warnings that occur even experienced railroaders forget themselves and expose themselves to terrible danger by leaning out the window. Innis is regarded as very fortunate, for had the blow been received on almost any other part of his head it would very probably have resulted in a broken neck.

Annual Election Saturday Night.  
The annual election of a Chief and four assistants of the Fire department of this city will be held on Saturday evening at the Friendship Engine House. Thomas Trainor, Jr., of the Continental Company for the office of Chief has no opposition so that his election seems assured.

The following are candidates for assistants: Edward Purpur, Friendship; Benjamin Lizzy, Washington Hose Co.; George Yerrick, Continental and John Jenkins, Goodwill.

The election will be held from 6:30 to 8 p. m. and will be under the supervision of the following: Chief James Freese; Secretary, John L. Jones, of the Friendship company, W. W. Davis, of the Washington Hose Company, Thomas Jacobs, of the Continental company and Dallas Hammer of the Goodwill company.

Business Directory of Pennsylvania.  
A state gazetteer or business directory is now being compiled which will contain the name of every city, town and village in the state, their population, location, railroad facilities, express companies, stage lines, character of industries, banking institutions, newspapers, churches, etc. A complete list of every firm or person in business as well as physicians, dentists, lawyers, clergymen and teachers, as well as other important features, making it a work of great value and the only medium open to the general public in a reference way.

The work will be issued from the Pittsburg office of R. L. Polk & Co., the largest directory firm in the world, publishers of ten directories of national scope, some twenty state gazetteers, among which are the city directories of Pittsburg and Allegheny, Altoona, Lancaster, York, etc. The position of this firm in the directory world has been attained through thoroughness in compilation, legitimate business methods, and their rule of never pay money to directory solicitors in advance of publication.

Appointed General Manager.  
The Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, recently appointed George D. Edmondson of this city as its General Manager in the Central Pennsylvania district. This district comprises twelve counties. Mr. Edmondson will have his headquarters at Allentown where his company is fitting up offices for him.

Twenty years ago Mr. Edmondson accepted a position as solicitor for the Mutual Life Insurance Company. After several years service he was appointed a special agent. For three years past he has been awarded the prize for writing the largest amount of insurance for his company in Pennsylvania. Mr. Edmondson's new appointment carries with it a large salary and commission.

Died at Danville Hospital.  
Mrs. Barbara E. Shipman, wife of John H. Shipman, of Sunbury, died at the State Hospital yesterday morning, of a complication of disease, superinduced by Bright's disease. Mrs. Shipman was first stricken on the 27th of June last and was brought to the Danville hospital on the 17th of November last. Her age was 70 years, 7 months and 11 days. She is survived by a husband and two daughters, Miss Edith and Miss Cora. The remains were taken to Sunbury yesterday.

Congressman Billmeyer.  
On Monday one crew of firemen left for Fort Worth, Texas. Four have returned to New York, one to Omaha, Neb., and the others to St. Louis, Mo. One crew will be retained for repair work.

Only three weeks until Christmas.

THE SIEGE  
OF PEKIN

The announcement that Mrs. Game-well, a returned missionary was to speak in St. Paul's M. E. church Sunday morning on a large congregation. Mrs. Game-well told a thrilling story and told it well. Being one who passed through and was consequently an eyewitness in one of the most prolonged and terrible sieges of modern times the discourse possessed an absorbing interest, the eloquence and the graphic language of the speaker bringing the congregation almost face to face with the stirring scenes she described.

The reading public are familiar with the Boxer uprising in 1900 and in a general way with the siege of Pekin. Neither is it news to learn that there were warring factions in China—that the Empress Dowager with the Imperial army at her command was in league with the Boxers and that the secret object of the uprising was the total annihilation of all foreigners. It remained, however, for Mrs. Game-well to describe the life behind the barricades in detail, the sum total of privation and suffering and the full horror of those two long months when only a handful of 400 soldiers stood between the missionaries and a horde of frenzied pagans thirsting for their massacre.

The speaker emphasized the fact that throughout the entire siege every development tended to show the hand of an overruling Providence. Time and again they stood face to face with what seemed to be inevitably the end, but at the last moment something intervened to save the imprisoned legations. On one occasion during a high wind a conflagration was started with the object of burning out the foreigners. The flames were driven on to the very threshold of the legations and all hope seemed to be at an end when the wind providentially veered, not only saving the legations but driving the flames in another direction where several large buildings were laid in ashes which previously had constituted a vantage ground for the enemy. Such fires started by the besiegers were of very frequent occurrence and those within the legations only saved themselves by the most heroic efforts, the women as well as the men assisting to carry water to quench the fires as it ate into the outlying buildings.

Several thousand people, ranked as foreigners or their sympathizers, the latter being Christian converts, representing sections of different nationalities were crowded in the legations and the problem of food became a serious one. Mule and horse meat were staples, but even food of this repellent sort would have been exhausted had not one of the missionaries been providentially led to an abandoned warehouse near the firing line where a big store of rice was found. In the same way a lot of wheat was discovered later, as well as a mill with which to grind it.

Mrs. Game-well says the Christians were wonderfully sustained by their religious faith. Otherwise they could not have withstood the horrors of the long siege. The crack of musketry was incessant and shot and shell were flying over and about them. But in any privacy, huddled together like sheep in pen, man and woman fell asleep from sheer exhaustion, only to be awakened later by louder firing or the concussion of the earth as some shell exploded near.

Mrs. Game-well regards the siege of Pekin as illustrating not only the depth to which a nation not Christianized can descend, although learned and civilized, but also that there is urgent need of renewed and redoubled missionary work in China.

700 Miles Run in Two Weeks.  
The Pennsylvania Railroad can at any time move take its wires from the Western Union Telegraph Company and the latter will still do business at the old stand. A. F. Kelley, representative of Superintendent E. M. Mulford, of New York, and General Foreman of Construction Daniel Roth of Buffalo, state that all new wires to take the place of all Pennsylvania wires are ready for service whenever orders come from New York to take them. By midnight Sunday every wire had been tested and all but two were in good working order.

The extent of the work of the Western Union is shown by the number of wires run to Conkey, twelve from that place to Danville and three to Sunbury, and seven from Sunbury to Northumberland. Going west thirteen were run to Lock Haven and ten from there to Butler. The wires are all 210-pound copper ones.

Foreman Roth can feel proud of the quick work done. In two weeks, between Williamsport and Danville and Sunbury 700 miles of wires were strung and 4,000 cross arms put in place.

To obtain the right of way for their wires the company had to pay large amounts; \$25,000 will be left in this territory, says Mr. Kelley. Twenty gangs were employed, a total of 300 men, and thirty teams, besides four men and their chief, from New York, to make tests.

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PERSONAL  
PARAGRAPHS

Miss Ella Meyer, of Berwick, is visiting relatives in Danville.

William Kasner of Berwick, spent Sunday in this city.

Howard Clark of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clark, South Danville.

John Eyerly of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday with his family in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mills, of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday at the home of Charles Mills, West Mahoning street.

Leonard Foulk, of Berwick spent Sunday in this city.

John Messner, of Sunbury, spent Sunday in this city as a guest at the Manstone homestead, Bloom street.

Miss Tillie and Grace Ricketts spent Sunday with Catawissa friends.

Hugh Bennett, of Northumberland, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bennett, Church street.

Mrs. Richard Metherell and son, Gomer, spent Sunday with relatives at Berwick.

Thomas Morris, of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday in this city.

Miss Katharine Sharpless, of Catawissa, visited friends in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Arthur Myerly, of South Danville, left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Pittsburg.

Harry Mitchell, of Berwick, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

George D. Edmondson left for Allentown yesterday morning.

C. C. Vetter, Esq., of Bloomsburg was in Danville yesterday.

Walter Keiner, of Philadelphia, spent yesterday in this city.

Rosse Edmondson was in Berwick yesterday.

James McHenry, of Benton transacted business in this city yesterday.

Mrs. George D. Payne and daughter, Miss Lillian, left yesterday morning for New York City where they will take up their residence.

Miss Edith E. Keller and Miss Verda Correll, of Bloomsburg, are attending Institute in this city this week.

Miss May Levan, of Milton, is visiting friends in this city.

William Waite, of Sugar Notch, is visiting his brother, John G. Waite, Perry street.

Harry Stahl, of Sunbury, is on a business trip to South Danville yesterday.

Miss Ida Gallagher left yesterday for a visit with friends in Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

Mrs. M. E. Brackman left for Millville, Sullivan county, yesterday after a visit at the home of William Hauck, Grand street.

Grant Sowers made a trip to Berwick yesterday.

Mrs. William Bowyer and son, James, are visiting relatives in Sunbury.

Mrs. W. F. Zell, of Washingtonville, returned yesterday from a visit with relatives in Sunbury.

Mrs. K. Williams, of Sunbury, spent yesterday with friends in this city.

Mrs. Charles Morgan, of Wheeling, W. Va., arrived in this city last evening for a visit with the Misses Bassett, Mill street.

Harry Esterbrook came up from Sunbury last evening.

Miss Helen Ramsey returned from a visit to Philadelphia, last evening.

FACE TO FACE  
WITH DEATH

Ira Maupin, foreman of a telegraph gang, who missed his footing on the top of a fifty foot pole Sunday, saved himself by a most remarkable feat, which consisted in clutching one of the lower arms of the pole as he plunged head-first downward.

Mr. Maupin's gang of firemen for several days past have been at work putting up cable boxes, rearing the poles, etc. It was while assisting at this work about 5 o'clock Sunday eve, that the foreman climbed to the top of the cable pole on Mill street near the D. L. & W. crossing. The falling snow, which clung to the arms of the pole, made it difficult to keep a foothold.

In tightening one of the bars he found it to his advantage to lean forward with his stomach pressing upon the topmost arm and his head hanging downward. While in this position his foot slipped and unable to balance himself on his narrow support he fell downward head-first.

The man realized his peril and in an instant saw how he might save himself. Below him was a cable; he might be able to grasp it in passing, but before he reached it actuated more by instinct than reason he threw out his hands and succeeded in seizing one of the lower arms. For a few moments he swung like a pendulum in midair forty feet above the earth, but he finally succeeded in swinging his legs around the pole and getting a firm hold.

Mr. Maupin stated later that it was one of the closest calls that he ever experienced. As he plunged downward he said he gave up everything as lost and will never forget the emotions that passed through his mind. In his efforts to save himself he felt like a drowning man grasping at a straw.

South Swept by a Furious Gale.  
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 3.—The advent of winter in the South Atlantic and Gulf states, Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri, was accompanied by general rains and in some localities high winds, which worked considerable damage to property and resulted in the fatal injury of at least two persons.

The storm was particularly severe before daylight. All communication southwest from Memphis has been interrupted, and every other telegraph center reports a disturbed condition of the regular circuits.

In some sections the rainfall has been followed by clearing and colder weather, with a continuance of high winds.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 3.—A severe windstorm swept the western suburbs of this city just before daylight. The house occupied by Prof. John Denier, a brother of "Tony" Denier, the clown, and his family was blown down and three persons hurt. Denier was bruised and cut about the head and fatally injured. Mrs. Denier suffered serious injuries.

Prof. Denier is an old theatrical man, like his brother—a circus clown, tightrope walker and all-around athlete, known all over the United States.

The wind prostrated trees and fences in various parts of the city, and telegraph and telephone wires are down in every section.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 3.—A destructive wind storm swept over north Mississippi and western Tennessee early this morning, causing considerable loss of property. No fatalities are reported. The velocity of the wind reached a maximum of 52 miles an hour. Reports from the surrounding country say heavy damage to telegraph and telephone wires has been experienced. Communication with southern points is in a demoralized condition.

At Memphis several small boats in the harbor suffered damage, the smoke stacks of two steamers having been destroyed by the force of the gale.

The storm followed the river from the south, and its effects were not felt in Arkansas and Texas.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 3.—A severe snow storm reached here today and is moving south before a high wind. The temperature has fallen to zero.

Married.  
On November 22, at the parsonage of the Reformed Church, Strawberry Ridge, Pa., Mr. John D. Sees, of Montour Co. and Miss Eva May Sechler, of Northumberland County, by Rev. Jos. W. Bell.

On November 26, at the same place, and by the same, Mr. Anos Schenck, of Hardford Co., Maryland, and Miss Hannah M. Sechler, of Montour Co., Pa.

On November 29, at the same place, and by the same, Mr. Rush Shaffer, of Washingtonville, Pa., and Miss Jessie A. Heller, of Columbia County, Pa.

Fatalities of Foot Ball Season.  
It may interest followers of the sport and others interested in it to learn that during the foot ball season just closed there were twelve fatalities as the result of injuries sustained in foot ball games. About seventy players were seriously injured during the season.

Quiet Day Services.  
During the Advent season Christ Episcopal congregation will observe Quiet Day services, Friday, December 12, will be the date. The preacher for this occasion will be the Rev. H. R. Sargent, O. H. C.

THE COUNTY  
INSTITUTE

The Montour county Teachers' Institute convened in the High School room Monday afternoon, County Superintendent C. W. Derr presiding. The attendance was quite large for the first day, sixty-eight out of the eighty-one teachers of the county being enrolled.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Harry Curtin Hartman. The teachers were welcomed to the county seat by Ralph Kiser, Esq., in a brief but very felicitous address.

Two excellent talks were given Monday afternoon. Professor Albert of the Bloomsburg Normal School occupied the first period on "Fundamental Principles in Teaching." He dwelt upon the importance of general information, which can only be acquired by a wide range of reading. With him it was a question whether teachers are doing their whole duty in this respect and he said he would like to have a glimpse at the private libraries of many of them just to see how many books have been added during the year.

He dwelt very entertainingly on the development of the child's mind under the various and often conflicting influences exerted upon it, first by the mother, then the father, by playmates, by relatives, by the street and lastly by the school.

He enlarged upon the subject of "method" and "device" marking the distinction between the two which are often erroneously used interchangeably. A "device" he defined as something used to enlighten or make a method clear.

Professor Albert does not believe in the absolute uniformity of method. What a person of phlegmatic temperament can use to advantage may prove unsuited to a person of nervous temperament. Even the much-abused old a, b, c, method he thought might be tolerated where the teacher had demonstrated her ability to get admirable results by that way of teaching.

Professor Dietrick professed his talk with a few general remarks during which he stated that in his visits to county institutes this year he is gratified to find a more professional spirit than what was probably common in former years. He said that many teachers seem inclined to grasp at little in the line of pure amusement or entertainment but there was much solid work done. Professor Dietrick took as his subject "The Thinking Shop." By this he refers to the instruments of a child's mind, brain, nervous system, etc. In this he took care to draw the distinction. Mind is not brain, although the two are strangely linked together. Under this head he alluded to the misconceptions of ancient times, when the seat of the mind and soul was thought to be in the heart, stomach or in other parts of the body.

He insisted that teachers be thorough in their work with this "workshop" of the child's mind, as whatever enters into the mind must pass through it. It is just as reasonable for an electrician to try to secure good results without a knowledge of the power house as for a teacher to do successful work without a knowledge of a child's brain and nervous system.

The music, which is under the direction of Professor Cogswell, is a very enjoyable feature of the institute, the entire institute joining in the singing. Miss Elfriede Weiss officiated at the piano.

TUESDAY'S SESSION.  
The second day of the county institute brought out a large attendance. All the teachers of the county were present with the exception of three, while many citizens, patrons of the schools and others interested in educational matters dropped in during the day to witness the proceedings.

Mr. Corson's place was filled by Superintendent Coughlin of Wilkesbarre, who occupied the last period of the forenoon with a practical talk on the subject of "Arithmetic," dwelling especially on language in its relation to arithmetic, preparation for advanced work concrete methods, etc. Citing an instance in bank discount he showed that the language employed in preparing a check may be beyond the comprehension of the pupil even though he be familiar with the principles and the methods involved. Such problems turning up in reviews and examinations are apt to prove a great stumbling block to pupils and to keep down their averages below what they are expected to attain. He urged teachers to give more attention to language—to be sure that pupils understand all the terms and to keep the mind of the child active on the thought side.

Superintendent Coughlin advocates concrete methods for beginners and ridiculed the old-fashioned drill in the multiplication and other tables as a sheer waste of time and contributing not at all to the development of the child's mind. Thus instead of giving a child abstract numbers, as "4 plus 2 are 6," which he is apt to re-cite mechanically, he should be given something in the concrete form as "four apples plus two apples are six apples."

In the afternoon Mr. Coughlin took the place of Prof. Albert continuing the subject of Arithmetic.

Prof. Dietrick's highly instructive talks on the brain and brain development had had the effect of directing the thought of the teachers in a comparatively new channel. His talk Monday afternoon on "Brain

Cultivation" was especially edifying and from the interest displayed by the institute it is evident that the teachers realize that in order to do full justice to the pupils entrusted to their training it will be necessary for them to direct their studies into the special domain of science opened up by Professor Dietrick, or in other words to more thoroughly familiarize themselves with "the thinking shop" of the boy or girl.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.  
Professor W. W. Dietrick, of the Kutztown Normal School, bid adieu to the county institute yesterday morning with a fine discourse on "The Great Thing in Education." Superintendent Coughlin continued his talk on "Arithmetic," while Professor Cogswell, who has charge of the music of the institute, gave another excellent talk.