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WAYNE SCHOOL DIRECTORS HOLD 15th CONVENTION

Over One Hundred Wayne Co. School Directors Register at Opening Session Friday Afternoon---Dr. Howerth on "Public Health."

OFFICERS ELECTED AT SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—ADDRESS DELIVERED BY JUDGE A. T. SEARLE AND F. P. KIMBLE, ESQ.—DR. A. J. SIMONS MAKES REPORT ON STATE CONVENTION — DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS OF UNIVERSAL INTEREST—NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING.

One hundred and two school directors of Wayne county registered, Friday afternoon, when the opening session of the Fifteenth annual convention was called to order by the President, R M. Stocker, at 1:45 o'clock in a few well chosen remarks. The first speaker on the program was Dr. I. W. Howerth, of Chicago University, Chicago, Ill., who spoke on the problem of "Public Health." In part he said:

"There are several subjects of common interest to us. You are trying to change your school laws and modify your system. We are doing the same thing in Illinois. I was the secretary of the Educational Commission in my state, and I know something of the work and the difficulty of securing a modification in the school system.

"One of the greatest movements in Modern Education is the movement in the direction of a more conscientious and careful attention to the welfare of school children. In Massachusetts they have laws providing for medical inspection. In Vermont they have similar laws. In twenty states they are trying to secure such legislation. There is medical inspection in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Reading."

Dr. Howerth gave a succinct account of the great plagues of history, and of the manner in which they were handled or mishandled. Coming down to our own days, and discussing the maladies that flesh is heir to, he said among other things:

"Our Dear Old Friend, Mr. Fly."

"Wherever there is an epidemic of typhoid fever there is great ignorance on the part of the people or great neglect on the part of the authorities. Typhoid is not merely caused by contaminated water. It is transmitted by the house fly. As a boy I wondered why the fly was created. I remember reading that Martin Luther thought all things were created for some beneficent purpose. He came to the conclusion finally, after much thinking, that 'flies were created by the Devil to annoy men with bald heads.' One of the greatest enemies of the fly has said "swat the fly and swat him early in the season." A single house fly will lay 128 eggs, and in a single season will produce four sextillions of descendants.

What To Do With Mr. Fly.

"A little girl saw a fly on her hand. 'Poor little fly,' she said, poor little fly. Nobody loves you but God. I guess you'd better go to God'—and killed the fly.

"Children may inherit a predisposition to consumption. Tuberculosis is a germ disease. Every single germ may be stamped out of existence by the application of intelligence. Out of every ten people who die in the United States, one dies of consumption. There should be no spitting in public places. If a consumptive spits in a public place he may be the unconscious murderer of other people. The directors should see to it that every little school has a 'bubble' fountain. See to it that the child is built up to resist the little germs all about us. You teachers ought to raise the windows every hour and let the children roam around the room.

"There are some dangers connected with medical inspection. But the child who comes to school with adenoid growths is handicapped in his efforts to get an education. We call him a dull child perhaps. And yet the teacher that calls a child a 'blockhead' is a 'blockhead' himself and oughtn't to be allowed in the school room.

"We have discovered that disease is not merely a visitation of the Deity upon the people for their sins. Wherever there is a disease, there is a cause.

"See that the children have pure water, pure food and fresh air. Traveling through Kansas, I tried in vain to find the cup to get a drink. I asked the porter "What has become of the cup?" "I had to put it away,' he said, "we are traveling through Kansas." You have to have your individual communion cup in Kansas to get a drink of water.

"Every child is a public asset. He is worth so much to society. A school director is a public servant. The director who pushes the movements looking to the health of the child—future generations will rise up and call him blessed. Devote yourselves to laying the foundations of individual and social character. Lofty character must rest on the physical well-being of the men and women as its basis. Its perpetuity will all depend upon this physical foundation."

Mr. Stocker's Address.

R. M. Stocker said in part: "That an education was more than a commercial asset. That an educated man should have high ideals. No man rises above his ideals. An educated man lives more in one day than an ignorant man lives in a year. His powers of appreciation are increased and he can enjoy more than the man whose powers are undeveloped. Neither do we educate boys in order that they can get a living without work, but we educate them that they may be more efficient in their work. One of the institute workers spoke of four boys—"three of them succeeded, one obtained a high office, another became worth $50,000,000, etc. The other, while working with his hoe, wondered why he had not done as well." I thought perhaps the man with the hoe was the greatest success of either of the four, judged by any right standard. That man is the greatest success who does the most for his fellowmen. The Great Teacher took a little child and set him in the midst and said he that would be greatest of all let him be servant of all. History, a few years ago, was not much but an account of monarchs and great military heroes, but less and less space is being given to war and more to the history of the people every year. We must teach the rising generation of children to perform their duty wherever they are placed. School directors should do their duty by the schools under their care."

List of Directors Present.

These directors registered Friday afternoon:

Milton A. Tuthill, Canaan; Walter Anderson, Manchester; John E. Haley, Prompton; John J. H. Killgallen, Texas township; Frank A. Brunner, Texas; E. J. Marks, Texas; E. D. Bunnell, Dyberry; J. E. Lockwood, Canaan; Wm. Scully, Canaan; Wm. Richard, Cherry Ridge; George L. Bates, Prompton; Charles J. Yatha, Atco; F. C. Brill, Oregon; John H. Brill, Oregon; Frank R. Olmsted, Paupack; A. J. Wilcox, Clinton; M. J. Shanley, Clinton; G. W. Hauenstein, Clinton; F. W. Bunting, Clinton; C. H. Pethick, Bethany; Ira E. Bryant, Dyberry; J. E. Henshaw, Dyberry; E. Egan, Dyberry; Thomas J. Hoar, Dyberry; George E. Ehrhardt, Dyberry; I. J. Many, Bethany; F. F. Smith, White Mills; John Troop, White Mills; Joseph Neville, Hollisterville; William Rosener, Hollisterville; William Eberlein, Holisterville; F. F. Conrad, Hollisterville; John W. Thomas, J. P. Flynn, H. W. Decker, Joe Fitzsimmons, F. M. Woodmansee, J. E. Holbert, Starlight; J. J. Perham, Pleasant Mount; S. B. Doyle, Pleasant Mount; O. F. Bowen, Pleasant Mount; I. S. Brown, Starrucca; C. T. Glover, Starrucca; Andrew Koehler, Starrucca; Lucian Brink, Fred Saunders, Berlin; J. F. Warfield, Buckingham; E. W. Chapman, Buckingham; T. F. Dunn, Mt. Pleasant; George Beehn, Newfoundland; H. A. Bennett, Bethany; John E. Henderson, Bethany; Grant Hawley, Lookout; Bert Gillow, Lookout; C. A. Hicks, Berlin; Peter Switzer, Cherry Ridge; S. R. Crane, Paupack; G. E. Perkins, Waymart; R. E. Randall, Waymart; R. W. Hull, Waymart; John Courtney, Gouldsboro; Dr. C. E. Eilenberger, Gouldsboro; Aaron Black, Lake; Asa F. Jones, Salem; A. N. Patterson, Salem; R. E. Sargent, Honesdale, R. D. No. 1; A. W. Eno, Seelyville; Ed. E. Welsch, Seelyville; William H. Wood, Prompton; A. T. Sluman, Laurella; B. F. Blake, Bethany; D. E. Manning, Bethany; F. C. Schoell, Honesdale; Fred LaParnt, Texas; William H. Pragnell, Honesdale; C. Hetzel, South Canaan; J. Leslie Vail, Lebanon; F. H. Ridd, Lebanon; H. R. Samson, Lake township; S. L. Glover, Starrucca; L. D. Fielding, So Canaan; Arthur J. Simons, Mt. Pleasant; J. L. Buck, Starrucca; Peter Knox, Prompton; A. T. Searle, Honesdale; A. M. Leine, Honesdale; C. W. Graser, Dreher; James F. Moylan, Cherry Ridge; William Melody, Cherry Ridge; F. H. Crockenberg, Cherry Ridge; E. R. Bodie, Prompton; E. E. Smith, Siko; F. L. Hartford, Sterling; R. B. Simons, Sterling; W. B. Lesher, Sterling; W. E. Hafles, Sterling; R. R. Stevens, Sterling; Heenan Cale, Braman; Robert Whittaker, South Sterling.

Saturday Morning.

The Saturday morning session of the Wayne County School Directors' Association opened at 9 o'clock with President R. M. Stocker in the chair. The minutes of last year's meeting were read and approved.

Some discussion followed on the apparent loss of the "by-laws," their present location not being known. President Stocker suggested that he could find out perhaps by looking up the newspaper files.

The annual election of officers was then held, and resulted as follows: President, Harry Atkinson, Hawley; secretary, A. M. Leine, Honesdale; treasurer, Fred Saunders, Honesdale; vice-presidents, Thomas Dunn, Mt. Pleasant; Dr. C. E. Eilenberger, Gouldsboro. Five delegates were elected to the State Convention. They are: E. R. Bodie, Prompton; R. B. Simons, Sterling; James F. Mahlin, Mt. Pleasant; Robert Whittaker, Dreher; W. B. Lesher, Sterling.

Dr. A. J. Simons, Newfoundland, gave an interesting report on the last State Convention. One of the speakers at that convention said, "Take sufficient time to build your school house. Build substantially. Get an architect. Have ample cloak room."

Hon. Alonzo T. Searle, President Judge of Wayne county, delivered the first address. In part he said:

"Besides being a school director to-day, I am here as a representative of the 300 men who have sat on the Judge's bench. Every Judge has been at some time a school director."

Judge Searle related a number of interesting anecdotes about some of the men who have worn the ermine in Wayne county. "Judge Porter," he continued, "in sentencing a young man to prison, said: "I trust young man you'll spend some time in the penitentiary cursing whisky which brought you here." "Yes, Your Honor, I will and Porter too."

"Judge Purdy was an honest judge and meant to be fair to every man."

Judge Searle said in the course of his remarks that he came here in 1881; that he helped to organize the directors' association, and acted as its first president.

"The school directors," he went on, "ought to direct and take charge of the school. Do not be led by public clamor. Do what you think is right regardless of public clamor. Do your duty as you know it and trust to the end to come out right." (Applause.)

"I'd advise you to read the school laws carefully. Choose a teacher, and when you choose one make the first requisite CHARACTER, the second, CHARACTER and the third, CHARACTER. The County Superintendent will take care of the educational qualifications.

"In the choice of teachers you want one to whom you could trust your child, for a teacher either damns or makes a child through time and eternity.

"Look to the school room. See that the school room is kept clean and orderly and well-ventilated. Have two thermometers in the room. Have the flag planted on every school house in Wayne county, so that every boy may be inspired to patriotism. Look out for the supplies. See that they are gotten and kept on hand. Visit the schools. The law says you must visit them once a month. I visited the schools once a month, as a director, and I am a very busy man. You may say I am not acquainted with what is taught here? That don't make any difference. You can see whether the teachers are doing what they ought to do, whether they are keeping order or not, whether the children are neat and clean.

"One of your duties is to look after the boys outside of the school. If a boy or girl is going wrong, try to see if you can't straighten them out. The saddest thing I have had to do is to send a fourteen-year-old boy to the House of Correction. Teach the boys the value of time, teach them to do something—to work.

"I would have every boy taught to do some work, not that he may make money, but because idleness is a sin.

"A boy oughtn't to be paid for everything. If he does fifty cents' worth of work pay him just that much. The value of a $1 and of a $1 worth of services is the best thing for any boy to learn.

"'Times are not as good as they used to be,' people sometimes say. Before every election the country is going to the demnition bows. After the election we find out that there are a whole lot of pretty good fellows.

Judge Searle read an interesting poem on "Bethany in 1820." "Bethany is improving," he continued; "Wayne county is improving. Our schools, farms and roads are improving. With the telegraph and the telephone and rural free delivery, home life in Wayne county is improving. The country is growing better. It is for you directors to aid in the good work.

"The rarest kind of good citizenship is that which goes along, willing to do their duty every day. Make your boys contented so that they will not be running away to the city. Make this county, with her farms and lakes and babbling brooks, and mountain tops, one of the finest and best places, one of the happiest and best counties in the whole State of Pennsylvania."

F. P. Kimble, Esq., delivered a strong address in which he made some startling statements:

General discussion was opened by the president, and after a free expression of views, the convention adjourned at noon.

Mr. Kimble's Address.

Directors of Wayne County:

When your chairman asked me, a few days ago, to speak for a few minutes to the directors, I readily assented; not that I have any new theory to offer, but because of my interest in the good cause of public education. If we rightly appreciate the enormous consequences that result from combined efforts of those in charge of the public school system, even for a single year, none of us can fail to be impressed with the responsibility of the office of director. With school property in the state exceeding $96,000,000 in value, with 34,628 schools to be supplied with teachers, and with the annual payment to these teachers of over $19,500,000, we can scarcely comprehend the great burden resting on those in charge of running the public educational system of our state.

Having taught in my early days, and since served as school director for over fifteen years, I have learned to appreciate the services of directors and always gain inspiration from this collective body.

No question for solution to-day is fraught with greater consequences than the question of education of our future citizens. Any discussion among educators, of ways and means, and of intelligent methods for the promotion of the efficiency of the educational system, is worthy of our earnest consideration.

Chiefly then we should enquire into the motive that actuates us as directors. Have we broad conceptions of the responsibility and dignity of the office? And are we all keeping before our vision high ideals of the results to be attained?

Dr. J. P. Wickersham, late Superintendent of Public Instruction in Pennsylvania, in the latter part of his career, was elected to the office of school director, and was wont to say to his friends, that he had just been elected to the highest office in the gift of his constituents. The

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For a Merrier Christmas

FLORENCE KELLEY, general secretary of the Consumer's League, the organization which has done so much to better the conditions under which women and children work in factories and stores, appeals to all women in Honesdale to start their Christmas shopping early and thus relieve the nerve-racking tension which has always prevailed the week before Christmas.

Will you cut out this pledge, sign it and pin it up somewhere in plain view—where you can't help seeing it?

I HEREBY SOLEMNLY PLEDGE MYSELF
That I will do MY share to relieve the terrible crush of Christmas shopping by making all of my Christmas purchases on or

before Dec.....1910.

(Signed) .....

If you women of Honesdale do this and live up to your pledges you will make Christmas mean much more to many hearts this year.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER.

THANKSGIVING

Reasons Assigned by People who are in the Public Eye for Giving Thanks--Past Year One of Prosperity----Work for All Who Want It.

SOME THINGS YET TO BE DESIRED TO FILL THE CUP OF BLESSING TO ITS BRIM--1910 A BANNER YEAR FOR THE MAPLE CITY.

1. What special reasons, as an individual, do you have for giving thanks this year?

2. What special reasons, as a community, do we have for giving thanks?

3. Where will you spend Thanksgiving?

A number of well-known residents of Honesdale were asked these questions by a representative of the CITIZEN Monday morning. Their replies, numbered accordingly, are given below. The list might have been much extended, but the reporter was unfortunate in finding that a good many men were attending bank directors' meetings, out of town, or otherwise engaged.

Mayor John Kuhbach, who is in the second year of his successful administration of the affairs of the municipality, when seen, said:

1. "That's rather a hard question. There are so many things to be thankful for. Well, I tell you, to be well and have your family well and business prosperous. That ought to be enough, personally, hadn't it?"

2. "Well, as a community, we certainly have special reasons. The business of Honesdale is in a good, healthy, prosperous condition. Any man, woman, young woman or girl can find employment. The prosperity is shown by the fact that new families moving in can hardly find a place to reside. We are free from epidemics and diseases generally. The laws in the borough in regard to peace and good order are observed very closely. We have a High school and corps of teachers second to none, a new Armory building, a hospital practically assured, and a number of new industries starting with energetic young men in charge who are bound to succeed.

3. "At home."

District Attorney M. E. Simons granted the reporter an interview. In reply to the interrogations he said:

1. "Oh, I don't know. I got a good many."

2. "I don't know anything better than the general health of the community, which is excellent at this time."

3. "At home."

'Squire Robert A. Smith had these replies to make:

1. "I have none. I believe in giving thanks always. I always celebrate Thanksgiving.

2. "For all prosperity, for everything that happened and was done. Of course there are some things. Since November 1 we have been having bad weather for November. Still we had a nice Fall."

3. "We always have a family Thanksgiving dinner."

County Detective N. B. Spencer said:

1. "My family and myself enjoy the best of health."

2. "That the town is in the most prosperous condition it has been in many years. The poor man has a chance to earn his daily bread. There is chance for every man who is willing to work."

3. "At home."

Prothonotary M. J. Hanlan:

1. "It was a successful year for me indeed. Prosperous year for the entire country; abundant crops; unprecedented prosperity."

2. "The prosperity of Honesdale, with the exception of our strike, it was one of the most prosperous years in the history of the borough. There has been a building boom in the town."

3. "I will spend Thanksgiving with my mother, Mrs. Ann Dillon, White Mills. It is an annual affair. My family go with me, and Miss Emma Ferber and Robert A. Ferber also."

W. H. Lee, Esq., had this to say:

1. "For the kind Providence of a loving Father, that has crowned the year with fair health and happiness to myself and loved ones."

2. "For the many opportunities whereby increased knowledge was obtainable, better fitting me for the duties of the present life and for that which is to come."

3. "That all my kindred are permitted to join the nation in giving thanks for these and unnumbered blessings that have come to us and them."

"That they are blessed with so many and excellent churches, where intelligent, consecrated preachers have unremittingly and fearlessly attacked wrongs and wickedness in all places, have encouraged the weak comforted the sick and hard bestead, pointed lovingly the unredeemed to their Savior and urged, with all their manhood, their acceptance of the only Redeemer.

"That the city fathers are no worse than their predecessors, although "they have done the things they ought not to have done and have left undone the things they ought to have done and there"—is nothing but mud for us to walk in, even on the crossings. They might have burdened us with taxes and debt, in order that the owners of real estate on Main street should have their properties advanced in value at the expense of the remaining property owners. In short, they have kindly worked their help, paid a part of the debt, and permitted us to slumber quietly. When persons duly elected to the offices of the borough shall put the same energy, vim, careful business calculation into their official actions as has crowned their private affairs, we shall hope upon some future occasion to have much more to encourage us to give thanks as a community."

3. "Expect to be at home on Thanksgiving day."

Judge A. T. Searle said:

"I am thankful for contentment, friends, and health. The county has not suffered from floods and despite the dry weather has enjoyed general plenty and prosperity. I shall spend Thanksgiving in Honesdale."

Emerson W. Gammell, Register and Recorder, said:

"That there were not as many mortgages filed this year as usual. A good many mortgages have been satisfied. The farmers," he continued, "are in pretty good circumstances compared with what they used to be."

Charles A. McCarty, Esq., has the following good reasons for being thankful:

1. There are so many reasons why I should be thanwful, that I find it difficult to specify. Perhaps the greatest are, continuous good health, daily increasing business and prosperity, and the feeling that I have added at least some new friends to those I had a year ago, without the loss of any of the old.

2. General good health, industrial and commercial activity; the rapid recovery of the town from the effects of the recent labor troubles; the peaceableness and law-abiding disposition of the people; the strict enforcement of the law and the possibility that our streets will be in a better condition within the next year.

3. I shall spend Thanksgiving Day in Honesdale.

ACCIDENT MARS CONVENTION TRIP

DELEGATES TO BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION NARROWLY ESCAPE BEING KILLED.

Mrs. Pulis and Mrs. Palmer, delegates from the Siko Sunday school to the Bethany convention, on Friday, met with an accident which might have resulted very seriously to them. After the afternoon session, they started for home in their buggy. While proceeding along the road, they heard the hoof beats of a horse rapidly approaching them from the rear. Owing to the buggy canopy they were unable to look and see who it was, but they made room for the approaching vehicle to pass them by driving to the side of the road. Meanwhile, the vehicle came thundering down the road, struck the wheels of the buggy in which the ladies were seated, demolishing the wheels, making a complete wreck of the buggy, and throwing the ladies to the ground, but not seriously injuring them. They at once retraced their steps to Bethany, secured another wagon, and proceeded on their way home. Shortly after this occurrence, Mr. Oscar Miller, who was also attending the convention, and had left his horse and wagon tied under the sheds of the Methodist Episcopal church, discovered that his horse and buggy were missing, and it is thought that possibly it was his rig which had done the damage. Mr. Miller is a very careful and painstaking man, and no doubt tied his horse securely, and it is a mystery how he managed to get loose and run away.