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An Uprising Sin.

A negro in a religious gathering prayed earnestly that he and his colored brethren might be preserved from what he called their "upsettin' sins." "Bruder," said one of his friends at the close of the meeting, "you ain't got de hang of dat ar word. It's besettin, not upsettin'."

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The Teachers of Pike County Congregated at the Court House. Interesting Sessions Held—Several Able Lecturers Present—Pretty School-Marks Largely in Evidence—Prof. Bible's Suggestion on the Use of the Books of Elementary Science.

The Annual Pike County Teachers' Institute convened at the Court House in Milford on Monday, Nov. 18 at 2 o'clock, and was called to order by County Superintendent Sawyer.

Prof. C. H. Albert, of Bloomsburg State Normal School was then introduced, taking for his subject, geography. This the professor declared to be a most important study, and generally most poorly taught.

Singing by the teachers followed. Prof. Bible, of East Stroudsburg State Normal School, then talked on "Oral Language," the key which unlocks all thought of the written and printed page.

The roll was then called and 47 teachers responded. Adjourned to 7:30 p. m. Tuesday forenoon, Prof. C. H. Albert took up the subject of education: 1st object of education; 2nd, nature of material to work on; 3rd, how to conduct operations; 4th, the carpenter's apprentice should consider well the object of his education in that special line, and by several other illustrations showed that better work can be accomplished by careful consideration of the object.

In particular is this true of the teachers, whose aim should be to develop all conscious power. Thinking is seeing relations. Time should be spent in finding out the kind of material we have to work on, and so avoid mistakes, and trouble, and doing better work in the school room.

The afternoon session was opened with singing, when, Prof. Bible took up the subject of school government: He said laws are not made for those who choose to do right, but for those who choose to do wrong. The teacher's aim should be to develop direction in the child, direction in habits of self control, in self government, to secure good order, regularity and application. As means to this end he cited mechanical devices, the seating of pupils, and that progress was often retarded by improper seating. He spoke also of the moral training of pupils, and of the teacher's qualification, confidence, co-operation. The teacher must have a positive moral character.

His lecture might be styled a plum pudding, full of luscious juicy fruit. It was replete with wit, humor, pathos and solid learning. No pen can do justice to the inimitable manners of the speaker, and the audience was alternately convulsed with laughter and moved to silent tears. His subject was filial obedience and the duty parents owed to their children to give them an education. His stories of the ministers, the twins, the forlorn applicants sitting on the roof of an oak tree, the rag carpet, the man who tried to make a tapestry carpet and failed until he hung his sample up to the sunlight, boarding around and teaching for \$20 per month will all be remembered with pleasure and will cheer many hearts and homes as they are recalled in the school room and by the fire side.

If Prof. Houck lives in years as his memory will in the minds of his hearers he will be a patriarch indeed. Thursday was filled with routine work by the several instructors present, and the reading of papers on educational topics by some of the teachers.

In the evening, Rev. Ame Venema, of Port Jervis, delivered a lecture replete with wisdom and couched in scholarly and beautiful language. He said on being introduced by Supt. Sawyer that the audience had been raised very high during the week and it would now be his province to let them down easy. He was glad the chandelier had fallen, for now without seeing the audience he could believe he was speaking to fathers and mothers. There was a time to be born, a time to die, and a time for all development between the cradle and the grave, but of recent years the active middle age of life had received the most applause, but he proposed to deal with childhood. Paul drew a lesson from childhood, when he was a child he spoke as a child. The period of childhood in these days is made entirely too short. The boy as soon as he puts on short pants is out on the streets puffing a cigarette. The girl as soon as she can fairly talk is put in society among her elders and crowded into full womanhood at fifteen. Parents seem anxious for their children to mature, and frequently so an order that they may take a place in a shop or store to make pecuniary gains.

No period in life is free from trouble and care as childhood, and no season of the life is attempted to be so curtailed. The period of childhood of Jesus was over thirty years during which he was obedient to his humble parents. Teachers should remember that they were once children themselves, and should have sympathy with children, and while there should be sympathy in all their sports and recreations, they should also be taught cheerful obedience. So long as a child is incapable of supporting itself, so long is it incapable of self government. A child is like steam, uncontrolled, except by the mind of man, its possibilities great but with out control useless. Controlled it becomes the power which moves the commerce of the world.

Children have a three-fold nature, body, mind, and soul, their spirits are necessary to their happiness. They have a thirst for knowledge, their minds are like sponges, unbounded in capacity and their ceaseless questionings of who, what and when must be answered with great patience. It is said as a fact that one-sixth of all the voters in this country can not read or write, send the children to the schools.

Habits of vice, and habits of good are just as easily formed and here the home comes in to keep the child pure. A noted divine says that only three out of twenty homes are happy, because they fail in demonstration. The conquering power is love, and that must be demonstrative, and it, not fear, must be the power that impels obedience. As soon as a child is old enough to love then is the time to instill Christian principles. If a child is old enough to love its par-

ents it is old enough to love Jesus. The institute met again Friday morning when the committee on resolutions reported, after which Prof. Houck made a brief farewell address, followed by Supt. Sawyer in remarks of a like character thanking the teachers for attendance, and the instructors and lecturers for their aid, and declaring the session adjourned, thus clothing one of the most successful teachers institutes ever held in this county both in point of attendance by teachers and the public in general and the interest manifested in the proceedings.

Real Estate Transfers.

David D. Newman, sheriff to Kate B. Van Wyck deed poll, dated Oct. 24, 1895. Land in Lackawaxen, 300 acres. Con. \$7,600. Ent'd Nov. 14. F. R. Galpin, et. ux. to Thomas F. Brophy, dated Sept. 18, 1890. Land in Palmyra. Con. \$225. Ent'd Nov. 15. John C. F. Plotz and Catharine Plotz to Wilhelmine Steinmetz, dated Oct. 29, 1895. Land in Lackawaxen, 4 acres. Con. \$5,000. Ent'd Nov. 16. Jennie K. Detrick and Calvin, her husband to Ramsey B. Van Etten, dated Nov. 13, 1895. Town lots and house on Broad street, Milford Borough. Con. \$1,600. Ent'd Nov. 13. Wilson D. Decker, et. al. to James Milham, et. al., dated Sept. 26, 1895. Land in Palmyra, lots on Big Pond. Con. \$1. Ent'd Nov. 16. Lot Atkinson and wife to James Milham, et. al., dated Sept. 26, 1895. Land in Palmyra, undivided 1/2 part of tract in warrantee J. C. Westbrook. Con. \$800. Ent'd Nov. 16. James Milham, et. al. to Joseph Atkinson, dated Oct. 4, 1895. Land in Palmyra, undivided 1/2 of lots on Big Pond. Con. Ent'd Nov. 16. George Daumann, Jr., treas. to J. B. Westbrook, dated 13th of June, 1892. Land in Delaware township, 316 acres. Con. \$40. Ent'd Nov. 18. J. B. Westbrook, et. ux., to August Mercier assignment of above dated March 1893. Con. \$40. August Mercier, et. ux. to Eugenie C. Hanna, dated 18th of Nov. 1895. Land in Delaware township, 316 acres. Con. \$1,500. Ent'd Nov. 18. Joseph M. Beck, et. ux. to Frank Miller, dated 29th of Oct., 1895. Lots in Matamoras, 14 and 16. Con. \$400. Ent'd Nov. 19, 1895. James D. MacDonald, et. ux. to David Amolsky, dated Aug. 29, 1895. Land in Dingman township, 195 acres. Con. \$1. Ent'd Nov. 20.

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AN INFAMOUS PICTURE.

Published in a Scranton Paper in regard to the Normal School. Principal Bible and the Trustees of the Normal school are highly indignant over the publication in a Scranton weekly illustrated paper of a cut which is not calculated to impress parents and possible students with the standing of the school. The obnoxious picture represents a number of girls playing foot-ball in costumes of a scanty nature and in attitudes extremely unbecoming. Underneath are a few words stating that the picture represents an actual occurrence among the young lady students at the school. It is an infamous piece of cheek for the paper publishers to tamper with the good name of such an institution as the school has got to be and the men who comprise the firm should be punished severely for so outrageous a cartoon. It is understood that the matter has been placed in the hands of the Hon. J. B. Storm, who will demand some retraction or a libel suit will be brought. The school authorities can rest assured, however, that no one with any degree of common sense would believe such a thing. The school has made too rapid progress for such a piece of work to harm it with those in charge are beyond reproach. —Stroudsburg Times.

SOME PECULIAR RETURNS

The Leading Democratic Paper of the State Declares Them as Palpable Frauds.

Calls on Chairman Wright of the Democratic State Committee to Make a Thorough Investigation—Judge F. P. Smith May Not Be Elected After All. The Times in a long article dissects the vote of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties at the recent election and shows that in Lackawanna, Smith is credited with 2,667 votes which can be accounted for only by false returns, and says the fraud is monstrous, and calls on Chairman Wright to institute prompt and thorough investigation of it in vindication of the integrity of his party organization.

In Luzerne county it says Smith's vote is 935 in excess of the Democratic vote for Myers, but it also says this perfidious method of voting could not advance Smith a single vote beyond Myers, and that there is no known rule of arithmetic that can make the Luzerne and Lackawanna returns honest on their face. It is not possible for these returns, and only an honest return should be accepted by any candidates for judicial honors. Will Judge Smith vindicate himself by aiding in the investigation of what seem to be indisputable frauds.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. Nichols Preached on the Subject "Overcoming," Last Sunday Morning. Rev. Thos. Nichols, last Sunday morning, preached an interesting and instructive sermon in the Presbyterian church in this place, taking for his text the words found in Rev. 3:12. It was a sermon applicable to any congregation. The principal topic was "Overcoming," and he spoke especially of the promise made to all that overcome, and the necessity that exists among the members of all congregations to overcome their personal prejudices, opinions, likes and dislikes, and to yield a cheerful and Christian acquiescence to the opinions and preferences of others.

By the way the population of Milford Borough by the census of 1890 was about 800. It is safe to say that less than 100 attend church in Milford. Are the rest of the people too busy to go, or are they engaged in better business? or have they no suitable clothes? What is your excuse anyway? And can you not by a little well-directed effort overcome the stay-away disposition and gain a regular habit of church attendance? The doors of all the churches are wide open to receive and welcome you.

BYMENTAL.

REEDER—ECKARD. The marriage of Andrew H. Reeder eldest son of Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder and Miss Esther L. Eckard, daughter of Rev. Dr. Leighton W. Eckard was celebrated in the Brainerd-Union Presbyterian church on Wednesday. A large number of guests were present including Governor and Mrs. Haunting and Countess D. Albi of Paris. The groom is employed as mining engineer with the Carnegie Company at Uniontown.

Durant's Sentence Postponed. Theodore Durant, who was convicted recently at San Francisco for the murder of Blanche Lamont, has been granted a continuance until Nov. 23 at the request of his attorney who desired more time in which to prepare a motion and procure affidavits for a new trial. Big Game Harvest. Charles Stanton of Highland, Sullivan county, Monday, killed a catamount, which attacked him, with a club. Constable Albert Simonson, of Blooming Grove, Pike county, has trapped five black bears this season and several more have been killed.

OBITUARY.

MRS. EDGAR VAN ETTEN. Mrs. Emma Lawrence Van Etten, wife of Edgar Van Etten, general superintendent of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. died at her home, No. 43 Convent avenue, Washington Heights, N. Y., at 11 o'clock, Nov. 16, aged about 50 years. She had been in failing health for some time and her condition became such lately that it precluded expectation of a recovery. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Nellie, wife of Mr. Charles Risley, of Buffalo, and Edna J., at home.

She was a refined, excellent woman and graced with dignity her social station. The sorrowing husband and family have in this greatest of bereavements our sincere sympathy. The funeral was held at the home in New York on Tuesday, and she remains then carried to Port Jervis, where they were laid at rest in Laurel Grove Cemetery; that beautiful city of the dead, where a requiem is ever sung to their memory by the murmuring waters of the Delaware.

BRIEF MENTIONS.

The distribution of State Aid for Normal Schools in Pennsylvania for the year 1895 as appropriated at the school department gives the following for East Stroudsburg: Number of graduates, 3,109, and the amount of aid, \$4,360.50. This does not apply to Pike county girls. They have plenty of chances without seeking them. Next year, 1896, will be leap year. The girls will do well to make the most of the opportunity for it will be eight years before another comes. The year 1900 will be a leap year. The year is 366 days and six hours long less eleven minutes. The eleven minutes amount to one day in 106 years, when leap year is dispensed with. The year 1900 will therefore not be a leap year.

It is reported among dealers in sporting goods that there has been a tremendous shrinking in the demand for playing cards and gambling devices. This argues well for the morals of the country. The Republican party is in the best possible shape for 1896. Let the leaders see to it that nothing disturbs this condition, so that the party may present a solid front when that battle begins. The Standard Oil Company are about to erect a large oil tank near Pen Argyl in which to store refined oil. It will be conveyed to the tanks by cars, and then distributed by tank wagons through the neighboring counties. We expect to have electric lights through this section, and abandon so primitive a method of lighting.

We forgot to present this problem at the recent teachers' institute, but those mathematically inclined can figure it if: A boy ten years old has a little sister who weighs 16 pounds, and gets tired holding her in five minutes. When he is twenty years old how long will it take him to get tired holding some other boy's sister who weighs 116 pounds. More than half of the amount asked from Kingston, as a subscription toward the extension of the Port Jervis and Monticello railroad from Summitville to that place has been raised, and the balance, soon will be. Let it come on down the Delaware Valley. The Chautauque Circle will meet at the Presbyterian parsonage on Friday evening of this week at eight o'clock.

The usual union Thanksgiving service of the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations of Milford, will be held this year in the Presbyterian church, Thursday, Nov. 28th, at 10:30 a. m. Sermon by the Rev. Thos. Nichols. All welcome. R. D. Sayre recently killed a porker eight months old which weighed 304 pounds. Next better! As the janitor of the Court House was about to light the chandelier in the court room on Thursday evening, it fell, and was badly broken. We hope the new one to replace it will be in all respects an improvement.

PERSONALS.

The friends of E. G. Loraux will be pleased to learn that at the recent session of the court at Newburgh, the grand jury failed to indict him. It will be remembered that Loraux shot a man in Port Jervis while in the discharge of his duty as policeman. Mr. L. W. Armstrong, although his beautiful and attractive country house is closed for the winter, makes regular trips to Milford from New York every week. Last Sunday Nov. 17 he exhibited a bunch of puppies in full bloom gathered from the grounds of his residence. We regret to learn that Mrs. S. W. Haggerty, a very aged and respected lady of this Borough, fell last Sunday and broke her shoulder bone and sustained other severe injuries. W. V. Brecher, who is extensively engaged in lumber business, at Burcher's Mills, was at the county seat last week and made us a pleasant call. F. Moreaux, who is one of the model farmers of Dingman township visited our sanctuary Saturday. F. Morris, who at present is under some slight constraint at the Hotel-de-Watson, for undue familiarity with other people's hens, sent us a long communication last week. It is a literary curiosity but too personal for publication. "No rogne e'er felt the halter draw with good opinion of the law". Jos. A. Buckley, of Delaware township, called last week. Mr. Buckley is extensively engaged in the chicken business, which he finds pleasant and profitable. We admonish you "Jo," this chicken business' sometimes is a forerunner to Congress or the county jail. Miss Susie Nichols recently visited the Misses Van Etten, at Nyack-on-the-Hudson. She reports the Milford delegation at school there in fine health and spirit, anticipating Christmas at home with much pleasure. Mr. George Howell and wife and Mr. Vanderveer, of Chester, N. J., who have been spending some days here visiting A. D. Brown and family, returned home yesterday. The gentlemen while here took in a little gaming with good success. Mrs. L. F. Hafner exhibits in her window a magnificent specimen of the Japanese variety of yellow chrysanthemum. Miss Bertha Williamson has gone to Branchville, N. J. to remain an indefinite time with her grandmother, Mrs. Henry Williamson, whose health is seriously impaired. Miss Hattie Horton celebrated her fourteenth birthday on Tuesday by giving a large family dinner party. The youthful and pleasant face of Deputy State Superintendent Houck of Harrisburg, who by the way has a remarkable memory, the genial and smiling countenance of Prof. Bible of East Stroudsburg, the energetic and business like profile of Prof. C. H. Albert of Bloomsburg, and the intelligence and instruction at the teachers institute just closed. On Friday last Harvey Klaer, of the senior class of Lafayette College, addressed a convention in Pen Argyl, held in the interests of foreign missions. Mr. Klaer is a grandson of R. C. Bull of this place. Prof. Houck, who has probably visited a teacher's institute in every county in the state, and looked into the face of nearly every teacher in this great commonwealth, during the years of his active labor as an instructor, in conversation here paid this deserved and high compliment to our teachers. He said "the teachers of Pike county stand with the teachers of any county in the state in manners, dress and looks." Now teachers if he should visit your schools let him be able to broaden the remark by adding "and that they keep just as good schools."

ANALOGICAL HOTEL SOLD.

This popular hotel has changed hands, and become the property of James B. Edinger, of East Stroudsburg. Consideration said to be \$10,000. The owner will take charge in the spring.