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EDITORIAL.

TEACHERS INSTITUTES.

The Lanford Record editorially comments in last week's issue on the value of the teachers institute in that county to the teachers, as it was conducted. It says the star attraction was paid \$150 "simply to amuse the teachers," and that a concert company costing \$100 was simply a musical feature, and pertinent asks of that attraction told the teachers anything about how to improve their school work.

The article says "that an institute which would give principals an opportunity to exchange practical views on how to handle scholars, and at the same time impart knowledge, would be worth more to the cause of education than these high priced fun makers, theatrical singers and Normal school boomers." It also deplors the injury to the schools by the interruption in their studies, and thinks it would be better to hold the institutes during the summer vacation.

There is good sense in all its remarks. The assertion is made that Pennsylvania with her much lauded school system and her generous allotment of funds for the support of common and Normal schools stands the twenty seventh down the list of states in illiteracy.

Cost of Crime.

Few people perhaps realize the cost of the system of punishing crime in the United States. There are fifty-two penitentiaries and seventeen thousand jails which cost in round numbers five hundred million dollars.

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POLITICAL GOSSIP.

The manufacturing industries which the protective system has brought to such perfection are still steadily moving southward and carrying with them the protection sentiment into that section of the country.

There is a growing feeling that the elements of patriotism and of willingness to give the party in power an opportunity to test its proposed principles which caused the passage of the tariff bill may result in drawing to other a sufficient number of votes in the Senate to pass a bill based upon the propositions of President McKinley's message, in which he recommends a system by which it will be impossible to embarrass the Government by a continuance of the use of the greenbacks to draw gold out of the Treasury.

The calm, clear, and forceful expressions of the President as to the prospective course of the Government in the Cuban question in case the Spanish promises of autonomy and justice to the Cubans are not carried out have impressed the country very greatly in his favor, and have developed a general willingness to leave this important and delicate question in the hands of the administration instead of attempting to force action and embarrass the Government by such Congressional action as was demanded by so many people a few months ago.

First four months... \$90,517,114 Wilson law earnings first four months... \$32,033,007 The above official figures are posted for the purpose of calling attention to the injustice and absolute falsehood with which opponents of the present administration attack its measures and operations.

A revenue law which increases its earnings more than twenty-five per cent. in four months and has a prospect of continuing that increase for several months at an equally rapid rate ought not to be embarrassed by suspicion or denounced by people who profess to be friends of the party framing it.

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Historic Letters.

Prof. George M. Phillips, Principal of the State Normal School at West Chester, Pa., has issued in the form of a pamphlet a compilation under the above title, which comprises letters now in the possession of the school written by General George Washington, Benedict Arnold, General S. Horatio Gates, Thomas Mifflin, John Sullivan, William Irvine, Anthony Wayne, Israel Putnam, P. Schuyler, Nathan Greene, Winfield Scott, George B. McClintock and Z. Taylor, also one by Jefferson Davis to General Persifer F. Smith.

It also contains a handsome portrait of Washington painted at Valley Forge 1778 by Charles W. Peale. The pamphlet is especially interesting as showing the style of composition and other peculiarities in writing used by those celebrated men. We acknowledge with thanks a copy kindly sent us by the compiler.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Lesson For the Week Beginning Dec. 19. Comment by Rev. W. J. Yates, A. M. Topic—The Witness of the Spirit. SCRIPTURE READINGS.—Rom. viii, 1-4, 16, 18; 1, 3; xv, 17; xv, 13.

It is now quite generally recognized among evangelical Christians that a person may have clear assurance that his sins are forgiven and be conscious of the presence and favor of God. This truth has not always been held by the Christian church in full view.

It was the mission of Methodism to emphasize the Scriptural teaching that a man may not only be saved from his sins by the grace of God, but he may also have the witness of his own soul and of the Holy Spirit to the fact of his salvation.

Before the days of Wesley and indeed until the Wesleyan teaching had pervaded the church at large it was generally supposed that all one could be certain of regarding his salvation was that if he was one of the "elect" he would be surely saved at last; if not one of the "elect," he would be surely lost.

It is now seen that Christ redeemed every one of the race, that God offers eternal life to all. "The free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." Every one enters this life saved and so continues till actual sin is committed. Even then he is not abandoned, but the Holy Spirit witnesses with his own Spirit that he is wrong, sinful and condemned and persuades to repentance and trust in God.

No one need ever wander into actual sin. It is possible though sadly infrequent for one from earliest childhood to remain innocent and grow up in conscious virtue and favor with God. This is the normal Christian development.

Next to Easter the Christmas festival is the grandest and gladdest of all the Christian year. Its return should ever be made the occasion for the rehearsal of the story of the Bethlehem manger.

An Up-to-Date Fable.

A frog watching a nearby school for young horses did not like the slow progress they were making under the instruction of an old teacher.

He communicated his criticisms to the owner of the school, who wondering whether there might not be some truth in the frog's statement, allowed him to take the place of instructor.

Installed in his new office Mr. Frog straightway began to reform all previous methods of horse training. Instead of giving the horses a steady amount of exercise daily and only now and then allowing them to go at top speed he made them trot as fast as they could from the time they reached the track until they left it.

The result was that when the day of the race came, on which they were to be tried, they were tired out and found wanting. Moral: Do not reverse all previous order of teaching, nor hold examinations nineteen days out of a month and teach but one. Rather, adhere to the old rule of teaching all the time and examining but twice a year.

[Note to the editor:] The foregoing is a fable which I am sure has never before been translated. Whether the original text is from Aesop or not I am unprepared to say. W. McK.

The next Methodist Episcopal conference is to be held in Wesley chapel, City road, London, in 1901.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 19th. Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle. TOPIC.—Our sins and how to get rid of them.—Luke xiii, 25-30.

The lesson presents Christ on His last journey to Jerusalem. "He went through the cities and villages teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem," says the introductory verse. Christ taught not only in the great centers of population, but in the quiet, obscure villages.

How MAY WE GET RID OF OUR SINS? 1. To get rid of our sins we must be convicted of our sinfulness. We must first feel that we really are sinners and that sin is an awful thing before we will cry out to God in sorrow for forgiveness.

2. To get rid of our sins we must repent of our sin. Conviction should lead to repentance and conversion. Repentance means to turn from sin to God. If convicted of our sinfulness, there should come into our hearts a hatred and loathing of our sin.

3. To get rid of our sins we must have faith in Christ. We must accept the payment Christ has made for our sins. We must have our sins washed away in His blood. Convicted of our sinfulness, we should be filled with sorrow for and hatred of sin, turn to Christ, and in His blood have our sins washed away, and by His help and strength give up sin.

The Christ-mass.

Next to Easter the Christmas festival is the grandest and gladdest of all the Christian year. Its return should ever be made the occasion for the rehearsal of the story of the Bethlehem manger. No heathen customs or stories should be allowed to crowd back the Christ story.

Let every church make special recognition of the meaning of the Christmas festival and use the occasion for some offering for the work of the church.

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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, Milford: Services Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Week-day services, Friday 4:00 p. m. Seats free. All welcome.

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MATAMORAS. ERWORTH M. E. CHURCH, Matamoras. Services every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 2:30 p. m. Meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Everyone welcome.

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SECRET SOCIETIES. MILFORD LODGE, No. 344, F. & A. M.: Lodge meets Wednesdays on or before Full Moon at the Sawkill House, Milford, Pa. N. Bannery Lodge, No. 100, F. & A. M. Goddard Wielded, W. M., Milford, Pa.

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Attest, D. H. HORNBECK, Sec'y. Milford, May 6, 1896.

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