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SCHOOL REPORT.

Superintendent George Sawyer Summarizes the Work.

PROGRESS AMONG TEACHERS. NEW BUILDINGS. THE COUNTY INSTITUTE. THE REPORT IN FULL.

The work of the school year just passed compares favorably with the record of previous years if it does not even surpass it both in advancement and in the interest manifested.

The teachers were earnest and faithful, willing to do all that could be done to promote the best interests of the pupils. Their desire to do good teaching has stimulated an unusually large number of them to endeavor to raise their standard of scholarship, and as a result, the schools were made better, the pupils had the advantage of drawing from broader minds, and a new impetus has been given to the work that can be attributed not only to the desire of pupils to advance, but to the mutual interests of scholars and teachers.

The results obtained from the annual county institute held in Milford, October 26-30, were very encouraging, many things having been presented there which were put into practice, and consequently were productive of good results, especially so in the case of our younger teachers. Ninety-four per cent. of the whole number of teachers were in attendance and an unusually large number of directors. The meetings both day and evening sessions, were well attended by the public. Instruction was given by Supt. George W. Twitmyer, of Bethlehem; Prof. E. L. Kemp, of East Stroudsburg normal, and Prof. W. H. Detwiler, of Bloomsburg.

The standard of examinations has been raised over that of previous years, in consequence of which only those who are progressive find a place in our corps of teachers. The less ambitious or poorly equipped ones being dropped from the list.

All examinations are written and each teacher of a class has the same questions. This method is not very interesting to the spectators who assemble, but it is the fairest and best way to test a teacher's qualification.

Ten public and nine special examinations were held during the year. One hundred sixteen applicants were examined, thirty-two of whom fell below the required seventy-five per cent. to class them as properly qualified teachers.

Irregularity in attendance, due partly to sickness, but largely to other causes that might have been prevented, has not only broken into the regular classification of pupils, but has been a hindrance to the advancement of those who were able to be present every day. There has been, however, a better attendance throughout the year than at any time during my term of office, seven of the eleven districts reporting an increase in attendance of from five to eight per cent.

One new school house was built in Palmyra district during the year. It is a substantial frame building, finished on the inside with Georgian pine ash, etc., is furnished with patent desks and presents a cheerful appearance.

A number of the plaster walls in the buildings of the various districts have given place to Georgian pine finish.

The school houses in Groene district were all repainted and furnished with slate blackboards, book cases, etc., during the year.

The interest shown by directors in the advancement of the schools has been commendable, and to them, to the press, patrons of the schools and to all who have helped to make the work of the year pleasant, I extend my sincere thanks.

(From the report of State Superintendent Schaeffer, a copy of which has, through the courtesy of County Superintendent Sawyer, reached us, we note regarding the schools of Pike that there are in the County, sixty-six houses, of which fifty-two are good, with seventy-five rooms, and seventy-one schools, and that the Bible is read in every one; that there are 26 male teachers employed with an average salary of \$27.25, 15 female teachers, whose average salary is \$26.40, the average length of school term is 6.5. Six teachers are normal graduates, and six have attended but are not graduates. The total expense of the last Institute was \$160.35.

There are 1,066 male and 1,034 female pupils with an average attendance of 1,349. The average cost per month is \$1.20. The total amount levied for school and building purposes is \$10,828.38, and the state appropriation is \$8,720.72. The average levy for school purposes is 7.18 mills, and for building 3 mills. The total value of school property in the county is \$41,600.

Pillsbury's vice at Mitchell's.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Call For Volunteers. Havana Blockaded. The New Postmaster General. Probable Retirement of Secretary Sherman. Balloons for Military Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25, '98.—President McKinley hopes the war with Spain will be short, but he is not allowing his hope to prevent his making all necessary preparations to fight it to a victorious end, long or short. His call for 125,000 volunteers specifies that the men shall volunteer to serve for two years, unless sooner discharged, and the war revenue bill, prepared under his direction by the Ways and Means Committee of the House, which is now before Congress, and which will be put through without any necessary loss of time, is another indication of his intention to be prepared for any emergency. It provides for an addition of \$100,000,000 a year to the revenues of the country by internal revenue taxation; for the issuing of \$500,000,000 in 3 per cent bonds, to run for twenty years, or to be redeemed after ten years at the option of the government, and authorizing the issuing of 3 per cent. certificates of indebtedness by the Treasury for any portion of \$100,000,000 that may be needed. Congress is responding to the wishes of the President in a highly creditable manner. It promptly passed the bill authorizing the formation of a volunteer army, and the bill for reorganizing the regular army, which authorizes its increase to 60,000 men, and as soon as the President asked, it declared that a state of war existed.

The blockade of Havana and other Cuban ports, in which notice was given to the world in a proclamation by the President as soon as Spain virtually declared war by sending our minister away from Madrid, will be maintained until Cuba is captured, but no land operations further than the landing of a small force of marines at some place on the coast and establishing of a base of supplies for the Cuban army is contemplated until the 125,000 volunteers, now being mobilized, are ready for embarkation. It is impossible to say just how soon that will be—some say not more than ten days, while others whose opinions are entitled to weight say it will take at least a month to get the new army into a condition to be effective—but no time is going to be wasted. The men who are to have charge of the invasion of Cuba know their business. They are not going to move until they know that they can make short work of driving the Spanish out of Cuba. They know that the men can be trained, and put into proper fighting trim much better in the United States than in Cuba.

Meanwhile the people must not allow themselves to become impatient. Our navy will, while the army is getting ready, continue the work of blockading and of picking up Spanish merchant vessels, which has been so auspiciously started by the capture of valuable ships. The blockading squadron will not attack Havana for the present, unless the forts there first attack them. There are all sorts of reports as to what Spain is doing, and is going to do with her warships, but it looks as though she is afraid to send her big fleet of ships to the assistance of Cuba, and is keeping them on the other side of the Atlantic, where their most dangerous occupation until we have captured Cuba will be the capture of American merchant ships. Our Asiatic squadron has orders which may result in a naval battle off the Philippine Islands.

Hon. Charles Emory Smith, for many years editor of the Philadelphia Press, who was nominated and confirmed as Postmaster General last week, to succeed Hon. James A. Gary, who resigned in consequence of bad health, took charge of the Post Office Department to-day. Mr. Smith needs no introduction either to the people of the country or to the Republican party. His selection was a genuine surprise, but the immediate unanimous confirmation of his nomination by the Senate told that it was a pleasing one.

Another change in the Cabinet may be expected any day, as Secretary Sherman's age and strength will not permit him to remain at the head of Department of State during the trying and exciting times that war necessarily brings to the Cabinet. Mr. Sherman made up his mind some time ago to retire in favor of a younger and stronger man as soon as the war began, but up to this time President McKinley has not been able to obtain the consent of Judge Day, who as Assistant Secretary has had direct charge of everything pertaining to Cuban matters, to become Secretary. Judge Day has never had any desire for office, having accepted his present position as a personal favor to the

President, and with the understanding that it was only to be a temporary arrangement. That he would prefer returning to private life and the practice of his profession is well-known to his friends, but they expect the persuasion of the President to prevail.

The U. S. will use balloons in actual military service for the first time, in Cuba, although their usefulness has been fully demonstrated some time ago, by experiments in this country and by actual service in Europe. Each of the two U. S. armies which will be used for the invasion of Cuba will have complete balloon outfits and a corps of experts to work them. These balloons will be sent up high enough to make thorough observations in a radius of twenty-five or thirty miles and each of them will carry a signal officer to report to the commanding officer. They will, of course, be controlled from the ground by means of ropes.

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