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Small pox, that fearful winter scourge, and diphtheria, the dread of every mother, are prevalent in nearby sections. People should exercise the utmost care, not only in the household but in every way, to prevent any contagious or infectious disease from gaining a foothold here.

"Elijah" Dowie whose Zion City was in the hands of a receiver a few days ago has succeeded in rescuing it and himself from the financial difficulty. Religion is a good business, but the professions of Dowie nor those of any man will supply the place of good business principles in carrying on the affairs of enterprises which must come in competition with well managed business concerns.

The school directors association held here this week will no doubt have beneficial results. The directors mingling together and discussing school matters receive new ideas and the progressive ones, those who are really fitted for the position, will no doubt be profited by the meeting.

Citizens in the several townships do themselves injury, and inflict on their children perhaps an enduring injustice, by electing men who are unfit for the position of school director. The office is without emoluments, is oftentimes a thankless one and imposes labor on the occupant, but the good citizen who earnestly desires the advancement of the best interests of his township and her progress in education should sacrifice his leisure and give his best efforts to the improvement of the schools in his community.

OBITUARY

DANIEL D. EVERITT. In the death of Mr. Everitt, which occurred at his home Tuesday, Montague, N. J., loses another of her most respected and substantial citizens. He was born about 80 years ago and was a life long resident of the township. He was a member of the Reformed church and in all respects a most upright, conscientious and honorable man.

Who Owns a Prescription? This may seem like a novel question to have determined by a court, but in New York recently it came up for judicial consideration. It was decided that the person who took the prescription to be filled was its legal owner and that the druggist had no title to it; so with a photographer's negative the courts have held that the patron who pays the price owns the negative.

At the Sheriff's sale of the property of Mrs. Helen E. Heller Tuesday Helen E. Lanchester became the purchaser for the consideration of \$600.

"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" is a song sung in Panama.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Ed. McMurry is spending a week down in Delaware. George Mitchell made a business trip to New York this week. E. J. Cole spent a few days this week at Dingmans with friends. R. Smith of Nyack, a summer guest here, was in town Tuesday.

Herbert Spencer, the great English philosopher and scientist, died recently.

The ladies of the Presbyterian congregation netted \$35 at the supper last evening.

Charles Schanno has gone to New York to undergo an operation for cataract of his eye.

It is rumored that Mrs. Jennie M. Westbrook of Ridgewood has bought the Grouch place in Delaware.

H. O. Kipp attended a banquet of the agents of the New York Life Insurance company for this district at Seranton Tuesday.

Mrs. Edward Blood and young son of Caddiebackville are visiting with the family of her father, T. R. J. Klein. Both are in ill health.

The state superintendent of fisheries has expressed the opinion that fishing with tip-ups is illegal unless a person uses only one. He thinks that the use of several by a single fisherman is in violation of law.

We ordered and received a set of the solid electric silver spoons from the Duquesne Silverware Co., their advertisement appearing in another column, and found them to be all that is claimed. These spoons are wonders.

Prof. Langley's air ship was launched at Washington Tuesday, but immediately broke in two and became a total wreck. Prof. Manley, who was in charge, was nearly drowned in the Potomac. Congress had appropriated a considerable sum in aid of the experiment which seems to be a complete failure.

Rev. J. D. Grull was examined for ordination at the session of the Classes of Orange held at Port Jervis Monday and passed in a highly satisfactory manner. He will have charge of the churches at Dingmans and Peters Valley and will be ordained December 29th.

Dr. H. E. Tarnbull, editor of the Sunday School Times, died Tuesday at his Philadelphia home of apoplexy. He came of a noted Connecticut family, of whom the original Brother Jonathan was one. His age was 73 years. In 1858 he became a missionary of the Connecticut Sunday School Union and all his life he has been conspicuous and influential in Sunday school work.

Governor Pennypacker, it is said, will resign his office, and will be succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Brown, who will hold office for the unexpired term and will then be a candidate for the full term. The program is to nominate Governor Pennypacker for Supreme Court judge next April when the convention meets and he will, if elected, which is a forgone conclusion, take his seat January 1, 1905.

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THE DIRECTORS ASS'N

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and not by conquest, the vast realm over which our flag now floats. Prof. Dolph is strongly of the opinion that in every instance Uncle Sam has been a shrewd investor and the farms he has added to his domain have been in every instance profitable investments. California, for which we paid fifteen million dollars, had in thirty-five years after cession produced over one billion dollars in gold and is now producing it at the rate of twenty millions a year. Since the conquest of the Philippines a large trade has grown up with the islands, one of the exports being Manila, from which ropes are made, which are supplanting all other materials for the transmission of power. One rope having recently made over 2,500 feet long without a splice.

At the Tuesday morning session Superintendent Westbrook took up the subject of a uniform course of study for ungraded schools. He said changes in teachers necessitate regrading or classifying the school and as the new teacher has no record of previous studies or the grade of the pupil to guide in so doing the work, is often poorly done and the pupil is put in the wrong classes.

Directors should adopt a uniform graded course of study for use in the county and a record should be kept of classes and pupils so that the succeeding teacher would be able to begin the work intelligently and properly classify the scholars. With a graded course there would be an object for pupils to strive for something to stimulate them to complete the course.

Prof. D. L. Hower of Wayne county said examinations should be the test of promotion and that the questions should be prepared by the county superintendent. A record of these examinations should be kept so that succeeding teachers would be informed of the progress of the pupils. Children using first and second readers should be able to read in them just as well as the teacher. The reading part of a child's education should be thorough.

On motion of S. D. Wells of Shohola, seconded by W. T. Struble of Milford the matter of grading the schools was referred to the committee on resolutions.

Compulsory attendance and how it may be enforced was the topic of an excellent address by George R. Bull, Esq. This law has been in force in some of the European countries for many years, and thirty states in this country now have it on their statute books. Massachusetts, 50 years ago, was the first state and Pennsylvania the last, in 1895, to adopt it. Irregular attendance of scholars destroys the efficiency of the school, causes disturbance in the classes and imposes extra labor on the teacher.

Mr. Bull went into the details of the law and explained its operations and the mode of procedure to enforce it. The better way to enforce the law is by making the schools attractive so that children will wish to attend and in this the teacher is the most important factor.

The law should be enforced with judgment and care should be exercised not to impose its penalties on some family where it is almost imperative that the child assist the parents.

A discussion of law followed, participated in by G. A. Swepensier who spoke of the law regarding the assessment of children of school age and that the work which cost the county from \$250 to \$300 a year should be carefully done.

A. K. Kellam of Palmyra spoke on salaries of teachers, and thought that the \$35 dollar minimum salary would be burdensome in sparsely settled districts. He thought directors should have a discretion in amount of wages paid teachers especially where schools were small. The salary should be graded according to the ability and experience of the teacher. Centralization was not feasible in all districts and some would be compelled to keep the usual number of schools open and of course pay the increased salaries.

His paper evoked some discussion which was participated in by Prof. Hower who thought that centralization was the one way out and that in his county where it had been adopted in several districts it had proven greatly beneficial.

The auditing committee, Dr. R. G. Barkley and S. D. Walls, reported thirty directors present and receipts from county treasurer of \$30, expenses of instructors, Hower and Dolph, \$35; janitor, \$5; total, \$70. It was on motion resolved that the paper read by J. H. Van Etten be published in full for the edification of directors not present.

A committee on by-laws, consisting of G. W. Pierson, G. A. Kellam and George Daragh was appointed with instructions to report

Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning it is extremely hazardous to neglect, so important is a healthy action of these organs. They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy foreboding and despondency.

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To the next meeting of the Association the first Monday of December, 1904, to which time the meeting adjourned.

Milford, Pa., Dec. 8, 1903.

To the Officers and Members of the Directors Association of the County of Pike:

GENTLEMEN: We, the undersigned committee appointed to draft resolutions, respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That we, the directors of the schools of Pike county, Pa., now in session, approve and recommend to our county superintendent, Lucian Westbrook, a graded study course for our county, and ask that he put into operation such a study course, and further ask him to prepare a uniform plan of examination questions, these to be used twice a year in examinations throughout the county.

We recommend to every school district of the county and all school directors that they make an appropriation of twenty-five cents a year from the school funds to defray the expense of printing and mailing the examination questions to every teacher in the county teaching school. This we believe will be a proper step in advancing our school system.

Resolved, That thanks be extended to the county superintendent, Lucian Westbrook, for efforts in arranging for this, the first meeting of school directors in Pike county, and congratulate him on its success.

Also, That thanks be extended to the program committee for the excellent program prepared by them.

Also, That thanks be extended to the able instructors present and excellent advice and instructions given by them.

Also, that thanks be extended to the county commissioners for the use of the court room, and to the people of Milford for the courtesy extended to us.

We recommend that these resolutions be published in the Milford Dispatch and Pike County Press.

GEO. A. SWEPENSIER, } Com. GEO. W. PIERSON, } A. K. KELLAM

Methodist Church Jottings.

(By Rev. Y. A. Wood.)

Subjects for Sunday, Dec. 30: Morning, "Are We Good Methodists?" Evening, "Self-Righteousness."

Brother E. S. Wolfe, local preacher of the Free Methodist church, has kindly consented to take charge of next Wednesday evening's prayer meeting in the absence of the pastor.

Postponed meeting of the Official Board will be held Monday 8:30 p. m. at the parsonage.

Christmas exercises for the home school will be held X-mas night, the 23rd. At Union school house Wednesday evening, the 23rd.

Three who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Her improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50¢ and \$1. Trial bottle free.

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Useful Silks & Dress Goods. No more acceptable gifts to wife, mother or to sweetheart than a nice silk waist pattern or a silk or wool dress pattern, mercerized waisting velvet or corduroy. If you prefer the waist ready made from velvet, silk, flannel or mercerized material, they are here. A nice comfortable wrapper or dressing sacque, flannel or saten petticoat are appreciated presents.

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