



Teachers' Institute.

To those who have attended the institute during the past four weeks there is but one word which adequately expresses the whole thing and that word is—success. Much discomfort has been felt on account of the extreme heat but, nevertheless, the teachers feel that they have been wonderfully benefited, and that our superintendent is—as one young lady puts it—"in exact accordance with the eternal fitness of things even to the jerk of his vest." The thoughtful student of pedagogics has long ago learned that successful instruction is closely connected with a knowledge of physiology based upon actual experience. And here it is that the country teacher gets information obtainable from no other source. This year's instruction has been exceptionally good along that line and we believe that no stronger man than Dr. Bowls has ever filled the pedagogical chair within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

One highly entertaining feature about the work has been the singing. Regular instruction has been given in this line and we doubt not that if one goes over the country this fall and visits the various school houses he will hear the children occasionally burst out in song and then quietly resume their work. The day is coming when the teachers will be required to teach music as well as arithmetic and grammar and we hope that day is not far distant.

The enrollment is the largest in years, 118. One very praiseworthy act upon the part of the superintendent is his compelling all the teachers to attend, and to those who did not attend he has given the exalted privilege of a year's rest from the stifling air of the school room.

Rev. Cullis spoke to the teachers at the high school yesterday morning about their self-education. He severely handled the imitator and would ostracize him from the teachers profession. His talk was full of kindly encouragement and the teachers voted him an excellent gentleman and a most entertaining and instructive speaker.

In the afternoon of yesterday Mrs. Tucker gave her lecture on "Glimpse of American Literature" to an uncomfortably full house and was listened to with rapt attention. Her talk was all the more spicy and interesting because of her personal acquaintance with many of the writers.

The solo by Miss Lillian Smith was a beautiful example of her efficiency in vocal execution. It was quite a treat.

Dr. Bowls gave his last lecture in the Methodist church last night and notwithstanding the expanded condition of the molecules of air and the counter attraction of a show, a full house of ears listened to his discourse on "The Philosophy of the Incandescent Light and the X-Rays." His explanation of these two kinds of electrical phenomena was extremely clear and simple. Even those who never had been students of natural philosophy understood every point he made. He spoke one hour and fifteen minutes and yet the audience would have been pleased to have him continue. We would be pleased to give a fuller description but space forbids. To sum it up we would not desire a better speaker to listen to. Dr. Bowls fills the bill. Nobody knows his political attitude—except ye reporter.

Altogether the institute has been progressive from its commencement to its close. The teachers are of a higher standard than ever before and are fitting themselves for professional work and it is an outrageous insult to the teacher fitted with special preparation to offer him such small wages as our boards of education at present insist upon his accepting.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to our county superintendent, Mr. Hunter, for the very efficient way in which he has conducted the institute.

Resolved, That we extend to the instructors, Dr. J. W. Bowls, Mrs. C. C.

Case, Mrs. E. F. Tucker, Mr. L. P. Albright and Mr. A. E. Pope, our appreciation of the efficiency of their work.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the organists and others of the institute, and also to the male quartet consisting of Messrs. L. P. and Stewart Albright, C. L. Cotting and V. B. Fulton, for furnishing us with music.

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to the ministers of the gospel for their assistance in our devotional exercises, and also to the trustees of the different churches for the use of their buildings for lecture purposes.

Resolved, That our thanks be extended to the Red Cloud school board for the use of the high school building, and the board of district No. 58 for the use of apparatus, and also to Mr. Scammon for his faithful care of the building.

WHEREAS, Our stay in Red Cloud has been pleasant and agreeable, and be it further resolved, that we tender our best regards to its citizens for their many tokens of esteem and respect, and as this institute has been both pleasant and profitable to us, inspiring us to nobler thoughts and higher ideas, be it

Resolved, That we, realizing the great work that is before us and the dependence of civilization upon education, go forth armed with the resolution to become better teachers than we have in the past.

MABEL H. DAY.
DELLA A. STRATTON.
ORPHA PETTIT.
S. W. HALL.
WM. HEFFLEBOWER.

We, your committee on reading circles and association work do recommend the following resolutions:

That the teachers of Webster county be organized into an association by electing one president who shall appoint four vice-presidents.

That the county be divided into four districts, of four townships each, and that each vice president shall have charge of one of these districts.

That the teachers in each district shall constitute a reading circle which shall adopt the required work and hold meetings monthly or bi-monthly as the vice-president may direct.

That every teacher in the county is unconditionally a member of one of the reading circles and the association.

That Mr. Geo. Overing, Mr. Wm. Hefflebower, Mrs. W. C. Hurd be a standing committee to procure sources for the use of the reading circles in the study of the source method in U. S. history.

We recommend that D. M. Hunter be chosen president.

S. K. LOGAN.
J. R. SCOTT.
MISS MAMIE BEAL.
MISS CARRIE HUMMEL.
MISS LAURA LAIRD.

At the Opera House.

Miss Oris Ober and her eastern company, who have been holding forth at the opera house the past week have been very liberally patronized by our people, and well do they deserve it. While the company is not very extensive, carrying but ten people, the stage work far exceeds many of the larger troupes which have visited our city and charged more than double the price of admission of Miss Ober's company. Each and every member of the company is a first class actor and enters into his or her character with an idea of trying to please the audience, and not to see how soon it can be gotten through with. The time between acts which is usually tiresome, is filled in by this company with catchy specialties and magniscope pictures. The magniscope pictures are something new to the people of this vicinity and are proving a source of much amusement to the large audiences. Should the company at some future time again decide to favor Red Cloud with their repertoire no doubt they will be better received than during their present engagement. On Saturday afternoon the company will give a matinee for the children and others who cannot attend in the evening to which the admission will be ten cents to all.

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WASHINGTON NOTES.

Speaker Reed is getting much credit for the victory won by the house conference on the tariff bill, in compelling the senate conferees to abandon the senate sugar schedule and accept what is practically that of the Dingley bill. There is no question that some of the credit for this result belongs to Mr. Reed and his colleagues of the house, who declared early and often that the senate sugar schedule was entirely too favorable to the trust, and would not be accepted by the house, even if the tariff bill failed or congress was compelled to remain in session all summer. Their action was a factor—an important one—but a greater factor was working against the senate sugar schedule. Public opinion, regardless of politics, was against it from the day its contents were known, and that was what really made the senate conferees surrender. Many senators caught the drift of popular sentiment and added their influence and advice in favor of abandoning the unpopular schedule.

Although a few dissatisfied senators have said that they intended to delay action by the senate on the tariff conference report, it is not thought that they will seriously attempt to do so, and the agreement to the report and the adjournment of congress is looked for this week. It has been difficult, during the past week, to keep a quorum of the senate on hand, and it is growing more so every day. The Hawallah annexation treaty has been favorably reported, but it is not expected that any attempt will be made at the present session, to get a vote upon it. Everybody is tired of congress being in session, but the senators and representatives are the most tired of all, and they are going home very soon.

The reference to the fines imposed upon the Carnegie Steel Company, for furnishing the government armor plates not up to the required standard, made in the senate debate on the amendment to the deficiency bill limiting the price to be paid for armor plates, to \$300 a ton, brought out a statement from ex-Secretary Herbert that surprised a great many people. It had been supposed that these fines were all remitted by President Cleveland, but Mr. Herbert says that they were paid, or at least that \$144,000 was paid by the Carnegie company, which was the amount to which the original fines of \$220,000 was reduced by Mr. Cleveland. As the house has agreed to the amendment limiting the cost of armor to \$300 a ton, it looks as though the armor trust would either have to furnish it at that price or not at all.

The last river and harbor bill had a provision directing the secretary of war to have a preliminary examination made as to the possibility and cost of a ship canal from the great lakes to the ocean. Maj. T. W. Symons, who was ordered to make the examination, has reported against the undertaking because of its great cost. The report says that the best route for such a canal would be by way of Niagara river, Lake Ontario, Oswego, Oneida lake and Mohawk and Hudson rivers. Maj. Symons expresses the opinion that the Erie canal, when enlarged as contemplated, would, if New York would remove restrictions as to its use, give commercial advantages practically equal to the ship canal that would cost about \$200,000,000.

It is difficult for an outsider to keep track of the routine business in either branch of congress. The senators and representatives usually manage to do so, but not always. His colleagues are having a laugh at the expense of Senator Carter, of Montana, because of a little slip he made. Every day, just after the chaplain finished his prayer—the other day there was no prayer because the minister who is acting-chaplain of the senate, forgot to turn up—a clerk reads the journal of the day before. This is usually done in a sing-song monotonous tone, and before it is half finished, some senator moves that it be further reading be dispensed with, and it is a very rare occasion when anybody objects. The other day after this motion had been made and agreed to and a conference report was being read, Senator Carter got up and moved

that "further reading of the journal be dispensed with," supposing the clerk to be still reading the journal of the preceding day.

That the combined navies of Japan and Spain could do much damage for a time, should the combination of those two countries against the United States turn out to be anything more substantial than an English dream, is admitted by everybody, but on the other hand, everyone who knows the resources of this country knows that the end would be just the same whether we fought the two countries combined or fought one of them—victory for Uncle Sam.

John Griffin, of Zanesville, O., says: "I never lived a day for thirty years without suffering agony, until a box of De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cured my piles." For piles and rectal troubles cuts, bruises, sprains, eczema and all skin troubles De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled. C. L. Cotting.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Board met pursuant to adjournment July 15, 1897, all members being present, whereupon the board adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock in order to locate the site of the poor house.

At one o'clock the board met pursuant to adjournment and proceeded to check up with the county treasurer.

Board adjourned to meet Friday morning.

Friday morning, July 16, 1897, board met and still continued settling with the county treasurer.

Board adjourned to meet Saturday morning, July 17, 1897, at 9 p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment July 17, 1897, all members being present, when the following business was done:

A contract was entered into with Palmer & Brown for the building of the poor house under contract awarded to them on the 18th of July, 1897.

T. L. Jones tendered his resignation as justice of the peace in Walnut creek precinct and the resignation was accepted.

Claim of W. W. Fisk for \$500 damages claimed for a strip of land 66 feet wide and one mile long off the east side of section 33, town 5, range 12, in Catherton precinct was rejected.

J. M. Guthrie appeared and made affidavit that the books and papers of the justice of the peace in Line township were destroyed by fire on the 19th day of April, 1897. It was moved that the matter be noted on the record.

Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 20th, 1897.

Board met Tuesday, July 20th, pursuant to adjournment, all members being present.

A bridge being out on the state line between Webster county and Kansas in Walnut creek precinct, the board proceeded out to view and investigate said bridge and meet the county board from Kansas in regard to the building of said bridge.

The board adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 9 a. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment Wednesday morning, all members present.

The board proceeded to redistrict the county into five commissioner districts to wit: District No. 1, composed of Oak Creek, Stillwater, Elm Creek and Pleasant Hill. District No. 2 composed of Potsdam, Glenwood and Batin precincts. District No. 3 composed of Harmony, Catherton, Inavale, Walnut Creek and Lise precincts. District No. 4 composed of Red Cloud precinct and Red Cloud City. District No. 5 composed of Beaver Creek, Guide Rock and Garfield precincts.

After checking up vouchers, etc., of the county treasurer they find that the county treasurer's statement as made is a true and correct statement of the condition of the county as they verily believe.

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SOME RANBLING THOUGHTS.

BY "MEMO."

Is there not in your neighborhood a person whose past has a blot on it, and whose name is mentioned with a look of holy horror by cronies when together for a chat? It is of such persons I would write this week, and may my pen be dipped in power for the task.

If a man commit a crime, be given a fair trial, be found guilty, and be condemned, what becomes of him? He goes to prison and works out his sentence. And then? Then he is guiltless in the eye of the law, and he is as though he had done no wrong thing. His retention in prison has expiated his crime; he is a pure member of society. But what says society through you? The answer by deeds is this: "The stain of that wrong shall stay on him forever; he shall be hampered in every way; he shall be prevented from getting an honorable position by meddling tongues reviving the story of the past; he shall be hounded by the voices of those who say, 'I am holier than thou'; he shall be made to feel that the world is too small for him to hide himself, and the grave to shallow to purify him; for the stigmata of crime shall fasten even on his children after him."

If a man commit a sin and none knows it, he is as pure as the unsullied snow in the eyes of the world; but if it be known, though he weep over it until his very substance is washed away by the flood of grief, though he agonize with regrets, though he spend his last effort to right a wrong, yet in every neighborhood are those whose memories are long as death or whose hearts are hard as adamant, whose cool, calculating ways save them from sin or whose clever concealments save them from discovery—the Pharisees, I say, will summon the ghosts of a man's past from the grave, though it all be buried deep beneath accumulated years of remorse and unhappiness. Like mythical ghouls and real hyenas, these lovers of carrion will dig till they find the treasure they seek, the sin spot, and they rejoice with howlings that all the world can hear.

If a life of probity be lived for 25 years or more, and the deeds of good be plentiful as grain in harvest-time; if the citadel of character be held by keen conflict with evil, until some weary moment of sloth, and evil then rush in through some unguarded spot, though only for a few moments, the world through the deeds of the world, says that the years of probity count for naught. Thereafter the spot shall be larger than the character it is on, the fragments be larger than the whole, the five minutes of evil blot out the whole memory of a quarter of a century of good. An earthquake read in a moment the works put up by a patient process of accretion, and there is nothing then but dust and disaster where beauty stood before, and so in it with the dazed man who is the sufferer from the moral upheaval of bitterness and uncharity in a community. One moment he rightly stands before them all, worthy of confidence and recognized as a power for good, the next moment his character lies bruised and mangled, never to be well again so far as the Levites and Pharisees care, never to live and move and have full being again unless some barred out Samaritan with goodness, far exceeding that of these aloof ones, comes to the rescue with sympathy and love.

If a girl kept intentionally ignorant of herself, by those who train her, and who know not the difference between ignorance and parity, makes a faux pas under the stress of feelings that she does not understand and the pleadings of the man who ought to be worthy of trust, then her own blith and kin too often turn on her like ravening beasts, driving her out into the world to further wrong-doing and certain destruction. Upon her head, fair and

inexperienced, are visited the sins of omission committed by those who raised no warning voice to tell of the pitfalls of life.

If the All-Father takes note of the fall of a sparrow, and tenderly bears with our misdeeds, giving solace to the wounded spirit when even those who should cherish it turn from it, how grimly must He smile when He sees little mites of humanity, and frail as small, usurping the power of God and dethroning Him to sit themselves in harsh, unforgiving, unrelenting judgment on their fellows, whose conditions of stress and temptation none but the all wise can know. And those of us whose hearts have sorrowed and suffered, whose feelings have grown tender under affliction, whose feet linger nearer and nearer the source of all gentleness and kindness, meekness and peace, have the growing sense that much of the evil in the world is fostered and strengthened by those who falsely conclude themselves to be good, barring as they do by their sacrosanct manners the way of hope and life and labor and happiness to the sinner, who sorrows and would do better. The wandering one grows hardened at exposure, callous to the gain of the race once honored, fierce in enmity to society, and so on from bad to worse until the end confirms the evil theories of the professedly good.

Though afflicted,
Freely gifted,
With the power of prophecy,
Naught availeth
Man who followeth
In divine charity,
Boldly opening
His eyes and seeing,
Striving to live righteously,
Each endeavor
Loatheth ever,
If untouched by charity.
Dove-eyed maiden
Pity laden,
Greatest of 'abiding three.
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Ever living
Holy, blessed charity.
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Pour oblations
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