

Home and School

Institute Law Amended.

At request of the State Superintendent of schools I give below a brief summary of his letter relative to the institute law as amended by the last General Assembly. As the regular biennial institute was held in Johnston county in the year 1908, of course, the teachers who attended then will not be required to attend another before the year 1910. But there are other features about this law that all should know.

There must be a biennial institute of at least two weeks in each county, conducted by teachers selected by the State Department of Education. The State Department of Education has selected Professor J. A. Bivins who will give his entire time to the teacher-training work. Bulletins containing outlines of the work and directions to teachers will be issued from the State Department for their assistance. The work of the county institute will be so arranged as to prevent duplication and repetition of work by teachers attending from year to year.

The law contemplates an active teachers' association in every county pursuing carefully arranged courses of professional reading and study. This work will be correlated, as far as possible, with the work of the county institute, and with the work of the State Normal Schools.

Through the institutes and associations it is hoped to arrange and carry out a progressive and continuous course of home study in professional training. Certificates will be issued to those successfully completing the course and passing a satisfactory examination thereon that will be recognized by county superintendents in their examinations for certificates, and will aid the holders in securing better positions and better salaries.

What we in our county can get out of the law is to have regular association meetings and keep up the professional study contemplated therein. We can start this course of home study when it is outlined by the State Department and directions given out for the work.

County Superintendent.

Reducing His Salary.

A professor who has been teaching mathematics in Albany College, Oregon, for seventeen years has taught the whole State something more important than mathematics. It came about in this way: The professor heard that another professor on the college staff was about to resign because the board of trustees could not afford to increase his salary. One hundred dollars a year was the increase necessary—but the trustees did not have it to give. Upon this the professor of mathematics—David Torbet was his name—appeared before the trustees with a very simple and beautiful mathematical solution. He had a salary of eight hundred dollars a year. He wished to reduce his salary to seven hundred dollars. That left the one hundred dollars which they needed, available for the other professor. Professor Torbet did not offer it as an act of self-sacrifice, either; he simply said that he was willing to do it because he "was so grateful to God for his prosperity," for he had been able, out of his earnings, to save several thousand dollars.

An incident like this, in dollar-worshipping America, does good to everyone who hears of it or reads it. It sets up anew the standard that is above any money standard ever invented—the standard of a high, independent, unselfish soul. Money cannot tempt, cannot rule, cannot divert from his purpose such a man as this Oregon professor; and there are many like him, unknown, unapplauded, but steadfast—the salt of the earth, the unselfish children of God, preferring others before themselves. All honor to Professor Torbet, and may every student of Albany College learn character as well as mathematics from his teaching.—Selected.

The Deepest Well.

The record for the deepest well in the world is claimed by a French newspaper for France. Situated at Ronchamp (Haute-Saone), the Buyer oil well is said to be the deepest that has ever been sunk for industrial purposes. It reaches a depth of 3310 feet. The temperature at the bottom of the well is never less than 115 degrees Fahrenheit when it is 50 degrees Fahrenheit at the mouth of the well. Apart from wells, the deepest boring on the earth's surface is probably that of the Paruschowitz mine in Upper Silesia. It attains a depth of 6408 feet.—Ex.

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A Trip to Charleston.

On Wednesday, April 21st, Messrs. L. H. Allred, J. B. Waddell, J. A. Spliers, Dr. G. D. Vick and myself boarded the A. C. L. Fast Mail for Charleston, S. C., to attend a meeting of Omar Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. on the 22nd—that is all of us except Dr. Vick who went to see the Mayor of Charleston on business—at least that is what he said and we had no right to doubt his word. We were met at the depot in Charleston by Shriners who gave us needed directions. After breakfast Shriners began to meet at the Temple where they registered and were given a souvenir and told to be at the wharf for a boat ride to the Isle of Palms. We call a candidate for the degrees of the Shrine "Fresh Meat" and we had a plenty of "Fresh Meat" at the boat. There were sixty candidates, and when we met at the boat the fun began. A Shriner takes all sorts of liberties with "Fresh Meat" and "Fresh Meat" takes all in good part, and without a murmur for when a Knight Templar makes up his mind to join the Shrine he also decides to take everything coming to him for he will have a chance sometime to even up. It was a delightful ride on the boat; a little crowded but a jolly lot of Shriners, their wives, daughters, sisters, sweethearts, and "Fresh Meat." We landed on Sullivan's Island and took the cars for The Isle of Palms. There was a fine breeze from the ocean which made the trip very pleasant.

On arriving at the hotel which is only about 100 feet from the ocean at high tide, a short business meeting of Oasis and Omar Temples was held. While the Temples were in session the "Fresh Meat" was duly prepared for the occasion. When they came from the preparation room the fun was on in full blast. I have never seen such a get up in all my travels. Some of the oldest stores in Charleston had been ransacked for old ladies' hats—hats that were worn from fifteen to twenty years ago—these were put on the candidates who had coats and pants made of yellow, green, red and blue calico. Some had overall suits—two were dressed as convicts. One big fat fellow had a little bat like Happy Hooligan, and was blowing the bass horn, to the "Fresh Meat" band. The bass drum was carried by four and beaten by the fifth. The kettle drum had only one head. Such a fuss was hardly ever heard. One very dignified fellow had two cowbells tied around his neck and if they did not ring enough he was told to shake himself. One of the most prominent physicians of South Carolina, a large portly man, had on a coat with half of the back of one color, yellow, the other red; half of arm green, the other half yellow; the front of the coat yellow and green; his pants black patched like Happy Hooligan's. An oldtime silk hat with a white band, trimmed with a piece of palm leaf fan and chicken feathers tied under his chin with red strings. He was put in an old dilapidated top buggy drawn by an old bull, and made to drive at the head of the procession. The old bull did not enjoy it so he would make breaks for the high lands—once he came very near turning the buggy over and it was fun to see that fellow jump out of the buggy. All sorts of stunts were gone through by the "Fresh Meat"—sack races, three legged races, boxing on the horizontal bar and a great many things that I can't remember—one of the funny things was to see two fellows fishing for sharks—an anchor with a pulley was put in the ocean some distance out, there were three of these anchors put out and ropes put through the pulleys—the outer anchors were about one hundred yards apart and the candidates told to take hold of a rope which was called a shark line. He was told that as the shark would pull so hard that the line might burn his hands so he had better tie the end around his body. Some 50 feet of rope was left by him as slack. After standing with the line in his hand for some half hour two or three Shriners walked to them and one slyly tied the rope so that there was not over 2 feet of slack; then he got a bite and before he knew what was up he was pulled in the water waist deep. One Shriner who told a "Fresh Meat" to carry him across a small place of water was dropped in the water by the "Fresh Meat." All this fun was kept up till 2:30 P. M. when the "Fresh Meat" was bountifully fed on roasted oysters, fried fish and sandwiches. All went back to Charleston at 3:30 and at 7:30 P. M. the secret work began and was kept up till 11 P. M. when an elegant lunch was served. It was impossible to have the usual banquet as a hall large enough could not be had. At 12 o'clock all were abed except those who left for up state (S. C.) at 2 A. M. The meeting was voted by all to be the best ever held.

We missed several of the old members who had answered the last roll call for it seems no one can be secured to fill their places. They fitted the parts filled by them. We reached home Friday at 2:00 P. M. tired but happy. All of us—even Dr. Vick, who said his meeting with the Mayor was very satisfactory.

R. J. NOBLE.

Selma, April 29.

OVER TEN INCHES OF SNOW.

Railroads in Western Pennsylvania Experience Trouble.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 29.—The heaviest snowfall of the winter in North-western Pennsylvania began shortly before last midnight and at 9 o'clock this morning, at Bradford, the snow was over 10 inches. Snow shovels, stored away for the summer, had to be brought out again to clear the tracks of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Traction Company. All traffic is experiencing delays. Trees are loaded down and many telegraph and telephone wires have been broken by the heavy snow. In Pittsburg the weather is mild, and two thunderstorms early today were suggestive of summer.

Mesdames Curry and Eversole.

It is hard to find a remedy suited to the ills of children, yet Mrs. Curry of Trowbridge, Ill., and Mrs. Eversole of Hindsboro, Ill., claim to have found it, and they are naturally anxious to let the rest of the world know. They say this remedy is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the great laxative, tonic and regulator. It is one of the few remedies useful to children that does not contain narcotics. It will do all that is claimed, and if you want to try it before buying, send your address for a free sample bottle to Pepsin Syrup Co., 119 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill. It is sold by Hood Bros. at 50c and \$1 a bottle.

SOME FACTS ABOUT LUMBER.

The Protective Duty is in Excess of the Cost of Production.

The figures published in the News Tribune Sunday showing the cost of certain dressed lumber and the rates in the tariff bill now before the Senate were very illuminating. In all but one of the ten instances cited the additional tariff for planed lumber was shown to be above the entire labor cost of dressing the lumber, and in some instances the tariff was double the labor cost. For example, the mill price for planing a two-by-four and wider sizes is \$1 a thousand; the tariff is \$2 a thousand; the mill price for planing two sides and one edge of lumber is 75 cents; the tariff rate is \$1.50. Of course, such rates exclude planed lumber from importation; it is absolutely prohibitive.

These figures on the cost of dressing lumber were furnished the News with the information that in some cases dressed lumber could be obtained for even less than the published rates, so that in fact tariff rates were three times the labor cost. If these rates stand, it means that Michigan must pay more for its dressed lumber, and without any benefit being derived from having the work done on this side of the border; for Michigan's mills will not do the dressing. It stifles competition and socks it to consumers of lumber. But what do Michigan's Senators care for consumers?—Detroit News.

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