

OUR SCHOOL TEACHERS.

They Try a Dose of Teaching Ideas How to Shoot.

Fifty-one Out of a Possible Fifty-Two Were Present at the Institute This Week.

J. G. Cromwell was the only teacher who failed to answer the roll-call at the annual session of the Teachers' Institute this week. Every other lady, man, lad or lassie was present and either enjoyed or pretended to enjoy the discussions. Of course the institute compares favorably with the Institutes of other counties. If there was any teacher who did not compare favorably we would run him out of the county. San Mateo county has the prettiest young lady teachers in the state. The editor of the TIMES-GAZETTE knows it because he has talked with a few of them and seen the rest. The gentlemen wielders of the educational willow are similarly favored.

Teachers' Institutes in Santa Clara county and up in San Francisco are dull, prosy meetings, but in San Mateo county, never. One reason is the climate. Our climate cannot be beat. It never has been and never will be. The other reason rests with the teachers themselves. Institutes can be made enjoyable and profitable and those who attend will go home filled with new ideas and enthused with their work. One essayist at this year's session discussed the methods of former years and the theories of the present. He thought that too much attention was given to the late teachings of pedagogical science, while the older ideas were neglected more than they should be.

The Institute this year lasted three days and besides the day meetings held two evening sessions, when the teachers listened to lectures. County Superintendent of Schools J. F. Utter had charge of the sessions. J. A. Gamble of Colma was the secretary. The welcome to the Institute was given by Rev. M. V. Donaldson on behalf of the community. Upon the occasion of each roll call the members responded by quoting passages from standard authors.

The programme as outlined last week was quite closely carried out. Charles H. Allen, ex-superintendent of the San Jose State Normal School and C. H. McGrew, a professional institute leader, were the persons who appeared most frequently before the Institute, but State Superintendent of Schools J. W. Anderson, during his presence had much to say of interest.

Tuesday afternoon the opening selection was a vocal solo by Prof. W. R. Harvey of San Jose. He sang, "A Hundred Pathos Deep." Following this was the essay by J. A. Gamble of Colma on the earlier and later methods of teaching.

Miss Fannie L. Matson explained her idea of the way primary reading classes should be taught.

Professor Harvey, who is musical instructor in the public school, drilled a class in music before the Institute. The class exercise proved quite interesting to the teachers, and Superintendent Utter remarked that the teachers might accomplish much more in the musical line than is usually done if they desired.

Tuesday evening the Redwood City orchestra rendered a selection selected prior to the delivery of Professor Allen's lecture on the Chemistry of the Kitchen.

Wednesday morning the Institute adjourned that the teachers might be at the depot when President Harrison passed through. Returning to the public school house the teachers divided into sections and listened to talks on geography, language and literature, elementary arithmetic by Professors Allen and McGrew.

In the afternoon Professor McGrew elucidated his ideas in references to language work and recommended a plan whereby stories and anecdotes were quite generally employed.

A discussion by Professor Allen was followed by a recess, after which Mrs. J. E. Hartley recited "Aux Italiens" in her usually excellent manner.

State Superintendent of Schools J. W. Anderson was introduced and he took up the laws bearing on the public schools and showed what amendments had been made at the last session of the Legislature.

In the evening the Arion Quartette furnished the music. Superintendent Anderson delivered the lecture of the evening which was highly interesting. Thursday morning the teachers assembled in sections and under the leadership of Messrs. Allen and McGrew discussed methods of teaching physiology, advanced arithmetic, experiments in science and other topics incident to their professional experience.

In the afternoon Miss Allen Loveland sang a charming solo, her accompanist being Miss Josie Finger.

Professor Allen suggested the preservation of the minutes of the Institute in a book and remarked that the fact that the Institute had adjourned in order to welcome the President of the United States would be a valuable historical item. A complete record of the transactions of the Institute for a course of years would form a good educational history.

On motion of H. C. Hall, seconded by W. Wilson a book was ordered purchased out of the Institute funds and the minutes copied into it.

Superintendent Anderson continued his remarks on school law and incidentally in the course of his remarks stated that he was opposed to examinations of teachers subsequent to the first time when they secured their diploma. Once examined, always examined, he said.

A recess was followed by some remarks by C. H. McGrew on a summer school of methods to be held in San Jose this year. G. P. Hartley addressed the Institute for a few moments as did Professor Allen.

The Committee on Resolutions reported a series of resolutions which after amendment were adopted as follows:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Trustees of the Congregational Church for the use of their building to the Redwood City orchestra and the Arion Quartette for the music kindly furnished to the Institute and to Mrs. Underhill for the donations of flowers.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to Miss Fannie L. Matson for her instructive talk on Primary Reading; to Prof. Harvey for his class work on music.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to our worthy State Superintendent for his clear explanation of the school law and his instructive lecture on Order and School Government; that we tender Prof. Allen our hearty thanks for the efficient manner in which he conducted the Institute and for the useful hints given the teachers; to Prof. McGrew for his instructive talks on the subjects assigned to him and that we cheerfully recommend his story methods of conducting recitations; to the Committee on Music for their efforts to promote the Institute with music.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and

are hereby tendered to our efficient County Superintendent J. F. Utter for the excellent program prepared by him for the work of our Institute and for his uniform courtesy and kindness to all during this session of our Institute.

Resolved, That the County Superintendent is the proper person to be first consulted in all matters connected with the management of our public schools.

Resolved, That the San Mateo County Teachers' Institute hear the profound grief of the death of Prof. John L. Conte, Instructor of the State University and that we as teachers feel that the State has lost a profound scholar and a man of noble qualities of head and heart and a steadfast friend of the cause of education.

The Institute then adjourned.

ANOTHER BURGLARY.

The Third Time J. H. Kuck's Store has Been Entered.

J. H. Kuck's store at the junction of Mound street and the county road was again burglarized yesterday. It happened about 2 o'clock in the morning as near as can be estimated. The burglars showed a preference for cigars, tobacco and

cigars, in all, taking about \$50 worth. Entrance was effected through a window, the large pane of glass in which was taken out carefully and placed upon the stairway leading up to the rooms in which Mr. Kuck sleeps. This was evidently done for the purpose of giving warning in case anybody came down stairs as they would be apt to step upon the glass. A screw driver was taken out of a drawer behind a counter in the grocery store and with it attempts made to open the money drawer.

This work had been stopped and the drawer left unopened presumably due to some cause which frightened the burglars off. Mr. Kuck states that there is a little money in the store, but this is the third time his store has been entered and burglarized within a year and he thinks it has been done by the same parties and by someone who is familiar with the place.

JOHN H. TITUS.

Death of an Early Settler and Honored Citizen.

John H. Titus, the well-known citizen and former Supervisor died last Wednesday morning from the shock resulting from an operation performed two days previously. He was born in Trenton, New Jersey, and came to the family from whom Titusville is named, a village on the Delaware near to Washington's crossing. He was the son of Timothy and Mary Titus. There were several children, two of whom yet survive, Mrs. Craft of New Jersey and George B. Titus of Philadelphia, each of whom have raised families of children. Mr. Titus died at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning at the German Hospital after undergoing an operation for internal cancer two days before. He had previously submitted to an operation for the removal of an external tumor and although suffering dreadfully he was unwilling to complain or alarm his friends.

The operation performed upon him involved the cutting away of a portion of the ribs in order to reach a cancerous growth within. The patient was put under the influence of ether. Dr. Morse of San Francisco performed the operation and Dr. Loveland of Redwood City was present. Mrs. Titus was in an adjacent apartment. The patient lost blood rapidly and continuously, and until he became unconscious toward the end gave token of extreme agony. Yet he knew his friends, his wife, and pleasantly called their names.

Thus one of our old stalwarts goes on from our sight and this community is the poorer to-day because we miss him. For a long time the firm name of Hilton & Titus was prominent and turned out an immense amount of work. As an active member of the Firemen, a member of the Workmen and Odd Fellows Lodges he was a brother among men. From the day of his arrival in the year 1853 his career has been that of an honorable and useful citizen. The TIMES-GAZETTE extends to Mrs. Titus and her children its utmost sympathy.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon and there were persons in attendance from all over the county, among them being Senator C. N. Felton. The funeral was held under the auspices of the Odd Fellows and in the procession, members of that order, of the A. O. U. W. and the Fire Department preceded the hearse on foot to Union Cemetery where the interment took place. Rev. J. Nicholas was the officiating minister. A choir composed of Messrs. Rooney and Barton, Messrs. McDonald and Wagner sang appropriate selections, Miss Hadler being accompanist. Flags at the Court House, Town Hall and I. O. F. hall flew at half-mast.

The pall bearers were John Stafford and P. Doyle of the Workmen, W. H. Kline and J. W. Wilson of the Fire Department, James Hilton, Wm. Lloyd, J. B. Brown and Wm. Holder of the Odd Fellows.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Among the persons from this town who saw Bernhard in Cleopatra this week were Mr. and Mrs. James A. Robinson, Judge Geo. H. Buck, Mrs. King, W. H. King, G. P. Hartley and wife and Miss Mary F. Hall.

Louis Ramos has decided to give up the position of night watchman and with his brother has opened a fish and vegetable market in the Germania Hall block. Mr. Ramos' position as night watchman will be taken by M. Soto.

Geo. W. Lovie took a party of officers of the Grand Grove, U. O. A. D., over to Pescadero yesterday morning. They included K. M. Larson and E. L. Wagner of San Francisco. Mrs. Geo. W. Lovie accompanied the party. They will return tomorrow night.

Rev. Dr. F. D. Bovard will visit the Redwood City Methodist Episcopal Church upon his third round of visits for the Conference year, 1890-91, to-day and to-morrow. Evening Conference will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Preaching on Sunday morning, to be followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The meeting of the Epworth Lyceum Monday night was a most enjoyable social event. The programme was musical and literary, there being no debate. Some outsiders participated and a rising vote of thanks was tendered them by the members. The programme for next Monday is as follows: Music; recitation, Chas. Cloud; essay, Miss Miller; reading, Miriam Kirkpatrick; debate, "Resolved that the Annexation of Canada Would Benefit the United States more than the Annexation of Mexico." The affirmative are Chas. Barton and Abbie Thompson; the negative, W. O. Dodge and Jean Donaldson.

Drive to Palo Alto.

Some of the teachers attending the Institute during this week will not soon forget the kindness that were extended them by W. Z. Price, of Price's Hotel. Among other attentions to which he treated them was a very pleasant coach and four-lamp drive to Palo Alto. S. B. Cronk held

the ribbons and right gladly he sent his spanking bays over the beautiful roads. Some of the objects of interest which the ride gave opportunity to behold were the elegant homes surrounding Menlo Park, Palo Alto farm and Stanford University. Those in the party were Misses Libbie Moore, Ida Martin, Lillian Henlon, Kate McCarthy, Alice Loveland, and Martha France, State Supt. James W. Anderson, Professors C. H. Allen and McGrew of San Jose, Messrs. J. C. Nash, Geo. Williams, W. J. Savage, and Geo. W. Hall.

New Estates.

Leonard Ortiz, son of the late Hyppolite Ortiz, petitions the Superior Court through his attorney, Edw. F. Fitzpatrick, for letters of administration on the latter's estate. The property consists of personal property to the value of \$50 and two acres of land near Colma valued at \$2,000.

Besides Leonard Ortiz the next of kin are Joseph S. Ortiz, Hyppolite Ortiz, Carmel Ortiz and Carrie Ortiz, all residents of Colma. May 8th is set for the hearing.

Julius Elkerenkotter petitions the Superior Court, through his attorney, Geo. C. Ross, to be appointed administrator of the estate of his mother, Helena Elkerenkotter, whose untimely death occurred April 21st. The property consists of two lots in Redwood City, one lot in Mayfield, personal property, notes and mortgages, the total value not exceeding \$9,000.

ODD FELLOWS PICNIC.

It Proves the Social Affair of the Season.

The annual Odd Fellows' picnic last Saturday was an exceedingly satisfactory affair. The exercises began at 10 o'clock in the morning when the members of the lodge assembled in front of their hall and proceeded to Redwood City Grove where after the singing of an ode, Geo. W. Fox was introduced and made a short address. Dancing was begun soon after and continued throughout the day. The Redwood City band furnished the music. The attendance was exceedingly large, some thousand persons being present. Among them were delegations from San Mateo, Belmont, Menlo Park, Mayfield and Woodside. A hundred or so buggies were noticed in the wagon inclosures. In the afternoon the games for which prizes were offered came off, the winners being as follows: Race for boys under 12, a hat, E. Heeney; race for all, sleeve buttons, L. Thompson; for girls under 12, box of handkerchiefs, L. Hanson; for women (egg and spoon), a parasol, Clara Crowe; three-legged race, two knives, Clifford and Wm. Sack; race, a hat, E. Clifford; wheelbarrow race, pair of suspenders, Bond; tug of war, wry married men. The several committees who had charge of the exercises were exceedingly attentive in catering to the wants of the public.

AT MENLO PARK.

The University Buildings are Inspected by the President.

Menlo Park was reached at 10:30 by President Harrison's special train. Waiting on the platform to receive the Presidential party were Senator and Mrs. Stanford, Senator Felton, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hopkins and Senator Stanford's private secretary. Senator Felton had a party of guests invited to assist in doing the honors of Menlo Park. Among these were Governor and Mrs. Markham, Mr. and Mrs. McKenna, Colonel Jackson and others.

Senator Stanford had six carriages in waiting. In the first—a landau drawn by two magnificent General Arabian horses, raised at Palo Alto—rode the President and Mrs. Harrison and Senator and Mrs. Stanford. The second carriage accommodated eight of the Presidential party. Senator Felton's private carriage followed, and the rest of the party were distributed among other vehicles.

The whole party strung out formed an imposing procession such as Menlo had never seen before. The running horse department was first visited, then the University buildings and after that the trotting department, where everything was inspected, from the kindergarten for yearlings to the famous old stallions Piedmont and Electricity.

Lunch was served at 1 o'clock, to which forty persons sat down. After lunch and a smoke on the verandas the Presidential party drove to Senator Felton's residence, where a short stop was made; also to the residence of Timothy Hopkins, where the President and Mrs. Stanford's a delegation from San Jose arrived and the freedom of that city was extended to him and, in addition, a silver plate suitably engraved. Among the features of the day were the planting of trees by President and Mrs. Harrison and the photographing of the entire party in one of the courts of the University.

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ABOUT THE COUNTY.

Interesting Happenings in Our Towns and Villages.

A Weekly Record of Personal and other News from Valley and Coast Side.

ALPINE.

"Hullo, down there!" "It is I, Gabriel, be not afraid. Tis but a faint blast of the horn."

Messrs. Teague and Green of Pescadero made a business visit to this part the other day.

R. G. Rowley left for the valley last week so as to be over in due season to see the Presidential party.

B. A. Partee took a trip to San Jose last Friday week. He combined business with pleasure in his journey thence.

Mr. Little, a dairyman of San Francisco, was up in this direction one day recently visiting several of our stock ranches.

Mrs. Dinegan and daughter of Santa Clara, who have been spending several weeks at the home of Mose Murphy, left for home Saturday.

One of our enterprising young business men, A. B. Partee, sold last week in La Honda two wagon loads of the finest porkers raised in this section.

Mrs. Maria Evans was hastily called away to San Jose last week on receiving notice of the serious illness of her daughter, Miss Rosie, in that city.

All of the late Ernest Beerman's personal effects are to be disposed of at sheriff's sale. The poor old man left very few worldly effects behind him.

Charlie Fortier paid a visit to his old home last week. Charlie has been in the employ for some time of the Spring Valley Water Company in Searsville.

A. T. Dowd is making some necessary repairs on the roads under his jurisdiction here. After this last heavy rain he is succeeding in getting them in ship shape condition again.

Mrs. Mose Murphy who has been ailing for some time continues very ill. She has been in a critical condition for some weeks. As soon as she is able to be removed she will enter the hospital in San Francisco.

We learn that our young friend Ben Rodgers, who left some weeks ago to work to San Jose as apprentice to a blacksmith, is learning to wield the hammer and strike the anvil with the skill of one accustomed for years to the task. May he continue to do well in his chosen vocation is the wish of his many friends at his mountain home.

This spring there has been scarcely a family in the neighborhood who have escaped a gripper. Mr. Bartley's children, Mr. Moore's, Mr. Murphy's and Mrs. Evans' were all down sick at about the same time. Even the parents succumbed to that apparently contagious disease too. They are all well again, however, as is evidenced by the good attendance at school.

Alpine District can boast of having one of the prettiest school-houses, the largest flag, the nicest school furniture and finest school apparatus of any other in this part of the county. Perhaps I had better not enumerate any more of its excellences but it is absolutely necessary that I conclude with mention of our last acquisition. That is the purchase and putting into the school room by our thoughtful trustees, Messrs. Dowd and Davies, of a fine organ which perhaps in the action and quality of the tone, is unequalled by any in the county. There is a whisper of a party to be held in the school-house to commemorate the event at a day not far distant.

BELMONT.

J. Schmoll, Jr., has a gripper. "Will the train stop here, Georgie?" They say George Champlin is a fine actor. "Say you, Frank, up there on the lake, how about that inch hole?"

Wm. M. Newhall had the honor of shaking hands with the President. The entertainment last Saturday by Belmont school pupils was a thorough success.

C. Waltemire and W. G. Stevenson spent Friday at Pillaritos fishing with the usual fishermen's luck.

Photographs of the Belmont school military company were taken Thursday by J. E. Van Court of Redwood City.

The Belmont public school went to Palo Alto Wednesday to be present at the reception to President Harrison.

Our little town looks fine. The visitors from San Francisco that come here daily say it is the most delightful spot in the county.

Messrs. Rossi and Gilbert while out riding Sunday had the car they were driving frightened by a train causing a runaway. Both were thrown out of the car in which they were riding. Mr. Rossi having his collar bone broken and Mr. Gilbert being badly bruised. The horse kept running till he smashed the car and then waded home.

In anticipation of a visit from President Harrison and party early Wednesday morning, Messrs. Stevenson, Robinson and Virthers decorated our depot with flowers, evergreens and flags. When they finished their labors the station presented a truly beautiful appearance, and all agreed that the decorations were worthy of the prize that was bestowed upon them. At 9:30 o'clock W. T. Reid's military company of seventy-five young men fully uniformed and carrying muskets with fixed bayonets and under command of Major Hackett, appeared upon the scene and took position in front of the depot, followed by Professor Metzger of the public school and the school children, each one carrying a flag. On the arrival of the Presidential train, the college boys presented arms and greeted the President who appeared on the platform with their three times three college cheer. President Harrison bowed his acknowledgments and the train departed amid cheers and waving of flags.

HALFMOON BAY.

Voga, how many snipe did you kill last night? Peter Smith is the champion bow wrestler of this town.

Miss Joe Debenedetti is visiting friends in San Francisco.

Miss Evaline Hayward of Lobitos is the guest of the Pringles.

Pretty Leo was very entertaining at the picnic last Saturday.

Miss Mamie Frisco of San Gregorio was visiting in town this week.

Constable Burton was kept quiet busy subpoenaing jurors last week.