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From Monroe Township.

EXPERIENCE, MO., Dec. 25, 1874.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN—Christmas is the time of feasting, and it is also the time that the boys like to get on a "sling bust," as they term it. Now it would appear that times would be lively, and there would be a sufficient amount of local items from which a local scribbler might prepare an interesting article from most any section, but we must say that at this time we are quite as much at a loss to know what to write as we have been for quite a while. Everything is as quiet as if Christmas had been forgotten, entirely. Nothing but a quiet wedding or a social gathering has seemed to attract the attention of our people.

On Thursday, the 24th inst., in the western part of the township, near Spencer's Mills, Mr. John Dover was married to Miss Mary Kirby. We are not acquainted with the happy couple; but, of course, wish them good success in every sense of the word.

We understand there was another social gathering at the residence of Mr. L. Wylie on Friday evening last. Do not know who was there, but presume a good time was had by all present.

Mr. John Green, or Will Jo[illegible], as he is commonly called, has sold his farm, and is now preparing to start for the Rocky mountains, next spring.

"Professor" L. W. Jenkins has possessed himself of a fine [illegible]. We will be [illegible] if some of our small-fry daughters do [illegible] in the profession.

The schools throughout the township are closed for the holidays, but very few of the teachers have gone home of course for the Teachers' Institute, from the fact that it is held in Tarkio for the purpose of keeping the teachers of this portion of the county in attendance. The distance being too great to that place for them to attend.

We are glad to have read Brother [illegible] in old Platte on the township; but we hope it will not be to his disadvantage. Come after with your [illegible] and if you will provide [illegible] "chunks" you shall have the whole field for yourself. Yours, ever,

O. KAY.

From Fillmore.

FILLMORE, MO., Dec. 24, 1874.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN—Perhaps it may interest some of your many readers to know what is transpiring in our little borough. In these Christmas times there is always more or less going on, and I am sorry to say that something usually transpires to mar the pleasure of the Christmas times.

But the object of this communication is more particularly to notice the entertainment given by our village school under the supervision of Prof. E. T. Petitt, assisted by the worthy assistant, Mrs. Kirkpatrick. The entertainment was a free thing to all, held at the Public school building on Christmas Eve, and of all the crowds it was never our privilege to see in that room, the crowd was the largest. Before dark people came in from the country, north, south, east and west, on sleighs, wagons, horseback and on foot, and before the exercises commenced, every seat, aisle, vacant window, stool and tops of the desks were packed with people, come to see or to be seen. A large tree had been placed in the room, and its branches were laden with presents for old and young. About seven o'clock the Professor called for order, and a song, "The Greeting Glee," was sung, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Smith of the Presbyterian church, then a song by the congregation, "Beautiful Shore," then a little girl recited "Baby's Stocking," and for a six-year-old it was well done. Then followed a song by a class of little ones, none of whom were seven years old, "An Exercise Song," the rendering of which shows good training on the part of the teacher of the Primary Department of our school. And thus the moments passed pleasantly along with songs and recitations by the little ones, until "Santa Claus" made his appearance. It was intended to have him come in with his team prancing and bells ringing, but the crowd was so great that it was with difficulty that he made his way up among the scholars, loaded with candies, etc., for them, and if all did not get candy enough, it was no fault of Santa Claus.

One pleasant part of the entertainment was not looked for, and all enjoyed it because of its and being looked for as well as for its excellence. I refer to the readings given by Mr. Gardner, a professional elocutionist, of the Oregon school, who, on his visit to his home, came by the way of our village and treated us to a song and some selections in reading, which were gladly received by the audience. Come again, Henry; our latch-string hangs on the outside all the time.

Then came the Christmas Tree, which was loaded from top to bottom with dry goods, hardware, earthenware, queensware, groceries, confectioneries, tobacco, etc., with all the articles usually kept in a first-class country store. A good many received articles of value, among which we [illegible] Prof. E. T. Petitt, Mrs. Gregory, [illegible] several of the ladies, and several boys, the contents of which were [illegible] to their parents. All in all it was a glorious [illegible] the Teachers [illegible] the pupils by their presents and friends and the people of the village and vicinity, that they are received and rating in the public [illegible].

Next Monday the Teachers' Institute of Andrew county commences in this place and if building by the past is any criterion of the future, it will be a success. We hope so. Perhaps I may write you [illegible] our views of the Institute.

Yours truly.

AD. DEVON.

Joint Institute Meeting.

TARKIO, MO., Dec. 23, 1874.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN—According to notice previously given by the Executive Committee, the Teachers' Institute of Andrew county met in the Public School room this afternoon, and was called to order by Mr. E. C. Matteson. The number of teachers being so small, it was thought best to defer the election of officers for the ensuing year until to-morrow. A short session was held wherein Mr. G. E. King conducted a reading exercise, followed by a general discussion. A programme was presented for the evening session, when the Institute adjourned to meet at 7 p. m. At that time the Institute met, with Mr. Matteson in the chair, and opened with a song by the choir, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Cruikshank. The Institute was then favored with a little instruction upon education, by Rev. Mr. Smith, which was listened to with great interest and profit to all. Then came discussion of exercises from the query box, and by various members of the Institute. Shall Corporeal Punishment in public schools be abolished? A variety of opinions were brought forth in regard to the punishment, but no one spoke in favor of its abolishment. The question finally resolved itself from the discussion into another, viz: "When shall Corporeal Punishment be inflicted?" The time having come for adjourning, "Good Night" was sung and the Institute adjourned to meet at 9 a. m., 29th.

December 29, 1874.

Institute met at 9 a. m., and was called to order by Mr. Matteson, and prayer was offered by Dr. Cruikshank. Institute proceeded into election of officers for the ensuing year with the following results, viz: For president, E. C. Matteson; 1st vice-president, Miss Allah Buckley; 2d vice-president, Mrs. Kirkpatrick; secretary, William Hunter; assistant secretary, Miss Layton; Treasurer, N. H. Gregory; auditor, E. T. Petitt; chaplain, Rev. N. H. Smith; committee on music, E. T. Petitt, N. H. Gregory, Miss Tatlock and Jabe Powell. President appointed the following committees, viz: on resolutions, Dr. Cruikshank, Mr. E. Petitt and Jabe Powell; on programme, E. Petitt, G. E. King and N. H. Gregory; on general arrangements, Wm. Hunter, Jabe Powell and Robert Herron; committee on programme, present programme for exercises, and president appoints H. S. Gardner as critic, in accordance with a motion passed by the Institute, that president appoint a critic for each session. In accordance with programme, the president gave his inaugural address, which was given in one hour by president's time, but was short, concise and to the point.

Then came class drill in grammar, conducted by Dr. Cruikshank, with discussions and criticisms of the same. A short intermission was then taken, when Mr. Vice-president occupied the chair while the president presented a few of his opinions in regard to mental arithmetic, showing his manner of teaching the same, in which he took the theory usually followed, which resulted in respect in which, gratifying and not spend too much time by trying to give all the [illegible] to analytically. The report of the critic was then followed by [illegible] for the ensuing year, adjourned to [illegible] 2 o'clock p. m.

Institute met at 2 p. m., president in the chair. A song, "Strike for Liberty" was sung and prayer offered by Dr. Cruikshank. Minutes read and adopted. Institute proceeded to [illegible] and adopted.

Class [illegible] on programme had [illegible] Tatlock in charge of class drill in elementary reading, but as she was absent, Dr. Hench, of Indianola, Iowa, took her class and interested the Institute in giving some first principles in reading. He presented the subject very clearly and simply, well adapted to the minds of novel beginners. Report of the critic and of committee on programme for the evening and Institute adjourned to meet at 7 p. m.

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Teachers' Festival.

EDS. REPUBLICAN—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, quite a respectable number of the rank and fashion of Rochester and vicinity met on the evening of the 19th, 17th 18th and 19th, in the spacious and well-arranged school-house, beautifully adorned and lighted up by Dan. Fr's clever fellows, to witness the first, for the first time, of the band of young dramatists, ably organized and thoroughly drilled by the eminent elocutionist, Prof. G. R. Powers, and who won great applause on these memorable occasions, in the beautifully decorated stage. As the curtain rolled up on the first evening, the thundering cheer which greeted the noble aspirants for public [illegible] must have been to them a flattering assurance of welcome. The opening scene of the drama, "Who Spoke First," was very fine indeed, and greatly appreciated by the attentive audience, as was manifested by frequent exclamations of delight. Mrs. Flora Blount, Miss Mollie Simmons, Messrs. William Lillibridge, James Blount, and Prof. Powers won golden laurels in acting their part, raising the feelings of the people, as they progressed, to the highest pitch of enjoyment. The Simmons twins, Ring and Chang, were very respectively personated by Mossy Wells and Henry Mellroy on the second night. Mess. Blount, Lillibridge, Johnny Snowden and Thos. Whiteford, with enthusiastic delight to the audience, represented the other characters in the comedy.

On the the third night "The Rendezvous," an operetta, was played with irresistable effect by Miss Mollie Simmons, Pet Shanks, J. Snowden, James Blount, Wm. Lillibridge, Mossy Wells, Thomas Whiteford and H. Miller. All of these acts were received by the audience with loud rounds of applause, handkerchiefs and the wildest waving of handkerchiefs. These expressions however but feebly expressed the tumultuous excitement that followed the comedy, *Mors in Vita*, played by Messrs. Whiteford, Miller, Blount and Lillibridge. But the admiration of the people rose into a blaze of enthusiasm as Mr. Ed. Willoughby comically dressed, while walking the stage, sang a parody composed by himself, on "Billy Barlow." Saturday evening was the rehearsal, the proceeds for the benefit of the actors.

There were various tragedies, comedies and tableaux interspersed through the exercises of these evenings, that were greeted with such bursts of laughter and enthusiastic applause as are seldom witnessed on such occasions. Space will not permit special mention of the deportment of each actor, but all acquitted themselves nobly in the estimation of an intelligent audience. Mr. Rich, though not an actor in any of the above mentioned dramas, was considered a star. Mr. C. F. Booher intensely declaimed on Friday evening, "Gettysburg." One of the most pleasing and beautiful tableaux of the occasion, was represented by Miss Sallie Shanks and Clara Simmons, "Evening Prayer."

The most delightful instrumental and vocal music was sweetly discoursed by Mrs. Flora Blount, the Misses Anna Finch, Emma Shanks, Sallie Shanks, Anna Charles, Mollie Simmons, Nannie Simmons and Inky Shanks.

Dr. E. L. Simmons introduced the exercises of the first evening in a very neat, pertinent, appropriate speech—subject, "The Stage." The Hon. Nicholas Ford, in his usual sublime graceful style, paid the most fascinating tribute of respect to the "people," as an introductory to the second evening's exercises.

"Festivals as a means of social elevation" was the theme of Rev. J. H. Newman, of Easton, for the next evening, and he has fitted his subject masterly and practically.

Spread in great profusion upon tables obtained from the Rochester Cheese Factory, was food of every variety to tempt the appetite and satiate the hungry, to partake of, for the kind ladies of the village and surrounding country.

Upon the whole, the festival was a great success, and the performances will, I hope, not only open the eyes of the people of the town and surrounding country, that encourages and sustains such wholesome and instructive entertainments. We understand that the Dramatic Troupe will soon give another entertainment. To John P. Shanks, Wm. Shanks and Eugene Blount, the success of the musical department of the festival was mainly due.

Among the best paying, as well as most interesting, features of the occasion, was the raffling of two cakes to two of the prettiest girls, and a very costly cane to the best looking gentleman. Miss Flora Blount and Miss Kitty Seyhert carried off the cakes, and Dr. Simmons was the successful candidate for the cane, C. F. Booher presenting it to him in an elegant and beautiful little speech, the Doctor responding in thankful and appropriate acknowledgment in receiving it. In the lottery drawing, Miss Anna Poolan and Miss Agnes Shanks drew two beautiful albums.

EUGENE'S EZRA.

Rochester, Dec. 21, 1874.

Amazonia Items.

Christmas was made manifest to old and young here by a Christmas tree at the school-house the "night before Christmas." A house full of people, a tree full of presents, countenances full of smiles and full heartfuls of rejoicing, made the evening pass quickly.

Uncle Jamie Carmichael would like to see a party of gentlemen who have the audacity to assert that they imagine they can beat him at the Scotch game of curling, at his place on the Nodaway, just above Amazonia, where the ice is very fine for the sport. Should such a party come he will show them how it is done.

Christmas night, a large party enjoyed the hospitalities of Judge and Mrs. Bond at their residence. It is needless to say that all enjoyed themselves—anything else would be impossible when they set out to make people enjoy themselves.

Dr. and Mrs. Rogers were at home Tuesday night, and there were ever so many others there to "trip the light fantastic toe, &c." Good cheer prevailed, and the evening passed into the "wee sma' hours" before the young folks were willing to leave.

A runaway team made things lively Tuesday evening, until a wagon was demolished—nobody hurt.

Two buildings caugh fire Christmas night from defective flues, but refused to burn on account of the water that was poured on them.

A big dog fight in front of the post-office, in which the under dog in a lot of about fifty came out ahead, was a feature of the festivities on Christmas.

HUNCHBACK.