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INSTITUTE NOTES.

One more very successful County Institute has been held, and the teachers have separated and gone to their homes to await the opening of the winter schools when the many ideas gained will be put into practice.

In the query-box, Thursday, was found this question: "How much should a teacher who has a six months license be paid?" It evoked quite an excited discussion.

The Teachers' Reunion Thursday was attended by a crowded house. This shows that the citizens take an interest in the work of the teachers, for which we are very thankful. The programme was well carried out and was very good.

Prof. Ransburg, of Valparaiso, was with us Wednesday and Thursday and gave some very instructive talks on Natural History and Language.

Friday afternoon was mostly occupied by reports of committees and miscellaneous business.

The attendance reached 103, Friday—a greater number than has been enrolled in any previous Institute.

Many persons were surprised at the stand of the Superintendent on dancing and kindred amusements. We believe he is just right, and to give more authority to his statement let me quote from the report of the Superintendent of Whitley county to the State Superintendent: "While dancing and the use of tobacco may look to a very large portion of our people as being indeed very innocent in themselves and altogether harmless as to any influence effected thereby, yet a very large and respectable portion of our school patrons would rather not have our teachers indulge in such practices, and the teacher who cannot forego his amusement in dancing when such self denial would add greatly to his influence for good, is not, in my opinion, worthy of license to teach school."

The spelling match for the best, which was won last Institute by Messrs. Burnham and Johnson, was held Friday evening, and resulted in a tie between Miss Clara Coen and Mr. A. M. Munroe. Another trial was given to Messrs. Burnham, Munroe and Johnson, and Miss Coen, which resulted in victory for Mr. Burnham. CORRESPONDENT.

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A perusal of the premium list will disclose that the premiums offered in division A, for horses, are as liberal as those of former years and compare favorably with the premiums given by other associations. Division B, for asses and mules, premiums as large as ever. In division C, for cattle, the directors last year added a sub-department for fat steers; this has been retained and the premiums in the entire division are as liberal as those of last year. In division D, for sheep, the directors have added three sub-departments—one each for Southdowns, Cotswolds and Merinos—which necessitated the increase of 300 per cent. Division E, for swine, remains unchanged. Division G, poultry, unchanged. Divisions D, gardening; H, grain, and seeds; I, fruits; J, flowers and artificial work; K, domestic skill; and L, ladies' work, have been materially changed. The 10 per cent. entry fee, which was charged heretofore, has been abolished, and all articles designed for these several divisions will be admitted to competition free of charge. This action would practically add 11 per cent. to the premiums in these divisions had they been left the same as were offered in other seasons. But a great deal more than this has been done for these divisions. In H additions of articles that might be exhibited for premiums were made which increases the amount of premiums in the division nearly 25 per cent. Premiums in division I were increased nearly 150 per cent. Premiums in division K increased 50 per cent. Premiums in division L increased 50 per cent. Premiums in division M, leather work, increased 70 per cent. Premiums in division N, miscellaneous, increased 25 per cent. and a number of diplomas added. The school depart-

ment remains as last year. The division for farm apparatus, machinery, etc., the same as last year. For equestrian exhibitions, mule race and foot race the purses are as liberal as those of former times. In the speed ring the purses aggregate \$460.

Having pride in the reputation of our immediate locality, the board of directors make a respectful personal appeal to the resident reader for assistance and co-operation in order that our annual exhibition shall be a credit to the region of country and one in which we may all enjoy a laudable pride. As one means to this end they earnestly ask that each one bring something for exhibition. As an encouragement and special inducement for the exhibition of agricultural and horticultural products and articles of house manufacture, the board of directors determined this year to admit everything of the kind to competition for premiums, FREE OF ENTRY FEES! This free list embraces more than one hundred articles, as follows:

Winter wheat, rye, clover seed, flour, buckwheat, apples, corn in the ear, flax seeds, pears, oat meal, beans, grapes, oats, timothy seed, small fruits, tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelons, squashes, cabbages, muskmelons, pumpkins, cauliflower, netting melons, potatoes, egg plant fruit, peppers, sweet potatoes, beets, onions, parsnips, sugar beets, carrots, roses in bloom, wax flowers, moss and rock work, annuals in bloom, plants, shell work, house plants, preserved leaves and flowers, taxidermist specimens, cut flowers, wig and hair jewelry, gold cake, homemade yeast bread, jelly cake, silver cake, homemade salt-rising bread, fruit cake, marble cake, corn bread, sponge cake, white mountain cake, butter, cheese, canned peaches, spiced fruit, sweet preserves, canned peas, cucumber pickles, catsup, canned plums, mixed pickles, honey in comb, canned cherries, sweet pickles, apple butter, canned berries, medley, fruit butter, canned tomatoes, sorghum molasses, jellies, jams, tapestry work, chair covers, rugs, ottomans, slippers, embroidered handkerchiefs, mats, pin cushions, bead work, lady's cuffs and collars, tidiess, lady's underwear, lady's chinestettes, lady's wrappers, man's shirts, infant's shirts, lady's skirts, lady's night dresses, calico dresses, kitchen aprons, sofa pillows, patched garments, pillow shams, knit socks, knit mittens, knit scarfs, patch work quilts, log cabin quilts, stuffed quilts, quilted quilts, fancy quilts, silk quilts, double coverlets, single coverlets, display of needles, work, rag carpets, etc.

In addition to the partial list above given, space will be provided free of charge for the display of the following articles which may compete for diplomas:

Stoves, house furniture, carpets, sewing machines, pianos, organs, carpenter and joiner work, etc.

It will cost no money to exhibit the articles mentioned above, while all except those in the second list are entitled to liberal cash premiums according to which they shall prove meritorious. No society in the state does better than this, and we confidently hope for a corresponding response of encouragement from the people, all of whom are directly interested in developing the resources of the county and promoting its industries.

The speed ring purses are large, and two races will be made each day, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. These races will test speed in running, pacing and trotting.

The sale of intoxicating drinks, and every species of games of chance and swindling devices, will be rigorously excluded from the fair grounds, as has been the practice with such happy results since the present organization came into control.

Call upon or write to the secretary, at the postoffice, Rensselaer, Indiana, for all other information, or for premium lists, which will be mailed to any address free of postage.

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NOTICE TO FARMERS: A large supply of Monticello Flour has just been received at the Rensselaer Mills, which will be sold as cheap as elsewhere. Will exchange wheat and give 36 lbs. to the bushel. Also bran and shorts for sale.

Choice Codfish 6 cents a pound, at Kern's new Grocery Store.

All watches and clocks repaired at HAMAR's warranted for one year.

Buy your Sugar and Syrups, pure and unpreserved, at Kern's new Grocery Store.

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