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Principal Kirkconnell on "The Teacher's Opportunity"

The Annual Convention of the Victoria Teachers' Association met in the Central School last week. President C. H. Lapp, of Little Britain, being absent, Mr. T. C. Birchard, of Coblenk, was voted to the chair. Secretary J. A. Trask read the minutes of the last session. A nominating committee was appointed, as follows: Misses Thomas and Lanford, inspectors Broderick and Stevens, Messrs. Birchard and Somerville.

Double Liability Call on Farmers Bank Shares

Farmers Bank shareholders will be notified this week that they will be required under the Bank Act to pay the double liability which they have been fearing they would be called upon to do. Upon the application of James W. Bain, K.C., on behalf of the liquidator, an order has been issued by George Kappel, official referee, calling upon all shareholders of the wrecked bank to pay the amount unpaid upon their shares, the amount of all dividends wrongfully paid to them by the Farmers Bank of Canada, and one hundred per cent. of the amount due by them as shareholders under the provision of section 125 of the Bank Act.

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BALKANS WANT TO SHOVE TURKEY OUT OF EUROPE

The Balkan States have been called to the "cockpit of Europe." For years there's been trouble brewing there, lots of harsh talk and no little fighting. Just now they are all threatening Turkey. On the one hand in the present controversy are Serbia, population 2,700,000, army 125,000; Montenegro, population 230,000, army 55,000; Bulgaria, population 4,100,000, army 500,000; Roumania, population 6,700,000, army 170,000; and Greece, population 2,500,000, army 50,000; total available 200,000. The only reason why they do not take bites out of Macedonia is—

PUBLIC SCHOOL ART EXHIBITS

Excellent Display of Work Done by Public School Pupils—Pencil Drawings, Color Work, Construction Work, etc.—A Beneficial Study

The art exhibit was a unique and progressive feature of the Victoria County Teachers' Association, which convened in Lindsay this week, and Lindsay citizens who failed to visit the Central School and examine the handiwork of the pupils missed the opportunity of seeing a real good art exhibit. There was a magnificent and almost endless variety of method and design in this branch of education.

In the days gone by they called it "drawing," but of late "art" has become the proper word. The specimens exhibited were exceptionally well done, and the entire exhibit reflects much credit on the teachers and pupils. The exhibit was large, and included pencil drawings and sketches, pen and ink sketches, pattern drawings, paper cutting, construction work, etc. The exhibit of nature study was also a splendid one.

Nature study exhibits were shown by pupils from the Central School only. On exhibit were choice selections of seeds, neatly bottled, labelled and mounted. It is held to be a splendid thing to teach the boys the different kinds of seeds, plants, trees, etc., thus equipping him with a knowledge of the outdoor life and acquainting him with nature.

Special mention should be made of the exhibits of the three local schools. Principal McDougall, of the Central School, although allowing the pupils from the primary class to do considerable color work (i.e., coloring the drawings in realistic manner), teaches pencil work only in the senior entrance class, and the specimens are exceedingly well done, the outline and shading work especially. House and barns with scenery appropriate; tubs, monuments, pyramids, wooden articles, etc., are the subjects pencilled. In the Jr. IV. and Sr. III. exhibit the coloring effects are predominant. Wall paper patterns of varied designs, and flags, highly colored, comprise the bulk of the Jr. III. work in art. The simpler patterns are practiced in the 2nd class; also in the primary class. The construction work done by the primary class was pleasing to note. Crude chairs, tables, benches, etc., made out of tooth picks and peas, and fancy paper cutting by these seven-year-old lads and lasses form a curious exhibit.

Montenegro and War

It, in declaring war upon Turkey, Montenegro is proceeding entirely on her own account, and for the rectification of wrongs in which the other Balkan States have no share, the conflict will be a small affair. In Germany it seems to be assumed that this is the true situation, as the Montenegrin declaration is spoken of as "isolated," and there is no cessation of the work of the diplomats in reference to the larger business in hand. But if, as is hinted in Paris, a pile had been laid for a general conflagration, by the four states—Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia and Montenegro—and Montenegro happened to be the one selected to apply the match, the case is much more serious. Even if the Paris view of the matter is purely imaginary, there is danger, now that hostilities have actually been begun, that the other states, and Bulgaria in particular, whose populace and army seem burning for a brush with Turkey, will get beyond the control of the European powers and plunge into the fray. In that case, all Europe can do will be to localize the disturbance and preserve concord among themselves.

Montenegro is a very small state. Its entire population is less than that of Toronto. But, for warlike purposes, it is formidable, because its people are all mountaineers. To the Alps, no doubt, Switzerland owes its independence during all the vicissitudes of Europe. Neither Austria nor Turkey has ever been able to vanquish the Montenegrins, because of the ease with which the latter can retreat into their mountain fastnesses and pursue a guerrilla vendetta. In the "war" now breaking out, conditions will be similar to those between the English two or three hundred years ago and the Highland Scotch. When the Highlanders came forth and met the English in battle array on level ground, they were usually beaten—the exceptions being when their habit of thrusting aside their muskets after the first volley and resorting to the claymores offset the greater steadiness and discipline of the Saxon hosts. But when they retreated into their glens, and had only to guard the passes of a country as wild and subtle as themselves, a very few of them were often able to confound the mighty. So with the Montenegrins. Puny in the open, they may be invincible at home.

Whitby Man to Hang For Murder

Whitby, Oct. 10.—John Bateman, seventy-seven years old, was found guilty on a charge of murdering his wife on September 5, at Cedarvale, and was sentenced by Mr. Justice Latchford to be hanged on December 19. That the old man did not realize the seriousness of his position was apparent when his Lordship asked him if he had any statement to make before the death sentence was passed upon him.

"I had no intention of killing that woman," he answered. "That is all I have to say." Bateman did not exhibit the slightest emotion. "A jury of your fellow-countrymen," said Mr. Justice Latchford, "have found you guilty of the crime of murder. You have had a fair trial. You have been ably defended by Mr. Gordon D. Conant, who has done everything possible to save you from the gallows. No other conclusion but that reached was possible for any jury to determine upon the evidence. I do not wish to add to the seriousness of your situation by reminding you of its horror. The jury has recommended you to mercy, which no doubt will be given due consideration by the crown. What you should do, it seems to me, is that you should prepare yourself, in the interval, for the end that must come, provided your sentence is not commuted by the minister of justice."

After his Lordship had pronounced the sentence of death, Bateman glanced around the court room, and sat down while his counsel informed the court that he would ask for executive clemency on behalf of the aged prisoner. Subsequently Bateman was taken to the jail and placed in the death cell. The old man exhibited no signs of fear as he was escorted to the cell. He remarked to Sheriff Paxton that he had no fault to find with the verdict. "But just imagine my position," he added, "after all these years I am now face to face with death. If the sentence is commuted I will have to end my days in prison. My friends and relatives have deserted me, but I shall try and do my best under the circumstances."

Mr. Justice Latchford made a strong charge against the prisoner. His Lordship, after reviewing the evidence, characterized the crime as a plain, sordid, gruesome murder. The defence had failed, he said, to produce a little of evidence which would bring it within the protective scope of manslaughter under the criminal code.

East and West Victoria Institutes Amalgamate

Mr. Jas. H. Wilkinson, of the Toronto Normal, addressed the Victoria County Teachers' Association at the session held Friday on the subject of "Paper Folding from the standpoint of Construction." Many of the features of art can be developed from paper folding; pattern, symmetry and design can be easily arrived at. Mr. Wilkinson had many mounted specimens of paper folding which he used in illustrating, besides giving many exhibitions of paper cutting to procure desired patterns.

The teachers were much interested, and asked many questions. Paper folding and cutting may be used as a strong element of educative busy work for the teacher of the ungraded school. Inspector Broderick explained the statutes regarding the formation and amalgamation of institutes, and he moved that East and West Victoria unite and form one Institute. The spirit of the motion was endorsed by Inspector Stevens, who seconded the motion. Mr. Rogers responded in a neat little speech, giving the work that had been done in this matter, and he hoped that some feasible scheme might be evolved in the course of two years.

Moved, seconded and carried, that Messrs. McLean and Rennie be appointed a committee to draft a resolution on a Superannuation Fund. The association resolved itself into sections, under the supervision of Inspector Broderick and Stevens. Many perplexities were straightened out. After further discussion, a motion was introduced for the two institutes to repair to their respective departments, discuss and vote on the question, then return to a union assembly and take the final vote. It was unanimously decided for the East and West Victoria to form one Institute.

The Nominating Committee reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year:— President—Mr. T. A. Kirkconnell. Vice-President—Mr. Wager. Treas.—Mr. W. H. Stevens. Secretary—Mr. J. A. Trask. Librarian—Mr. Jennings. Executive—Misses Lee, Langsford, McConnell, Wilson and Mr. Hoide.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the association have the usual debate on the purchase of optional educational magazines. It was moved and seconded, that Principal Rogers, of the Separate School, be heard on the subject of a Teachers' Superannuation Fund.

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