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DEATH RATE IN ARMIES.

The death rate in the United States army, regulars and volunteers, for the four months of service, is 5.4 in a thousand.

In the army of the United States in the first year of the civil war the annual death rate was 53 per thousand per annum.

KHARTOUM AND CIVILIZATION

The capture of Khartoum by General Kitchener is a victory in the interest of civilization.

After the Mahdi rebellion in 1883 General Gordon was sent to Khartoum, not to reassert Egyptian authority.

the spirit of the progressive tribes and encouraged the savage ones.

After one of the most remarkable campaigns ever made by a British army, General Wolseley's command

Then Slatin Pasha and General Kitchener began to preach a new crusade against the cowardly policy

The Sudan might have been saved in 1884 had not Gordon been instructed to weaken his own cause

The president's order returning the enfeebled regulars of the Fifth army corps to the military posts

While the big camp at Montauk is one great hospital, only a portion of it is recognized as such,

The loss of the navy during the war with Spain was fifteen killed, forty-three wounded,

One Minute Cough Cure, cures. That is what it was made for.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

ANNUAL MEETING OPENED IN THE CITY WEDNESDAY.

The Meeting Attended By Teachers and Patrons of Education—Complete Report of the Proceedings.

Wednesday Morning's Session.

The convention of teachers for Wasco county, began its annual session in the Academy Park school building

Numerous teachers arrived yesterday, and there were at least thirty-five present at the opening exercises

The opening exercises were followed by some appropriate remarks by Superintendent Gilbert.

J. H. Ackerman, Superintendent of public instruction, followed by a learned discourse on arithmetic.

Professor John Gavin followed by a talk on spelling, after which J. H. Ackerman rendered an interesting discourse on grammar.

The forenoon exercises were closed by an interesting, instructive and entertaining talk on geography by Professor J. S. Landers.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Wednesday's afternoon session of the Annual Teachers Institute was opened by singing several patriotic songs,

Miss Melissa Hill gave a graphic and interesting account of her "Summer Vacation". She spoke of fossil hunting in Oregon and of her trip through California.

Miss Emma S. Roberts, in her paper, spoke of the advantages and pleasures to be had at the Chatanqua at Gladstone Park.

Mr. Ellen D. Baldwin, on Number Work in Primary Grades, brought out a number of salient points,

C. M. Sisco not being able to be present sent in his paper on The Common School Idea, which was read by Miss Rintoul.

Mr. R. R. Allard, on Opening Exercises, brought forth a lengthy discussion.

Mary L. Douthit read an excellent paper on The Theory of the Kindergarten. Mrs. Douthit was asked to publish her paper in order that all may read it.

J. T. Neff, on Should Corporal Punishment be Abolished, brought forth a lively discussion from all parts of the house.

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in Percentage appear quite easy. He condemns the use of old methods involving Base, Rate, Percentage, etc.

Prof. Gavin on Spelling, brought forth a number of common popular mistakes in pronunciation, among which he mentioned the words dance, last, tube, blue.

Prof. Ackerman, on History, said to the teachers, 1st. "Do not assign lessons by pages"; 2nd. "Look lessons over carefully"; 3rd. "Determine essential points"; 4th. "Have pupils read the lesson with teacher"; 5th. "Settle upon essential points"; 6th. "Study the Geography of the lesson carefully"; 7th. "Have pupils draw historical maps."

Books should be composed of the best of literature. For 2nd and 3rd grade readers should be supplied stories suitable to their fancies, such as folk-lore, fables, etc., especially Robinson Crusoe, and its companions.

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T. M. B. Chaastain on "Current Events" deplored the lack of teaching current events. An open discussion followed.

C. R. Deems read a most eloquent paper on "Relation of the Flag to the School." He says it rests with the school to teach and foster patriotism.

Prof. Landers presented "How to Interest the Child in Nature Study" in his usually entertaining style. He says the only way to conduct an interest children in nature study is with a regular outlined course.

Miss Susanna Ward introduced the subject of "Grammar," giving a very complete outline of this subject.

contained many truths which it would be well for taxpayers in general to read.

F. B. Barnes in "English vs. Mathematics" made an earnest plea for the placing of more literature study in our common schools.

"A Plea for Thoroughness" by Miss Lillian Ackerman was straight to the point and contained a pathetic mental picture of the lack of thoroughness on the part of teachers and pupils.

C. I. Brown made an effective talk upon "The Advantages of the Country School," holding out prominent characters of the past history of our country as products of the country school.

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Prof. Ackerman instructed the teachers in saluting the flag. Following in the salute: "I pledge allegiance to my flag, and the republic for which it stands,

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Prof. Landers gave an interesting talk upon "The Study of Weather" illustrating by an experiment the use and construction of the barometer.

The dedication of the High School Building. The dedication of the new high school building took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The first number of the program was a vocal solo, "Be Good Sweet Maid," by Miss Georgia Samson, and the beautiful rendition of the same delighted the audience,

Rev. Joseph DeForest pronounced the invocation, after which the Dallas Instrumental Quartet, consisting of Prof. Ryan, Clinton Alden, J. M. Reese and Irvin Parkins, rendered "Gay Coney Island" on the guitars and mandolins.

Dr. Doane spoke on the new building, after which Miss Hattie Cram rendered the beautiful selection, "Little Boy Blue," in her usual charming manner,

Prof. J. H. Ackerman followed with a learned address after Prof. Birgfeld rendered a beautiful violin solo.

The new school building which has been dedicated today, is indeed the pride of the Dallas, and might well be the pride of a much larger town.

school building would be difficult to find, and when we consider what great improvements have taken place in The Dallas' public school buildings during the last few years, it is certainly a just cause to make us feel proud.

The dimensions of the new building are 60x93 feet. The entrance to the building is by concrete stairs, twenty-three feet long, which lead into a large hall 24x60 feet.

On the lower floor are four rooms 32x29 feet, and supplied with good-sized dressing rooms. The stairs leading to the upper floor are platform stairs ten feet long, half way up being a landing 8x24 feet.

In the southwest corner is situated the library and the principal's office combined, and a hall connects this with a laboratory and apparatus room 18x32 feet.

A concrete floor has been placed in the basement, which is divided by a partition and will be used as recreation rooms for the pupils in stormy weather.

Two large Morgan heaters will furnish hot air for the heating of the rooms, and this is considered at present the best method of heating now in use.

Mr. C. J. Crandall, as architect, and Messrs. Sylvester and French, as contractors, certainly deserve much praise for the manner in which their work has been done.

NEWS FROM CAVITE.

An Interesting Letter From Roy Ballard—Cavite Arsenal, Philippine Islands.

The following letter was received by Mr. Ballard, of this city, yesterday, and as letters from our boys in the Philippines are always read with pleasure, we publish the same.

There has been some fighting almost incessantly during the past three or four days between our troops and the Spaniards. There have been fourteen Americans killed and forty-four wounded;

The native governor, Aguinaldo, has been missing for the past three days, and the natives think we know where he is.

An order has been issued commanding all the natives to leave cavite arsenal within the next twenty-four hours. They are all getting drunk, gathering around on the street corners and talking very loud.

The battleship Monterey got in two days ago. We expect Dewey to bombard Manila at any time, but do not know when.

We have received news here that Spain has sued for peace. Is that true? We are ready for anything that may come.

I intended to send you a list of those who were killed and wounded in an engagement a few days ago, but I went over to the bulletin board and they had been taken down.

On board the transport Morgan City fire broke out in the reserve bunkers on July 26th, and was not entirely extinguished until July 31st.

Give my regards to all my inquiring friends. You said something about not hearing from me since I left San Francisco. I have written at least twenty letters since then.

De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.