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The Legislative Reference Bureau.

Governor TENER has promptly approved the bill for the reorganization of the Legislative Reference Bureau. If it had been an act for the obliteration of that absolutely useless legislative appendage, the Governor's act would have been deserving of popular applause.

When the bill to create this absurd bureau was pending during the session of four years ago the WATCHMAN protested against it. The ostensible reason given for it was that uniformity in the style and language of legislation is desirable.

As might have been expected this small source of graft rapidly develops into a pool of vast depth and immense opportunities. Of course, under the reorganization the clever and obliging gentleman from Butler county who has "held down" the job of Director from the start and was entirely satisfied with his recompense, will be demoted and a handy man from one of the cities will get his place.

The Income Tax Amendment.

When the sixty-first Congress, in special session, two years ago adopted a joint resolution to submit to the several State Legislatures an amendment to the constitution authorizing the levy of an income tax, it was confidently expected that the proposition would be defeated.

It begins to look now, however, as if the amendment will be ratified in the near future and become a part of the organic law of the land. Thirty States have already ratified in full. In New York, Florida, Minnesota, Massachusetts and New Jersey one branch of the Legislature has voted favorably on the question.

That it will be ratified ultimately admits of no doubt. New Jersey is certain to take affirmative action at the next session unless the signs are misleading. New York, Virginia and West Virginia will pursue the same course. Minnesota is not likely to remain out of the progressive column much longer and it is only a question of a few months with Wyoming.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

The Woman's Club has decided on the week beginning May 15th, as clean-up week.

Two circuses are headed Bellefonte-wards, one of which is booked to appear here the latter part of May while the other has not yet given out a date.

KEICHLINE.—The sudden death of George W. Keichline, which occurred at his home in Pine Grove Mills at three o'clock on Sunday morning, was quite a shock to the people of that community.

Decensed was a son of Peter and Sarah Long Keichline and was born at Boalsburg, August 15th, 1842, hence was 68 years, 9 months and 8 days old. He grew up on the farm and naturally turned to agriculture as his vocation in life.

On May 23rd, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Meyers, of Boalsburg, who died about eight years ago. Surviving, however, are four daughters: Mrs. John D. Dreiblebis, of Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. W. H. Felding, of Staten Island, N. Y.; Mrs. Alfred Bowersox, of Pennsylvania Furnace, and Miss Gertrude, at home.

The funeral on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock was very largely attended. Rev. S. C. Stover, his pastor, had charge of the services and was assisted by Rev. J. S. Shultz. Burial was made in the new cemetery in that place.

MEESE.—George Meese died on Sunday morning at his home on Thomas street. About twenty years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and had been more or less an invalid ever since, though able to be out and around. In fact he had been confined to the house less than two weeks, so that his death came quite unexpectedly.

Deceased was a native of Centre county and was born on April 14th, 1839, so that he was just nine days past seventy-two years of age. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Fifty-first Pennsylvania volunteers and served for three years and one month, participating in most of the battles in the campaign in Virginia and serving a few months in the army of the Mississippi. He was wounded at Fredericksburg, Va., and again at the siege of Knoxville, Tenn.

In 1866 he was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Brown who survives with the following children: William B., of Woodland; Mrs. Zack Steel, of Tyrone; Mrs. Morris Rine, of Bellefonte; Mrs. James Grubb, of Orviston; Mrs. Thomas Keenan, of Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. Harry Bowes, of Philadelphia; Harry and Mrs. John Hockenberry, of Bellefonte, and Margaret at Philadelphia. He also leaves one brother and two sisters, namely: Essington Meese and Mrs. Philip Immel, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Thomas Kline, of Grapeville, Pa.

MARSHALL.—Ira Thomas Marshall died at his home near Filmore on Wednesday, April 19th, after a brief illness. He was born at Rock Forge July 4th, 1851, hence at the time of his death was 59 years, 9 months and 15 days old. He followed farming all his life and was an industrious citizen as well as a kind and considerate neighbor, a loving husband and father. He was well known throughout Buffalo Run valley and was universally respected.

RILLING.—Alexander Rilling, an aged resident of Altoona, died at the home of his son, S. B. Rilling, of that place, at eight o'clock on Saturday evening. On March 8th he fell and broke a leg and was in the Altoona hospital under treatment until April 14th when his condition became such that it was apparent he could not recover and he was removed to the home of his son. He was born at Blair Furnace, June 2nd, 1829, hence was in his eighty-second year.

GRADEX.—Sarah, the twelve year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Graden, of Gregg township, died quite suddenly last Sunday night after only a few hours illness. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon.

CLEAVER.—A death which will be mourned by many people in Centre county was that on Tuesday, April 13th, of Mrs. Minerva Agnes Cleaver, wife of Rev. N. E. Cleaver, which occurred at her home in Mt. Carmel. She had been a sufferer with tuberculosis for more than two years and though she knew that the inevitable end was death she was at all times patient and resigned and died quiet and peacefully.

Deceased was the eldest daughter of Thomas and Amy Roop and was born at Loveville, this county, March 19th, 1867, so that at her death she was 44 years and 27 days old. Her early education was received in the public schools of Halfmoon township after which she took a course in The Pennsylvania State College. It was there she met her future husband, N. E. Cleaver, who at the time was professor of Latin in that institution.

She leaves to survive her husband, one son and two daughters, namely: Thoburn, Helen and Minerva, all of Mt. Carmel; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roop, of Scotia; two brothers: Rev. C. G. Roop, of Bainbridge, N. Y., and C. L. Roop, of Pittsburg, and one sister, Miss Mary V., at home.

RIDER.—Mrs. Mary A. Rider, widow of the late Samuel Rider, died at her home near Gatesburg on Wednesday evening after a few week's illness from the infirmities of old age.

In 1841 she was united in marriage to Samuel Rider, who preceded her to the grave twenty-seven years ago. Surviving her, however, are the following children: Mrs. A. R. Love, Denver, Col.; Mrs. Joseph Hull and J. A. C. Rider, of Tyrone; C. W. Rider, of Avis; Mrs. C. W. Henderson, of Spruce Creek, and Frank, of Altoona. The funeral will be held from her late home tomorrow (Saturday) morning, burial to be made in the Ross church cemetery.

SAUL.—Mrs. Philip Saul died in the Bellefonte hospital last Friday. She had been a sufferer for more than a year with cancer and last November underwent an operation in the Bellefonte hospital. This checked the disease temporarily and she was out of the hospital two or three months but about four weeks ago was brought back. Nothing could be done to save her life as the disease was too far advanced and her death occurred at the time above noted.

Her maiden name was Miss Susan Michaels and she was born on March 9th, 1864, hence was 47 years, 1 month and 12 days old. After her marriage to Philip Saul the family lived mostly in the neighborhood of Centre Hall until the mother's illness resulted in the breaking up of the household and the children, nine of them, have homes with various families throughout the county. The funeral was held on Monday. Dr. W. H. Schuyler, of Centre Hall, assisted by Rev. W. H. Harnish, of Lemont, officiated at the services which were held in the Shiloh church, burial being made in the Shiloh cemetery.

STOVER.—After an illness of some weeks William F. Stover died at his home at Fiedler last Friday. He was born in Pennsylvania and was 71 years, 2 months and 3 days old. He followed farming most all his life and was a man of considerable prominence in the community in which he lived. He will be greatly missed in the Lutheran church, as he was not only a faithful member but a most earnest worker in the Master's cause. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. A. Stover; also two brothers and two sisters, Cook and Andrew, of Curwensville, and Mrs. J. Vonada and Mrs. Bartholomew, of Mackeyville. The funeral was held on Tuesday, burial being made in the St. Paul's church cemetery at Fiedler.

GRADEN.—Sarah, the twelve year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Graden, of Gregg township, died quite suddenly last Sunday night after only a few hours illness. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon.

LOVE.—About three weeks ago David Love, of Willowbank street, attended the funeral of his brother down Nittany valley and at the time contracted a bad cold. Pneumonia developed and he died on Sunday evening. He was born in this county and was about seventy-eight years of age. A good part of his life was spent in this vicinity and he was a man who had the esteem of all who knew him.

Surviving him are the following children: Mrs. Charles Harrison and Mrs. George Symmonds, of Altoona; Winfield, Clyde, John and George, of Bellefonte. The funeral was held from his late home on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. E. H. Yocum officiated at the services and a glowing tribute to the deceased as a soldier was paid by Gen. Beaver. Burial was made in the Union cemetery.

KLINE.—Miss Henrietta Kline died at her home in Aronsburg last Friday morning of heart disease, aged 78 years, 11 months and 6 days. She was a life-long resident of Aronsburg and a consistent member of the Lutheran church. One sister, Miss Sarah H. Kline, survives. The funeral was held on Wednesday forenoon, the services being in charge of Rev. M. D. Geesey and burial being made in the Lutheran cemetery at that place.

WALIZER.—Ralph Walizer, the seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Walizer, of Smulton, died on Friday of last week after a protracted illness with tuberculosis. Rev. J. Max Lantz officiated at the funeral which was held on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery at Rebersburg.

SCARLET FEVER PREVALENT IN BELLEFONTE.—During the past week several cases of scarlet fever have developed in Bellefonte and Spring township and one death has been the result, Regina Beezer, the bright and interesting daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Beezer, of Spring creek. She attended the parochial school in this place and was taken sick last Thursday.

How the disease originated is a mystery but so far it seems to be confined to pupils who have been attending the parochial school and because of this fact the school was closed and house fumigated. It might be stated, however, that there is no cause for alarm by the people of Bellefonte. At this writing there are only two or three cases and every effort is being made to prevent a spread of the disease.

ALLEGED ROBBERY CASE DROPPED.—Several weeks ago the WATCHMAN published the story of the alleged robbery of Ward Snook by John Jackson, of Lemont, while the two were drinking together in this place. The allegation was made by Snook's fourteen year old son and upon the boy's accusation Jackson was arrested and given a preliminary hearing before Burgess John J. Bower. At the time there was some conflicting evidence and Jackson was held under two hundred dollars bail for a further hearing on April 15th, at eleven o'clock.

At the time that came Jackson and his bondsman was on hand but Snook failed to appear. After waiting a reasonable length of time without the plaintiff turning up, the defendant was discharged and his bond surrendered. Snook was then notified of the termination of the case and if he desired any further action he would be compelled to swear out a warrant and have Jackson rearrested. As this has not been done the presumption is that Snook had not been robbed at all, and that his son's story to that effect was all a mistake.

AT THE HOSPITAL.—One day this week while Mrs. Lucy Stuart was eating chicken she swallowed a bone which stuck in the esophagus, and it was necessary to take her to the hospital where the same was removed. The only other operation was performed on Mrs. Mary Saxton. Mrs. Isabel Zerby was admitted for treatment, and Charles Courtney, Mrs. Clara Gross, Mrs. Mary Beezer and Mrs. Lillian Kline were discharged, leaving twenty-seven patients in the institution.

A poverty social for the benefit of the Lutheran church drew a good sized crowd to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Coxe, on Bishop street, last evening.

W. C. Snyder, engineer; George H. Emerick and J. Will Mayes, the viewers appointed by the court to inspect the High street bridge in this place, will be on the ground at ten o'clock on the morning of Saturday, May 6th, when and where all parties interested should appear and be heard.

On Tuesday evening Miss Laura Beltz, superintendent of the Bellefonte hospital, was coming down High street and stepped in a deep depression in the pavement in front of Doll's bakery in the Bush Arcade. She fell down and cut her hand quite badly and sustained a bad bruise on her right side.

On Wednesday Henry C. Quigley Esq., and W. E. Hurley both withdrew from the fight for the nomination for the Republican county chairmanship. This action was taken not because they wanted to keep peace in the party, but because under the new primary law there will be no election for county chairman this year.

The moving picture is an innovation that is no longer an experiment but is here to stay; and the one thing that assures it longevity of life is a proper discrimination of the subject matter. This is a thing that should of course be duly considered by the various moving picture companies but if they fail to do so then the owners of moving picture theatres should be the censors. And this is one reason why the Scenic is one of the best, because manager Brown will put on only the best he can secure.

The Bellefonte Chapter D. A. R. has quite a treat in store for the people of this community. Dr. Hugh P. Baker, head of the forestry department at The Pennsylvania State College, has kindly consented to deliver an address on "The Conservation of the Forests," illustrated with photographs he took on his recent trip abroad and also some secured in Washington. Through the generosity of T. Clayton Brown the pictures will be shown at the Scenic to-day, April 28th, at four o'clock p. m. A nominal admission of five cents will be charged. Everybody invited. As this is Arbor day, when school children and all others should be especially interested in tree planting and the caring for same, nothing would be more appropriate for them than to attend the Scenic this afternoon and hear Dr. Baker's address.

We are practically at the last of April and up until this week have had no real spring or summer weather. Cold weather prevailed uninterruptedly and even last Saturday night enough snow fell in this section to cover the ground and on Sunday morning the mountains were white as during the winter. With such weather farmers cannot be anything but backward in their work, although a few have succeeded in getting their oats into the ground. The wheat fields are already quite green and from their appearance withstood the severe winter very well. One thing the continued cold weather did do that may prove a benefit, was to keep back the buds on the fruit trees, so that there is every assurance that the fruit crop for this year will not be hurt by any freezing the trees have sustained so far, and there is hardly any likelihood of it being injured in the future.

This (Friday) evening a large number of the members of the Bellefonte Motor club will go to State College as guests at a supper to be given by Dr. Edwin Erle Sparks and the motorists of State College. The object is to bring the automobile owners of Bellefonte and State College closer together and arrange plans for bringing all the influence possible to bear upon the officials of the State Highway Department to secure the building of the proposed stretch of state highway from State College to Pleasant Gap. This is in line with the provisions of the Sproul bill for the state highway throughout the entire State, and it is proposed by the Highway Department to build a stretch of ten miles of road, of various designs, to find out which kind can be built the cheapest and which will be the more durable. It is this sample piece of road that the people of State College want to secure and have built from the College to Pleasant Gap, and it is to this end they want the influence and assistance of the people of Bellefonte, hence the supper at the College this evening.

A big house greeted The Thespians of State College in their last performance of "The Climatologers" of their season's tour of one week. Lancaster, Harrisburg, Shamokin, Clearfield, Punxsatawney and Bellefonte were the places visited and they were not only greeted with big houses at every point but with enthusiastic audiences who appreciated the efforts of the college students to give the public a musical diversion enough out of the ordinary to make a hit, which they succeeded in doing in Bellefonte as well as at the other places visited. Only a very few of the old cast of characters, seen in The Thespians here in former years, were in the cast this year, but the aggregation lost nothing by the change. The leading part was taken by Harry P. Armstrong, and he was most admirably supported by Robert G. Guthrie, Edward E. Tanguay, Eber E. Ludwig, Joseph A. Hassler, Russell T. Gheen, Aleck Gray and R. F. Hemingway. But, then, the boys were all good and the "girls" so fair to look upon that the show could not fail to please all who saw it. Financially they had a better season this year than last.

DILLON—KENNY.—A wedding in which a number of Bellefonters will be interested was that on Tuesday morning of Joseph Dillon, of Braddock, and Miss Margaret Theresa Kenny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kenny, of McKeesport. The ceremony took place in St. Peters Roman Catholic church, McKeesport, and was performed by Rev. Father C. A. McDermott. The bride is the daughter of McKeesport's chief of police while the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dillon, his mother before her marriage being a Miss Cooney, of this place. He is employed as a draughtsman with the Edgar Thompson Steel company and after an extended trip the young couple will take up their residence at Swissvale.

MCCAUSLAND—ALBERT.—Thomas G. McCausland, the popular young jeweler of Philipsburg, was married on Thursday morning of last week to Miss Nana Norris Albert, a graduate nurse of the Cottage hospital, that place. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bloom, of Curwensville, and was performed by Rev. Samuel Barber, of the Presbyterian church. The young couple will be at home to their friends in Philipsburg after May first.

MCCALLON—MCCALLON.—Lawrence McCallon, son of James A. McCallon, of Lock Haven, and Miss Elizabeth McCallon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson McCallon, of Howard, were united in marriage one day last week at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Lock Haven by Rev. Father McQuillen. The bride is an estimable young lady while the bridegroom is a graduate of the Lock Haven business institute and a bright young man.

There is a bad place in the pavement at the corner of Dr. Fisher's office on Allegheny street. The curb is six inches higher than the old pavement and when it rains a miniature dam of water gathers there around pedestrians are compelled to get around the best way possible. During Saturday's rain the water was bridged by several boards fastened to two iron supports. On Sunday evening while on his way home from church J. Will Conley tripped on this temporary bridge and fell, alighting on his right knee cap and left shoulder. While no bones were broken the wrench to his knee was quite severe and as a result he has been walking rather limp ever since. Mr. C. T. Gerberich has charge of the property at that place and it is only fair to him and the public to state that he is anxious to put down a new pavement there just as soon as the curb is put in proper condition.

Since the opening day of the season Centre county trout fishermen have been forced to the conclusion that the trout are either very scarce or weather conditions are against the sport of catching them. The big catch in Logan's branch on the opening day was almost entirely confined to the trout turned into the stream from the hatchery several months previous, but they were practically all cleaned out that day. Since that time there have been no catches worth telling about, although every day fishermen are to be seen along the banks of Spring creek and Logan's branch. So far very few Bellefonte fishermen have tried Fishing creek, but the water there is too high for good fishing. Later in the season, however, it will likely be tested out most thoroughly.

The afternoon party given by the Misses Anne and Caroline Valentine, Friday of last week, was in honor of their house guests, Miss Mary Norris, of Maryland, and Mrs. Walter Cox, of Philadelphia.

The annual conference of the eastern section of the Pittsburg district, A. M. E. church, convened in Altoona on Wednesday. Rev. P. E. Paul, of this place, is officiating as conference secretary.

SPRING MILLS.

Farmers are getting busy. Summer has made its appearance at last. Penns and Sinking creeks are bank full. Our roads are in a decidedly bad condition just now, and when will they be any better?

Very little garden has been made and, excepting onions, precious little planting. What would be the use, this kind of weather?

Mrs. C. C. Cummings has removed the old palings around the large garden adjoining her residence and substituted wire fencing. It is a great improvement.

As usual of late last Sunday was the third in succession that we were treated to a snow storm during the night previous. Winter seems to hang on more fiercely this year than usual.

Many of our fishermen are thoroughly disgusted with trout fishing. They say they can sit a whole day and hardly get a nibble. Of course it is, as the countryman said, a little bothersome, that kind of fishing.

Shem Hackenberg has fitted up the front rooms of his residence very handsomely for ice cream parlors. He will open on Saturday evening next, and will continue every Saturday evening during the season. Being the next building above the postoffice, a better location for the business is not in town.

The eleventh Sabbath school convention of the eleventh district of Centre county was held in the Reformed church here in the afternoon and evening of Friday last, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, was largely attended. The proceedings of both sessions were of a very interesting character. The singing was excellent and all the addresses were ably delivered and received the closest attention. Miss Martha Robinson, one of the active field workers, is a very pleasing speaker, and her remarks and suggestions were decidedly to the point and evidently met the views of her audience. Miss Robinson will remain in the county the entire week, and speak in each of the twelve districts.