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Fourth-class Postoffice Places.

Hon. CLYDE H. TAVENNER, a former valued Washington correspondent of the Washington and other Democratic journals of the country, now representing his home district in Missouri, in Congress, gives us the following facts relative to the qualifications and appointments of fourth-class postmasters which we know will be read with interest by the many who are looking for these public "plums."

Q. What was the Taft order pertaining to fourth-class postmasters? A. It was an executive order made on Oct. 15th, 1912, placing all fourth-class postmasters under Civil service without an examination.

Q. What was the effect of this order? A. It meant each fourth-class postmaster in the U. S. then in office would hold the office indefinitely regardless of his fitness or qualifications, vacancies of course to be filled based on a competitive examination.

Q. Wherein was this order unfair? A. It put postmasters under Civil service who had received their appointment by virtue of political considerations and took no account of merit whatsoever.

Q. What is the "Wilson Way"? A. President Wilson, on May 7th, 1913, issued an executive order, amending the Taft order, which provides that in all fourth-class postoffices where the compensation is \$180 per year or over, there shall be held an open competitive examination by the Civil Service Commission, the result of which shall be certified by the Commission to the Postmaster General. The Postmaster General shall appoint one of the three receiving the highest rating.

Q. How are they appointed when the compensation is under \$180? A. By the Postmaster General based upon a report made by a postoffice inspector.

Q. Who holds these examinations? A. Local examining boards are appointed by the Civil Service Commission to conduct the examination.

Q. When will these examinations be held? A. It is impossible to tell at this time; but they will be held as soon as the Department can take care of the work, and as the needs of the service require.

Q. Where are examinations held? A. At the most convenient point.

Q. How does one make application for examination? A. After an examination is announced the applicant secures, upon request at the local postoffice, form 1753, which is the proper blank to be filled out and which contains full information pertaining to the examination.

Q. What is the nature of the examination? A. It covers elementary arithmetic, penmanship, letter writing, copying tests, together with statement as to facilities for transacting the business of the office.

Q. How can one get more complete information pertaining to this matter? A. By writing to the "Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.," asking for copies of form 1752 and 1753, which contain instructions to applicants and rules and regulations governing appointments, or by writing your Member of Congress.

The Tariff Lobby in Washington.

President WILSON has indulged in a good many innovations since his election, some of which were rather startling. But he has done nothing quite so striking as his statement the other day denouncing the lobby which has been organized and is being maintained in Washington with the view of inducing Senators in Congress to betray their obligations in the matter of tariff reform. As an esteemed contemporary says, "when a President of the United States finds it necessary to protest against the activity of the high-tariff lobby in Washington, conditions must be pretty bad." They are very bad and it is fortunate that we have a President who has the courage to openly denounce the evil.

The right of selfish men to importune Senators to vote for or against pending legislation is unquestioned and if the tariff lobby had limited its activities to legitimate endeavor, there could have been no protest from the President. But the President declares that "there is every evidence that money without limit is being spent to sustain this lobby," and just inference is that it is being used to corruptly influence the votes of Senators whose inordinate cupidity may move them to betray of their obligations because they can justify the recreancy by alleging local interests as the motive. Such men must be admonished against temptation.

The WILSON tariff bill was mutilated by such agencies and the people were subsequently taxed to the aggregate of billions of dollars in consequence. It is the duty of the Democrats in position to prevent the recurrence of that crime against the public to assert themselves and President WILSON has set the example. The people have no lobby to set to work against that of the tariff mongers and the only hope lies in the rectitude of their representatives in the National Legislature. If integrity fails some other force must be invoked and the only other available force is publicity. President WILSON has pointed out the danger and the public may do the rest by watching.

Penrose Opening His Campaign.

Senator PENROSE opened his campaign for re-election at Washington, Pa., on Thursday of last week. The occasion was a gathering of farmers for the ostensible purpose of discussing the question of good roads. Mr. PENROSE was the principal speaker and explained the BOURNE project for co-operation between the National and State governments in the construction of highways throughout the country at vast expense to future generations. The Senator didn't say that he concurred in the ambitious plans of his former Senatorial associate and he refrained from expressing opposition to it. But it served as an excuse for his being at the meeting and making three speeches in one day.

But if he was reticent upon the BOURNE plan of building roads he was garrulous enough on the question of tariff tax on wool. For many years Washington county has been the centre of the wool growing industry of Pennsylvania and the farmers of that section have always been ravenous in their demands for high protective tariff taxation upon wool. The entire wool clip of the county of any one year within half a century would hardly have furnished clothing enough to keep the population of Bellefonte warm during a single winter. But the Washington county wool growers want protection enough on their meager clip to buy wools for the entire State of Pennsylvania with Delaware and Jersey added.

And Senator PENROSE fondly coddled this absurd selfishness upon the part of the Washington county wool growers. He assured them that chairman UNDERWOOD and the Democratic majority in Congress have no higher ambition than to hold the noses of wool growers to the grindstone until their nasal appendages are literally effaced and that nothing will prevent that dire result except the restoration of the Republican party to power and the re-election of Mr. PENROSE to the Senate. It is stated that the meeting on Thursday was the beginning of a campaign to cover the entire State and it may be expected that in each locality he visits the local industry will be the subject of Senator PENROSE's solicitude.

Roosevelt's Libel Suit.

Public interest is largely centred at present upon a small city in northern Michigan in which THEODORE ROOSEVELT is prosecuting an editor for libel. In October of last year, when the presidential campaign was at its height, the Iron Ore, a weekly paper published in Ishpeming, Michigan, of which GEORGE A. NEWETT is the editor, published a statement to the effect that THEODORE ROOSEVELT "gets drunk, and not infrequently." The newspaper was Republican and was supporting TAFT for President. ROOSEVELT had made a speech and assailed the local Republican candidate for Congress with considerable asperity. A man in the audience denounced ROOSEVELT as a liar and TEDDY abused him roundly.

Out of this incident the accusation against ROOSEVELT grew. Soon afterward ROOSEVELT declared that for the reason that so many people believed that he drank to excess, he would sue the first responsible man who made such a charge against him and "settle the slander for all time." Subsequently his attention was called to the publication of Mr. NEWETT, who is a man of considerable means, and the suit was entered. For one reason or another the trial was delayed until now. It was begun on Monday in the court at Marquette, Judge RICHARD C. FLANIGAN on the bench. At this writing it is in progress.

There are a good many reasons for thinking that THEODORE ROOSEVELT is not a drunkard. He never fails to keep an engagement to speak and he is always in condition. A drunkard could hardly maintain such a record. On the other hand there are many reasons to justify the accusation. He is intemperate in speech, erratic in action and violent in everything. Many men who have seen him casually imagined that he was drunk at the time and by his own confession the impression that he drank to excess was widespread. But the Michigan editor may be convicted for all that. ROOSEVELT has taken such an army of distinguished witnesses with him that the country jury may be hypnotized.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

GOOD NEWS FOR BENNER TOWNSHIP.—On Wednesday night the Legislature passed by a vote of 170 to 2 the bill introduced by the County Commissioners of Centre county to tax the new state penitentiary lands in Benner Twp., for local purposes.

The State has taken over property formerly assessed at \$132,772 and it seemed a great injustice to make the balance of the property holders in Benner Twp., make up the \$1726.00 that those properties paid for road, poor and school taxes in the township.

The bill will probably carry in the Senate and the Governor will sign it, though it may later be declared unconstitutional, if taken into the courts, as class legislation.

—Dr. Weston is already planning the Y. M. C. A. Star course for the season of 1913-14 and one of the attractions he is making a strong effort to secure is a lecture by Richard Pearson Hobson, the hero of Santiago. Mr. Hobson has established a nation-wide reputation as a lecturer and would undoubtedly draw a large crowd.

HAYES.—Carroll Hayes, the only brother of Dr. R. G. H. Hayes, of this place, died in the West Penn hospital, Pittsburgh, on Tuesday night at nine o'clock, of rheumatic fever. He owned and conducted a drug store in Pittsburgh and was taken suddenly ill about one week ago. He grew worse rapidly and was taken to the hospital and his relatives notified. Dr. Hayes went to Pittsburgh on Monday but as everything was being done that it was possible to do he returned home and went out again on Tuesday, being with his brother when the end came.

Deceased was a native of Mifflinburg but has been located in Pittsburgh for some years. In addition to his brother, Dr. Hayes, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Orwig, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Paul Reish, of Mifflinburg. The latter went to Pittsburgh on Tuesday evening, but her brother was dead when she arrived there. The remains were taken to Mifflinburg yesterday where the funeral will be held and burial made today.

SEIBERT.—Rev. Samuel W. Seibert, father of Dr. J. L. Seibert, of Bellefonte, died at his home at Newport, Perry county, at noon on Tuesday, following a general breakdown in health. He was eighty-nine years old and was born at Woodstock, Va., but during the past thirty years had been a resident of Newport. He was a clergyman of the United Evangelical church and had served as a presiding elder. He was also president of the First National bank of Newport, a position he held at his death. Surviving him are two sons, Judge William L. Seibert, of New Bloomfield, and Dr. J. L. Seibert, of Bellefonte. He also leaves one brother in the west. Dr. and Mrs. Seibert are in Newport for the funeral.

REED.—William Reed, a resident of Philipsburg, was struck by a train in the New York Central yards at Clearfield on Friday evening of last week and injured so badly that he died in the Clearfield hospital at five o'clock Saturday morning. He left Philipsburg on Friday morning with the intention of going to Buffalo and just how he happened to be in the railroad yard is not known. Deceased was thirty-nine years old and survived by his wife and six children; his mother, one brother and two sisters. The remains were taken to his late home in Philipsburg where funeral services were held and burial made on Tuesday afternoon.

McMULLEN.—Mrs. Anna McMullen, wife of Oscar McMullen, of north Allegheny street, died at the Bellefonte hospital on Tuesday afternoon, after a few weeks illness. She was born on January 11th, 1873, hence at her death was 40 years, 4 months and 16 days old. Surviving her are her husband and eight children, two sons and six daughters, two children having died in infancy. Funeral services will be held at her late home at 9:30 o'clock this (Friday) morning. Rev. C. W. Winey, of the United Brethren church, will officiate and burial will be made in the Advent cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—Mrs. Ellen Williams, wife of G. W. Williams, of Ore Hill, formerly of Scotia, died on Sunday morning as the result of diphtheria. Her maiden name was Farber and she was born in Pennsylvania Furnace forty-one years ago, being a daughter of Martin and Jane Farber. Surviving her are her husband and one son, Calvin, at home; her mother living at Scotia; one brother and two sisters, namely: William H. Farber and Mrs. Calvin Murtoff, of Scotia, and Mrs. J. Woomey, of Grayville. The funeral was held on Wednesday, burial being made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

—The Go Easy fishing club is planning for a four or five days camp upon the banks of Fishing creek next week. Just how many will be in the camp is as yet undecided.

—The banks, postoffice and most of the business places in town will observe Memorial day today by keeping closed; the postoffice observing regular holiday hours.

—The House appropriation committee recommended an appropriation of \$1,450,000, for The Pennsylvania State College for buildings and maintenance, and \$20,000 for college extension work. It is now up to the Legislature and the Governor to make good.

—On account of Mrs. Sheldon's absence from Bellefonte, the Woman's exchange which is held in Temple court Wednesday and Saturdays, will be closed both days next week. Upon reopening it again for the public June 11th, the exchange will have been moved to the store room next door to Mrs. J. A. Aiken's, where it will be permanently located hereafter.

—An engine running light with engineer Joseph Schell in charge and en route for Lock Haven, ran into the rear end of a through freight at Unionville about five o'clock on Monday morning. The engine and cabin car of the freight were badly damaged and brakeman H. L. Berry painfully, though not seriously, injured. A dense fog was probably responsible for the accident. The track was blocked for two hours but was cleared in time for the morning passenger trains.

—Have your Job Work done here.

W. C. T. U. PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST.

—Some time ago the Bellefonte W. C. T. U. offered three prizes, one of \$5.00 and two of \$2.50 for the best essays on alcohol and its effects by pupils of the grammar grades of the Bellefonte schools. In all seventeen essays were submitted ten of which were selected by the W. C. T. U. as eligible for the contest. The contest was held in the new High school building last Friday evening before the following judges: Dr. George E. Hawes, John Blanchard Esq., and J. Dorsey Hunter. They awarded the first prize to Elizabeth Eckenroth, and the second and third prizes to Rachael Lambert and Teresine Kimpfort. It is the intention of the W. C. T. U. to offer these prizes each year, as the interest shown this year is evidence that they are appreciated. The prizes will be awarded at commencement next week along with the other prizes. The essay which took first prize is as follows:

INTOXICANTS ON ATHLETES.

[By Elizabeth G. Eckenroth.] Success in any time of life demands a well trained body. A man in good, sound physical condition is better calculated to do any work he may be called upon to do than he who has neglected his body.

A boy without play means a father without a job. A boy without physical training means a father who drinks. If people have wholesome, well disciplined bodies there will be less demand for narcotics as well as for medicines. Some of our prominent young business men, after completing their college life, were of good, hardy physique, due to the large amount of time given to athletics.

Our physical body is so closely connected with the brain that we cannot tell where one begins and the other ends. In order to have a strong physical and mental body we must abstain from the use of all narcotics.

Take for example, two young, delicate boys who had been chums since childhood. They both had high ambitions and wanted to become great men. One was fourteen years old the other fifteen. The first one immediately enrolled himself as a Y. M. C. A. member and started in to take gymnastics. First he took pulley-weights and by faithful exercise, morning and evening, he became strong. Next he took exercises in the Indian club swinging, then he began the exercise on the horse and swinging evolutions from ring to ring. And then became a great swimmer and basket-ball player. (He became a High school foot-ball player and in the course of time a college football star.) After his college life he was admitted to the bar, and now is one of the most prominent lawyers of New York State.

But let us see what has become of the other boy; he belonged to the Y. M. C. A. and took gymnastics for a short time but he thought this was too tiresome. Then he met some fellows a little older than himself and of a lower class. This crowd was just what our second boy thought was the ideal life. They did not work any more than they had to, and every night they would go out and visit the restaurant and here they would drink and carouse till the wee hours of the morning. Then leaving the saloon they would go out each their own way. When time for them to go to work, they were too tired.

The first boy was an early riser because he had a strong physical body, while at the age of twenty, the second boy was small and thin, with a very salubrious complexion, and was always so intoxicated that he either had to be helped home or came staggering along by himself. What a pitiful husband he would make for some good little wife.

What a contrast between him and his boyhood. And what were the causes for the second boy's downfall? Bad company, no exercising, and the repeated use of tobacco and liquors of all kinds. Good company, regular and constant exercising and by complete abstinence from the use of tobacco and liquors, led to the other boy's high position in the world.

Alcohol is not a stimulant. It at first causes excitement, and seems to act as a stimulant but constant use of it effects the nervous system. Alcohol slackens the reins of control which each person ought to hold upon himself. One drink of an alcoholic beverage stimulates the muscles but when drink after drink is taken the control of the will is entirely lost, and we say the person is drunk. He loses control of his muscles; his gait becomes unsteady; he staggers, falls and drops off into a drunken stupor.

Athletic coaches never permit men to use any drinks containing alcohol. Many a man has been put off a team for violating this rule. Alcohol causes a loss of muscular strength and leads to fatigue and to decreased quickness of action.

A man can never do as much work in six hours, after he has taken a drink as he could do before he took the drink for the actual important substance of the nerve cells of the brain is exhausted by the use of alcohol.

How much better would our country be if it were not for the narcotics that are used here? If every growing boy would take the good advice offered him it certainly would better the generation now and the generations to come. It was Milton who said: Oh madness! to think the use of Strongest wines and strongest drink our chief support in health. When God with these forbidden made choice to rear, His mighty champion strong above compare Whose drink was only from the limpid brook.

WORK OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB.—At

the annual meeting of the Woman's Club, on Monday evening, the following officers were elected: President, Miss Elizabeth Blanchard; vice-president, Miss Helen E. Overton; recording secretary, Mrs. John S. Walker; corresponding secretary, Miss Isabella P. Hill; treasurer, Mrs. Lewis A. Schaeffer; civic chairman, Miss Mary G. Meek; charity chairman, Mrs. Roger S. Brouse; educational chairman, Mrs. John Porter Lyon.

A new line of work was adopted and the following club members were empowered to act as a committee to prevent cruelty to animals: Miss Louise Valentine, chairman; Miss Anna Hoy, and Miss Carrie Harper.

The last meeting of the Study Class will be held on Tuesday evening, June 3rd, at 8 o'clock, in the auditorium of the High school building. The subject, "The Machinery of Politics," will be introduced under the following heads: "Origin of the Political Machinery;" "Relation to National and State Constitution;" "Application to Local Elections." J. Thomas Mitchell Esq., being well prepared to do so, will present the subject. The consensus of opinion is that the time devoted to study and discussion this winter has been most profitable. This being the case the work will be continued next year. A suggestive program, subject to criticism or complete change, will be considered on Tuesday evening, but this will not preclude other subjects that may be offered by interested parties.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, June 3rd and 4th, a School Exhibit of the work of the sewing class will be open to the public in the directors' room of the High school building. More than twenty dresses, cut and made by the girls of the eighth grade, besides the splendid results of the girls of the 5th, 6th and 7th grades, will be included in the exhibit. The sewing school is under the supervision of Mrs. John Porter Lyon, chairman of the educational department of the Woman's Club. She is assisted by Miss Ida Green, the head teacher, and a number of our good women who spent their time once a week to the giving of instructions in sewing to the girls. The girls are taught to sew on the machine as well as by hand.

By way of encouragement, to express your appreciation of this excellent feature, will you visit this exhibition? This attention is due to the teachers and girls who have so faithfully given and received instruction during the past year.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, Bellefonte Woman's Club.

GRAPP—KEPLER.—The marriage of Miss Sarah Kepler to Mr. Edward Hoffman Grapp, at the Kepler homestead (Sinking Fountain), Pine Grove Mills, May 21st, was the culmination of another of those pretty college romances that enliven the social life of our beautiful valley.

The young people met while the groom was a student at The Pennsylvania State College and the friendship formed at that time ripened into love during frequent visits after graduation. The groom is a son of G. F. Grapp, the wealthy wholesale grocer, of Pittsburgh. He entered The Pennsylvania State College in 1911 in the course of civil engineering. After graduation he engaged in the practice of his profession in Altoona, and later in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is now engaged and where the young couple will make their home.

Owing to the illness of Mr. J. M. Kepler the wedding was not as large as it would otherwise have been; but withal it was one of the prettiest events of the year. The room was decorated with evergreens, white chrysanthemums and wild flowers, and the altar was trimmed in white silk.

Rev. L. Stoy Spangler, of the Lutheran church of Pine Grove Mills, officiated at the ceremony and made a good impression on those present.

The bride wore a heavy cream colored satin gown, veiled with gold brocaded chiffon. In her hand she carried a beautiful bouquet of lilies of the valley. Misses Mary and Kathryn Kepler were attendants on the bride. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Grapp and the near relatives of the bride were present at the ceremony.

The young couple left on Thursday morning for their honeymoon trip on the Great Lakes, stopping at Niagara Falls for a few days, after which they will return to Pittsburgh to visit the groom's relatives and from there go to Cincinnati where they will be at home to their friends on June 15th.

HEVERLEY—BARNHART.—John E. Heverley, of Orviston, and Miss Mary V. Barnhart, of Curtin, were married at the parsonage of the Disciple church at Mill Hall, on Monday morning, by the pastor, Rev. M. C. Frick. The bridegroom holds a good position at Orviston and it is in that place the young couple will make their home.

The farmers of Centre county and their friends are cordially invited to make their annual visit to the School of Agriculture and Experiment Station, Friday, June 13. The details of the various lines of experimental work which are being conducted will be explained and the practical application of these results to farm practice pointed out. The visitors should assemble in front of the Agricultural building at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Our Correspondents' Opinions.

This column is at the service of those of our people who desire to express their views on any subject of general or local interest. The "Watchman" will in no way be responsible for their ideas or statements. The real name of the author must accompany all communications, but will be withheld from publication when the request is made.

Children's Flower Beds.

By the kindly generosity of Congressman Charles E. Patton, more than three hundred children, under twelve years of age, in the Bible schools of Bellefonte and its suburbs, including over fifty of R. Crittenden's parochial pupils, received packages of flower seeds for beds about three feet square, which they are expected to keep in good gardening condition.

This they can do by faithful attention to the following directions:

- 1. Fine loose soil mixed with black leaf mould is possible.
2. Keep the ground free from weeds.
3. In dry weather, sprinkle water in the evening.
4. If plants are too thick, thin them carefully.
5. Never water the plants in the morning.
6. Take the full length of the stems gathering flowers.
7. Small bouquets bring good cheer when taken by little children to sick people.
8. Pupils do well taking samples of flowers to their teachers.
9. It is always in place to have flowers on the dining table as well as in the church and school room.

I hope to be in Bellefonte some time in the summer and will call around to see as many flower beds as possible. MISSIONER.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.—The baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, June 1st, by Dr. George E. Hawes. Junior declamatory contest, Monday evening, June 2nd, at 8.15 o'clock. Contestants: Catherine Allison, Ruth Altenderfer, Rebecca Fleming, Ruth Gamble, Nancy Hunter, Margaret Lambert, Eleanor Parker, Ruth Rapp, Sara Rishel, and Sarah Wetzel.

Closing exercises of the Grades in the brick building will be held in the new building on Tuesday morning, at ten o'clock. Alumni reception to the graduating class in the armory at 8.30 Tuesday evening. Closing exercises of the Grades in the new building, Wednesday morning, at 9.45 o'clock. Graduating exercises of the class of 1913 in the new building, at 2.30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Commencement address on Wednesday evening at 8.15 o'clock, by W. I. Swoope, Esq., of Clearfield, Pa.

A general exhibit of sewing, drawing, painting, construction work, commercial papers, and science note books will be made on the first floor of the new building, on Tuesday and Wednesday; and a special exhibit of manual training products will be made in the basement of the new building at the same time. It is the belief of those in charge that these exhibits are worthy of special attention on the part of the public, as the teachers have taken great pains to show what can be done when working under limited financial resources. A most cordial invitation is extended the public, therefore, to attend any or all of these exercises.

CLOSING EXERCISES. Following is the program for the annual closing exercises of the South ward schools which will be held in the new High school building on Tuesday morning.

- Opening Exercises.....Schools
Welcome.....Rose Woods
Song Pennsylvania.....Schools
Little Miss June.....Class
May Queen.....Exercises
Spring Song.....Class
The Telephone.....Class
Doll's Dream.....Betty Lockington
The Brownies.....Class
The School Festival.....Exercises
Recitation.....Clarence Smetzer
Good-bye to School.....Song

Following is the program of the closing exercises of Grade schools in the new building: Song—"Good Morning," 2nd Psalm, Prayer, Welcome song, Brownies March, Fan Drill, Boys in Blue, Cure for Discontent, Grand Baby Show, Ruler Drill.

- Song—"Tripping O'er the Hills,"
Ghost Drill,
Flowers of the Meadow,
Scarf Drill,
Dialogue—"When the Cat's Away the Mice Will Play,"
Song—"Good Bye to School,"
Presentation of Diplomats.

THE HOUSER REUNION.—The third annual reunion of the Houser families will be held at Rock View station, (formerly called Peru station,) Centre county, Pa., on Thursday, June 19th, to which all members of the family and their friends are cordially invited. For information, address A. R. Houser, R. F. D. No. 2, Bellefonte, Pa.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.—The County Board of Farmers' Institute Managers will meet at the County Commissioners' office on the second Tuesday of June, to arrange for the place where institutes are to be held this season. All of our people who desire institutes, ought to attend this meeting and present their claims.

CURB MARKET NOTICE.—The Market committee of borough council announces that the curb market will open tomorrow (Saturday) May 30th, and this notice is to farmers and truck growers to bring in their produce.