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ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVENT A JIMMY?

"Jimmy's just plain no account. He goes to school every day. His papa whips him and I whips him, and still he don't learn nothing. We've just about given him up."

This is the way a well-meaning mother diagnosed the case of her son to a Red Cross public health nurse. The nurse had discovered Jimmy in one of her periodic school inspections and had called on the mother to convince her that Jimmy was near-sighted, had adenoids, was slightly deaf, and apparently was suffering from malnutrition.

It was a difficult task to convince Jimmy's mother that he wasn't "just plain no account," but she finally procured the mother's consent to have Jimmy examined by a doctor. The doctor gave him a thorough overhauling. The mother reluctantly followed his advice. Jimmy's adenoids were removed; he was taken to an ear and eye specialist and one morning he showed up at his school wearing a pair of tortoise-shell glasses that made him look infinitely wise.

Time went on and from a dull, stupid "no account" boy, Jimmy developed into a promising student, mentally and physically alert. Even his mother admitted that he "sure had picked up."

716 school inspections of school children have been conducted during two months by our local Red Cross public health nurse, Miss Anna McCauley, who is always watching for just such cases as that of Jimmy. Her monthly report shows that 9 children have had their defects corrected as a result partly of these school inspections and the follow-up work that the nurse does in the children's homes.

The report stresses the importance of the work in the schools because minor defects in children can be corrected easily in youth while if they are allowed to run their course they often prove serious hazards to good health in later years. Sometimes they produce conditions which can never be corrected. By a periodic inspection of school children, the danger from serious epidemics is decreased. In cooperation with the local doctors and the health authorities, children with communicable diseases are kept from the class-rooms, thus preventing further contagion.

Forty-three health lectures and demonstrations have been given by the nurse in her efforts to teach the children healthy habits of living. In addition to the school work one hundred visits have been made to homes in this community where sickness and disease required the skillful care of the nurse to supplement the doctor's knowledge.

The health work of the nurse is partly financed through the Roll Call in which members for the ensuing year are enrolled. The membership campaign will be conducted here from November 14 to November 21.

The money derived from memberships goes for local work in the community with the exception of fifty cents from each membership fee, which finances the national and international work of the organization.

—It is a good deal easier for a million dollar income man to pay the present tax levy than it is for the three dollar a day man to pay the tariff tax on a thirty dollar suit of clothes.

—District Attorney Rotan would confer a great favor on Congressman Vane if he would resign at the end of his present term. This is no secret.

—At the same time a too severe sentence on Colonel Mitchell by the court martial might do more harm to the army than to him.

—Now that the Governor has decided to settle the coal strike let us hope it will not be altogether at the expense of the public.

—About ten years ago Kaiser William made an engagement to eat Thanksgiving dinner in Paris but he has not done so yet.

—No machine Republican in this broad Commonwealth can see any necessity for an extra session of the Legislature.

—It is a safe guess that the Ku Klux Klan will not ask for an extension of General Butler's leave of absence.

MEYER.—Hon. Henry Meyer, one of the best known residents of Brush valley, passed away at his home at Rebersburg on Sunday night as the result of a general breakdown in health. He was a son of Henry and Hannah Bierly Meyer and was born near Rebersburg on December 8th, 1840, hence was almost eighty-five years old. The Meyer family was one of the oldest and best known in that section of the county and Mr. Meyer's entire life bore out the tradition of his forebears. Mr. Meyer was brought up on his father's farm, which meant from two to three months schooling a year. In 1860, however, he left home and went to Potters Mills to learn the millwright trade with John Todd. Every spare minute he had he devoted to reading and the study of mathematics. When the war broke out he enlisted as a member of Company A, 148th regiment, serving under Gen. James A. Beaver in the Second army corps. He served in the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Auburn Mills, Mine Run, the Wilderness and Laurel Hill. At the latter place a minnie ball passed through his left wrist, necessitating the amputation of his arm below the elbow. This resulted in his discharge in September, 1864.

On returning home he took a short course in a select school at Rebersburg and later taught school several terms. In 1886 he took a term at the Union Seminary, New Berlin, and later took a course at the Keystone State Normal, at Kutztown. During the ensuing five years he taught school and assisted the late Reuben M. Magee, county superintendent. In May, 1875, he was elected county superintendent and re-elected in 1878. In 1882 he was elected a member of the Legislature from Centre county.

At the expiration of his term in the Legislature he retired to a less active life, devoting part of his time to research work and writing a history of the Meyer family which he had published. Some years later he was prevailed upon to accept the principalship of the Rebersburg public schools, a position he filled several years. Later he was elected a justice of the peace and held the office for twenty-five years.

In 1874 he joined the Evangelical church and had been an active member of the same ever since, filling the office of elder for many years. Mr. Meyer was a consistent Democrat all his life, a man of sterling character and always ready to do his part in any movement for the upbuilding of the community in which he lived and for the advancement of society in general. He has always by deed as well as by word shown his abiding faith in the teachings of his Creator, an inspiration based on the hope of a life eternal. In his death Centre county has lost a citizen admired by all who had the good fortune to know him.

Mr. Meyer married Martha J. Taylor, a daughter of Thomas J. Taylor, of Benner township, who survives with the following children: Mrs. Stewart M. Weber, of Washington, D. C.; Henry T. Meyer, of Lewisburg; Mrs. Mary M. Abbott, of Rebersburg; Mrs. William C. Kelly, of State College, and Robert W. Meyer, of Rebersburg. He also leaves six grand-children.

Funeral services were held at his late home at Rebersburg on Wednesday afternoon (Armistice day) by his pastor, after which burial was made in the Rebersburg cemetery.

McKINNEY.—Mrs. Susan E. McKinney, widow of William W. McKinney, died on Saturday night at the home of her son, H. A. McKinney, in Altoona, as the result of general debility. She was a daughter of Harry and Margaret Spanogle and was born at Warriorsmark on March 21st, 1839, hence had reached the advanced age of 86 years, 7 months and 17 days. In 1862 she married William McKinney, of Centre county, and the greater part of her married life had been spent in Blair county. Her husband died a number of years ago but surviving her are three children. Funeral services were held in Altoona on Wednesday afternoon, after which the remains were taken to Gray's cemetery, in Buffalo Run valley, for interment.

GROVE.—Earl B. Grove died at his home in Bush's Addition at 7:15 o'clock last Thursday following several months illness. He was a son of Michael and Ida Poorman Grove and was born near Jacksonville on September 10th, 1893, making his age 32 years, 1 month and 26 days. He married Miss Florence Beezer who survives with two children, Leonard and Paul. He also leaves his mother, one brother and a sister, Willis, of Bellefonte, and Verna, at home. He was a member of the Lutheran church and the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks. Rev. C. L. Arnold had charge of the funeral services which were held at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Union Cemetery.

GEPHART.—Mrs. Emma Gephart, widow of Jacob Gephart, died at her home at Rebersburg yesterday morning following an illness of six weeks, aged over seventy years. Her maiden name was Emma Kreamer and she was thrice married. Her first husband was Ammon Wolfe, by whom she had one daughter, Mrs. Nevin Moyer, of Rebersburg, with whom she had made her home for a number of years. Her second husband was Harvey Miller, and her third Jacob Gephart, all of whom preceded her to the grave. She was a member of the Reformed church all her life. Burial will be made in the Rebersburg cemetery tomorrow (Saturday).

PENEPACKER.—Mrs. Hanetta W. Penepacker, widow of the Rev. George D. Penepacker, for years a well known minister in the Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Curtin, in Phillipsburg, on Wednesday last week, as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was a native of Huntingdon county and was in her eighty-first year. Rev. Penepacker died in 1911 but surviving her are three children and two sisters. The remains were taken to Huntingdon where burial was made on Saturday afternoon.

DICKSON.—Mrs. Alma C. Dickson, wife of B. F. Dickson, died at her home in Tyrone on Thursday last week, of pernicious anemia, following an illness of almost a year. She was a daughter of Hezekiah and Mary Hutchinson Blair and was born at Oak Hall, Centre county, upwards of seventy years ago. Most of her married life, however, had been spent in Tyrone. In addition to her husband she is survived by two sons, two daughters, one brother and two sisters. Burial was made in Tyrone on Monday afternoon.

SMOYER.—Harry G. Smoyer, infant son of Forrest and Pearl King Smoyer, of Bellefonte, died on Wednesday last week of broncho pneumonia, aged 4 months and 4 days. Funeral services were held last Friday, burial being made in the Advent cemetery.

Very Complimentary to Academy Foot-Ball Team.

A pleasant aftermath of Bellefonte Academy's recent victory over the New York University Freshmen is a letter coming from the Director of the Day Division in the New York institution. It is as follows:

Dear Sir: May I take this occasion in a very humble way to compliment you, your school and your football team upon the wonderful exhibition which the team gave in their game with our Freshman team on Friday, October 23rd.

As an undergraduate at Phillips Exeter Academy and at Yale I have had the opportunity of watching many preparatory school games, but I have never seen a better preparatory school team than the one which represented your school on our field last Friday. Their showing spoke volumes for the coaching, for the natural ability of the boys, and for the spirit of the school. I was particularly impressed with their cool and composed behavior on the field, and the coolness with which they played the game.

I suppose you have received many letters of congratulation at one time or another, but I assure you that in this instance mere repetition of what you may have heard over and over in no way lessens its sincerity. May Bellefonte teams come to see us again.

Cordially yours, PHILIP O. BADGER.

Praise That is Deserved.

Bellefonte, Pa., Nov. 11, '25.

Mr. Editor: Will you allow me to say a word of commendation for our firemen in your paper? For a number of years I have thought they deserved our praise and thanks for the marvelous way they have prevented the spread of fires. Monday night's work was little short of miraculous. The buildings on either side of the fire must have been standing for fifty years, and as dry as punk. That they were saved was most remarkable.

Miss E. M. THOMAS.

The State College football team is off for Morgantown, W. Va., where tomorrow they will play the West Virginia University eleven, the dedicatory game in the costly new stadium erected at that place. It will also be State's last game before the gigantic struggle with Pitt, on Thanksgiving day, and many of the blue and white's followers are anxiously watching the outcome of this game, as it will doubtless show whether the form displayed by State in the game with Notre Dame last Saturday was the result of continued development or merely the fortunes of chance. The State team is about due to give Pitt a wallop and this is the year we would like to see them do it for various reasons.

By degrees the Decker Bros. are adding the outside improvements to their garage property, on Spring street. The gasoline pump which stood in on the pavement, has been removed to the curb line and a new concrete pavement and driveway put down along three-fourths of the Spring street side. There yet remains some twenty or thirty feet of pavement to be built to reach to the High street line.

At a special meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery, in Tyrone on Tuesday, elder Howard A. Oakwood was ordained into the ministry of the Presbyterian church to enable him to accept a call to the pastorate of the Port Matilda, Snow Shoe and Milesburg churches. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Francis Shunk Downs, a former pastor of the Tyrone church.

About half-past eight o'clock on Wednesday evening the Logan fire company was called out for a fire fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly, on Spring street. There services were not needed but they remained on the spot until all danger of the fire was over.

SIXTEEN WOMEN ELECTED TO OFFICE.

Official Vote and Other Interesting Election facts.

In making the official count of the vote cast at the November 3rd election, last Thursday, Judge Arthur C. Dale and prothonotary Roy Wilkinson, with D. R. Foreman and Miss Rachel Lambert, as clerks, discovered a discrepancy in the returns from the West division of State College borough. More votes were returned on the triplicate return sheets than were shown on the tally sheets, and the judge ordered sheriff Taylor to bring the ballot box into court. On the original return the vote on Judge was given as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate, Votes. Keller 342, Walker 122, Dale, Socialist 68, Dale, Prohibitionist 162.

The recount of the ballots showed that Keller lost three votes, Walker five and Dale twenty-four, the correct vote being as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate, Votes. Keller 339, Walker 117, Dale, Socialist 37, Dale, Prohibitionist 159.

The total official votes for all candidates is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Court, Votes. Judge of Superior Court: J. E. B. Cunningham, R. 7144, W. A. McGuire, D. 4694.

Table with 2 columns: Court, Votes. Judge of Common Pleas Court: Harry Keller, R. 5890, W. Harrison Walker, D. 4523, Arthur C. Dale, Soc. and Pro. 3065.

Table with 2 columns: District Attorney, Votes. John G. Love, R. 7797, W. Groh Runkle, D. 4914.

Table with 2 columns: Jury Commissioner, Votes. John Decker, R. 7696, J. C. Condo, D. 5322.

The largest discrepancy between the official vote published above and the totals published last week is in the Keller and Walker vote, both of which are almost two hundred less than the totals given last week, and which can be accounted for only in one way, and that is in the adding up of the columns, as there are only a few minor changes in less than half a dozen districts. But while the totals of both Keller and Walker are less the former's majority stands exactly the same, 1337.

It might be interesting to note that sixteen women were elected to office in the county and less than half a dozen defeated. In Bellefonte Mrs. M. H. Brouse and Mrs. Caroline Gilmour were elected for their fourth term as school directors. They have served fourteen years continuously and at the completion of the term to which they have been elected will have twenty years to their credit. Miss Sarah Love was also elected assessor in the West ward, Bellefonte, the first time a woman has been elected to this important office.

In Centre Hall Dora Odenkirk was elected as inspector. Down at Milesburg Mary Campbell was elected tax collector.

Mrs. Margaret Peters was re-elected judge of election in the Second ward of Phillipsburg, and Tressa Vaughn was elected overseer of the poor in South Phillipsburg.

At State College Carolyn Dale was elected justice of the peace, an office she formerly held through appointment of Governor Pinchot.

Out in Snow Shoe Miss Ella Quirk was elected an auditor. Up in Unionville Ruth Parsons was elected tax collector over Mrs. Anna Finch, and Clara Bullock was elected a school director.

Lola Krader was elected an inspector in the North precinct of Gregg township.

Over in the West precinct of Harris township Anna Sweeney and Gussie Murray were both elected inspectors. Down in Liberty township Mrs. W. H. Vonada was elected an inspector. Mary Moore was elected an inspector in the South precinct of Rush township and Adeline Woodring was also chosen an inspector in the West precinct.

The Percentage of the Vote that was Out in Pennsvalley.

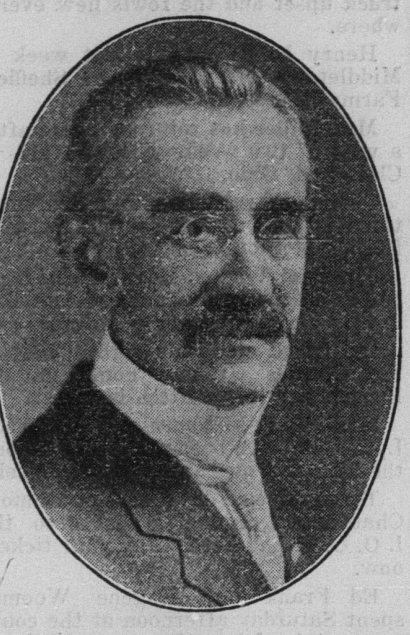
Last week we referred to the hopeful sign of an awakened interest on the part of the voters of lower Pennsvalley. For years there has been an unaccountable indifference as to exercising the franchise over there, and often times not fifty per cent. of the vote has been out at elections that have been of real importance to the taxpayer.

Just why it has been so is a matter of conjecture. One of the reasons given that seems to have most foundation in fact is that the women of Pennsvalley, many of whom were opposed to the franchise in the first instance, are still timid about exercising it. They must be breaking the ice, however, for at the recent election the total vote polled in the seven boroughs and townships in Pennsvalley, east of Harris, jumped to about 68 per cent. of the total registration.

The relation of the vote polled to the total registration in the precincts referred to is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct, Registered, Voted. District Centre Hall Boro. 407 293, Millheim Boro. 386 272, Potter Twp. 694 365, Gregg Twp. 738 465, Pean Twp. 431 225, Miles Twp. 609 455, Haines Twp. 566 370, Total 3851 2405.

—It looks as if a fine, smooth toboggan slide is being prepared for contractor boss Vane, of Philadelphia.



Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, D. D., to End Long Pastorate Sunday Night.

With the sermon to be preached in St. John's Reformed church, this place, on Sunday night, the Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, D. D., will close a long and useful service in the ministry. It will mark the completion of twenty-four years as pastor of St. John's and the end of his active ministry. His resignation will not become effective until Monday, the 16th, but that date was fixed merely because it will be the anniversary of the one on which Dr. and Mrs. Schmidt came to take up their work here.

Dr. Schmidt is the Dean of the Bellefonte Ministerium. In the long years he has labored in the fields of the Master here he has seen many co-laborers come and go and for this reason has become so much a part of the community that his departure tears deep into the roots of sentiment, not only in his own church, but in all others as well. For nearly a quarter of a century his presence and his voice have daily spoken for God among us, the manner of the man preaching wordless sermons in every contact with the life about him.

He is a son of A. Gable and Catherine Trone Schmidt and was born at Hanover, Pa., where he received his early education in the public schools and at Baugher's Academy. At the age of fifteen he learned telegraphy and a year later was given charge of the office of the Northern Central R. R., at Dauphin, having been the youngest operator on the line. In the fall of 1877 he entered Franklin and Marshall College from which he was graduated in 1881. Upon leaving college he entered his father's drug store because of the latter's failing health, bought it a few years later and ran it until 1886 when he gave up pharmacy to study for the ministry in the Theological Seminary in Lancaster.

While pursuing his theological studies he was appointed a tutor in the college and proctor in charge of Harbaugh hall, having charge of college Freshmen for three years. He was ordained in 1889 and made missionary in charge of a station in Baltimore. Remaining there three years he was called to the pastorate of St. Mark's, East End, Pittsburgh, where he served until 1896 when he was persuaded to accept the position of financial secretary of Franklin and Marshall. He continued in that position until a call brought him to Bellefonte on November 16, 1901.

During his ministry Dr. Schmidt has served the Reformed church on a number of important committees of the general and district Synods. He was chairman of the committee that prepared the "Sunday School Hymnal" in 1900 and the "Church School Hymnal" in 1923, and secretary to the joint committee that prepared the "New Church Hymnal" in 1920. He was president of the eastern Synod of the Reformed church in the United States which sat in Philadelphia in 1923.

Dr. Schmidt is leaving the active ministry without any particular objective in view. He and Mrs. Schmidt will go to Washington, D. C., where they expect to reside permanent, and it may be that he will devote his time to literature and any other congenial work that presents itself. They have given the best years of their lives to Bellefonte and the fruit of their work here will be a rich blessing however far they may be removed from the scenes of its harvest.

On Tuesday evening, November 17th at 8 o'clock, the members of St. John's church will tender Dr. and Mrs. Schmidt a farewell reception in the chapel of the church. All of their friends are cordially invited to attend.

—It is only two weeks until Thanksgiving and while very few of us may be able to enjoy turkey that day all of us can go to the Scenic area evening in the week and see the splendid motion pictures shown there. These pictures include the best productions of the leading film makers in the United States, and the only place in Bellefonte where they can be seen is at the Scenic. The best plan is to be a regular and see them all.

—Wednesday was Armistice day, the seventh anniversary of the signing of the armistice which led to the ending of the world war. All the stores and banks in Bellefonte were closed, but there was no celebration of any kind. The blowing of whistles at the zero hour, 11 o'clock, was the only demonstration. Bellefonte was probably the only town of its size in the State that did not have a celebration of some character.

RE-OPENING AND ANNIVERSARY SERVICES OF REFORMED CHURCH AT PINE HALL.

After remodeling and thoroughly renovating their church edifice at an expenditure of \$2600.00, St. Peter's Reformed congregation at Pine Hall appropriately commemorated the 75th anniversary of the organization of the congregation and the 40th of the building of the present church structure in conjunction with their re-opening event over the week-end. At the Thursday evening service the Rev. J. S. English brought greetings from the neighboring Lutheran congregation and the Rev. E. H. Romig conveyed the greetings from Faith Reformed church, State College. The two congregations sustain the relationship to St. Peter's church of sister and daughter, respectively.

On Friday night the Rev. John K. Wetzel, pastor of St. Paul's Reformed church, Juniata, spoke on the theme, "The Honor of the Church," basing his discourse upon Acts 8:3 and I Corinthians 14:12. On Sunday morning, the immediate predecessor of pastor Moyer and the only surviving ex-pastor of the congregation, Rev. S. Charles Stover, pastor of Zion's charge, Berlin, preached the historical sermon for the celebration. His theme was, "The Historical Progression of Christianity," and his text was Matthew 26:39, "And He Went a Little Farther." He showed how the great Head of the church has been advancing the religious life of His church, and how each succeeding generation progresses beyond the previous one. He cited various steps in the progress of the local congregation throughout the past year, praised the congregation for its present achievement, and pointed forward prospectively to the upward ascents whence Christ will ever continue to lead a little farther. At the conclusion of the timely and heartening sermon, he continued to assist the present pastor in soliciting the necessary funds. The required amount was practically met and in the evening before the final service opened was over-subscribed.

The Rev. Ray H. Dotterer, Ph. D., State College, delivered the final discourse at the evening service. He spoke on the theme, "Religion—Past and Future." He traced the development of religion from its crude, primitive stage through its various intermediate aspects and anticipated on the basis of the present trend of development what its organic growth will approximate in the future.

The committee on repairs consisted of Samuel I. Corl, Edward P. Houser, J. D. Dreibelis, M. W. Neidigh and Paul I. Wrigley. The Consistory, consisting of elders E. P. Houser, N. O. Dreibelis and Paul I. Wrigley; deacons, E. N. Trostle, George Dreibelis and C. L. Corl, together with the pastor, Rev. W. W. Moyer, had charge of the anniversary program and events.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

Before the erection of the first church building in the locality of Pine Hall, the early settlers, most of them of the Reformed and Lutheran faiths, held divine worship in the Swartzville school house, in Strouse's Lane, about a quarter of a mile distant. Here the nuclei of these present congregations engaged the services of the Rev. Peter S. Fisher and the Rev. Daniel Moser, respectively. Pastor Fisher organized the Reformed contingent into St. Peter's Reformed church in the year 1850.

About this time, co-jointly with the Lutheran congregation, they purchased ground from Mr. Thomas Strouse for a church and cemetery site. Here a Union church, characteristic of those days was established. It was a primitive log structure, weather-boarded on the outside and with plain plastered walls and a wooden ceiling on the inside. It had a seating capacity of about 150, and was heated by an antique ten-plate stove in the middle of the single aisle. The structure was severely plain and remained unpainted throughout.

In 1875 the Lutheran congregation purchased a lot across the road from the old church and proceeded to erect a building of their own. In 1884 the Reformed congregation decided to provide a new house of worship. A building committee consisting of Daniel Dreibelis, Daniel Neidigh and Henry Hartwick was appointed. During the pastorate of the Rev. William H. Groh, in 1885, the corner-stone was laid, and in the summer of 1887 the present building was dedicated. The sainted Rev. C. U. Heilman preached the dedicatory sermon on Hagai 2:9.

During the pastorate of Rev. Albert A. Black, in 1906, the church was remodeled, the vestibule annex added, and the auditorium renovated. In 1909 a contingent of fifty members withdrew to start a new Reformed congregation in State College. Faith Reformed church was organized and constituted a part of the Boalsburg charge, being served by Rev. A. A. Black and then by his successor, Rev. S. Charles Stover, until April 15th, 1912, when it was constituted a separate congregation with Rev. N. L. Horn as first pastor. During Rev. Stover's pastorate the growth in accessions in St. Peter's more than offset the loss sustained through the outgrowth of Faith congregation.

The following pastors served St. Peter's Reformed church from its origin: Rev. Peter S. Fisher, organization, 1850-September 27, 1857. Rev. William H. Groh, December 20, 1857-April 1, 1889. Rev. Albert A. Black, July 5, 1889-July 19, 1910. Rev. S. Charles Stover, December 1, 1910-June 1, 1924. Rev. Wilbur W. Moyer, December 1, 1924—