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FARMERS, READ THE TRUTH!

The law compels you to pay all the taxes levied on your real estate, regardless of liens, or debts. The law exempts corporation companies of all taxes to the extent of all liens against them, and exacts only a 3 mills tax on corporation stock over and above said liens.

The law exempts manufacturing companies from all taxation. Capital is taxed in comparison with real estate as follows, viz: your farm is valued at, say \$5,000. There may be a lien against it of \$2,000, judgments or mortgage. Multitudes of farms have liens of certain amounts against them, but we will illustrate from the above. There are 2 1/2 mills levied on your farm for county purposes, which makes a tax of \$7.50. There are 6 mills levied for school purposes which makes a tax of \$19.00 including occupation. 5 mills are levied for poor tax which makes a tax of \$12.50, and a road tax of 6 mills which makes \$18.00 more which makes a total of \$59.50. Your personal property and dog are not included which would make several dollars more. You have a third interest in the farm and were you favored by our magnanimous laws like railroad and corporation kings, your tax on the farm would be only \$19.83. The other two thirds interest in your farm draws an income to the holders of said lien of \$120.00, and out of that income the holder pays a 3 mills state tax of \$6 on his capital which is invested in your farm. A clear profit of \$114.00, on which he bestows no labor at all. It takes therefore an excess of \$179.50 to pay all the taxes and interest on your farm for one year, besides the necessary expenses for wear and tear and repairs. Any farmer, under such circumstances must live on terms of the strictest economy if he is enabled to meet the above requirements. Now the case of the Bloomsburg and Sullivan railroad is a striking example for illustration. In the Auditor General's report for the year 1888 we discover that that company paid a state tax of \$164.01. At a 3 mills tax this sum represents \$54,670 railroad stock. No one will pretend that a less sum than a half million dollars is invested in that enterprise, and no doubt the people along the line donated and contributed in different ways to the railroad an amount equal to that which the state taxed the company. If that company were taxed on the same principal that real estate is, instead of \$164.01 tax, it would have been \$1,500. And if more than \$500,000 is invested the tax would have been proportionately larger.

Railroads, corporations, real estate and all classes of property should be taxed, both for state and local purposes. In almost all country newspapers we see advertisements for sale of valuable real estates. They are valuable in that they are loaded down with taxation, and depreciated in consequence of that load. Valuable though, to corporations and monopoly, not because of their possession and ownership, with the load of taxation, but because the slaves occupying and owning them pay the taxes for their masters whom the state has created to lord over their inheritance and to rule and rob with rigor.

FARMER.

Permanent Certificate Examination

The committee on permanent certificates will hold an examination at Bloomsburg, on Saturday, April 25, to examine applicants for permanent certificates. All persons holding professional certificates are eligible. Blank applications may be procured of Supt. Johnston, Jerseytown. Applicants will confer a favor of the committee by notifying the chairman of their intention together with the branches in which they expect to be examined.

BOYD TRESCOTT, Chairman.

Millville, Pa.

Rev. E. H. Yocum had a peculiar accident recently. An exchange says: Upon arising from his night's rest, the reverend gentleman threw his arms back over his head and stretched himself. Suddenly there was a rather loud report, as of something snapping, and Mr. Yocum fell to the floor. He managed to reach the bed in an adjacent room, and lay on it unconscious for a time. Members of the family discovered him there and sent for a doctor. After making an examination the physician stated that in the act of stretching Mr. Yocum had snapped a muscle back of his ear which had connection with the shoulder, and this caused the loud report. It is a painful injury, and will require an absolute rest for some days before Mr. Yocum can resume his pulpit duties.

Boy wanted not under sixteen years of age to learn the printing trade. Apply at COLUMBIAN office.

EAST BENTON.

Jacob M. Beishline and wife were the guests of your correspondent last Thursday week.

The winter has thus far been mild but the ground has been continuously covered with snow.

"Coon Day" comes every February and we are always sure to have six weeks weather thereafter.

THE COLUMBIAN grows in favor with all mankind.

Bowman Crawford bought the A. Runyan estate.

Judge Krickbaum met with an accident last Saturday night one week ago. He had been at Bloomsburg that day, taking the train at Benton. Returning from the latter place on horseback, his animal fearing to cross a slough in the mud, finally plunged and turned a somersault landing on top of the Judge. After some difficulty both scrambled up without serious injury, though it might have resulted with fatal consequences.

Our Representatives at Harrisburg keep us well supplied with papers, documents, *Legislative Record*, etc., for all of which we tender grateful acknowledgements.

Several girls of this neighborhood are employed in the shirt factory at Benton.

There is nothing but tax, tax, tax. And one man said to us not long ago, "by thunder, I believe that they taxed my brains," as he couldn't see what else they could tax.

Mrs. Amanda Markle, of Michigan, informs us that she and her husband George, subscribe for THE COLUMBIAN. Well, that is right, they used to live in Germany, Fishingcreek, Pa.

John Bell and family, of Fairmont, paid us a visit week ago last Tuesday.

WALLER.

George Smith, who has been sick for some time past, died on the 8th inst. The funeral was conducted by Rev. S. I. Shortess of the Evangelical church, to which he had belonged for several years. He was 72 yrs., 11 mo., and 18 days old, and leaves a wife and five children. The children are all married and two of them, Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Englehart, live at this place; John at Benton; Charles at Pottsville, and Philip at Danville.

Rev. S. P. Boone closed the meetings which have been going on here for several weeks, Friday night. During the meeting there were about thirty-five conversions.

John Yorks has been very low the past two weeks with heart disease, but we are pleased to learn that he is getting stronger.

Superintendent W. C. Johnston, while visiting the schools of this township last week met with quite an accident. He and Mr. Hirtman were driving along together in a sleigh, when they came to some snow drifts which upset them, and it was thought for some time had broken Prof. Johnston's arm, but Dr. McHenry, who was called in said it was only a severe sprain.

Messrs. Butt and Yorks, two of our teachers, were among the number who attended the local institute held at Unityville, Saturday afternoon and evening. They report a good time and a crowded house, and although the Superintendent, Charles Lose, was unable to be present, yet they had a very interesting program, which consisted of class drills, recitations, discussions, essays, and orations.

Several from this place attended the meetings in the M. E. Church at Benton over Sunday. The church has been repaired, so that it looks like a new church and presents a very neat appearance.

Miss Dillie Hartman is very ill with rheumatism.

LEGAL MATTERS.

Letters of administration or letters testamentary not advertised in this paper have been granted as follows:

Estate of Pinkerton Drumhill, Catawissa, to E. M. Tewksbury.

Estate of John Glassmeyer, Catawissa, to E. M. Tewksbury.

Estate of Sarah Campbell, to M. K. Appleman, Bloomsburg.

Estate of Ellen M. Crisman, Berwick, to J. C. and F. K. Crisman.

Estate of Daniel Yocum, Bloomsburg, to Alex. Yocum and G. W. Correll.

Letters testamentary have been granted to Sarah J. Brown in the estate of Freas Brown, deceased.

Sheriff sale, property of C. W. Brubaker, on Monday, March 16, at 10 a. m. on the premises in Berwick.

Letters testamentary in estate of David Billman, to Daniel Billman, Locust township.

E. A. Rawlings placed a new Morris & Co. safe in his office last week. It was purchased from G. M. Baker, agent.

W. O. T. U.

Columbia county W. O. T. U. met in convention in the Lutheran church at Bloomsburg, Feb. 12th and 13th. There were present thirty-two officers and delegates and an unusually large number of visitors. Miss Eva Rupert welcomed the convention in a cordial manner and Mrs. McHenry responded appropriately.

The President, Mrs. Guie, in her address, gave a resume of the work done at the State Convention, held at Scranton, and earnestly urged the necessity of more zeal and vigor on the part of men and women in the temperance cause.

Superintendents of twelve different departments of work were present and generally reported good work done. The Legislature has been petitioned to close the saloons on Memorial day. Steel's series of text books on Physiology and Hygiene (containing facts on the nature and effects of alcohol and tobacco on the system) for schools, were recommended—school boards and teachers are urged to introduce them. There are three Y. organizations in the county, Millville and Light Street being especially active. There are also three L. T. L.'s, Millville reports sixty members and they work faithfully—like busy bees.

The handsome white and gold banner was displayed during the convention—all contributors and the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Walker, having the work in charge, merit the many compliments elicited by its beauty.

Mrs. Douglas, of Danville, was introduced, and she presented the matter of securing a speaker for temperance day at the Mountain Grove camp-meeting. A committee was appointed to secure Mrs. Barney or Mrs. Hunt, both National Superintendents of departments of work in the W. O. T. U.

The new officers for the ensuing year are Mrs. Reichart, President; Mrs. McHenry, Vice President; Mrs. Annie Trescott, Recording Secretary; Miss Allie Kester, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. M. C. Walker, Treasurer.

Suitable resolutions were drafted, in which were tendered the thanks of the convention, to the trustees for the use of the church, to Mrs. Brooke and the choir for excellent music, to ministers for their presence and encouragement, to the L. T. L.'s for their pleasant entertainment, and to the ladies of Bloomsburg for their kind reception and generous hospitality.

Thursday evening the entertainment was given principally by the Y's of Millville and Light Street. The recitations were all well rendered, but space does not allow a detailed account. Miss Runyan favored the audience with an organ solo and the Misses Miller sang a fine duet, with their usual ability. The selections rendered by the male quartette both Thursday and Friday evenings, were very much appreciated. On Friday evening in addition to music rendered by the musicians of the previous evening, Miss Chrisman, of Catawissa, sang a beautiful contralto solo. Mrs. Prof. Welsh, in a pleasing manner, recited an extract from Samantha Allen's "Sweet Cicely," with sentiments bearing directly on the temperance question. Mrs. I. K. Miller read a well written essay.

Miss Enola Guie read an essay, the time of writing supposed to be in the year 2000. The essay was a cheering prophecy of the final victory over the liquor traffic by the W. O. T. U. Miss R. Anna Kester read an essay, full of scriptural commands to duty and profit of reward.

We hope with the close of the convention, that the spirit of harmony will continue to prevail and all will earnestly work for God and home and humanity.

SECRETARY.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Jacob Wampole of New Columbia, who has for a year been suffering from the effects of heart disease, departed this life on Thursday morning the 12th inst., at 1 o'clock, at the age of about 70 years.

He was a man of good reputation, highly esteemed by his friends and neighbors. His funeral services were held on Saturday at 10 a. m. in the Lutheran Church at New Columbia, of which he was a member, his pastor Rev. A. R. Glaze officiating. He leaves a wife and four children, two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

It is likely that the Parish Building of St. Paul's Church will be built this year. The Guilds have about three thousand dollars on hand, and a subscription paper now in circulation is being liberally signed. Five thousand dollars is the amount needed, and the prospects are that it will be raised.

LENGTHY LAWSUIT.

A long, tedious but very important law suit has been dragging itself along through the common pleas court of Schuylkill county since December 8 last year and the end is not in sight. The case involves the title of 193 acres of coal land situate in Union township, Schuylkill county. The plaintiffs are James J. Dull, Daniel Shepp and O. H. Sillman. They are seeking to recover the tract above referred to which is now in the possession of Eckley B. Cox and others, and the proceedings are in ejectment. The questions involved are the location of surveys and the division of tracts. The surveys in dispute were made years ago, and much time and labor have been expended in researches by the attorneys interested. And there is a brilliant array of legal talent on both sides. John W. Ryon, James Ryon, Casper Dull and George W. Ryon, jr., of Pottsville, and Judge Orvis of Bellefonte represent the plaintiffs. The defendants are represented by Samuel H. Kaercher Esq., and Congressman elect Wolverton of this county. The case was opened for the plaintiffs on December 8, and their testimony is not all in. The defense will consume some time in giving in its evidence, after which will come the summing up by the counsel and the charge of the court, so it is hardly probable that a verdict will be reached before some time in March. After the costs and counsel fees are paid how much of the value of the land will be left?—*Dispatch*.

Samuel Neyhard is a witness in this case, and has been in attendance at court in Pottsville for the past ten weeks, coming home over Sunday.

The Central Pa. Conference.

WILL ASSEMBLE IN SUNBURY ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH.

This body will hold the twenty-third annual session in Sunbury, beginning March 11, 1891, to last one week. There are five such conferences in Pennsylvania. This one is bounded by Harrisburg on the east, Altoona on the west, Berwick on the north and Chambersburg on the south. It has a membership of 274 ministers, 51,400 lay members, church property valued at \$2,478,675; its missionary contributions amounted to nearly \$40,000 last year and other connections more than that amount. Its session will be presided over by the Rev. Bishop Fowler, D. D., L. L. D., of San Francisco, Cal., who like all other Methodist Bishops can preside over any conference of the same church in the world. In addition to the large ministerial membership of this conference, there will be visiting ministers and laymen, such as the Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., L. L. D., of the *Christian Advocate*, N. Y.; Rev. C. C. McCabe, D. D., noted as a great preacher and singer; Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., L. L. D., secretary of the Educational Society; Rev. G. E. Reed, D. D., L. L. D., President of Dickinson College; Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., of the Church Extension Society, and another noted preacher and singer; Rev. J. S. Chadwick, D. D.; Rev. John Eckman, of the Wyoming Conference; Rev. J. Morrow, D. D.; Rev. R. R. Doherty, Ph. D., of N. Y.; Rev. S. P. Long, of India. Mrs. Mary E. Griffith, of Michigan, and other elect women; Hon. H. Price, of Washington, D. C., ex-member of Congress; also a number of other distinguished ministers and laymen from different parts of the world. Pastor Ganoe, whose hands are more than full, says that in addition to the above there may be visitors from adjacent churches to make five or six hundred in all in Sunbury for the space of a week. He is only obligated to care for the three hundred ministers, and has a very efficient committee of eighteen, who are busy securing houses for them, and expresses delight at the way the citizens, without regard to sect, are cordially and fraternally opening their homes and also putting ministers as their guests at the different hotels.

Daniel Steck and wife of Hughesville, visited the latter's mother, Mrs. L. B. Rupert, Saturday and Sunday last. They were just returning from a five months trip in the West. They were as far west as Denver City.

Work was commenced in the Espy boat yard on Monday morning. This is a boon for the town, as the work is expected to continue at full time during the rest of the winter.

Rev. P. A. Heilmann pastor of the Lutheran church will deliver a sermon next Sunday morning in the interests of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, it being the anniversary of the order as well as the birthday of Washington.

ALEXANDER-COHEN.

Mr. Less Alexander, of the firm of Alexander Bros. & Co. was married on Wednesday, February 11th, to Miss Lena, daughter of Mr. Louis Cohen of the same firm. The wedding took place in New York, and after a tour embracing Niagara and other points, the bridal party arrived home on Monday afternoon. A reception was held on Tuesday afternoon from two to six o'clock at the home of the bride's parents on East street, and in the evening a number of intimate friends were entertained. The young mens orchestra was present, and dancing was indulged in. The bride was the recipient of a large number of elegant presents.

Mr. Alexander is a popular young business man, and his many friends tender to him and his bride their warmest congratulations, and wish them a long and happy life.

JERSEY TOWN.

Miles Smith and family who have been visiting Relative's here for the past week returned to their homes in Milton on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Charles Fruit and daughter are visiting Jacob Welliver's at Eversgrove this week.

Among the callers in our town for the past week were Elmer McBride and wife from Bloomsburg Pa., Mr. Whitmoyer of Jersey City, G. B. and Charles Hendershot from Eversgrove.

The election passed off very quietly on Tuesday last.

Mr. John Haines lost a valuable horse last week.

Rev. Mr. Port from New Jersey who had been helping Rev. Decker in his meetings at Jersey town and Iola, returned home on Friday last.

Mrs. A. W. Decker and son are revisiting her brother at Shade Valley, Hunting on Co. Pa., who is very ill.

Mr. Wm. Smith took a flying trip to Milton one day last week.

W. H. Brooke & Co. have recently improved the interior of their store greatly. Handsome and rich paper covers the walls and ceiling, the woodwork has been repainted, and the window towards the post-office is cut out to more than double its previous size, thus lighting the rear of the store much better. This firm carries a large line of stationery, wall paper, books, school supplies of all kinds, window curtains, and a general stationer's stock. Mr. Brooke and his popular clerk, Sam Bidleman, are genial salesmen with whom it is a pleasure to deal.

Sheriff Casey sold the property of Frank Watters in Espy on February 7th to B. F. Zarr for \$16.

He also sold as Trustee on the same day, the property of Philip Miller, deceased; wharf lot in Espy for 80 cents, quarry lot in Centre to Jesse Hoffman for \$50; another lot to same for \$250; another lot to same for \$315; another lot to same for \$575; another lot to same for \$525; another lot to John W. Shuman for \$52; another lot to same for \$11; 112 acres in Main township to Aaron Boone for \$90.

The remains of Mrs. Dr. Willits of Williamsport were brought here on Tuesday for interment in Rosemont cemetery. She was a daughter of the late Jacob Eyer and a sister of J. K. Eyer, Mrs. J. D. Wilson, Mrs. William Pursell and Rev. F. P. Eyer. Her age was 62 years. She was an excellent Christian woman and a member of the M. E. Church. Her husband and two daughters survive her.

The Philadelphia *Times* of Tuesday says that Principal F. X. Snyder, of the Indiana Normal School has been nominated by Gov. Pattison for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and will supersede Dr. Waller. This is a mistake. Prof. Snyder has not been appointed by the Governor, and will not be, as Dr. Waller's appointment has been confirmed by the Senate for a term of four years.

The dates fixed for "Queen Esther" have been changed from February 26 and 27, to March 5 and 6. The preparation of the oratorio is progressing nicely, and the best musical talent of town will take part. It promises to be a rare musical treat. Tickets will be on sale at Dentler's on and after the 24th inst. Secure seats early, as the prospects are that the house will be well filled.

Grant Herring desires to announce, that all clients desiring to have business attended to during his absence at the session of the legislature, will find competent persons at his office to attend to the same. Those desiring to see Mr. Herring in person, may do so on Saturday and Monday of each week.

PERSONAL.

Miss Dora Ringler is quite ill. Louis Townsend of Carlisle spent Sunday in town with his parents.

Dr. T. J. Swisher, of Jerseytown is reported to be improving in health.

Samuel H. Harman spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Neal were in town over Sunday.

I. K. Miller has moved into his new Centre street residence.

Mrs. Ella Kline visited friends in Ashland recently.

F. M. Gilmore went to Philadelphia to attend a reunion of his regiment on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wigfall have returned from their wedding tour, and have gone to housekeeping in W. R. Tubbs new house on North Main street.

Willie Lowenberg came home on Tuesday for a visit. He is living at Glens Falls, N. Y. where he holds the responsible position of cashier of the Eagle Clothing company.

G. M. Howell of Van Camp was in town last Saturday. He is the oldest postmaster in the county, having been appointed during President Buchanan's administration, in 1857, and continuing in office ever since.

George Glick of Girardville is filling the position of mail clerk on the E. & S. R. R. in place of Mr. Sam Brown who is now on the Pennsylvania R. R. between Pittsburg and N. Y.

The officers of the Methodist church have decided to put electric light in the church.

John W. Moore of Orangeville has two good, new, two horse farm wagons for sale. Call and see them if you want a good wagon.

But one case will be heard in the Supreme Court from Wyoming county this year. There are but two on the list from Columbia county.

J. R. Schuyler & Co. have put a skylight in the rear of their store. It lights the room up much better, and is a decided improvement.

There will be a quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. Church next Sunday, Feb. 22nd. Services at 10:30 a. m. Communion at 3 p. m., 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

B. Stohner has sold his restaurant to Deitterick Bros. and possession was delivered last Monday. Mr. Stohner and family will move out about March 1st, and will go into the house on Iron street now occupied by James Reilly.

The result of Tuesday's election in town was a decided victory for the progressive element. Old members of council who leaned the other way were not renominated in the party caucuses. Nobody wants extravagance in the management of municipal affairs, but the majority of the people here are evidently in favor of substantial progress.

William Kase West of Danville, District Attorney of Montour county, was married to Miss Ella Patterson of the same place on February 12th. The ceremony took place in the Mahoning Presbyterian church, and was performed by Dr. D. J. Waller Jr. Mr. West is one of the leading attorneys of Danville. We extend to him our warmest congratulations.

Freas Brown left a will in which he gave all his property to his widow, and appoints her sole executrix. Last Friday Mrs. Brown made a contract with T. L. Gunton for a monument to cost \$3200. It is to be a sarcophagus, of American granite, the base will be five feet by seven feet, with 200 cubic feet of masonry. Mr. Gunton went to Vermont on Saturday to place the order. This will be the handsomest and most expensive monument in this section. It is said that Mr. Brown gave directions concerning the monument before his death.

An accident occurred last Saturday which threatened to be very serious. A team of horses in a carriage, belonging to Harry Deimer, was tied to an awning post in front of C. A. Klein's drug store. The wind blew an empty pasteboard box along the pavement in front of the team, they became frightened and making a sudden plunge tore out the awning post. Before anyone could reach them, they started up Main street, dragging the post with them. At Moyer Bros. Drug store the team was caught and the post removed. Nothing was broken about the carriage.