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THE OVERLOAD OF JUDGES.

Bills have been introduced in the Legislature to create a new branch of the judiciary establishment of the State to be known as County Courts; for a fifth Common Pleas Court in Philadelphia with three Judges; and for an additional law Judge in Lancaster, in Luzerne, and in Erie counties. The probability is that these bills are not all that will appear of a similar character.

Taken together, these measures, if enacted into law, would load upon the people of the State about eighty new Judges and increase the expenses for the judiciary by not less than \$360,000 a year, and it is more than likely to considerably exceed that amount. The proposed new county courts would alone absorb six-sevenths of that total. Unless the terms of the bill have been misreported it is provided that in each judicial district of less than 100,000 population there shall be elected one County Court Judge, and in each county of more than 100,000 population there shall be a Judge for each 100,000 or fraction thereof. On the basis of the census of 1890 this would give two Judges each to Berks, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Montgomery, Schuylkill and Westmoreland, while Philadelphia would get eleven, Allegheny six and Luzerne three. These Judges are to receive \$3500 each annually. The county courts are to be between the present Magistrates' courts and the Common Pleas. The measure as presented appears to be rather crude.

There is no need whatever of this proposed new tribunal, unless it be to create places for political favorites. There are already entirely too many Judges in the Commonwealth. The salaries of the Judges and the compensation for extra services, all of which are paid out of the State Treasury, amount annually to more than \$667,500. It would be a shameless imposition upon the people to ask them to shoulder an additional burden on this account of \$360,000 a year. At the present rate of progress it would not be very long before the cost of the judiciary would reach the enormous amount of \$1,000,000 annually.

There is no excuse whatever for any of the additional Judges now proposed. The contemplated new county courts are preposterous; the bill to create them ought to be laughed out of the Legislature. The State ought to have one-third less Common Pleas Judges than it now has. A very large proportion of these Judges in the interior districts are hard pressed for some way to spend their time, and yet it seems only necessary to ask the Legislature for more in order to be accommodated. We do not believe the Judges in any of the districts where it is proposed to create additional judgeships will say that such are needed.

Why, then, make any effort to put through measures that if passed can only have the effect of further

depleting the State Treasury and promoting Governor Stone's policy of reducing the school appropriation or refusing the counties any part of the personal property tax? It would be more in the line of wisdom to amend the Constitution so that the number of Judges could be considerably reduced.—Press.

Eagan Convicted.

General Eagan, head of the Commissary department of the Army, has been convicted of conduct unbecoming a gentleman and an officer, and of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. His offense was committed before the Investigating Committee appointed by the President, without authority it is alleged, to investigate the conduct of the war. Gen. Miles the head of the Army, had said in his testimony before the committee, that the meat sent to Porto Rico was unfit for use, and was sent as an experiment. Gen. Eagan who purchased the meat, took great offense at this, and coarsely denounced Gen. Miles as a good many kinds of a liar. For this he was justly convicted and the penalty is dismissal from the army, unless the President interferes.

Meanwhile, Gen. Miles is going on, getting further evidence of the condition of the meat, and he will probably be heard from again, though he has paid no attention to Eagan's vile abuse.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND LOCAL INSTITUTE WORK.

Last Saturday the largest assemblage in the capacity of a local teachers' institute for Benton Borough, Benton and Jackson Twps., met in the Christian chapel, in the history of local institutes in this part of our county. The people are getting aroused and enthusiastic on the educational question. Dead and uninteresting methods and formalities by our institute instructors, to bind and slave the country teachers and pupils to their ironclad theories and methods of instruction, have at last been superceded by good common sense, and the caged up captives of educational tyranny to rules and puzzles of the "upper ten" pedagogues are sent to the rear and good common sense sets the poor educational prisoners free. All that our people, teachers and children need, is to unlock and open the doors to the storehouse of knowledge, and they will help themselves to all intellectual attainments as naturally and easily as they would help themselves to nature's bounty, were the doors of nature's storehouse freely open to all. Instead of method hammering, "this the best," or "that the best," the people had a feast of good sound lecturing on important topics which were timely, useful and highly beneficial, and well received by an appreciative audience. Prof. Prescott, of Millville, handled his subject, "Natural History," in a masterly manner. We never before met Dr. Welsh, but it repaid us well to hear him. He struck the keynote on home training and the exercise of parental authority. He said that the environments that surrounded child life in the home greatly influenced the intellectual development and destiny of the child. It was a splendid treat for the large audience.

Elder John Sutton, the "Grand old Man," departed this life; and was buried at Stillwater cemetery last Sunday. Few men enjoy so large a circle of friends as did Mr. Sutton. He was about 83 years old.

Mrs. Samuel Yost of Vancamp died last Friday morning and was buried at St. James on Monday, aged about 80 years.

Levi Beishline and wife of Bendertown, are both in a critical condition, afflicted with grip. Pneumonia has set in, in both cases. The wife is not expected to recover.

Mrs. David Yost of Vancamp, also had a severe attack of grip last week, but we are not advised regarding her condition.

Dr. Carey, the Benton druggist has been confined to his room for about three weeks with grip.

A public wedding is announced to take place in the Hamlin church this Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock sharp. Rev. H. O. Albertson officiating. The contracting parties are Miss Blanche Kase of this place and Mr. Shearer, son of Rev. Shearer of Huntington. W.

HOW DEWEY GOT HIS POWDER.

Rushed to Hong Kong Before War was Declared.

Ex-Minister Woodford Tells an Interesting Secret of the War With Spain.

General Stewart L. Woodford, who was United States Minister to Spain when the negotiations preceding the late war were pending, disclosed to the Army and Navy Club some interesting secrets of those stirring days. He said that his instructions, when he was sent to Madrid, were to do three things—to secure justice for Cuba, to see that our commercial interests in that island were no longer embarrassed, and the third to demand the withdrawal from Cuba of General Weyler on or before October 31, 1897—or to demand the passports of the American Minister. The Spanish Minister, the Duke of Tetuan, flatly refused to accede to the third demand, but what the Duke of Tetuan refused to do and what American diplomacy failed to secure was accomplished by providential means. The Conservative Government resigned, and on October 29, two days before the set time for General Weyler's recall by the President, Weyler was recalled.

The blowing up of the Maine followed, and it was evident that war was inevitable, but Minister Woodford was instructed that the United States was not prepared for the conflict; that there was not on American ships or in the ordinance depots in the United States two rounds of power per gun at that time, and was instructed to exhaust the arts of peace until April 15, the earliest date at which we could be anywhere near ready for war.

General Woodford adds: "Your Minister did the best he could, but let me tell you that, had it not been for the unflinching, unchanging and loyal friendship of England and the attitude of her minister at Madrid, he might have failed to do the little he did do, because the Representatives at Madrid of Continental Europe were ready at any time to interfere with the plans of the United States if the British Minister would only join them. In the meantime the work of preparation went on at home, and to show you how accurately the time was gauged, I may tell you of the run of a sealed express train across the continent, the contents of which train no man outside of Washington and only two there knew. It had the right of way over all other trains. When it reached San Francisco its cargo was transferred to a waiting steamer, which raced to Honolulu. There the cruiser Baltimore was waiting, no one knew for what. The cargo was shifted to the Baltimore, which carried it to Hong Kong, and on April 23rd. the cargo was distributed Among the American warships there and Dewey had the ammunition he wanted. On April 24 he got his orders to sail for Manila. That ammunition in Manila Bay that were heard round the world and took from Spain an empire."

A Plucky School Marm.

Our school directors and teachers will be interested in the following:

A jury has awarded Miss Margaret S. Cluster, a public school teacher of Glenolden, Pa., \$385 against the Prospect Park school board for alleged violation of contract. The board had elected Miss Cluster as one of the teachers and notified her of the appointment, and she sent a letter accepting it. After this they heard of her applying at Lansdon and elsewhere for a position, and fearing she was going to leave them, they revoked her appointment. Miss Cluster brought suit for the salary she would have received for the term for which she was elected, and the jury awarded her the full amount of her claim. Miss Cluster was regularly elected as a teacher, and could not be removed without cause, of which there are only four—incompetency, negligence, cruelty and immorality—and Miss Cluster coming under none of these, she could not be dismissed.

After the Fever

Little Girl Was Weak and Could Not Eat—Hood's Sarsaparilla Gave Her Appetite and Strength—Eczema Disappearing.

"My little girl was sick for several months with typhoid fever, and after she got over it she was weak and did not eat. My husband got her a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, saying it would make her eat and give her strength—and it did. She had taken it only a short time when she was well and strong. Everyone who sees her is surprised at her improvement because she was so weak and thin, but now is fat and healthy. I am giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla now for eczema and the trouble is fast disappearing. My husband has taken it for rheumatism and it has done him good." Mrs. CLINTON B. COPE, Buckingham Valley, Pennsylvania.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
 Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.  
 Sold by all druggists. Price, \$1; six for \$5.  
**Hood's Pills** are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 20c.

Star Clothing House

During the Month of January, will offer Special Reductions in All Winter Goods Must be sold to make room for Spring Goods.

WE WILL OFFER BIG BARGAINS IN STORM COATS AND ULSTERS, FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Come and see the Big Bargains in Winter Caps At Townsend's Star Clothing House.

DANGER IN CALCIUM CARBIDE

Rules Governing Its Sale in New York. Liquefied Acetylene Gas Prohibited.

Superintendent Murray, of the Bureau of Combustibles, has made regulations governing the transportation, storage and sale of calcium carbide, which the firemen declare to be a source of danger in a burning building, because when water reaches it acetylene gas is given off. A number of stores keep it for use in bicycle lamps. Hereafter, in transit or on storage, it must be inclosed in hermetically sealed iron receptacles marked "Dangerous, if not kept dry." No package may contain more than 100 pounds. It must be stored in isolated buildings that are fireproof and waterproof. No artificial light or heat will be permitted in the building where it is stored. Not more than twenty pounds, in bulk or in cartridges, may be kept in any store or factory, and this must be in a fireproof safe or vault above the street grade and it must be kept six inches above the floor.

The manufacture, transportation, storage, sale or use of liquefied acetylene is absolutely prohibited within the limits of this city.—N. Y. Sun.

ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY & HYGIENE

By Dr. E. Franklin Smith.

We have received from the publisher, W. R. Jenkins, New York, a copy of a text book of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, by Dr. E. Franklin Smith, lecturer on Anatomy, physiology and hygiene in the New York Preparatory School; member of the New York Academy of Medicine, etc. Dr. Smith is a former resident of Bloomsburg, and we note with pleasure his evident progress in his profession.

His book is a compact volume of 200 pages, profusely illustrated, and completely indexed. He says in the preface that "it is an epitome of his lectures, and while it lays claim to little originality, it is thoroughly in accord with the most advanced authorities, and is systematized and classified, so as to enable the student to acquire a thorough and scientific knowledge of the subject in a comparatively short time." It is claimed that the book is far in advance of any yet on the market, and that it covers more ground in less space, and is more complete, and more systematically arranged than any text book on the same subject now in use. A careful examination of the work bears out this claim. Schools that are looking for a physiological text book should give this one a chance before adopting any other, and those that have adopted other works might find it desirable to make a change.

Any information concerning the book can be obtained of William R. Jenkins, Publisher, 851-853 Sixth Avenue, New York, or Dr. E. F. Smith 308 W. 45th street, New York.

IT KEEPS THE FEET WARM AND DRY.—Ask for Allens Foot-Paste, a powder. It cures Corns, Bunions, Chilblains, Swollen, Sweating, Damp, feet. At all druggists and shoe stores 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, LeRoy, N. Y. [1-1914]

Horribly Burned.

Mrs. Lydia Nungesser, widow of Samuel Nungesser, who lives with her son Henry, in Beaver Valley, was terribly burned a few days ago. She was engaged at some sewing and got up to light her pipe. After she had done so, she sat down to her work, thinking that she had thrown the ex-

Suggestions

For Beginners in House-Keeping.

Bedroom Furniture.

We handle exclusively the line manufactured at our home factory. Mark the word exclusively, for nowhere else in town can the goods of this line be purchased.

We have no freight, hauling or incidentals, to pay, and we buy the furniture in exchange for our goods. That is why we can save you money. We can safely say there is no better, nor prettier line shown anywhere. Price—from \$14.95 to \$39.50 a set.

Springs.

Our source of supply is through one of the most reputable houses in this country. Nothing but the best material used, and our prices are the lowest—\$1.98 to \$5.00.

Mattresses.

We can sell you these goods from \$2.25 to \$10.00.

Sideboards.

They are home produced, and we buy them same as our Bedroom Furniture. We do not exaggerate when we say they are the best in town. Stop, and get acquainted with the other dealers' stock, then come to us and we will get your order. Prices—from \$10 to \$27.

Extension Tables And Chairs.

We can show you one of the best lines to be found, and at prices that will save you money. Tables from \$3.85 to \$9.00. Chairs from \$3.00 a set to \$7.

Dishes

of all Kinds.

We can Safely Say we have never had such a pretty lot of dishes as we can show you now. We have selected them from the best Factories and Importing Houses in the Country. You might say we have an Entirely New Stock. Dinner Sets nicely decorated goods we can guarantee—Price \$7.50, 9.98, 10.48, 12.50, 14.00, 16.00 up to 28.00.

Four different patterns of Open Stock Dishes that you can buy just what you want.

Ready Made Sheets and Pillow Cases.

We have just opened the second lot this Season. They sell because the price is less than you can buy the muslin and you save the extra work of making them.

Groceries.

We always have a nice stock of fresh Groceries on hand and our prices are right. Nice prunes at 5c. Nice, clean raisins at 5c. a pound. Our canned goods are put up by Austin, Nichols & Co., so you can find no better—and if they are not right, we will replace with other goods.

Ladies' and Misses' Coats.

We will sell our whole stock of Ladies' and Misses' Coats at half price. We can give you all sizes.

F. P. Pursel.

tinted match into the coal pail, but instead it fell close at her side and continued to burn after she sat down. A moment later she was wrapped in flames, and after fighting desperately to extinguish the fire, she threw herself upon the bed, screaming for help. Her daughter-in-law, Henry Eckroth, and Butcher Ammerman, who were close at hand, came promptly to her assistance, finding the unfortunate woman in a terrible condition, as the bed clothing also had taken fire. After a hard struggle they succeeded in quenching the flames, but the old lady was so terribly burned about the limbs, face and neck, that it is thought impossible for her to recover. Her hands were so badly burned that the bones protruded from the flesh. Those who rendered assistance were so badly burned about the hands that they, too, needed medical assistance. Dr. Shuman, of Rock Glen, responded promptly, and did all in his power to make the sufferers comfortable. The old lady is nearly 77 years of age, and her condition is regarded as critical in the extreme.—Hastleton Sentinel.

A New Race Meet Circuit.

De Witt Brothers, of Wilkes Barre, are the promoters of a new bicycle race meet circuit which is to include the towns of Williamsport, Bloomsburg, Allentown, Wilkes-Barre, Reading and Binghamton. They have been negotiating for tracks in each of the cities named and have secured three year contracts with enough of these tracks to warrant their announcing the following dates:

- Williamsport—June 14, July 4, August 2, September 4 and 27.
- Allentown—May 30, June 28, August 30 and September 14.
- Bloomsburg—July 12 and August 23.
- Reading—June 7, July 26, September 4 and 20.
- Binghamton—June 21, July 19, August 16 and September 6.
- Wilkes Barre—Day meets: May 30, September 4; night meets: June 15, July 4 and August 9.

The cold snap of last week furnished some rare sport for our young people in the way of fine skating.