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CONYNGHAM AND CENTRALIA POOR AUDITORS.

An Appeal From the Report of Auditors has
Been Taken in Which Graft is Charged.

That the Conyngham Township and Borough of Centralia Poor District has been worked by grafters is plain to a number of residents of that section. An appeal from the report of auditors taken by Fred T. Ikeler Esq., representing L. A. Riley & Co.; Edward Williams, John Lammit, Emma M. Steinmatz and W. F. Rhodes, freeholders of the district, discloses the fact that petty grafting has been practiced to a considerable extent.

Among the many startling items included in the auditors' report of the poor district's accounts are the following: Pipes for wake, \$9.85; whiskey for M. J. McDonald, from June 4, 1904 to March 11, 1905, \$147.50; whiskey for Montelius Yeager, \$67; milk furnished Mrs. Burke for eight months, \$33.40. The items of \$1896.27, for merchandise for the poor house for the year 1904, and \$1555.77, for outdoor relief, are also taken exception to as being exorbitant.

Exception is taken to the bill of \$150 for auditor's salary, alleging that this is much greater than the amount allowed by law, and to \$214.50, allowed in the account of Mrs. M. E. Murphy, treasurer, on the ground that the items are exorbitant, illegal and unnecessary.

The report allows Edward Welsh, James Monaghan and B. J. Boyle, poor directors of the districts, the sum of \$55 each for extra services; W. J. Kilker, attending audit, \$6; W. J. Kilker, extra services \$7; Pat Rowan, attending audit, \$6; meals and room for auditors, \$35; auditors for inventory of poorhouse \$26, all of which are excepted to as being exorbitant and illegal.

A calf sold for \$7.71 and charged in two accounts, also comes in among the items for which appeal is taken.

For a number of years, it is alleged, the poor district of that section has been in the power of a gang of grafters who have taken turns holding the office of directors. Some time ago one of the gang bought a cow for \$5 which he sold to the district for \$40. He then made arrangements by which the animal was stabled at his place, he receiving \$15 per month for its keep, and just before election he repurchased the cow for \$5.

Many taxpayers of the overmountain section are disgusted with the way the affairs of the district have been transacted and arrests are expected to follow the hearing of the appeal.

Crookedness in the management of the affairs of the district is no new thing. Years ago Neil Lenahan was one of the directors, and he found it necessary to leave the country owing to alleged embezzlement of the district's funds. He went to Ireland and has never returned. He was but one of the many who profited by being a director. The office was much sought after and has often been held by men who could neither read nor write, but who were able to live without work as soon as they got in the office, and live pretty well too. It is likely that the affairs of the district will be thoroughly aired.

Fell From Scaffold.

Peter Werkheiser, while working on a scaffold at the Magee Carpet Mill on Monday, fell almost twelve feet to a joist below, and was badly though not critically injured. He was removed to his home at Ferndale, and was attended by Dr. John. The fall was caused by the breaking of the scaffold.

GREENE SUES E. B. TUSTIN.

Says Promise to Carry Copper Stock Was
Broken—Gold Dividend Paid.

The Sunday New York Times says: Col. William C. Greene, the "Copper King," showed again yesterday that he was a fighter. The regular dividend of 2 per cent. was paid, one day ahead of time, on the Greene Consolidated Gold Company's stock, and Col. Greene, the head of the enterprises, brought suit in the Supreme Court against Edward B. Tustin, the former Treasurer of the Greene Consolidated Copper Company, to recover \$200,674.42, which he alleges is due him as a result of certain agreements and transactions in stocks.

It is said that the dividend was declared ahead of time to prevent certain stockholders from obtaining an injunction against its issuance. In his complaint against Tustin, Greene alleges that Tustin was to carry 5,000 of the company's copper shares until its market value was \$50 a share. Then he was to sell and pay Greene \$100,000 of the proceeds. Greene also alleges that Tustin owes him a large amount of money lent.

Greene further alleges that Tustin was to refrain from any stock market or other business that would tend to keep Greene Copper from going to \$50. Greene now declares in his complaint that Tustin has sold, lent, or transferred so much of his copper stock that he would be unable to live up to the agreement if the stock went to \$50.

Greene also incorporates in his complaint that Tustin has circulated false and slanderous reports concerning the management of the Greene enterprises.

It has been asserted that the Greene Consolidated Gold Company has been paying dividends without having earned them, but the management has insisted all along that they were more than earned.

In the recent selling movement in Greene Gold stock, sales were made of the dividends on a great amount of stock at prices ranging all the way from 15 cents a share down to nominal figures. Estimates of the number of shares on which the dividend was sold in this way have run as high as 300,000 shares. Unless the sellers find some way out of their bargain these sales, now that the dividend has been paid at the regular rate, will cause a loss of about \$30,000 to those who sold the dividends.

Tuesday the Hottest Yet.

The thermometer stood at 97 in the shade on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was the hottest day of the season, not only here but all through the state. The night was such that it was hard to sleep. Many people sat up late waiting for it to cool off, while others who went to bed earlier arose in the wee hours of the morning and came down stairs to look for a cooler spot. One Market street man turned on his lawn sprinkler and stood where he could get a shower bath.

At Home Again.

Superintendent W. W. Evans and wife have been absent from home for the past two months or more, and returned on Monday expecting to remain for the summer. In May Mr. Evans was out holding examinations through the county, and in June he was engaged at the Benton Summer School which was a great success. He and Mrs. Evans also attended the meeting of the National Educational Association at Asbury Park.

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SHERIFF'S DEEDS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFERENTLY

Shall Be Made Now Before the County
Prothonotary.

On and after July 22 sheriff's deeds will not be acknowledged in open court, the last legislature having passed a law that changes the present practice. The new law directs that all acknowledgements of sheriff's deeds shall be before the prothonotary and they can be made on all days except Sundays and holidays. The new law also provides that all such deeds shall be placed in the continuance docket of the prothonotary's office and filed in a separate book to be kept in the recorder's office. The principal features of the new law are as follows:

On being settled with for the purchase price of the property sold, and on being paid his charge for acknowledgement, and the cost of registering and recording, the sheriff shall acknowledge any such deed before the prothonotary or clerk of the courts out of which the said writ issued, or his deputy except in case of testatum writs, when the acknowledgement shall be made before the prothonotary or deputy prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the property is situate, on any day, Sunday and holidays excepted, and the fact of such acknowledgement shall be forthwith entered on the record of such particular case. After the acknowledgement and pending the delivery as hereafter set forth such deed shall remain in the custody of the prothonotary or clerk subject to inspection as are other records of said court.

No deed shall be acknowledged before the return day of the writ under which the sale was had, or pending a motion to set aside the sale, or exceptions made to its confirmation nor shall a deed be delivered while such a motion or exceptions are pending whether made before or after acknowledgement, and until the expiration of such further time, if any, as the court may direct by rule, or special or standing order. At the expiration of the time stated, and after the final disposition of all such motions and exceptions, if any such be made, the prothonotary or clerk shall deliver the deed to the sheriff who shall forthwith cause it to be registered in the proper office, if registry is required, and recorded in the office for the recording of deeds and so forth in said county.

The law specifies that the acknowledgement of the deed and the delivery to the sheriff shall operate as a delivery to the grantee or grantees with the same effects as if acknowledged in open court, under existing laws and as if delivered to the grantee or grantees personally.

DR. EVELAND ELECTED

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport on Monday, Dr. W. P. Eveland, pastor of the M. E. Church of this town, was elected President of the school. Dr. Eveland has not yet announced whether he will accept, although it is altogether likely that he will not decline so flattering an offer. He was elected by the former board whose term of office expired at commencement, but he declined, preferring to await the action of the new board. Should Dr. Eveland accept, his departure will be regretted by the entire community regardless of church affiliations.

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NO SEWER, NO HOSPITAL.

The Joseph Ratti Hospital building is completed, and the equipment will be received as soon as the Hospital can be opened. But this cannot be until the Fifth street sewer is built, and when that will be depends upon the action of the Town Council. One thing is certain, until the sewer is laid there will be no Hospital. One councilman said a few days ago that "unless the Land Improvement Co. give more toward a sewer than they have yet proposed to give, there will be no sewer out there, but the money will be used in paving Market Square." In other words, in order to bring the Land Improvement Co. to terms the town is to be deprived of the benefits of a splendid gift of benevolence, and a part of this year's taxes are to be spent on what would be very nice to have, but all the same it would be a luxury which is not imperatively demanded, while a sewer is a necessity for the hospital.

Why can't the sewer be laid, and charge frontage to the property owners? In Berwick every lot pays \$50.00 whether they connect with the sewer or not. The Land Improvement Co. will be benefited and ought to give liberally, and are offering to give something, but because the sum offered is not up to the ideas of the council is no reason why a lot of money should be used for purely ornamental luxuries when it is so badly needed for necessities.

Going to Europe

James Magee of this town and John W. Evans of Berwick will sail from New York on Saturday for an European tour. They will go in the steamer Minnetonka of the Atlantic Transport Line, and will land at Southampton. Thence they will go to London, Paris, Brussels, Cologne and up the Rhine to Manz. They also expect to visit Hanover, Berlin, Lucerne, Munich, Venice, Florence, Rome and Naples. Coming back they will touch Algiers and Gibraltar. It will be a fine trip and we wish them *bon voyage*.

The papers are full of drowning accidents. Some of them are caused by cramps and some by foolhardiness. Young boys ought not to be permitted to go in swimming unless accompanied by older persons who can swim. Every boy ought to learn to swim, but he ought not to be permitted to try it alone.

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