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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Contributions invited. That which you would like to see in this department, let us know by postal card or letter, personally.

Dr. R. P. Heilman was a PRESS visitor on Wednesday.

G. W. Tanner, of Mason Hill was in Emporium on Monday.

Jacob Slagle was circulating among his friends in town on Sunday.

Mrs. John E. Smith of Sterling Run, was shopping in town on Tuesday.

Rev. W. A. Pugsley preached at Port Allegany Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. S. Stoddard has been on the role of invalids the last several days.

R. M. Williams of First Fork was transacting business in town Friday.

Chas. Britton of the East Ward has gone to Buffalo to consult a specialist.

John Swank, of First Fork, transacted business in Emporium on Monday.

Mrs. William Howard is visiting friends at Philadelphia and Shenandoah.

Mr. Harris came over from Buffalo to spend Sunday with his family at this place.

Mrs. W. L. Sykes and daughter, of Galeton, are visiting Judge Walker and family.

Chas. Dice came up from Sterling Run yesterday to take a look at the boom in Emporium.

Miss Margaret Montgomery has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Tennessee.

Vernon Heilman came down from Portland Mills on Saturday to spend Sunday with his parents.

The Rev. Robt. McCaslin attended a session of the Northumberland Presbytery at Sunbury last week.

Michael Cassidy, foreman for Cameron Lumber Company was transacting business in town on Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Clarke went to Buffalo yesterday, where she will enter a hospital to undergo an operation.

Fred Kaye returned on Saturday from a trip to his old home in England. He says he is glad to get back again.

Daniel McCormick, who has been confined to his bed for three weeks, is improving under Dr. Heilman's treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Auchu and Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Howard attended the Perley-Cochran wedding at Williamsport on Tuesday.

Mrs. John P. Ulrich and son Selburn, of Renovo, came up on Sunday "Flyer" to spend two or three weeks with Emporium relatives.

Lester Knickerbocker, who has been on the sick list for several weeks came over from Port Allegany on Monday, where he has been staying for some time.

Our old friend Ex-County Commissioner John A. Wyckoff, of First Fork, accompanied by his son John A. Jr., were pleasant PRESS visitors on Friday last.

James Wensel, of Renovo, a freight brakeman was killed at Dahoga Friday night. While crossing the car next to the engine he fell between the car and tender, his life being crushed out.

Mr. Ernest Hollowell and wife, of England, brother-in-law and sister of Thomas Waddington, have arrived in Emporium, with the purpose of making it their permanent home.

Jos. W. Fauver, of Cameron, who lately moved to that busy little town from Colgrove, was a PRESS caller yesterday. He reports a dance to be given by Cameron K. O. T., on Friday evening, May 22nd.

Hon. W. C. Smith, R. F. D. Special Agent, has been spending a few days in Emporium, inspecting Uncle Sam's rural routes. Being an old friend of course he visited the PRESS.

J. W. Clarke, one of the proprietors of Emporium opera house, last Monday contracted with the Triple Plate Show in the capacity of advance agent. "Wisey" has had years of experience in the show business and we believe will make a good agent.

B. W. Green is visiting his Tioga county farm this week. J. L. Bedard, of St. Marys, visited J. L. Fobert and wife last evening. Mrs. Paul Smith, nee Mame Evans, and child, accompanied by her sister, Miss Carrie, left this morning for Punxsutawney, Pa. The ladies of Emmanuel Church Sewing Society go to Keating Summit this afternoon, where they will be the guests of Mrs. J. H. Swain, a member of their Society.

Eye Specialist. Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., May 16th and 16th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

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Sinnamahoning. Edward Shade has moved back on his farm on Oak Hill. O. L. Bailey is building a large addition to his popular hotel. J. F. Fisher has moved into the house of Mrs. J. R. Moore, at Wyside. Barclay Bros. have their log pools full of logs for their summer sawing. The B. S. & S. R. R. Co. are building a large boarding house at the "Y" near Barclay's dam.

Several parties were trout fishing last Sunday and report catching a few fine trout. Better had look out for the warden. H. B. Lightner has enlarged his store room opposite the depot and now has a first-class grocery.

E. L. Losey, yard foreman for Barclay Bros., has resigned his position here to take charge of the yard of Barclay, Sherman & Co., at Laquin, Bradford Co.

A new and heavy passenger engine was put on the run from Sinnamahoning to Galeton on the B. S. & S. R. R. Conductor Striker is well pleased with the change.

Nolan Bros. contractors for the bridge and track work for the B. S. & S. R. R. Co., are rushing the work on the abutments since the weather has cleared up. They have a large crew of men at work. XX

FACTS REGARDING KEYSTONE SCHOOLS.

The New Law Fixing Minimum of Salaries.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Press gives some facts on school matters in Pennsylvania which, in view of the passage of the teachers' salary bill and its approval by the governor, are of considerable interest. The correspondent says: The number of school districts affected is 1,125. There are but three counties in the state that are exempt from the operation of the law. These are Philadelphia, Lancaster and Delaware. In Lancaster county there are but two districts where the average monthly salary paid to teachers is as low as \$35. In Delaware county there is but one. These two counties are shining examples indicating a true appreciation of the utility of public schools.

In each of 31 counties there are more than 20 districts in which the average salary is less than the new legal limit. In 12 of these the number of such districts in each one exceeds 30. Crawford county has the unenviable distinction of presenting the highest number—57 out of the 65 districts. Bedford stands next to Crawford with its 52 penous districts. In the 19 districts of Fulton county 1 will feel the present touch of the law. So will 40 of Mercer's 48. In the 18 districts of Snyder county there is but one in which the taxpayers may feel easy, Selingsgrove borough. Thirty-eight out of 44 districts in Somerset county will experience the salutary benefits of the law. Susquehanna has 43 school districts, and in 40 of these the teachers will have occasion to rejoice. Wayne has 28 out of 30, and Wyoming 27 out of 31 that the good law will agitate. Washington county shows an excellent record. Only one of its 66 districts will be nettled by the new order of things. Sad to say, in 44 of these the school year is only seven months, just the legal limit.

In 64 counties out of 67, the total number, there are 881 school districts wherein the average salary per month is \$30 or under. Fifty-four of these are in Crawford county and 52 in Bradford. The latter has 59 school districts. Susquehanna has 38 such low-grade districts. In Bedford, Tioga, Wayne and Wyoming the number is the same 28. Blair, Chester, Montgomery and Washington have but one each; Cameron and Northampton two, and in the remainder the numbers vary from four to 24, the latter Perry. The two exceptions in all the 68 counties are Bucks and Westmoreland. In one district in Bucks, Bridgeton township, the average is \$31, and this is the lowest. In Westmoreland, Fairfield township, the average is \$30 75, likewise the lowest in that county. In the 43 districts of Bucks there are but six having an average below \$35; and in Westmoreland's 50 districts the number is the same.

In Thompson township, Fulton county, with its seven schools, there are two female "teachers" and their average monthly salary (seven months) is \$18. The amount of tax levied in that district in 1902 was \$500; state appropriation \$1,008.14. Let a charitable pen refrain from indulging in comment! The same average is paid in Pinegrove district, Montour county. That district has one school blessed with the attendance of eight pupils as reported last year. Perhaps \$18 a month might be considered extravagant under the

circumstances. The amount of tax levied was \$72 76; state appropriation \$91. 80. After paying the teacher the treasurer apparently would have a cheerful balance of \$38.56. If the new law does not extinguish that district, the directors will be obliged to nearly double the teacher's salary, and this cannot be a pleasing prospect.

Elkland Independent, Tioga county, also has one school that flourishes under the weight of an expenditure of \$18 for its teacher, who administers to the mental needs of 18 pupils. The tax levied in that district last year was \$101 68; state appropriations, \$89.98, a better showing than some others make.

Susquehanna county does not present a favorable record. In that county there are eight districts, where the average salary is represented by these startling figures—\$19.42, \$19.42, \$19.42, \$19, \$18 86, \$18.50, \$18.42, \$17.43. Apolaco township has the singular distinction of paying the lowest sum. This district has eight schools, taught by eight unblest female teachers. The total number of pupils last year thus economically instructed was 117, tax \$625.93, state \$367.86, school year, seven months. With a balance of \$517.71 after paying the teachers, is there any excuse for such a miserly practice?

Yet even Apolaco can fling a taunt at two districts in Wyoming county—Braintrim Independent and Meshoppen township, where the average salary is the same in each, \$16.71—twin records of discredit.

There is one district in Monroe county that deserves special mention by reason of its singularity. This is Independent school district. It has one school which accommodates 23 boys and 24 girls. There are two teachers in that school one male and one female, according to the official report. The salary of the former is \$40 per month, that of the latter \$6 per month, yielding to the happy teacher the imposing sum of \$46 for the school term of eight months. There may be some mitigating circumstances connected with this curious case that do not appear on the surface. Possibly, the young woman is the ambitious daughter of some worthy farmer eager to satisfy, in a small way, the cravings of a hungry purse, or to lay something aside to soften the infirmities of old age. Who knows but that she will blossom into a successful teacher and that some time in her life she will look back contentedly on the day of small things? Let us hope that the new law will prosper, rather than blight, her modest aspirations.

Let it not be forgotten that one-third of the state appropriations is distributed on the basis of the number of paid teachers regularly employed for the full annual term of the district. Even in this county of Bucks there is one district, Bridgeton township, above mentioned, where there are four schools in which 138 pupils struggle with the perplexities of education during seven months of the year, and those four schools (I blush to say it) have five teachers, three males and two females, to carry out the irksome business. This district receives from taxpayers, \$661.17, and from the state \$1,080.81, a sum that is augmented by the employment of a superfluous teacher. Bridgeton cannot justly claim the admiration of mankind.

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