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Letters from the People.

All communications under this head must be accompanied by the writer's name. We will not be held responsible for any expression in this department.

Editor Press:
There are two questions I would like to have you discuss in your paper, and if agreeable to you, I also wish you would express an opinion thereon.

First:—Are all of the old taxes which were due the county when the Tax Collectors were disqualified from office, now being collected or were they exonerated because they were too old?

At the time the Courts declared the old Tax Collectors to have been illegally elected, that was something like \$12,000 of back taxes on the books, and it is these back taxes which I wish to inquire about—whether they were collected or exonerated.

Second:—Is in regard to the road Supervisors. Much has been said about the illegal expenditure of money by the road supervisors and about "graft" in the road taxes. We, I think, as citizens, owe it to ourselves to know whether the money is being properly paid out, and the road supervisors owe it to themselves to keep their accounts so public that there will be no question as to the money being properly handled.

If the newspapers would not charge too much for publishing a monthly statement of how the road taxes are spent in each township in the county, I will be willing to start a subscription with \$100.00 for the purpose of having the accounts audited every month and published in the papers. This auditor should also be authorized to receive complaints from tax payers along the line of the different roads being worked.

There is no remedy for public wrongs except the honesty and manhood of the people themselves, and the people cannot act unless they have the information.

Yours truly,
JOSIAH HOWARD.
Emporium, Pa., April 14, 1906.

Oriental Palmist.

Madam Goodwin, of New York City, at City Hotel, Emporium, Pa., for ten days only.

Palmistry is not what a good many people imagine it to be—a species of fortune-telling; but it is an exact science, as has been proven over and over again. All well informed people now-a-days admit this fact, and many of them consult palmists frequently.

In every person's life there are several courses which he or she may pursue, many of which lead to failure and a few to success.

By consulting a skillful and reputable Palmist, it is possible to ascertain beyond the question of a doubt which of the several paths opening before you lead to the best and brightest success.

If you have been crossed in love, if interferences have broken your dearest and tenderest ties, in every affair it is wise to consult a Palmist.

Room No. 10 from 9 a. m., to 10 p. m. Private audiences given at private home to not less than five subjects. My diploma on exhibition.

April 17, 1906 until further notice.

Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnston gave a party to their son Lloyd last Thursday evening, April 12, in honor of his thirteenth birthday and forty-five of his young friends responded to the invitation. At about 7:30 o'clock the house was a veritable swarm of bees. The program of entertainment for the evening was magic lantern pictures, Buster Brown necktie party, anatomy contest and refreshments. Lena Swartz won the Buster Brown party prize the "Game of Proverbs", Ethel Lloyd the first prize and Robert Pearsall the second prize in the anatomy contest. These prizes were beautiful books, "Royal Hearts and True," by Ruth Ogden, and "In the Closed Room," by Frances Hodgson Burnett. As the guests departed for their homes Master Lloyd presented each with a souvenir Easter button and a box of candy. As we came from the lodge room we imagined that there were about a million youngsters in the house and if shrieks and rumbling sounds are evidence of a good time there is no mistaking that it was up to the royal standard. The young folks voted it one of the best times of their life and will long remember the hospitality of their young host.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were assisted by Mrs. H. W. Good, Mrs. F. H. Pearsall, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Coppensmith and Mr. Edgar Good in entertaining the little guests.

Pure Banded Plymouth Rocks. Eggs 50c per 15. F. G. JENN.

Man About Town.

Some people say just what they think. That accounts for a good many people being silent.

Two heads one better than one, especially if they are the head on a silver dollar.

Johnny, says a woman on Fifth street to her son, "When that boy throws stones at you again, come and call me." "Call you!" says Johnny, "Why mother you could not hit a barn."

A person in town who is noted for putting a cent on the collection plate Sundays, was asked the other day how he liked the sermon. "Poor, very poor," said he. A friend remarked, "what could you expect for a cent?"

When Mr. Carnegie's new spelling book comes out, instead of writing trousers, we will write, "in the morning he arose and put on his pants."

A lady in town says her maid of all work answered the door bell the other day and stood talking with the visitor some time. When he left she was asked who he was. She answered, "he is a gentleman looking for the wrong house."

They are having a revival up on the Portage. One of the anxious seat the other night in her excitement exclaimed, "I wish I had the wings of a grasshopper." After things had quieted down some, a fellow mourner asked her why she wished she had wings like a grasshopper, she said, "so I could fly to heaven." "You fool thing!" she answered, "don't you know a woodpecker would catch you before you would get half way."

The sage of Portage remarks, "there ain't no more honesty. If he should go into business to-morrow with St. Peter for a salesman and the recording angel for a bookkeeper, they would beat him."

"Children," said one of our ministers addressing the Sunday school last Sunday, "why are we like flowers; what do we have that flowers have." A little fellow in one of the classes answered, "worms." The minister turned his back to the scholars to conceal his emotions.

At a meeting of the cracker barrel club, in Mike Hogan's the other evening, one of the members remarked, "we are fearfully and wonderfully made." "Yes," said another member sitting on a soap box, "and we should be thankful that we are made so we can sit down."

A man in Potter county was hugged by a bear and died from the effects of the grip.

Lott's wife turned into a pillar of salt. An Evangelical friend says, "that's what she got for being too fresh."

One of our young married men says he bought his marriage license on the installment plan—one dollar down and his monthly salary the rest of his life.

It is sorrowful to meet one of your old time friends who is a dyspeptic. We shook with one yesterday who had a pork and bean appetite and a milk toast stomach. Blessed are they who can digest birch bark and shingle timber.

Sheriff Swope says the town at one time had a champion long distance jumper; he jumped his ball clear to the Klondike.

Bill Thomas found a ten cent piece in the craw of a chicken he killed last Sunday. She was evidently keeping it until she got where she could buy a couple of beers.

Brother Pyle says love is much more courageous when the light is turned away down low.

We often meet ladies that use face powder. We think some of them we see, if they should meet a walking delegate of the whitewashers union, would have to show their card.

The window sill club at their last meeting decided that a noisy noise annoyed an oyster and that a hypocritically was a boy that went to school with a smile on his face.

An itinerant photographer has pitched his tent at Sizerville. A sign reads, "Pictures taken of all kinds, from a back tooth to a mouse's soul."

Uncle Peter Beattie says people talk about remarkable shooting; he says the best shot he ever made was due to luck. He was hunting one day and when it came noon, he was ten miles from camp and hadn't seen a thing. He sat down under a spruce tree and ate a lunch which he had in his pocket, smoked his pipe and fell asleep. He woke up with a start and when he opened his eyes he saw a big rattle snake within ten feet of him; he raised his gun thinking he would put a bullet through him, when a sound caused

him to look and on a limb above his head, he saw a half dozen partridges; he thought a club would do for the snake and was just aiming at the birds, when out of the brush near him came a deer, he changed his aim quickly. Just as he was covering the deer, he gave a jump and from the other side came a black bear, he changed his aim to the bear and fired. The gun burst, the bullet killed the bear and as he fired the deer came by and a piece of the barrel went plumb through his heart and killed him dead. The look flew off and as the rattlesnake had his mouth open and it went down its neck and choked him to death; the stock flew up and hit the bunch above his head and the shock killed the partridges and the explosion threw him more than thirty feet and he lit on a couple of rabbits.

GASSAWAY.

A Sharp Swindler.

Last Saturday a sleek rascal called at Cummings' bakery and requested some candy. While Miss Margaret was procuring the candy the chap extracted \$20.00 from a pocket-book lying behind the counter. Immediately upon returning with the candy she noticed the pocket-book had been tampered with, being open. She at once made the chap stand still while she examined the contents. Seeing that four five-dollar bills were missing from the money she had prepared for deposit in the bank, she called policeman Monday and the proprietor, who searched the man. Not finding any money on his person they were compelled to give the suspect his freedom. Later in the day it was learned that the same man went into a saloon and presented a five-dollar bill saturated with tobacco juice. It flashed upon Policeman Mundy that the cud he was chewing was mostly the bills stolen. Prompt telegrams located him at Austin where he was arrested and returned to Emporium. The prisoner "owned the corn" and was committed to jail for court.

Progressive Whist.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Balcom entertained about forty ladies and gentlemen friends at their Sixth street residence Tuesday evening, in a very pleasing manner. The evening was voted a very decided success. At mid-night elegant refreshments were served, after which the score cards were called in, the progressive prizes being awarded to Mrs. A. Brady and Mr. E. A. Pyle, while the booty favors were captured by Miss Alice Green and Hon. J. C. Johnson—ordinarily two expert whist players, but luck was against them.

Obituary.

Mr. George White and son, E. D. White, chief clerk at Emporium Iron Company's plant at this place, were called to Lebanon, Pa., last Thursday by a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Wm. Hoover. The lady was dead before they arrived at home. Deceased leaves a husband, father and mother, two sisters and three brothers to mourn her death. The funeral took place on Monday from the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Kline, at Lebanon.

New Church Trustees.

The new board of trustees of the M. E. Church consisting of Geo. J. LaBar, T. B. Lloyd, R. P. Heilman, F. P. Strayer, L. K. Huntington, A. C. Blum, F. P. Rentz, H. A. Cox and J. P. McNarney, organized by the election of Geo. J. LaBar, President, and J. P. McNarney, Secretary and Treasurer. The repairs to the parsonage are about completed and will be ready for the family of Rev. Cleaver in about a week.

Met With an Accident.

While riding a pony belonging to D. C. Hayes, last Monday evening, Clarence Quinn was thrown from the animal's back breaking his left arm, also spraining his wrist. Dr. Heilman attended the young man and set the wounded member.

The Portage Store.

W. L. Dixon, proprietor of the Portage store, desires to inform his patrons and the general public that he is offering special inducement in canned goods for the next thirty days. Road this:

Tomatoes, 10c; Good California Peaches, 16c; Mince Meat, 8c, Corn 8c; Finest String Beans, 10c; Best Seeded Raisins, 11c; Seven bars Oak Leaf Soap, 25c. Other goods in proportion. Call me on 'phone.

W. L. DIXON,
Near Portage Bridge.

C. B. Howard & Co., have the only large stock of shingles in the county at the present time. RED CEDAR from the Pacific Coast and WHITE CEDAR from Wisconsin.

EARTHQUAKE WRECKS SAN FRANCISCO

One Thousand Lives Wiped Out.

Buildings in Six Blocks Went Down During the Shock Which Lasted Three Minutes. Fires Started and Added Terror—Water Mains Broken.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18, 8 a. m. In the confusion which reigns everywhere, it is almost impossible to learn details of the disaster caused by the earthquake this morning. In general it may be said that the district lying between Market and Howard streets from the bay to city hall has been wrecked. Most all the principle business blocks have been badly damaged.

Fires are burning in many places and the water mains have been broken by the earthquake. The authorities have resorted to dynamite to check the progress of the fire. The fire houses have been so badly damaged that it is impossible to get the apparatus out.

For the benefit of eastern people who have friends at San Francisco it is safe to say that they have not been injured.

In the cheap tenement district the loss of life is heavy. The residence portion of the city is but slightly damaged.

The last earthquake that occurred in San Francisco was about the middle of January 1900. The chief building affected was the St. Nicholas Hotel, which was severely shaken. The walls collapsed in certain parts of the structure and patrons were thrown from their beds.

At this time there is but one wire out of the city, a Postal wire. The Postal building is considerably damaged.

A dispatch from Los Angeles says that 1,000 lives have been lost in the earthquake at San Francisco.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 18.—A severe earthquake shock occurred here this morning. There is great confusion and it is impossible to learn the extent of the damage. No loss of life is yet reported.

Barclay a Candidate.

Capt. C. F. Barclay, of Sinnamahoning, Cameron county, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress. He feels assured that his own county and McKean will be with him and that he stands a good show. Capt. Barclay was a candidate four years ago against S. R. Dresser. He is a gentleman of remarkable attainments and is one of the foremost citizens and business men of Cameron county. With two candidates from Clearfield, and one from Center, there promises to be lively doings in the district this summer.—Curwensville Review.

Schwab-Summerson.

Mr. John Schwab, of Cameron, Pa., and Miss Edna Summerson, of Sterling Run, Pa., were united in marriage, on April 15th, at Emmanuel Church Rectory, by Rev. J. M. Robertson. This popular young couple have many admiring friends in this county. Mr. Schwab, who is engaged in mercantile business at Cameron, while the bride, who has successfully taught school in this county for several years, is a lady of excellent character and greatly respected by all our citizens. The Press joins in hearty congratulations.

WANTED:—Travelling sales man. Must furnish references and invest one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, in first class 6 per cent. bonds. Salary and expenses paid. Experience not required, we teach business at our mills. The Wheeling Roofing & Cornice Co., Wheeling, W. Va. 4-8t.

Census Figures and Marriage Customs.

We are indebted to Alfred Truman for the following information concerning a recent census taken of the British Empire together with some strange marriage customs of the people of India:

The whole empire contains 395,000,000 of people, scattered over different parts of the globe as follows: In Asia there are more than 300,000,000 of people in British dominions; in America there are 7,500,000; in Africa 43,000,000; in Australia over 5,000,000; and in Europe over 42,000,000. Classifying this vast, heterogeneous mass of people by religions, it is found that 203,000,000 are Hindus, 94,000,000 are Mahomedans, 58,000,000 are christians, 12,000,000 are Buddhists and 23,000,000 of various pagan and non-christian religions. This latter generalization represents Parsees, Jains, Jews and Confucians, and some other primitive forms of superstition.

There are in the British Empire 1,200,000 Chinamen who are known, from the best sources of information, to be exemplary subjects, made up of merchants, bankers and country gentlemen, as well as industrious and efficient workmen.

Considering that Egypt is practically under British rule, brings the population of the empire to considerably over 400,000,000, being over one fourth of all the people on the globe, and occupying more than one-fourth of the earth's space.

The marriage customs of the people of India are very strange and unnatural, and has so far been impossible of correction even by the British and Indian governments. Marriage of children in India takes place while the children are yet in infancy, and is nothing more than a contract entered into by the parents, and guardians. Its most pathetic feature is the number of young widows in that land of strange customs for to become a widow, no matter at what age, means to remain a widow through life.

And while English law would recognize the validity of a second marriage Indian law and customs forbid it. The census already referred to shows there are over a quarter of a million of married girls of the age of five years and under. Between the ages of five years and ten years over ten million married girls were found, and the number of married maidens between the years of ten and fourteen, were seven millions. There are at the present time 426,000 widows under the age of fifteen, destined, along with millions who are older, to remain in widowhood through life. Most of the widows of such tender years become so before they know what widowhood means. The custom of burning the living widow with the deceased husband has been abolished, and the same civilizing influences that suppressed that cruel practice will in time correct their unnatural customs relating to marriage and widowhood.

The age at which girls could be taken to wife by whomsoever had been married to them was formerly twelve years, but during the reign of Victoria that good queen succeeded in lawfully establishing the age at which real married life could begin to be fourteen years.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

GALLAGHER.
The remains of Mrs. Gallagher were brought to Emporium yesterday from Bradford and interred in the Catholic cemetery. Deceased was a sister of the elder Creightons, who resided here years ago. Many relatives attended the funeral here.

MCFADDEN.
Mrs. Jesse McFadden, after an illness of only a few days, passed away Tuesday morning, leaving a husband and four children, one a babe less than a week old. The sad death was a great surprise to friends of the family. The funeral took place this morning from St. Mark's Catholic Church.

The Thespians.

The Thespians from State College will appear at the Opera House, Monday evening, April 23rd, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. of C. E., in a roaring farce entitled "Facing the Music." An orchestra of ten pieces and a quartette will accompany them. Board open Friday morning, at H. S. Lloyd's store. Admission 15c; 25c; 35c; and 50c.

THE WEATHER.
FRIDAY, Showers. SATURDAY, Fair
SUNDAY, Fair.

ASSETS
First National Bank,
EMPORIUM, PA.
At the close of business April 11, 1906.
\$796,751.74.
If you deposit your money in this Bank, you may rest assured that it will be there when you want it.

Services in Presbyterian Church.
The Rev. John Mitchell, of Houtzdale, Pa., will preach in the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, April 22nd, 1906. Preaching morning and evening.

Home Market.
Is the title of the first document of the Congressional campaign of 1906, issued by the American Protective Tariff League. The pamphlet is a reproduction of the great speech of Congressman John F. Lacey, of Iowa, recently delivered in Congress. Send postal card request for free copy. Ask for Document No. 84. Address W. P. Wakeman, Secretary, 339 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

The Savings of Solomon.
Never go into business with relatives, says a writer in the American Magazine. They skin you even if you get St. Peter for doorkeeper and the Recording Angel for the book keeper? Beware of false profits. A penny over charged may cause you to lose a dollar customer.

When you hear a man say "do others before they do you," look out for him! He is one of the evil doers!

When you are down, take knocks without howling. But when you get up again just sock it to your enemy with compound interest.

Mark Twain says—"Be good and you will be lonesome!" Your Uncle Solomon says—

"Better be alone in good company than sociable in bad!"

The ready lender generally finds out that when he gets broke there is a great deal of truth in the old saying that "He who goes a borrowing, goes a sorrowing!"

Paste this over your desk! If you haven't a desk, on your looking glass! If you haven't a looking glass, over your bed! If you haven't a bed, wear it next to your heart! Be sure to keep it by you so that you may remember, a dollar is your best friend!

Never answer advertisements that promise to pay you thirty dollars a week for sitting home, doing nothing! Save your stamps and your common sense! The postoffice hasn't cornered all the frauds yet!

Never run from a policeman or a dog! They'll think you are guilty whether you are or not! Then you are sure to get a clubbing, or a biting, no matter how little you may deserve it. There are times when it pays to stand still!

Reception Given to Rev. Metzler.
The following is a clipping from the Gazette and Bulletin:

The members of the Mulberry Street M. E. Church will give a reception at the church Monday evening, at 7:45 in honor of the new pastor.

The Rev. Oliver S. Metzler, the new pastor at Mulberry Street Methodist church, opened his pastorate yesterday with two sermons, both of which can be justly characterized as brilliant. The morning discourse was on the "Resurrection of Christ" and the evening in "Esther at Shushan." Mr. Metzler fully demonstrated the correctness of the reputation he has gained in other fields of labor for being a pulpiter orator of splendid ability. The congregations both morning and evening were large and gave evidence of thorough appreciation of his work. The year opens most auspiciously in this church.—Monday's Williamsport News.

The Rev. O. S. Metzler opened his pastorate in Mulberry Street church yesterday under most encouraging auspices. The congregation, both morning and evening, were unusually large. The music and decorations were artistic and inspiring. The morning sermon on the "Resurrection," and the evening sermon on "Easter at Shushan," were both fine pieces of logical clearness and rhetorical beauty. The Rev. Mr. Metzler has a round, clear voice and speaks with energy and impressiveness. Only words of praise are heard from his work on the first day of his pastorate in the new field.—Williamsport Bulletin.

For Sale.
One lot 75x112 with good dwelling house and outbuildings. Will be sold at a bargain. Enquire of G. F. Balcom, Chairman.