

AUDITORS' REPORT

Of the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Shippen, for Year Ending March 6, 1908.

W. F. LEWIS, Overseer of the Poor, in account with the Poor District of Shippen Township, DR.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes 'To balance due from last audit', 'To received from County Treasurer', 'To received from W. F. Lewis, Ex-Poor Master', 'By paid Mrs. Jennie Housler account Dan Mundy, board from Aug. 24 to Sept. 12th', etc.

A. D. 1887, entitled "An Act to regulate the collection of taxes on Unseated Lands" there will be accrued interest at the rate of six per cent.

SHIPPEN TOWNSHIP.

Table with columns: War. Acres, To Whom Assessed, Tax. Lists various landowners and their assessed taxes.

JAMES HOBSON, Poor Master, in account with the Poor District of Shippen Township.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes 'To balance on hand last audit', 'To received from County Treasurer', 'To received from feeling, rent and hay', etc.

ASSETS.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes 'Due from P. S. Culver, Coll., tax 1900', 'Due from W. F. Lewis, Ex-Poor Master', etc.

LIABILITIES.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes 'Outstanding bill, Johnson & McNarney', 'Outstanding bill of Geo. J. LaBar', etc.

ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Shows net assets of \$1,775.83.

This is to certify that we have audited, adjusted and settled the accounts of the Poor Masters of Shippen Township for the year 1907, and that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the same.

Witness our hands this 1st day of May, 1908.

WM. R. JOHNSON, Auditor

TREASURER'S SALE

OF UNSEATED LANDS

In Cameron County, for Taxes for Years 1906 and 1907.

AGREEABLE to an Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to amend an Act directing the mode of selling Unseated Lands for taxes and other purposes" passed the 13th day of March, A. D. 1845 and further supplements thereto, I, CHARLES J. HOWARD, Treasurer of the County of Cameron, hereby give notice to all persons concerned therein, that unless all arrearages of taxes and the cost accrued on each tract respectively thereon, will be paid at public vendue or outcry, at the Court House, in Emporium Borough, County of Cameron and State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, June 8th, 1908, and continued by adjournment from day to day, as will be deemed necessary, for arrearages of taxes and the cost accrued on each tract respectively thereon, persons wishing to pay before sale, will remit the amount of these taxes, together with interest and fifty cents for each tract for advertising and twenty-five cents for receipt.

Notice is also given that in compliance with the Act of Assembly, passed the 6th day of June,

Riding an Ostrich.

"I don't believe the stories told about the natives in Africa and Australia riding ostriches," said a Californian who gives riding lessons in a New York riding academy, "and I saw this pretty well tried on one occasion in my state. A cowboy who had vanquished every pony he ever undertook to break in was induced to try an ostrich. After an hour's hard work he succeeded in mounting the bird, which at first tried to shake and roll him off, but these tactics of course had no effect upon the cowboy. Then in spite of all the man could do the ostrich succeeded in getting its head around and seizing the rider by the calf of one leg. Finally the man, after much frantic kicking, got his leg free. He then doubled his feet under him, and the ostrich reached over his wings and gave a good, fast hold on the man's back, throwing him heavily to the ground and trampling on him. It took three of us to chase the infuriated ostrich away, and we accomplished it barely in time to save the man's life. That's why I don't believe the native Australians can ride ostriches."—New York Press.

Mars as Prophet.

Study of Mars proves that planet to occupy earthwise in some sort the post of prophet, for in addition to the side lights it throws upon our past it is by way of foretelling our future. It enables us to no mean extent to foresee what eventually will overtake the earth in process of time, inasmuch as from a scrutiny of Mars coming events cast not their shadows, but their light, before.

It is the planet's size that fits it thus for the role of seer. Its smaller bulk has caused it to age quicker than our earth, and in consequence it has long since passed through that stage of its planetary career which the earth at present is experiencing and has advanced to a further one, to which in time the earth itself must come if it be not overwhelmed beforehand by other catastrophe. In detail of course no two planets of different initial mass repeat each other's evolutionary history, but in a general way they severally follow something of the same road.—Percival Lowell in Century.

Why the Tables Are Green.

"Billiards is one of the oldest games I know of," said a sporting man. "It is older even than croquet, which was played by French kings a great many hundred years ago. But, while billiards is so old, I'll bet none of the devotees of the ivories and the cue can tell me why a billiard table covering is green. The billiard table is always green. Well, the answer is simple enough. Billiards is merely a corruption of the good old English game of bowls, which was played on a beautifully green lawn. On rainy and winter days, however, your English sportsman couldn't enjoy his bowls, so some clever Johnny conceived the scheme of playing bowls indoors on his imitation green lawn. It was too much of a cinch, however, playing this game with the hand in such close quarters, so the cue was introduced to put skill at a premium. That's why billiard tables are green."—Philadelphia Record.

Dividing For Fish.

A unique method of fishing is employed by natives along the Panlaung river. Two dugout boats are employed about thirty feet long, with two men with long poles, one in the bow, the other at the stern punting the boat along. They stretch a long rope made of bamboos and plaited grass about a hundred yards long and weighted about every ten yards with big stones. This they let down into the water, and the fish are frightened toward the bank. The divers then jump in three at a time, remaining down about twenty seconds. They carry gaffs about eighteen inches long and fishhooks with cords attached. When they strike a fish they let go the gaff, and the fish is hauled up in the boat. A big fire is lighted on the river bank, and the men warm themselves before it when not diving.—Rangoon Gazette.

A Well in a Churchyard.

Hadstock, in Essex, possesses what is probably a unique water supply. It is entirely derived from a deep well in the parish churchyard. The well is over 800 years old and is known as St. Botolph's well. The inhabitants of Hadstock declare that it contains the best drinking water in Great Britain, and, as the village in question is one of the healthiest places in Essex, there is undoubtedly some truth in their boast.—London Strand Magazine.

Feb. 29 Births.

Very few distinguished men have been born on Feb. 29 of leap year. Among them are Edward Cave of the Gentleman's Magazine, who was born in 1692, and Rossini on the same day a hundred years later. Archbishop Whitgift in 1604 and John, the brother of Sir Edwin Landseer, himself an artist, both died on this day.

The Limit.

Howell—I don't mind getting a lemon now and then, but—Powell—but what? Howell—I think it is overdoing the thing when the lemon has been squeezed.—Exchange.

Turned the Cut.

Dolly—Pardon me, dear, but you cut a ridiculous figure on the street yesterday. Polly—Oh, forgive me, dear! If I had seen you I should have spoken.—Cleveland Leader.

Couldn't Change His Appearance.

Customer—I want you to cut my hair so that I won't look like a blamed fool. Barber—I'm no lightning change artist.—New York Press.

If it were only as easy to practice as it is to preach!—Chicago News.

The French "Mrs. Malaprop."

Calling, the French "Mrs. Malaprop" does not amuse so much by the confusion of his words as by the quaintness and unintended plainness of his remarks. He entered the service of a well known doctor, who, after Calisto had been buying hay for his horses for a while, made up his mind that the hay was worthless. "That is very poor hay that you've been buying," the doctor complained. "But the horses eat it, sir," said Calisto. "No matter. It's bad hay." "Yes, sir," said Calisto respectfully "I'll change it. I know you are a much better judge of hay than the horses are!" One day the bell rang, and Calisto came in. "A patient has arrived, sir," he reported. "An old patient or a new one?" asked the doctor. "New one, of course, sir," said Calisto. "The old ones never come back." Calisto admired very much the beautiful teeth of a lady among his master's patients. "Ah!" he exclaimed, "Her teeth are as fresh and sound and white as a newborn baby's!"

Idiomatic English.

Mrs. Fremont, in a sketch of her father, Senator Benton, tells the following story of the French bishop at St. Louis at the time of the purchase of Louisiana. She says: It was a point of honor among the older French not to learn English, but the bishop decided that it would be better to acquire it, especially for use from the pulpit. To force himself into the familiar practice of the language he secluded himself for awhile with the family of an American farmer, where he would hear no French. The experiment proved very successful. Soon he had gained a sufficient fluency to deliver a sermon in English. Senator Benton was present when it was to be given, and his feelings may be imagined as the bishop, a refined and polished gentleman, announced: "My friends, I'm right down glad to see such a smart chance of folks here today."

Lincoln's History of Himself.

When Abraham Lincoln was elected to congress Charles Lanman, then editor of the Congressional Record, according to the regular custom, forwarded to Mr. Lincoln as well as to all other members elect a blank to be filled out with facts and dates which might be made the basis for a biographical sketch in the directory. Mr. Lincoln's blank was returned promptly, filled up in his own handwriting with the following information: "Born Feb. 12, 1809, in Hardin county, Ky. "Education, defective. "Profession, lawyer. "Military service, captain of volunteers in the Black Hawk war. "Offices held: Postmaster at a very small office, four times a member of the Illinois legislature and elected to the lower house of the next congress."

Married and Part For a Year.

Among the many peculiar customs prevalent among the people of Central America is that of parting for one year after the marriage ceremony has been solemnized. This custom has prevailed among the Jarnos from time immemorial. There is no courtship allowed to be carried on between the parties prior to the wedding. When a man selects a woman he obtains the consent of the parents on both sides, and if this is given they are at once married. The reason, however, for their not living together as man and wife for one year after marriage is in order to permit of the parties visiting and staying with their respective friends in different parts of the country, which is a customary thing and occupies the time specified. Ninety-nine out of a hundred of these marriages turn out well.

A Chance to Spoon.

A young couple from the suburbs went to Dublin the other day to see the pantomime. Being early, they visited a tea room and had the place all to themselves. The attending waitress had omitted in serving them to supply the necessary implement to effectually assist in the proper and palatable admixture of the tea, cream and sugar. "Can we have a spoon?" inquired the swain. "Certainly," replied the observant attendant. "I am just tidying up, and you can have the whole room to yourselves in a minute or two."—Liverpool Mercury.

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Homemade.

"We are told to cast our bread upon the waters," said a young wife. "But don't you do it," replied her husband. "A vessel might run against it and get wrecked."—Simplicissimus.

A Wrong Guess.

Botanical Youth (in park)—Can you tell me if this plant belongs to the arbutus family? Gardener (certainly)—No, young man, it don't. It belongs to the county council.—London Globe.

Net Suspicious.

The Constable—Yes, your worship, the prisoner is a most suspicious character. The Accused (indignantly)—It's him that's suspicious. Aw'm no suspicious o' onybody!—Punch.

The good man prolongs his life. To be able to enjoy one's past life is to live twice.—Martial.

Making It Plain.

Henri was paying his first visit to London and was already wishing himself home in gay Paree, for he knew not a word of English. He had been very unfortunate and had lost all his luggage, a toothbrush. So he determined to buy another. But how was he to make his needs understood?

At last his luck turned, however, and he espied a chemist's shop with a notice outside, "Ici on Parle Francais." In he went and told the assistant in French what he wanted. But that assistant knew no language except English, and another who came to help him was just as far at sea.

But the proprietor was an intelligent man, and he knew at once from the cut of the customer's clothes that he was speaking French.

"Leave him to me," he said, with a superior smile.

Then, forming a megaphone with his hands, he shouted in the Frenchman's ear: "Our assistant who speaks French is out at lunch. You'll have to wait!"—London Scraps.

Swordsmen of the Sea.

The swordsmen of the sea are the sawfisher, spearfishes, sailfishes, swordfishes and the narwhal, with its spirally twisted straight tusks. The swordfishes inhabit the warmer seas, while the narwhal is a creature of the arctic. The tusk of the narwhal is hollow nearly to the point and is spirally grooved. It uses its tusk as a weapon of defense and to plunge through the ice to breathe, the narwhal being a cetacean. Sometimes when a boat has been caught in the ice great damage has been inflicted by the inquisitiveness or blundering of this great creature, that sometimes reaches a length of fifteen feet, with a tusk of from six to ten feet in length. As a rule, however, the narwhal uses its tusk for the purpose of killing fish for food. In the castle of Rosenberg the kings of Denmark have long possessed a magnificent throne made of tusks of this cetacean. These tusks are harder and whiter than ivory.

Beavers Train Their Young.

Naturalists have placed the beaver a long way down in the list of vertebrates, but it undoubtedly stands next to man in the variety of occupations in which it engages. All cats are hunters, while foxes that are not thieves may be included also among the Nimrods. All canaries are prima donnas, and monkeys make clever comedians, but it is only the beaver parent that educates its children to take up several trades. In a single colony among them you will find civil and marine engineers, woodchoppers, raftsmen, laborers, quarrymen, miners, plasterers, masons, carpenters, hodcarriers and fishermen. All beavers take contracts for building dams, but when the work is undertaken the task is so divided that each member of the colony has its own particular work to look after. In this way they make some wonderful excavations and construct their dams in an incredibly short time.

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Spring Announcement

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ORDINANCE NO. 51.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE GRADES OF THE SIDEWALKS AND CURBS AND THE SLOPES OF THE SIDEWALKS ON FOURTH STREET.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Council of the Borough of Emporium and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same.

SECTION 1. That the map, plan, profile, survey and specifications for the grades of the sidewalks and curbs and the slopes of the sidewalks on Fourth street as prepared in June, 1907 and submitted by George P. Jones, Civil Engineer, be and the same are hereby approved and the grades and slopes as shown thereon and thereon are hereby adopted as and for the grades of the sidewalks and curbs and the slopes of the sidewalks on said street.

SECTION 2. That hereafter no curbs shall be set or sidewalks constructed on said street except in conformity to the said map, plan, profile, survey and specifications subject, however, to the provisions of the Act of Assembly approved the 20th day of May, 1871, entitled "An Act to limit the power and authority of the Borough authorities of the Borough of Emporium, in the county of Cameron over the streets therein and to authorize the setting of shade trees along the streets."

SECTION 3. Upon the approval of this ordinance the said map, plan, profile and survey and the same specifications shall be dated as of the date of approval of this ordinance and be signed by the President of the Councils and attested by the secretary and the seal of the Borough placed thereon and the said specifications shall be entered at large upon the Ordinance Book and be signed by the President of the Council, attested by the secretary and the seal of the Borough placed thereon and the said map, plan, profile, survey and specifications shall thereafter be kept on file in the office of the Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of all parties interested.

JOS. A. FREINDEL, President of the Council.

R. C. MOORE, Sec'y of the Council.

Approved this 27th day of April A. D. 1908.

W. H. HOWARD, Chief Burgess.