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## THE SCHOOL BOOK AGENT.

There are other districts than Shendoah where graft is practiced by members of school boards. In many instances the bribes accepted are of such a trifling nature that the school director would resent ever having been bribed, but the school director who accepts a dictionary, book of any kind, a small percentage on sales made to the district he represents, is as truly guilty and as dangerous a character to hold a public trust as though he accepted dollars by the hundreds or thousands. The crime can not be measured by the size of the bribe received, but by the harm done by permitting one's honest opinion and judgment to be set at naught.

More than one school district will be called upon to pay a large book bill simply because a weakling on the school board listens to the appeals of the gamy book agent rather than vote his honest convictions that the books now in use are just as good as those to be adopted in their stead.

Other districts will be called upon to make settlements because the book agent offered, and a certain influential director accepted, a proposition to receive a small percentage of sales made. This latter is one of the most common methods employed by unscrupulous agents, and when the director is found invulnerable, the principal of the school is attacked. The principal of times has no interest in the district other than to teach for his salary and is regarded an easy mark. The Reporter has information, undoubtedly true, but of such a nature that publication must be withheld, that on the South side of Centre county a certain principal was approached with a proposition that would get him ten per centum on all sales in his district.

School book agents who resort to unfair means, no matter how trifling, should not only be turned down by school boards, but should be exposed.

## THE FOURTH.

The Fourth of July, 1905 has passed into that eternity out of which it came. The words and acts of the day now constitute history—history that will be read somewhere by those who furnished the material. In the light of what that day is and the design of its observance, and in view of what our flag teaches with respect to self-government and what it prophesies and offers to all the nations of the earth, we should inquire with becoming seriousness whether its observance in many places is in accord with what that flag symbolizes.

It tells us that our institutions were bought with blood. The crimson in our flag speaks with an impressive accent in this line. The white tells us how pure, in character and life, the people should aim to be if they would perpetuate to coming generations the blessings embodied in our noble banner. True courage, high honor, self control, love of peace, good will to all men, these are qualities that should be inculcated—taught in our schools and emphasized in our homes. Then we may ask whether carousal, drunkenness and such like are in harmony with the spirit of our institutions, or the manly expression of gratitude for the favors we have received at the hand of a kind Providence. Would it not be better to arrange for some exercises, in which patriotic songs or hymns, with instructive addresses would form a part. There is talent enough in our towns and country districts to provide for a profitable and enjoyable day which would fit us all for better citizenship.

## DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

August 16 has been fixed upon by the Democratic State Committee for the reassembly of the State Convention to name a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court. It is suggested that if the convention shall indorse the nomination of Judge John Stewart, it shall be done as the result of the understanding that independent Republicans shall in turn indorse the candidacy of the Democratic nominee for State Treasurer.

The convention will hardly approve such a suggestion of dicker. There are many eminent Democratic lawyers in Pennsylvania who might be appropriately named for Justice of the Supreme Court and who should be named if there were any hope of success. But there is no such hope. As it happens the Republican nominee is altogether fit for the place and has peculiar claims upon the good will of independent voters. He should be indorsed because of his deserving.

For precisely like reasons the independent Republicans should indorse Mr. Berry, the Democratic nominee for State Treasurer. They cannot consistently support Mr. Plummer. But their action should be based on conviction, not purchase. Keep intrigue in the background.

The man who accepts favors gives a mortgage on his peace of mind.

## POTTER SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Consolidation on a Minor Scale to be Put into Operation.

The school directors of Potter township met Saturday evening at Centre Hill for the purpose of electing school teachers for the school term of 1905-1906. There appears to have been a number of applicants above the number required to fill the places. After a session that lasted until twelve o'clock the work mapped out was completed.

The Potter township board made a move in the right direction by inducing the patrons of three school districts to consent to having the school children transported to other districts. The schools that will be closed by this arrangement are Rock Grove (Black's), which pupils will be conveyed to Pine Grove; Egg Hill scholars will be conveyed to Centre Hill; and Cross Lane to Potters Mills. This arrangement will be beneficial to both districts and township. In the first instance the number of scholars in these schools will be increased to such numbers that a wholesome rivalry among pupils may be secured; second, a saving of expense to the township.

## TEACHERS ELECTED.

Pine Stump.....	S. M. Goodhart
Plan Grove.....	J. Pen Reardon
Manor.....	Maudie Sechrist
Earlstown.....	Thos. L. Moore
Tussey Sink.....	Della Rungman
Tusseyville.....	Blanche Rossing
Loop (Colyer).....	Ruth Swabb
Centre Hill.....	Jennie Sweetwood
Fishers Gap.....	S. E. Brown
Pine Grove.....	Jacob R. Bible
Potters Mills, Grammar.....	G. W. Smith
Primary.....	Cora Brown
Cold Spring.....	Vacant

A number of new teachers, who never before taught in Potter township, will be found in the list. Among these are Mr. Reardon, Centre Hill; Miss Sechrist, Centre Hill; Miss Brungart, Wolf's Store; Miss Swabb, Aaronsburg; Mr. Brown, Smulton.

## LOCALS.

Prof. Merrill Allison, formerly of Spring Mills, has recently returned to Sioux City, Iowa, from Park City, Utah, where he taught school.

William Stump, who is working for the Penns. Telephone Company, in Clearfield county, spent the Fourth at the parental home, near Millheim.

H. W. Dinges, just north east of the borough limits, began picking raspberries from a new berry patch. One day last week between five and six bushels of berries were picked.

Mrs. Thomas L. Moore and son Frederick are back from Ohio whither they had gone several weeks ago. The former's mother, Mrs. F. F. Christine, has decided to make her home at Elysburg.

Hon. P. Gray Meek and wife departed Wednesday afternoon of last week on an extensive trip to the Pacific coast. Before returning home they will visit the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon.

Messrs. Ralph Boozer, Claude K. Stahl and Morris Breon, who have made headquarters at Altoona during the past few months, were home over the Fourth. Mr. Boozer and Mr. Breon returned to their work last week.

Instead of holding a regular ministerial meeting, the members of the Penns Valley Ministerial Association and their families met in Bartholomew's woods, near Linden Hall, on the Fourth, and picnicked. They had a most enjoyable day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snyder spent several days recently at the home of the latter's parents in Centre Hall. They recently moved from Glen Campbell to Dents Run where Mr. Snyder is employed in one of the largest saw mills in Pennsylvania, the same being operated by John S. Dubois.

Hotel Montgomery, in Montgomery, is one of the well appointed hotels in Lycoming county, and is owned by Willis W. Rishell, a native of Potter township. Mr. and Mrs. Rishell are now in Buffalo where they will remain for five or six weeks. While in that city they attended a reunion of the Elks, of which order the former is a member.

Mrs. I. V. Musser and son Harold, are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyer. Mr. and Mrs. Musser are located at West Bridgewater, Beaver county, and are prospering. After going to that place Mr. Musser purchased several lots, and erected a dwelling on one of them. Recently he sold the house at a very handsome advance, and now he is erecting another dwelling.

Motz & Stover, lumbermen of Woodward, have bought the J. Frank Torbert farm in the extreme east end of Penns Valley, consideration \$7,000. There are 350 acres of timberland on the tract and Messrs. Motz & Stover will commence operations at once to convert the same into lumber. This farm was originally in two parts and was owned by Henry Vonada and Samuel Yearick.

## INCIDENTS OF 1872.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1905 Readers.

(Note: The spelling of proper names is the same as found in the files of the Reporter.)

MARCH 15—A. A. Kerlin, student at Selingsgrove, preached in the Loop church. Persons who heard him speak of his sermon as a very creditable effort. [Rev. Kerlin now has a charge in Sharpsburg, Md.]

The Lytle tavern stand at Pine Grove Mills was destroyed by fire March 8. Also a stock of general merchandise belonging to the firm of Dillon & McKinney.

Philip Mersinger, of Centre Hall, was appointed agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. [Mr. Mersinger for many years continued as a salesman for this company. Later he moved to Joliet, Illinois, where he continued in the same business.]

MARCH 22—The banking house of J. C. Motz & Co., of Millheim, is now doing business, having opened its doors a few days ago. The parties interested are J. C. Motz, John Keen and Ellis Kreamer.

J. L. Spangler, head of the Centre Hall Schools, three in number, closed the term by holding appropriate exercises. [The other teachers were Miss Mollie Bennington and Miss Rebecca Lauver. The primary school was held in the building now occupied by the postoffice and J. A. Reesman.]

APRIL 5—Charles Smith, formerly of Unionville, has taken possession of Old Fort Hotel.

Prof. D. M. Wolf has been elected president of a Reformed theological institution in Lebanon county.

John Wolf, of Sprucecreek, sold his farm of sixty acres to Philip Kemp, for \$65 per acre.

Dr. C. P. W. Fisher, of Boalsburg, has hands prospecting for coal along Tussey Mountain.

Kerlin's store at Stone Mill has been sold to William Armagast.

J. H. Keller, of Harris township, has obtained a patent for a divider attachment for harvesters.

Rev. J. H. Leckie was appointed pastor of the Penns Valley M. E. church.

APRIL 19—James P. Herring moved from Centre Hall to Lock Haven.

The general store of Kreamer & Cooke, at Oak Hill, was destroyed by fire on the night of May 25. Loss about \$6000. The building belonged to the Stammers.

John D. Decker, of Potters Mills, had his leg broken by being struck by a log.

Married—February 29, David K. Sweetwood and Miss Elizabeth Lawyer, both of Potters Mills. . . . March 5, William E. Clark, of Siglerville, and Miss Henrietta Strunk, of Spring Mills. . . . April 21, John A. Kline, of Lemont, and Miss E. A. Meyer, of Benner township. . . . April 9, James Swabb, of Potter township, and Miss K. E. Stambach, of Aaronsburg. . . . May 23, Emanuel Fye and Miss Julia A. Meyer, both of Benner township.

"Peeps" Under An' Ash Phe.

A short time ago Mrs. J. R. Sechrist, of this place, went away on a short visit, and before leaving told the members of the family to look after a hen that she had set almost three weeks previous. During Mrs. Sechrist's absence the hen concluded to take a vacation, and instead of sitting on her nest perched on the roof. On the return of the mistress of the Sechrist family she was told of the bad behavior of the yellow hen. The eggs were counted "spoiled" for good, and were disposed of by being placed on a manure pile and later covered with wood ashes. This was done to abridge any disturbance in case the eggs were broken. Up to this point there was nothing striking about the incident, but forty-eight hours afterward Rev. Sechrist heard the chirping of little peeps, and upon investigation discovered that the faint sounds came from the little mound underneath which was supposed to lay a setting of bad eggs. The minister could scarcely believe his own ears, but took a stick and began stirring about the ash heap, when, what do you think! eight peeps were unearthed. An accident happened to one of the little chicks, but the remaining seven orphans are in the pink of condition.

Advantage of Buying at Home.

Ten years ago a farmer put his initials on a dollar and spent it with a merchant. Before the year was out he got the dollar back. Four times in six years the dollar came back to him for produce, and three times he heard of it in the pockets of his neighbor. The last time he got it, four years ago, he sent it to a mail order house. He has not seen that dollar since nor ever will. That dollar will never pay any more school or road tax for him; will never build or brighten the homes of the community. He sent it entirely out of the circle of usefulness to him.

## LOCALS.

Charles Lucas, formerly of Centre Hill, but now located at Darragh, spent the Fourth at home.

Mrs. L. Rhone and daughter, Miss May, both of whom had been seriously ill for a number of weeks, are able to be about again.

Rain seriously interfered with hay-making last week. Much grass lay half dried for the greater part of the week before it could be stored.

There is every prospect for a large potato crop. The vines are large and thrifty and blossomed most prolifically. Blight is the only thing to be dreaded.

Capt. and Mrs. G. M. Boal and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Boozer and little sons, George and Shannon, drove to Reedsville last week, returning Sunday. While in that place they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meyer.

In writing an article on "The personal appearance of John Paul Jones" for the July number of Appleton's Booklovers Magazine, Mr. James Barnes has gone a step beyond and has given a very good character-sketch of the great naval hero.

Postmaster and Merchant Chas. A. Krape, of Spring Mills, Friday morning went to Eagles Mere to attend a Bible conference under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Krape takes great interest in the association work and teaches a Bible class in two of Spring Mills' Sabbath Schools.

William F. Thomas, of Ceola, was in town over Sunday, the guest of Carpenter Aaron Thomas. Mr. Thomas was broken down in health two years ago and was obliged to leave the Reno shops and go to farming. He has much improved since, but has decided that a climatic change would be materially beneficial, and consequently will go to the Pacific coast next fall. Washington is the state he has selected to live in.

Misses Alif and Ruth Stephens, of Lewisburg, have been the guests of the family of Dr. W. H. Schuyler, in Centre Hall, and Mrs. Adam Smith, of Centre Hill. Miss Alif Stephens taught the Centre Hill public school last winter, and recently was elected assistant principal of the Belvidere (New Jersey) High School, and will teach Latin, French and German. Her sister is also a graduate of Belvidere University and expects to follow teaching as a profession.

A woman of remarkable activity is Mrs. M. E. Carver, of Clinton, New York, mother of Mrs. W. H. Schuyler, of Centre Hall. The lady arrived at the home of her daughter Thursday evening, having made the trip alone. She is almost eighty-three years old, but no one would guess her to be more than sixty—proof that one is only as old as he or she makes himself or herself. Mrs. Carver will divide the time until fall between her daughter and her son, Rev. Andrew Carver, the latter of Milesburg.

Mrs. Thomas G. Wilson, accompanied by her two children, Helen and Russell, Wednesday started for Schapville, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where she will visit her father, Gottlieb Stadel, for several weeks. Mr. Stadel is a German, but came to this country when a small boy about fifty years ago, and with his father settled on the farm which he now owns and lives on. He is one of the many Germans who came to America and became an ideal citizen. He has four years of war service to his credit, and has always had a proper regard for the States and their institutions.

## Ministers Fleets.

On the Fourth of July the members of the Penns Valley Ministerial Association with their families enjoyed a most pleasant outing. The skies which threatened in the early part of the day dropped their frowns and put on a kindly face, a prophecy of what actually came to pass during the day. Our beautiful valley appeared in its best dress. The fields, the groves, the mountains seemed to vie with each other in chaste and attractive attire. The grove selected for the day's sojourn extended a silent but grateful welcome to the little party.

The hours passed rapidly in pleasant and profitable intercourse—happy exchange of thought and feeling, mingled with plays adapted to the needs of the younger children, from Baby Gress upward. Some of the elder boys stole a little time to talk about certain schools of philosophy and even ventured on a short voyage on the misty sea of "eschatology," but no one was wrecked. But mention of the menu which the good and thoughtful ladies had prepared, must not be omitted. With delicate and thoughtful taste and judgment each want was anticipated and provided for. So after hours of delightful social and intellectual intercourse the happy party turned their faces toward, and in due time reached, their beloved homes.

## ON A TOUR.

Senator J. K. P. Hall and Party on a Tour at Senator's Expense.

From the Ridgway Record it is learned that Senator and Mrs. J. K. P. Hall have gone on an ideal vacation trip, which they conceived and planned for their family and friends. The party left Ridgway at noon Thursday, in the specially chartered Pullman car Twilight. They went to Chicago over the Pennsylvania railroad, and from that city will proceed to the Yellowstone park, where the party will spend nearly two weeks touring the great national park in a coach. Thence they will proceed to the Lewis & Clark Exposition, and then go on to Vancouver, British Columbia. They return by way of Winnipeg and east from there.

The party consists of the following persons: Senator and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Blackpole, St. Marys; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Fish, New York; Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray Meek, Bellefonte; Denning Phelps, Binghamton, N. Y.; Mrs. J. M. Schram, Misses Genevieve Hall, Lyle Hall and Hannah Johnson and Dr. A. T. Williams.

Mr. Hall is paying all the expenses. They will live during the entire trip on the Pullman coach. To secure these well accommodations, Senator Hall purchased eighteen round trip tickets, besides paying \$45 a day for the Pullman car accommodations.

## Booming the Bell.

The Bell telephone is being boomed in Penns and Brush Valleys just now. E. M. Gann, representing the contract department of the Pennsylvania Telephone Company, has been canvassing the territory and met with good success. The Bell line was extended to Wolf's Store, the extreme eastern end of Brush Valley, connecting a section of country not heretofore reached by wire. Along this line live many wealthy farmers, a number of whom had 'phones installed in their dwellings. The Millheim exchange now has a total of eighty 'phones, a larger number than at any previous time.

At Boalsburg the first "Farmer Line" in Centre county has been established with about ten 'phones on it. The patrons are very much pleased with the service, and a movement is on foot to duplicate the line so that a larger number of business houses and private families may be served under similar regulations.

Mr. Gann has been looking over the field in the vicinity of Centre Hall with a view of constructing a "Farmer Line" to connect with the Centre Hall exchange. There is a splendid field here which the telephone company should not fail to develop.

## Keith's Theatre.

During the hot summer weather no more cool and inviting place can be found than Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia. Beginning this week will be Maud Harrison, a former Froham star, in "The Lady Across the Hall"; Cheridah Simpson, late prima donna of "Woodland"; Charlie Case, "The man who talks about his father"; Four Livingstons, marvelous society acrobatic entertainers. For the children: Burton's dogs, Dave Nowlin, mimic; Maxsmith Duo, ladder act; Caroline Young, whistler; Willie and Edith Hart, refined singing and dancing specialties. Special attraction, The Williams and Walker Glee Club, with fifteen colored vocalists, the feature of Williams and Walker's "In Dahomey" last season. All lovers of vocal music will find in this act a genuine treat.

## The Telephone.

This is an age of progress, Mr. Farmer, and if an opportunity presents itself to permit you to avail yourself of a telephone at a reasonable cost, don't turn it down. You will only realize the full benefit of a telephone once it has been installed in your home. The writer has been in communication with patrons of a rural telephone line traversing the country surrounding Orangeville, Ill., and one of them writes: "We have found that no public improvement of recent years, not even the rural mail service, is of such great service to the farmer as the telephone, and no one has the least idea of the benefits derived from its use until tested."

## Tax Rebate for Wide Tires.

Deputy Attorney General Fleitz gave an opinion to Highway Commissioner Hunter to the effect that township supervisors or commissioners must credit persons with a one-fourth rebate on both the work tax and money tax assessed on property owners in townships for road purposes in return for the use of four-inch tires on draught wagons.

An act of 1901 makes this provision, but the supervisors of a township wanted to allow a rebate on the work tax only.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

James Black, of Phillipsburg, was granted a wholesale liquor license.

Harry Cole, formerly of the Logan House, Loganton, will soon become manager of the Kyler House at Mill Hall.

Prof. W. F. Zeigler, of Ashbourne, is spending his vacation at the home of his brother, Emanuel Zeigler, near Madisonburg.

Miss Romie Van Pelt came to the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Spangler, in this place, last week for a short stay.

The weather has been most favorable for tobacco growing in Clinton county and the plants set out a month ago are growing finely.

Miss Mabel Garbrick, of Bellefonte, was the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swabb, and the family of E. W. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Willard Hall, of Erie, are enjoying a visit at the home of Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Spigelmeier, of Bellefonte.

Rev. G. W. McInay, pastor of the Penns Valley Methodist charge, returned from Eagles Mere, Thursday of last week, after attending a bible conference.

Horace W. Winklesman, of Nittany, and Edith A. Johnson, of Rote, were united in marriage Friday afternoon 30th ult, by Rev. Amos A. Parr, of Lock Haven.

Elizabeth Hoy, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Emory Hoy, of Philadelphia, is spending the summer months with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mingle.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Kreamer and little daughter Rebecca spent the Fourth at Altoona with Mrs. Kreamer's brother, John Scholl. Altoona celebrated the Fourth in great style.

Among many others who spent their Fourth vacation in Centre Hall was Miss Florence Love, formerly of this place, but now at Lewisburg, where she operates a linotype in the Journal office.

Messrs. J. H. and S. E. Weber, proprietors of the Centre Hall Roller Flouring Mills, offer for sale an 18-horse-power gasoline engine and water tank. See their advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Mrs. William Horner, west of Centre Hall, is having her dwelling painted. Having made many other improvements on the premises recently it was necessary to put the finishing touches on with the brush.

Two dwelling houses owned by Mrs. Bush, and located near the red school house at the Chain works, Bellefonte, were destroyed by fire early Thursday morning, June 29. The houses were occupied by Michael Young and John Richards.

Dr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Lieb, of Bethlehem, were in Centre county during the latter part of June to visit friends and look after their interests in real estate. Dr. Lieb manages the Lieb farm, east of Centre Hall, tenanted by John Corman.

Wilkie Horner, accompanied by two children and his sister-in-law, Miss Blanche Treaster, arrived in Centre Hall from Altoona where he is employed in the car shops. He was met at the station by his father, James Horner, of Tusseyville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Williams and children, of Howard, arrived at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Sechrist, in this place, Saturday before the Fourth, for a short stay. Mr. Williams is an artist and is away from home much of the time.

Victor Poulsen, of Titusville, was the guest of William Colyer for several days recently, and was shown over the country by his host. Mr. Poulsen is a son of Bertel Poulsen, a citizen of Centre Hall about seven or eight years ago. He is assisting his father to conduct a handle factory in the thriving town of Titusville.

George E. Furey, of Martinsville, Ill., and Miss Ethel Gray, of Bellefonte, were married on Tuesday, July 4th, at the Methodist parsonage at Snow Shoe by Rev. H. J. Schuchart. The groom is the son of Morris Furey, of Bellefonte. The bride has been an operator in the Bell Telephone Exchange and is a very pretty and attractive young lady.—Daily News.

The old home in the country has its many charms, and to enjoy the scenery of his childhood Rev. C. W. Rishell, of Elysburg, spent a week or more recently at the Rishell homestead, near Centre Hill, which he now owns. Mrs. Rishell and the children are at Smoke Run, where the former's father, John Byer, is lying seriously ill. Mr. Byer is one of the prominent business men of Clearfield, being president of the Home bank, and is interested in other business affairs.