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Adventures of a Bank Note.

A lady passing down the Rue Richelieu had the misfortune to lose a pocketbook containing, among other valuables, a 1,000 franc note. The pocketbook was picked up by a chair mender named Renaud, who lives at Montreux. He placed it very carefully in his pocket and proceeded home. It is not often that a chair mender has occasion to change a note for that amount, and Renaud, recognizing the impossibility of turning it into gold without detection, agreed with a friend to do the business for the consideration of 100 francs. This friend, Lucien Mathern, also a chair mender, was in his turn filled with apprehension. The difficulty was solved with the aid of a horticulturist named Simonnet, who kindly consented to buy himself a horse for 300 francs and return the change. Renaud was thus richer by 600 francs. All might then have gone well if, two days later, it had not been discovered that the horse had been stolen from a dealer at Meaux. This led to the arrest of the trio, and later in the day the police put their hands on the horse thieves.—Paris Messenger.

A Dark Dungeon.

About the middle of February, 1862, while in winter quarters, General Naglee of Pennsylvania, who was a strict disciplinarian, was in command of the First brigade, of which the Second New Hampshire was a part. He thought the guardhouse of the Second regiment too comfortable quarters for prisoners and ordered Colonel Marston, who later won fame as a soldier, lawyer and statesman, to build a dungeon without so much as a crack or opening anywhere, so that it should be perfectly dark. The dungeon was built with four solid walls, and one day General Naglee came over to inspect it. He was accompanied by Colonel Marston. "Where is the entrance," said the general, "and how do you get anybody into it?" "Oh," said Colonel Marston, "that is not my lookout. I simply obeyed your orders."

The Possibilities.

A Richmond (Va.) judge tells a story which illustrates the difficulty met in trying to stop the carrying of pistols. A tough youth was brought before the judge, charged with firing a revolver in the street. The testimony in the case was to the effect that the young hoodlum had filled himself with whiskey and had discharged his weapon in a crowded street. "Twenty dollars and costs," said the magistrate. "But, your honor," interposed counsel for the prisoner, "my client did not hit anybody." "Why, you admit that he fired the gun?" "Yes, but he fired in the air," explained the lawyer. "Twenty dollars and costs," repeated the judge. "He might have shot an angel." And the riotous fellow went to jail, not having the money to pay his fine.

A Curious Custom.

In Byfield, a small Northamptonshire village in England, a curious old custom is still observed in connection with the letting of certain land. The ceremony is held in different licensed houses in the vicinity, and the clergyman presides over the proceedings. The company, chiefly consisting of local farmers, is seated round a large table. Presently one of them rises and bids a certain amount. Immediately walking round the table and out of the door, if this can be done before the next bid is made, the land is his for the season; if not, bidder No. 2 commences the walk, and so on. This curious auction occupies some considerable time and causes great excitement.

Interested.

An English magazine tells a court story. A counsel in the middle of his cross examination was handed a telegram. "Hello," he said, as he read it. "So-and-so has won the Derby." "Mr. A.," said the judge severely, "it is very unseemly that in the course of solemn judicial proceedings, where a man's liberty and reputation are at stake, you should be talking of the winner of a horse race. Er—by the way, does the telegram say which were second and third?"

The Weight of the World.

A cubic foot of earth weighs about five and a half times as much as a cubic foot of water. A cubic mile of earth then weighs 25,049,300,000 tons. The volume of the earth is 259,889,000,000 cubic miles. The weight of the world without its atmosphere is 6,666,250,000,000,000,000,000 tons. If we add to this the weight of the atmosphere given above, we get a grand total—6,666,255,519,000,000,000,000 tons.

Thin Plaster.

Paper Hanger—We'll have to paper right over the old paper. We can't get this paper off without taking the plaster along with it. Owner (modern cottage)—Because the paper sticks to the plaster? Paper Hanger—No, because the plaster sticks to the paper.

Two of Many Differences.

A woman tells most when she is sad, and a man tells all when he is scared. You can jolly anything out of a woman; you can bluff a man out of his breeches.—Richmond Missourian.

Mercury at 37.

Mercury at Centre Hall dropped to 37 degrees above zero Wednesday night of last week. There was frost at some places, but not generally.

At Kane, McKean county, half an inch of snow fell.

INCIDENTS OF 1874.

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.]

JUNE 4—The potato bug is making its appearance for the first time in this locality. The pest is becoming numerous. The extent of its ravages can only be guessed. Many of the bugs are being caught and killed. The price paid for this work is five cents per hundred.

Sheriff Shaffer sold the Millheim hardware store to Meers, McManigal & Brown, who will carry on business on an extensive scale.

The highest honors in the class this year at Lafayette College were taken by S. L. Stiver and J. R. Williams, both of whom are connected with newspapers in Easton. Mr. Stiver is a native of Potter township.

Thomas Yearick, at Aaronsburg, has just completed his new store room. Irvin Leech, of Harris township, assisted in raising seventy-eight barns, and at this time is able and willing to continue the work.

JULY 2—Dr. C. P. W. Fisher, of Boalsburg; Dr. P. S. Fisher, of Zion, and Dr. Peter Smith, of Centre Hall, are candidates for the legislature, together with a number of others.

Charles W. Stine has been appointed postmaster at Pleasant Gap.

JULY 16—The postage charged by the government on local papers was changed so that the same is paid, in advance, by the publisher. Heretofore individual subscribers paid the postage at the office where the paper was received.

Rev. J. K. Miller & Son now occupy their new store room, and are stocking the same with drugs, dry goods, etc.

Samuel Farner began burning brick for the new Methodist church. He intends burning a kiln of 200,000.

JULY 23—Elias Kremer and Frank Bowersox, of Penn township, went to Virginia, where they will remain if the country suits them.

The dwelling on the farm of Jeremiah Kline was burned to the ground, and but little of the furniture was saved. The farm is located in Brush Valley and is tenanted by Levi Long.

AUGUST 6—Curtin Condo, aged fourteen years, living with J. A. Keller, was kicked on the face by a horse. His lower lip was badly cut, and several teeth knocked out.

Jacob Harpster hooped 300 buggies and wagons since spring. [Mr. Harpster did business in the building now occupied by the Reporter, and was considered one of the best smiths in Central Pennsylvania.]

AUGUST 13—The Democratic Convention on Tuesday nominated the following ticket:

- Assembly—
S. T. Shugler, Bellefonte.
S. S. Wolf, Potter.
District Attorney—
J. L. Spangler, Bellefonte.
Commissioner—
J. Newlin Hall, Howard.
Surveyor—
J. H. Reifnyder, Penn.
Auditor—
Adam Yearick, Marion.
District nomination:—Judge, John H. Orvis; Congress, C. T. Alexander; State Senator, P. Gray Meek.

AUGUST 20—S. D. Musser, of Centre Hall, and Jacob Runkle, of Bellefonte, have purchased the hardware store of McManigal & Brown at Millheim.

Jacob From, Sr., has erected a two-story shop on the hill. He will also erect a dwelling house. Rev. J. K. Miller will erect two dwelling houses this fall, and Ezra Krumbine a large cabinet maker shop.

Building lots in Centre Hall are selling at \$250 to \$500. Pretty high prices.

AUGUST 20—The barn of Andrew Confer, in Confer Valley, Gregg township, was struck by lightning. One horse, the crops and implements were burned with the barn. No insurance. John Grove is building a new house on his farm, formerly the Hutchinson place, in Potter township.

J. H. Reifnyder, Esq., of Millheim, declined the nomination for county surveyor, William P. Mitchell was placed on the ticket instead.

The new school house at Madisonburg is about completed. The town hall on the second floor will be much appreciated.

The partnership of Krumbine & Gross, dealers in furniture, has been dissolved. Mr. Krumbine will continue in the business.

AUGUST 27—Rev. A. D. Rowe, missionary to India, preached his farewell sermon at his home in Boonville, Clinton county.

Campbell's new mill, at Millheim, is finished and ready for operation.

Married—June 11, Calvin M. Bower, of Bellefonte, and Miss Ellen Meyer, of Rebersburg. . . May 28, Daniel Smith, of Woodward, and Miss Abi-

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Letter from Nebraska.

EDITOR CENTRE REPORTER: Perhaps some of your readers would be pleased to hear from this part (Glennville, Clay county, Nebraska,) of the far west, as it is generally considered by our Keystone friends. Clay county is still booming, and why should it not? It is one of the best counties in the state of Nebraska, and Nebraska is one of the very best states in the Union. This state has a splendid school system. Indeed, Nebraska is noted for its splendid schools and colleges.

The good, rich soil, good grazing land, and an abundance of water are other prominent features of this state. You never hear the cry "the wells are getting dry," for there is always plenty of good, fresh water, at a depth of 100 to 150 feet, which is pumped up by the wind mills.

The crops—wheat and other small grains—were good this summer, and prospects are good for a large crop of corn.

Wheat that was threshed out of the shock yielded well. Prices for grain are high.

Land is still going up in value. The land that twenty-five years ago sold at from six to eight dollars per acre now sells at from \$45 to \$60 per acre.

We also have fruit. Apples are sold on the street at fifty cents per bushel. There are wild plums and grapes yet in some places, and all kinds of fruit shipped in, so we do not suffer from hunger.

A. B. HOLDERMAN.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Jesse Irvin, et. ux., to Lavina Houshelt, Sept. 1, 1905; 2 acres in Burnside twp. \$350.

Ellen Resides to Harry K. Resides, Aug. 31, 1905; house and lot in State College. \$1000.

Otis M. Wolf to Annie M. Greninger, July 28, 1905; 8 acres, 80 perches in Miles twp. \$1.

Mary J. Stine, et. al., to Lawrence S. Williams, Aug. 19, 1905; lot in Rush twp. \$200.

James I. Thompson, et. ux., to Daniel I. Johnston, June 1904; tract of land in Patton twp. \$335.

Harriet Ward, et. al., to Ella Ward, et. al., Jan. 28, 1890; lot in Phillipsburg. \$250.

Dr. F. B. Read, et. ux., to Victor Oshard, April 1, 1905; premises in Rush twp. \$300.

Emma S. Cooke, et. baron, to The Howard Brick Co., June 26, 1905; 3 acres, 140 perches. \$1,650.

The Howard Brick Co. to Adaline C. Johnston, et. baron, Aug. 10, 1905; 1 acre, 152 perches in Howard twp. \$1350.

Harriet Royer, et. bar., to Overseers of Poor of Millheim, Aug. 21, 1905; 45 perches in Penn twp. \$100.

Lewis F. Kohlbeker, et. ux., to Emma A. Kohlbeker, July 20, 1905; two lots in Bogs twp. \$350.

John D. Haines, et. ux., et. al., to Wm. Weber, et. al., March 30, 1905; 3-8 interest in house and lot in Howard borough. \$400.

Albert Emerick, et. ux., to Maud Harrison, Sept. 8, 1905; lot in State College. \$4,500.

Mrs. N. A. Willard to Maggie M. Garthoff, Sept. 7, 1905; lot in Spring twp. \$900.

Bella P. Bartruff, et. baron, to Z. S. Bartruff, Aug. 23, 1905; part of lot in Bellefonte; gift.

Geo. C. McKee, et. al., to W. C. Patterson, Sept. 1, 1905; 26,400.10 square feet in State College. \$5,000.

Samuel H. Glossner to Rebecca F. Glossner, Aug. 24, 1905; property in Eagleville. \$500.

James Callahan, et. ux., to Samuel Gingerich, et. ux., Sept. 2, 1905; lot in Potter twp. \$75.

George D. Greene, guardian, to W. W. Smith, June 1, 1905; lot No. 3 in State College. \$3,950.

John Gowland, et. al., to Jane A. Dunkle, Aug. 14, 1905; lot in Phillipsburg. \$1,400.

Hannah Burchfield, et. al., to John H. Ward, Aug. 12, 1905; 1-4 acre in Pine Grove. \$775.

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gall Brangler, of Hartley township, Union county. . . June 21, Calvin Rossmann and Miss Tillie Stump, both of Churchville, (Tusseyville). . .

June 16, J. B. Susman, of Pine Grove Mills, and Miss Sarah Ripka, of Agricultural College, (State College). . .

June 21, Philip Leitzel and Miss Becky Hartman, both of Millheim. . . June 23, William V. Runkle, M. D., of Centre Hall, and Miss Lucy M. Fife, formerly of Philadelphia. . .

July 16, N. C. Musser and Miss Maggie C. Keister, both of Millheim. . . August 4, E. Geary Van Pelt, of Centre Hall and Miss Emma Zeigler, of Millheim.

August 13, Alvin Stump and Miss Mary E. Wingard, both of Potter township.

Markets, June 4—Milroy. White wheat \$1.45, red wheat \$1.40, corn 70c, oats 40c, barley 80c, clover seed \$4.50, potatoes 80c, pork 6c, butter 20c, eggs 15c, bacon 10c, ham 15c, lard 8c, buckwheat 65c, flour per bu. \$8.50. Chestnut coal \$5.75, stove coal \$6.50.

ILLEGAL SCHOOL TAX EXONERATIONS.

Since the various tax collectors now have their tax duplicates, and the average citizen is making preparations to pay his quota of taxes, if he has not already done so, it is well to recall a decision of Judge Mayer, of the Clinton-Cameron-Elk Judicial District, in the matter of exonerations, in which he says in effect, that school boards have no authority to grant exonerations from the payment of taxes, except in the case of indigents, or to correct errors. It is a question of real importance all over the state outside the larger cities.

Many school districts every year lose large amounts of money that are needed for the support of the schools because people who are well able to pay their taxes are either negligent or dodge payment. All these taxes are in the first place charged to the tax collector, and when he fails to get them from the individual he goes to the school board and gets an exoneration in that case. The readiness with which this could be accomplished in most districts has made the collectors indifferent and easy on people, the most of whom are well able to pay the comparatively small amount of tax imposed upon them for school purposes. The exoneration of any but indigents is an injustice to those who promptly and regularly pay. It is a discrimination in favor of those who have no public spirit, who are indifferent as to

the character of the schools, and who shirk their obligations as citizens. The exoneration of any one who can pay and won't, naturally encourages others to dodge and refuse to pay. When a man sees his neighbor—who may be better off—escape from his tax he is not to be seriously blamed if he seeks the same favor. It is a widespread evil which has cost some school districts large amounts of money every year, to the disadvantage of the schools.

Judge Mayer covers the ground pretty thoroughly. He indicates quite clearly that he does not believe the legislature has authority to delegate to municipal bodies the power to grant exonerations; he points out that there is no act of the legislature authorizing the council to grant exonerations, and the school law only allows exonerations to be made by the board of school directors for mistakes, indigent persons or unseated lands, as to them shall appear just and reasonable. This is the law, and the declaration of it by Judge Mayer is timely and wholesome. It will do much to compel the tax collectors to perform their whole duty.

The effect will be far-reaching. With this light on the law there should be citizens in every district to see to it that the school boards assume no authority which the law does not give them. It ought to prove of great advantage to the schools in nearly all parts of the state.

HIGH SCHOOL PRIVILEGES UNDER A NEW LAW.

A law passed by the legislature at its last session providing that townships can pay the tuition fee of their children at the nearest high school, did much for the advancement of education in the rural districts.

This measure, by opening the way for the use of neighboring high schools, is the first great step toward the consolidation of rural schooling. There are many groups of school districts in the State where it would be cheaper for the districts to unite in a strong high school at a central point and pay the cost of transportation for all outlying children than to try to maintain several struggling high schools or to force all children to go to one without providing for their carriage.

The rural high school is too often regarded, even by those who are interested in education and its reform, as a mere secondary school which is intended to bridge the gap between the grammar school and the college or technical institution. Every high school should do this, but it should do far more. The rural high school ought to be organized on a radically different basis, from the city high school. It ought to be provided with ground for cultivation. The elements of all branches of agriculture, particularly in fruit raising, in the care of the garden and in the keeping of domestic fowls, ought to be provided, instead of having simply a school teaching academic branches. Such a school would be the center of agricultural development, of local education, of lectures—the one place where children would be taught to stay on the farm instead of to leave it.

Such schools are already in existence in Maine, in Ohio and in Florida. They constitute the rural high school of the future. They will only come as rural districts begin to act together and to understand that their interests are not separate, but united.

Reduce Naval Strength.

This would seem to be an excellent time for the great powers of the world to come to some agreement concerning the limitation of their military and naval expenditures. The general delirium which is expressed over the conclusion of the great conflict between Japan and Russia shows that the people of the world as never before, abhor war. And yet the armies and navies of the world are increasing yearly and more money is required to pay for their keeping. If, instead of each year increasing their forces, the European powers would reduce them in the same proportion, the result would be the same, for the relative strength of their armies and navies would be maintained.

COMMON PLEAS JUDGES.

Nominations for Common Pleas Judges in the several districts of the interior of the State in which elections will be held this year have been completed. In some of the districts the situation is unusual and mixed.

The candidates in the several districts—not including Philadelphia and Allegheny—are:

Tioga, David Cameron, nominated by both parties.
Venango, George S. Criswell, Republican; Robert F. Glenn, Democrat.
Beaver, J. Rankin Martin, Republican; Richard S. Holt, Fusion.
Westmoreland, Alexander D. McConnell, nominated by both parties.

Greene, Robinson F. Downey, Republican; James Ingraham, Democrat.
York, Richard E. Cochran, Republican; Nevin M. Wanner, Democrat.
Berks, D. Nicholas Schaeffer, Republican; James N. Ermentrout, Democrat.

Washington, James F. Taylor, Republican; Boyd Crumrine, Fusion.
Jefferson, John W. Reed, Republican; Stewart Whitehill, Democrat.
Franklin, D. Warren Rowe, Republican; W. Rush Gillan, Democrat.

Barn Burned.

J. C. Nason, of Julian, suffered a loss of nearly or altogether \$2,500, by the burning of his barn. All the live stock was saved, but the implements and crops were burned. He had an insurance of \$1000.

No man can be a poet who lacks imagination. Nor a fisherman, either.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The road between Bellefonte and Milesburg is to be built under state regulations and aid.

Rev. W. M. Rearick, of West Milton, has accepted the pastorate of the Bellefonte Lutheran church, and will move to that place during November.

J. Fearon Mann, of Lewistown, arose early to remove a screen from the window of his bed room, and in some manner fell out of the window. He escaped without serious injury.

Harry Burkholder, of Centre Hill, is a student at Pennsylvania State College, having entered the freshman class. He will well represent the young men of Potter township.

The Media Dramatic Club after giving nightly entertainments in the Auditorium, Grange Park, will appear in Garman's Opera House, Bellefonte, Friday night. They will render, "Alabama."

D. H. Houseworth, of Selinsgrove, has been canvassing Centre Hall and vicinity for subscribers for the North American. He finds that more than eighty per cent. of the residents of Centre Hall read daily papers.

Merchant W. L. Foster, at State College, sold his general store to Dr. John I. Robinson, Prof. M. S. McDowell and R. M. Foster, who will continue the business under the firm name of State Supply Company.

About October 1st, Lock Haven will have a government electric clock installed, which will be connected with the official time piece at Washington. Lock Haven will no longer have an excuse for being behind the times.

The wheat in Penns Valley is about all sown; in fact during the first two weeks of this month more than seventy-five per cent. of the work was done. The fields are looking green, and, generally speaking, the set is a good one.

Edward C. Nearhood, of Bellefonte, has accepted a position as traveling salesman with the Meckintosh Shoe Company, Springfield, Mass. His territory will be in Pennsylvania. For the present the family will continue to reside in Bellefonte.

Julian Fleming and son Earl were spilled out of a buggy one day last week while up the country on business. Mr. Fleming was dragged on the road for a considerable distance, and as a consequence his locomotion is slightly impeded.

It is stated that Rev. M. E. Swartz, of Patton, will succeed the Rev. W. P. Eveland, now president of Dickinson Seminary, as pastor of the First Methodist church, at Bloomsburg. Rev. Heckman, of State College, will likely succeed Rev. Swartz, at Patton.

After living in Van Wert, Ohio, from spring until a short time ago, William O. Rearick concluded to return to Millroy, and will be found at that place now. He reports good business in the Ohio town, but he and his family did not fall in love with the place.

Simply because the Rev. George H. Easterday, pastor of the Lutheran church at Millville, Columbia county, offered to make dates with some of the sixteen-year-old choir girls, the deacons shut the door on him. Too bad, he ought to have taken lessons from his elder ministers and just offered to osculate with the mothers in the church.

At Belleville Rudolph Kanagy had an experience that Centre county threshers will not care to repeat. While the traction engine was in motion, Kanagy was walking by its side, and in some manner fell to the ground. His one foot got under one of the main drive wheels, but it so happened that the large cleats protected his foot and but slight injury was done the member.

The dwelling house occupied by A. N. Bitner, at Pine Station, was destroyed by fire, Monday of last week, as well as all Mr. Bitner's personal effects, except a musical instrument. Mr. and Mrs. Bitner were absent at the time of the fire, and consequently the origin of the fire is a complete mystery. Mr. Bitner is station agent at Pine Station, and is a native of Potter township, also a graduate in telegraphy of Paddy Mountain, which "institution" turned out many good railroad station agents.

Mrs. F. F. Christine and daughters Misses Grace and Mabel arrived at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Thos. L. Moore, in Centre Hall, Thursday evening of last week. Mrs. Christine made sale of her personal property at her late home in Stewart, Ohio, and after spending a short time in Centre Hall will go to Elysburg where the family will make their future home. Fred Christine, the eldest son, is married and lives in Livingston, Missouri, and Calvin, the second son, is a singer and is located in Shastah, Okla.

The greatest follies are of those committed by the smallest fools.