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## THE ROAD SUPERVISORS.

Points Covered by the New Road Law—Supervisors Get Expenses.

State Highway Commissioner Joseph W. Hunter has issued a bulletin summarizing the features of the new law governing the election of road supervisors in townships.

The salient points, to which attention is called, are:

Beginning with the February election, 1906, every township of the second class in the State must elect three supervisors. In any township which now has three supervisors, or other officers having charge of roads, elected under existing laws, no new election shall be required, except as the terms of those officers expire.

The Board of Supervisors of each township is required to organize on the first Monday of March. One of their number is chosen chairman and another secretary. The treasurer must not be a member of the board.

The board is required to meet at least once a month, two constituting a quorum.

The supervisors receive no compensation for their services, but actual expenses are to be paid. The treasurer receives compensation not to exceed two per centum of the money handled by him. The secretary of the board may receive payment for the work performed by him as secretary.

The board has authority to levy a tax rate not greater than ten mills; the levying of an additional ten mills being authorized by an order from the Court of Quarter Sessions. In addition to the regular levy, the board must assess \$1 upon every taxable person.

Upon a petition from at least twenty-five taxpayers, the Court of Quarter Sessions shall authorize a special election to be held at the time of the February election, when the question of abolishing the work tax shall be decided by a majority vote of the electors. A township which thus abolishes the work tax is entitled to receive from the State a sum in cash equal to fifteen per centum of the actual amount of cash tax collected by the township.

Each board is required to divide its township into districts of not less than five miles each, but there is nothing to prohibit the dividing of the township into districts having more than five miles each, or one district of the whole township. A roadmaster must be employed for each district. Roadmasters are required to work upon the roads themselves, to oversee men employed and to carry into effect the instructions of the Board of Supervisors. No member of the Board of Supervisors can be employed as roadmaster.

The Board may, if it deems advisable, make a contract with any citizen of the township for keeping in repair of not more than three miles of road.

On all road taxes paid before June 1 an abatement of five per centum is made. The full amount is required to be paid on all taxes paid between June 1 and November 1. After November 1 five per centum in penalty is added.

The board is authorized to purchase any material, tools or machinery necessary for making and repairing roads. A township can join with one or more adjoining townships or boroughs in joint ownership of machinery.

Full records must be kept by the board of its proceedings and audited by the township auditors, and an annual report is required to be made to the State Highway Commissioner on or before March 15 in each year.

## Narrowly Escape Drowning.

Thursday afternoon while a party of young folks were skating on Bald Eagle Creek at Port Matilda, Misses Sarah Woodring, aged fourteen and Ruth Cowher, aged sixteen years, broke through the ice at a point where the stream is about six feet deep, says the Daily News. Gertrude Woodring, after calling to John Robinson, one of the skating party, that her sister was in danger of drowning, ran to the rescue of the latter and in a moment was also struggling in the water. Mr. Robinson hurriedly procured a long pole, by means of which he succeeded in getting Miss Gertrude Woodring out of the water. She was immediately conveyed to a place of safety. By means of a board and with the assistance of A. J. Johnson, Mr. Robinson also succeeded in rescuing Miss Sarah Woodring. At the same time Messrs. G. J. Woodring and J. M. Williams were fortunate enough to get Miss Cowher safely to land. A lad named Frank Jones, who had broken in, was also rescued by these gentlemen. Miss Sarah Woodring, who was very much exhausted when rescued, was taken to the home of A. J. Johnson, where she received needed ministrations and at a later hour was able to get to her home. The other members of the party suffered no other inconvenience than a thorough drenching and a terrible fright and were able to return to their respective homes without assistance.

## INCIDENTS OF 1876.

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.]

APRIL 20—Rev. Hartsock moved from Bellefonte to Pleasant Gap.

The tenement house owned by John Brett, in Ferguson township, was destroyed by fire recently.

The stage running from Centre Hall to Aaronsburg will leave this place in the afternoon, after the arrival of the Bellefonte and Milroy stages. The stage returning will arrive here in time to connect with the Bellefonte and Milroy stages.

The coach shop of J. D. and Levi Murray took fire on the roof from a spark from the smithshop chimney. A hole about ten feet square was burned into the roof before the flames could be extinguished.

APRIL 27—Messrs. W. B. Mingle and B. D. Brisbin are furnishing the people of Centre Hall and vicinity with fresh meat.

A little child of Emanuel Bower, of Haines township, was burned to death last Sunday morning. The parents had gone to the barn, and during their absence the child, aged about three years, got hold of the candle and set his clothes on fire, and was so badly burned that it lived but a short time.

Last Sunday while David Krape and family, of Haines township, were at church, their house was entered by thieves who rumaged through it, stealing a gold watch belonging to his daughter and a small amount of money.

MAY 11—Elias Miller, late landlord at Madisonburg, was robbed recently of some eighty dollars in hard money. The money was in a chest.

The new Methodist church, in this place, was dedicated last Sabbath. The ministers present were Rev. Curus, Rev. Lackie and Rev. Bouse.

MAY 18—The Lutheran congregation at Rebersburg bought the old Lutheran-Reformed church, erected about 1823, and are now demolishing it. The material will be used in the erection of a new Lutheran church.

The Reformed congregation, at the same place, will also build a new church.

A number of Centre Hall folks, Wm. Woot, J. Spigelmeyer, Dr. Peter Smith and wife, Mrs. Sarah Harpster, Mrs. Lucy Henney and Mrs. Flora Bairfoot, were at the opening of the Centennial.

Hugh Larimer and S. F. Swartz, of Potter township, also witnessed the opening.

John S. Dauberman, of near Centre Hill, met with a serious accident while felling a tree. The tree lodged, and when he endeavored, by the use of a handspike, to bring it to the ground, he was struck on the lower jaw with such force as to cause a double fracture of the jaw bone.

Married—April 19, Absolom Harter, of Millheim, and Miss Caroline Yergler, of Aaronsburg. . . April 18, Amos Dunkle, of Nittany, and Mary E. Weaver, of Gregg township. . . April 4, at Orangeville, Illinois, Thomas H. Rote, of Aaronsburg, and Miss Emma Codwell, of Orangeville, Ill. . . March 20, O. H. Hattenburg, of New York, and Miss Jessie Auman, of Penns Valley. . . April 29, H. D. Kennedy, of Lemont, to Miss Mary Kreamer, of Boalsburg. . . May 4, J. S. Harman, of Lemont, to Miss Mary Bohn, of Boalsburg. . . May 13, John Holderman and Mrs. Sarah Porter, both of Harris township. . . May 18, Crawford C. Long, of Tyrone, and Miss Emma R. Lee, of Potter township. . . May 21, John K. Long, Jr., and Miss Susan Stoner, both of Millheim. . . June 6, John A. Geary and Catharine Krater, both of Millheim.

## PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TOURS.

Attractive Outings During the Winter and Spring Under its Personality-Conducted System.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged the following series of attractive Personality-Conducted Tours for the season of 1905 and 1906:

Tours for the season of 1905 and 1906:

California.—Leave New York January 25. A thirty-day tour by special Pullman train, covering interesting points in the West. Round-trip rate, covering all expenses, \$875 from all points east of Pittsburgh.

Grand Canyon of Arizona.—Leave New York March 1. A thirty-one day tour by special Pullman train, covering not only the Grand Canyon but the resorts of California. Round-trip rate, covering all expenses, \$385 from all points east of Pittsburgh.

Florida.—Leave New York February 6 and 20 and March 6. Two weeks to three months in the Sunny Peninsula. Round-trip rate, \$50 from New York, \$45 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

Detailed itineraries are now in course of preparation. For further information address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

Visiting cards printed at this office.

## HURT BY COLLEGE STRIKE.

President Atherton, of State Institution, Asks Relief.

A dispatch sent out recently from State College has this to say:

The fact was announced that Dr. George W. Atherton had asked to be relieved of the presidency of the Pennsylvania State College, at which, at Thanksgiving time eight hundred students struck. While his resignation has not been formally presented to the Board of Trustees a committee of that body has been appointed to look up a suitable man as Dr. Atherton's successor. In the meantime he has been granted a leave of absence until the opening of the spring term at college, when, it is understood, if the right man has been secured to take his place, his resignation will be formally accepted.

His health is the reason given for Dr. Atherton's desire to retire; but there are well-defined rumors that there are other and weightier reasons. Dr. Atherton is past sixty-eight years of age, and has been president of the college since 1882.

While he was largely instrumental in building up the institution from a college with an annual attendance of less than one hundred students to one with over eight hundred, it is thought that he has outgrown his greatest usefulness and that a younger and more active man, one more in harmony with the young men of to-day, would be advantageous to the college.

It is no secret that during the past few years there has been more or less friction between Dr. Atherton and the student body. While his retirement from the presidency of the college was sure to come soon, action at this time was doubtless precipitated by the recent students' strike.

## School Entertainment.

The public schools of Boalsburg assembled in the High School room Friday afternoon, December 22nd, for the purpose of holding joint exercises.

The exercises were conducted by Prof. H. C. Rothrock, and consisted of music, recitations, dialogues, songs, etc., rendered by the scholars. Just before closing, Alfred Rupp, in behalf of the High School, presented Prof. Rothrock with a very fine lamp, a gift from his pupils. The exercises were brought to a close by singing America.

The scholars deserve much credit for the manner in which they performed their parts.

The visitors present on this occasion were, R. B. Harrison, Henry Frederick, Mrs. J. H. Meyer, Mrs. Ed. Riley, Mrs. Ira Riesel, Mrs. A. A. Black, Mrs. Thos. Riesel, Mrs. O. W. Stover, Mrs. Annie Coxey, Miss Nora Miller, Mrs. Chas. Segner and little girl, Miss Annie Weber, Mrs. C. W. Wieland and Miss Brown.

## Harris Township.

Communion services were held in the Lutheran church last Sunday.

Christmas services were held in the Reformed and Lutheran churches.

Mrs. Cyrus Durst and Miss Gertrude Wieland spent Christmas in Altoona.

Mrs. Margaret Miller enjoyed the past three weeks among friends in Altoona.

Miss Sue Stover, of Unionville, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Laura Brocker, for a few days.

Miss Myra Kimport will spend the winter months with friends at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Mothersbaugh attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Dale last Wednesday.

Mrs. L. W. Kimport has gone to Altoona where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Wagner.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school received their usual Christmas treat of candy Sunday afternoon.

An interesting entertainment was given by the school at Walnut Grove, Friday afternoon preceding Xmas. Miss Margaret Mothersbaugh is the teacher.

The ladies of the Reformed church will give a supper in the town hall, Boalsburg, Saturday evening, January 6. Chicken and waffles, ice cream and cake will be served.

The ladies of the Lutheran missionary society will hold their first meeting for the new year at the home of Mrs. Enoch Eweeney, this (Thursday) afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garbrick, of Pine Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brooks, of Pleasant Gap; Misses Sadie and Gertrude Keichline, of Pine Grove Mills, attended Christmas services in Boalsburg.

Reuben Stuart, of Pittsburg; Calvin Stamm, of Burnham; Howard Bricker, of Tyrone; Frank Fisher, of Washington, D. C., and Wm. Woods, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas in Boalsburg.

Ex-Senator B. F. Foelt, of Lewisburg, is a candidate for Congress.

## FROM NORTH DAKOTA.

An Interesting Letter from a Georges Valley Young Man—Farming in the North West.

Under date of December 25, Lott R. Evans, Jr., of Mott, Hettinger county, North Dakota, writes the Reporter readers about farming in the north west. Mr. Evans is a native of Georges Valley, near the old Synagogue church, and is a son of the late Lott R. Evans, Sr., of Orangeville, Illinois, and a nephew of M. J. Decker, of Centre Hall, and Green Decker, of Fleisher North Dakota. Mr. Evans says:

Perhaps the readers of the Reporter would like to hear from this part of the north west, so I will write a few lines. The soil in this section is very productive. While wheat is the main crop, oats, barley, rye and spinnach are also raised. Corn was a very good crop this year. The ninety day variety is planted, and this year it was shocked in the latter part of August.

The potato crop was good in this section. Prices range from sixty-five to seventy-five cents a bushel. Wheat is 75 cents; corn, 50 cents; oats, 30 cents; barley, 40 cents; flour, \$2.50 per hundred. Potatoes are very easily raised here. They are plowed under the prairie sod and nothing is done to them until the fall when the sod is turned back and the potatoes picked up. The tubers are often as large as two fists. Corn is raised in the same way. They plow very shallow and sprinkle corn in the furrows. The sod is then turned over it, and when fall comes they cut it with a mowing machine.

Land is advancing in price very fast in Hettinger county, although the county is not yet organized. At present land is worth from five to fifteen dollars per acre.

I live twenty-eight miles from the postoffice, seventy-five miles from the railroad. This section is very thinly settled as there are many sheep and cattle ranches here. My two sons are feeding 2400 sheep and one hundred head of cattle this winter.

I bought my stove coal this fall at the mine, paying one dollar for a two horse load. Wood is scarce, there being some small timber along the streams.

Game is plentiful—antelope, jack rabbits, prairie chickens and wild ducks.

We have had a very nice fall. There has been very little snow. The last week in November mercury fell to twenty degrees below zero. The week of Christmas the weather was very warm for the time of year.

## LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Wagner Geiss, of Bellefonte, are happy over the arrival of a little girl at their home.

Mrs. O. F. Shaw, of State College, spent a few days last week among relatives in Centre Hall and vicinity.

Bert Baysard, of Bellefonte, was in Centre Hall a few days last week, a guest at the home of Hon. L. Rhone.

Clyde Smith, who is employed by the United Telephone and Telegraph Company, spent Christmas with his parents in Centre Hall.

Miss Edith Booser who is attending school at Mt. Airy, near Philadelphia, was at the home of her father, D. A. Booser, for a week or more during the holidays.

W. W. Bible, of Bellefonte, spent New Year's day among his old associates about Centre Hill. He is now engaged in the Shuey grocery store, which just closed a busy season.

Mrs. Clyde A. Boyer, of Milton, was a passenger on the west-bound train Christmas morning. She came to enjoy the holiday season with her sister, Mrs. James C. Goodhart, near Centre Hill.

The pleasant and hospitable home of W. J. Mitterling was filled with invited guests Christmas evening to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of their son Cleveland. All had a delightful time and wish him many more birthdays.

Emanuel Fye will move from the farm of ex-Prothonotary Smith, at Farmers Mills, to the Tibens farm at Penns Cave, now occupied by Daniel Homan, and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Vonada, of Coburn. Charles F. Stover will continue as tenant on the Smith farm.

Sunday, 17th ult., the Martha Baptist congregation presented their pastor, Rev. A. C. Lathrop, with a nice purse of money and requested him to use the same in the purchase of an overcoat. The presentation speech was made by Henry Cronister, who in choice and happy language expressed the esteem and confidence in which church and community held Pastor Lathrop. Rev. Lathrop quite feelingly responded in an expression of thanks. The contributors to the purse were not only members of the church, but other friends living in the community and at Julian and Port Matilda.

## ZEIGLER-MOYER.

A Home Wedding Near Rebersburg in which Prominent Young People are the Principals.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Moyer, at Edgewood, near Rebersburg, was the scene of a happy event on Wednesday, December 27, 1905, when their daughter, Miss Rebecca J., became the bride of Edwin Allen Zeigler, of Washington, D. C. The home was beautifully decorated, and some fifty persons, immediate relatives and close friends of the contracting parties, assembled to witness the ceremony.

The couple were unattended and entered the parlor, where the ceremony was performed, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by the bride's sister, Miss Eva Moyer. Rev. F. Wetzel, pastor of the Rebersburg Reformed church, assisted by the bride's brothers-in-law, Rev. G. E. Lambert, of Altoona, and Rev. H. K. Kreider, of Mont Alto, pronounced them man and wife.

After receiving the felicitations and congratulations of the assembled guests, all sat down to a bounteous repast. The happy couple then left for Washington, D. C., where they will make their future home.

The groom is lucratively employed in the forestry branch of the U. S. Agricultural Department. The bride was formerly one of Centre Hall's most popular school teachers.

Many handsome and costly presents were given to the bride.

The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ziegler, Eldred, McKean Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ziegler, Watsontown; Mr. and Mrs. Noah Pettebone, Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Shook, Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, Centre Hall; Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Lambert and son Paul, Altoona; Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Kreider, Mont Alto; Prof. and Mrs. W. R. Bray, and daughter Mary, Freedland; Prof. W. P. Hosterman, Spring Mills; Miss Bernice Eves, Millville; J. K. Moyer, Jr., F. and M. College, Lancaster; Rev. and Mrs. F. Wetzel, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moyer and daughter Emma, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Corman, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Brungart, G. E. Krumrine, Miss Della Weaver, Mrs. Phoebe Brungart, Mrs. Harvey Lambert, Miss Minnie Kline, George and John Kline, Master Fred Meese, Miss Barbara Hoy, Rebersburg; Mrs. J. G. Meyer, Aaronsburg; Mrs. A. Houtz, Orangeville.

## Meets Painful Accident.

The following is taken from the Freeport (Illinois) Bulletin of December 25th:

While returning from church Sunday night Mrs. P. O. Stiver fell and fractured one of the bones in her wrist.

## House and Lot for Sale.

The dwelling house and lot, the home of the late Mrs. Sarah Durst, located in Centre Hall, will be sold at public sale Friday, January 12, at 1:30 p. m. See adv. elsewhere in this issue. At the same time and place Mrs. Durst's personal property will be sold.

## Pastor Burned by Molten Lead.

Struck in the face by molten lead, thrown by an explosion, the Rev. J. F. Maschman, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church, Phillipsburg, is suffering with severe burns. His friends say that his left eye has been destroyed, and fear is entertained that the right eye cannot be saved.

## LOCALS.

Calvin Smith, the little son of Merchant J. Frank Smith, accidentally cut a deep gash into his ankle with an ax on New Year's day.

The White property, at Penns Cave, after the first of April will be occupied by Daniel Homan, who will retire from farming at that time.

The family of George Condo, at Darragh, has been sorely afflicted by disease. The eldest daughter of Mr. Condo has had a severe attack of diphtheria.

Dr. W. O. McEntire, of Howard, was called to dress the foot of Mr. Miller, on Marsh Creek, which had been split with an ax, while the man was cutting wood.

Catharine, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Heckman, of Johnstown, and granddaughter of H. W. Kreamer, of Centre Hall, has recovered from an attack of scarlet fever.

While engaged in hauling logs from a tract of timberland recently purchased by Brisbin & Co., M. N. Miller was struck by a log, and received injuries that confined him to the house for several days.

Charles Hassenplug, of Limestone township, Union county, died recently. He served continuously as prothonotary and clerk of the courts of Union county for a period of twenty-one years. His age was seventy-five years, ten months.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. D. J. Meyer, last week, went to Rebersburg for a few days' stay with friends.

Ex-Sheriff H. S. Taylor, of Bellefonte, favored the Reporter with a call Saturday.

Miss Sara Brungart is in Rebersburg, where she will spend some time visiting relatives.

Miss Savilla Rearick is the guest of her brother, W. O. Rearick, and family, in Milroy.

Miss Mary Grove, a student at the Lock Haven Normal, came home for her Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Shirk, of Glen Iron, spent several days last week with friends in Centre Hall and Spring Mills.

Morris Breon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Breon, of near Pottery Mills, was home from Altoona during the holiday season.

Dr. G. W. Hosterman advertises letters testamentary on the estate of Susanna Hosterman, late of Miles township, deceased.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard L. Brown, a ten pound girl. Grandfather Riter thinks it's the nicest Christmas gift in town.

Mrs. Jane Harper, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. George H. Emerick, near Centre Hall, visited friends in Bellefonte.

The Beaver Springs Herald says: Mr. and Mrs. Musser, of Pine Grove Mills, were the guests of President Aikens and wife at Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove.

George Lee, of Colyer, announces sale of his live stock and farming implements, for February 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Lee will move to Milton, shortly after the sale, where Mr. Lee is now employed.

The Lutheran charge at Pine Grove Mills is still without a pastor. Rev. Keller, who filled all the pulpits two weeks ago with a view of being a candidate, now writes the council declining to be considered as such.

The United Telephone Company is taking steps toward the erection of a line along the Branch and Shingle-town to State College, to be known as the Farmer Line. Twelve subscribers have been secured as patrons for the present.

Tuesday Miss Virgie Durst started on a trip to Lancaster and Maytown, Pa., and Taneytown, Md. She will visit her sisters, Mrs. S. H. Deitzel and Mrs. D. J. Wolf, who live at Maytown and Taneytown, respectively. Miss Durst will be absent for some time.

S. W. Decker, living on the Zettle farm, in Georges Valley, will make sale of his farm stock and household goods and leave for South Dakota. Mr. Decker had been west a few months last summer and likes the country well enough to make his home there.

Prof. C. R. Neff, head of the Millheim schools and one of the leading school principals in Centre county, last week, attended the sessions of the State Teachers' Association, at Williamsport. If all teachers were as interested in educational work as Prof. Neff, the ideal school would be in sight everywhere.

The Presbyterian congregation had a very pleasant time at the Manse Saturday evening, December 23rd. The object of this sociable was to take the place of the usual Christmas exercises by the children of the school. The time was delightfully spent in conversation and in interesting and amusing games. Light refreshments were served, and the children were treated to candy, nuts and oranges.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hess, of Elmira, New York, spent their Christmas vacation with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunkle. They were very favorably impressed with Centre Hall, this being their first visit to the place. Mr. Hess is superintendent of the gilding department of the extensive moulding factory of Brown Brothers, in whose employ he has been for the past three years or more. At the present time this firm has a contract to furnish the Larkin Soap Company with 100,000 mirror frames.

Among those who spent their Christmas vacation with friends in Centre Hall are the following: Ralph C. Booser, Claude K. Stahl, Asher Stahl, Mr. and Mrs. Domer Emerick, Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Krape and daughter, Reedsville; Miss May Rhone, Harrisburg; Simon Dinges, Williamsport; Miss Florence Love, Lewisburg; Miss Eliza Moore, Aaronsburg; Miss Emille Alexander, Tyrone; Ed. L. Bartholomew, Mifflinburg; Miss Anna Grove, P. Hoffer Dale, Philadelphia; Miss Mamie Stump, State College; Samuel Snyder, Pittsburg.