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PRESS YOUR CLAIMS.

The quoting of the law, in the Reporter, bearing on the turnpike question, has opened the question for discussion. There is an inclination on the part of an element to make it appear that the law making the county liable for repairing appropriated or abandoned turnpikes is of no account. If this law applied to other localities, it would have been printed, argued, and enforced immediately upon its passage.

The Reporter says: *PRESS YOUR CLAIMS.* The townships of Potter, Gregg, Penn and Haines are the only districts that will benefit from this law, and there is no reason why they should not make the demand for the enforcement of its provisions.

The tax payers of these districts will not agree that No. 176 is a bad law. These districts, save for this law, would be burdened with the maintenance of many miserably poor roads condemned by viewers and made free of toll for all travelers.

To secure funds for the construction of roads by the county, the reader is referred to the act of June 26, 1895, which provides for a maximum levy of two mills for road construction by the county. The act bearing on the improvement and maintaining of condemned or appropriated turnpikes closes thus: "... may be improved under any existing laws by the county."

The existing laws referred to is the act of June 26, 1895, signed by Governor Hastings, and covers the ground thoroughly.

Press your claims, taxpayers; press your claims.

THE DOLLAR MINIMUM ROAD TAX.
There is a mistaken impression among some of the taxpayers regarding the minimum road tax, which is \$1.00. The proviso, in the act of April 12, 1905, which covers this point reads as follows:

And provided further, that upon every taxable the road supervisors of each township shall assess the sum of one dollar, in addition to the millage tax above mentioned.

The road tax may be assessed to the amount of ten mills, and by an order of court may be increased to twenty mills. The one dollar minimum tax and the power of the road supervisors is the same no matter whether the cash tax system carries at the coming local election, or whether the working plan is continued.

In order to receive the fifteen per cent. rebate from the state, townships must adopt the cash tax plan.

With the fourteenth day of February comes an annual day of fanciful character and pagan origin. Then, according to the old notion, the birds chose their mates and, according to make modern ideas, Cupid busies himself juggling with susceptible hearts, that the matings may be many, preparatory to the nuptial harvest of June, when brides and roses bloom and blush in the amorous kisses of wooing sometimes. Cupid is the patron saint of all lovers, and when he aims his arrow or applies his art, the most rebellious hearts succumb.

From personal letters received by the editor of the Reporter from Mr. JAMES H. LAMBERT you would be led to think he was a saint. The investigation of the Insurance Department now on suggests that his wings must be of a dark shade.

The testimony given before the investigating committee of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department is rich, indeed, and gives only a faint idea of the rotteness of the office holding gang.

The Philadelphia Ripper repealer was passed finally by both houses of the legislature. This indicates that there is hope for even the political thug.

Rural telephones help to increase the value of farm lands, hence farmers should place their names on the lists of telephone subscribers in their communities.

Of course the finances of the state are in good condition. But it required the election of a reform state treasurer to induce the present occupants of the office to make things straight.

A man cannot add to his stature by standing on his dignity.

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.]

SEPTEMBER 7—Ira Cottle has opened a tailoring establishment in Centre Hall.

D. C. Keller gives a detailed statement of the product of one cow for forty-two weeks, from November 9, 1875, to September 1, 1876, which sums up \$82.55.

Spring Mills has petitioned the court for a road and a bridge from the pick to the depot.

SEPTEMBER 14—Jacob Wingard, of Potter township, met with a peculiar and serious accident. He was gunning for coons, when his dog sprang up at his side, striking the trigger of the gun and causing it to discharge. Some of the shot struck Mr. Wingard, fracturing his jaw bone, and tearing the flesh very badly on the side of his face.

Spring Mills has a new string band, which is getting along nicely.

Prof. Jacob Rhone advertises the opening of the Pine Grove Mills Academy.

SEPTEMBER 21—A party of 250 persons, from all parts of the county, are attending the Centennial, at Philadelphia.

Thomas Lingle, of near Centre Hall, raised a corn stalk measuring 12 feet and 4 inches. The ears were seven feet above the roots.

James Scholl, while driving along the Brush Valley road near the residence of John Harper, was thrown from a vehicle, and sustained a severe injury to his knee.

SEPTEMBER 28—Philip Kreider sold his farm, in Penn township, to Mr. Harter for \$8,000.

OCTOBER 5—The site of the burned factory, in Millheim, has been sold to a sugar Valley gentleman for \$1,800. It is said the man will erect a planing mill.

OCTOBER 12—Potatoes are selling at \$1.00; apples at 25 cents, and chestnuts at \$4.00 per bushel.

Samuel Wingard, of the Loop, had one of his thumbs cut off by coming in contact with a lathe saw.

Joseph K. Moyer was appointed postmaster at Centre Mills.

MARRIED—September 7, Felix Burkholder, of Centre Hill, and Miss Mary E. McInerney, of Earliestown . . . August 30, John W. Foner, of New Castle, Del., and Miss Alice R. Muster, of Millheim . . . September 10, Cook Condu and Miss Matilda Strayer, both of Ebensburg . . . September 13, Rev. George C. Hall, of the Danville Charge, and Miss Sophie C. Keller, of Boalsburg . . . September 17, Luther Stover and Miss Anna M. Meyer, daughter of Hon. J. G. Meyer, both of Aaronsburg . . . September 12, William Reitner, of Millheim, and Miss Isabelle M. Shattoy, of Ebensburg . . . September 11, Joseph Shaffer, of St. Marys, and Miss Emma L. Sawers, of State College . . . September 10, David F. Fortney, Esq., and Miss Sarah E. Huey, both of Bellefonte . . . October 3, Jacob Rhone, Esq., and Miss E. Kate Fye, both of Pine Grove Mills . . . October 8, William D. Stover and Miss Elsie Koco, all of Benner township.

FINDING COAL AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

The Port Royal Times is authority for the following: "The well of the Union Oil & Gas Company, at East Waterford is down to a depth of 2040 feet. Indications are more encouraging than ever. At a depth of 2000 feet a four foot vein of coal was drilled through."

BOALSBURG NORMAL AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

The spring term of this school will open in the High School room, Monday, April 16th and continue eight weeks.

Classes will be formed to meet especially the needs of teachers and those preparing to teach. The higher branches will also be taught.

Boarding may be procured at very reasonable rates.

For further information, address

H. C. ROTHROCK,
Principal.
WEDDING.
Mr. Bottorf's Business Growing.

The marriage of Miss Effie Mae

Long to George Donley Fortney took place Wednesday evening, 7th inst., at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Emma Stamm, near Boalsburg. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fortney, of Boalsburg.

This was a quiet home wedding,

none but the immediate families of the contracting parties being present. The marriage ceremony of the Reformed church was read by Rev. A. A. Black.

Both the young people are respected and industrious, and have the congratulations of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortney will go to housekeeping on Mrs. Stamm's farm.

We are all obliged to take things as they come when the letter carrier calls.

Visiting cards printed at this office.



GEORGE S. SMITH, DAKOTA, ILL.

and married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. John F. Heckman, then residing on the farm about one and one-half miles east of Penn Hall. Mr. Smith enjoyed the felicities of wedded life for six years, when his wife died, leaving a daughter, Eva, now a young woman eighteen years of age. A few years later he married Miss Emma, daughter of Mr. David Zimmerman, of Stephenson county, Ill., formerly of Zion, Pa.

Ten years ago he built the building above described, and growing business has since necessitated a doubling of floor space. Mr. Smith is progressive. He passed the state examination for embalming and this part of his business is very lucrative. His property is worth about \$12,000.00 and he has a bank account of fully \$2,000.00 more, which enables him to discount his bills and make success sure.

In religion he is a Methodist; in politics a Democrat, and in his social life obliging and courteous.

In taking an inventory of his business and thinking of his experiences from the ringing anvil and blowing bellows to the ownership of the largest business establishment in Dakota, he knows the significance of the foundation phrase of progress, "Labor is capital."

HARRY B. SPANGLER, CHICAGO, ILL

A Potter township young man who, by close and careful application to a well-directed line of preparation, has qualified himself to fill a place of responsibility is Mr. Harry B. Spangler.

Brought up on a farm in the South side of Penns Valley, he availed himself of a country boy's opportunity to acquire the fundamentals of an education as provided for in the country schools.

Afterward attending select school he prepared himself for teaching, which vocation he followed with success for several terms. Not satisfied with the prospects of the common school teacher he began to look forward with a view of qualifying himself for a higher wage-earning capacity.

With this purpose in mind, he went to Chicago in the spring of 1901 and entered the Athenaeum Business College. Having completed the course there in October of the same year, he applied for and obtained a position in the Freight Department of the Chicago & North Western Railway Company. Passing from the lower to the higher position, he is at the present time employed in the General Freight Agent's office.

He is a son of Mr. W. W. Spangler, of Centre Hall, and was married in October of 1901 to Miss Lesta Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. John Wilkinson, of Potters Mills. They are at present residing at 1348 Osgood street, Chicago.

Mr. Spangler is one of the younger Potter township boys who has gone out to face the world with the resolution to do the best. Genial, intelligent and industrious, he has before him the prospects of a successful future.

K. G. E. ORGANIZED.

A meeting was held at the Old Fort, Monday evening, for the purpose of organizing a castle of Knights of the Golden Eagle. The meeting was called to order, and J. Wes Whitehead nominated as chairman, and W. L. Jacobs, secretary. The following persons were enrolled as charter members of the Centre Hall Castle:

Geo. W. Bradford	Frank Walker
Clyde Bradford	Robert Smith
J. W. Martin, Jr.	Albert Smith
John Kuhn	Wilbur Bland
Roy Kuhn	C. Asher Stahl
Saul Lingle	Samuel Stump
John Lingle	Earl Paul
Wm. Lingle	Harry McClellan
Jerome Auman	Edwin Royer
William Flory	J. Wes. Whitehead
George Neesham	W. L. Jacobs
Bennet Walker	

Besides the above there are twenty-one applicants who were not present. After all business was disposed of, those assembled were invited into the dining room of the Old Fort hotel to partake of refreshments furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Royer.

A vote of thanks was then extended to the host and hostess of the hotel. A banquet will be held at the Old Fort February 13th for the members and their ladies, at which time the remaining applicants will be received.

A MEMBER.

In a note to the Reporter, John S. Bottorf, of Jersey Shore, after expressing great appreciation of the Reporter, and a longing to "live over" the good old days of his boyhood spent in Potter township, states that at present he is in the confectionery and baking business, in Jersey Shore, and that he has succeeded in establishing a very nice trade, which bids fair to increase as the spring season opens. Jersey Shore is rapidly forcing its way to the front as a progressive, up-to-date place. Many new buildings will be erected during the coming summer.

The Reporter has information from other sources of the splendid business Mr. Bottorf is conducting, which only further illustrates that the country districts furnish the larger part of the successful business men of the world.

It doesn't make the average small boy feel cheeky to have a swollen tooth.

LIFE BUOY AND OAR.

How to Get into the One and to Support Yourself With the Other.

Very few persons know how to get into a life buoy, and, as in this uncertain world one never knows when one may need to make use of a buoy in real earnest, a little practice might prove of great value in an emergency.

Now, when the buoy is thrown into the water the temptation is to try to lift it over one's head and shoulders or to dive through it. This, however, is impossible. The correct thing is to grasp the two sides of the buoy, with fingers of the hands uppermost, lower yourself under the buoy and come up through the center, then rest your arms upon the sides, and you will be comfortably supported as long as it is necessary.

More often than otherwise, in case of accident, a life buoy is not at hand. In such event an oar may be used as a substitute. Now, there is some little art in saving oneself by this means, for an average sized scull is not buoyant enough to support a person if grasped as the first impulse would direct.

There is only one way in which the oar will support a human being. It must be ridden like a hobby horse. The haft is put between the legs and the blade allowed to project above the surface of the water in front of one. By this means the head is kept well above the water.—Pearson's Magazine.

SOME SECRET INKS.

Writing That Remains Invisible Until Exposed to Heat.

Letters written with a solution of gold, silver, copper, tin or mercury dissolved in aqua fortis, or, simpler still, of iron or lead in vinegar, with water added until the liquor does not stain a white paper, will remain invisible for two or three months if kept shut up in the dark, but on exposure to the sun for some hours to the open air will gradually acquire color, or will do so instantaneously on being held before the fire.

Each of these solutions gives its own peculiar color to the writing—gold, a deep violet; silver, slate; lead and copper, brown, but all possess this common disadvantage—that in time they eat away the paper, leaving the letters in the form of perforations. There are a vast number of other solutions that become visible on exposure to heat or on having a heated iron passed over them, the explanation being that the matter is readily burned to a sort of charcoal, simplest among which we may mention lemon juice or milk, but the one that produces the best result is made by dissolving a scruple of sal ammoniac in two ounces of water.

Writing with rice water, to be rendered visible by the application of iodine, was practiced successfully in the correspondence with Jelalabad in the first Afghan war.

DO WE TALK TOO MUCH?

A Plea For Enough Silence to Enable Us to Think.

In the United States we are prone to talk too much. We do not sufficiently appreciate the value and beauty of silence.

During the after business hours, at the lunch and dinner table we talk on and on without ceasing, as though there was nothing worth thinking about. We invented the first talking machine, and no American is considered properly equipped unless he can talk at all times and upon all subjects.

Information must be imparted and ideas exchanged; it is essential to mental companionship and develops our faculties of expression. But there is no necessity for the endless and eternal talk in which so many of us indulge.

There is a great force and value in silence. It enables us to think. It forms and expresses character. The great men of the world were relatively silent men; they talked only when they had something to say, and the greatest of them said very little.

We should study the beauty of silence and develop our thinking power rather than our talking power.—Chicago Journal.

The Bridal Wreath.

The bridal wreath is usually formed of myrtle branches in Germany; it is made of orange blossoms in France as well as our own country; in Italy and the French cantons of Switzerland it is of white roses; in Spain the flowers of which it is composed are red roses and pinks; in the islands of Greece vine leaves serve the purpose and in Bohemia rosemary is employed. In German Switzerland a crown of artificial flowers takes the place of the wreath.

An extra added attraction is Theresa Renz and her trained horses.

CANDIDATES IN UNION COUNTY.

Republican candidates in Union county are: For Congress, Benjamin K. Focht, Lewisburg. Assembly, G. C. Mohr, Lewisburg. Associate Judge, W. W. Brown, Lewisburg. Sheriff, D. R. Harbeson, White Deer. Jury Commissioner, J. J. Steiner, Hartleton.

The Sequel.

"When I saw her last she seemed to have fallen in love with him."

"Oh, yes, but that was some time ago. She's suing him now for breach of promise."

"Trying to get damages for the fall, eh?"

SURE THING.