



### THE ROAD TAX LAW KNOCKED AGAIN.

Another Judge has had a fling at the road tax law passed a year ago. A few weeks ago Judge Bouton, of McKean county, declared the act unconstitutional on account of the local option feature permitting a township to decide whether its road tax shall be worked out or paid in cash. Now Judge Criswell, of Venango county, decides the law void "because of its uncertain provisions."

It looks as if there really must be something the matter with the act. This is unfortunate, as its purposes are good. It has no relation to the general good roads law, but if its provisions were properly applied it would be a valuable help in the matter of good roads. It provides for a pretty general reorganization of the government of townships of the second class, for the payment of the road tax in cash in any township where the people vote so to do, and for State aid in proportion to the amount of road tax paid.

Many townships have arranged to vote at the coming election on the question of paying their road taxes in cash and getting all the benefits possible therefrom. The movement to that end was quite general until halted by Judge Bouton's opinion, and it now gets another setback. It would be unwise, however, for any township which has prepared to vote at the coming election not to do so. Nothing will be lost by taking a vote, and, if the opinions of the law already expressed are finally upset, much will be gained.

Whatever defects the law has should be definitely understood before the meeting of the next Legislature, so that the necessary amendment can be made. Its general purposes are entirely too good to have the whole act thrown aside without an effort to save it.

### THE POSTAGE STEAL.

That the members of the Legislature have found a way to recompense themselves in some degree for the loss of their railroad passes is shown by the passage, Thursday of last week, in the House of a bill appropriating \$25,400 for postage. This is at the rate of \$100 for each member of the House and Senate, and with the mileage allowed them will fully reimburse them for the cash paid out for railroad fare to and from Harrisburg. Some of the members objected to what they declared was a steal, as it is well known that the postage bills of the legislators would be amply provided for by an appropriation of one-third of the amount named. Perhaps if the Senate approves the bill the governor may veto it. In view of their reform professions it would seem more honest for the members to increase the amount allowed them for mileage so as to cover their actual expenses for railroad fare than to seek to get the money back in the underhand way of a most excessive appropriation for postage.

### NO SALARY FOR SUPERVISORS.

If anything is plain, it is plain that the supervisors elected under the new road law will receive no compensation for their services. No compensation whatever for their services. There is no doubt but that the legitimate expenses of the supervisors incurred in the service may be charged up to the districts, but expenses and salaries are different things.

The road supervisors will receive NO COMPENSATION.

President Baer, of the Reading Company, is not the most diplomatic of men; but it is safer to find fault with his style than with his statements of fact. The people of Pennsylvania were too late in discovering the danger inherent in the marriage of mining, manufacturing and carrying corporations. After they had adopted a Constitution forbidding the unions they failed to elect lawmakers to carry their will into effect. The interdict stands, but there is no penalty for its violation and no competent authority for its enforcement.

If there be any remaining remedy for resulting evils it is in the hands of the people. Men must be elected who will not only swear "to support, obey and defend the Constitution," but who will keep sacred their oaths.

The strongest argument for a two-cent-a-mile passenger rate on steam roads has been made by the managers of the roads themselves in the issue of two-cent-a-mile mileage books.

But for Representative [Farmer] Cressy, what would the Democrats in the house of Representatives be for? Cressy is a thorn in the Republican political flesh.

Ohio now has a law which provides that two cents a mile shall be the maximum rate charged for transporting passengers on all railroads within that state.

### ARGUES FOR CASH TAX.

Taxpayer Proves That the Cash Tax System Ought Not to Increase the Cash Tax More Than One Mill.

The last Legislature passed a new road law which will be put in force this year. It is useless now to discuss whether it is a proper law or not. It is now the law of the State and must be accepted. The more important question is to consider how this law may be operated to the best interests of the taxpayers, so as to secure better roads for the amount of money expended.

The voters of Potter township will have an opportunity, at the coming spring election, to express their views upon the question of the money tax. It is to be feared that many of the voters overlook the importance of this question or misconstrue the law in such a way that they will go to the polls and vote against a money tax, believing it to be for their best interests to do so. The new law directs that a minimum tax of one dollar shall be laid upon every taxable; the law also grants the right of the voters to say whether they favor a money tax or not. The one dollar minimum tax will be laid upon each taxable whether they vote for a money tax or not.

Some of the advantages of the money tax are:

First, For every dollar spent by the township for road purposes the State will pay to the township fifteen per cent. rebate.

Second, The township has been paying on an average \$400 to the supervisors for notifying hands and superintending the work, which under the new law is not required, as the new law requires the pathmasters to work, the only additional requirement of them being to keep the time of the laborers, and to perform the work as laid out by the supervisors.

State Highway Commissioner Hunter says that under the work tax system for every \$1.50 spent the township only receives fifty cents worth of labor, or two-thirds of the amount is spent to get one-third of the value in labor. Is this fair to the one that is compelled to pay his tax in money? Under the cash tax each person employed is expected to do an honest day's work, else be dismissed. Does any one doubt Commissioner Hunter's statement? No, it is known to be true.

To corroborate the above statement, the amount expended last year is given: The supervisors laid a labor tax of three and one-half mills, amounting to \$2700; and a cash tax of one and one-half mills, amounting to over \$1000, or a total of \$3700. There are eighty-two miles of road in Potter township, and from these figures it will be seen that there was expended on an average over \$45.00 for every mile of road. With this amount of money expended in cash and labor is it not sufficient to convince any one that the present system is a failure, and that the taxpayers are not receiving value for the amount expended on the roads?

There is nothing in the law to prevent the supervisors from employing the taxpayers of the township to work on the roads and thus give them an opportunity to earn back the money paid in road tax. It is safe to venture the assertion that under a cash tax the millage will not need exceed one half the present millage, and if that be true the whole tax would only exceed the present cash tax by ONE MILL. There is not a doubt that one half of the present tax, placed in the hands of a judicious board of supervisors, will result in having better roads at considerable less cost than under the present system. The farmers are the heaviest taxpayers and the scarcity of farm labor compels many of them to pay the greater part of their road tax in money, and the present labor tax system works a great injustice to them, by compelling them to pay a tax two-thirds of which represents no value to the taxable or the township.

It is to be hoped that the voters will take advantage of the opportunity to rid themselves of the unsatisfactory and expensive system of road making before the State compels them to do so, as that is what will follow.

### TAXPAYER.

### LOCALS.

The election, next Tuesday. It is the duty of every voter to cast his ballot.

The Senate confirmed the appointment of John W. Stuart as postmaster at State College.

The Spring Mills congregation of the Lutheran church presented their pastor, Rev. J. M. Rearick, with a handsome couch and rocking chair.

Dr. Brumbaugh, former U. S. Commissioner of Education, is being considered by the board of directors of Pennsylvania State College to be elected president of that institution. Dr. Brumbaugh was at State last week, and Sunday delivered a lecture in the Schwab auditorium.

### SAVED COUNTIES \$4,000,000.

### Cressy Treasury Bills Passed Finally by the House.

The Cressy bills allowing counties to retain nine-tenths of the personal property tax and the bill authorizing counties to retain all license monies passed finally in the House.

Nearly \$4,000,000 is thus cut from the State Treasury income and given to the counties. If the \$4,000,000 is split up among the counties, it will go a long way toward cutting down their expenses. It will also tend to decrease the tremendous surplus that has been rolling up in the State Treasury so fast that the lawmakers were almost at a loss to know what to do with it all.

One of the Cressy bills provides that all license taxes now collected by counties and turned over to the State, be returned to the counties. This amounts to nearly \$3,000,000, it is said. The other Cressy bill compels the return to the counties of nine-tenths of the personal property tax instead of three-fourths, as the law now provides. This makes a difference of about \$700,000.

### Louder-Kline.

A wedding was celebrated at the Presbyterian parsonage, at Lemont, Wednesday evening of last week, when Elmer Louder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Louder, of Oak Hall, and Miss Florence Kline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kline, of Linden Hall, were married by the pastor, Rev. W. K. Harnish. The young couple were attended by Miss Catharine Kline, a sister of the bride, as bridesmaid, and William Runkle as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Louder left Thursday morning for a brief honeymoon trip east. In the spring they will go to farming on the Louder farm at Oak Hall.

### Progress Grange Program.

Following is the program for the meeting of Progress Grange, Saturday, the 17th instant:

What improvements can farmers make in the surroundings of their homes without much outlay of money? James A. Keller.

Recitation, Roy Shaffer. Music.

At what time should young chicks be started in the spring to make poultry raising on the farm most profitable? Fergus Potter.

At what time and how to prune grape vines. Harry Dinges.

Continuation of papers on the symbolism of the Order.

Question box.

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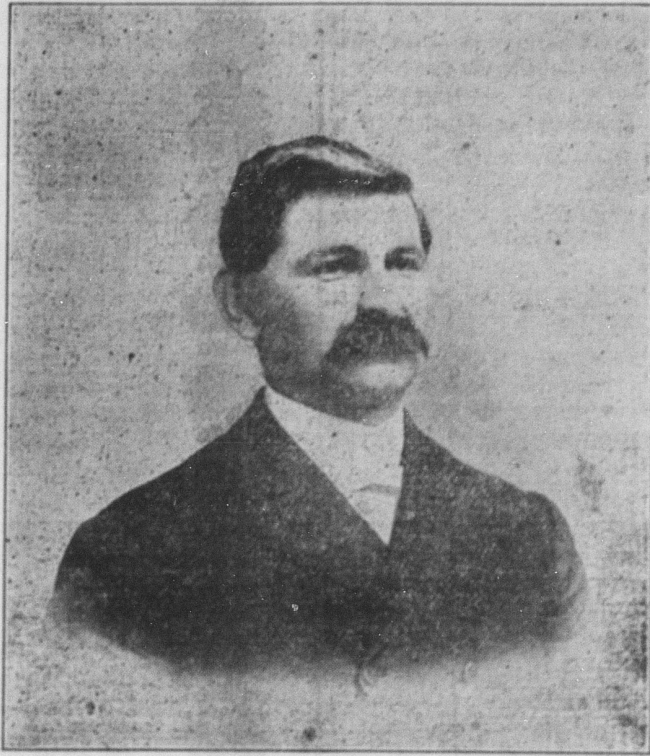
Inter-State Exposition at Charleston, South Carolina, of which commission he was made president. In 1903 he was made president of the Missouri board of mediation and arbitration, resigning in 1904 to become, by appointment of the governor of his adopted state, a temporary member of the Missouri commission to the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon. In 1905 Governor Folk appointed him permanently on the latter board and he was made its secretary. Besides these he has served in many minor positions, and has been a delegate to all conventions of his party, from township to national. In politics he has always been an uncompromising Democrat.

Mr. Garver is indeed one of the men of whom Potter township can be proud. Born and brought up in a family of moderate financial circumstances, and in the midst of environments more conducive to physical hardihood than intellectual aspirations, he has demonstrated the fact that it is possible for a poor boy to become a useful and prominent man.

"Contentment is a great gain" may be a very useful maxim, but it is possible to carry contentment too far. Dissatisfaction with present conditions and a desire to improve them is very often worth a young man's heed. The habit of mind that seeks to excel is called ambition. This desire to excel, when directed to improve the circumstances of one's life, to do well whatever one does, to strive to be manly, to be kind and generous to friends, to get on in the world one's self and to help others get on in it, to be an honorable and useful citizen, is a laudable desire,—if it is called ambition, then a worthy ambition. The subject of this sketch while yet a young man and a citizen of this community, showed himself such a one, and his successful life has proven the value of it.

Mr. Garver has not passed far beyond the half century mark, so that there may be yet before him many years of honor and usefulness. At present he is so occupied with various political responsibilities that he has placed the management of his paper (The Worth County Times) in the hands of his son, H. H. Garver, who appears to be a worthy successor to his father.

Visiting cards printed at this office.



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[As previously announced, "Write-Ups" of men and women, natives of Penna., Georges or Brush Valleys, who are making life a success in other sections, will appear in The Centre Reporter from week to week. These contributions are made by a number of writers who have kindly consented to aid in conducting this department.—EDITOR.]

The intense feelings and longings of boyhood project what the man will be. The subject of this sketch, Rev. Max Augustus Kennelley, from earliest youth had great anticipations of some day preaching the gospel. The sight of evil greatly distressed him; he was full of sympathy for the fallen, and determined to help raise the moral standard and to preach not only a full gospel, but also a full and complete salvation. The enthusiasm and earnestness which he manifests in his chosen calling is the measure of his love. He who has great sympathy has great love, and though he may oftentimes suffer intensely he is fully compensated in the higher ecstasies of joy and adoration into which he is lifted.

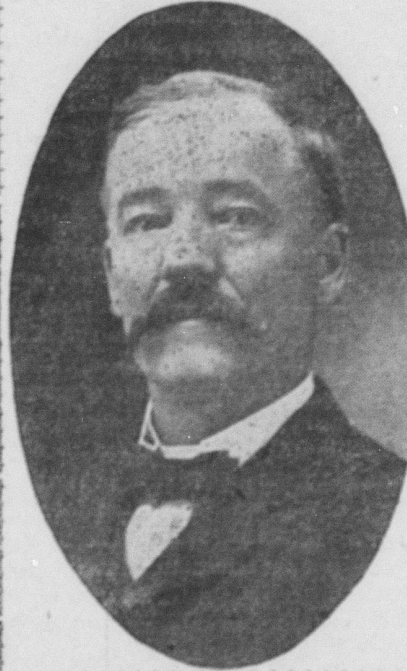
The family to which Rev. Kennelley belongs, his parents being Thomas and Mary Kennelley, of Spring Mills, are devout and reverential. He greatly loved his parents, had a particular fondness for his home, was never out of his native county till he became of age, and would have entered the ministry in another denomination but for love of his mother who desired him to remain in her church (the United Evangelical).

Till the age of twelve years his schooling was neglected, but having a precocious mind he then laid the foundation of his intellectual training at the Penn Hall Academy under Prof. Neff, Writes, Smith, Hosterman and Wolf. When seventeen years of age he began teaching and taught eight terms very successfully. He showed sympathy for his pupils, won their confidence, and had the quiet tact to draw out and impart knowledge. In 1889 he entered Central Penn'a. College, at New Berlin, but for lack of funds was unable to complete his course. To assist financially he worked on saw mills, railroads, etc.

Fourteen years ago he was licensed to preach. He was Junior Pastor at Milesburg and Middleburg for two years; pastor at Liberty two years; Woodlawn Station, Baltimore, Md., two years; St. Paul's, York, two years, and at present is pastor of the Grace United Evangelical church, Baltimore, which he has served for nearly four years. He believes in going after the one sheep that is lost, engaging in charity work in jail and "Pen," and in other similar institutions, to which he gives all his spare time and where he has seen some of the best results of his work. To earnest preaching he lends the melody of his voice in gospel song. This he regards as his forte, for he has seen large congregations melted to tears by the beauty and pathos of his voice. He has sung solos in many of the Baltimore churches.

Mr. Kennelley is not beyond his calling and proclaims the gospel on "highway and street corner." This is his only ambition, to measure up to the dignity of his calling, so that with Nehemiah he can say: "I am doing a good work, so that I can not come down, why should the work cease whilst I leave it and come down to you."

He is married to Miss Havilla Miller, of Clinton county, Pa. He has three children, a son and two daughters. His eldest, the son, is now traveling in England, Scotland and Ireland for his own benefit.



E. S. GARVER, GRANT CITY, MO.

Elias Garver was born in Potter township, about two and one-half miles west of Centre Hall. The Garver homestead, then occupied by his father, Henry Garver, where Elias spent his boyhood days, is located at the foot of Nittany Mountain, and commands a magnificent view of the widest and most beautiful part of Penna. Valley.

Like most boys of his age and environment, he divided his time between assisting his parents as occasion and necessity demanded, roaming through the forests and over the mountains during times of leisure, and attending the district school in the winter. It was these three factors in the life of the boy that made the man that was to be.

His first years of schooling were spent in the old stone building, in what is known as the Pine stump school district. It was here that he laid the foundation for the higher honors and achievements of later years. Here, too, doubtless, there began to be impressed upon the mind of the youth the advantages of a good education, the desire for greater achievement, and the laudable ambition to make the most of himself.

Being impressed with the possibilities of the growing west for a young man of the proper metal, he left the parental roof in 1869 and located in Missouri. In 1872 he returned and taught the minor school for two successive terms, in the mean time further equipping himself educationally by attending select summer schools successively at Penn Hall, Millheim and Centre Hall, returning to Missouri, he finally located at Grant City, in 1874. At this time he purchased the Worth County Times, which paper he still owns.

His successful management of that paper, as well as his ability and popularity as an editor is evidenced by the fact that he was elected, in 1884, to a seat in the state legislature. That he fulfilled the duties pertaining to that office to the entire satisfaction of his constituents is further proven by the fact that he was re-elected to the same office for two successive terms,—he being the only man elected representative for three successive terms from Worth county.

In 1885 he became postmaster of Grant City, which office he held for four years. In 1893 he was appointed statistical agent for Missouri, by President Cleveland, and served for two years. In 1901 he was appointed by Governor Dockery as a member of the Missouri commission to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, New York, and also of the West Indian and

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### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

#### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Legislature has fixed today (Thursday) for adjournment.

W. H. Housel has leased the new hotel at State College.

D. A. Booser housed a fine lot of ice Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mrs. W. O. Rearick and son, of Millroy, were in Penna. Valley recently.

Two hundred cases of tobacco were shipped from Lock Haven one day last week.

P. R. Auman, of Spring Mills, painter and paper hanger, is finishing the second story of Murray's drug store.

A lady's new shoe was found on Church street by Joseph Lutz, Friday of last week. The same can be had by calling.

Miss Grace Smith, of Centre Hall, Thursday morning, went to Ardmore, where she will visit her aunt, Mrs. Anna Wolf.

D. L. Bartges, south of Centre Hall, killed the largest hog that was brought to market at this point. The weight, dressed was five hundred and ninety pounds.

The American Lime Stone Company is building six new kilns at their Armor Gap quarries, which means the employment regularly of a number of men.

J. Wells Smith has purchased a tract of timberland from A. J. Lytle in Harris township and expects to erect a portable saw mill thereon in the spring and convert the timber into lumber.

W. M. Bloom, east of Old Fort, on the Brockerhoff farm, will make sale of his farm stock and implements, Friday, February 23. Mr. Bloom expects to go to Orangeville, Ill., to work on a farm.

James P. Grove, east of Centre Hall, recalled his sale advertised for March 8th. The stock and farm implements were sold at private sale to Mr. Grove's son, Gardner, who will begin farming in the spring.

H. C. Robinson leased the Olenkirk house from the Bensers, and in the spring will move from Pleasant Gap to this place. Mr. Robinson is a lumberman, and at present is operating a saw mill on Nittany Mountain.

Phil D. Foster bought the coal business of John W. Stuart, at State College. Foster wanted the postoffice very, very bad, but Stuart didn't offer that for sale, so he took second best and bought the coal business.

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Homan, of Altoona, arrived in Centre Hall Saturday. Tuesday Mr. Homan returned to his home, leaving his wife with his mother in this place, where she will remain for two or three weeks.

Mrs. Sarah Destine, who, early last fall, fell and injured her left limb, is yet unable to walk. Her health is very good, but she is confined to the easy chair except when supported by her daughter, Miss Rebecca, and another person.

Edward Sellers, the foundryman and manufacturer of Oak Hall Station, was in town Monday. He is doing a booming business, and among his most recent orders were two car loads of fifty each of land rollers—one for Philadelphia and one for Baltimore.

The wedding of Miss Bertha Louise Mingle, daughter of Mrs. S. O. Mingle, formerly of Lock Haven, and cousin of W. B. Mingle, Esq., of this place, is announced to occur at the family residence, 315 West Eighty-sixth street, New York, on Tuesday, February 27, at noon.

The state school directors convention in session in Harrisburg last week passed a resolution in opposition to the vaccination law, and favored an additional appropriation of \$50 a year to each district where the maximum tax rate is insufficient to support the schools.

Rev. George Israel Browne, regarded one of the ablest ministers in the Episcopal Diocese of Harrisburg, has resigned the pastorate of St. John's church, Bellefonte, to accept the pastorate of St. Paul's church, in Harrisburg, where he will assume his duties on Ash Wednesday, February 28.

The supervisors of Union township, Snyder county, have brought suit against E. A. Cooper, a lumber merchant, claiming that their roads were badly damaged by the narrow tires on his big prop wagons. The case is a peculiar one and will be watched with great interest by the tax payers.

The members of Lieutenant W. W. Bierly Post, No. 298, G. A. R., of Rebersburg, will take their annual post dinner at the Musser House, Millheim, Thursday, February 22nd. To this dinner all old soldiers and their families are invited. J. T. Corman, of Rebersburg, and Edward Stumpff, of Aaronsburg, are the committee on arrangements.