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TEACHERS' PENSION BILL.

Instructors Favor Measure Which Provides That Money for Annuities Shall Come from State Treasury.

A committee of five has been appointed to present to the Educational Committee of the next Legislature a bill providing for pensions for the teachers who have taught thirty years, twenty of which must be in Pennsylvania.

The movement grows out of a convention held in Harrisburg in October, when a committee was appointed to ascertain what form of bill was most desired. Two measures were submitted for the approval of public school instructors.

One bill provided that the annuities be paid by the school districts. This was rejected, the teachers being almost unanimous for the direct bill, which provides that the money be paid from the State Treasury. So many suggestions were made that the committee met in Pittsburgh December 8 and selected a bill, of which the following are the provisions:

That teachers, principals, supervisors and superintendents of the public schools, who have served not less than thirty years, twenty in Pennsylvania, may be retired with an annuity equal to one-half the average salary received in the five years in Pennsylvania preceding retirement; that the annuity shall not be less than \$300 or more than \$600; that the board by which the applicant is employed certify the length of service to the Superintendent of Public Instruction; that if a retired teacher be re-employed, the annuity shall cease, to be restored when the employment ceases; that all annuities be paid out of the State Treasury, on warrant drawn by the Superintendent of Public Instruction; that the Superintendent of Public Instruction is directed to set apart out of the general school appropriation a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of the act.

From Yeagertown.

The Centre Reporter comes regularly, and is very welcome. It gives all the news from that section. Butter sells at 38 cents over here, and eggs at 34 cents, but eggs cannot be bought at any price, they are so scarce.

Willie Alexander, a son of W. P. Alexander has been sick for over a week, suffering from a bad cold and croup. Mrs. Harry Stover is ill of typhoid fever. Charles Grenoble received a shock from an electric wire and was unconscious for some time.

The Standard works are preparing to make two hundred wheels a day. A new 2000-horse-power engine has been installed and another will soon be put in. The jumbo hammer is 3 1/2 feet thick through the center and 9 feet high; the piston is 18 feet long and 18 inches thick. The steam cylinder is 32 inches in diameter. A piston rod of the size mentioned costs \$1400, and they break seven in eight weeks.

There are 240 trains pass the tower house at the Lewistown Junction, instead of 140, as stated in the last letter. The freight traffic over the middle division last Sunday exceeded all previous records. There were 76 freight trains going east and the same number west. The east bound consisted of 3964 cars; those going west comprised 3978 cars. This was the traffic by day and it was about the same at night.

Among others from Penns Valley who live in Lewistown, Burnham, Yeagertown, Reedsville and Milroy are the following: John Sowers, John Clark, Clayton Dunlap, John Fenstermaker, Irvin and Hayes Zettle, Ira, Clayton and M. C. Barger, James, Elmer and J. L. Foust, Jacob, Frank and Daniel Royer, Frank and J. P. Lingle, Jeff. Shaffer, John Krape, C. F. Deininger, George, Andrew and E. P. Tate, Samuel Frank, Wm. and Ed. Worrel, Maurice Geary, Calvin Rubil, Peter Stiffler, Ivy W. Bartges, John Gramley, John Curry, Lloyd Smith, Edward and Wallace Brown, Greeley Jordan, A. J. Kishel, Thomas Lingle, James Hanna, James Grady, Harry Stover, Lloyd Duck, Mrs. John Jordan, Mrs. Allison Frank, Mrs. Jacob Kreitzer, James Shesley.

John Smith, the Spring Mills furniture dealer, was over here on Thursday, as jolly and lively as ever. Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Reporter and all its readers.

About Digestion.

It is not the quantity of food taken but the amount digested and assimilated that gives strength and vitality to the system. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and enable them to perform their functions. The result is a relish for your food, increased strength and weight, greater endurance and a clear head. Price, 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by The Star Store, Centre Hall; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; C. W. Swartz, Tusseyville.

DETECTIVES WORKING ON THE DALE MURDER CASE

During the past ten days several detectives of the Standard Secret Service Bureau, Philadelphia, have been at work on the Dale murder case. They have been making an open investigation, and at no time represented themselves to be other than what they really are—detectives.

There is no doubt in the mind of the writer that the mystery of the most foul murder will be unraveled by the agents now at work on the case. The gentlemen themselves are very confident that within a reasonable time, a week or ten days, they will be able to point to the perpetrator of this crime, arrest the person and have conclusive evidence of guilt—evidence that will result in knitting the noose about the guilty one's neck.

The work of this particular secret service agency has in the past proven very efficient in their undertakings not only in Centre county, but everywhere they are employed.

It was the agents of the Standard Secret Service Bureau that convicted the men who robbed the Eby brothers at Woodward. They began to work on the case in January, 1905, and in the course of a very short time had all the guilty parties under arrest, and at the following April court, upon evidence previously obtained, they were convicted of guilt, and were sentenced to various terms in the penitentiary, county jail and Reformatory at Huntingdon.

The Auman case is another illustration of the efficiency of this agency. The story of the confession of Peter Rider, the slayer of the Auma boy,

Aaronsburg.

Miss Mabelle Crouse returned from a few months' stay with friends at Lewistown.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smull, of Smulton, spent Saturday with Mrs. Jesse Wert.

Mrs. Harriet Cronmiller has been confined to her bed the greater part of a month and is not improving.

Thomas Weaver, who had been employed at Vintondale, came home to spend the winter with his mother.

Mrs. Rebecca Murray, of Centre Hall, spent a few days with her aged mother, Mrs. Harter, at the home of Lewis Mensch.

Miss Mary A. Thomas died Friday night and was buried Tuesday forenoon, Rev. Gress, pastor of the Reformed church at Centre Hall, conducting the services. She will be greatly missed in the Reformed church, as she was a very willing worker and was always at her place when health permitted. Among those from a distance who attended her funeral were: Mrs. Annie Greigbaum and son, of Oak Grove; Mr. Thomas and son, of Renovo; Mrs. Kerstetter and Miss Snyder, of State College; Aaron Thomas, of Centre Hall.

Rebersburg.

Mrs. Clara Meyer is suffering from rheumatism.

Miss Nida Greninger, of Smulton, is making her home with Mrs. Sarah Wolf, at this place.

The butchering season is over in this vicinity, and Thomas Ocker killed the heaviest porker in town.

Jaasper Brungart and Howard Miller are engaged in taking an invoice of the store goods of Kuhns & Smull.

Milfred Garret, who was employed as a carpenter in Pittsburg during the summer, returned home last week with a bride.

Ammon Shroyer, tenant on the Gephart farm, which was recently sold to Jacob Winkleblech, has rented Thomas Brungart's farm. Mr. Brungart will retire from farming and will accordingly make sale of his farm stock and implements in the spring.

Ammon Walker, the young man who several months ago was accidentally shot, returned home from the Lock Haven hospital, to which institution he had been taken by Dr. Bright a few weeks ago. Several shot were taken out of his body, and one shot, which had penetrated his skull and caused Mr. Walker much pain, was also extracted. He is on a fair way to recovery.

Congressional Salaries.

The House of Representatives passed the bill increasing the salaries of the Vice President, the Speaker of the House and the members of the Cabinet to \$12,000 per annum, but failed to pass the amendment fixing the pay of Senators and Representatives at \$7500, instead of the present pay of \$5000 a year.

The fellow who entertains doubt of himself cannot be a successful entertainer.

is yet fresh in the mind of the reader. The public had suspicion, of course, but suspicion will not convict. The secret service men soon discovered direct evidence—confession was the result.

What has been accomplished in the Eby, the Auman and many other cases worked on by the men of the Standard agency is a guarantee that the Dale mystery will also be unraveled.

The agents to whom the task of solving the Dale murder has been delegated are Messrs. A. L. Millard, chief of Standard Secret Service Bureau, and Harry Bauer. They are gentlemen of refinement and ability and have had large experience in running down criminals.

Chief Millard and his associate are very thankful for the information imparted to them by various persons with whom they came in contact, and may call upon others to obtain a few unimportant links.

The county commissioners acted wisely in employing the best detective agency that could be found, and those who criticised them for being slow to act will readily forgive since they discovered their error of accusing without knowledge.

With the local criminal machinery of which District Attorney Runkle is the head in full action, assisted in the work by the Standard Secret Service Bureau, there is assurance of the discovery of the perpetrator of the crime and the speedy conviction of the cowardly criminal.

The World and Reporter—\$1.65.

One dollar and sixty-five cents will pay for the Thrice-a-Week New York World and the Centre Reporter one year.

Triennial Assessment.

The assessors are making the triennial assessments this month. Although these are "strenuous" times, it's not the best plan to make a boast of the value of your property in the presence of the men who set the basis on which your tax is reckoned.

In the Attic, Perhaps.

An effort is being made by Hon. L. Rhone to secure a complete set of old-fashioned cooking utensils and equipments used in the chimneys of our forefathers. Two articles are wanted—a skillet, or spider, and a pair of andirons. The skillet, or spider, is a pan with a long handle and three legs. Any one having these antiques will confer a favor by communicating with Mr. Rhone, who wishes to secure them for exhibition at the Grange Encampment and Fair.

LOCALS.

Clement Dale, Esq., accompanied by Mrs. Dale, was in Centre Hall Saturday. Mr. Dale was here on account of the Grossman road view.

Jacob Meyer and Chas. Kuhn, of near Linden Hall, were in Centre Hall Monday, and delivered cows sold to buyers shipping to the east.

Mrs. Rowe, wife of Recorder John C. Rowe, was taken to Philadelphia, last week, where she will undergo an operation at the German hospital.

Next to the largest hog killed in or about Centre Hall was that slaughtered by Justice W. B. Mingle. The five hundred pound mark was nearly reached.

Julien Gordon (Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger) contributes the leading story to the January Smart Set, and the year 1907 begins auspiciously for that brilliant periodical.

Lock Haven has two ex-Mayors—Robert B. Barber and James Jefferies—who are 6 feet 7 1/2 inches and 6 feet 4 1/2 inches in height. They are aged seventy-three and sixty-eight years, respectively.

A horse belonging to Harry Kahler, hitched to a buggy ran all the way from Millheim to Penn Hall without a driver, yet did no damage. The animal took fright while standing alone in the street.

The viewers appointed to lay out a private road from the buildings on the Joseph Grossman farm to the public road, performed their work Saturday. The road runs in a southwesterly direction, and is taken off the William Grossman farm.

The oldest minister now actively engaged in the United Evangelical church is said to be Rev. Benjamin Hengst, known to many of the Reporter readers. He has been in the ministry sixty years, and recently preached in Yorkhans, where he served his first charge.

INCIDENTS OF 1879.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1906 Readers.

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

May 22—Alice, aged three years, daughter of Josiah Holderman, fell into a spring of water above the home of George Floray at the foot of Nittany Mountain, and was drowned.

Pierce, son of Michael Stover, of Haines township, while in the woods felling trees, was so seriously injured that he died the same day. The butt of a tree struck him, inflicting several injuries, any one of which would have caused death.

June 5—A new road from Woodward to Fowler Station is in contemplation. The distance is five miles.

Rev. W. E. Fischer and J. Witmer Wolf are delegates to the State Sabbath School Convention at Altoona.

June 12—Rev. J. K. Miller, Rev. John Tomlinson and William Wolf are in attendance as delegates to the General Synod of the Lutheran church, in Wooster, Ohio.

June 19—W. K. Foster graduates from State College, and J. Witmer Wolf from Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg.

At a recent meeting of the railroad company, Robert H. Duncan, of Spring Mills, was elected a director.

June 26—Samuel Shoop had the end of one of his fingers cut off by a reaper knife, last Tuesday.

George Long, at the head of Penns Creek, was kicked on the leg by a horse, and later while in a field the bone of the injured limb was split, caused by a strain upon it.

Major J. B. Fisher is erecting a new barn on his farm at Penn Hall. Michael Nofsker is the master mechanic.

Frank Wetzel, of Bellefonte, now a student at the Reformed Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, preached in the Salem and Aaronsburg Reformed churches, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. G. Shoemaker.

July 10—The youngest son of Rev. W. R. Whitney, of Penn Hall, fell from a bench on which he was standing and broke his arm. He is under the care of Dr. J. B. Leitzell.

While at church the house of Mr. Auman, miller at Farmers Mills, was robbed by an apprentice. Twenty dollars and a suit of clothes were taken. The young man was arrested on the Nittany side of Logans Gap, and placed in jail.

B. F. Gramley, of Kaneville, Illinois, writes the Reporter: My son Ira, aged five years, fell from the hay mow a distance of nine feet, and broke his left leg above the knee.

Married—May 27, Luther Wert, of Aaronsburg, and Miss Emma Homan, of Haines township. . . June 3, W. H. Phillips and Miss Clara F. Myers, of Aaronsburg. . . June 1, John Taylor, of Farmers Mills, and Miss Amanda J. Brain, of Madisonport. . . June 12, Andrew Long and Miss Harriet A. Tressler, both of near Rock Hill. . . May 1, N. W. Smith, of Adamsburg, and Miss Annie C. Smith, of Potters Mills. . . June 8, David B. Meyer and Miss Fyetta M. Bierly, of Rebersburg.

Oak Hall.

J. C. Etters had new windows put in his house last week.

Mrs. Jas. C. Gilliland spent last Monday in Bellefonte.

A. W. Dale transacted business in Bellefonte on Thursday.

The farmers in this vicinity received a car load of salt this week.

Mrs. M. W. Benner and son Harry spent Saturday in Bellefonte.

Mrs. E. K. Smith, of Dales Summit, spent Tuesday in town.

Wm. Ferree purchased a fine horse from Thomas Fishburn, of the Branch, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Dale, of Houserville, were visitors at Sunny Hillsdale recently.

Mrs. B. E. Stamm and daughter, Miriam, of Altoona, are visiting at the home of Mrs. E. B. Peters.

Mrs. Henrietta Dale, of Boalsburg, was the guest of A. W. Dale's on Friday.

Hiram Thompson, the College township assessor, spent several days in this vicinity last week.

Victor Grange elected officers for the coming year and initiated two new members at the regular meeting on Saturday.

Al Knopf has a corps of men at work digging ditch for J. J. Tressler, on his farm on Cedar Creek. Mr. Tressler is having the water piped from the creek to his farm buildings.

Epworth League Entertainment.

Saturday night the members of the Epworth League will give an entertainment in Grange Aroasia. This is their third effort in the production of plays, and they undoubtedly will be more able to please their audience than heretofore.

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State Grange Officers.

The officers elected by the Pennsylvania State Grange at its session in Dubois was as follows: Master, W. F. Hill, of Chambersburg. There was a close but good natured contest for this office between Mr. Hill and A. M. Cornell. Overseer, S. S. Bilholder, Armstrong; lecturer, E. B. Dorsett, Tlaga; steward, Theodore M. Kluge, Wayne; assistant steward, J. T. Gillford, Erie; chaplain, J. W. Johnson, Wyoming; treasurer, S. E. Nivin, Chester; secretary, J. T. Ailman, Juniata; gatekeeper, Wallace Chase, Tlaga; ceres, Hannah Lyons, Chester; flora, Carolyn Dale, Centre; pomona, Mary Fisher, Chester; L. A. S., Mary Howden, McKean; Executive Committee, William Armstrong, Luzerne; Finance Committee, J. A. Herd, Union.

The vaccination question was referred to the legislative committee. The recommendation of the committee that discretionary power in determining the question of successful vaccination be given to the school boards was adopted by the convention.

The extension of the right of suffrage to women was recommended; and a resolution was adopted urging that express companies be placed under the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The place for the next meeting of the body will be determined by the executive committee.

New Fire Brick Company.

With a capital of \$500,000, fully paid and non-assessable, the Bickford Fire Brick Company was recently organized. The officers are: President, J. C. Meyer, Bellefonte; treasurer and general manager, J. A. Bickford; secretary and general salesagent, S. M. Bickford, both of Lock Haven.

It is the intention to build their plant at DuBois, owing to the railroad and coal facilities, and to make it the biggest plant in the State. As now planned their main building will be 100x600 feet in size. They will build six pans and thirty-two kilns, which will make the capacity 110,000 bricks per day, or the enormous total of 33,000,000 bricks per year.

The fire clay land was first leased to J. C. Meyer, Esq., and Recorder J. C. Rowe.

Mrs. Beegle, Missionary Worker, to speak.

Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Field Secretary of the Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary Society, will speak in the Lutheran church of Spring Mills this (Thursday) evening, and on Friday evening in the Lutheran church of Centre Hall. Mrs. Beegle occupies a prominent position in the women's work and should be greeted by large audiences. The members of these congregations are especially expected to be present and the general public is cordially invited. Come and hear what the women are doing for Christ and His church.

Notice the change of date at Centre Hall from Thursday to Friday evening. J. M. REARICK, Pastor.

Here Again, Turkey, Turkey.

Two of the Reporter's subscribers conceived the idea that the editor and his family are willing to eat turkey during Christmas time, provided the whereabouts is on hand. One of these is Dr. Ed. L. Miller, of Johnstown, and the other Charles P. Swint, of St. Louis, Mo., who is employed by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Company. The former, jokingly, yet very truthfully remarks, "that editors no doubt would enjoy turkey if they had the price, and the only way for them to get the cash is for subscribers to pay up promptly."

With hands up, that's true.

Milroy Man Robbed.

John Kearns was waylaid Thursday night of last week, beaten into insensibility, robbed of his two weeks' pay, then bound and placed on the tracks of the Milroy branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Fortunately no trains are run on this line at night.

A party of men on their way to catch the workmen's train before daylight the next morning found and released Kearns from his perilous position. He is in a precarious condition. He did not recognize any of his assailants.

State Secures Land.

A deed was filed at Williamsport transferring 12,789 acres of land from Monroe H. Kulp & Company to the State of Pennsylvania. The land is located in Union, Lycoming, Clinton and Centre counties, and will be added to the State forest reservations. The purchase price was \$30,971.31.

No Paper Next Week.

Next week being Christmas week, the Reporter will not be issued. The office will be open during the entire week to receive job work of all kinds. Correspondents are requested to send in their letters as usual, giving special attention to personal notes.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Prof. P. H. Meyer is conducting a singing class in Millheim.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Sankey at Potters Mills.

Pennypacker's reign will soon come to an end. He should retire to Schwenksville forever.

Typhoid fever is prevalent in Sugar Valley. There have been several deaths from that disease.

The Sarah Frank property in Millheim, located on Penn street, was recently sold to Ezra Keen for \$700.

Mrs. Nancy Benner and son, John Benner, have located in Lock Haven, where they will remain for the winter.

Marlin E. Olmstead, of Harrisburg, has been appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State College.

There is a demand for dwelling houses in Centre Hall. Rents in this place are high enough to make money invested in dwelling houses bring very fair returns.

Miss Claudia Wieland, of Boalsburg, resumed teaching school Monday, after being ill for a week, of tonsillitis. She is teaching the Plum Grove school, and is meeting with success.

The wages of the trackmen along the L. & T. R. R. were raised recently, but since their time was cut down. Their monthly pay envelope will not contain more than heretofore.

It is reported that Thomas Taylor has purchased the Emerick property from Thomas Trutt and will occupy the same. The property is located east of Centre Hall, near Keller's.

The Penns Valley Echo, a publication in the interest of the Methodist church, of which Rev. G. W. McIlhenny is editor, is in print. It is the December number, and contains many bits of good reading.

Mrs. Chas. D. Bartholomew and little daughter Margaret, last week returned from Curwensville where they visited relatives, among them Mrs. Harry J. Kittleberger, nee Anna Bartholomew, of this place.

Mrs. Frank Long, of Washington, D. C., is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Geiss Wagner, south of Centre Hall, on her first visit since her marriage last August. Mr. Long holds a position in the Patent Office at Washington.

There have been several cases of scarlet fever about Farmers Mills. Families afflicted with the disease are those of Harry Houck, James Wert and Thomas Doughty. From last reports the children suffering were much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shaffer, of Graysville, were at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bigler Shaffer, east of Centre Hall, from Thursday until Monday. They like their Huntingdon home very much, as they do their employer, John Everhart.

R. D. Killian, Wm. Bennage and Samuel H. Meyer are in Baltimore where they are preparing several cars of walnut wood for shipment to Germany. Mr. Killian is doing an extensive business in walnut logs, and ships from all parts of the country.

The largest chestnut tree in the state is believed to be standing on the farm of John K. Stauffer, near the Landisville Methodist Episcopal camp grounds, in Lancaster county. At the ground it measures forty feet in circumference and four feet up the circumference is twenty-seven feet.

An Allegheny assemblyman has conceived the idea that the railroads ought to be measured by the state, believing the distances given in time tables to be much larger than they actually are. He will introduce a bill in the legislature asking that all roads be measured under State supervision. If nothing else, such a bill would make good business for a bunch of civil engineers.

Harry Sheets, the horse thief who stole S. S. Stanley's team from Tyrone a few weeks ago, and also identified as the culprit who had stolen horses in Franklin and Lancaster counties, was taken before the court at Chambersburg and sentenced to five years in the Eastern penitentiary. Officers were present from Blair and Lancaster counties to serve warrants on him for similar offenses in case he was acquitted.

Messrs. T. R. Harter, of Loganton, and A. C. Pepperman, of Lock Haven, have just concluded a deal whereby they have come in possession of a fine tract of timberland in Somerset county, comprising 450 acres. This is one of the last pieces of virgin timberland in that county, from which it is expected to cut between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 feet of lumber, consisting of oak, hemlock and white pine. It is thought five years' time will be required to clear up the tract.