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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.]

August 14—A little son of George Peters, of Millheim, while alone along the mountains, was pinned fast to the ground by a large stone rolling on his lower limbs. His cries brought to his rescue two men, one of whom was George Ramstone. But for their aid the boy might have starved to death.

August 21—Jerome Spigelmyer has sold his store at Rebersburg to Jasper Brungard. Mr. S. is thinking of going west.

Rev. S. L. Stiver, of St. Louis, is paying his parents at Potters Mills a visit.

Howard Barnes has purchased the stage route between Bellefonte and Milroy.

August 28—Jacob Dinges has purchased from Henry Booser the mail route between Centre Hall and Spring Mills. Mr. Booser purchased the saddle shop from Mr. Dinges.

The Duck real estate in Brush Valley was sold at public sale as follows: The old homestead, 128 acres, to Amos Zeigler—\$2133. The old Peter Zeigler farm, 162 acres—\$7249. A tract of 26 acres—\$661. Timber tract in Little Sugar Valley, 84 acres, to Frank Weaver—\$625. Mountain land, 26 acres, to J. H. Reifsnyder—\$3.00 per acre.

Mrs. Stannon McCormick, of State College, while on her way to church, was thrown from a vehicle and received severe bruises.

The store of Jonathan Hess, of Pine Grove Mills, was entered by robbers Friday night. The key to the safe was obtained, and some small change secured.

September 4—Daniel Smith broke ground for a new house at the lower end of town. And Rev. J. K. Miller began excavating for a grist mill, the site being opposite the school house.

September 11—The machinery at the Stone Mill was stopped a short time ago by a lot of eels getting into the water wheel. Several bucket fulls of chopped up eels were taken from the wheel gearing.

The board of directors of Gregg township have resolved to move the high school from Penn Hall to Grenoble's, Prof. D. M. Wolf to continue as principal.

The new township road from Aaronsburg to Swartzville, on the Milheim and Coburn pike, was opened to the public.

A daily mail is now carried between Milheim and Logansville.

Messrs. Witzler & Smith are about to put up a portable saw mill near McCool's, in Georges Valley. They have contracted for 400,000 feet of lumber on the stump at \$5 per thousand—200,000 from Jacob McCool, 100,000 from Samuel Harter, and the remainder from other parties.

Married—June 22, Levi P. Dewitt, of Lock Haven, and Miss Annie M. Krise, of Centre Hall. . . August 14, John H. Krumbine, of Centre Hall, and Miss Martha J. Kubn, of Hoesburg. . . August 17, Ellis P. Gentzel, of Spring Mills, and Miss Paulina A. Schreckengast, of Logan Mills. . . April 20, Benjamin Ziegler and Miss Florence M. Johnsonsbuch, both of Gregg township. . . August 28, Dr. Wm. B. Stiver, of Rock Grove, Illinois, and Miss R. E. McNitt, of Freeport, Illinois.

Candidates for School Directors.

In giving the candidates nominated by the Democratic borough caucus, in last week's issue, the candidates for school directors were inadvertently omitted. The candidates are Messrs. George W. Bushman, for re-election, and John H. Puff, to succeed John S. Dauberman, who has been on the board for several full terms. The candidates are worthy of the support of every voter.

Extension of Railroad.

At the annual meeting of the Winfield Railroad Company it was decided to extend the road from Winfield to Centreville. In this connection the New Berlin Reporter remarks:

This extension is, however, only the beginning, as the final terminus of the road will be either Centre county or Huntingdon, with the balance in favor of the latter. With this extension the road will become a factor.

The Capitol Probe.

The capitol investigating committee will be ready to begin business within a short time. Treasurer Berry and his attorneys will no doubt keep the people informed, and give the committee plenty of work to do if they undertake to unravel the mysteries pointed out by the people's state treasurer.

Valentine Post Cards.

A good assortment of Valentine Post Cards on sale at the Reporter office. You will find them suited to all professions and occupations.

PAYING CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

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PART I.

[As was announced previously an article from the pen of Dr. Chrisman is given space in the Centre Reporter. The title defines the line of argument. Every reader of this journal should carefully study the line of thought presented. The idea of paying children to attend school may be new to many, but there is wholesome ground for its adoption.—Ed.]

Some years ago, as a Fellow in Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, when I first began that systematic study of child-nature which has become known under the scientific name of paedology, among my studies of child-life I got hold of two prize-essays of the American Economic Association by Miss Clare de Graftenreid and Mr. William F. Willoughby on child-labor and I have tried to keep in touch with this phase of child-life.

The efforts that have been made for helping the children in the Southern manufacturing establishments, the recent agitation over child-labor in New York, and the late bulletin of the United States Bureau of Labor, "Child-Labor in the United States," have freshened my interest in this matter.

There are a number of causes given for child-labor, but it is not necessary to repeat them here. These causes given are mostly external to the child, and I do not believe they go down deep enough to be real foundation causes, and till the basic causes are found and removed this matter can not be stopped. I think that the chief reasons for child-labor can be found in the nature of the child himself, and that two of these are, first, the desire on the part of the child to make money, and, second, his love of and need for motion—of doing something with his body.

Mankind has always loved power. This power has taken different forms in different ages. At the present time in our own country the greatest power is attached to money. We would rather not own it, but the love of money is the ruling passion with us in America today. Religious power bends to it; political power bends to it. By this I do not mean to say that the love of money is an evil, and so do not speak of it as a wrong thing. I do not know that the power which comes from money is to give one opportunity to do harm, but rather this love of money is because of the great good that can be done with it. I have no patience with the idea that money is a necessary evil, and that he who possesses it thereby shows that he has done evil or he would not possess the money. I do not see why a man who works at a dollar a day may not in his way work just as many evil schemes to get that dollar without fairly earning it as the man who gets a thousand dollars a day. Nor can I see why a man who gets a thousand dollars a day may not just as honestly earn it as he who gets a dollar a day. It altogether depends upon the man in each case. So when I speak of the wish to gain money as being the ruling passion with us today, I mean by this as being a righteous passion and not an evil one.

Thus in considering this question of child-labor, we must consider the inherited tendency of the child to want money. This is shown by the great number of children engaged in work who do not really need to work at all unless they so choose. The students of child-labor, it seems to me, have made a mistake in not studying more closely and deeply this class of child-workers. Every parent who reads this will recall how many times his children have tried various schemes

for making money, and how often they have pleaded to be allowed to do certain things to try to make money.

Not only does the child inherit this love for money, but his every environment makes money-getting a vivid thing before him. The denials which his parents compel of him make him wish for money of his own. There is perhaps not a single person reading this but that said to himself when a child, upon being refused something by his parents, that when he got old enough to earn money he would get such things, and perhaps so informed his parents. Also children see the one possessing money honored in his community above every one else, and often rightly, too, for he most often represents the best there is in American life and spirit. In many other ways do the child's environments show him the need of money and keep well before him the power it possesses.

I believe that one of the very deepest reasons for child-labor is the love the child has for doing something and the very need of his nature to do something. All students of child-nature, and also everyone else for that matter, know that the child is a motor being. The greatest element in child-life is motion. He loves movement and he is compelled to it. He loves to work rather than to go to school, because of the motor action allowed him. There is an intense feeling to him in muscle action.

There is no such thing as a lazy child among normal children. There may be an abnormality of laziness, just as there is of feeble-mindedness and of thievery, etc., but the ordinary average child is not lazy. This is shown by children at play, and also by children at work, when there is a motive for this work. If the child does not work in school, it is because there is little or no motive, or there are conditions which cause a mental or a physical stupor or both. The impurity of the air of the ordinary school-room, the temperature, the bad light, etc., are in themselves sufficient to make the most industrious child become stupid, especially during the last hour of forenoon and more so of the afternoon. Added to this, those least able to do the mental work are detained in the worst conditions possible in the day—after school-hours. The very school-work itself tends toward stupefying the ability of children. The very nature of the child is activity. As was said before, the child is a motor being. Yet the school ignores this, or is ignorant of it, for physical activity is repressed in the school-room and mental activity is tried to be increased. The humdrum, inactive life of the school-room wears, weariness grows into fatigue, fatigue into stupor, and then the child is called lazy and he must be kept after school, or otherwise be punished for this so-called laziness brought on by teacher and surroundings. The discipline of the school itself tends against the nature of the child and to depress his faculties. The best children in school are quiet children, but the best children in nature are the active children. Thus I would say that if the child is lazy in school, it is because of his environments—lack of motives for work and conditions to cause stupidity.

(To be Continued.)

LOCALS.

On April first the name of the Olivia postoffice will be changed to that of Bald Eagle, to conform with the name of the railroad station.

After March 1st you will be able to buy one-cent postage stamps put up in book form—twenty-four one-cent stamps in a book for twenty-five cents.

A committee appointed by the president of the Reformed Classis installed Rev. W. D. Donat as pastor of the Aaronsburg charge of the Reformed church. The ceremony was conducted at Aaronsburg Friday forenoon.

Mrs. Mary Jane Waite, of Smullton, widow of William Waite, has been granted a pension of \$8 a month, through the agency of W. J. Carlin, E. G. of Rebersburg, and John C. Lingle, of Gregg township, has had his pension increased to \$12 a month.

Henry Rothrock, of near Bellefonte, met with a serious and peculiar accident. He was hauling coal, and slighted from the wagon to make an adjustment, when his foot slipped striking his face against a wheel. The result was the greater portion of one of his eye lids was torn away, and a deep gash cut near the eye.

Keith's Theatre.

Two former musical comedy stars are among the leading features at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week. The one is Julia Sanderson, who appears in vaudeville for the first time. The other is Edwin Steven, who is presenting "An Evening with Dickens." A pleasing musical number is given by the Military Octette and "The Girl with the Baton." The famous Sutcliffe troupe, Scottish pipers, dancers and acrobats, are excellent entertainers. The children delight in Herr Grals and his wonderful trained baboons. Another great attraction is Carleton Macy, Maude Hall & Co., in "The Magpie and the Jay," a royal comedy full of life and laughter.

"The Legislative Club."

The country members of the legislature have named a social organization they have formed "The Legislative Club." Representative H. A. Thompson, of Blair, one of the most genial and energetic of the members of the house, has been chosen chairman of the club's executive committee.

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COUNCIL MEETS.

Discusses Erection of Tower and Re-issuing of Bonds—Pays Bills.

Four members of the borough council were present at the regular meeting of that body Friday night. The faithful were Messrs. W. Frank Bradford, R. D. Foreman, John H. Weber, Cyrus Brungard.

The question of the erection of a tower, or a suitable place for the proper care of the fire hose recently purchased to take the place of the ones permitted to rot largely because of lack of care, was one of the chief questions to claim the attention of the councilmen. B. D. Brisbin, representing the fire company, presented the claims of both the fire company and citizens by arguing that since the fire company was willing at all times to fight fires, it should have the consideration of the authorities who should provide a convenient and suitable place for keeping the fire-fighting apparatus. Further that since the citizens had eight or more hundred dollars invested in hose, cart and appliances, they would expect the property to be cared for.

Mr. Foreman ventured to say that if any individual had his money tied up in the hose, he would secure a place for their safekeeping.

The discussion brought no definite conclusion, but it was agreed to meet Saturday afternoon at the building erected near the lock-up with a view of determining whether or not that structure could be remodeled for a hose house.

Another topic discussed was the question of reducing the interest rate on the borough and water bonds. It was finally decided to either re-issue the bonds or enter into a contract with the present holders of the bonds fixing the interest rate at four instead of five per cent. This information will be gladly received by the taxpayers, as it means an actual saving of seventy dollars per year.

A Human Torch.

An aged widow lady, named Richardson, of Houtzdale, who lived alone, was banking her fire for the night, when her apron caught fire and before she saw it her clothing was all in a blaze. The house had been securely locked up before this and the poor creature was unable to get out.

In her desperation she broke a window out with a chair but was still unable to escape until her horrible plight was discovered by a couple of men who saw the blaze and broke into the house. They extinguished the flames and carried Mrs. Richardson to neighbors, where she lingered in terrible agony until death came mercifully to her release after a few hours. She was burned to a crisp from the hips up.

LOCALS.

The best way to cure insomnia is to sleep it off.

There is ice plenty, and to spare. Nature did not neglect to provide this important necessary. The quality housed was the best.

After the break in the weather Friday night a cold wave came along Sunday, and Monday everything was in the grip of the ground-hog.

G. Perry Gentzel, of near Zion, has concluded to quit farming on account of the scarcity of farm help. John Neese will do his farming hereafter.

By a knife slipping in his hand, Emerson Wisner, a Millheim school boy, cut an artery in his right leg. Dr. Hardsenbergh's services were necessary to check the flow of blood caused by the wound.

Newspaper reports have it that Judge Joseph M. Woods has declared the law compelling counties to maintain condemned turnpikes unconstitutional on the ground that it is class legislation. The case decided was taken before him in Bedford county.

Peter S. Clapper, of Roaring Springs, claims the prize for a long sausage. From a hog which dressed 422 pounds he made a sausage in one piece, which measured sixty-three feet and four inches long, and contained seven gallons of meat. It weighed forty-two pounds.

Splendid short stories appear each week in the Sunday Magazine of the "Philadelphia Press." They are crisp and breezy—just the kind that are so hard to find and so delightful to read. Buy "The Press" every day in the week; you will get all the news and all the features.

M. Reese Leabheart, a former mail carrier of Huntingdon, on trial at Williamsport for opening letters and extracting money therefrom while in performance of his duties, was convicted and received the minimum sentence, six months in the county jail. A true bill was found against Leabheart last June. In October he was tried in Soranton but the jury disagreed and since that time he has been out on bail. He is now serving his time in the Huntingdon jail.

FAVORS A SCHOOL COMMISSION.

Democratic Floor Leader Believes State's Educational System Needs Revision Throughout and That the Standard Should be Raised.

The public school system of Pennsylvania is receiving considerable attention from members of the Legislature. The fact that the Keystone State stands nineteenth in educational standards is condemned by almost every legislator. They declare it to be an outrage and have pride enough to urge that it should stand first.

Already several measures have been introduced to improve the school system, and there are many others to follow. However, it is believed that too many laws practically makes them all useless. To get at the very bottom of the matter, "Farmer" Cressy, of Columbia county, the Democratic floor leader of the House, who has given school matters considerable study, believes that the Legislature should provide a commission to go into the school system of the State and learn what is needed to raise the standard.

The commission he would have composed of the most prominent educators of the State, and they should be given power to examine the systems which have placed other States in the van of Pennsylvania. They would be required to report to the next Legislature with recommendations for laws to wipe out all existing school measures and reorganize the entire system.

Representative John W. Carson, of Beaver Falls, is also an advocate of better school system. He has a measure providing for a uniform system of examination for applicants for teachers' positions, which he will introduce later. The bill directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to prepare a uniform system of examination which shall be operative in every county of the State.

Another bill along this line is being prepared by Representative M. H. Shannon, of Luzerne county. His measure will provide that the courts shall have the power to appoint a board of commissioners to examine teachers.

It is said that in many counties the school directors control the actions of county superintendents in granting certificates, and relatives of directors are given preference and the examinations prepared to suit their ability. It is also charged that many school directors in the State have grown rich selling teachers' certificates. This and the Carson bill would be aimed to break up this practice.

There is no doubt but that many school directors favor relatives and personal friends in selecting school teachers, and that personal fitness is altogether a secondary matter. Other directors permit themselves to be influenced by the fact that the applicant is a son or daughter of a rich, influential family, or perhaps the reverse. "He or she needs it" has been the sole winning argument of many directors who have a pet applicant for a school.

The educational system in Pennsylvania needs revision.

Dinges-Ebert Nuptials.

It's just a bit late, but it's news nevertheless to the Reporter readers that S. Paul Dinges and Miss Ebert were married on the afternoon of January 15th. The Williamsport News has this to say of the wedding: Miss Emily J. Ebert, daughter of Mrs. John W. Ebert, and S. Paul Dinges were quietly married this afternoon in the St. Paul's Lutheran church by the Rev. Charles George Bickle. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties were present. The bride is well known and popular in this city. Mr. Dinges is one of the prominent insurance men of Williamsport and was recently appointed secretary and stamp clerk for the Underwriters' association. Mr. and Mrs. Dinges left on the east bound flyer for New York.

What 48 Hennes Did.

Probably the best record made by a flock of hens is reported by Mrs. F. E. Arney, of Centre Hall, who has a bunch of forty-eight hens that are given the best possible attention. During the thirty-one days in January this flock of birds laid 759 eggs, or 63½ dozen, making an average of 15.13 eggs per hen during the month. During January of 1906, one-half the number of hens kept by Mrs. Arney laid 378 eggs, which demonstrates that although the flock was doubled the returns were more than doubled.

The February Election.

The spring election comes Tuesday, 19th inst. The local election is not held for the purpose of working out petty spite, but it is the day on which every voter should cast his vote for the fittest candidates. Too often personal feeling is permitted to override good judgment. If you want to be a man but one day in the year set the day on which the local election comes to be at your best.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Good sledding all last week. Sale bills, all sizes and styles, printed at the Reporter office.

Machinery for the buttonless suspender factory, at Bellefonte, arrived last week.

The lumbermen and icemen took advantage of the sledding last week, and succeeded in accomplishing much work.

Miss Sarah Anne Damant, an English lady, aged 101 years and twenty-four days, died at Williamsport last week.

Daniel Garman, the well known hotel man, of Bellefonte, fell on the walks in that town, and received an ugly cut on his head. Mr. Garman is in the eighty-seventh year of his age.

Mrs. Ella Fischer Beury and husband are on their way home from their wedding tour, which when completed will circle the world. A card received from Cairo, Egypt, was dated January 14.

"Paying Children to Attend School" is the title of a very interesting article, the first installment of which appears in this issue of the Reporter. Read it; study it.

The ground-hog saw his shadow Saturday. It is much safer to predict six weeks of cold weather following after the second of February—ground-hog or no ground-hog—than warm weather during that period. The hog usually wins.

Benjamin H. Arney has concluded that he and Mrs. Arney will take life several shades easier hereafter, and although they will continue to live in their splendid country home just outside the borough limits, the farm work will be done by others.

In securing ice keep in mind that while the disease germs are frozen in a cake of ice they are inactive, but not destroyed. When the ice is melted the little imps become much alive, and if taken into the system they will attack every weak point of the body.

The family of Benner Walker, west of Centre Hall, has been afflicted during the past two weeks. At one time five of the family were sick in bed, but at present all have recovered except Mr. Walker. He began complaining from the grip, but later symptoms of pneumonia developed.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Daup, of near Potters Mills, were in town Monday. By April first they will become residents of Centre Hall, and will occupy the property bought by them several years ago from the United Evangelical church. Wilbur Lucas, now living near Farmers Mills, will move to the Daup farm.

Take good care of "sookey" these cold days. If she stands around the corner of the barn, with her back at about three-quarter pitch, it's the best sign that she ought to be stabled, groomed, and fed. It is foolish to feed her good grain and allow the wind to play a tune against her ribs. Take good care of sookey.

Jerry Condo, Jr., and Wm. Ruhl, of Spring Mills, were callers at the Reporter office Saturday. The former is a blacksmith by trade and is employed by Elery Spayd, at Bellevue, Ohio, to which place he expects to return within a few weeks. Mr. Spayd, his employer, is also a Centre county man, hailing from Nittany Valley.

The Holloway brothers, W. B. Holloway, of Lock Haven, as president; C. A. Holloway, of Akron, Ohio, as vice president, and Dr. L. M. Holloway, of Salona, as secretary and treasurer, have organized the Castanea Brick and Tile company which has just been incorporated with a capital stock of \$125,000. The plant will be located at Castanea and red building brick will be the chief product manufactured.

There is a strong growing sentiment to further curb the liquor traffic, and this should have a tendency to put licensees on their guard. The man who is willing to take a dime in exchange for a glass of whiskey from a man who does not properly support his family, or from a man who is fighting against his own intemperate habits, is not a fit subject to dispense liquors, neither can he justly find fault if he happens to be opposed at license court.

The termination of a sledding party from Bellefonte to Unionville was quite unexpected after having had a most delightful time at the home of the Peters family. The young people prepared sandwiches made of rolls and canned salmon and the host had a good supply of ice cream. The young people all ate heartily at about midnight, and about seven o'clock the next morning a number of the young ladies took violently ill, the cause supposed to have been from eating the salmon.