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MANIA FOR MONEY.

State Legislature Want Millions More—Opportunity for Graft to Be Continued—Ten Per Cent. Eastern's Capital Feeds.

There appears to be a mania in the Legislature for increasing taxes. What the purpose of drawing such vast sums from the earnings of the people, is beyond the reach of conjecture. During the past four years the vast cost of the construction of the capitol was paid out of the revenues and during the entire period of these extraordinary drafts the surplus never fell below nine or ten millions. In the face of such facts one would think that the present revenues are sufficient for the maintenance of the government even on a liberal scale.

There seems to be a well-settled purpose to increase the appropriation for the public schools and there may be wisdom in such action. Money invested in education is wisely spent always and by proper economies in other matters, the state could probably pay all the cost of the maintenance of the public schools without materially increasing the revenues. Of course the money comes out of the pockets of the people, just the same, though the corporations make the collections and payments. But the direct taxes such as are levied by local authorities for school, road and other purposes are the burdensome taxes and the lighter they are the better.

If increased revenues held out the hope of diminished local tax burdens, there would be reason in searching for new subjects of taxation. As a matter of fact, however, the only promise that can be drawn from the additional revenues proposed is of greater profligacy. There is little comfort in the prospect of an enhanced fund for the use of the Highway Department. Seventy-five cents of every dollar expended by that department goes to waste or loot. The return to the local authorities of a greater proportion of the personal and license taxes is not a very attractive proposition. It would be better to leave those revenues with the local authorities in the beginning.

THE GRAFT INVESTIGATION.

The capitol probers spent most of last week in New York where they got little information beyond the fact that one sub-contractor testified that he agreed to pay Architect Huston ten per cent. of any money he received from the state for introducing him to Contractor Sanderson. During the only session held in Harrisburg last week it was discovered that the contract under which Congressman Cassell's company made the steel filing cases has been lost or stolen. Anyway it can't be found in any of the departments. It is believed that the document would have proved valuable evidence in the event of criminal proceeding after the pending inquiry is completed.

Business was rushed through both branches of the Legislature last week and if the same measure of industry is maintained to the end, it is safe to say that the calendars will be cleared by the time fixed by the House for final adjournment. In that event the only thing that would stand in the way of adjournment would be the capitol graft investigation. It is practically certain that more than the five weeks from this time until the 16th of May will be required to complete the investigation and everybody realizes that the report of the commission ought to be made public at once. For that reason the final adjournment may not occur until near the first of June.

Grangers' Trust Company.

The Grangers' Trust Company of Huntingdon county, capitalized at \$125,000, was organized last week. State Master W. F. Hill, of Chambersburg, presided, and fully eighty per cent. of the stock, which is widely scattered over the county, was represented.

The following directors were elected: John G. Simpson, John E. Smucker, Harry W. Read, G. W. Fisher, of Huntingdon; Hon. Thomas O. Milliken, Miller township; M. L. Shenefelt, Juniata township; Adam Black, Broad Top City; Charles T. Evans, Shireysburg; Dr. W. T. Schaeffer, Mt. Union; J. O. Martin, Alexandria; Hon. J. G. McHenry, Benton, Pennsylvania head of the grange banks, and W. F. Hill, of Chambersburg.

District Sunday-School Convention.

A district Sunday-School Convention will be held at Centre Hall, Tuesday, May 28th. There will be two sessions—afternoon and evening. The district embraces the territory of Centre Hall borough, Potter and Gregg townships.

The officers of the district are C. E. Royer, president, Spring Mills, and Mrs. H. W. Kreamer, secretary, Centre Hall.

More definite arrangements will be made later.

The average woman is as changeable as a five-dollar bill.

DEATHS.

MRS. NATHANIEL BOOB.

Saturday morning, the 6th inst., Mrs. Rebecca Boob, wife of Nathaniel Boob, of Millheim, was stricken with paralysis and death ensued in the afternoon. About three years ago Mrs. Boob had a slight stroke of paralysis, but had partially recovered from the attack. On the day she received the fatal stroke she was working in the house in apparently her usual health, without feeling any symptoms of the attack which so suddenly removed her to the world beyond.

Mrs. Boob, whose maiden name was Rebecca Guisewite, a daughter of the late John Guisewite, was born in Aaronsburg, November 12, 1848, making her age at the time of her death fifty-eight years, four months and twenty-four days. She was united in marriage to W. Charles Hosterman September 13, 1866, and ten children blessed this union, viz: Allen O., of Hosterman, W. Va.; William L., of Coburn; John C., editor of the Millheim Journal; George C., of Boalsburg; Mrs. Caturah Korman, of Wolfs Store; Mrs. Susan Corman, of Smulton; Mrs. Lizzie Hains, of Aaronsburg, and Mrs. Minnie Cole, of Newport. Edgar and an infant son preceded the mother to the spirit world. On August 7, 1881, her husband, W. Charles Hosterman, died, and in September, 1885, she was united in marriage with Nathaniel Boob. Two children were born to them, Sarah M. and Gurney, at home. She is also survived by one brother, Luther Guisewite, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Daniel Brungart, of Loganton.

Interment was made at Wolf's Chapel.

MRS. A. B. KIMPORT.

It is a sad duty to record the death of Mrs. A. B. Kimport, who in the vigor of life was called from this world Thursday afternoon of last week. Several weeks ago Mrs. Kimport gave birth to a child, from which illness she never fully recovered, although her condition was not thought to be serious except for a short time previous to her death. The infant child, it will be remembered, died a few days after birth.

The deceased, Lucy Bell Kimport, was the daughter of Adam Felty, now a resident of Boalsburg. She was born at Lemont, thirty-nine years ago. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, Arthur B. Kimport, present Prothonotary of Centre county, and the following children: Ellen S., Teresine C., Adam F., Mary M., and Nellie E. Also the following brothers and sisters: Jacob B., of Altoona; John A., of New Castle; Mary B., Mrs. E. W. Hess, of Boalsburg; Mrs. Henrietta Shugert, of Pine Grove Mills; and three half-sisters, Mrs. T. C. Houtz, wife of Rev. Houtz, of Selingsgrove; Mrs. Geo. Keller, of Houserville, and Mrs. Lizzie Pasmore, of Harrisburg.

The funeral took place Monday morning. Services were held at her late home on West Curtin street, conducted by Rev. W. M. Rearick, of Millheim, and Rev. Harry, the newly elected pastor of the Lutheran church in Bellefonte, of which church the deceased was a member. Interment was made in the family plot at Boalsburg.

ALFRED SMITH.

Monday of last week Alfred Smith, a well-known resident of Millersburg, died at the age of sixty-one years. He was a veteran of the Civil war and was commander of George L. Potter Post at the time of his death.

The deceased is survived by a wife and the following children: W. H., of Altoona; Claude W., of Bellefonte; Alvin R., of Columbus, Ohio; Alfred, of Snow Shoe; Lee and Clair, at home.

BRUCE ROSSMAN.

Bruce Rossman, son of Calvin Rossman, died Monday of last week at Seiglerville, Mifflin county, from heart failure. He was sixteen years of age, a bright young man and highly respected by all who knew him. The body was brought to Tusseyville Thursday where interment was made, Rev. D. Gress officiating. The parents of the deceased formerly resided at Tusseyville.

MRS. CATHARINE HOOVER.

Mrs. Catharine Hoover, an aged lady who lived about two miles west of Coburn, died from rupture. She was buried in Paradise cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. C. F. Garret. She was a noble christian woman, a kind mother, and a most excellent neighbor. Five sons survive her, viz: Harvey, John, Elmer, William and Perry.

All grades of fertilizers—J. H. and S. E. Weber, Centre Hall and Oak Hall. The quality of goods and the price is the argument.

KLAW & ERLANGER'S VAUDEVILLE.

The New Vaudeville, With Every Act a Feature to be Presented at the Chestnut Street Opera House, Phila.

The advent of Klaw & Erlanger's Advanced Vaudeville at the Chestnut Street Opera House for a spring and summer season beginning on Monday, April 22nd, will open a new era in vaudeville enterprise. Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger are forming a circuit of leading theatres in all the principal cities of America for their Advanced Vaudeville and pending the completion of Nixon and Zimmerman's new and palatial Forrest Theatre which is to be the permanent home of the Advanced Vaudeville in Philadelphia. The Chestnut Street Opera House will be devoted entirely to the Advanced Vaudeville. The enormous capacity of the Opera House, admitting the establishment of a uniform scale of popular prices and its central location with regards to the shopping and trading districts specially convenient for ladies and children for the matinees, make the selection of the Opera House for this purpose a wise and popular one. In presenting their Advanced Vaudeville Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger will undoubtedly revolutionize this popular form of entertainment. Instead of the solitary headlines surrounded by a number of mediocre performances (which so far has been the accepted form of vaudeville) in the Advanced Vaudeville every act will be a feature. A special item of each week's programme will be the presentation of a short play, given by noted players and mounted with special scenery and effects, and with as much care as in the highest of dramatic productions. The opening will be with a matinee on Monday, April 22nd, and there will be matinees every day with precisely the same programmes as at the evening performances. Early application for seats for the first week is advisable. Popular prices ranging from twenty-five cents to one dollar will prevail.

Transfer of Real Estate.

M. B. Duck, et al., to M. L. Duck, Feb. 17, 1907; 22a 11p in Gregg twp. \$1.00.

W. D. Rockeyes admr. to Jas. E. Harter, March 29, 1907; two tracts of land in Coburn. \$1525.

Cyrus Zeigler, et. ux., to Johnathan Auman, March 16, 1907; four tracts in Miles twp. \$600.

Howard Creamery Corporation to Geo. R. Oehl, March 28, 1906; Hublersburg plant in Hublersburg. \$500.

Jacob H. Weber admr., to D. R. Wilson, et al., Dec. 21, 1899; in Hublersburg. \$380.

Jas. M. McCloskey, exr., to Rebecca J. DeLong, March 15, 1907; 10 in Curtin twp. \$400.

Jas. P. Waddle, et. ux., to D. L. Meek, Feb. 2, 1907; 2a 30p in Patton twp. \$1100.

Sarah Catharine Ross exrs. to A. C. M. Paul, March 28, 1907; lot No. 198 in Philipsburg. \$560.

J. P. Pillsbury Jr., et. ux., to Daniel B. Lowder, March 28, 1907; lot 72 in State College. \$600.

Jacob Hosterman exr. to Henry Vonada, May 22, 1899; 135 a 154p in Harris twp. \$3535.

Martha R. Dunkle admx. to Jacob F. Weaver, Dec. 11, 1906; 75a, 45p in Walker twp. \$2000.

Catherine Neff's heir to Irwin Neff, March 26, 1907, 12a, 100p in Walker twp. \$800.

Letter to Frank Bradford.

Centre Hall, Pa.

Dear Sir: If we sell Devoe to paint your town, your road won't have so much freight to handle.

It takes ten gallons to paint a fair-size house, and that house won't want painting again for 5 or 10 years. That's true in a way; but people, you know, rather like fresh paint, and they paint for nothing but looks sometimes.

That house would take 12 or 13 gallons of almost any other paint than Devoe, and would have to be painted again in half that time. Ten years is a very long time for a paint to wait; and five isn't short.

Which makes the most freight, a 10 or 20-gallon paint? 5 or 10 year-paint? But the 10-gallon paint is the 10-year paint; and the 20-gallon paint is the 5-year paint. Which makes the most freight?

Ask your paint-dealer which he'd rather sell, and which he could sell most of. Ask your painter which he'd rather paint; whether good or bad paint is good for his business; which is good paint, the 10 or 15-gallon paint; which pays most freight, and which pays most wages. Which will you buy yourself, the 10 gallon 10 year, or 20-gallon or 5-year, paint?

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOE & CO.,
New York.

Kreamer & Son sell our paint.

Every girl hasn't coral lips, but some fellow is probably willing to coral them.

VAST DAMAGE DONE WHEAT.

Insects and Weather May Cause the Abandonment of 2,000,000 Acres.

Impartial reports from the winter wheat belt bear out the stories of great damage to wheat in Kansas by the green bug and by drought, some damage from the same sources in Missouri and no injury to speak of in Nebraska, where it is said neither the green bug, drought nor cold weather have had an adverse effect. The great preponderance of opinion is that the low temperatures of last week, when there were freezes in parts of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, have not hurt wheat one tenth of one per cent., unless the checking of growth shall be harmful later on.

In Kansas the situation is serious. Entomologists with only a scientific interest in the matter join with all the crop experts in saying that the wheat already is much hurt and that the future possibilities are not short of alarming. It is not believed the cool spell has checked the activity of the bugs. The next government report is likely to show an area of 2,000,000 acres of winter wheat abandoned, most of it in Texas, Oklahoma and California.

Must Nominate Under New Law.

The amendment to the uniform primary act giving boroughs and townships the privilege of accepting or rejecting the new law was defeated. Unless some such legislation is enacted later in the session, all boroughs and townships will be obliged to make nominations for local offices under the new law.

Asbestos a Farmer's Crop.

Augustus Baker, on his farm in Hamilton township, Adams county, has found a lot of asbestos, exceptionally fine, free from foreign matter of any kind and from grit. It is pure white, and no where is it more than three feet from the surface.

Post Cards.

A new line of Souvenir Post Cards—all kinds and at all prices. The local views are the prettiest yet offered for sale at this office.

Birthday, Stork, Art, Poses, Comic Cards, etc., etc.,—more than one hundred kinds.

LOCALS.

The man who attends strictly to his own business is never overworked.

How long, how wide, how much did the trout weigh that slipped back into the stream?

Spring has so many rhymes that it's no wonder there are so many spring poems.

Lieutenant George Runkle, of the United States Schoolsip Saratoga, arrived in Bellefonte last week.

Rev. M. I. Jamison is now located in his new field of labor in York, having been transferred from Baltimore, Maryland.

Rev. W. M. Rearick, pastor of the Millheim Lutheran church, was the guest of his brother, Rev. J. M. Rearick, in this place, beginning of this week.

C. E. Royer, of Spring Mills, was a business visitor to Centre Hall last week. He is one of Gregg township's school teachers, and just closed a successful term of school.

The Rebersburg Lodge, I. O. O. F., will attend the Odd Fellow Celebration at Lock Haven, on 28th, in a body, and have secured the Loganton band to accompany them.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross and Mrs. Peter Rearick, of Altoona, last week were among friends in Penns Valley. Mrs. Rearick formerly lived in Centre Hall and later in Millheim.

Farm implements of every description are offered for sale by J. H. and S. E. Weber, Centre Hall and Oak Hall. The quality of the implement and the price is the argument.

While looking over a horse in the stable of Orlando Hosenburg, a horse standing in an adjoining stall kicked Christian Alexander and inflicted a severe wound. Upon examination Dr. Hardenbergh found one of Mr. Alexander's ribs fractured.

The Spring Mills Academy is drawing a number of students from Centre Hall and surrounding country. Among these are Miss Cora Brungart and Anna Stover, both teachers; Anna Durst, Messrs. Milton Bradford, Harry Hubler and Robert Meyer.

Women's interests are given very special attention in the daily Press, as well as in the illustrated color section which is devoted exclusively to women's interest in the Philadelphia Sunday Press. The regular departments are all handled by experts and the patterns for embroidery work and millinery are valuable. If you order the Press served at your home seven days in the week you are sure to get the best there is both as to news and other features.

Canning Factory Woes.

Several years ago many canning factories were established in Pennsylvania, the majority of them in the eastern portion of the state. Woeful tales are being told just now by farmers who put money into the schemes. The Philadelphia Record, in its Sunday issue, published a statement showing how the farmers of Shoemakerville, Berks county, were bamboozled. With them it was a matter of all loss and no gain.

The farmers about Centre Hall were also enthusiastic for a canning factory; in fact, sufficient funds—\$10,000 to \$12,000—had already been subscribed, but before the subscription was put into the hands of the factory sharks, a quarter dozen interested persons gathered in the Reporter office to discuss the matter. Finally the writer was persuaded to make a trip to Elverton, Lancaster county, to inspect a plant erected a year previous. The truth revealed was—loss and no profit.

A day after the editor's return the canning factory agents left the town. The bubble was punctured just in time to save the farmer his good cash.

The canning industry is all right, but it must be conducted by men of experience, and the plant must be purchased at a reasonable cost—not treble its value—and located in a territory where the farmer is trained to trucking.

A Bill That Should Pass.

The House Committee on Elections has reported out favorably Representative Kennedy's bill to prevent that iniquitous form of contract among politicians known as "rotation in office." If the new uniform Primary Election law is to have full force and effect given it, Mr. Kennedy's bill should be passed promptly.

The rotation system is a bad one in every way. It makes retention in the public service depend not upon merit but upon contract, and destroys the possibility of retention except according to the will and interest of politicians. Every principle of free expression of the popular will is rendered ineffectual by the rotation system. It permits of the grossest abuses in addition to its being an incentive to chicanery, a means by which mediocrity and dishonor very often attain public place. The Legislature will have a large mark to its credit when it passes, as we trust it will, the Kennedy bill, and destroys the "rotation" contract inquiry.

The above is from the editorial columns of the Philadelphia Record. The Reporter subscribes to the sentiments expressed.

Keith's Theatre.

This week's bill at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, is regarded as one of the best ever offered in vaudeville. Heading the list is R. A. Roberts, England's master of protean drama, in an eighteenth century play, "Dick Turpin." At various stages of the drama Mr. Roberts appears in five different character impersonations. Next comes Effie Fay, who will be remembered as "The Belle of Avenue A." George W. Monroe, the famous "Aunt Bridget," is entertaining with Irish monologues and songs, and the Rose De Haven sextette are presenting a dancing operetta, "The Understudy." Others of importance are Duffin & Keddy troupe, world-challenge casting act; Howard & North in a sketch entitled, "Those Were Happy Days; Max Millan, the boy violinist; The Vivians, sharpshooters, etc.

Changes of Firm.

The Rearick brothers have dissolved partnership and hereafter the furniture and undertaking business will be conducted by L. G. Rearick, the junior member of the former firm. The Rearick brothers—J. P. and L. G. Rearick—purchased the business from John H. Krumpholt several years ago, and have since enjoyed a good trade.

The good reputation of the firm will be maintained. The furniture handled will, like heretofore, be the best grades and sold at moderate profits, and the undertaking branch of the business, being conducted by the same person, will be well cared for.

It is the intention of J. P. Rearick, the retiring partner, to locate elsewhere and engage in a similar business.

The Reporter wishes both abundant success.

Three Per Cent. Dividend.

At a meeting of the directors of Branch Co. No. 7 and 8, The Patrons Rural Telephone Company, the lines running from Centre Hall to Linden Hall, a three per cent. dividend was declared, payable May 1st. This company was organized last spring, and has had telephone services less than a year. After the dividend is paid the company will have left sufficient funds in the treasury for all operating expenses.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

People see things differently. As proof—the Thaw jury.

D. A. Boozer, during the past week, has been making a number of shipments of apples.

Miss Cora Brungart, who last winter taught the Hoy school, near Bellefonte, returned home.

Isaac Stover, of Zion, last week, suffered a paralytic stroke. His condition since has been serious.

The ground was frozen Monday morning to the depth of an inch or more. So far April has had a "bad weather record."

The Union stock yard hog market keeps well to the top. Friday's quotations were as high as \$7.35 per hundred, live weight.

Thursday of last week, Mrs. J. R. Sechrist returned from a visit to Howard and Lock Haven, where she has two daughters living.

Mrs. Jerry Miller and daughter, Miss Anna, of Dubois, are at present assisting in taking care of Mrs. Jacob From, whose condition is daily growing more serious.

It is not reasonable to expect a large fruit crop. The weather conditions have been very unfavorable to the production of fruit, and possibly may have been entirely ruinous.

T. R. Stam, formerly a resident of Millheim, but now living in West Union, Iowa, is representing a Detroit tobacco firm, and travels through the south. Recently on one of his trips he was in Millheim.

Miss Lizzie Boozer, who is attending the Central State Normal School, at Lock Haven, was home for a few days, but returned Monday. She is making the best use of her school days, and is progressing finely.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Duck, of Muncion Station, were last week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Witmer E. Lee. Mr. Duck is a native of Spring Mills, and now holds a position with a railroad company at Muncion Station.

The readers of the Reporter will regret to hear of the illness of Mrs. J. W. Mersinger, near Tusseyville. Saturday her daughter, Mrs. William Hess, of Pittsburg, came to the Mersinger home and will assist in taking care of her mother.

Among the guests at the Centre Hall hotel over Sunday was William C. Smith, of near Coburn. Mr. Smith was formerly a resident of near Centre Hill but at present makes his home with his son, H. Elmer Smith, who lives on the Grove farm at Zerby Station.

Letters testamentary upon the estate of G. D. Armbruster, of Gregg township, deceased, are advertised by the executor, H. D. Rossman. On his trip to Bellefonte to have the will probated, Mr. Rossman was accompanied by John Ilgen, who was a witness on the will.

The Daily Republican, published at Phoenixville, in its issue of the 9th instant, contained an account of the celebration of the fifth marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hoover Daily. More than fifty guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Daily were former residents of this place.

John T. Ripka, son-in-law of Mrs. James Ott, of Bellefonte, has been appointed superintendent of the Pintsch Compressing Co., at Williamsport. Mr. Ripka is a Centre county boy and this position came to him because of his ability to fill it to the satisfaction of his employer. His friends will be glad to hear of his success.

In connection with the business conducted by the firm of Foreman and Smith, the latter member, Lyman L. Smith, is doing considerable slating, and this week is scheduled to roof the dwelling house of William Dougherty, at Lemont. Mr. Smith has had large experience in slating, and also handles the best grades of roof slates.

The Millheim Journal makes this comment with reference to a local order: Millheim lodge, I. O. O. F., vacated their old lodge room in the Musser building on Penn street, last week, and now occupy the building lately purchased by the lodge from the Reifsnnyder estate, on the same street. The new room is very commodious and specially arranged for a lodge room, with all conveniences.

The Howard Hustler had this about a minister who formerly served the Centre Hall charge: Rev. W. W. Rhoads, the new minister on the Howard charge of the United Evangelical church, has preached at every appointment to large and appreciative audiences. Rev. Rhoads is said to be one of the best ministers in the conference, and judging from the manner in which he sounded his theme last Sunday he is one that the people of this community will be proud of.