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### TAX LAWS UNJUST, GRANGERS SAY.

Hon. L. Rhone Spoke Before Commission Considering a Revision of Tax Laws.

In the Superior Court in Williamsport, on Friday, presided over by Senator Gabriel H. Moyer, vice chairman, the joint committee from the Senate and House appointed by the last session of the Legislature to consider a revision of the corporation and revenue laws of the state held two sessions.

The statements heard were principally from those representing the state grange, for whom Leonard Rhone, of Centre Hall, was spokesman. Accompanying him were William T. Cressy, of Catawissa; John T. Allman, of Thompsonsown; W. F. Hill, of Huntingdon; E. B. Dorset, of Maunfield, and John A. McSparran, of Furness. The members of the commission present besides Senator Moyer were Senator Keyser, of Philadelphia, and Assemblyman James F. Woodward, of Allegheny, with Francis Shunk Brown, of Philadelphia, as counsel and Benjamin F. Thorp, secretary.

A dispatch from Williamsport to the Philadelphia dailies contained these comments:

Speaking for the farmers as represented by the grange, Mr. Rhone declared that the taxation policy of the state works a hardship to the property owner; that he knew of salaried men drawing \$5000 a year, who were assessed at \$500; that the average farmer is not clearing more than three per cent, on his investment; that railroads running from Pennsylvania into New York as soon as they cross the line are assessed at \$15,000 a mile and pay taxes for all local purposes, as the farmers and other property owners do. "Where," he asked, "is the justice of exempting manufacturers on their capital and what is the sense of breeding millionaire iron manufacturers so that they can give money to libraries and build auditoriums for great institutions?"

While the details of the views of Pennsylvania grangers were being brought out through the medium of questions Mr. Rhone referred to an opinion of the grange that the minimum salaries for the minimum term of public school teachers, should be paid out of the state treasury. This evoked many other questions and the subject later became the text of a speech of Assemblyman Moscrip, of Bradford county, who dwelt at considerable length on taxing conditions in New York where he thought the system was in some respects better than in Pennsylvania and in others not so good.

An address was also made by Assemblyman Dennis, of Warren.

### Spraying Demonstration.

The spraying demonstration conducted near Centre Hall, in the Arney orchard, Wednesday and Thursday of last week, was very poorly attended owing to the unfavorable weather and other local conditions. The demonstration was conducted by Mr. Foster, one of the State Department's men, and consisted in trimming a number of small trees and several large ones. The work done was adjudged good by the spectators.

A spraying solution, composed of lime and sulphur, was cooked and when in proper form was applied with a hand sprayer just purchased by William H. Baird.

Outside of the local spectators there were present Emanuel Shook and James A. Keller, of Penn Hall; James W. Evans and M. T. Zubbler, of Spring Mills; Col. Fred Reynolds, of Bellefonte.

### Transfers of Real Estate.

John L. Holmes et al to John E. Lytle, tract of land in Ferguson twp., July 25, 1909. \$300.  
Mary A. Davison et al to Jennie L. Wells, tract of land in Union twp., March 8, 1910. \$600.  
Wm. T. Meyer to E. S. H. Hoy, tract of land in Walker twp., March 26, 1910. \$800.  
Margaret Williams to David Y. Wagner, tract of land in Collegj twp., March 14, 1910. \$1300.  
M. I. Gardner et ux to Bella P. Fleming, tract of land in Bellefonte, March 25, 1910. \$3500.  
John J. Wayne et ux to Michael Wayne, tract of land in Rush twp., August 29, 1909. \$103.  
Theresa Hazel to Catherine Beezer et al in Bonner twp., February 27, 1906. \$20.  
Anna C. Confer et baron to J. G. Eby, tract of land in Millheim, January 31, 1910. \$1625.  
Joel Struble's heirs to Catharine Struble, tract of land in Walker twp., March 15, 1910. \$11,992.50.  
Thomas Foster et al to George B. Clark, tract of land in Ferguson twp., November 27, 1909. \$300.  
John P. Harris Trusteess to African M. E. church, in Bellefonte, March 26, 1910. \$100.

### UNITED TO WIN.

So Say the Democrats Throughout Pennsylvania.

The meeting of the State Committee representing the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, last week, was the occasion of the gathering at the state capital all shades of Democrats, and as a result a proclamation of peace—united to win—has been issued. Every make of Democrat was represented—The Jeremiah Black type, the Guffy brand, the anti-Guffy type (represented by the fighting editor, Warren Worth Bailey, of Johnstown.)

"United to win"—that is the slogan, and if the battle cry is kept up until after the election, there will be a Democratic governor elected to follow Governor Stuart.

The prospective candidates are Cyrus La Rue Munson, former candidate for supreme court judge; ex-Treasurer William H. Berry, who exposed the capitol graft and the only Democrat able to elect himself since the days of Pattison, and State Senator Dewalt, who is the state chairman.

The convention will be held in Allentown, Wednesday, June 15th.

Berry and his followers had a resolution adopted which provides that delegates to the state convention from every county should be instructed at the primary election.

### Planting White Pines.

Messrs. Howard Wells, L. S. and Clarence Hornig are assisting Forester McNeal to plant trees on Nittany Mountain. Last week thirteen hundred white pines were planted on the Gordon farm on Nittany Mountain, on which farm the nursery is located. This week a consignment of twenty thousand white pine trees will be shipped here and planted on the same farm, and later about double that amount will be set out.

The white pine seed planted in the nursery on Nittany Mountain last year did not prove to be of a good quality, only a small percentage of it growing. The beds will be dug up and replanted.

### LOCALS.

Suit cases and trunks, prices low—Long's Department Store.  
The marriage of D. Paul Fortney, Esq., and Miss Alice Ishler, daughter of former Sheriff Ishler, is scheduled for the fourth of next month.  
Daniel Daup, of Centre Hall, publishes letters of administration on the estate of his mother, Mrs. Catharine Daup, late of Potter township, deceased.  
A cow belonging to A. W. Alexander, of Old Fort, developed a growth on the jaw, and fearing it might be some infectious disease the animal was killed a short time ago.  
J. B. White, who last month had sale at Penns Cave, has located in Newport, Perry county, and is traveling for a milling firm as a salesman. The White family now lives in Newport.  
At a congregational meeting of Presbyterians in State College, it was decided to disperse of their present church property and erect a new edifice on the Foster property, on the corner of Beaver avenue and Miles street.  
The residents of Centre Hall never need be admonished to clean up the streets and alleys. That work is always attended to as soon as conditions permit. In fact, Centre Hall is never permitted to get dirty in any sense of the term. That cannot be said of every town.  
Arbor day might be observed by the public schools of Centre Hall and elsewhere by the planting of ivy vines so they may be trained to grow up the school house walls. School houses generally are of such a plain character, architecturally, that the covering of the outside walls with vines will add to the attractiveness of the school surroundings.  
It is about seven years since T. L. English, the junior partner of the wholesale notion house of English & Henry, in Shamokin, traveled through this section in quest of trade, and his visit to the merchants last week was consequently much appreciated. He made the trip because of the fact that Mrs. Duncan, wife of Charles Duncan, who calls regularly on the trade, was in a hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis.  
Many a postmaster in Pennsylvania, as well as in other states, would gladly give a quarter's salary if he could only ascertain for which congressional candidate he should shout. Of course, he wants to shout for the winner. In the Barclay-Pattison-Emery contest conditions are particularly peculiar. Barclay is a Cannonite, and Emery is an anti-Cannon candidate, and this means much to the postmaster whose term will expire within the next two years.

### Corn Growing Contest.

The Pennsylvania Livestock Breeders' Association announces prizes for its Corn-Growing Competition this year. Valuable cups and cash prizes are awarded to the farmers who produce the best yields. Yield counts 70 points, economy of production 20 points, sample of corn 5 points, and report 5 points. Blanks for report are furnished by the Association. No entrance or other fees. One acre must be planted and it may be a part of a field of corn. The men who win these prizes will have a mighty good market for their crop, as farmers are all looking for the corn that yields the most. Last year's first prize went to Crawford county, in the northwestern part of the state. For full particulars apply to E. S. Bayard, secretary, East End, Pittsburg, Pa.

Reducing the Cost of Living.

Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, instructor in the Chemistry of Foods at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will give a practical demonstration on "The High Cost of Living and How to Reduce It" under the auspices of Department of Home Economics of The Pennsylvania State College at State College, on April 21st, 1910, at 11:30 a. m. The demonstration will show how to select meats and vegetables and how to prepare and cook them with the greatest economy.

At noon a luncheon will be served to out of town guests in the Domestic Science laboratory in the Woman's Building. At 2 o'clock Mrs. Richards will give an illustrated lecture on "Home Economics and How it Came to Be."

Howard Canning Factory Burned.

In 1904 a canning factory in Howard was erected at a cost of about thirteen thousand dollars, and Wednesday morning shortly after two o'clock it was discovered to be on fire and burned down. There was an insurance of \$6000. The factory was not operated last year, and from its very beginning was a losing venture.

The money to build the plant was raised by farmers and others subscribing for stock, and, of course these will bear the loss.

Spring Mills.

Nester Heckman last week moved from Georges Valley into town and will be employed by Hon. W. M. Allison.

April 15th will witness the formal opening of the trout season and already the lovers of the sport are looking after their tackle in anticipation of alluring the speckled beauty. This year the limit that may be caught in one day is forty, and the season will close on July 31st. None may be taken by any other method than with a rod and line, and the minimum length of trout legally caught is six inches.

Dr. A. G. Lieb, who spent the last few weeks in Philadelphia, was an arrival in town on the Monday afternoon train.

Present indications point to the fact that quite a number of students from a distance will attend the spring term of the Spring Mills Academy.

### PHYSICIANS MEET.

To Hold Thirty-Fourth Anniversary in Bellefonte, Tuesday.

The thirty-fourth anniversary of the Centre County Medical Society was held in Bellefonte, Tuesday, the meetings lasting throughout the latter part of the afternoon and evening.

THE PROGRAM.

4:30 P. M.—Automobile trip from the Bush House.  
8:30 P. M.—General Meeting.  
1. Operative treatment of recent fractures, on the diagnosis of fractures in the absence of crepitus, deformity and mobility. Dr. John Berton Carnett, Philadelphia.  
2. Discussions opened—Surgical treatment of recent fractures. Dr. William B. Henderson, Phillipsburg.  
3. Discussion—Diagnosis of fractures. Dr. Orr H. Shaffer, Altoona.  
4. Discussion continued. Dr. Francis O. Ball, Lock Haven; Dr. Samuel C. Stewart, Clearfield.

The following will respond to toasts at the banquet to be served at 10 P. M.  
Toast Master, Dr. Robert G. H. Hayes.  
1. "Organization for Efficiency"—Dr. William S. Ross, Altoona.  
2. "Expansion"—Dr. W. Albert Nason, Roaring Springs, Counsellor Fifth Congressional District.  
3. Toasts by visiting physicians.

LOCALS.

Gardening time is coming; we have the shovel, hoe and rake—Hardware Department, C. P. Long Co.

At a fraternal convention of graduates of Dickinson College, at Carlisle, held in Columbus, Ohio, W. Harrison Walker, Esq., was one of the principal speakers.

Gross Allison is assisting a civil engineer corps of which Surveyor W. M. Grove, of Spring Mills, is the head, to survey state lands in the vicinity of Greenwood Furnace.

Wilbur F. Harris has become manager of the Carlisle Evening Herald and American Volunteer. Some years ago he was editor of the Bellefonte Republican, under a lease by former Governor Hastings.

Oats and barley are being sown this week by many farmers. Others are waiting on rain to better settle the seed bed. The greater part of the plowing for the spring crops has already been done, although quite early in the season.

Mrs. J. G. Getchell, of Dunbar, accompanied by her baby son, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Brungard, in Centre Hall. During her absence, Mr. Getchell is superintending the moving of their household goods to Youngwood, where they will live in the future.

In Lancaster, Havice and Treaster Valleys, found in various sections in the Seven Mountains, two hundred thousand trees are to be planted under the directions of Capt. Samuel T. Moore of the State Forestry Department. The pines will be taken from the nursery established a few years ago at Greenwood Furnace.

Friday, the 15th, the census enumerators will begin their work. The government has made great effort to give out the information that the facts collected by the enumerators are for the purpose of preparing statistics of the whole country, and that no part will be used to the detriment or advantage of the individuals. The enumerator who gives out information of any character is liable to a heavy fine.

The Penns Valley Banking Company, in Centre Hall, and the Farmer's National Bank, in Millheim, have been appointed collecting agents by the Bell telephone company. The bills for rentals for telephones and messages over long distance lines, will be mailed the individuals from the Bell Company's Harrisburg office, and payments may be made to the banks named. Banks in other localities have also been made collecting agencies.

Murray and Bitner's Success.

Murray and Bitner the enterprising druggists rather than wait the ordinary methods of introduction, urged the Dr. Howard Co. to secure a quick sale for their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia by offering the regular 50c bottle at half price.

So much talk has been caused by this offer, and so many new friends have been made for the specific that the Dr. Howard Co. have authorized druggists Murray and Bitner to continue this special half-price sale for a limited time longer.

In addition to selling a 50c bottle of Dr. Howard's specific for 25c. They have so much faith in the remedy that they will refund the money to anyone whom it does not cure.

### DEATHS.

JEREMIAH STUMP.

Thursday night of last week, Jeremiah Stump passed from this world into eternity. He was aged sixty-one years, five months and seventeen days. The prime cause of his death was cancer, which affected his cheek and jaw. He suffered from the disease for several years.

The deceased was the only son of William Stump. There survive him a wife, nee Mary Elizabeth Searfoes, and these children: Margaret, wife of Samuel Gross; Samuel S. Stump, both of Centre Hall; Lillian, wife of Thomas Alters, Bellefonte; Miss Mary and J. William, at home; also Charles Stump, who has been a member of the family for many years. Three sisters also survive, namely, Mrs. D. C. Keller, of Phoenixville; Mrs. Levi Stump, of Millheim, and Mrs. Calvin Rossman, of Siglerville.

Interment was made Sunday afternoon, Rev. D. Gross officiating.

ISAAC ARMSTRONG.

Isaac Armstrong died at his home at Lemont on Wednesday night of last week. About two months ago he was stricken with paralysis which left him in feeble health and his decline has been gradual until the end. He was born in Penns Valley and was about sixty-five years old. He served in the Civil War, and as a member of the G. A. R. He was an upright, industrious gentleman. Surviving him are his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Harry Evey. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. James Carson, of Bellefonte; and Mrs. Elizabeth Bouse, of Howard. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and Rev. W. K. Harnish officiated at the funeral which was held Saturday morning; burial in the Branch cemetery.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OF LAST WEEK JACOB FRANK DIED AT HIS HOME IN MADISONBURG OF DISEASES INCIDENT TO HIS ADVANCED AGE, WHICH WAS SEVENTY-TWO YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS. HE WAS BORN IN BRUSH VALLEY WHERE HE SPENT ALMOST HIS ENTIRE LIFE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS, Mrs. Mary Frain and Mrs. Annie Royer, both of Altoona. He also leaves three brothers and one sister, namely, Philip, of Potter township; Noah, living in Schuylkill county; Henry, whose whereabouts is unknown, and Mrs. Sarah Wolf, of Sugar Valley. Rev. McLaughlin assisted by Rev. Haney conducted the funeral services, burial being made in the Madisonburg cemetery.

AFTER ONLY ABOUT TWO WEEKS ILLNESS WITH BRIGHT'S DISEASE JAMES H. SAXTON DIED AT HIS HOME AT BIRMINGHAM. BLAIR COUNTY. HE WAS ALMOST FIFTY YEARS OF AGE AND WAS A MACHINIST BY TRADE. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF BELLEFONTE A NUMBER OF YEARS AND FOR A TIME WORKED AT THE NITTANY FURNACE AND AT THE WHITE ROCK QUARRIES. HE WAS MARRIED TO MISS ELIA LOVE WHO SURVIVES WITH THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN: Wilbur and Mrs. J. W. Morrison, of Bellefonte; Ems, May, Harry and Charles at home. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: W. G., of Spring Creek; Samuel, of Lechburg; J. R., of Apollo; H. E. and Mrs. J. H. Sellers, of Ford City; Mrs. J. M. Bricker, of Bellefonte; and Mrs. Henry Lowery, of State College. The remains were taken to Pleasant Gap where the funeral services were held in the Methodist church, after which burial was made in the Pleasant Gap cemetery.

FOLLOWING A MONTH'S ILLNESS WITH A COMPLICATION OF DISEASES WILLIAM WASHINGTON RANDOLPH DIED AT HIS HOME AT PINE GROVE MILLS, ON SATURDAY, 3RD INST. HE WAS BORN AT McALEY'S FORT, AND WAS FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE. HIS YOUTH WAS SPENT ON THE FARM AND LATER HE LEARNED THE CARPENTER TRADE AND A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO LOCATED AT PINE GROVE MILLS, WHERE HE HAD LIVED SINCE. IN 1888 HE WAS UNITED IN MARRIAGE TO MISS LIZZIE DAVIS WHO SURVIVES WITH SEVEN CHILDREN; HE ALSO LEAVES HIS MOTHER, TWO BROTHERS AND TWO SISTERS. THE FUNERAL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON OF LAST WEEK, REV. HARNISH, OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICIATING. THE REMAINS WERE TAKEN TO McALEY'S FORT FOR INTERMENT.

MISS MARY CRAMER, ONLY DAUGHTER OF HIRAM CRAMER, OF SANDY RIDGE, DIED IN JEFFERSON HOSPITAL, PHILADELPHIA, OF TYPHOID FEVER, AGED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. SHE WAS A SCHOOL TEACHER, AND A BRIGHT AND INTELLIGENT YOUNG WOMAN.

CURTIS H. WILSON, ONE TIME A DEPUTY SHERIFF OF CENTRE COUNTY, DIED AT THE HOME OF HIS BROTHER, ROBERT K. WILSON, IN LOCK HAVEN, AGED FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS.

Mrs. Frances Louisa Pratt, wife of Riley Pratt, of Unionville, died at the age of almost sixty-eight years.

### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Ask for what you will, prices are low, at Long's store, Spring Mills.

Mrs. Edward L. Bartholomew, of Altoona, came to Centre Hall Friday and remained until Monday.

Mrs. Blenkins, last week, made a trip to Bloomsburg, and on her return stopped with friends at Millburg.

Newton E. Emerick, who has been in Altoona for some time, was in Centre Hall over Sunday with his little family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Decker and son spent last Sunday at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. William Kern, at Oak Hall Station.

Perry Luse, on the Huyett farm, west of Centre Hall, has the best wheat field in these diggings. The field contains some thirty acres.

Dr. J. V. Foster visited his family at Millburg last week, but made his stay short on account of his large practice at Centre Hall, where he succeeds Dr. P. H. Dale.

The damage done to the Bellefonte fair grounds is to be repaired the coming summer. The track was badly washed, making the cost considerable to again put it into good condition.

Surveyor W. M. Grove, of Spring Mills, returned from the Pittsburgh district, on Saturday, where he spent some time with his brother, Hiram Grove, who is secretary of the West Penn Hospital.

Mrs. Andrew Gregg and son John, of Scranton, were called to Centre county on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Gregg's father, George W. Sweeney, whose illness is mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

The engagement of Miss Mabel Brumgard, a teacher in the State College public schools, to John W. Calvin, of Manhattan College, Manhattan, Kansas, was announced at a supper given by Miss Brumgard.

John Harrison, of Jersey Shore, underwent a very serious operation at a Williamsport hospital. Mr. Harrison is a native of Pleasant Gap, and is well known by many of the Reporter readers, who will be anxious as to the results of the operation.

George F. Weaver, of near Penns Cave, was in Centre Hall Monday. He is badly crippled on account of rheumatism, and is unable to perform labor of any sort. For a number of years Mr. Weaver taught school, but of late his health would not permit him to follow the profession.

Thursday night of last week gave one the shivers. Mercury was down as low at twenty-nine degrees, that point having been reached at seven o'clock on Thursday evening. Two hours later it was a degree warmer, but by morning, the thermometer again indicated the twenty-nine point. The sun shone brightly Friday.

That it is an ill wind that blows no one good is again illustrated in the fact that Edward Getzell, beginning of this week, became tenant on the Geiss farm, near Linden Hall. Mr. Getzell was employed by the Thompsons, at Waddle, but since the fire his services were not needed, and now he is farming on the farm named above.

The sap line on the Dr. Lieb lumber tract, east of Centre Hall, is being cut into plank and has been sold to the Meyer Brothers, at Coburn. The lumber will be shipped to a match factory. The saw mill on the Lieb tract has been purchased from Irvin Showers by Dr. A. G. Lieb and John A. Korman, who are operating it. The sawing is being done by William H. Keller, of Centre Hall, a skilled sawyer.

George W. Sweeney, whose health has been failing during the past few years, is at present in a very serious condition, owing to another stroke of paralysis. Mr. Sweeney is well advanced in years, and was one of the boys in blue who did valiant service as a private. He and Mrs. Sweeney have had their home with their daughter, Mrs. Newton Yarnell, near Linden Hall, where they are receiving the best of care.

After drilling to a depth of two hundred and eighty feet on the Dr. S. C. Runkle farm, east of Old Fort, water was struck in abundance, and rose eighty feet. This was much to the satisfaction of J. H. Runkle, the tenant, who had almost given up the water proposition in despair. The drilling machinery has been moved to the Wilson farm, a short distance farther east, which farm was recently purchased by the McNitt-Huyett Lumber Co., and a well is being sunk there at a convenient point, with a view of supplying water for the operation of the proposed saw mill to be erected later. The well drilling machinery is that of A. P. Krape, of Centre Hall, and is being handled by Messrs. Arbor and Lester Cumings.