

## TAX CODE PRESENTED IN THE HOUSE.

### Revision of Methods of Assessing and Collecting Local Taxes Proposed in Bill Introduced by Representative Ludlow.

Representative Ludlow, Montgomery county, introduced in the house the bill prepared by the tax law revision commission to revise the methods of assessing and collecting local taxes. The new law will in no way reduce the heavy taxes now being paid, and like much other legislation now being enacted takes from the districts one more right to govern itself.

The act is intended to provide a centralized system for the assessment and collection of county, city, borough, township, school and poor taxes. The act would establish a board of county assessors to take over the duties of the board of commissioners relative to assessments and revisions but the board would have no control over levies. The county would be divided into a number of assessment districts, the county boards would range from \$5,000 to \$2,000 except in seventh class counties where the commissioners would receive \$300 additional salary for acting as the assessing board and in eighth class where \$200 additional salary is provided. Compensation of district assessors would be fixed by the county board.

Leading provisions of the act follow:

Board of county assessors to take over duties of county commissioners with regard to assessments and revisions thereof.

Board appointed by county commissioners with approval of court of common pleas except in the seventh and eighth class counties where commissioners act as board. Number of assessors limited according to class of counties.

Assessments to be made annually instead of triennially.

Precepts to be issued to appointed subordinate assessors between the first Monday of January and February 1st. Subordinate assessors to make returns of assessments not later than September 1.

Revisions to be made and appeals heard by board of county assessors before November 30.

Valuations to be certified to local districts not later than December 1.

Levies to be made by local districts between December 1 and January 1.

Duplicates to be prepared by board of county assessors in January and February.

Notices to taxables to be prepared by board of county assessors in January and February.

Duplicates to be delivered to county tax collector (county treasurer) not later than the last day of February.

Tax notices to be mailed not later than the last day of February.

Payable in Two Installments.

Taxes to be payable in two installments.

Taxes when due to be payable at face (no abatements).

First installment to be due March 1 and payable before May 1.

Penalty of one per cent per month to attach to first installment after April 30, and to be added as of March 1.

Second installment to be due August 1 and payable before October 1.

Penalty of one per cent per month to attach to second installment after September 30 and to be added as of August 1.

Installments to be delinquent May 1 and October 1 respectively.

Returns of delinquent taxes to be made to county commissioners not later than the first Monday of January.

County treasurer's sale for delinquent taxes in June (second Monday).

County commissioners' sale of lands purchased at treasurer's sale every two years.

The bill embodies the recommendation of the tax law revision commission and is, with few exceptions, identical with the measure introduced in the general assembly two years ago by Representative John Marshall, Beaver county.

## Easter Bazaar.

The sewing circle of the Sprucetown M. E. church will hold an Easter Bazaar—aprons, dusting caps, nightgowns, fancy articles, etc.—and food sale of home-made candies, cakes and doughnuts, on Saturday, March 31st, afternoon and evening, in the school house at Potters Mills.

## Ford Sale.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Evangelical church will hold a food sale Saturday afternoon and evening, March 31, in the Sunday-school room of the church. The sale will consist of candies, colored eggs, cakes, pies, etc.

Many thousands of small trout are being sent out daily from the State hatchery at Pleasant Gap, for stocking streams in Central Pennsylvania.

## The Searson Sale.

Probably the most extensive sale of farm stock and implements held in Penna Valley this year was that of George Searson, near Linden Hall. The total sales, excluding grain, hay and grain in the ground, summed up to \$7715. Three teams of horses averaged \$500. The lowest single horse passed for \$205, the range being up to \$240. Twelve horses were killed and sold. The seventeen cow sold for between \$37 and \$100. The grain in the ground sold as low as \$2.80 per acre.

Mr. Searson is not certain where he will locate. He has several threshing and hay baling outfits and is looking for a place that will afford shelter for them.

## Crab Apple Camp Burns.

Crab Apple Camp, located in the Brush Valley Narrows, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday evening of last week, while Messrs. John P. Provant and H. Eyer Spiker, who are members, were preparing supper.

They had taken a number of cans of trout to the mountain streams during the day and went to the camp for the night, and while preparing supper the roof caught fire from a defective flue,—at least that is what they report,—and the camp was so thoroughly cleaned out by the fire that they did not need to bury anything, and what embers were left blew away.

The building was fully equipped and stocked with beds, bedding, ice chests and furniture and the loss will approximate about \$1,000, although the gentlemen report that no inventory of stock was taken.

## Early Morning Fire in Rural District.

An early morning blaze on the Charles Wiltner farm on the Branch, east of State College, Friday, was the occasion for calling out the State College fire department. The fire originated in a smokehouse, and soon communicated to a log house which had not been used as a dwelling since the erection of the new one nearby. The timely arrival of the fire company with their new pumper prevented the spread of the flames, which had been held in check to a certain extent by a bucket brigade up to the coming of the fire ladders.

## An Old Newspaper.

"The Ulster County Gazette," published at Ulster, New York, January 4th, 1890, is in the hands of William S. Brooks, of Centre Hall, and is probably the oldest newspaper on file in this section. This particular issue is devoted largely to official news of the American Congress and tributes to George Washington, whose mortal remains had just been laid to rest at Mount Vernon. Sheriff sales, too, were in vogue then, as now. Among other notices was the advertisement of a list of unclaimed letters; also one stating that cash would be paid for rags. An advertisement of interest is an advertisement a half-interest in a saw mill and a negro wench, for sale, which notice is printed in full, as follows:

"For sale—the one-half of a saw mill, with a convenient place for building, lying in the town of Rochester. By the mill is an inexhaustible quantity of pine wood.—And also, a stout, healthy, active negro wench. Any person inclined to purchase may know the particulars by applying to John Schoonmaker, Jun., at Rochester, November 12, 1799."

## Birthday Party.

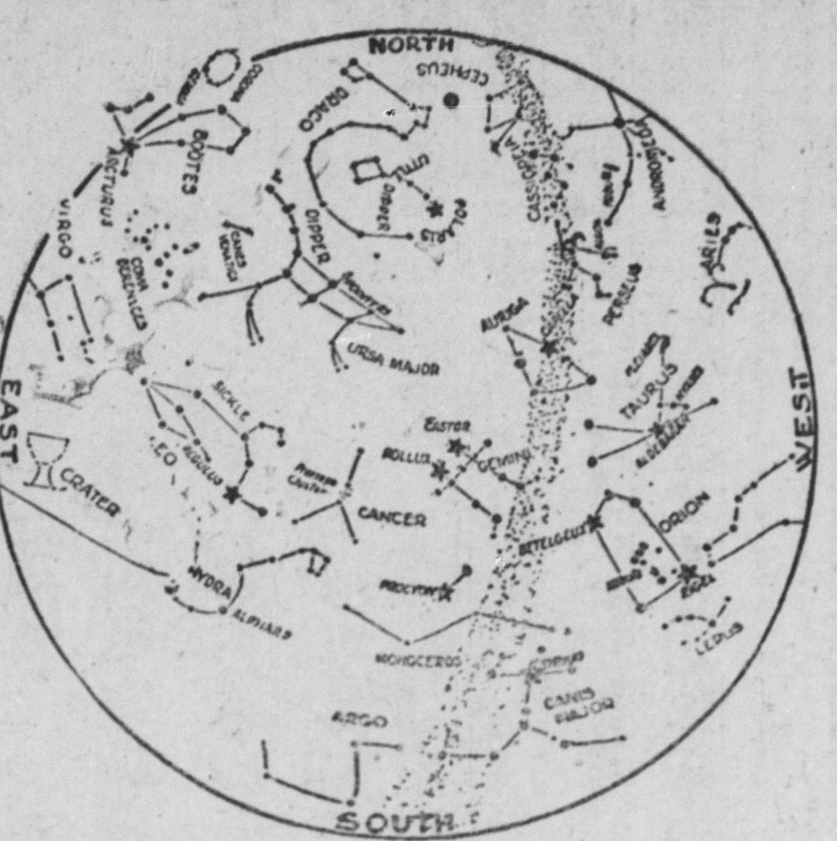
Wednesday evening of last week a number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Runkle, east of Old Fort, in honor of Mrs. Runkle's birthday. The evening was spent in the usual manner of playing some very interesting games, etc. Mrs. Runkle received many useful presents. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and candies were served about 11:30, and shortly afterwards the folks departed for their homes, wishing Mrs. Runkle many more happy birthdays. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Auman, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Delaney, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dingus and son Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slack, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce E. Runkle, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slack, Mrs. C. W. Luse, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence St. Claire, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Decker, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Runkle, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Runkle and daughter Betty Jane, William Luse, Philip Auman, Ruth and Carrie Grove, Sam and Jean Slack, Adeline and Jean Dingus, Violetta Hartley, Shirley St. Claire, Melvin Grove, Russel Slack, John Runkle, Clarence Decker, William Yearick, Frank Pennington.

The Pennsylvania railroad will run excursions to Washington and Atlantic City over the Easter season, from points over the local branch. Excursions, which are of 10-day duration, leave Friday, March 30. Round-trip fare from Centre Hall, in each instance, is \$11.82.

Two more days until the close of March.

## ASTRONOMY



The Above a Correct Chart Presenting a Section of the Universe Seen from the Earth at This Period of Each Year.

## VIEWING A FEW OF THE GREAT SUNS.

A clear sky during the early evenings, just now, reveals to man's vision wonderful luminous bodies throughout the visible universe. Anyone taking careful notice of these celestial wonders cannot fail to be thrilled if he or she possesses a mind sufficiently broad to become interested in the great wonders of the greater creation.

## Some of the Greater Suns.

Upon the drawing presented of the celestial section of the heavens here represented, will be noted some of the greater "stars"—SUNS—now visible to the eye any clear night. I will direct attention to a number of the best known of these bodies to the scientist-astronomer. The large star shown on the upper left hand corner of the illustration is the great sun "Arcturus," estimated to be one hundred times the size of our "Day Star," which is known to be 875,000 miles in diameter. The star in the upper center which is named "Polaris" is our present pole, or North Star. This is really a group of three suns, appearing as one. The youngest one is very brilliant, the second less so, and the third almost burned out and dead.

The "Polaris" group is about 214 light years distant from the earth. Light travels at the speed of 185,000 miles per second, or six trillion miles per year. The reader can, by multiplying, discover how many miles "Polaris" is away from us.

The two greater suns near the center of the drawing are the "Heavenly Twins," "Castor" and "Pollux." The very large star in the south-by-east section is the mighty sun "Sirius," which is fifty-eight trillion miles away (58,000,000,000,000) and is forty times the size of our little sun, which is only of the fifth magnitude.

"Sirius" makes his annual appearance in the East early in the fall, and is visible during all of the winter months. Just now he can be seen almost due South. Look him up; he will be glad to see you. Being a "Greater Dog" he is of some importance in the Universe. Look near the top of the chart for your old friends the Big and Little "Dippers," two stars that never set to the inhabitants of the North Temperate zone.

Let me also direct your attention to one of the first suns known to any people or nation; his name is "Al-deh-a-ran." In the scriptures one can read how the ancients, 5, 10, 50 and a hundred thousand years ago venerated this great sun and were very sure he was a God.

It is easy to be mistaken about Gods, since there is only one real Deity; 95 per cent of the earth's dwellers called upon, do not possess the faintest idea who or what the Deity is.

## The Great "Orion" Constellation.

Please take a look at the figure on the chart that resembles what the writer designates a "bird house," which is located in the lower right hand corner of the drawing. That is the largest, most wonderful constellation of suns and nebula visible in this section of the Universe.

At the right hand lower corner of the "house" you will note a large "star"; that is the sun "Rigel," a young thing, perhaps only a trillion years old, hence exceedingly brilliant and very large.

In the left hand upper corner of our "house," you will note another "star," the name of which is "Betelgeux," pronounced "Beteiger," accent on the first syllable. It is fully known that the sun here named is very aged, nearly burned out and dead. His size is not easily comprehended; it is only

## The Oriole Nests.

One of the eleven Oriole stores operated by Roy and John Bayer, brothers, of Tyrone, nested in the Odd Fellows building, in Centre Hall, and opened for business on Saturday. The Bayer brothers are connected with the Bayer-Gillam Wholesale Grocery Co., Inc., at Tyrone. They were at Centre Hall to personally superintend the opening here on Saturday, which opening was termed by them a success. The store was gotten into shape by Howard Bricker, who is regularly employed by the firm; assisting him was T. A. Hosterman, of Centre Hall, and on Saturday George Woodring and Paul Little, of Tyrone, and Edward Charles, of Millheim, were also on hand. Mr. Charles, who conducts a similar store at Millheim, will also be general manager of the Centre Hall store, with Mr. Hosterman as clerk.

The eleven stores doing business under the title of the Oriole Stores Company are located as follows: Three at Tyrone, one each at Petersburg, Mount Union, Coalport, Irwinton, Madras, Oakes, Millheim and Centre Hall.

## Methodist Charges Consolidated.

The consolidation of the Belleville, Redsville and Millroy Methodist congregations into one charge has been consummated. Rev. J. C. Parks will be the assistant or associate pastor of Rev. T. M. Stone, the newly appointed pastor of the reconstructed charge. Rev. Parks will reside at Millroy.

## Receives Permanent Certificate.

Mrs. (Rev.) M. C. Drumm, of Centre Hall, has received from the State Department of Public Instruction a teacher's permanent certificate which is received on merit only and which entitles her to teach anywhere in the State without further examination.

## Needle Penetrated Child's Brain.

The point of a crochet needle, shown by an X-ray to have penetrated the brain of Stanley, thirty-months-old son of Mrs. Anna Hughes, of Millroy, was removed by an operation by Dr. H. L. Foss at the Gettysburg hospital, Danville, Monday night, and the life of the child saved. The boy is out of danger. The boy fell with the needle in his mouth and it went through the roof of his mouth into the brain.

## Some Proposed Fool Legislation.

A bit of proposed fool legislation is that brought before the house by the game commission, which provides that for three days after the close of the regular deer season does may be legally killed in sections where they are too numerous. Have a heart, sportsmen, have a heart.

## Miss Burkholder Wins Cash Prize.

The claim for the cash prize for the best newspaper article written by a member of the Centre Hall High senior class, giving an account of the literary exercises recently held in Grange Arcadia, in which the Centre Hall and Millheim schools were participants, was claimed by Miss Ellen Burkholder. She was the chief speaker of the local debating team. No account of the debate would have been complete or due credit given the debaters without devoting a goodly portion of praise to Miss Burkholder, but even with this failure on her part, a result of admitted modesty, she easily won.

## The Jones Bill to Prevent the Introduction of Vegetable and Other Cans into Milk and Cream, Whether Condensed or Otherwise, was Approved by Governor Pinchot.

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## SOME DAY.

[Written in loving remembrance of John Spicher, who departed this life on March 18, 1909.]

O, my dear father, I'm resting to-night Here in my chair in a flickering light. Coming from logs in the grate at my feet, Dreaming of scenes that shall always be sweet.

Resting, and my mind seeking you, Back in the years in the home I once knew;

There you are dear and though tears want to start, Troubles are banished, there's peace in my heart.

Why did you leave me? Maybe 'twas best; Now I am sure you've found rest, darling—rest,

But the old world seems so terribly bare, Nothing is real, as it was with you there.

O, my dear father, God bless you and keep My darling father in peace as you sleep;

Though years are looming to keep us apart, Some day I'll hold you again to my heart.

Sadly missed by his six children: James Spicher, Charles Spicher, Norman Spicher, Calvin Spicher, Mrs. Sidney Zerby, Mrs. Carrie Hookenberry.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Miss Margaret Emery, on Saturday, went to Altoona to spend a short time with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Foss.

A Dodge touring car has been purchased by T. F. Delaney, farmer at Old Fort. It is the first car owned by Mr. Delaney.

There was very little sunshine last week. Most of the time there were threatnings of rain, yet nothing came of it except drizzles—ideal mud makers.

C. F. DeMinger is in Philadelphia this week and will spend a part of the time with his sister, Mrs. Lucy Henney, of Centre Hall, who went to that city on Saturday.

Mrs. Margaret Strohm, who during the winter months was at the homes of her daughters, Mrs. Person and Mrs. Burkholder, in New Jersey, returned to Centre Hall on Friday to remain for the summer.

The porch roof to the front of the Odd Fellows store room was removed and the entire front repainted. The improvement is decided. Later the wooden porch and steps will be rebuilt with concrete.

If you are in need of a good, heavy young team of horses, new haying tools, first-class new harness, do not fail to attend the clean-up sale advertised for Tuesday, April 3rd, at Centre Hall, by S. W. Smith.

Clean up the corners before too long. The snow has about all disappeared, leaving many corners ordinarily clean look rather dirty. If each one follows that good old saying, "sweep before your own door first," the cleaning-up program will be easily and rapidly completed.

John Price Jackson, at one time dean of the school of engineering at the Pennsylvania State College, has again been catapulted into a nice berth, having been appointed executive director of the sesqui-centennial exhibition to be held in Philadelphia in 1926, at a salary of \$15,000 a year.

Mrs. Lucy Henney, the local milliner, on Saturday, went to Philadelphia to do her spring buying of goods, of the latest styles of head-gear for ladies of all ages, as well as for misses and children. She will remain in the city for more than a week, having planned to be home and at work on April 4th and 5th.

An attempt was made to again pit the brains of the local high school against the Millheim High in a debate and spelling contest. Millheim agreed to enter into a debate on the subject, "Resolved, that English Government is superior to that of the United States," but the plea was made that because the exercises would have to be held in a church, exceptions were taken by the church authorities to include a spelling match. **Smile.**

Really, now, don't you think the portion of the mountain road lying in the borough ought to be kept scraped up, the water drained from it, etc., just like we wish the remainder of the mountain road would be kept? A considerable amount of good money from the borough treasury was spent on this road last fall, and it would appear some effort ought to be made to obtain the best results from that expenditure by proper care taking.

From a list of news items in one of the Bellefonte newspapers one is led to believe that Bellefonte business men are beginning, yes beginning, to realize that it would be some financial advantage to them to have a really good road all the way from the heart of Penna Valley to Bellefonte, and then have it kept open so it may be traveled without danger to life and limb and smashing a car all to sticks.

W. F. Ezzel, of Huntingdon, was in Centre Hall for a few days gathering material for a souvenir booklet giving the history of Grange work in Pennsylvania since its organization in 1872. The Jubilee anniversary will be held some time during this year at Pittsburgh. Mr. Ezzel is the only surviving past master of the State Grange. The first master was E. B. Mauger, Berks county, 1873-1876; Victor E. Piolet, 1876-1880; Leonard Rhone, 1880-1884; W. F. Hill, 1884-1893; W. T. Cressy, 1893-1914. The present master, John A. McSparran, took office in 1914. Mr. Ezzel has frequently visited Centre Hall during the past, always being on hand at the time of the Grange Encampments during his tenure of office. He is a real dirt farmer now, cultivating a farm a short distance out from Huntingdon, and, of course, continues his interest in the welfare of the farming class.