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MAY 29TH, 1881.

Trains leave ALLENTOWN as follows:—

(VIA PERKIOMEN RAILROAD).

For Philadelphia, at *4.31, 5.45, 11.40 a.m., and *3.10 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

For Philadelphia at *4.30 a. m., 3.05 p. m.

(VIA EAST PENNA. BRANCH.)

For Reading and Harrisburg, 6.00, 9.00 a. m., 12.10, 4.00 and 9.05 p. m.

For Lancaster and Columbia, 6.00, 9.00 a.m. and 4.30 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

For Reading and way points, 4.30 p. m.

For Reading, Harrisburg, and way points, 9.05 p. m.

(VIA BETHLEHEM.)

For Philadelphia from L. V. Depot *4.44, 6.12 *8.14 a. m., 12.05, 5.33, *7.14 p. m. Sunday 4.40 p.m.

For Philadelphia from L. & S. Depot 12.14, 3.23, 5.36 p. m.

Trains FOR ALLENTOWN leave as follows:

(VIA PERKIOMEN RAILROAD.)

Leave Philadelphia, 7.40 a. m. and 1.07, *1.30 and 8.15 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

Leave Philadelphia, 8.00 a. m., 3.15 and *4.30 p. m.

(VIA EAST PENNA BRANCH.)

Leave Reading, 7.45, 10.30 a. m., 2.10, 3.35, and 6.15 p. m.

Leave Harrisburg 8.30, 8.15 and 9.00, a. m., 1.45 and 4.00 p. m.

Leave Lancaster, 8.00 a. m. 1.05 and 2.50 p. m.

Leave Columbia 7.50 a. m. 1.10 and 3.30 p. m.

SUNDAYS.

Leave Reading, 7.50 p. m. 9.00 a. m.

Leave Harrisburg, 5.20 p.m.

(VIA BETHLEHEM.)

Leave Philadelphia 6.45, *9.00, 9.45, 2.15, *4.15 *5.15, *8.00 p. m. Sunday 9.30 a. m., *3.00 p. m.

Trains marked thus (*) run to and from depot 9th and Green streets, Philadelphia; other trains to and from Broad street depot. Trains Via Bethlehem run to and from Berks St. Depot, except those marked (*)

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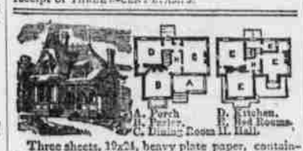

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New Apvertisements.

Secretary's Financial Report

Of the Assets and Liabilities of the LEHIGHTON BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT for the fiscal year ending the First Monday of June, A. D. 1881, as required by Act of Assembly, approved May 1, 1876.

FUNDED DEBT.

The following is the Funded Debt, consisting of School Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness.

SCHOOL BONDS.

No. 92.	O. U. A. M., 249	$ 200 00
" 98.	William Mulhaven	400 00
" 99.	James McGinty	2,000 00
" 100.	Patrick O'Donnell	1,000 00
" 102.	Dennis Shovelin	1,000 00
" 101.	Hugh McGroarty	1,000 00
" 103.	Charles Meendsen	800 00
" 104.	Patrick Meehan	600 00
" 105.	William Mulharin	1,000 00
" 106.	James Smith	1,000 00
" 107.	Manus McGinty	1,000 00
" 108.	Henry Kolb	100 00
" 109.	Mary Moyer	300 00
" 110.	Catharine Harter	1,000 00
" 111.	Catharine Harter	1,000 00
" 112.	Catharine Harter	1,200 00
" 114.	D. D. Kistler	500 00
" 115.	John A. Peters	300 00
" 116.	P. J. Kistler	1,000 00
" 117.	William Montz	100 00
" 118.	Thomas Kemerer	1,000 00
" 120.	Mary Moyer	250 00
" 122.	P. J. Kistler	500 00
" 124.	David Mantz	2,200 00
" 134.	A. Bartholomew	400 00
" 125.	John Peters	700 00
" 127.	A. Haupt	100 00
" 128.	Adam Snyder	1,000 00
" 130.	Thomas Mantz	500 00
" 131.	Thomas Kemerer	1,550 00
" 132.	Mary J. Clauss	1,000 00
" 133.	Reuben Steigerwald	200 00
" 134.	Andrew Graver	100 00
" 135.	P. J. Kistler	1,000 00
" 69.	James Kerrigan	700 00
		$28,250 00

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS.

David Kistler	$800.00
Aaron Weldaw	200 00
	$1,250 00

ASSETS.

One 3 story School House	$45,000 00
Two Lots on Pine Street	800 00
One House and Lot on Northampton street	1,200 00
Outstanding on Duplicate of 1878	20 91
Due School Board from J. S. Webb	230 10
" " " A. G. Dolmayer	700 00
Due School Board from S. Graver	78 45
Balance in hands of Treasurer	733 21
Total Assets	$48,822 77
Total amount of Indebtedness	29,250 00
Assets in excess of Liabilities	$19,572 77
Bonded Debt reduced during year	1,250 00

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Statement is correct and in accordance with said Act of Assembly, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I was, on motion, ordered to have the above Financial Statement published in the CARBON ADVOCATE.

DANIEL GRAVER, Secretary.

June 18 1881-w3

AUDITORS' ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Lehighton Boro' School District.

E. H. SNYDER, Treasurer, in account with Lehighton Borough School District, for the Year ending June 8th, 1881:

RECEIPTS.—

To Balance rec'd from D. Olewine, late Treasurer	$ 203 47
To Total received from E. Newhard, Collector	4155 31
To State Appropriation	445 52
To Amount received from Dan. Kistenbinder, former Collector	110 00
To Amount received for Unseated Land Tax	41 39
To Rent of School Hall	50 00
To Bonds sold to P. J. Kistler	100 00
	$6,106 68

EXPENDITURES.—

TEACHERS SALARIES.

E. D. Sebnabel	$ 260 01
Hattie L. Koons	210 00
Carrie Hunter	180 00
Emma Dollinmayer	180 00
Belle Nusbaum	180 00
Laura V. Hofford	180 00
Laura Solomon	118 75
	$1348 76

INTEREST.

Julia Kerrigan	42 00
2nd Nat. Bank Mauch C'k	3 49
William Mulheren	70 00
James McGinty	100 00
Pat. O'Donnell	50 00
Hugh McGroarty	50 00
Dennis Shovelin	50 00
Pat. Meehan	50 00
W. W. Howman (M. McGinty)	50 00
Charles Meendsen	40 00
Henry Kolb	7 50
Catharine Harter	185 00
D. D. Kistler	25 00
J. A. Peters	15 00
P. J. Kistler	75 00
Rev. A. Bartholomew	20 00
David Mantz	110 00
Mary Moyer	25 00
A. Graver	50 25
Aaron Haupt	5 00
W. Mantz	25 00
Julia Kerrigan	35 00
Aaron Weslaw	10 00
John Peters	35 00
Thomas Mantz	25 00
Mary J. Clauss	80 00
	1173 25

BONDS REDEEMED, With Interest.

Mrs. C. G. Eichenberg	612 50
A. Graver	1,000 00
F. K. Bernd	157 50
A. Graver	331 75
	2 01 75
Ezra Newhard, Commission	2 46 21

PRINTING.

H. V. Morthimer	34 85
Jos. Lynn	2 50
Charles Illow	2 50
E. H. Rauch	2 00
	41 85

COAL AND WOOD.

Owen Wolf	2 50
J. L. Gabel	124 21
J. L. Gabel	36 48
	163 18

INSURANCE.

H. A. Beltz	12 00
H. A. Beltz	3 15
A. H. Tobias & Son	15 00
Susquehanna Mutual	33 25
Thomas Kemerer	6 00
Thomas Kemerer	27 00
Thomas Kemerer	11 25
Thomas S. Beck	12 00
	125 65

MISCELLANEOUS.

John Sheckler, Janitor	12 00
John Sheckler, black-board dusters	3 00
John Sheckler, labor on lot	6 37
John Sheckler, carpenter work	1 50
John Sheckler, carpenter work	3 81
Daniel Graver, globes, oil, &c	8 75
Daniel Graver, cash to M. Rehrig	1 50
Daniel Graver, ink and crayons	2 72
Daniel Graver, R.R. fare and oil	2 60
Daniel Graver, salary and oil	20 85
Daniel Graver, salary and oil	15 00
W. M. Rapsher, prof. services	1 00
E. H. Snyder, salary as Treasurer	50 00
W. A. Derhamer, auditor's fees	2 00
A. J. Durling, ink and crayons	3 00
E. W. Clauss, stove and pipe	21 45
A. D. Nonser, stove, &c	9 57
Peter Hoffmaster, [illegible]	75
Joseph Zahn, fixing pump	2 10
	$1357 47
Balance in Treasury	748 21
	$6125 68

We, the undersigned, duly elected Auditors of the Borough of Lehighton, do certify that the within account of E. H. Snyder, Treasurer for Lehighton Borough School District, for the year ending June 8th, 1881, is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

P. M. VANLIEW, W. P. LONG, } Auditors

Lehighton, June 11, 1881.-w3

Flowers That Never Wither.

There are flowers that never wither,
There are skies that never fade,
There are trees that cast forever,
Cooling powers on leafy shade,
There are silver wavelets flowing
With a lulling sound of rest,
Where the west wind, softly blowing,
Fans the far lands of the blest.

Thitherward our steps are tending,
Oft through dim, oppressive tears,
More of grief than pleasure blending
In the darkening woof of years,
Often would our footsteps weary,
Sink upon the winding way,
But that when all looks most dreary,
O'er us beams a cheering ray.

Thus the Father who hath made us
Tenants of this world of care,
Knoweth how to kindly aid us
With the burdens we must bear;
Knoweth how to cause the spirit
Hopefully to raise its eyes
Toward the home it doth inherit
Far beyond the azure skies.

There is a voice that whispers slowly
Down within this heart of mine,
Where emotions the most holy
Ever make this sacred shrine,
And it tells a thrilling story
Of the great Redeemer's love,
And the all-bewildering glory
Of the better land above.

Oh, this life, with all its sorrows,
Hasteth onward to a close!
In a few more brief to-morrows
Will have ended all our woes,
Then o'er death the part immortal
Shall sublimely rise and soar,
O'er the star resplendent portal,
There to dwell forevermore.

VIVA'S LANDLORD.

"Viva, dear, it's coming near the first of May!"

And gentle Mrs. Rayner laid down the coat that was perpetually becoming elbowless, and looked across the lamp-lit table with anxious eyes.

"Yes, mamma, I know," a trifle wearily.

Viva, a slender, pretty girl, with dark-brown hair gathered loosely behind shell-pink ears, and lips as red as the cactus flower, met her mother's gaze with eyes bright with wistful thoughtfulness.

"And we must move, of course," cried a shrill young voice from the sofa, where sat Jesse, a volatile, overgrown school-girl, "because the front gate's off its hinges, and the roof leaks, and—"

"Yes, Jesse, we all know the reasons for moving, but give mamma an opportunity to suggest where."

"There's hardly much choice about that," the pale-faced little woman said sadly. "Some place where the rent would be more moderate; but"—a sudden look of longing shining out of the pain worn face—"I would give all the world, dear, to see the country again. I feel stifling here."

A gleam of quick determination came into Viva's velvety-brown eyes.

"And so you shall, mamma!" she said, emphatically.

"My darling, how?" in mild surprise.

"Well"—Viva puckered up her low, white brow, and tried to look wise and business like—"you see we could get a cottage in some of the suburban villages at half what a city house would cost. Besides everything is so much cheaper in the country, and we could return to the city the coming winter. There!"

"But your pupils, Viva?"

"I could manage to give all the lessons in three days of the week—taking the train in you know, is almost as cheap—and do work for Crumley the intervening days. Now, 'mamma!' triumphantly.

"It looks plausible at first sight, my pet, but I'm almost afraid to hope. Dear, dear! how that boy does wear out his clothes."

Viva came over and clasped two maroon merino arms around the invalid figure before her.

"Hope as much as you like, mamma darling," she cried gaily; "for we'll watch the papers till we see a treasure advertised 'cheap'—in italics you know—and then—"

The rest was too glorious to describe.

Three days later, Viva danced in, out of a blinding April shower, with rose red cheeks and starry eyes.

"Here it is, mamma," she cried, enigmatically, with a hearty kiss and hug that almost demolished the small figure in the arm-chair. "Now listen!"

And from the open paper of that morning she read aloud:

TO RENT—IN SUBURBAN VILLAGE. Twenty minutes ride from the city, an eight-room cottage, with garden attached. *Cheap*, to good tenant. Apply to Clifford Chandos, Room 12, 74 E——St., City.

"I am sure this will suit—'cheap,' in italics, as I said, mamma. You will have our happy countryfied summer, after all," with an exultant little laugh. "Now, for a while, good bye!"

"Where are you going, dear?"

"To see about this, mamma. Lessons are over—"

"Yes, but I do not quite like your going alone, Viva."

"What! An old-maid music teacher like me? I almost acquire the dignity of age in this voluminous waterproof and green veil. Green! Just think of it! I might just as well have red hair and spectacles. My nervous old darling, I'll be back before you know I'm gone.

And with this decidedly sweeping, but scarcely possible assertion, she was out again under the rifting, drifting April sky, and going city-ward as fast as the streets cars could take her.

In the thickest, busiest portion of the city, up two flights of dingy stairs went Viva.

A timid knock at Room 12.

"Come in!"

She turned the handle, and with the green veil well down, went in.

Two or three gentlemen, writing at baize-covered desks, looked up carelessly as she entered, and went on with their work.

A gentleman enveloped in clouds of cigar smoke, with feet considerably elevated above the level of his head, glanced toward the door, as the graceful figure in threadbare waterproof came timidly in. Down come the feet, out went the cigar, and Clifford Chandos, pushing a chair forward, bowed gravely, questioningly, to the lady before him.

"I—I called to inquire about a cottage advertised."

"The cottage? Oh, yes, to be sure! Will you please to be seated, and I will give you the particulars?"

And Viva, taking the proffered seat, listened while the tall, grave man, with straight, black brows and keen, kindly eyes, explained the terms with pleasant courtesy.

And when she lifted the obnoxious green veil a moment, to conclude some necessary arrangement, Clifford Chandos started ever so slightly as he saw the pretty, girlish face before him, as serene and dignified in its grave, business-like composure as though its owner were eight-and-fifty instead of eight and-ten.

"When will you look at the place, Miss—"

"Rayner!" supplemented Viva.

"Miss Rayner. Shall we say to-morrow at one?"

"At two, if as convenient."

"Certainly. Two, if preferable."

Then he held the door open as courteously as though she wore sealskin and diamonds, while with a quiet grace she bowed slightly and passed from the room.

And Clifford Chandos went slowly back to his chair, a softer light in his eyes, and actually for once in his life forgot to relight his cigar.

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The day came at last when from the stuffy city house, the Rayners moved to the pretty, roomy, raftered cottage, where honeysuckle and wild roses struggled at their own sweet will over roof and porch.

And Viva, coming home from the dusty city three evenings in the week, pale and tired, brightened and laughed her own low, happy laugh at the sight of her mother's face—grown young again—at the window, at Dick and Jessie's boisterous laughter.

It was curious all the repairing that cottage needed after they moved in. It was more curious that their quiet, handsome landlord should insist on supervising it all himself.

He grew into their simple lives in those days. Mrs. Rayner came to think the cheery voice better than any medicine, the children to shout lustily at sight of him, and Viva to listen for the sound of his firm footstep on the garden path.

One evening, when the soft May wind was swaying the "lady-fingers," as the children call them, over the door. Viva snatched up her hat and strolled down to the pretty rustic gate.

Just a little more tired than usual after a desperate struggle to teach an irritably obtuse pupil the mysteries of crotchets and quavers and demi-semiquavers.

She stood there, a fair, girlish figure in her soft white dress, a great bunch of blue meadow violets at her slender throat and waist. The scented wind gently loosened the dark-brown hair and blew a fitful drift of rose-bloom into the pure, pale face.

Very pretty?

Well, Clifford Chandos thought so, at all events, as he came along the uneven country road with his light, firm footfall.

"Good evening, Miss Rayner!"

She turned suddenly, the faint flush deepening to carnation.

"Good evening, Mr. Chandos!"

I think a person can give one a very tolerable shake hands without holding one's fingers quite a minute. But apparently Mr. Chandos thought differently.

"Miss Rayner, will you come for a walk—just a little way down the road? There is a show place there I should like to have you see."

He asked pleadingly, hurriedly, as though fearful of a refusal.

"Is it far?"

"No," eagerly; "quite near. Besides Miss Viva, I have something to tell you—or, rather, ask you."

They were already strolling slowly on. She paused and looked up in vague alarm.

"To ask me, Mr. Chandos?"

"Yes. Viva, I want to ask you to leave Rose cottage."

Was he mad?

"To leave Rose cottage!" she repeated, blankly.

She stopped short, and looked up at him with brown, bewildered eyes.

"Are you not satisfied with us as tenants? What will mamma say?"

"I did not ask your mother to leave Rose cottage"—and his voice was trembling and low—"I asked you!"

"Me? Why, Mr. Chandos—"

She broke off abruptly as she saw the look in the eyes of the man regarding her. Such a look as would make more successful woers in the world to day—a look of passionate love and resolute determination to have her in spite of herself.

"Viva, my darling—my darling!" he cried, all the mischief in his voice swept away in his fiery earnestness, "won't you understand? I love you very dearly, Viva, and I want you for my wife!"

"Yes—I understand," she said, simply.

"I am not a rich man, dear, but I would give my life to make you happy!"

She looked up at him with bright, outshining eyes, and though her cheeks flamed hotly, she said, in her gentle, straightforward, girlish way:

"I would be honored to be your wife were you penniless, Mr. Chandos!"

"Mr. Chandos!" sternly. "Little wife, say 'Clifford!'"

And, her hand in his, she said it, simply:

"Clifford!"

In a short time they paused before a massive entrance gate and pretty gothic lodge.

"This is the great place of the neighborhood, Viva. Shall we go up and look at it?"

They paused at the great stone steps of an ideal country seat, stretching, verandahed, porticoed, with huge stone lions on guard at the door.

"Come in, dear!" holding out his hand with a curious smile.

"But the owner?"

"I go with his permission."

Then, passing the servant at the door, he led her through rooms where the mighty touch of Midas was softened and made perfect by the mightier touch of taste. Thro' a conservatory where birds and flowers were drowsily falling asleep, and marble statues gleamed palely forth from tropical, dusky nooks.

"It's a handsome place, dear, isn't it?" he asked, when once again they stood 'neath the darkening sky.

"Handsome? Oh, Clifford!" with an ecstatic, long drawn breath.

"I hardly know how much rent I ought to charge you, little woman," he cried quizzically, drawing her closer to him; "but I'll be moderate. Suppose we say—one thousand kisses per annum!"

"Yours?" she gasped. "You said you were not rich."

"Well, not Rothschild nor Vanderbilt, love, but," with a sudden change of tone, "richer than all the world, sweetheart, in you."

So, after all, Viva graces a home worthy of her. And Jessie sententiously remarks:

"'Twas well we moved."

And Viva nods and smiles as she slips her little sparkling hand into her husband's loving clasp.

A FEW WORDS TO THE BOYS.

Don't trouble yourselves about the details of your business. Leave small things to small minds. You were born to be at the top, and of course a way will be provided for getting you there.

If you would make your mark in the world, never learn to write.

Do you wish to be men? Learn to chew, smoke and drink. It will be hard to distinguish you from the real article.

Always bear in mind that you are made of superior clay, and it will not be long ere everybody will be forced to admit it.

It is well for you to know that the girls are all dying for you. You cannot but pity them, but then it is not your fault. This should teach you resignation.

Strive to get all the leisure time you can. It will make older and busier persons envy you.

Speak your mind freely. It shows that you possess such an article.

Characterize as nonsense everything that you cannot understand. You will find a great deal of nonsense in the world.

Never fear to do wrong. Don't be a coward. Always do the right thing—when the right thing will pay.

When you have anything to do, don't hurry about doing it. Take your own time, or your employer's, which is the same thing. If he discharges you, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that he will be the loser by not having your valuable services.

Make acquaintance only among those beneath you, if you can find such. It is pleasant to be looked up to as an oracle or pattern.

Shun those who are able to teach you anything in life or business. It is not agreeable to be overshadowed by anybody. Besides, who wants to be in school all his life?

Be above politeness. That will do well enough for women and children; but a man should despise all such foolishness.

People who talk about sticking to principle are humbugs or ninnies. Never mind principle where money is to be made.

Never stop to consider. Make up your mind at once. It shows promptitude of decision.

Having once made up your mind, stick to your decision. People may call you an obstinate mule, but words harm nobody. If you are pig-headed, others may suffer, but you never.

Stand up for your rights, especially among