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SCHOOL DIRECTORS IN SESSION.

Prof. C. L. Gramley Re-elected County Superintendent.

SALARY INCREASED TO \$1800.

A Raise of \$300 that Will be Taken From the State Appropriation to Centre County.—Other Minutes of the Session.—There Were 122 Directors Present.

Pursuant to a call issued by County Superintendent C. L. Gramley, the school directors of Centre county assembled in the Court House, on Tuesday May 5th, for the purpose of electing a County Superintendent of our public schools for the ensuing three years.

The convention was called to order at 12:30 when Mr. Gramley read the Act authorizing the same.

D. F. Fortney, Esq., of Bellefonte, then arose and said he wanted to nominate for chairman of the convention a man who has the record of twenty-four years service in the capacity of school director. He named George Taylor, of Boggs township, who was chosen unanimously. Upon taking the chair he made an appropriate address.

Charles Smith, of Bellefonte, then made the following nominations: Secretaries—P. J. McDonnell, of Unionville and J. A. Reesman of Centre Hall; Reading Clerk—John D. Brown, of Snow Shoe. They were chosen.

The list of directors in Centre county was then read consisting of 198 to which 122 answered.

J. C. P. Jones, of Milesburg, then arose and in eloquent words placed the name of Prof. C. L. Gramley, before the convention for a re-election.

The name of Prof. Edward J. Wolf, of the Centre Hall public schools, was presented by John T. Lee, of same place. Nominations closed.

Mr. Michael Grove, of Potter, then arose and announced that he was authorized to withdraw the name of Prof. Wolf, as a candidate. Mr. Gramley, being the only candidate, received the unanimous endorsement. He responded to a call by a timely address, pledging his best efforts to the performance of his duties.

Dr. Frank, of Millheim, then presented the following resolution:

Resolved:—By the School Directors of Centre county in convention assembled for the purpose of electing a County Superintendent: That the salary of the County Superintendent, this day elected, be fixed at \$1800 annually, for and during the term for which he has this day been elected.

D. F. Fortney, Esq., then arose and spoke on the resolution. He read an Act showing that the salary of \$1500, was paid by the state, was fixed by law, also that whenever the directors assembled saw fit to increase the salary they could do so, but the amount of increase would be deducted from the annual state appropriation. He then cited the following:

"Clinton county, with but 137 schools, pays \$200 over salary fixed by law. Clearfield county pays \$500 above minimum salary, paying \$2200. Lycoming county pays \$600 above minimum salary; Huntingdon \$225. Remember Centre county is the largest county in the state, and nearly 300 schools. State appropriation for 1895, \$48,935—\$5.58 per taxable. If salary is increased \$300, the appropriation will be \$51,633 or \$5.56 per taxable, thus diminishing appropriation only two cents per taxable. The following are examples of its workings if increase is granted: Ferguson twp., 72 cents per school; Rush twp., 81 cents; Curtin twp., 68 cents; Potter, 77 cents."

Mr. Fortney strongly urged this passage. There were no other remarks upon the resolution and the motion brought out "yeas" and "nays;" a rising vote was called resulting in 55 for the increase and 48 against, and it carried.

The County Superintendent explained the necessity of properly filling out certain blanks after which the convention adjourned. Prof. Gramley made mention of the fact that there was in the audience a director who in the last six years had attended 103 school board meetings, made 228 visits to the schools and was secretary of a board during his term of office. It was J. Newlin Hall, of Howard township.

Will be Married.

The wedding of Gilbert A. Beaver, oldest son of Gen. James A. Beaver, of this place, will take place in Harrisburg on Tuesday, May 12th at 12:30 o'clock. The bride will be Miss Simonon, daughter of Judge Simonon of that city. The groom is employed by the International Y. M. C. A. committee in doing work among the colleges.

Death of Mrs. Henderson.

On Wednesday morning Mrs. J. C. Henderson died at her home, Julian Pa. The deceased was 60 years of age. The funeral will be held on Friday morning, services in the M. E. church; interment in Gray's cemetery, Halfmoon.

STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention, held at Allentown last week, was a large and enthusiastic gathering. The work of the convention consisted in the selection of Presidential electors for the ticket this fall; Sixty-four delegates to the National Democratic Convention. The unit rule was adopted and Gov. Pattison was named as the choice for the Presidency. The following is the

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

"We are in favor of a firm, unvarying maintenance of the gold standard. While we favor the most liberal use of silver consistent with the enforcement of a gold standard, we are absolutely opposed to the free coinage of silver and to the compulsory purchase of silver bullion by the government.

"We believe that the interests of the people demand that the earnings of trade, agriculture, manufactures and commerce and especially the wages of labor, should be paid in money of the greatest intrinsic value, and of the highest standard adopted by the civilized nations of the world. We are, therefore, unalterably opposed to all devices and schemes for the debasement of our currency, and to all evasions and compromises of a question so closely affecting individual and national credit and honor.

"We heartily indorse the administration of President Cleveland and congratulate the country upon the firmness, wisdom and ability shown by him in all matters affecting the interest of the country. We especially commend his wise determined and successful efforts to maintain the credit, to avert financial and business disturbance, and to protect the country's honor.

"The Democracy of Pennsylvania presents to the national convention, as its unanimous choice for the presidency, the name of Robert E. Pattison, knowing him to be honest, able, unassuming, fearless, a consistent Democrat and in harmony with the highest purposes of his party.

"We present him for this nomination to the Democracy of the nation, confident that this declaration of principles and of our choice for the presidency express the sentiments of the united Democracy of the state, and, to the end that the vote and influence of Pennsylvania may be most effectively heard and felt, the delegates this day chosen are directed to vote as a unit in all matters entrusted to their charge, said action to be determined by the vote of the majority of the delegates.

Arrested Again.

For some weeks an eccentric freak, by the name of Roscoe Otto Gurnford, had been lingering about Bellefonte and continually getting himself in trouble. He was arrested and put in jail for furnishing liquor to men of known intemperate habits. Upon promising to leave town if released, he got out of jail and then failed to keep his promise.

For a while he worked with the medicine company, in the McClain Block, and accompanied them to Tyrone. On Friday he drove to Bellefonte and was arrested by officer Garis. J. S. Robinson & Co., of Harrisburg, made information against him to the effect that he had been collecting their accounts in this section, from persons to whom they had sold pictures. Gurnford claims to be innocent of the charge, and asserts that this firm still owes him \$60. He was taken to Harrisburg, where he will be given a hearing.

Over \$31,000 For Clinton.

The state school department officials have made their calculations for the distribution of the \$5,500,000, which has been appropriated to the school districts. This year the rating, \$5.30 1-5, is made for every taxable in each district, which amount is little less than that of the past three years. Under this rating Clinton county will receive \$31,705.80. Other surrounding and eastern counties will receive their shares as follows: Blair, \$70,352.41; Cambria, \$65,673.48; Centre, \$48,410.62; Clearfield, \$74,684.66; Huntingdon, \$34,017.20; Juniata, \$18,345.91; Lycoming, \$71,947.28; Mifflin, \$24,084.79; Snyder, \$21,489.42; Union, \$17,540.37.

Falling Off of Passenger Traffic.

During 1895 the Pennsylvania railroad company carried 90,177,980 passengers between New York city, Chicago and St. Louis. This is a falling off, as compared with previous years, of nearly 6,000,000, which decrease is accounted for by the severe competition of the trolley lines. The trolley system parallels the Pennsylvania lines in many places, and the drain was so great upon the local travel of the company that early in the year reductions were made in fares to a number of the suburban points. The decrease in passenger traffic is almost universal, as all the trunk lines have suffered in the same manner.

The Dagger Used by Ettlinger.

The Gazette says: "The dagger or knife used by Ettlinger in cutting the throat of Constable John Barner was found last week by Wes Hosterman who was hunting around in the ruins of the Ettlinger home. It was sticking in the cellar wall, where, no doubt, Ettlinger stuck it before coming out and so tragically ended his life. Both edges were sharp and several places on the blade there was found blood. Part of the handle is broken off and it is a very valuable relic."

ALL THE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Carefully Compiled For Our Readers.

CASES TRIED AND SETTLED.

All the Unfinished Business of Last Week—How Cases Were Disposed—Doings in the Second Week—The Civil List.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—April 30—John Love vs. Central R. R. of Pa. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff, for \$43.10.

E. R. Holmes vs. T. Raymond Beyer, Ed J. Haley, Charles Atherton, Ed. Butts, Cassius Caughley, Milton E. McDonal, John C. Walsh, Fred Barnsdollar, Abraham D. Belt, Roger Bowman, Harry P. Dowler, Edmund Quigley, Dunham Barton, John T. Chambers, Joseph B. Clement, Robert D. Grier, Joe E. Hall, John L. Harris, Melvin J. Kieffer, George P. Snyder, John E. Snyder, James G. Dunsmore, Nelson M. Boyd, who survives James F. Patrick, late trading as the "Manhattan Boarding Club" at State College, plea assumpsit. This suit brought to recover for balance on groceries furnished defendants during year of 1891 and 1892. Plaintiff suffers a compulsory non-suit.

Hannah E. Grove, administratrix of etc., of William C. Grove, deceased vs. D. P. Shope, who survives J. B. Shope deceased, plea assumpsit. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$24.41.

Martha Packer vs. Beech Creek R. R. Co., plea assumpsit. Settled.

Robert Schlutman vs. H. H. Montgomery, plea assumpsit. Settled.

Jerry Sharrer, administrator of etc., of Susan Laga, deceased vs. Samuel Hoover, plea assumpsit. Settled.

Criminal cases returned to April session and not reported heretofore were disposed of as follows:

Com. vs. William Poorman, charge betrayal; prosecutrix Mary McKinley. Settled.

Com. vs. Lincoln Miller, charge assault; prosecutrix Martha Miller. Settled.

Com. vs. E. D. Roan, charge betrayal; prosecutrix Maude Benner. Settled.

Com. vs. Wade Snook, charge betrayal; prosecutrix, Alice Calderwood. Settled.

Com. vs. E. Rothrock, charge assault and battery; prosecutor J. R. Bell. Settled.

Com. vs. James A. Wagner, charge assault and battery; prosecutor, Edward Parsons. Bill ignored, and prosecutor to pay the costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. Frank Campbell, charge assault and battery; prosecutrix Priscilla Campbell. Settled.

Com. vs. Michael Hayes, charge assault and battery; prosecutor Milton Robb. Settled.

Com. vs. Grant Kline, charge furnishing liquor to prisoners in jail; prosecutor John P. Condo. Settled.

Com. vs. Harry Humpton, and "Hunk" Watson, charge assault and battery; prosecutor Isaac Lauver. Bill ignored and the prosecutor to pay the costs.

Com. vs. W. A. Cross, charge perjury; prosecutor George Gates. Settled.

Com. vs. Levi Miller, charge betrayal; prosecutrix, Edith B. Stiver. True Bill.

Com. vs. Seth B. Pratt, charge betrayal; prosecutrix, Emma Tressler. Settled.

Com. vs. Irvin Bennett, charge assault and battery; prosecutor George Bennett. Settled.

Com. vs. Samuel Bowers, and John Smith, Overseers of the Poor of Howard township, charge neglect of duty; prosecutor Washington Tipton. Bill ignored and prosecutor to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Jasper Holt, charge betrayal; prosecutrix Maggie Hoover. True Bill.

Com. vs. Otto Gumper, charge furnishing liquor to men of known intemperate habits; prosecutrix Mary Sexton. Discharged by "Habeas Corpus" proceedings before court.

Com. vs. J. T. Clabby, charge perjury; prosecutor George Gates. Settled.

Com. vs. Clark E. Whiteley, charge betrayal; prosecutrix Gertrude M. Kerstetter. Settled.

Com. vs. Charles Robb, charge assault and battery; prosecutor Mike Vaughn. True Bill.

Com. vs. Charles Robb, charge assault and battery; prosecutor George Gates. True Bill.

SECOND WEEK.

Court called on Monday morning, and after hearing motions and petitions, the first case taken up was Commonwealth of Penna. ex relatione (in trust) for the use of Daniel Nestlerode, an heir of Christian Bowman, deceased, vs. John S. Nestlerode, Nelson Miller, and Frank T. Wallace, plea assumpsit. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$29.92.

William A. Hartsock vs. W. F. Reeder, Anna Myers, Joseph W. Myers, John Myers, James Myers, Elias Williams, John Milton, Milligan Richards, William

Henderson, William Milton, George Flick, and Sanford Kinney, plea trespass. On motion of counsel for plaintiff the names of W. F. Reeder, Elias Williams, John Milton, Milligan Richards, William Henderson, William Milton, George Flick, and Sanford Kinney, were stricken from the record and verdict taken in favor of the plaintiff and against Anna Myers, Joseph W. Myers, John Myers and James Myers for \$2.00.

James Dillen and Ellen Dillen, in right of said Ellen Dillen, vs. Anna Myers, Joseph Myers, John Myers, James Myers; plea ejectment. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the land described in the writ.

Michael Canavan vs. Orin L. Schoonover, plea trespass. Continued.

Samuel R. Prentiss, Henry M. Prentiss, Abbey P. Godfrey, and Mary E. Prentiss Kay, by their attorney in fact, Henry M. Prentiss, and Henry M. Prentiss in his own right, for the use of Samuel Marsh vs. Laura A. Mull, and Julia H. Hale, who survive John Mills Hale, trading as the Forge Run Lumber Co., and John A. Mull and James Wetzell. plea trespass. Continued.

David Rothrock, administrator, de bonis non, cum testamento annexo, of Henry Rothrock, deceased, in part of the use of David Rothrock and John R. Rothrock vs. Henry Rothrock, Jr., with notice to John Woods, George Garbrick, Sallie J. Kelley, William Kelley and David Kelley, as terre tenants; plea scire facias sur mortgage. Continued. Special.

R. J. Potter vs. Samuel Page, plea summons in replevin. Cause continued at the costs of plaintiff for want of sufficient return by Sheriff Cook.

Samuel H. Bennis, administrator of etc., of Caroline Montgomery, deceased vs. Willis Weaver, administrator of etc., of William Montgomery, deceased; plea assumpsit. Case settled before hearing any evidence.

George W. Campbell vs. George F. McMullen, plea foreign attachment in assumpsit. Settled.

William J. McGowan, administrator of etc., of Martin McGowan, deceased vs. Mary J. Donovan, plea assumpsit. Settled.

William H. Noll, administrator of etc., of Samuel Noll, deceased, vs. Samuel Noll Jr., plea replevin. Settled.

James F. Weaver vs. the Dwelling House Insurance Co., plea assumpsit. Continued.

Western Wheel Works vs. M. C. Gephart, plea assumpsit. Continued and not to be put on the list again without the leave of court.

S. Morris Wain and Howard Conrow, administrators of etc., of Thornton Conrow, deceased, now for the use of John M. Dale, trustee, vs. John Ardell, Jr., with notice to Mary J. Ardell and all terre tenants, plea scire facias sur mortgage. Continued. Special.

John L. McNitt, who survives James W. McNitt, late trading as John L. and James W. McNitt, now for the use of J. H. Taylor, vs. James A. Lingle, plea assumpsit. This suit is brought to recover on two certain notes under seal given by the defendant to the McNitts, one in 1874 and the other in 1875. The jury after being out for twenty-four hours failed to agree and were discharged on Wednesday morning.

William L. McDonald, vs. G. S. Flegal plea ejectment. Cause continued owing to the illness of Mr. Flegal.

Wm. J. Thompson vs. Wm. Parker, W. I. Treaster and Roland Fye, plea ejectment. Continued.

James Chambers, Limited, vs. John P. Condo, plea trespass. Plaintiff suffers a voluntary non-suit.

James E. Scott vs. Dr. McGehee, plea trespass; continued.

L. C. Brinton vs. Thomas Barnes and W. P. Duncan, plea assumpsit; contin'd.

W. Fred Reynolds vs. Margaret C. Brockerhoff, Andrew J. Brockerhoff and Henry Brockerhoff, plea trespass. After the jury was challenged in the above case on Tuesday afternoon, all jurors not empanelled in this case and in the McNitt-Lingle case, were discharged.

This suit is brought to recover damages done to the Reynolds bank building in sinking the foundation for the "Temple Court" building.

A Large Enterprise.

The Morrison-Cass Paper company, at Tyrone, Pa., are preparing to enlarge the plant at that place by the erection of additional buildings.

Paper is not only shipped from the Morrison-Cass Paper company's mills in Tyrone to all sections of the United States, but much of its product takes the ocean voyage to Europe, an extensive order from London, England, being on file at present. They supply the United States government with much of the paper used at Washington. It is a splendid plant, doubtless profitable to its owners.

—Five cents a month—The Centre Democrat, during the campaign.

THE GYPSIE CARNIVAL.

Held in a Grove near Milesburg during the past week.

A BEAUTIFUL GYPSIE QUEEN

Chief Guy, A Tall and Imposing man—Large Gathering of Queer People—Handsome Wagons and Costly Equipages—Musicians and Dancers.

During the past week Gypsie bands have been gathering in a grove, near Milesburg, where they have quite an elaborate camp established. It has been a point of interest for visitors who gather there in large numbers from surrounding country. The editor of the News has the following to say about them:

This assembling of these gypsies is in the nature of a carnival. These carnivals are held once every five years and are always largely attended. This was called by the Chief, Peter Guy of Elkhart, Indiana, who has his quarters on the ground. He is a man of immense stature standing six feet, four inches in his stocking feet and weighing 290 pounds. He is very intelligent and seems to pride himself upon being polite. He is in absolute control of the whole camp and his orders are always obeyed. Each member of the camp is subject to his will and his opinions are always consulted in anything that is to be done.

In the other end of the camp are the quarters of the Queen Miss Anna Harrison of Raleigh, North Carolina, a pretty young woman about twenty two years old. She is second in authority to the Chief. In his absence she has full charge of the camp and her will is law in all things. She too is remarkably well educated and processes apparently refined manners.

The camp was decorated and every member was dressed for the occasion. As the object of the meeting was for the purpose of dealing and trading horses there were quite a number of farriers among the visitors, and the gypsies did quite a thriving business. The work of the female members of the tribe was telling fortunes and quite a few quarters were gathered in on Sunday and Monday.

The tents and wagons are almost new and everything indicated that the bands were well fixed financially. Many trinkets made of beads and needle work adorned the interior of the tents and wagons, and in fact everything connected with the camp was clean. A number of musicians were among them and some of the girls were graceful dancers.

Several bands failed to get there in time for the big meeting. There are in the camp 54 wagons, about 127 horses and 70 people. The latter part of this week camp will be broken.

—Growing in popularity—New Philadelphia Branch.

Attention, Comrades.

The near approach of Memorial Day and also of the Department Encampment, June the 3rd and 4th demand our immediate attention. Every member of Gregg Post is requested to be present at our next meeting, Saturday, May 9th, 1896, as we wish to know how many to secure homes for in Chambersburg. It is the expectation that the Encampment will be one of the largest ever held. The regular fare one way, \$5.42, will be the cost of the round trip from Bellefonte by the way of Lewisburg and Montandon and return direct. To return by way of Gettysburg ticket will cost \$6.12. If a sufficient number be secured we can get a special car and go through without change. All members of the G. A. R. are requested to correspond at once with Gregg Post either personally or through their Posts so that there will be time to make the arrangements. The cost of the round trip from other stations will be the regular fare one way for the round trip.

F. PHIBLES GREENE, Commander of Post 95.

—Something special at the Philadelphia Branch. See page 7.

Will Be in it.

Bellefonte will be in it up to the neck this year. On May 7 and 8, the district Epworth League for the counties of Blair, Clearfield and Centre will meet in convention in that town. On May 10, the tenth semi-annual meeting of the Homoeopathic Medical Society of Central Pennsylvania will be held there; July 14, the State Dental association will convene in Bellefonte for a three days' convention, and in October the Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania will hold its sessions here. Our town has a splendid reputation for its hospitality and we presume that on all of the above occasions it will sustain its reputation. Every body come.

—Everybody goes to the Philadelphia Branch.

CARRIED FOR 31 YEARS.

Jacob Dunkle, of Aaronsburg, is a juror in attendance at court this week. His face bears the mark of an ugly wound received during the late war, in the battle of Chancellorsville. He was shot in the left eye, and the ball remained in his head for over thirty-one years. One day last Summer he felt something in his throat that became sore and made swallowing difficult. The passage became obstructed so that for about a week he could only take liquid food. The trouble became alarming and one day he started for Millheim afoot to consult a physician. While on the way he was seized with a violent spell of coughing. To his surprise, out of his throat came a large rifle ball. It was without a doubt the one with which he had been seriously wounded thirty-one years previous and had carried all this time. Mr. Dunkle drew his purse from his pocket and exhibited the missile.

—The best bargains in clothing. Read page 7.

A Mistake.

Many of our exchanges, in this section, in speaking of the Kurtz-Focht libel suit invariably made the following wrong statement:

"Fred Kurtz, of Centre Hall, withdrew the libel suit he instituted recently against Representative Focht and A. D. Miller, of Union county. The case was compromised by the plaintiff and the defendants paying the costs."

There was no compromise. It was settled by Focht and Miller making a retraction and paying \$50 to Mr. Kurtz, which covered ALL his expenses in the case.

—Summer suits—half price—Lewins.

MARTHA ITEMS.

The farmers here are feeling very much discouraged by the poor appearance of the winter grain and especially the wheat, which now looks as though it would not be worth harvesting. But cheer up faithful yeoman, "we've always been provided for and we shall always be." If we can't eat wheat cake, we may eat corn cake.

We frequently hear of men striking for higher wages, but not so often of the other sex. Some time ago we were amused at what might easily have been supposed to be a similar movement by a number of the elderly ladies of this place several of them, with a goodly amount of baggage, boarded the Western bound express. Nothing was heard from them for some time, but they have all returned and quietly resumed the control of domestic affairs. We have since learned that they were visiting relatives in different parts of Clearfield county.

Mrs. Henry and her bright little son, Thompson, spent Saturday in Bellefonte.

Mr. Budd Cowher, of Shady Dell, visited friends here last week. Mr. C. is always a welcome guest.

G. G. Fink lost a valuable horse a few days ago. We are informed this is the second horse to die for Mr. Fink.

Grant Ardry has returned from Bellefonte, where he has been spending a few days with his brother E. Ardry.

Miss Mary and Nannie Furner, of Port Matilda, are the guest of Miss Maggie Willama.

Mr. Gephart, of Millheim, made a little business trip to Martha last week.

A person who has no higher object in life than to become skilled in the art of tattling about and magnifying the shortcomings of their neighbors is a dangerous character, and if to this be added a love for and the desire to be the chief scandal monger of the place, he, she or it becomes a nuisance, to be shunned as one would avoid contagion. A scandal monger, be the thing man or woman, is a thing to be left severely alone. We have found by experience that this is the only safe way to manage such persons, which are found in every community, and of which we seem to have a Benjamin's portion.

We see the names of several of our young men on the juror list. Don't know how they will like this kind of "Courtship." But from appearance, we are led to believe that they enjoy the other kind, all right.

—Lewins' eye openers. See page 7.

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For Selling "Story of Spain and Cuba." The International News & Book Co., Baltimore, Md., offer \$10.00 to anyone selling in three months 175 copies of their new book, "Story of Spain and Cuba." Premiums and liberal commission given for any quantity sold. This is one of the greatest selling books out. Many agents make from \$5 to \$10 a day. A graphic account of the present war and the struggle for liberty is given, 100 beautiful illustrations, 500 pages. Freight paid and credit given; 50c outfit free. If in cents is sent for postage. Write them immediately. 5-1

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