### **EX-OFFICIALS**

### BANQUETED

A Royal Good Time shown Messrs Smith and Singer.

### A PLEASANT EVENING SPENT

Fifty-tour Sat Down to a Royal Feast-Some Brilliant Toasts Delivered-List of those Present-A High Tribute paid to the Retiring Officials.

On Monday evening Ceader's restaurant was the scene of a brilliant gathering and banquet board laden with the choicest viands and rare delicaeies that the caterer's art could command. At 8:30 o'clock about fifty-four specially invited guests, consisting principally of members of the Centre County Bar Association, court house officials, citizens of the community and representatives of the press, gathered about the festive board and partook of the elegant course dinner served by Mr. Ceader and his assistants.

When the last course was reached smokers were passed around and Hon. C. M. Bower, who by the way has won for discussion, "What would the Berkley distinction as a tostmaster, found it his duty to call the assemblage to order. In appropriate words, sparkling with happy Taylor township. He was followed by allusions, he explained the purpose of Prof. Rutt, of the Bellefonte High School. these ceremonies-a tribute to ex-pro- Adjourned. thonotary W. F. Smith, and ex-District Attorney Wm. Singer, from their friends upon the successful termination of their respective official careers extending the teachers?" The doctor is a wide-a- Montgomery arrived, authorizing him supply. In 1898, according to the "Enover the past six years. The merriment then began as the various gentlemen responded in brilliant, witty speeches that

"Some are born Great, some achieve greatness, and others have Greatness thrust upon them."-Wilbur F. Reeder

'The Lord in Heaven bless these No ble Billys"-Clement Dale, Esq.

"Fidelity will not go Unrewarded"-J. C. Meyer, Esq.

"May he live longer then I have time to tell his years"—John Blanchard,

"Farmers Boys in Public Position"-E. R. Chambers, Esq.

"By gone Remembrance of Days Gone bye"-Chas. R. Kurtz. Extemporaneous Address-James Scho-

"Our Friendships"-Wm. J. Singer.

"Sealed in my Functions by my Testimony"-W. F. Smith.

The high testimonials of faithful performance of public duties given Messrs Singer and Smith on this occasion were truly appreciated by them and will long be remembered; and was especially grat. ifying to them to know that they have merited the hearty good will and most kindly feelings of the community. The

following attended the banquet :

Ellis L. Orvis, N. E. Robb. D. F. Fort-Conley, C. B. Garman, H. J. Jackson, C. M. Bower, E. T. Tuten, Geo. W. Rumberger, N. B. Spangler, J. M. Keichline, John Blanchard, Thos. Mitchell, W. F. Reeder, Thos. Harter, Chas. Gates, Thos. W. Fisher, E. R. Chambers, Clement Dale, John P. Harris, F. E. Naginey, W. M. Cronister, Jos. Rightnour, J. H. Woomer, Wm. Royer, Harry Keller, Jas. Schofield, D. S. Dunham, W. H. Walker, J. C. Meyer, George Meek, Earl C. Tuten, Wm. F. Smith, W. J. Singer, Daniel Heckman, S. D. Gettig, W. G. Runkle, H. S. Taylor, S. Krumrine, Abe Baum, H. Y. Stitzer, John J. Bower, M. I. Gradner, Harrison Kline, Thos. Donachy, L. A. Shaffer, W. E. Gray, A. B. Kimport, Chas. R. Kurtz, S. H. Diehl, H. C. Quigley, E. G. Hutchin-

### HE WAS DEMENTED.

Suffering From Indigestion he Made an Attempt to End His Life.

For some years Henry W. Stover, who lived on a farm about one mile north of Woodward, was demented owing to impaired health. The family kept a careof the fields and a member of his family gashes cut in his neck. At his hand was of the kind has occurred in that county. a pocket hunting knife with open blade which was used to inflict the wound. The man was unconscious when found, from the great loss of blood. He was removed to his home and Drs. Musser and Braucht were summoned and sewed up the wound. On Tuesday it was thought he yould not recover, but since then there

### Senator Heinie's Bill.

In the state senate last week, Senator Heinle introduced a bill to regulate the manner of bringing suits before justices

#### LOCAL INSTITUTE NO. 5.

Local Teacher's Institute District No. 5 convened in the M. E. church at Unionville on the evening of March 10th. Institute opened by singing a "Welcome Song," by the choir. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. H. Gilbert. The president then introduced HE SOLD TOO MANY STAMPS the lecturer of the evening, Rev. R. H. Gilbert, of Huntingdon, Pa.; his subject being "A Handful of Hits." The president certainly made a good "Hit" when he secured Rev. Gilbert, for he held his hearers spell-bound for over two hours, and every one was well pleased.

SATURDAY FORENOON. The subject "How to Prevent Tardiness," was first taken up and discussed by G. D. Morrison, of Union township. He was followed by Prof. C. L. Gramley, who gave some good points on the subject. Miss Alice Buck then read an essay on "Tennyson His Life and His Works." E. W. Erhard discussed the topic "How may we secure better attendance at local institutes?" He was followed by Prof. J. O. Harpster, of the South Philipsburg schools. Recitation, by W. F. Harpster. Essay, by Miss Ida R. Williams. The next topic System do with a Backward Student?" was opened by Elmer Henderson, of

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Dr. W. U. Irwin, of Huston, opened the topic, "How can the directors help wake, intelligent director and made to take charge of the Bellefonte post gineering and Mining Journal," one ton kept the banqueters convulsed in laughter Owen Underwood of Union. "Guiding all stock was made and this morning the but the difference to the consumer was to the close. Then the following toasts principles in teaching literature" was new post master formally took possession greater than this, owing to various change in school books often entailed great "The parting Guests"-Ellis L. Orvis, He was followed by Prof. Rutt. A paper will be that of chief clerk, Thos. Howley, the mines varied from an average of 60 finest along that line that we have ever in the office for about a month, to assist The wide variations in price in twentyand Intellectual Training," was discierk in the duties of the office. The re- which bituminous coal was mined acwhat and how to use." Twenty-one Mr. Montgomery starts in the new West Virginia mines. Practically all three or more years, some, at least, will be so many from adjoining districts partici- munity. He is gentlemanly and court- Pennsylvania, Colorada being the only Now, suppose that in meeting this question, pated in the institute. Great credit is eous, and in every respect should make due to Miss Nancy Holt, for the way she an obliging and acceptable public official. of any anthracite; and the amount was conducted the music. The institute was a success in every way, and the president, E. J. Williams, deserves the thanks office as successor to James A. Feidler. in Pennsylvania was nearly three times best, what should the board do it has come to be the best, what should the board do it has come to be the best, what should the board do it has come to be the best, what should the board do it has come to be the best, what should the board do it has come to be the best, what should the board do it has come to be the best, what should the board do it has come to be the best, what should the board do it has come to be the best, what should the board do it has come to be the best what should the board do it has come to be the best what should the board do it has come to be the best what should the board do it has come to be the best when the best was the best when the best he receives from all hands, for his un- In that time he has been faithful to his the average cost of bituminous coal at the series in use, consolidate the balance and tiring efforts to make it a success. X

### Not Dead.

An Ohio newspaper recently took a 'straw vote' to determine the greatest plaint, to our knowledge, had ever been living American, and gives its readers made by the public to Mr. Fortney's the following result : Admiral Dewey, administration of the office. He goes out 9.500 votes; William Jennings Bryan, 7,- with a clear record and the satisfaction 866; President William McKinley, 7,758; of duty well performed. Mr. Fortney Rear Admiral Schley, 5.580; Lieutenant | was ably assisted by Mr. Howley who Hobson, 4,674; Rear Admiral Sampson, gave all matters his most careful superney, A. A. Dale, J. K. Johnson, J. Will 3.534; Governor Roosevelt, 3.342. For vision and direction. some time the republican papers pronounced W. J. Bryan dead, but according to the above those reports were not

### Forgot to Flap His Wings.

David Klepper, who resides in Coleville, a suburb of Bellefonte, conceived the idea of making a pair of wooden wings with which he could sail in the air with the birds. The wings completed, he went to the top of the house, where he adjusted them to his arms and jumped off, but instead of flying, he went to the ground and came very near falling on his mother, who thought he was the evil one, grabbed a hoe and belabored him unmercifully. As soon as David got loose from his harness and at a safe distance from his mother, he commenced to explain his actions to her and ended by saying that when he jumped from the top of the house he forgot to flap his wings, hence his fall.

No Court. Sheriff Wagner, of Union county, was out through the country last week notifyful watch over his movements on that ac- ing the men who were drawn as jurors count. On Monday he went out to one for the March term of court that they need not appear as there are no cases on went after him who found Mr. Stover ly- the docket for trial, either criminal or ing in a pool of his own blood, with two civil. This is the first time that anything

### Water Election.

State College boro will hold a special election on March 18th, to vote on bonding the town for over \$15,000 for the erection of a new water works. About five or six years ago before the boro was has been a noticable improvement in his \$20,000 in bringing the water about five condition. He is a man of about 75 miles to supply the town.

## School Entertainment.

Armagast's school, Benner Twp., near All are invited. T. L. CRUST, teacher. the county.

## POSTMASTER'S

MISTAKE

ious for Free Delivery.

To Business Firms outside of that town and was Reported by a Jealous Individual-Change in the Bellefonte Office takes Etfect this morning.

cause of a violation of the postal rules in prompted by others with a view of secur-Kinley by the appointment of Andrew J. Bolger as his successor.

who has made one of the most efficient bituminous coal exceeded that of anthrapostmasters Philipsburg has ever had, cite by 57,903,013 gross tons; in 1897 it and our people generally would have was 94,912, 837 short tons in excess, and been very much pleased to have had him in 1898 it was 109,008,360 short tons in finish out his term.

the leading republican workers in Phil- coal has nearly doubled in the last decipsburg, and was twice honored by being ade, the production of anthracite in 1898 elected to the office of Burgess. His com- was about the same as in 1888. Anthra- district, the controllers in cities or boroughs, mission will likely reach him so that he cite reached its highest annual record in can enter on his duties along about the 1895, but the smaller product by 1,785,first of April.

### BELLEFONTE P. O. CHANGES.

very good remarks. He was followed office, this Thursday, March 16th. Wed- of anthracite coal cost at the mine as by G. G. Fink, of the same township and nesday evening a complete inventory of much as two tons of bituminous coal; discussed by Ed. R. Hancock, of Boggs. of same. The only change in employees causes. The price of bituminous coal at on "Social Purity," was then read by who will be succeeded by Austin Brew. cents per ton in Pennsylvania and West furnished at the expense of the districts, no Mrs. Dr. E. A. Russell, this was the Mr. Howley, we understand, will remain Virginia to \$1.24 per ton in California. heard. "The Relative Value of Moral and instruct the new postmaster and the nine different states and territories in cussed by W. G. Woomer and S. J. Dale. maining employees, being under the count for the fact that the average price any additional cost to the district. To filus-Miss Naucy Holt, of Uniouville schools, civil service regulations, will hold their at all the mines was about 40 per cent

> public trust, and discharged his duties the source of production. in a manner that always gave our community the very best service and proved satisfactory to the department. No com-

### A Large Deal.

A transfer of property, involving many thousand dollars, was made at the Register and Recorder office in Clinton county last week. By the terms of the transfer the Lackawanna Lumber company, secured control of all the timber on 6,842 acres of land in the Kettle creek region, the greater portion of which is in Clinton county. The timber was purchased from Edgar Munson, Esq., Williamsport. The company, however, only have use of the timber standing on the land, Mr. Munson reserving the land and all mindeed transferring the land required sixty-five dollars worth of government revenue stamps.

### Careless Bookkeeping.

An error of \$2,500 in the last Clearfield county audit has just been discovered. It appears that in 1897 and 1898 Treasurer L. C. Dyer was twice credited with disbursements made on account of the fund set aside for paying sheep damages. In supplementary report the county auditors acknowledged their mistake, more interesting developments are be- been 5.731. ing roundly censured.

### Act to Pay School Directors.

The legislature last week passed finally an act providing for the payment of school directors for attending the triennial convention for the election of county superintendents and for the punishment of candidates who pay directors' ex- ted garden rakes over to England." penses.

### Took Horses Away.

Benj. Gentzel, of Spring township,

#### BITUMINOUS AND ANTHRACITE.

The output of bituminous coal in the United States last year exceeded the output in 1897 11,400,000 short tons. These Philipsburg's Official was too Anx- are the figures of the "Engineering and Some Practical Advice on an Im-Mining Journal," which puts the total production of bituminous last year at 159,000,000 short tons. The total production of anthracite was 50,000,000 tons, or 3,700,000 tons less in 1898 than in 1897. These are important starting points in considering the coal question-an increase of 11,400,000 tons in bituminous and a decrease of 3,700,000 tons anthra-The threatened removal of J. Albert cite. Bitummous coal is supplanting Walton as postmaster of Philipsburg, be. anthracite as fuel in most industries, and each year this fact becomes more and selling stamps to parties out of town, more apparent. For example, in the census year 1870 the output of bituminous ing free delivery for Philipsburg, was coal in the United States was only 1,395,disposed of Monday by President Mc- 960 tons in excess of that of anthracite coal. In the census year 1880 it was 12,678,510 tons in excess of anthracite. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Walton, In the calendar year 1890 the output of excess.

Mr. Bolger has for years been one of While the production of bituminous ooo tons in 1898 produced the larger revenue by \$2,800,000.

Bituminous is beating anthracite because of the greater cost of the latter. On Monday the commission of W. W. It is a trust product with a diminishing read a very good paper on "Busy work, positions, unless removed for cause. above the average at Pennsylvania and teachers of the district, and almost as position with the best wishes of the com- of the anthracite coal was mined in much worn that they must be replaced by new other state credited with the production It is almost five years since D. F. small (less than 65,000 tons). The aver-Fortney, Esq., was appointed to the age cost of anthracite coal at the mines

### PECULIAR EXPLOSION.

On Monday Geo. Sholl, of Houserthat he will not soon forget. He wanted to make a preparation in which nitric acid and turpentine were the principal ingredients and purchased them at one of the drug stores, from a young man who was not acquainted with the properties of the two fluids. He got several ounces of each put in a small flask and this he corked and put in the inside of his overcoat pocket. He then walked up street and stopped in front of the court house where he had a short conversation with Treasurer Harrison Kline, which was interrupted by a loud explosion in Mr. Sholl's coat pocket that shook him. coats and all around the pocket the fabric was burnt away and would have penetrated to his body had he not done

The cause of the explosion is easily exerals that may be found beneath the sur. plained. Nitric acid and turpentine mixface. The consideration is \$65,000. The ed produce a dangerous combination, generating heat In this case the nitric for that purpose, how very alert school directacid and turpentine developed heat which increased the pressure until it broke the vial into fine fragments with much force. The only injury Mr. Sholl sustained was the ruin to his garments and being badly scared.

### Fatalities of the War.

The killed in battle in the Phillippines since the forward nomenical commenced, August 6, including the last reports, has been 96; died of wounds, 24; died of disand Treasurer Dyer admits that he ease 236; total deaths, 356. The woundholds \$2.500 of county funds in excess of ed are roundly stated at 410. The total the amount charged to him. The dis- deaths in the army since the outbreak of

### Beeming.

kin's Iron and Tool works of this place are running up to their full capacity at present, and shipping their products as thorough educators, educational Journals, and fast as they make them. Only this week by careful, thorough and complete personal they shipped 2000 dozen of their celebra. examination on the part of the board, should be

Tramp-"Say, friend, kin yer help a poor feller along who don't know where cross roads, to the most complete and best his next meal's comin' from?" Jokelets some of the causes which seem to be sufficient Hunter's Park, will hold a free enter- shipped eighteen horses to Buffalo N. Y., -"Nop: I'm in the same boat myself to demand a change of text books. tainment Friday evening, March 17 th last week. They were all picked up in since my wife has been hunting up the cheap stores."

## SCHOOL BOOK

OUESTION

portant matter.

# ADDRESS BY D. F. FORTNEY

Delivered March 2nd, Before the School Directors Association of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg-Filled With Appropriate

The following address, on an important topic, is of special interest to school directors, and all persons who are interested in educational work. The following is Mr. Fortney's address, given in full, as delivered before that body, assembled in Harrisburg, on Wednesday, March

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Associa-

"What causes should be sufficient to de-mand a change of text books, and what influences should govern a director in voting for any particular book?"

This question is not without its difficulties It is highly proper that we should understand in the beginning just what a school board may or may not legally do in relation to text books. The Act of Assembly approved May 26, 1871 provides: That the board of directors of any or any school superintendent, shall not order or direct, or make any change in the school books or series of text books used in any school under his superintendence, direction or control, more than once in every period of three years. Violations of these provisions subject the offenders to a fine of \$300.00 and depriva-

Of course, no honest director or board of directors would for one moment think of making a change of text books in violation of law. This point must be taken as settled.

At the time the Act of 1871 was passed school books had to be provided by the patrons of the schools at their own expense, and any urdens, especially where the families were large and the parents poor. Under the law, as it now stands, all books and supplies being undue burden can fall upon any single patron of the schools.

As the books in the schools now belong to the district, with judicious and careful management, changes can be made without adding trate clearly what I mean: Suppose that in a school they are using Stickney's series of readers, and that they have been in use for series of graded readers, and after examination and consultation they are convinced that for their purposes, Gardner's series of readers is the best, what should the board do? Why clearuse them in a fewer number of schools, and adopt the other series to take the place of the wornout books and to be purchased and introduced into the schools as needed; or if the schools are graded, then grade by grade, as the other is wornout, By proceeding in this ville, was in town and had an experience | way, no additional cost is incurred by the district, and it has the benefit of a change in readers. The same proceedings can be had with many of the books now used in our public

schools. You understand me. This is only to be done if it be the judgment of the board that it would a fuss over finance. be better for and of advantage to the schools. With this as a preliminary. I now come to the gist of the question :- "What causes should be sufficient to demand a change of text books ?" The cause may depend somewhat on the book that is the subject to which it relates. If it is a text book in philosophy, (physics I believe is the term now used) or on electricity, or astron omy, or on any scientific subject, and the theories or principles it teaches are changed by after-discoveries, inventions, or the adoption of new principles, then the book should be changed the moment it ceases in any part to Quickly he took off his inner and outer contain the very latest principles, discoveries, or the application of forces on any subject to which it may relate.

So rapidly do the discoveries in science change theories once believed to be entirely correct, that it is said, that in the library belonging to the University of Edinburg, all books on the sciences are taken out once in a period of ten years, and replaced by later and newer works. This only, shows, and it is given ors should be, in all school districts where such books are used.

This same line of reasoning will apply to geographies. Wnen discoveries, inventions, the progress of commerce, or political changes in the nations of the world make it necessary for proper and correct instruction in this subject, a change should be made.

The school books being now furnished by the district, there are still other causes which it seems to me would justify or demand a change | ging. in books, other than those already mentioned. Take, if you will, any series of readers that has been in use from three to five years. Many of them are entirely wornout, and the rest have become so solled from use, having passed through the hands of at least three and perhaps five different pupils, that on the ground of common decency, and for the preservation of coveries have created a sensation, and war with Spain down to March r has the health of the pupils and the prevention of disease, they should be destroyed and replaced with new books.

In doing this, the very latest and best series that can be obtained, should be adopted. If The Howard Pa., Hustler says: "Jen. for graded schools, then the series which, according to the best light we have on the subject, or that we are able to obtain, not alone from the publisher, or his agents, but from and

This reasoning will apply to all the books which may be used in our public schools, from the little red school house at the equipped high school in the State. These are

I come now to the second part of the ques

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#### FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs-Selected and Original.

If you should see a gentle skate About this time of year, You may be sure that Gentle Spring And new bock beer are here.

The dandelion soon will peep Up from the verdant lawn, Butdon't you mind it—you just keep Your winter clothing on.

LET 'EM SLIDE.

Ef yo' cain't mend things by kindness,
'Ith reason fer yo' guide.
Yo' sho'ly cain't by growlin',
An' yo' bettah let 'em slide:

I tells yo, wat, mah honey, De 'lasses barrel's pride, Is de files wat gets de sweetness, An' let de sourness slide!

An' ef yo' finds a mawnin'

So dark yo' gon' and cried,
De way ter make it brighter
Is jes' ter let it slide!
I tells yo' wat mah honey,
Untwell you's don' an' tried,
Yo' neber knows de blessin'
Ob lettin' some things slide!

De cross word make de crosser, An' win ol' Satan's side; He's tickled 'ith yo' madness, An' hates ter see it slide!

I tells yo' wat, mah boney, De go down paf is wide; But de go up paf is bloomin 'Ith trubbles we let slide!

-Detroit News.

Carelessness pays two prices for ex-The fruits of industry sometimes go to

smash in family jars. Even the strictest church members are

leading a fast life now. The man who itches for a thing may

get it by lively scratching. A bit in a horse's mouth doesn't pre-

vent him from getting hungry. A fortune for one man is for another merely money for a horse race.

Don't call a policeman a "lobster," because he'd be apt to "pinch" you. The indolent man is the first to claim

that he never had an opportunity. An old bachelor says a woman's change

of mind is an effect without a cause. There is more than one kind of smoke

less powder that is fatal to mankind. Two heads may be better than one, but one foot is sometimes better than two.

The successful hosiery manufacturer must needs have a large stockin' trade.

Any fool counterfeiter can make money, but it takes a smart man to get rid of it. The only safe people to talk to are those who never listen to anything you

A South street shoe dealer displays this sign: "Come in and let us boot

It's funny that a girl always knows her beau's intentions when he keeps her in Some people can't see what pleasure

those who mind their own business find

The phrenologist finds that it takes a lot of head work to make money in his

The love of woman passes all comprehension, and a man's love of her often does likewise.

The Cuban war was started for freedom, but it appears to be rounding up as

The average midddle-aged man has a delusion that he is only a little gray around the temples.

"Miss Mary, are you sorry that your sister Evelyn is married?" "No; it advances me one number." A man never cares anything about

meeting his wife's relations-unless they are rich and distinguished. Although a girl may know but little of business, she always knows enough to

consider sealed proposals. Some people wait until they are requested to do things, and some wait until they are requested not to.

The Chicago man who is accused of killing his wife and burning her body has exonerated himself by confessing that he

drowned her in the lakes. "Are you the toastmaster?" inquired the guest who had arrived early. "Not exactly, sir," answered the imposing

personage in the dress suit. "I serve it." A Chicago minister has resigned his charge to go to the Klondyke and dig for gold. Most of his fellow-workers went to the New York pulpits to do their dig-

"Poor Cassidy had hopes of being employed in that quarry all spring." 'Well?" "Why, there was a premature explosion to-day and the poor fellow's hopes were blasted."

An Illinois woman who shot her brother-in-law says she was compelled to do so in order to keep peace in the family. This woman will be eligible for a place on the Philippine Peace commissson.

Cholly-What did you answer him when he called you a har and said he was your huckleberry if you wanted to fight? Fweddy-I told him, baw Jove, I nevah ate bucklebewwies! Baw Jove, it

Alkali Ike-"Mighty lucky for me, Pete, that we catched that hoss thief this mornin'." Broncho Pete-"What ye drivin' at, Ike?" Alkali Ike-"Th' old woman told me when I left home not ter furgit ter fetch some terbacker, an' tyin' th' knot aroun' his neck reminded me ov' it,