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## FINAL AWARD OF SCHOOL BOOKS

Result of the Final Count Made On Wednesday.

## A LARGE VOTE WAS POLLED

Names of The 24 Successful Teachers—Much Interest Was Taken In All Parts of The County—The Final Vote a Large One.

The final count in the School Teachers' Book Award, instituted by this paper, was made on Wednesday evening and it proved quite a task. From all parts of Centre county there was a flood of ballots in which the Premiums predominated, that aggregate many thousand, and attests the interest taken in the project by our readers as well as the approval of the public. While this award may be termed a contest, it was rather a friendly rivalry, for there were twenty-four prizes and could not be centered between any two or three individuals.

In the count this week, the judges set out in the first column the number of votes cast the last week, and then the total vote. A number of names appear in the column of teachers, who did not make an effort to secure a set of the books, and the vote came to them without any solicitation which indicates that some friend thought kindly of them.

If it were possible, within the means of the publisher, we would like to make an award to every name in the list, but that is beyond the scope of our exchequer.

In the following list, the first four names in each district are the fortunate ones each of whom will receive a set of "Famous American Orators and Statesmen" in six volumes, including the portraits of all the Presidents of the United States; the highest in each district receives a set in fine leather.

The books are at our office and will be distributed according to the judges final report. The counts made by Prof. John Meyer and James Corl, required considerable care and labor. We know they discharged their trust impartially and every one received a square deal, for which the teachers and the publisher are under obligations to them.

Bellefonte, Pa., March 23, 1905  
The following is the total number of votes cast in the Teachers' Book Award in the various Institute Districts in Centre county to this date:

| District        | Name  | Count     |
|-----------------|---|-----------|
| First District  | E. R. Wolfe, Haines   | 6942-7795 |
|                 | T. A. Hosterman, Penn.  | 5671-7550 |
|                 | Samuel Gephart, Haines  | 3629-6129 |
|                 | L. A. Miller, Haines  | 1175-2280 |
|                 | Chas. Royer, Gregg  | 100-424   |
|                 | Wm. Lambert, Miles  | 80-215    |
|                 | Theresa Rachan, Gregg   | 192       |
|                 | W. P. Hosterman, Gregg  | 120-120   |
|                 | W. E. Keen, Penn.   | 98        |
|                 | Mary Foreman, Gregg   | 8-58      |
| Second District | Mary Guise, Gregg   | 42        |
|                 | Anna Smith, Penn.   | 37        |
|                 | Charles Bowes, Gregg  | 6-3       |
|                 | 3-Potter, Harris, Ferguson and College townships and Centre Hall and State College boro--56 teachers. |           |
|                 | Thomas L. Moore, Pot'r.   | 3671-5432 |
|                 | John H. Bitner, Potter  | 2864-4424 |
|                 | Sam'l M. Goodhart, Pot'r.   | 964-2528  |
|                 | Ella Livingston, St. C.   | 1689-2247 |
|                 | G. W. R. Williams, Col'g.   | 518-1299  |
|                 | Frank Young, Harris   | 250-315   |
| Third District  | Harry Bron, Spring  | 4141-5978 |
|                 | Cyrus Hoy, Walker   | 3500-4898 |
|                 | Ralph Noll, Spring  | 3161-4542 |
|                 | Bertha Johnston, Benner   | 895-1714  |
|                 | Carrie Weaver, Bellefte   | 924-1560  |
|                 | Bella Barnhart, Spring  | 608-1566  |
|                 | Annie McCaffrey, Bellefte   | 14-367    |
|                 | Eva C. Bathgate, Benner   | 287-337   |
|                 | Gertrude Taylor, Bellefonte   | 238       |
|                 | Marye Wolf, Benner  | 161       |
| Fourth District | Mary Woods, Spring  | 71        |
|                 | Verna Allison, Walker   | 79        |
|                 | W. H. Markle, Walker  | 60        |
|                 | Willis E. Wion, Spring  | 50        |
|                 | Alice Robinson, Walker  | 42        |
|                 | Bessie Dorworth, Bellefonte   | 30        |
|                 | Jennie Longacre, Bellefte   | 8         |
|                 | Lillian Rearick, Spring   | 8         |
|                 | Laura Faxon, Benner   | 7         |
|                 | Mabel Brungart, Benner  | 2         |

## THE E. J. PRUNER ORPHANAGE

Bellefonte and Tyrone Councils Take Decisive Action.

## WILL BE ESTABLISHED SOON

Income Of The Bequest \$25,000 Per Annum--Will Support a Number of Homeless Children From Each Town--Estimates of Cost.

Last week the committee appointed by the Bellefonte council, namely, president W. R. Jenkins, Joseph Wise and Dr. M. A. Kirk with borough solicitor D. F. Fortney, went to Tyrone to confer with the committee appointed by the Tyrone council relative to the advisability of accepting the bequest of the late Edward J. Pruner, of his home in this place as an orphanage for parentless children. The Tyrone committee consisted of president John H. Graizer, F. S. Armstrong and A. W. Beyer with borough solicitor W. L. Hicks.

According to a detailed statement furnished by F. M. Waring who has been looking after the properties since Mr. Pruner's death, there is a net income of \$2,551.82 a year from these properties, which would be applicable to the maintenance of the proposed home.

The committee estimated the annual cost of maintaining such a home as follows: Matron \$350, servant girl \$208, man when necessary for rough work \$200, agent's commission for looking after properties \$200, fuel \$75, light \$36, repairs \$50, insurance \$5--total \$1135. This would leave a balance of \$1,416.72 to provide for the children. The committee's report goes on to say:

The committee agreed that the approximate cost of maintaining the children would be about \$100 per year for each child, so that the present income would be sufficient to provide a home for at least twelve little ones, the idea being simply to provide a home where the children would be fed, clothed and housed, and brought under good influences, and not carry through life the stigma that is attached to the inmate of a county home or almshouse. It was unanimously decided that the committees recommend to their respective councils that the ordinance be enacted providing for the acceptance of the provisions of the will of the late E. J. Pruner.

Committee met in Bellefonte, March 16th, and inspected the proposed home, reported that it is a two-story frame building, containing eleven rooms including a bath room, a finished attic and in fairly good condition requiring some repairs.

Committee then met at the office of Mr. Fortney, and after discussing plans for conducting the home and the ordinance to be presented to council, adjourned.

The proposed ordinance accepting the Pruner bequest on behalf of Tyrone borough, was read, and unanimously adopted at their council meeting.

At the meeting of the Bellefonte boro council on Monday evening the Pruner bequest was considered in detail, and after careful discussion council decided to accept the bequest; and the boro solicitor is now preparing an ordinance to that effect, and the "E. J. Pruner Orphanage" will be established in our town. The house is the property on Pine street, near the Academy, known as the Pruner homestead.

The Tallest of All.  
Last week the Democrat noted the fact that Bellefonte had a taller citizen than the two boasted of from Montgomery and Berks counties, namely, Rev. Cox, of the U. E. church of this place, whose height is 6 feet 4 1/2 inches. It has since occurred to us that Hubsburg can boast of one far above that in young Carner, a son of James Carner, of Hubsburg. The young man towers to the height of 6 feet 8 inches, and is a man that "must be looked up to." We think we can safely place Mr. Carner up head.

Here we have another that will require "looking up to," Attorney James A. Gleason, of Houtzdale, was in our sanctuary on Tuesday, chaperoned by Sheriff Taylor. Mr. Gleason is 6 feet 6 inches in stature. With Carner, Gleason and pastor Cox, Montgomery and Berks counties are not in it for tall men. Get out with yer 6-feet-3 inches.

Aged Ones Near Their End.  
Mrs. Daniel Lesh, of Zion, who is perhaps the most aged citizen in that vicinity, is seriously ill with no hopes for recovery. Her age is not under 80 years.

Mrs. Jacob Shaffer, also an aged lady of Zion, is critically ill with no hope that life will last much longer with her.

Mrs. J. J. Arney, of Centre Hall, is seriously ill of neuralgia of the heart. Her health has been precarious for some time and at this time there is little hope for her recovery.

Mukden Battle Losses 225,000.  
Revised figures of the Japanese losses at the battle of Mukden place the number at 50,000, and revised estimates of the Russian losses from the commencement of the battle of Mukden and ending with the fighting at Tie Pass, place the total at 176,000 killed, wounded or captured.

Dents Run had a fire on Saturday, a hotel and two houses having been destroyed.

## STOREY COTTON FAILURE.

The Storey Cotton Company, of Philadelphia, which had its headquarters in the Bourse and branches in many other cities and in foreign countries, was last Friday placed in the hands of a receiver.

## HISTORICAL REVIEW OF CENTRE COUNTY

A Chapter of Important Incidents in 1858.

The Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Centre county, incorporated under act of April 24, 1857, was organized Feb. 26, 1858, by electing the following board of directors: Henry Krebs, Samuel Hess, Philip Moyer, George W. Camp, bell, William Durst, Peter Hoffer, George Buchanan, Peter Zeigler, William C. Duncan, Amos Alexander, S. N. Strohecker, and Samuel Frank. On the 6th of March the board selected the following officers: President, George Buchanan; Vice-President, Philip Moyer; Treasurer, Henry Witmer; Secretary, John Shannon. Office of the company at Centre Hall.

The company is still in existence, and is one of the soundest and safest in the country, at remarkably low rates, economically managed and the utmost care exercised by its board of directors and officers in taking risks. The territory was enlarged a few years ago by taking in Nittany valley and the townships to the west of Bellefonte, excluding, however, the boro of Bellefonte. The present board of officers and board of directors are the following, most of whom have served many years on account of their efficiency and familiarity with the workings of the company, which has been a practice of the company, namely, to retain experienced members on account of their valued service: President, Frederick Kurtz; vice president, Jacob Bortoff; treasurer, John G. Bailey; secretary, D. F. Luse.

Directors: J. G. Goheen, Frank McFarlane, J. B. Strohm, F. M. Fisher, W. Fred Reynolds, H. E. Duck, G. B. Haines, Robert Reed, Jacob Bortoff, Fred Kurtz, Z. D. Thomas, J. R. Brungart.

The charter of the "Nittany Association," the object of which was to protect its members against horse-stealing, was approved by the court Feb. 5, 1858. Its first officers were: President, John Swartz; Vice-Presidents, George Brungard, Henry Beck, and Zaccheus Thomas; Recording Secretary, A. Bartholomew; Corresponding Secretaries, David Keller and William Myers; Treasurer, George Shaffer; Branding Masters, Michael Grove, George Swartz, and Samuel Best; Inspector of Arms, Samuel Walkey.

On the 6th of October, 1858 a grand military encampment was held near Aaronsburg. Eight companies were in attendance: Washington Troop, Capt. Wolf; Centre Dragoons, Capt. Cummings; Marion Infantry, Capt. Fisher; Brushvalley Guards, Capt. Faust; Center Guards, Capt. Weaver; Penn's Valley Cadets, Capt. Kepler; Washington Artillery, Capt. Eisenhuth; Independent Troop, Lieut. Shaffer. The field-officers present were Gen. George Buchanan and staff, Col. Strohecker, Col. Wolf, Maj. Tolbert, Maj. Fisher, and Maj. Fugate.

The most notable local event of the year was the encampment of Gen. Buchanan's brigade at Camp Logan, on Valentine's Forge field, adjoining Bellefonte, from 20th to 25th of September. Over eight hundred soldiers were in camp, and the visitors on review-day, Thursday, numbered over five thousand.

The cavalry companies were Warriors Mark Cavalry, Capt. Hunter; Centre Dragoons, Capt. Cummings; Washington Troop, Capt. Wolf; Independent Troop, Capt. Danlap; Nittany Troop, Capt. Smith; Infantry, Bellefonte Fenibles, Capt. A. G. Curtin; Nittany Blues, Capt. Eisenhuth; Brushvalley Guards, Capt. Faust; Centre Guards, Capt. Weaver; Marion Infantry, Capt. Fisher; Penn's Valley Cadets, Capt. Kepler; Scott Infantry, Capt. George Dare, of Spruce Creek; Union Guards, Capt. Joseph Johnston, of Petersburg; Lock Haven Artillery, Capt. Jarret. Field-officers present: adjutant general, E. G. Wilson; inspector-general, Maj. Gen. John C. Watson, Fourteenth Division, with his aides, P. Benner Wilson and Maj. D. J. Neving; staff, Maj. James S. Bribbin; quartermaster, G. A. Garretson, division inspector, Lieut. Col. S. Dorsey Green; judge advocate, Lieut. Col. F. H. Lane; Brig. Gen. George Buchanan, Third Brigade; aides, Col. James P. Coburn, Col. C. F. W. Fisher; brigade inspector, Maj. J. B. Fisher; adjutant, William P. Maemann; Maj. Gen. D. K. Jackson, of Eleventh Division, and staff, Col. John Smith and staff, etc.

Among the pleasing incidents was a banquet given by the Fenibles to Gen. Jackson, his staff, and the Lock Haven Artillery. The oldest soldier in camp was Col. Andrew Gregg, who was in his sixty-ninth year. Hayes Hamilton gave a dinner at the Conrad House to Capt. Dare and his company, the Scott Infantry. Seventy-eight men at the table. Jere Butts was the caterer.

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## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

## A LETTER FROM HOME.

[In case the Oiler idea is adopted.]  
Dear Jim: The crops is doing well. The calf is big enough to sell; I've traded off the brindle cow. And we ain't got but one just now. The hoeses all is fat and sleek. Except that Bob is rather weak. But still that isn't nothing queer. We've had him nigh on 20 year. I think I'll put the bottom field in corn and oats; it oughter yield a heavy crop. The land is rich. And just the thing for oats and hesh. There is no news to speak of, Jim. Miss Susie Jones is just as trim as when you saw her in the fall. The folks is well. I guess that's all--But stop, I most forgot 'bout dad! I 'speat the news'll make you sad. You know that dad was getting old, just 60 years had o'er him rolled. And so, I much regret to say. We eliorformed poor dad to-day. And that's 'bout all the news until I write agala. Your brother, Bill.

Lots of men who are crooked vote the straight ticket.  
The woman who lies about her age doesn't prolong her life.  
A dentist can kill a nerve but he can't always take the conceit out of a man.

## LOST THREE TIMES.

Lost in Philadelphia three times within little more than twenty-four hours and twice reported missing to the police is the record of the brief visit of Mrs. C. S. McCormick, of Lock Haven. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick went to the city on Monday and went to the Hanover Hotel. They went shopping in the afternoon and in the crush in a large department store they became separated. Mr. McCormick, who is a prominent business man in Lock Haven, returned to the hotel, thinking his wife would find her way back. Having forgotten the name of the hotel, she wandered about the streets for hours and late Monday night a policeman found her and advised her to spend the night at a Market street hotel, which she did.

Meanwhile Mr. McCormick, having become alarmed at his wife's absence went to the detective bureau and reported her as missing. The police could not locate her. In the morning the clerk of the hotel at which she had been staying telephoned to other hotels and finally located her husband. They were reunited and went out together.

Again they became separated for some hours. This time, remembering the hotel, a policeman took her back, only to find that her husband had gone to the detective bureau and once more reported her missing. He was notified by telephone that his wife had returned, and he hurried back, but his wife had gone in search of him. Some time later she returned again, after having asked the way back of policemen and pedestrians.

FULLY SIXTY DEAD.  
Brockton, Mass., is in mourning for at least three score of her citizens whose lives were blotted out by the explosion of a boiler in a large shoe manufacturing establishment conducted by the R. B. Grover Company.

The explosion was immediately followed by a flash of flame, which consumed the factory, a long, four-story structure, as if it were a house of cards, and incinerated an unknown number of men and women, who were unable to extricate themselves from a mass of tangled wreckage formed by the terrific upheaval in the boiler room.

More than a half hundred of the employees in the building were maimed, burned or bruised by the time they reached safe ground. Some had jumped from the roof, some from windows and others had been injured in the mad rush to escape from the doomed factory, from which all parts emitted the intense heat of an inferno, driving back the band of heroic rescuers who in a few brief moments had performed gallant service.

Two hundred and fifty survivors have been accounted for and the remains of fifty bodies have been recovered from the ruins, the search being continued all night.

No Licenses Granted.  
Saturday forenoon a short session of court was held and the principal business was hearing argument on the various liquor license applications. The court took all the testimony for consideration and later will hand down his decision.

Judge Orvis has not, up to the time of going to press, disposed of any of the liquor license applications. No time has been set for disposing of them.

Church Chooses Pastor.  
Rev. George F. Limbert, pastor of the Reformed church at Danville, was elected pastor of the Trinity Reformed church Altoona, at a meeting of congregation and a call will be sent to him on Tuesday. Rev. Limbert is a Centre countian, a native of Madisonburg.

## THE COMPANY'S SYSTEM.

The troubles of the Storey Company began one month ago, when persistent attacks upon it were printed. The company had been frequently investigated by the Post office inspectors, but nothing on which a fraud order could be justified could be discovered, as it was promptly paying its investors.

## THE COMPANY'S SYSTEM.

Its plan of payment involved three accounts, unconditional accounts, in which investors had the alleged right to withdraw on demand, paid 3 per cent. monthly. Special time accounts, under which the investments were tied up for quarterly periods, had 2 per cent. quarterly added to the monthly dividend as a bonus. Accumulative accounts had the monthly dividend added to principal and compounded each month, and the quarterly bonus of 2 per cent. added and compounded each quarter. Under this scheme the concern claimed to be able to pay 5 per cent. annually to one class, 44 per cent. annually to the second class, and 68.58 per cent. annually to the third class of investors.

There were tens of thousands of investors in this "get rich quick" scheme, and much money was taken from Centre and Clinton counties. In the vicinity of Beech Creek, especially, there are many larger losses.

A receiver said: "I do not doubt that the investigation will disclose a fraud, I find no evidence that the concern dealt in cotton, and the accounts seem to be of money only."

This was taken as meaning that the books will prove that payments to dupes as dividends were not realized from earnings, but represented a distribution to old dupes of the money paid into the concern by the later victims.

The losses in our county will be large, but nothing like that in Clinton county, where it is estimated there was over \$100,000 invested.

It is stated that Beech Creek township will actually go into bankruptcy, as thousands and thousands of dollars were invested from that section. So anxious were the farmers to put their money into the concern that they mortgaged their farms and sold gilt-edge securities to procure money to invest in cotton.

The local field manager, E. R. Reed, resides in Beech Creek and it was thro his efforts that the company secured such a hold in the community. He individually is a heavy loser.

The Phillipsburg Journal says: "The Storey Cotton company, which has just gone to the wall in Philadelphia, left a number of victims in Phillipsburg and other places in this neighborhood. The fact that the company paid about 3 per cent. interest a month on investments led some people to put in the bulk of their savings, and it is believed the loss will be almost total."

Three Governors in 24 Hours.  
The bargain made by leaders of the opposing republican factions of Colorado to take the Governor's chair from Alva Adams and to seat in it Lieutenant Governor Jesse F. McDonald, after permitting James H. Peabody to hold it for one day, was carried to a conclusion late the afternoon of the 17th.

In fulfillment of the agreement which he made, before the general assembly decided the gubernatorial contest in his favor, Governor James H. Peabody resigned the office in which he was inaugurated late in the afternoon of the 16th. His resignation was filed in the office of Secretary of State Allan at 2:15 on the 17th.

James Cowie, secretary of state pro tem., immediately accepted Governor Peabody's resignation and Lieutenant Governor McDonald was then sworn in. There was no further ceremony.

This in a space of less than 24 hours Colorado has had three governors.

Sale of Properties.  
John H. Bair sold his home at Tusseyville, 6 acres of ground, with house and barn, to Michael Rossman, price \$575. Mr. Rossman will build a new house thereon next summer. Mr. Bair has bought the Strouse farm one mile south east of Penn Hall, 116 acres with buildings, price, \$1250.