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SCHOOL DIRECTORS CONVENTION

3rd Annual Session Will Meet Here Next Thursday.

ABLE INSTRUCTORS COMING

Will Hold Three Sessions, and an Interesting Programme Has Been Announced--Topics to be Discussed--Good Music.

The School Directors' Association of Centre county will hold its Third Annual Convention in the Court House at Bellefonte, on Thursday, January 18th, 1906, at 10 o'clock a.m., having three sessions, closing on Thursday night.

The services of Prof. C. H. Albert, of Bloomsburg, Pa., and Prof. R. M. McNeal, of Harrisburg, Pa., eminent educators, have been secured for this meeting, and they will be present during the entire session.

At the evening session the time will be occupied by these scholarly men in the discussion of the most important issues concerning our public schools at this time.

Forenoon: "Whose Schools are These?" by Prof. Albert; "The Business Side of the School Administration," by Prof. McNeal.

Afternoon: "Some Rightful Demands of Parent, Pupils and Teacher," by Prof. Albert; "Educational Side of School Administration," by Prof. McNeal.

Evening: "Relation of the Public Schools to the Community," by Prof. Albert; "What the People have a right to expect from the Public Schools," Prof. McNeal.

A special chorus of 30 voices under the direction of Prof. P. H. Meyer assisted by Miss Bessie Dörworth as pianist, will furnish the music.

The Officers of the Association are: O. Eiters, County Supt.; Wm C. Heinle, Pres.; Dr. W. S. Glenn, Ira G. Burkert, Vice Presidents; H. C. Quigley, Secy.; John P. Harris, Treas.

The compensation for attending this annual meeting of the Association is now fixed by law at \$2 per day, and mileage at 3 cents per mile.

DRESSER RETIRES.

The following item appeared in yesterday's papers:

"Representative S. R. Dresser, of Bradford, is another Pennsylvania Congressman to whom Washington life has not proved attractive. He told a number of his colleagues to day that it was his determination to formally announce his intention not to again become a candidate for Congress."

Mr. Dresser will have completed two terms in the House at the expiration of his present term, but he has not found official life at the capitol entirely to his liking.

This announcement will create a stir among the republicans of the district. It was a question whether Solomon with all his boodle could have secured a third term, as considerable opposition in this district has developed against him. It was his "grease" that lubricated the republican machine in this county for years. The boys will miss him.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Thursday and Friday evening, February 1st and 2nd, will be used for the opening of the new building. It is expected that Robert E. Speer, of New York City, and State Secretary E. B. Buckalew, of Harrisburg, will be present and deliver addresses on the first evening.

The second evening will be given to gymnasium work and it is expected that a good program will be carried out with the assistance of some athletes from nearby associations, who will be invited to participate.

The Brunswick, Balk, Colender Co., have two men at work placing the bowling alleys. All of the suspended apparatus in the gymnasium has been put in place and as soon as the floor is laid the balance of the equipment will be put in position.

Appreciate the Law.

The fact that Jersey Shore is practically immune to the scourge of smallpox says the Herald is due to the efficiency of the health board, and to the ready manner with which every one complied with the vaccination laws. Others towns are experiencing trouble in having their school children comply with the mandates of the state health authorities, but Jersey Shore stands in line with those whose citizens recognize the value of state law.

Just because a woman never cleans house is no sign that she is intellectual.

SECOND COUNT.

In The School Teachers Book Award in Centre County

Bellefonte, Pa., Jan. 10, 1906. 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:

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Vote Count. Includes First District (Gregg, Haines, Miles, Millheim and Penn.) and Second District (Centre Hall, College, Ferguson, Harris, Potter and State College).

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Vote Count. Includes Third District (Bellefonte, Benner, Spring and Walker) and Fourth District (Bones, Curtis, Howard, Ingham, Liberty, Marion and Milesburg).

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Vote Count. Includes Fifth District (Half Moon, Haston, Patton, Taylor, Union, Unionville and Worth) and Sixth District (Burnside, Rush, Philipsburg, Snow Shoe and South Philipsburg).

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Vote Count. Includes Seventh District (Ella M. Ward, Rush, Grace Vallimont, Snow Shoe, H. E. Leathers, Snow Shoe, Jennie Graham, Snow Shoe, Geo. F. Daugherty, Burnside, Eliza Fleming, Snow Shoe, Eliz. Glenn, Snow Shoe).

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Vote Count. Includes Eighth District (Ernest Spotts, Port Matilda, Mary E. Spotts, Port Matilda, Walter, Harrisburg, Union, Harry B. Baisor, Waddle, Earnest Ardery, Port Matilda, J. W. Blair, Patton, G. A. Williams, Worth, Mattie Lucas, Union).

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Vote Count. Includes Ninth District (Ella M. Ward, Rush, Grace Vallimont, Snow Shoe, H. E. Leathers, Snow Shoe, Jennie Graham, Snow Shoe, Geo. F. Daugherty, Burnside, Eliza Fleming, Snow Shoe, Eliz. Glenn, Snow Shoe).

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Vote Count. Includes Tenth District (Ella M. Ward, Rush, Grace Vallimont, Snow Shoe, H. E. Leathers, Snow Shoe, Jennie Graham, Snow Shoe, Geo. F. Daugherty, Burnside, Eliza Fleming, Snow Shoe, Eliz. Glenn, Snow Shoe).

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Sample sets of the 20th Century Encyclopaedia have been placed at the following points in the county where the teachers are invited to call and carefully inspect each of the six volumes:

- BELLEFONTE....."Index" book store MILLHEIM.....T. F. Meyer's store SPRING MILLS.....C. A. Krape's store BOALSBURG.....Ishler & Harrison CENTRE HALL.....Murray's Drug store BLANCHARD.....Sickles Drug store PHILIPSBURG.....Crisman & Brown STATE COLLEGE, St. Col. Supply Co. UNIONVILLE.....A. J. Greist's store HOWARD.....Moore's Drug Store.

PREMIUM BALLOTS can be voted any time, or retained up to the last count. You can vote for any teacher or school, anywhere in the county.

The final count will be made Wednesday, March 21st, 1906. Ballot box will close at noon of that day.

In any case where a transfer of subscription is made in the same family or household, during this contest, no coupons will be allowed.

20th CENTURY ENCYCLOPAEDIA

The Centre Democrat.

NEWSPAPER BALLOT

No. 4, Jan. 11.

ONE VOTE FOR

Name of Teacher

(Carefully insert in line below name of town or township where teacher is employed.)

This ballot, if not along the border (must include the date) and sent to this office inside of 20 days I am above date, will be good for one vote.

CHAS. R. KURTZ, Pub.

FATAL FIRE ON MONDAY NIGHT

Two Homes Destroyed While Inmates Were Asleep.

ELEVEN LIVES WERE LOST

Terrible Affair at Pleasantville, Juniata County--Very Few Escape From Burning House--Seven Burned In One Building.

In the destruction by fire of their home at Cove, Huntingdon county, Monday, Robert Adams, his wife and two children were burned to death. The fire resulted from a defective flue.

In a fire which destroyed their home and which stole upon them, while they lay sleeping in their beds, seven persons lost their lives early Monday morning at Pleasantville, Juniata county.

Isaac Saylor and his daughter, Mrs. Peter Martin, and her five children, Edna, aged 12; Earle, aged 10; Alice, aged 9; Stella, aged 6; and Charles, a ten months old baby, were the victims. A wood fire had been built in the fire place in the afternoon and it set the chimney afire. This blaze was extinguished by the family. The house being an old-fashioned one with a large chimney, the supposition is that embers lodged in crevices and smouldered until the flames broke out early Monday morning, destroying the entire house, and the seven persons who were sleeping.

Charles Saylor, and his wife of Altoona, who were visiting the home of their parents occupied a room on the first floor. Mrs. Martin's screams awoke Mrs. Saylor. The latter aroused her husband and the two managed to escape through a window. They reached the house of neighbors in their night clothes. The house was a mass of flames when they escaped, and it is thought the other occupants were either overcome by smoke or jumped down the blazing stairway in hopes of escaping.

The building collapsed quickly and the debris has been searched for the remains of the victims, but only small portions of the bodies could be found.

INSURANCE MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County, was held in its room in Percken Hall on Monday. The attendance was above the average and a full board of Directors was present.

The annual statement was presented and shows the Company to be in its usual solid condition in all respects--being well and economically managed by its officers and board of directors since its incorporation 45 years ago. The amount of risks the Company carries at this time is close on to two and a quarter million dollars, with a handsome surplus in its treasury. There were no assessments within the past four or five years, and were remarkably few in previous years since the incorporation of the Company.

The following board of directors was elected by a unanimous vote for the ensuing year: Directors: J. G. Goheen, Frank McFarlane, J. B. Strohm, F. M. Fisher, Robert Reed, W. Fred Reynolds, H. E. Duck, G. B. Haines, Jacob Bortoff, Fred Kurtz, Z. D. Thomas, J. R. Brungart.

Thereupon the new board was organized and unanimously elected the following officers: President, Frederick Kurtz; Vice president, Jacob Bortoff; Treasurer, John G. Bailey; Secretary, D. P. Luse.

Fell Under Wheels.

One employe of the Pennsylvania railroad met with an accident in the Tyrone yard, which cost him his life. Edward J. Storm, flagman on the yard shifting crew, slipped from a car, and falling under the wheels he was fatally injured on Thursday night. Two tracks passed over his legs and his left arm, mangling them horribly. He was dragged some distance, and received bruises about the head and body, and after lingering for six hours, he died at 4:30 o'clock next morning.

After Mill Owners.

W. J. Criswell, Acting State Fish Warden, swore out warrants against proprietors of manufacturing establishments along the Schuylkill river whose drainage is alleged to pollute the water and kill fish. Several of these places are dye mills. Hearings will be held on Saturday. This law applies to all other streams, where the waters are similarly polluted.

Ask Auditors to Surcharge.

Pressure is being brought to bear on the auditors of Snyder county to surcharge the county commissioners with the \$5,000 they expended on the so-called soldier's monument. The monument was erected and repaid by the old soldiers, who are now raising money for a new one.

CIRCULATION STATEMENT.

Following the custom adopted years ago, "THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT" herewith submits its annual statement of circulation for the past year. This is done principally for the information of our patrons, so that they may know exactly what they are getting when they purchase space in this paper to announce their wares. A careful record is kept each week of the number of papers issued, from which the following is compiled:

ANNUAL STATEMENT. BELLEFONTE, PA., JAN. 1ST, 1906. During the year 1905 there were printed and circulated 227,296 complete copies of "THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT" which shows an

Average Circulation per issue, - 4457

During 1905 no edition was less than 4100. For our regular edition 4000 copies are printed each week, and the BONA FIDE circulation now is and during 1906 will be over 4500

CHAS. R. KURTZ, Pub.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, ss. CENTRE COUNTY, ss. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of January, 1906.

W. HARRISON WALKER, Notary, Bellefonte, Pa.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The following shows the steady growth of this paper since 1894:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Copies, and other metrics. Shows growth from 1894 to 1905.

The above shows a splendid increase, over fourfold since 1894--and especially so for the year just ended, which places "THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT" far in the lead of all competitors, and there are some very healthy ones around us. It means that "THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT" is now circulated in 1500 larger than that even claimed by any other paper in Centre county. It is credited now with having the largest circulation of any paper of the same class--a county seat, country paper--published in the state of Pennsylvania.

It is a gratification to all--editors, correspondents and employes--who have diligently labored on this publication in years passed to know that the public appreciate the efforts as shown by this liberal and eloquent testimonial--a splendid expression of public confidence--which we hope we have merited, and in the future it will be our aim to retain and enjoy.

THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT.

Vonada-Kochler.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McClintock, at Jacksonville, Jan. 4, at high noon, Frank E. Vonada and Sara H. Kochler were united in marriage. A large number of guests assembled at this home, made memorable for its gatherings in the past, to witness the ceremony. At the appointed hour, the contracting parties appeared before Rev. H. I. Crow, who pronounced them man and wife. The beautiful ring service was used. A sumptuous dinner was then served in fine style. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents. They begin their journey through life together with the best wishes of a host of friends. They left on the 4:14 train at Howard for an extended wedding trip.

K. G. E. Officers.

Following are the officers for Bellefonte Castle No. 357, K. G. E., for the ensuing term: Past chief, Lem R. Poorman; noble chief, Harry Johnson; vice chief, Samuel Hazel; high priest, Stuart Fleck, venerable hermit, B. D. Tate; master of records, E. E. Ardery; clerk of exchequer, Wm. Ott; keeper of exchequer, L. H. Wian; liv herald, Herbert Hassinger; ensign, R. H. Woodring.

Mrs. Houser 102 Years of Age.

Mrs. Christina Houser, 102 years old, the oldest woman in Armstrong county, and one of the oldest in the State, is dead at her home near Gohenville, Wayne township. She was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Houser, who formerly lived in Centre county, Pa., but who later removed to Westmoreland county, where in the Ligonier Valley, on September 3, 1844, Mrs. Houser was born.

Changes Names.

The wholesale grocery firm of Platt-Barber Co., with main office at Philipsburg and branches at Bellefonte, DuBois, Clearfield and Punxsutawney, was succeeded by Lauderbach-Barber Co., on Jan. 1, 1906. The officers of the new firm are William Lauderbach, president; J. F. Barber, vice-president; M. A. Elder, treasurer; R. H. Zerby, secretary, and general manager.

February 2 is the last day for the filing of certificates of nomination of boroughs and townships. February 5 is the last day for the filing of nomination papers for borough and townships.

Fools rush in where angels fear to wed.

AN IMPORTANT ACT OF ASSEMBLY

Provides New System For Electing Road Supervisors.

SHOULD INTEREST FARMERS

New Manner of Caring For Our Roads--Several Districts Will Vote On It This Spring--Read it Carefully and Note Provisions.

A law passed by the Legislature of 1905, and approved by the Governor April 12, 1905, provides for a new system of electing road supervisors. From this law and an opinion concerning the same handed down by the Deputy Attorney General, the following provisions are gathered:

(1) Beginning with the February election, 1906, every township of the second class in the State must elect three Supervisors. There are no townships excepted from this requirement, nor is the adoption of the law optional with a township. In any township which now has three Supervisors, or other officers having charge of roads, elected under existing laws, no new election under Section 1 of said act shall be required, except as the terms of said road officers expire.

(2) The Board of Supervisors of each township is required to organize on the first Monday of March. One of their number is chosen chairman and another secretary. The treasurer must not be a member of the board.

(3) The board is required to meet at least once a month. Two constitute a quorum.

(4) The Supervisors receive no compensation for their service, but actual expenses are to be paid. The Treasurer receives compensation not to exceed two per centum of the money handled by him. The Deputy Attorney General holds that the Secretary of the Board may receive payment for the work performed by him as Secretary.

(5) The Board has authority to levy a tax rate not greater than ten mills, the levying of an additional ten mills being authorized by an order from the Court of Quarter Sessions. In addition to the regular levy, the Board must assess one dollar upon every taxable person.

(6) Upon a petition from at least 25 taxpayers, the Court of Quarter Sessions shall authorize a special election to be held when the question of abolishing the work tax shall be decided by a majority vote of the electors. A township which thus abolishes the work tax is entitled to receive from the State a sum in cash equal to fifteen per centum of the actual amount of cash tax collected by the township. This election may be held at the time of the February municipal election of 1906, or at any succeeding February election.

(7) Each Board is required to divide its township into districts of not less than five miles each, but there is nothing to prohibit the dividing of the township into districts having more than five miles each, or one district of the whole township. A Roadmaster must be employed for each district. Roadmasters are required to work upon the roads themselves, to oversee men employed and to carry into effect the instructions of the Board of Supervisors. No member of the Board of Supervisors can be employed as Roadmaster under Section 3, but a member of the Board of Supervisors can work out his road tax.

(8) The Board may, if it deems advisable, make a contract with any citizen of the township for keeping in repair of not more than three miles of road.

(9) On all road taxes paid before June 1st an abatement of five per centum is made. The full amount is required to be paid on all taxes paid between June 1st and November 1st. After November 1st five per centum in penalty is added, and the tax list turned over to the township collector, who receives the added five per centum in payment for his services.

(10) The Board is authorized to purchase any material, tools or machinery necessary for making and repairing roads. A township can join with one or more adjoining townships, or boroughs, in joint ownership of machinery.

(11) Full records must be kept by the Board of their proceedings and audited by the township auditors, and an annual report is required to be made to the State Highway Commissioner on or before March 15th in each year. The necessary blank form for this report is furnished by the State Highway Department.

In his written opinion the Deputy Attorney General says: "It does not seem possible that the voters of any township will see fit to ignore the plain and mandatory terms of the act and refuse to elect supervisors in the manner provided by its terms. If this should occur, and the attention of the proper authorities were called to the situation, legal steps will be promptly taken to compel compliance with the Act."

He also says: "I am of the opinion and advise you that the Act of April 12, 1905, repeals all local or special laws applying to any second class township in this Commonwealth (152 P. S. 244.) In addition to the foregoing, the law contains numerous detailed provisions concerning the duty of the Supervisors, for which see the Act of Assembly.

Robert T. Krape, of Salona, a civil war veteran, has had his pension raised to \$12 per month.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

WHEN WE'LL ALL BE GOOD. I don't know when the day will come, But you and I, we know That after a while our good resolves Will into being grow. Some day, when we both have the time, We'll cast our faults away, And you'll be good, and I'll be good-- We'll all be good some day.

We'll run our business affairs With thought of fellow men, For we will let our good intent Go into action then. We'll make our friends all happier, And life will really pay, For you'll be good, and I'll be good-- We'll all be good some day. Some day--of course it's way ahead-- But I know--so do you-- That some day we will take a turn And try the good and true. We'll do our best for other folks, The world will be more fair, And you'll be good, and I'll be good When we've the time to spare. --Baltimore American.

A quick lunch maketh a slow liver. A good cook is more to be desired than great riches.

RESULTED IN DEATH.

Ernest E. Hall Latest Victim of An Accident on Railroad.

Ernest E. Hall, of Snow Shoe, employed as a freight brakeman on the Pittsburg division, fell from an east bound train near Gallitzin tunnel at 5:30 o'clock Monday morning, was run over and received injuries which resulted in his death at the Altoona hospital same evening. It is supposed that in putting on brakes after the train pulled out of the tunnel he slipped from the bumper and fell off. He was not missed until the train reached Altoona and word was sent back to try and locate him. He was found unconscious along the track, was picked up and brought to the hospital. An examination showed that he had sustained a crush of the left ankle, lacerations of the scalp, a concussion of the brain and a possible fracture of the skull. His condition was critical and he grew rapidly worse until he passed away. His people at Snow Shoe were notified of the accident and some of them visited the hospital a short time before he passed away. Ernest E. Hall was a son of William and Mary Hall, of Snow Shoe, and besides his parents, is survived by several brothers and sisters. He was aged 15 years, 10 months and 16 days. The remains were taken to Snow Shoe Tuesday morning, for interment.

Death From Hydrophobia.

Hydrophobia, resulting from the bite of a pet dog six weeks ago, caused the death of Miss Julia Curtin, Tuesday, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. G. Curtin, in Philadelphia. Miss Curtin was the second daughter of John G. Curtin, who is a son of the late John Curtin of Bellefonte, and brother of Mrs. J. F. Larimer and Mrs. John I. Curtin of Bellefonte, and Hon. Harry R. Curtin of Rolland, and was 21 years old. When all hope was gone and when she and her family knew that death could not be far off, she bade them farewell in one of her lucid moments and was locked in the room, with four physicians one of whom was her second cousin Dr. Roland Curtin, to meet her terrible end beyond the gaze of her relatives, who could not bear to look upon her sufferings. Toward the last there was administered with her consent to ease her pain, and she was under its influence for several hours. Had she gone to the Pasteur Institute as soon as she got the scratch, or even when the dog was killed, she might have been saved.

Facts Better Than Theories.

Theories do not account for much in the face of such facts as those recounted by D. K. McMillan, field assistant to State Zoologist Surface, before the Entomological section of the Natural History society, at Harrisburg, on Thursday night, when he told of a farmer who had regularly sprayed his fruit trees for the San Jose scale and had not lost a tree in three years, while his neighbor who had not sprayed at all lost 1,600 trees last summer.

Trouble Ahead.

"It may be just as well understood now," said a Schuylkill member of the Legislature "if Quay's friends persist in pushing the monument project and rush its completion, a move will be made at the next regular session of the Legislature to have it erected over the Dauphin County Jail.

"That would be within sight of the Capitol and strictly within the province of the Legislature to take such action."

Poetical Rebuke.

The following appeared recently in a Bellefonte cigar store window:

"Verily I say unto you-- It's better to smoke here Than to smoke hereafter."

To an offended parent replies: Verily, verily, I say unto you-- To avoid all smoking hereafter, It's better to do no smoking here.