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PROVISIONS OF THE NEW SCHOOL CODE

Bill Now Before Governor Stuart For Approval.

CONTAINS RADICAL CHANGES

How it Will Affect Centre County Schools—Terms of School Directors—Other Important Features.

The new school code is now with Governor Stuart for his approval. These provisions apply particularly to Bellefonte and Centre county:

The state will contain four classes of school districts as follows: Philadelphia first class, Pittsburg and Scranton second class, Bellefonte and all boroughs having a population of three thousand or more to constitute districts of a third class.

The United States census shall be the basis on which the population of the several school districts shall be determined, and no change shall be made from one to another except after the taking of a United States census.

In each school district of the third class there shall be nine school directors elected at large. Provided that none of the provisions of this section shall be applicable to nor change the number of school directors, the manner of their election, nor the terms thereof, in any city of the third class, but the said district shall be governed by laws heretofore enacted in the respect, if the schoolboard in such district shall in writing within two years from the approval of this act, certify to the superintendent of public instruction its desire to retain the laws now governing it.

Every borough and township with a population of less than 3000 shall constitute a school district of the fourth class. They are to have directors elected at large.

Persons holding the office of mayor, county commissioner, district attorney, county, city or borough councilman, tax collector, controller, auditor or constable shall not be eligible as a school director in this commonwealth.

The length of term for directors for Bellefonte will be six years; for townships of the county five years.

In districts of third and fourth class the secretary may be a member of the board. He must furnish a bond to the district for faithful performance of duty.

In third and fourth class districts the treasurer may be a member of the board, provided that in cities of the third class the city treasurer shall be treasurer of the school district.

Every teacher in the public school of this commonwealth must be at least 18 years of age.

Salaries to be governed by the law of the past two years. Minimum school term to be seven months.

State appropriations for schools to be apportioned as follows: One half on the basis of the number of paid teachers regularly employed and one-half on the basis of the number of children between the ages of six and sixteen residing in the respective school districts of the county. If any district of the third and fourth class of this commonwealth has since the passage of an act in 1901 consolidated a majority of its schools, or may hereafter consolidate a majority of the same, under the provisions of this act, such district's share of the state appropriation shall not be reduced on account of any decrease in the number of teachers through such consolidation. Provided that the state appropriation heretofore provided for shall not be paid to any such district unless it shall furnish transportation to such pupils as required by this act.

Hospital Notes

Miss Helen Robb, of Bellefonte, was operated on for appendicitis, yesterday.

Claud Sasserman, a lad of 15 years, of Centreville, Pa., while visiting at Bald Eagle, had his hand badly mangled by being caught in a circular saw on Friday and amputation was found necessary below the elbow.

Miss Nell Turberty, of Bellefonte, underwent operation for appendicitis.

Arthur Haupt, Bellefonte, operation for abscess on neck.

Helen Miller, domestic at home of Paul Sheffer, was burned while working about the stove, and admitted for treatment.

Milligan Walker, of Wingate, admitted Friday.

Mrs. Emma Miller, of Coleville; Mrs. Clara Barnhart, Bellefonte; Ralph Pinner, State College; admitted for treatment.

27 patients are in the hospital.

Church Dedication.

The new Lutheran Church of State College will be dedicated with appropriate services on Sunday, May 2nd. The dedicatory sermon will be preached on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of Church Extension, Atchison, Kansas. The evening sermon will be preached by Rev. C. T. Atkins, D. D., President of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa. A general invitation is cordially extended to the people of the community to be present.

A Mistaken Idea.

A false rumor has been going the rounds in Bellefonte and throughout the county that a bill had passed the legislature and senate abandoning the board of county auditors and placing their duties in the hands of one man called a controller. It is enough to say this bill, which was framed in the interest of the grafters, failed to pass and therefore Centre county's finances will remain in the hands of three auditors who will be elected as usual, by the people.

A STately HOME FOR SALE.

The heirs of the late ex-Gov. A. G. Curtin have decided to sell the large and substantial stone residence on High street, around which cluster many hallowed memories. It being commandingly located, and the home of one of Pennsylvania's most illustrious sons, makes it worthy of historic note. The large and commodious dwelling, however, was not the home of Andrew Gregg Curtin during all of his eventful life, because it was not commenced until 1865 and finished in 1869, after he had been governor. The building was in progress when Governor Curtin received the appointment of Minister to Russia, and rather than have it stand idle Gen. James A. Beaver moved into it and occupied it until the Governor's commission expired. On returning to Bellefonte the family occupied the new mansion where, from time to time, brilliant social functions took place, and where some of the most distinguished men of the state and nation were hospitably entertained. This is where the family grew up in a social atmosphere which gave them considerable prominence.

Since the erection of this beautiful house, surrounded by every comfort of life, there have come many changes, now the only occupants of the house are Dr. George F. Harris and wife, and Miss Alice Wilson, sister of Mrs. Governor Curtin, deceased. The house being too large for them: they will dispose of it and go to boarding if they can find a purchaser who will pay their price. Whether the house is sold or not they will break up housekeeping in the fall, but the Doctor will retain his office in the house until it passes into other hands.

A New Feature.

Thursday evening the collegiate class of the Bellefonte Academy inaugurated another social feature that will prove of interest to the patrons of the school for years to come. It was a dance given in the Bush Arcade dancing hall which was very prettily decorated with draped bunting and the college pennants. In the one corner up high was hung a large moon with a face drawn on it and electrically lighted and in some dances all the lights were extinguished except the moon. A large 'oo' in little blue and red electric lights hung on the wall at the other end and was very effective. Christy Smith's orchestra of seven pieces furnished the music and refreshments were served by Ceader. Two rooms on the second floor of the Bush Arcade were used for dressing rooms. The program consisted of 25 numbers with some extras, and the merry dancers tripped the light fantastic toe until 3 o'clock in the morning.

Absent for a Month.

The latter part of this week Chas. R. Kurta, the publisher of this paper, will leave for Brooklyn, N. Y., where he expects to remain about a month, to take a course of instruction in the school conducted by the Mergenthaler Linotype Co. This is made necessary by the recent purchase of a Linotype machine which will take the place of hand-typesetting on this paper. In answer to many inquiries, we will say that the Linotype has been installed in this office, but will not be put in operation until Mr. Kurta's return, and it will be some time even then until local operators can be sufficiently advanced to secure the output of the machine. While in Brooklyn letters addressed "Chas. R. Kurta, Brooklyn, N. Y., (care of Mergenthaler Linotype Co., Park Ave. and Ryerson St.) will reach him.

Farmers Heading For Canada.

One of the most amazing things in the history of the West is the exodus of farmers into Canada. It has been said that fully fifty thousand persons will cross the line this spring, bound for the rich wheat lands of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. It has been less than twenty years since the rush to the wheat country of the middle West and now parts of this territory are being abandoned for the richer loam of Canada.

Last week seventy carloads of farmers assembled at Minneapolis, with their wives, babies, pigs, cows and farming tools, bound for Saskatchewan. The settlers are not poor.

Child Slightly Burned.

Mary, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cruse, had a narrow escape from being burned to death last Thursday. Mrs. Cruse and the children were visiting her parents down at Salona when in some way the child got a match and lit it. She set fire to her dress and was soon enveloped in flames. Hearing her cries Fred Herr, a brother of Mrs. Cruse, rushed into the room and succeeded in smothering the flames before the child was seriously burned. Her right hand and right side of her face were blistered and her hair badly singed, but aside from that she was not injured.

Fishing Camps Burned.

A Renova message says: Word comes from the fishing districts that all camps have been destroyed by fire. It appears their destruction has been systematically arranged as the same news comes from all the streams to the same effect and while we are at a loss for explanation it is true nevertheless. Some of the destroyed camps were erected at considerable expense and were furnished at a great disadvantage and the loss is felt keenly by the sportsmen, who assisted in their erection and equipping.

Jeffries to Fight Johnson.

The formal announcement was made Monday by Jeffries, the retired heavy weight champion, that he will fight Jack Johnson for the world's championship. Over his signature he says: "I have come to the conclusion that I can get back in previous good form and be ready to fight in ten months or a year. If Johnson defeats Ketchell next October I will fight him before the club offering the largest purse."

—Dorothy Dodd tan sweeds pumps. At Yeagers.

ROOSEVELT'S HUNTING STORIES

The publisher of THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT is pleased to be able to announce to its many patrons this week that it has secured the exclusive right to publish the famous "Hunting Stories" of EX-PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT, the entire series of which are copyrighted.

Theodore Roosevelt attained fame as a hunter and an author long before he entered the political arena. He then was a close student of nature, and the habits of wild animals especially; and being a gifted and entertaining writer his account of hunting large game on the western plains and in the wilds of the Rocky Moun-



tains abound in thrilling tales of the excitement and dangers of the chase. They breathe the free air of the mountain and plain, and reflect the vigorous personality of the author throughout.

These articles will be published in serial form, covering three columns each week for the next four months, and each article will be a complete story in itself, devoted to some special animal and will cover a wide range of subjects.

These articles will not only be interesting and entertaining to those who love to follow the chase, but to all intelligent readers for the valuable information they contain relative to the life and habits of the various wild animals in the far west.

When it is remembered that PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT receives the highest price paid any author, the princely sum of \$2 a word, you will realize that there must be merit in the effort, and that this feature is secured for our readers at no little expense.

FIRST ARTICLE NEXT WEEK.

The first article of the series will be printed in our next issue, Thursday, Apr. 29th, and continue until August 26th, 1909.

The subjects will be as follows:

- "Hunting the Prong Buck"
- "Hunting Deer on Horseback"
- "Hunting the Peccary"
- "Hunting the Buffalo"
- "Hunting the Elk"
- "Hunting the Mountain Sheep"
- "Hunting the Wolf"
- "Hunting the Grizzly"
- "The Moose"

Interscholastic Meet.

The department of physical education of the Pennsylvania State College has made arrangements to hold an interscholastic meet on the new Beaver field, which will also be dedicated on Friday afternoon, May 7.

The New York Alumni association has donated gold, silver and bronze medals for the classes in each event. There are 39 medals of a special design, appropriately engraved. Interesting sports in the afternoon; baseball contest between State and Dickinson, at 4:30; grand circus parade, at seven o'clock, in which will be seen many curious and mysterious animals. The parade will be followed by a country circus performance, under the direction of the students of physical education, which will be worth while seeing.

Pasturing on State Lands.

State Commissioner of Forestry Conklin has issued an order which, if enforced, will limit the pasturing of herds of cattle on the state lands during the summer season. Grazing on state lands, with the exception of two milk cows per family, is prohibited and numerous owners of herds will have to see to it that their cows graze on some other land than that belonging to the state.

Horse Market.

Arrangements are under way for establishing a local horse market in Bellefonte, to be held one day each month. The date with full particulars will be given in this paper the first issue of May. Medium and light weights will be principally handled.

FAITHLESS WIFE CAUSES A TRAGEDY

Husband Suddenly Makes an Unexpected Appearance

VIOLATOR SHOT TO DEATH

The Same Old Story Retold—Husband Voluntarily Submits to Arrest—Findings of the Inquest in His Favor—Released on Bail.

Edward Russell, aged twenty-six, was shot late Saturday night by J. E. Craig, who surprised Russell and Mrs. Craig together in the latter's home in Altoona. Russell died in the hospital Sunday.

Craig, who is 25 years of age and who has been employed as a locomotive fireman in the Pennsylvania railroad yards in that city, had for sometime suspected the conduct of his wife, the information of her wrongdoing coming to him from his brother who had been making his home with the couple.

Saturday evening the husband left home to go to work as usual, but at 9 o'clock returned home and finding his wife had gone out, secreted himself in an upper room and awaited her return. His brother, who had remained in the house, had retired for the night.

About midnight Mrs. Craig returned home accompanied by Russell and another young man and woman. Mrs. Craig put her three-year-old daughter to bed and then joined her companions in the parlor on the first floor. A few minutes later Craig slipped down stairs and hearing voices in the parlor, which was unlighted, went in and striking a match saw Russell and Mrs. Craig together.

Russell sprang at the husband and the two scuffled for a moment until Craig got out his revolver and fired, the bullet entering Russell's left temple. During the brief struggle the other couple escaped from the house.

The young husband sent his brother out for a physician and to notify the police authorities and remained with the injured man until the police and hospital ambulance arrived. He was then taken into custody and sent to prison.

Craig came to Altoona from New York state about seven years ago and was married four years ago, his wife being formerly Rose Stabel, a daughter of Deputy Sheriff Stabel, of Elmira, N. Y. Craig expresses regret for the killing but claims that he fired in defense of his own life.

On Saturday night Craig was given a hearing before the coroner's jury which rendered a verdict that "death was caused by a gunshot wound fired from a revolver in the hands of John E. Craig in self defense and while protecting the honor of his own home."

A writ of habeas corpus was immediately applied for by Craig's counsel, and without further hearing Judge Bell released Craig on \$2,000 bond for trial at the next criminal court.

Minister Ordained.

The church going people of Bellefonte will remember Dr. Harry Furbay, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church, at Tyrone, and who, on several occasions, preached in the Bellefonte Presbyterian church. Ten years ago he was dismissed from the Presbyterian ministry for intemperance, and for several years he led a most wretched life.

Dr. Furbay is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and once the pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church in Philadelphia at a salary of \$8,000 per year. His wife died and he sought relief from his loss in dissipation. He sank rapidly and went to New York where he was arrested a number of times for drunkenness and served at times in prison for vagrancy.

He later became interested in mission work, and preached on the streets, aiding human derelicts. His conscientious work attracted favorable attention and it was decided that he would be valuable again in the pulpit, and on Monday was reinstated in the New York Presbyterian.

A Young Man Lost.

For the last two weeks Phillipsburg has had a mystery in the sudden disappearance of Willie Westwood, son of William Westwood, residing near Hawk Run. The last seen of him was at the Star theatre at Phillipsburg. The young man is aged about 23 years, is nearly blind, and wore a long dark overcoat and a derby hat. It is feared by some that on his way home he may have fallen into the Moshannon creek and met his death by drowning. Special hunting parties have been searching the mountains of that vicinity but up until this time there has not even been a clue as to his probable whereabouts. Monday morning a searching party was instituted with a view of dredging the creek. It is to be hoped that the young man is still alive and will soon turn up to gladden the sorrowing hearts of his parents and friends.

Postmaster Resigns.

Harry B. Clark, postmaster at Beech Creek, has voluntarily tendered his resignation to the authorities at Washington, to take effect at the end of the present quarter, June 30, which is also the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Clark was prompted to resign only because of the care of the office and its responsibilities were too considerable in connection with his position as a traveling salesman. Mr. Clark had been postmaster for the past seven years.

Harry G. Bowes Killed at Emporium.

While working in a large powder factory at Emporium, Pa., Harry G. Bowes, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bowes, of State College, was struck by a large copper belt and almost instantly killed. He was 40 years and one day old. Interment was made at Emporium on Monday, April 19, at 10 o'clock. His family greatly mourn his loss.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Baby whimpered for a drink. Will you send her up with ink. Mamma, laughing at the lad. Fed the babe with blotting pad.

A little nonsense now and then is relished by all married men. But oft a man expects his wife To stand his nonsense all her life.

Friends can't be so very thick when they can see through each other.

It takes longer to age whisky than it does the man who drinks it.

A pessimist is a man who would rather be right than be happy.

The man who leads his influence to the church naturally keeps Lent.

Neither happiness nor misery can be judged by the size of a bank account.

A man trying to sew on buttons is almost as distressing a sight as a woman trying to sharpen a lead pencil.

When a thin-necked woman has the sore throat it is generally a long illness.

When a man predicts the direction of the wind he is apt to be called a little vain.

Many a fellow takes the cake, who isn't much of a bread winner.

Some wolves don't even take the trouble to disguise themselves in sheep's clothing.

The man who lets his wife think she is having her own way has no difficulty in governing her.

When a fellow and a girl fall in love with each other it's a case of two hearts that beat as one.

When a girl says she doesn't eat enough to keep a bird alive she forgets that there are ostriches as well as sparrows.

The bill collector is acquainted with more men of promise than anyone else.

Some men would rather be right than be rich. It is sometimes hard to be both.

Trouble must be pretty scarce judging from all the people who are hunting for it.

FAMILY WELL LIGHTED.

A little girl who was having her hair combed noticed that it gave forth crackles and sparks, and asked her mother the reason.

"There's electricity in your hair, darling."

With awe in her voice the child replied: "Oh, mother, aren't we wonderfully made? I have electricity in my hair, and grandma has gas in her stomach."

GOOD BUSINESS.

The stationery printed at this office is giving the best satisfaction. Last week we printed one thousand statements for a man, and by their aid he collected a most fortune. Two months ago a man bought of us some note paper and envelopes to use when writing to his sweetheart and now he is married.

Another young man forged a name on a check printed at this office, and is in the penitentiary. Another young man stole some paper to make cigarettes with—he is dead.

A young lady bought some of our paper to curl her hair on, and now she has a bean. We only have a few packages of this kind in stock.—Ex.

NEW ELECTRICAL PLANT.

One of the most beautiful and attractive places in this vicinity is the Country Club House located at Hecla Park. Much money has been spent in making the surroundings pleasing and attractive. On Monday morning work was commenced that will increase the conveniences down there very materially. It is the putting in of an up-to-date electric light plant to illuminate the house and the grounds. In addition to this a string of lights will be placed between the house and the station, at Hecla Park, so there will be no traveling over this thoroughfare in the dark as has often been the case. The plant will be erected in the gap, on the site of the old reola furnace. A turbine water wheel will be put in to run the dynamo which will be of the very latest type. The water will be taken from the mountain stream which supplies the dams at Hecla Park. From the dam in the park the water will pass through the race to where the old overshot wheel was located which turned the machinery at the old Hecla furnace, once the chief industry of that end of the county. They have a very strong head and there will be no difficulty to carry out the project which is a good one. There is a probability that at some future time the current will be used during the day for ironing, churning etc., and with it may come the electric bath.

There will be considerable work with this improvement as the wires on the first and second floor will be concealed, making it necessary to tear up many of the floors. There will also be electric call bells placed in the various rooms, making the improvements complete in every detail, and furnishing to the members one of the finest club houses to be found anywhere in the state. Most of the members are from Bellefonte and Tyrone, and thus our home people are to be congratulated on the enterprise they have shown from time to time to make this as near an ideal place as can possibly be done.

Furnace Closed Down.

On Wednesday the work of blowing out the Bellefonte furnace began. The close down will last until a number of repairs are made which will take several weeks. On Monday the ore banks at Scotia started up when the workmen up there began feeling highly elated over the encouraging prospects of having work all summer, furnace orders were given to again close down the operations until after the repairs are completed at the furnace.

—At Monday night's meeting of council the sale of the old Undine building on Logan street to Mrs. Frank Spicer for \$450 was confirmed.