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MEEHAN SIGNS AS FISHERY COMMISSIONER

NATHAN R. BULLER APPOINTED AS HIS SUCCESSOR.

HE PROPOSES NEW POLICIES

No More Small Trout Fry Dumped in the Streams—Fishermen Will Welcome the Change—Meehan Was a Failure—A Hot Air Artist.

Fishery Commissioner Meehan Resigns. State Fishery Commissioner William E. Meehan's resignation, placed in the hands of Governor John K. Tener some days ago, has been accepted by the governor in spending his vacation, and Nathan R. Buller, of Pleasant Mount, Wayne county, a practical fish culturist and employed by the department of fisheries, has been appointed in his place.

Meehan was a hot-air artist of the first waters. About all he accomplished was interviews in the papers about what he expected to do and then drew a comfortable salary. Complaints were filed against this chap from all parts of the state and we believe he had outlived his usefulness.

Meehan was a remnant of the gang official in Pennsylvania who renders as little service as possible for an enormous salary.

New Fish Regime. Mr. Buller, as Fish Commissioner, proposes a new regime in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Buller was born in Lancaster county forty-seven years ago. When he was a barefoot boy Senator Simon Cameron established the first trout hatchery in Pennsylvania on his farm at Donegal Springs, in charge of John P. Creveling, now superintendent of the Colonel Trexler fisheries. Buller "mused" about and Creveling made him work. Buller and Abe at Erie, he could read, learned how to hatch trout.

His brother also grew up in the business and the four Bullers for years were the superintendents of the four Pennsylvania hatcheries. Nathan at Pleasant Mount, Howard at Bellefonte, William at Erie and Abe at Erie. They are apostolic descendants in a direct line from Isaac Walton. Creveling, their preceptor, was a pupil of Tad Norris, who was a pupil of Stephen Ainsworth, who was a grandson of the immortal Isaac, and nine-tenths of the fish literature of the world was written by these men.

Proposes New Policy.

Mr. Buller will establish a new regime in fishing circles in Penna. Up to this time it has been the policy to fry trout fry sent out from hatcheries and put into streams when they are less than an inch long. Such fish are too small to survive, but up to this time the authorities could not be induced to believe their policy met with the reprobation of Pennsylvania anglers.

Henceforth the fish will be raised to adult size and when put into streams they will be game for fishermen and food for the people. It is also the intention of Mr. Buller to secure for the benefit of the state the vast quantities of spawn that have been allowed to go to waste at private hatcheries.

AT JUVENILE COURT.

On Monday a session of Juvenile Court was held at the court house with Judge Orvis presiding. There were three cases heard and in each instance they were sent to an institution for better care and correction.

The first hearing was that of Little Horace Newman, of Taylor township, who was charged with the theft of a watch. The little fellow at first stoutly maintained his innocence but the evidence satisfied the court that he had been guilty. The next morning he admitted that he had taken the time piece and said that he was afraid that the judge would smack him if he confessed.

Little Willis Brandman was before the court on the charge of taking a bicycle. He confessed to the deed and seemed to be penitent. He is from Philipsburg.

The next lad was Frank Poorman, from Orviston, Pa., where he had been caught in the act of taking pipes, knives and other goods from the store. He too made a clean confession of the wrong doing.

The three boys are of tender age and as their surroundings had not been all that could be desired, the court sent them to the House of Refuge at Lewisburg.

The sheriff will leave on Saturday morning with the three boys for Glenn Mills. They are 14 to 18 years of age and in time may become, under proper training, useful citizens.

A Pine Hall Elopement.

Among those who attended the Woodmen picnic at Hunters park last Thursday were Charles Snyder and Miss Tillie Johnson, of Pine Hall. The young lady was chaperoned by a relative, but managed to give that worthy the slip. She and her affianced entered a waiting vehicle and drove to Millheim, from which place Snyder phoned to his brother, stating where the horse and buggy could be found. They went to Coburn, boarded a train and departed for a gretna green, where, it is presumed, a waiting clergyman made them one, for better or worse, for better, we hope.—State College Times.

Hospital Notes.

Operations: Mrs. Ada Saxon, William Beizer, of Bellefonte. Admitted for treatment: Henry Montgomery, of Bellefonte. Discharged: Miss Florence Love, Bellefonte; Mrs. Meda McCullough, of Millersburg. Miss Anna Williams, of Dennison, Ohio, entered training school for nurses. There are now thirteen patients in the hospital.

STATEMENTS THIS WEEK.

In order to keep our mailing list in strict compliance with the recent postal regulations, we are sending statements this week to all who are in arrears on subscription, if it be for only a portion of a year. These statements show the subscription account, and in remitting you will find it convenient to return same as all errors will be avoided in that way.

If you are in arrears you will greatly oblige the publisher by giving the same your attention.

CAUGHT AGAIN.

Joe Palmer Makes a Second Attempt to Break From County Jail.

Sheriff Hurley has a prisoner on the hill who needs watching. About a month ago Joe Palmer, who was sent to the jail in charge of larceny and from the vicinity of Monument made an unsuccessful attempt to dig out of the county jail. He managed to go through a floor and drop to the lower cells and then began working like a ground hog to dig a hole through the stone and mortar floor. He was very insecure. He was caught in the act by Sheriff Hurley and since then the fellow has been confined in one of the steel cells on the second floor. In order to give the prisoners a little freedom and exercise, they are occasionally permitted during the daytime to have the freedom of the corridors, and the sheriff took some compassion on Palmer and let him out of the steel cell which he enjoyed; and seemed to appreciate the sheriff's thoughtfulness and kindness.

Of course, the sheriff took all that with a grain of salt, and during the day kept an eye on what was doing in the prison. Saturday afternoon he got next to the fact that Palmer was at work again trying to dig his way out. The sheriff went to the prison and as he unlocked the door he heard some noise on the second floor. He ran to the cell. When he went up he found Palmer in his steel cell and posing as if he had been there all day and apparently was unconcerned over the sheriff's visit. The sheriff went about the cells on a quiet tour of inspection and in one of the cells on the second floor he noticed that an old table or box stood close to the wall and this aroused his suspicion. Investigation soon showed that it was pushed up to the stone wall for the purpose of hiding the work that was being done by someone to dig through the wall. The planing had been done and the mortar removed from around some stones and in a short time an opening could have been made to let a prisoner creep through and drop to the jail yard where an escape could have been effected by a clever fellow.

Palmer had nothing to say when he was confronted with his effort to escape, appeared to be calm and unmoved. The prisoner is a closemouthed fellow and since he has been in jail he has had no communication with anyone. This seems strange and leads some to think that he does not want the authorities to know who he is or where he came from. For that reason he has been carefully watched and not without some cause.

A NERVOUS GIRL.

Grasps Rattlesnake Back of Head to Prevent its Biting Her.

The courage of 10-year-old Rosie Templeton, of Gallagher township, is not of the ordinary kind. She was carrying a jug of water into the field, where her father and brother were cutting oats, when she stumbled and fell headlong among the tall grass. She found herself fairly upon the swishing form of a big rattlesnake, which had been moving through the grass. The serpent coiled itself as quick as a wink, almost, but not quick enough for Miss Templeton for as she lay with her face not a foot away from the head of the snake, she grasped the latter about the neck and began to squeeze with all her strength. The girl is strong for her age and was fully able to overcome the serpent, though it squirmed and rattled in great shape. Miss Templeton screamed for her brother, who was at least 300 yards away, but came on a double quick. While the girl held the snake, the young man got two good sized stones, and clapped these together over the helpless serpent's head, he lifted it harmlessly out of the girl's hold and crushed it to death upon the ground. The girl even forgot to faint after the ordeal was over, thus making her achievement the more remarkable.—Lock Haven democrat.

Warriorsmark Farmers' Basket Picnic.

Quite a number of farmers were busy last Saturday afternoon in cleaning up the grounds, building stands and arranging seats in the grove of Mr. Martin Beck, making ready for the annual picnic to be held on Saturday, August 12, 1911, and the result of their labor fully justifies the claim of its beauty and suitability as a picnic ground.

A great advantage over the old picnic ground will be the accommodations for the horses and conveyances, as plenty of hitching places will be provided in the shade.

By a mistake in the announcement on bills posted, relative to sports the name of Harry Geyer should be substituted for Ed. Grant as manager of sports.

Providence permitting a fair day it is expected to be a very enjoyable occasion, and largely attended, as many from a distance have signified their intentions to attend.

COMMITTEE.

Shreckengast—Moyer. Charles Shreckengast, of Tyersville and Miss Mae Moyer, of Logan Mills, were united in marriage on Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moyer. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Rosenberger, pastor of the Evangelical Association church at Logan Mills.

Mrs. Mary Biekle, of Zion, was admitted for surgical treatment in Lock Haven hospital.

CAPTAIN RUNKLE RESIGNS COMMAND

OF THE NAUTICAL SCHOOLSHIP ADAMS.

DUE TO CONFLICT OF AUTHORITY

A Former Bellefonte Boy Demands Investigation—Invites Publicity—Gets Leave of Absence—Boys Are Neglected—Serious Charges.

George P. Runkle, Captain of the Nautical Schoolship Adams, is a young man who was born and reared in Bellefonte, and is a brother of Joseph Runkle the plumber, and has numerous relatives throughout Centre county all of whom will be interested in numerous articles that appeared in the Philadelphia papers this week. From these we make the following extracts:

Captain George P. Runkle has resigned the command of the Pennsylvania Nautical Schoolship Adams. There have been rumors of trouble, and the sailing of the ship was delayed. Unpleasant exposures will probably follow the resignation. He declares that he discovered intolerable conditions aboard the ship, which filled him with so much disgust that he made up his mind to throw up the post he had filled two years.

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRIMARY ELECTION

OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

BOTH ELECTIONS ARE COMBINED

Decided Changes Made in School Boards Due to New School Code—Other Offices to Be Filled—New Election Law Makes Changes.

As the recent election law has very materially changed the order of things, many of our readers are not sure as to what will happen at the coming primaries to be held on the 30th of September. It should be remembered that the usual Spring primary and Spring election was abolished and hereafter are held with the primaries for county offices, and the election for the same at the general election in November. In other words, there is no Spring election for local offices, but it is combined with the general election in the Fall of the year. The terms of various offices have been materially changed also, and some have been abolished.

In order to make the changes as clear and as concise as possible the writer has endeavored to give you an office and Mr. Kimport very kindly furnished considerable information for our readers on these topics. The recent election law is quite complicated, and to make sure as to the offices to be filled in the various boroughs and townships, the writer has gone over by several democratic and republican attorneys and therefore it is safe to assume that the conclusions reached are correct.

In every voting precinct in Centre County the following officers will be voted for at the primaries, and elected at the general election in November: 1 Judge of Election for 2 years; 2 Inspectors for 2 years; 2 Overseers of the Poor for a term of 4 years each. All Constables are elected this year for a term of 4 years.

School Directors—Five Directors now constitute the board in each township or borough. 1 is elected for 6 years; 2 are elected for 4 years; and 2 for 2 years. Each candidate at the primaries and the general election must plainly indicate or declare for what term of years he is a candidate. The terms are not plain marked as to the term of years will not be counted.

Registration Assessors—Are elected only in those townships that have more than one precinct. In boroughs and townships of one voting district the valuation assessor acts in that capacity.

Auditor—An auditor is chosen for each borough or township for a term of 4 years; where vacancies were filled by court appointment, auditors will be elected for 2 years.

Supervisor—A supervisor in every township for 4 years; where vacancies were filled by court appointment supervisors will be elected for 2 years.

Councilmen—3 are chosen each year for a term of 4 years, except in the small boroughs of one voting precinct where 7 members constitute the body. In all cases 2 are elected annually, except every third year when 3 are chosen to make the official number 7. In all these cases the number this year is regulated according to the former local custom.

Justices of the Peace—All Justices of the Peace elected in 1906 and whose terms expire in December 1911 are to be elected this year for a term of 6 years.

Horticultural Building at State. Out of the appropriation at State College the board of trustees are going to erect a Horticultural building. The president of the board, General James A. Beaver, appointed the following committee from the board of trustees to superintend the erection of the building, Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, William H. Johnson, of Pittsburg; H. B. White, of Bloomsburg and G. G. Hutchinson, of Warrior's Mark. The architects are Hazelworth & Co., of Philadelphia. The building was located on the plan prepared by Charles Lowrie, of New York, formerly of Warrior's Mark. When completed the cost of the building will be over \$100,000.

About Big Trout. "H. F. Donehower offered two prizes for the largest trout caught this season, and John Himmelsch land offered a prize for a 14 inch brook trout. He was awarded a fly rod, reel, line and basket. The second prize, a rod, line and reel, was captured by Frank W. Himmelsch, for landing a 17 inch brook trout."

The above item is from the Lewisburg Pa. Journal and it gives us occasion to remark that a 14-inch trout caught about Bellefonte would not attract even passing notice. Trout 16 to 20 inches are frequently landed and one 24 inches weighing 5 pounds was the best record for this season.

Marriage Licenses. Floyd L. Guisewite - - - Woodward Mary O. Lamey - - - Woodward Edward L. Watkins - - - Pleasant Gap Sarah Parks - - - Bellefonte Albert O. Eves - - - Half Moon Twp. Nancy Stiver - - - Half Moon Twp. Jacob B. Sprow - - - Centre Hall Sadie C. Bower - - - Coburn Walter A. Fink - - - Hannah Giddie McMonigal - - - Hannah Gottlieb Sadhokkia - - - Munson Mary Dopatka - - - Munson

Resolutions Adopted. A resolution on the death of H. Y. Stitzer, Esq., by the Association of Ex-Sheriffs and Deputy sheriffs of Centre county, was received yesterday at this office as we were closing up the papers. As it was largely a repetition of the biography published in last week's issue, and as the time was short we were compelled to omit it. At the recent or first meeting of this association last winter Mr. Stitzer was the oldest member present. He served as Deputy sheriff under Richard Conley from 1863 to 1866.

THE "KING" IS DEAD.

Largest Trout in Big Spring Dies on Monday.

On Monday the larger of the trout in the Big Spring, known as the daddy of the bunch, turned up his toes, as it were, and expired. Charles Rine, the fireman at the pumping station, caught the fish, and later performed the obsequies by burying him in a shaded spot nearby. The big fellow had escaped numberless hooks in his time only to fall a victim to a parasite.

The trout had been captured in the dam at Brown station five years ago last March and placed in the Big Spring, where with a number of others added from time to time, he waxed fat and became very tame. He grew to be 28 inches in length and weighed 7 3/4 pounds. Not a man, woman or child in Bellefonte who visited the Big Spring, but was familiar with the sight of the big trout; and his reputation for size reached even other cities and towns. He was as much of a curiosity and was viewed by as many people as if he had been a real King, and his passing will be regretted by all who have ever seen him.

The largest trout captured in this section was taken from Logan's Branch by Al Hoffman several years ago and measured 26 inches. It was mounted and is on exhibition at Kriese's pool room since then. It was not a species of our native brook trout, but had visible scale and dark brown spots, and is known here as the brown or German trout. The big fellow from the spring was of the same variety, having been placed in the stream some years ago. They are a larger and harder fish than our brook trout, not as game and lacking in delicacy of flavor.

Whenever you hear of a large trout being caught near Bellefonte, in almost every instance it is one of these same fellows, and they mostly are taken on minnows. It is exceedingly rare that a 16-inch or larger native brook trout is caught in these waters.

Many of our fishermen contend that these brown trout are regular cannibals, live entirely on the smaller fish in the stream, and for that reason so few trout have been caught in recent years.

Trout are like other living creatures subject to disease and death. This old fellow was afflicted with a white tumor, due to a parasite, that spread over his body and was the direct cause of his death.

The same day a large trout in the main stream under the High street bridge came to the surface and died from a similar ailment.

THE PROPER MAN.

Should be a member of the New School Board.

According to the new school code which now is in operation, five school directors will constitute the new school board instead of nine. They are elected this year for the following terms: 1 for six years, 2 for four years, and 2 for two years. Candidates for school director must announce the terms for which they are candidates, whether for 2, 4 or 6 years. As the new law will imply the reduction of directors this year for political bias is possible. Politics has no business in the management of the schools, and every prudent man should support only such men who have the peculiar qualifications, ability and experience to serve well in that capacity.

"The Centre Democrat" desires to offer a timely suggestion. While it does not wish to name the Bellefonte board, yet it feels warranted in urging the election of one man on this board; and that is Hon. D. F. Fortney, of Bellefonte, who has been the best portion of his life to the advancement of education in our schools. We need him on that board, because the schools need his influence and support which he has so generously given in the past. Further we think, in view of his long and valued service, he should be nominated by both parties for the six years term.

We owe that to him; he deserves it, and would appreciate such an expression from our people.

Since the above was written Mr. Fortney filed his petition as a candidate for school director for the six year term.

Tressler Reunion Postponed. Friday, August 4th, was the day set for the Tressler reunion in the grove at Peru, but the rain that morning kept most of the people from coming. By noon about 50 had gathered and Harry Tressler's barn was pressed into service when a table built the length of the barn floor, and all set down to a very fine dinner.

After dinner, they were called to order by the President William Tressler, after which several hymns were sung and a prayer offered. Addresses were made by the President, Wm. Tressler, John S. Dale and A. R. Houser. Recitations were made by Robert Tressler, Grace Tressler, Ruth Benner, Maud and Charlot Tressler. Owing to the bad day and the small attendance an effort will be made to hold the reunion again at the same place some time later in August.

Evidence of Successful Business. Wesley Atherton, of Phillipsburg, and George Rumberger, a former resident of this place, engaged in the ice cream business at DuBois, have been so successful that it has now become necessary to construct a new factory, which they will proceed to do in the near future.

Next Thursday, August 17th, is the date set for holding the annual reunion of the famous One Hundred and Forty-eighth regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in Bellefonte. A great number of the survivors are expected to be in attendance, many of whom reside in adjoining counties.

PIG NURSED BY CAT MOTHERING TURKEYS

RUNT SHOWS AFFECTION THAT IS REMARKABLE.

LIVED ON CREAM FOR KITTIES

Now He Weeps When Turkeys Are Penned up for the Night—Cries Like a Baby—Cares For His Brood—Beats Snake Stories.

The following story appeared recently in the Harrisburg Patriot and there is every reason to believe that it is true:

People who have been posing in the lime light because they own roosters that hatch, hens that mother kittens and such more or less commonplace things, will now please drop back into the shadows while William G. Ball, who owns a farm just east of Lingiestown, steps up to speak his piece.

Mr. Ball admits that what he has to say partakes of the character of a nature freak, but he insists most emphatically that it is not a nature fake—any who doubt are welcome to visit his place at any time and see for themselves and may happen get a glass of good spring-cooled milk in the bargain.

Five weeks ago a litter of pigs was born on the Ball farm, and one of them was a runt so small and weak in appearance that no one thought it would live. Nevertheless, Mr. Ball took it into the kitchen and fed it milk every hour for several days. Under this treatment the little fellow improved wonderfully. In the meantime two cats constituted themselves foster mothers.

Turkeys Warm Pig's Heart. That arrangement lasted about one week and then Mr. Runt realizing that life is a serious proposition, began to search around for a mother. Out in the yard was a brood of ten motherless turkeys that had come into the world just three days before. The pig's heart warmed to these unfortunate orphans, and as they soon realized that the heat from his now plump body was very comfortable the attachment was mutual.

Since then the pig and his turkeys have been inseparable. The pig rights the other fowls away from his brood and will not even let the cats, who were so kind to him in his own helpless infancy, have any nearness to the little turkeys have satisfied themselves. This done, he will lay in a corner and let them crawl under his neck and back of him. It is an uncommon thing to see him stretched out under a tree with the whole brood perched on his back.

When his fluffy little charges are locked up for the night in a coop by themselves or when it rains and they are in danger of getting wet he cries like a baby and for the time apparently is heartbroken.

WAGON LOAD OF BEER. Relieves Thirst of People in "Dry" Beech Creek and Eagleville.

The Lock Haven Democrat makes the following observations: "The usual large quantity of larger beer—dozens of kegs and cases—from the different breweries and bottling plants, were shipped to Beech Creek and Eagleville today by both express companies to slack the thirst of some of the residents of those places to-night and tomorrow. Similar large shipments of beer are made every Saturday to those places, and a number of citizens who saw an express wagon filled with beer leaving for the station recently remarked that in their opinion it would be better to have a well regulated licensed hotel in that section, conducted by a responsible and law-abiding citizen, than the present method of supplying lager to those sections, which permits of unrestricted and unlimited drinking by those who are so inclined. It also illustrates that drinkers in local opinion communities can and will have their wants supplied, the only difference being that the amber-hued fluid costs a little more by the addition of the express charges.

BIG BARN BURNED. On Wednesday evening, August 3rd, the barn on No. 2 farm of Col. W. Fred Reynolds occupied by John S. Benner, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, with its entire contents of this year's crops of hay, wheat, oats, etc. Three calves and a brood sow were also burned, but all the rest of the stock was saved. This was the fifth time this barn had been struck by lightning, and the second time this year. It might be mentioned that it was not equipped with lightning rods.

Harry Murtoff, of the Potter-Hoy Hardware company, was on his way home and seeing the storm approach asked Mr. Benner if he could drive into the barn and wait until the storm was over. Mr. Benner advised him to drive on. Murtoff did so and he had not driven a half mile until the barn was struck by lightning.

The building was insured in the Farmers Mutual Company of Centre Hall as follows: Colonel Reynolds had \$1000 on building and \$700 on contents; John S. Benner, the tenant, had \$600 on contents.

I. O. O. F. Picnic. A monster I. O. O. F. picnic will be held at Hunters park on Monday, Sept. 4th. The personnel of the committee, who have the picnic in charge, from State College lodge are: George T. Graham, J. P. Pillsbury, Percival Rudy, P. E. Meek and William Kennedy; of Centre lodge, Bellefonte, Sigmund Joseph, John Hazel, Harry Eberhart, Samuel Shaffer and Mr. Keefer.

The picnic will be a basket affair and the committee, in conjunction with the sub-committees, will strive to make it the banner picnic of the season, for it will have the assistance of all neighboring lodges of Rebekahs. That is proof enough of its success.