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FOR MAKING THE ENUMERATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION

No Flaw in the Compulsory Education Law—Specification as to Payment Not Necessary, Counties Implicitly Responsible.

One of the provisions of the Farr compulsory education law enacted at the last session of the Pennsylvania legislature is the making of a census of children between the years of 8 and 15. This is to be done by the assessors at the time they are to make the registration of voters early next month. In several counties of the commonwealth the commissioners intended they would pay the assessors for the act does not specifically say that the county is to pay the expense of the same, though the evident purpose of the section relating to this enumeration is to set forth editorially some days ago in these columns, is clear as to the intended responsibility of the respective counties and that by implication they were to pay the assessors. In order to set aside doubt as to the liability of the counties and to execute the law Dr. Schaeffer, state superintendent of education, officially submitted the points at issue to the attorney general and the following interesting opinion is the result.

THE OPINION IN FULL.

Office of the Attorney General, Harrisburg, Pa., April 14, 1896.

Hon. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Education, Harrisburg, Pa.

Sir:—This department is in receipt of your communication of recent date, asking for an opinion upon the question of the liability of the several counties of this commonwealth for the pay of assessors who are required, under the compulsory school law, approved May 18, 1882 (P. L. 21), to make an enumeration of children between the ages of eight and thirteen years. The county commissioners, in various instances, as I am informed, have taken the position that the county is not liable for the payment of the assessors in making the enumeration of school children, for the reason that the act of assembly, which requires the work to be performed, does not provide, in positive terms, that the county shall pay the same. It is contended by the persons who take this position that a county is never liable for the costs of a criminal case, or services of a public officer, unless made so by the express provision of an act of assembly. The rule invoked is too strongly stated; it has its foundation in the history of criminal proceedings. Criminal actions were formerly prosecuted in the name of the king, and no costs, other than those without being required to do so by an act of assembly. It is quite true that the same rule has been applied to some extent in matters of a civil character, but its rigidity must be somewhat relaxed when applied to the ordinary affairs of a county.

The act relating to counties and townships and county and township officers, approved the 15th day of April, A. D. 1851 (P. L. 253), provides among other things, for the election of township assessors. This is the parent act on the subject of township officers, the later ones being but supplemental to the original. Section 2 of said act provides as follows: "It shall be the duty of each assessor and assistant assessor to keep an account of the several days by him actually employed in the performance of his duties and to make return of the same to the commissioners of the county, verified by his oath or affirmation, and for each day necessarily so employed he shall receive the sum of one dollar."

The act of June 19, A. D. 1881 (P. L. 258), provides for the appointment of an assistant assessor for the purpose of the registration of voters in townships and boroughs containing more than one election district, wherein but one assessor for valuation returns. This act provides that the assistant assessor, in each of the election districts shall perform all the duties relating to elections now required to be performed by assessors in each of the townships having but one election district. There is no provision, however, in this act of assembly as to the amount of compensation such assistant assessor shall receive or who may pay for such services.

The act is silent upon the important question. It has been the uniform practice of the counties, since the approval of this act of 1881, to pay the assessors for the time spent in the performance of their duties, as required by that act of assembly. For more than half a century the several counties of the commonwealth have paid the assessors under the provisions of this law, although it is not specifically provided therein that the county is liable. The act of 1881 increased the compensation of assessors, but remained as silent as the act of 1881 upon the question of who should pay the services rendered. Under the act of 1891 the assistant assessors have been paid out of the county funds, although there is no express authority for so doing. But under the rule laid down by Justice Sterrett, the county is liable by necessary implication.

Section 4 of what is known as "The Compulsory School Law" provides for the registration of all children between the ages of eight and thirteen years. The enumeration is to be returned to the county commissioners of the proper county, and the school board of the proper district, who duty it is to furnish the principal or superintendent of the district with a list of all children in his district subject to the provision of this act. It is then further provided that the county commissioners shall be paid a per diem compensation for their services, a sum equal to the compensation paid under existing laws for assessors of election, said services not to exceed ten days.

All assessors are township officers and they perform such duties as the law requires of them. It is part of their duty to make a valuation of property, both real and personal, upon which taxes are levied. The registration of voters, the enrollment of men fit for military duty, the registration of births and deaths, and the enumeration of children between the ages of eight and thirteen years are some of the duties to be performed by them under the provisions of various acts of assembly.

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BEDFORD DEADLOCK.

An Exciting Session at the Republican County Convention.

Bedford, Pa., April 14.—The Republican county convention met here today, J. E. Thropp, of this county, and J. D. Hicks, of Blair county, are the candidates for congress. On a vote in the convention, Thropp's opponent, a candidate, as elected chairman. On the first ballot the vote stood 42 for Thropp, and 31 for Hicks. The chairman, however, refused to count the vote. Thropp and Hicks' friends protested and claim he is entitled to two of Thropp's votes, making a tie. One of the delegates voted for Hicks and the chairman instructed the tellers to place it to Thropp.

"The delegates informed the chairman that he had credentials to prove that he was instructed for Hicks. He overruled the objection and ordered that the vote should be given Thropp. This action of the chairman caused great excitement. The chairman was powerless to continue with the business of the convention. Every action of his was yelled down and the disorder continued during the afternoon.

For four hours the convention has been dead-locked. The streets are filled with citizens. There is no selling what will be the outcome. The county ticket is entirely lost sight of, and no action except as above recorded has been taken. Congressman Hicks has made a number of propositions, one of which was to let the vote stand 40 to 40 and allow the courts to decide. Thropp is asked to accept of this proposition. Derrick refuses to entertain anything. Late tonight Congressman Hicks got an injunction restraining the convention from counting the vote in Broadport township, except as it was cast.

HART AGAIN ARRESTED.

The Philadelphia Ship Owner is Charged With Having Violated Neutrality Laws Between United States and Spain.

Philadelphia, April 14.—John D. Hart, the steamship owner of this city, was arrested this morning on a charge of violating the neutrality laws between this country and Spain in connection with the last voyage of the steamship Bermuda, and was given a preliminary hearing in the United States Commissioner Bell and bound over in \$500 bail for a further hearing tomorrow. This is the second time Mr. Hart has been arrested on the charge of violating the neutrality laws. He was first arrested on the same charge on or so ago that he was acquitted in New York on the first charge. Warrants of arrest are also in the hands of the United States marshal at Camden, John O'Brien, master of the Bermuda, Mateo Murphy and Simonson and Colonel Emilio Nunez, one of the local Cuban leaders, and who was a passenger aboard the Bermuda on the last voyage.

Arrangements have been entered into between counsel for the alleged filibuster and the government officers by which the case will be tried in the United States court in New York. Captain O'Brien and his mates will come from New York tomorrow morning and will represent themselves before the United States marshal. They will be given a hearing tomorrow at the same time as Mr. Hart and all the men will be bound over for trial in New York.

The information upon which the warrants were sworn out was made by Jose de los Angeles, a Spanish consul at this port. Dr. Congdon, at this port, received the evidence upon which he made the information from six or eight of the crew of the Bermuda, who are said to be disloyal to the United States. They received on the voyage and are probably taking this method to revenge themselves on Hart's hearing before Bell. This information was merely a preliminary one and no evidence was taken. Assistant District Attorney Ralston appeared for the commonwealth and the case will be bound over for a further hearing tomorrow at noon. Mr. Ralston suggested that the case be tried in the United States court in New York. Captain Hart, characterized the request as outrageous, as Mr. Hart is a reputable citizen and a member of the bar in this city. He refused to give the Bermuda her clearance papers, and the vessel will probably not be able to sail tomorrow as it was expected she would do.

JERSEY REPUBLICANS.

Victorious All Over the State at the Character Elections.

Trenton, N. J., April 14.—Character elections were held throughout this state today and as this is "presidential year" the contests were taken in the result. The weather was not in their favor, but the vote very large in all towns. While the Republicans, generally speaking, were victorious everywhere the state, nevertheless their majorities have been cut down and they have lost in one or two of the places where they felt perfectly safe.

The Indiana All Right.

Washington, April 14.—The report of the board of naval officers, which was made by H. F. Pickering is senior member, appointed to conduct the final or efficiency trial of the battleship USS Oregon, received at the navy department. It shows that the vessel is worthy of all the praise that has been bestowed on her.

Thousands Men Strike.

Dover, O., April 14.—The employees of the Reeves Iron company, and the American Tin Plate Manufacturing company, numbering nearly 1,000, struck today because of the discharge of two rollers in the tin plate department for alleged incompetency.

General Kennedy Dead.

Charleston, S. C., April 14.—General John D. Kennedy, ex-Congressman, died at Camden, S. C., today.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

The Pulla Brothers' iron company posted notices in its mills that the wages of its puddlers will be increased from \$25 to \$27.50 per ton. About 150 men will be benefited by the change which goes into effect on May 1.

Governor Hastings has fixed Thursday, June 20, for the execution of Joseph Cross at Pittsburg. On the same day George Windisch will be hanged at Wilkes-Barre. Adam Thomas of Harrisburg, aged 49 years, committed suicide yesterday by taking strychnine. He was troubled over financial matters.

Herold's Weather Report.

New York, April 15.—Herold's weather forecast: In the Middle states today, fair to partly cloudy, slightly cooler, with light southerly and westerly winds, probably followed by rain in northern districts of this section. On Thursday, partly cloudy, slightly warmer, with southerly to southwesterly winds, followed by cloudiness and rain in lake region, probably extending to New Jersey and New England coasts by night.

SPANISH BECOME LIBERAL.

Willing to Grant Certain Liberties to Cubans at War.

WHAT SPAIN WILL GRANT

A Prominent Minister is Hanged at Macum—Much Valuable Property Destroyed by the Insurgents. Other Cuban War News.

London, April 14.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Pall Mall Gazette, published this afternoon, says: "Matters are very complicated, and, while the government will do everything in its power to avoid a quarrel with the United States, it will prefer to fight rather than lose Cuba through foreign pressure. The coming Cortes will grant Cuba every reasonable franchise to be enjoyed under the Spanish flag."

Washington, April 14.—The intimation of a purpose on the part of the Spanish government to grant a large measure of autonomy to the Cubans has confirmed an understanding that the abuses of which the Cubans complain and which have served as the basis of the present rebellion will be largely abated by the Spanish government just as soon as this can be done without the appearance of compulsion.

Havana, April 14.—The insurgents recently captured the province of Pinar named Lucio Gallego, and he has since been found hanged on his plantation at Macum. A dispatch from Santa Teresa, near Artemisa, in the province of Pinar del Rio, and have destroyed 6,200 tons of cane on the plantation of Victoria. The bridge at Pando, in the Holguin province of the province of Santiago de Cuba, has been partly destroyed by dynamite. The insurgents have also burned 12,500 tons of cane belonging to the colonies of Santa Isabel and Araca. The country of Santa Clara, announced that the insurgents have burned the steamer La Rosalia, on the river Manati, having on board 370 bags of sugar.

BATTLE AT LECHUZE.

The troops commanded by Generals Suarez, Echeverria and Colonel Devos, commanding the 10th Infantry Battalion, have left Mariel, at the northern end of the military line across the province of Sancti Spiritus, by different routes. Colonel Devos, in command of the plantations of San Claudio, met the insurgent vanguard, consisting of 200 men, who were created and were pursued by the troops. The insurgents appeared on all the neighboring heights, but were driven from the plantations of San Claudio, and the force of 500 insurgents, near Lechuzas, were compelled to retreat, passing beyond the plantations of San Augustin and Reconquista. The insurgents were well in retreating and at the expiration of two hours they reached the landing place of San Claudio, and were wounded and were enabled to return towards, to continue with the three columns mentioned, against Maceo's forces.

HARRITY'S WARNING.

He Urges Sound Money Democrats to Organize Everywhere—Frightened at the Free Silver Democrats.

Philadelphia, April 14.—In speaking today of the political situation in the Democratic party, National Chairman William F. Harney, in a speech before a large gathering of Democrats, do not agree with those who expect that there will be two Democratic national conventions or a bolt from the regular party. He recognized the fact that the free silver element of the Democratic party up to the present has been a negative force in the organization. The free silver men are systematically and energetically at work with a view to electing a candidate who will favor the free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver on a 16 to 1 basis.

It is generally believed that in the states in which the free silver element of the party prevails, and is in the majority the unit rule will be adopted, in order that the states in question may prove as effective as possible in the interests of free silver. This will apply to the adoption of a platform as well as to the election of a candidate. You know, a majority of the convention has the power to make the platform, but it will take two-thirds of the convention to nominate its candidate.

"I can only repeat what I have heretofore said, that while I still believe that the sound money element of the Democratic party will be in control of the Chicago convention, yet what now seems likely to be a majority may easily become a minority by reason of the soundness of the policy of the party."

HURT IN A WRECK.

Several Passengers Are Injured on the New Orleans and Northeastern.

Morristown, Miss., April 14.—Passenger train No. 1 on the New Orleans and Northeastern railroad went through a small trestle three miles north of Vossburg at an early hour this morning. The entire train, save the engine and tender, was wrecked in the passenger coaches were well filled, but strange as it may seem, nobody was killed outright. Following is a list of the injured who were brought to this city: J. H. Rutledge, C. H. Bell, Delvia, Ill., hand and eye hurt; Dr. A. E. Bates, Bidell, Ia., ankle sprained; T. Tidwell, Ellisville, Miss., back hurt; C. P. Williams, Birmingham, Ala., neck injured; J. H. Rutledge, Atlanta, shoulder badly hurt, left arm in arm and eye; I. Isaacs, Ellisville, Miss., back sprained and head cut; Mrs. J. Steel, Englewood, ankle sprained; R. L. Chisholm, Marion, Miss., badly hurt in back; A. B. Very, Hattiesburg, Miss., severe scalp wound; John McCormick, editor Southern Live Stock Journal, Meridian, Miss., badly hurt in the back.

Rev. Ryan's New Honors.

Dubuque, Ia., April 14.—The Very Rev. Roger Ryan, vicar general and pastor of St. Patrick's church, has been appointed apostolic prefect to the pope, with the rank of monsignor.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer.

- 1 Attorney General's Opinion on Compulsory Education Law. Dep't. Design in Congress. Spain Is Becoming Liberal. Charged with Violation of Neutrality. The Political Outlook.
2 Whitney Is Heard From. Market and Stock Reports.
3 (Local)—Aron Case on Trial. Second District Convention.
4 Editorial. The Hypnotized Reporter.
5 (Local)—Chapter of Fatal Accidents. Women in Convention. Held on Charge of Murder. Bicycle Club House to be Enlarged.
6 Commercial Reciprocity. Council of Entering Society.
7 (Local)—Lackawanna Institute to Secure a Home. Suburban News.
8 Destiny Revealed by Playing Cards. Method of Repairing Rubber Tyres. Local Bicycle Gossip.
9 (Base Ball)—Sketches of the Players and Other Information Concerning the Scranton Club.
10 (Story)—"The Little Green Door." Seven Small Republics.
11 For and About Women. Facts Concerning the Food We Eat. History of the Piano.
12 News Up and Down the Valley.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

Results at the Republican Gatherings Throughout the State—Delegates Selected for the Harrisburg Sessions.

Bellefonte, Pa., April 14.—At the Centre county Republican convention here today there was a spirited contest over the endorsement for congress and Congressional district delegates to the national convention. The delegates were elected by the endorsement, he receiving 50 votes while 72 were cast for W. F. Reeder, of this county. The latter was also granted the right to select his own conferees. The Arnold people left the hall, claiming that they were unfairly treated. The district is composed of five counties. Two delegates to the state convention were chosen. The resolutions adopted by the convention endorse McKinley and his policy of protection.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 14.—The Dauphin county Republican convention today elected Dr. G. M. Stites, J. B. Booser and A. H. Beard delegates to the state convention. The delegates were elected by the endorsement, he receiving 50 votes while 72 were cast for W. F. Reeder, of this county. The latter was also granted the right to select his own conferees. The Arnold people left the hall, claiming that they were unfairly treated. The district is composed of five counties. Two delegates to the state convention were chosen. The resolutions adopted by the convention endorse McKinley and his policy of protection.

Clearfield, Pa., April 14.—At the Clearfield county Republican convention today A. E. Patton was elected unanimously to the national convention. R. M. Harts, of Clearfield, was elected to the national convention. Senator McCarrall was endorsed for national delegate and given power to select his own conferees.

Montgomery, Pa., April 14.—At the Montgomery county convention today seven delegates to the state convention were elected by acclamation. Resolutions were adopted favoring Count Sherman, F. Sully for residential elector; Joseph Rosier for delegate-at-large to the national convention, and Senator Quay for the presidency.

Warren, Pa., April 14.—The Republican county convention here adopted unanimously resolutions endorsing McKinley for president. E. W. Marshall was nominated for assembly; C. W. Shultz for congress; J. H. Smith for senator; of Erie, endorsed for congress-at-large; William Schnur, nominated for delegate to the national convention.

AN ELOPEMENT TRAGEDY.

Two Italians Stabbed and One Shot in the Heart.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 14.—A free fight among four Italians at the pier near Hamilton Ferry tonight resulted in two men being stabbed and one shot in the heart. Three are in a long illness in the hospital, but the one who was recovered. The principals were Salvatore Grimaldi and his brother, Calmo Grimaldi, Salvatore Pasquillo and Martin Gentelo. The latter lives in Boston. One of the bullets struck Calmo Grimaldi in the heart, ending the fight. It is thought Pasquillo will also die.

UNITED MINE WORKERS. THEIR FIRST SOCIAL.

Pleasant Night Spent by Guests of Scranton Equitable Aid Union.

The first annual entertainment and social of the United Mine Workers of America Aid union, No. 474, Equitable Aid union, was held last evening at Music hall. The committee of arrangements comprised Edward Troupe, John A. Bryant, Stewart Hardy, Herman Young, A. J. Schaeffer, J. A. McClelland, Edward Berry, Mrs. Mary McManus, Miss Cora Phillips, Miss Sara Joseph, Mrs. James McClelland, Mrs. Roscoe Conklyn and Mrs. Bertha Smith. The hall was filled with people and they enjoyed the occasion very much.

The entertainment began with an overture by the Dickson Banjo orchestra. The numbers on the program then were as follows: Piano selection by Miss Mary Davis; recitation by Bessie Sloats; instrumental duet by Miss Fagan and Miss Mollie Jordan; dialogue by Anna Welsensluce and Anna Ross; selection by the Columbia quartette; song and dance, by Rhoda Clark; instrumental selection by Messrs. Tanner and Field; humorous recitation by E. C. Vall; duet by Lizzie Suydan and Effie Callender; recitation by Mattie Williams; recitation by Helen Long; dialogue by Etta Woodruff, Mattie Hughes and Anna Thomas; duet by Cora Phillips and Anna Williams; tambourine drill by Bessie Bertrac; Daisy Case, Ella Weisenluce, Lena Snyder, Edith Beuers, Louisa Simons, Ethel Woodruff, Ouida Sterling, accompanied by Lily Welsensluce. At the end of the programme recitations were made by District Deputy H. L. Bullock. Dancing was enjoyed after the entertainment to music furnished by Professor Johnson. The grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Wendover.

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