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**REPUBLICAN TICKET.**

**COUNTY.**

County Treasurer, CALVIN M. ARNER, Tionesta.

**The County Superintendent's Salary.**

Rev. Wm. Richards, of Mayburg, in town Monday. At the present time he is being used by a gang of politicians about the county seat in an effort to have the salary of the County Superintendent reduced \$500 per year. During the first year and a half of the present term of Superintendent Stitzinger his salary of \$1500 per year was paid out of the appropriation for the paying of the salaries of superintendents. Some time ago this same crowd succeeded in securing a ruling of the State officials whereby \$500 per year is now taken from the appropriation to the schools of the county. This means a loss to the county of \$1500 for the three years. They now find that the taxpayers will hold them responsible for this loss through their blundering interference, and their efforts are now in the direction of having the salary of the superintendent reduced \$300 per year to cover this loss to the schools of the county, and for which they are responsible. In order to pay the cost of a contest in the courts each school district is asked to pay Rev. Richards \$20. The Jenks township board has refused to contribute for that purpose. Rev. Richards was selected as the tool of the gang on account of his smooth tongue and recognized ability to make black appear white. -*Merionville Express*

The above is re-produced merely to show how easy it is to crowd a whole volume of falsehoods into a few dozen lines. The bare facts of the case are that from the beginning of the present term of the county superintendent up to the present time, his salary has been determined by the face of his certificate of election on file in the office of the State Supt. of Public Instruction, as evidenced by a letter to that effect from Dr. Schaefer, which can be produced at any time. This being the case the extra \$500 which the county superintendent is yearly drawing comes out of the pockets of the taxpayers of Forest county and has been since his term began and will so continue to the end of his term unless the people can get back what is justly due them in a court of equity.

The history of the case, plainly told, is this: Two years ago E. E. Stitzinger was elected superintendent of schools of Forest county, having received the votes of 32 school directors out of the 59 which were present and voting. When the matter of fixing the salary was mentioned Mr. Stitzinger took the floor and stated in substance that the past year's school term had averaged 7 1/2 months and it was his opinion that that would fix the salary; also that a bill then in the Governor's hands would, if he signed it, fix the salary. The convention, without further discussion thereupon, adjourned. It afterwards transpired that the certificate of election signed by the officers of the convention contained the startling news that the salary of the superintendent was fixed at five hundred dollars (\$500) per annum. If there is a single one of the 59 directors present at the convention (the editor of the Express and the County Superintendent included) who will say that such a salary was fixed, or that any salary whatsoever was fixed, let him now speak.

When the fact that Mr. Stitzinger was drawing \$1500, when the law fixed his salary at only \$1000, became known to the school districts of the county, an investigation was proposed by Mr. Stitzinger's home district in Green township. A member of the school board was appointed as a committee to meet with a committee of the other districts as soon as appointed. All but two of the entire school districts of the county (Jenks being one of the two) reported at a meeting held in Tionesta, March 12, 1901. This committee selected Mr. Wm. Richards, of Kingsley township, a supporter of Mr. Stitzinger at the time of his election, as its chairman, and appointed him to wait on the officers of the convention, and the Superintendent, with a view to having them join in a statement to the State Supt., giving the true state of the case as to the question of the salary of the county superintendent. The two secretaries of that convention willingly signed the statement and made affidavit to the same, thus doing as much as was in their power to right the gross wrong, to use no harsher term. The president of the convention and Supt. Stitzinger have thus far refused to sign that statement.

The law plainly says that in all counties having a school term exceeding seven and one-half months, the salary of said superintendent shall not be less than fifteen hundred dollars. As the school term prior to the election of Mr. Stitzinger, did not exceed seven and one-half months, the State superintendent could not lawfully pay him a salary of \$1500 "out of the appropriation for the paying of the salaries of superintendents," and so the fabrication of the certificate in that particular is exploded. No body has secured a ruling of the State officials on this case in any particular that anybody hereabouts is aware of, and that is another fabrication exploded. Mr. Stitzinger is drawing the extra \$500 from the appropriation that would otherwise go into the school fund of Forest county, and his salary is determined on the face of his certificate, as the school department at Harrisburg has said, and which certificate every member of the convention knows is wrong. State Supt. Schaefer, in a letter under date Sept. 22, 1900, writes: "The salary of the county Supt. of Forest county has been paid on the Certificate of Election sent by the Convention of Directors." The excess has been deducted from the appropriation due for Forest county. Could anything be plainer?

The Express' attack on the good name and spotless character of Mr. Richards is not worth noticing. This is not a case in

which the people of Forest county will brook the slightest attempt at Billingsgate or abuse of private character, and no amount of violence on the part of any newspaper will deter Mr. Richards and the honorable, law-abiding committee at his back from the performance of a sworn duty to uphold, defend and promote the good name of the schools of Forest county and secure the taxpayers in their lawful rights.

There is no disposition on the part of any one, as the Express would have people believe, "to have the salary of the County Superintendent reduced \$500 per year." That is not the question at issue. If the law gives him a salary of \$1500 a year no one can take, or cares to take, it away from him. But if the law fixes his salary at \$1000 it is the sworn duty of every director in the county to see that the school fund is not drawn on in order to make it more. And no honest man will say there is anything wrong with that proposition, nor will he attempt to bolster up an adverse one.

DURING the President's Southern trip it was again up and tack between the federal and confederate soldiers.

THE latest estimate of the cost of the Nicaragua Canal is \$250,000,000, a sum that several of the new trusts would consider a mere bagatelle.

COL. BRYAN intimates that he will not be a candidate for 1901 unless it becomes absolutely necessary. Last year he was in the absolutely unnecessary class.

PROMINENT statesmen are discussing the question, What does the Democratic party stand for? The answer may be, because it has no place to lay its head.

NEW YORK CITY's gain in population in the last ten years exceeds that of London by 600,894. At this rate the American city will take the lead by the year 1920.

"We are not a military people," said President McKinley in one of his Texas speeches. "We never go to war unless we have to make peace." The phrase is striking and also historically accurate.

IN the year 1890 the sale of postage stamps in the United States amounted to \$7,087,771, which is twice the amount of the sales in 1888, and three times the amount of sales in 1881. The Post Office Department is keeping up with the expansion march.

THE widow of the late Hon. David Sankey, and mother of Ira D. Sankey, the noted evangelist, died at her home in New Castle at 1:30 p. m. on Thursday last. She was born July 17, 1811, and was a daughter of John Leeper, a pioneer of Lawrence county.

BALLOT reform balderdash got a severe setback in the House at Harrisburg last Thursday, when the idiotic Democratic-insurgent measure, commonly known as the "Guffey bill" failed to receive the required number of votes to pass it finally. All this fare about ballot reform comes from the Democratic sheets of the State, seconded by a few of the kid-gloved gentry of the city of Philadelphia styling themselves municipal reformers, and backed by the remaining handful of sickly insurgents that are ever ready to yell reform while they fall over one another to vote for the worst corporation snakes that creep into the legislature. Who is stalling it? A new ballot law is being proposed. Do you hear anyone from the interior asking that the ballot be made more difficult to mark and more cumbersome to the average voter? We think not. And until you hear the plain, honest people asking for a change, it will be well enough to stop the insurgent tail from trying to wag the stalwart dog.

**Resolutions.** The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the Republican County Convention held at the court house on Tuesday of last week:

Resolved: That we, the representatives of the Republican party of Forest county in convention met, hereby reaffirm our adherence to the principles of the Republican party as enunciated at the Philadelphia convention.

2. We congratulate the country upon its wave of prosperity brought about by the wise, honest and patriotic administration of President McKinley, and hail with delight his re-election and inauguration for another term of four years, which insure to our people another era of prosperity.

3. We rejoice to know that our trouble in the Islands of the sea has been brought to a successful termination by wise diplomacy and to valor of the American soldiers, notwithstanding the opposition and discouragement by W. J. Bryan and his party of new ideas, and refer with pride to the Republican party in carrying out fairly and honestly its promise to govern by giving to her a Republican form of government.

4. We hereby endorse the wise and honest administration of Gov. William A. Stone, and his successful efforts in placing the financial affairs of the State in a healthy condition, and securing from corporations their just share of taxes.

5. We hereby endorse the candidates placed in nomination this day, and pledge to them our hearty and undivided support.

**A Transformation Scene.** Time and travel work change for all and so I came from the far village in the snowy North to Tionesta by the Allegheny's swelling flood.

But the wide wandering has set my feet again in familiar paths; and as "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin," so I stood in the pulpit of my brother McAninch and felt the kind response of my hearers, just as for many Sabbaths past, in Greensboro by the beautiful lake, I had spoken to the loving people whose pastor I had been ordained to be scores of years before.

**In Pharaoh's Land.**

PORT SAID, Egypt, April 11, 1901.

Dear Editor:—After a few days at Luxor crowded with scenes of past greatness whose ruins are now revealing the story, with a feeling of regret we took our last look at the massive temples fronted by royal pylons and crowded with huge pillars with lotus capitals, obelisks fifty to seventy-five feet in length cut out of one solid piece of granite, statues of heroic size, some of granite and some of purest alabaster; no wonder the eye turned for a last look and the mind took on a meditative mood.

We were booked for a day's march toward the "heart of Africa" and so at 11 a. m., with the thermometer at 95° in the shade we started April 3d for Assuan, or the First Cataract of the Nile, 730 miles from its mouth. This part of the road is narrow gauge and under Egyptian management and of course very different from our system. There are three kinds of coach—first, second and third class. The former, while small, are very comfortable, being upholstered in leather, but the third class are like cattle cars. Only fourteen of our party bought it worth while to endure the heat for what was to be seen. We had a special car of our own and passed a pleasant day, as far as heat and dust would permit, arriving at Assuan at 6:30 p. m. There was a marked difference in the country the farther up the Nile we advanced.

The valley becomes more narrow and less fertile. At times the desert crowded its way up to the water's edge on either side. In one place we rode more than an hour through the burning sand of the Nubian desert. Sugar cane is extensively grown in the valley and several places above Luxor large refineries were seen, one of which is the private property of the Khedive.

The character of the natives also changed the further up we went and we had views of life as weird of it in points nearer the centre of the Black Continent. Students and admirers of the nude in art would find plenty of fine models here without trouble. For a backhouser of a peaster I think they would pose for a week. The regular wages for a man is only two peasters (10 cents) per day at hand labor. Arabs, Bedouins, Fellahs, Bishierins are seen all along the way and when a stop is made they crowd up to the train offering all sorts of trinkets of home make for sale. Some of these are very pretty, reminding one of Indian trinkets at home. These fellows are keen hands at a bargain. At first some of us were taken in but we soon caught on to their vain ways and I think held them level. But one is struck with their native shrewdness, their constant palaver of the few English words they have picked up, and their adept use of flattery. They usually ask about four times what a thing is worth, but if one offers about the right price and is firm they gracefully come down to it "because it is you."

The sight of money is a temptation they can not resist. As they say, "I want your money" and so far as I could see this was the only time they told the truth. At one place they were selling little flags and I wanted one. The price asked was three pence. I offered one and held it out in my hand. The fellow said no and passed on, but came back two or three times. I still held the coin in view and just as the train was pulling out he handed up the flag and grabbed the coin.

An incident occurred on the way which was very amusing to us. About an hour out from Luxor our engine broke down and we were laid over till another could be brought up. They were so small the engineer might have carried an extra one with him and thus have avoided the delay. To kill time while waiting in the heat we concluded to eat our lunch. The little natives were peeping in at the windows and opening the doors out of the curiosity that is universal in this country. We tried to lock the door but could not. One little fellow would open it a little and peep in although driven away several times. I was sitting at that end of the car using my suit case for a table and Mr. Cocksins was opposite me. While we were busy eating and Mr. Cocksins had a half chicken and some bread on a paper on his knee, suddenly, like flash of lightning in Jumper Mr. Darkey boy, snipped everything clean from Conkins' knees and was gone before we knew what had occurred. All I saw was a streak as his hand and arm flashed within two feet of my face. Fried chicken was a temptation too strong to be resisted by the African heart.

Assuan seemed to be wholly native in population excepting the hotel keepers and the firemen on the Assuan dam, which is now being built across the Nile at the cataract. Perhaps owing to the climate they are not so active and sprightly as farther down the Nile, but they possess the same characteristics. Some are really fine specimens of physical manhood. In a way they are cleanly and in another they are filthy. My room looks out on the river and at 5 a. m. I saw the whole bank lined with men taking their morning bath, but at the same time dogs, donkeys and camels were in the water while the women were filling the water jars and men water skins for household purposes. I concluded I did not want to "board around" in that place.

The flies are a awful plague, I can understand Pharaoh's misery now as I never did before, not to speak of fleas and mosquitoes. One needs to see a good deal to compensate for the outlay of blood and energy.

At 4 o'clock in the morning we mounted our donkeys with the usual accompaniments and started for Phyliae to view the ruins of this famous island, more widely known of late by its threatened destruction by the new dam. In its day this was certainly a place of wondrous beauty and attraction. Now it is only a famous ruin, parts of which only now are in a fair state of preservation. We spent some hours in wandering through the vast corridors, into sacred rooms and temples of worship, climbing the high stone stair case that winds up to the top of the pylon and in listening to the guide's interpretation of the inscriptions with which every wall is covered. We then rowed around the island and on down to the dam a mile below. During this ride the oarsmen kept up a most weird song in a minor key. The burden of it, the guide said, was of love to Mohammed, after the manner of Solomon's songs.

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**These Are New Laws.**

Among the acts of Legislature recently approved by the Governor, are several that have special reference to matters in the rural districts. One of these provides for the killing of rabbits throughout the whole year by owners or lessees of property. This law was introduced because rabbits and hares are said to be multiplying so rapidly that they are a nuisance in some localities. The slaughter of them during the closed game season is restricted. They may be killed on the enclosed property of the man who does the killing, and only for his own purpose and not for sale.

An act approved April 11 provides that cattle, horses or dogs bitten by mad dogs, and killed in consequence, may be paid for by the State, but not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 fine.

All killed by mad dogs hereafter be properly banded and marked with the weight of the animal. Not more than eight per cent of the total weight of the bundle may be material used to hold the bundle together. Violation of this provision, or the false marking of the weight carries with it a penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 fine.

To encourage the preservation of forests, an act approved April 11, provides that land owners who make affidavit that they have forest land bearing not less than 50 trees per acre, said trees being of a diameter of eight inches or more, six feet from the ground, may have a rebate of 80 per cent of all the taxes assessed against such land. Rebate may not be claimed on more than 50 acres by any one person, nor may the rebate amount to more than 45 cents an acre.

Under the new act it becomes lawful for the school boards to grant the use of school building for lyceum and other literary purposes, not sectarian in their nature.

An Act authorizing county commissioners to purchase plots of ground in any cemetery in their respective communities for the burial of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the United States in any war, who die in indigent circumstances, and draw their warrant on the county treasurer for payment of the same.

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**TIONESTA VALLEY & SALMON CREEK RAILROAD COMPANY.**

A meeting of the stockholders of the Tionesta Valley & Salmon Creek Railroad Company is hereby called to meet at the general office of the company at Nebraska, Penna., on Thursday, May 16, 1901, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of voting on the consolidation of the said Tionesta Valley & Salmon Creek Railroad Company with the Sheffield & Tionesta Railway Company, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before said meeting.

T. D. COLLINS, President.

**SHEPHERD & TIONESTA RAILWAY COMPANY.**

A meeting of the stockholders of the Sheffield & Tionesta Railway Company is hereby called to meet at the general office of the Company at Nebraska, Pa., on Thursday, May 16, 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of voting upon the question of the consolidation of the Tionesta Valley & Salmon Creek Railroad Company with said Company; also the adoption of by-laws and election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before said meeting.

T. D. COLLINS, President.

**TIONESTA VALLEY & HICKORY RAILWAY COMPANY.**

A meeting of the stockholders of the Tionesta Valley & Hickory Railway Company is hereby called to meet at the general office of said Company, at Nebraska, Penna., on Thursday, May 16, 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before said meeting.

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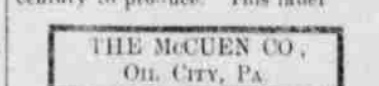
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- Good peas, 10c can.
- Dried peas, 7 lb for 25c.
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- Peaches, 10c lb. Nectarines 3 lb for 25c.
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