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The Sunday School Convention which met in annual session at Sonestown, August 9-10 was called to order Wednesday morning at 10:30 by the Pres. Mr. Vernon Hull.

The session was opened by devotional exercises led by Rev. S. B. Bidlack, who also delivered the convention sermon, taking as his text "Freely ye have received, freely give." Miss Harriet E. Grimm then gave reminiscences of the Sullivan County Sunday School Convention. The remainder of the morning was taken up by the enrollment and entertainment committees.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2 o'clock by Mr. Hull who led the convention in a quiet half hour. Mr. Landis led in prayer followed by others. Rev. B. G. Welsh delivered the address of Welcome in a very happy manner, and Rev. R. E. Huntley of Forksville made the response. W. G. Landis, State worker, gave an address on music in the Sunday School. Benefits derived from our district conventions was opened by Rev. J. O. Biggs, followed by Rev. H. F. Sayles and Christian Snyder. The next subject, a revival in the Sunday School was discussed by Rev. J. F. Hoover, and, how to bring it about, by J. A. Muller, Field worker.

The evening session was opened with devotions led by Rev. H. F. Sayles of Hillsgrove. Miss Rachel Rogers, corresponding secretary, reported fifty Sunday Schools in the county with an enrollment of over three thousand. W. G. Landis delivered an address entitled "The Department with a hole in it" and showed where to find the leakage. Benediction by Rev. B. G. Welsh.

Thursday morning the session was called to order at 8:30 by Pres. Hull, and was led in devotion by P. H. Hoover followed by prayer by Rev. B. G. Welsh. Miss Robinson, State worker then took up the subject of Primary Work and emphasized the new plan "The Standard of Excellence" of which the five points are 1, separate primary room, 2, organization, 3, beginners class, 4, supplementary lesson, 5, teachers training. Rev. J. O. Biggs reported for the Home Department eight schools and aggregating 128 scholars. Rev. R. E. Huntley reported for the Normal Work. There are 23 normal classes with 227 students enrolled. Mrs. P. H. Hoover, Supt. of Primary Work reported from thirty eight schools with 631 primary scholars and 170 cradle roll scholars. Mr. W. G. Landis urged the importance of a cradle roll in every school in the county. Mr. Hull presented a written report and made remarks on the financial side of Sunday School work.

Miss Robinson spoke on the Home Department and showed its virtue in helping pastors and schools. The subject of The Sunday School as a Progressive Force, was very beautifully brought out by Rev. E. A. Heim. Rev. Bent gave a very spirited address on Sunday School missions, and spoke from experience as he was formerly a missionary to China. W. L. DeGross presented the work of the American Sunday School Union.

The evening session was taken up with an address by W. G. Landis who took for his theme, The Evangelistic Teacher. Benediction by Rev. S. B. Bidlack.

The music at all the sessions was excellent, and on the whole it was a most enthusiastic and helpful gathering.

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Republican Candidates.

Robert C. R. Kshinka.

Robert C. R. Kshinka, candidate for Associate Judge, was born in Germany in the year 1845, but has lived in the United States since the year 1851. For many years Mr. Kshinka has lived on a farm at Hunsinger Corners in Cherry township, where he has conducted a blacksmith shop. He served in the civil war in Co. I, 50th N. Y. Engineers. There is no one who knows Mr. Kshinka who will not bear testimony to his worth as a citizen and a neighbor. The son of a German school teacher he is a man of sound learning and wide reading. He is quiet, modest, sober and industrious. Is elected Associate Judge he will make an excellent officer and judging from his wide spread acquaintance and the number of his friends in all parties we predict his election by a comfortable majority.

Boyd P. Bennett.

Boyd P. Bennett, the candidate upon the Republican ticket for the office of County Commissioner, is a man who has proven his ability to assist in successfully managing the affairs of Sullivan county. He was born and reared in this county, his interests are here, he is a large taxpayer and can be depended upon to use his sound business judgment in the administration of the affairs of the office.

Mr. Bennett is a successful farmer and lumberman. By hard labor and progressive methods he has made farming a financial success. His land is well cultivated and very productive and his buildings are always kept neat and attractive. His farm, although not large, is a model in every respect and its productivity, condition and appearance bear testimony that the owner is both capable and industrious.

Some years ago Mr. Bennett became associated with Mr. Fred Peale of Eagles Mere, in the lumber business. The firm has been conspicuously successful. Their business has been large and Mr. Bennett has had such experience in this connection as would make him peculiarly well fitted to serve his county in the capacity of Commissioner.

We recently heard a man who has worked in the lumber woods in this section of Sullivan county for many years say that the firm of which Boyd P. Bennett is a member always paid their men the highest wages, paid them promptly and treated them the best of any lumbermen he had ever worked for and that although he had been a life-long Democrat, he should vote for Mr. Bennett for County Commissioner.

Mr. Bennett possesses every requisite for a good County Commissioner. He is honest, capable, progressive and energetic. If elected, he will bring to the office superior business ability and not only a desire to reduce the indebtedness of the county but the knowledge of the proper ways and means to accomplish it.

G. Eldaah Wilcox.

G. Eldaah Wilcox, Republican candidate for County Auditor, is one of the sons of Gideon Wilcox and a grandson of John Wilcox, one of the earliest settlers in Fox township.

His common school education was obtained in the public schools of Fox township, after which he spent some years in Chester county, Pa., where he obtained a higher education, learning the carpenter trade, and after returning to Sullivan county, taught for a number of years successfully in the schools of Fox and Elkland.

He married Elizabeth Cook of Downingtown, Pa., and besides conducting his farm in Fox township, continues to follow his trade as a carpenter. He has held various township offices, including that of Auditor, and has the qualifications that will make a competent and conscientious County Auditor. In the section of the county where he is best known he will receive a loyal support regardless of party lines.

Frank H. Farrel.

Frank H. Farrel of Dushore, the Republican nominee for County Treasurer was born in Sullivan County forty-one years ago and has spent his entire life among our people. Mr. Farrel was educated in the public schools of Dushore and has ever since been closely connected with the cause of public education. For many years he has served as school director in the Borough of Dushore and is, among others, entitled to credit for the splendid public schools of that Borough.

Mr. Farrel started in life as a blacksmith and worked at that trade until his health suffered. He then started in business as a manufacturer of soft drinks. This business has been made a success and the out door life has completely restored his health. In his home life Mr. Farrel is strictly temperate, is a kind neighbor, a generous friend and a good citizen. A descendant of Patrick Farrel who came to this country prior to 1834. Mr. Farrel has honestly inherited the sterling honesty and business rectitude that so characterize him. He is a strong man, a safe man and one for whom any one can vote with satisfaction.

Harry Botsford.

Harry Botsford, candidate for County Auditor, is a son of Milton Botsford of Laporte township. Mr. Botsford is a young man of fine abilities as an accountant. After completing his school course he taught in our public schools for several terms. At the present time he is book keeper for the Chemical Company at Nordmont. Mr. Botsford has many friends among all parties, he is splendidly equipped for the office of auditor, and if elected will fill the position with credit to himself and satisfaction to the taxpayers.

Frank H. McCarty.

Frank H. McCarty, Republican nominee for County Commissioner from the western part of the county, was born 50 years ago on the farm where he now resides in Elkland township, the youngest son of Elias McCarty one of the earliest settlers of that township. Silas McCarty was one of the noted hunters of his day and earned the title of the "deerslayer." Frank H. McCarty has always been one of the most successful farmers among the heavier taxpayers of that township. He married Miss Rogers, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Rogers of Lincoln Falls. Mr. McCarty has held a number of Twp. offices and is at the present time serving his second term as township treasurer and is also a member of the Board of school Directors. By experience and qualifications he is well fitted to serve the people in important office of County Commissioner.

Ernest VanSickle of Jamison City who it will be remembered was the victim of a shooting accident on the 3rd of July and who was taken to Williamsport Hospital, in what was then considered a vain hope to save his eyesight, is again at his home and the physicians were able to save his left eye. The right eye, however, is entirely gone and an artificial one will take its place.

While two foreign miners were working in a mine near Coal Dale, about 300 feet below the surface and 500 feet from the mouth of the shaft, they were struck by lightning that had followed the iron air pipe down into the mine. Both men were burned about the neck and arms but not seriously.

Miss Antoinette Lancaster of Forkville, who has been attending the summer school at the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, has returned home.

SONESTOWN.

Miss Pearl Weed who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to her home in Williamsport.

The Ecroyd sisters who were here last November, holding revivals are again in town, this time with a tent and expect to remain the week.

J. Stackhouse lost a valuable cow last week. The high water on Tuesday floated apples into the yard where the cow was kept and choked on them.

Among those to attend the excursion to Harveys Lake were Mrs. S. Crist and sons, Miss M. E. Dundar and father, Nellie Basley, Laura Allen Pearl Houseknecht, Myrtle Edgar, Mable Hazen, Carl Krum, Clarence Freas, George Magargel and Bert Miller. All report a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. E. J. Lockwood has been entertaining her father and sister Mr. and Miss Dunbar of Elmsport.

Miss May Davis and brother of Newberry, have returned home after several days visit with their aunt, Mrs. H. P. Hall, and other relatives.

Mrs. Martin Swank and daughter of Muncy Valley, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Hall.

Among those to attend the Little reunion from Sonestown were Mrs. Laird and family, Wm. Robbins and family, Harry Arms and family, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Edgar.

Miss Rose Lewis of Scranton, a former teacher in Davidson twp., is visiting Miss Anna Speary.

The new pews in the Methodist church are a source of both pride and comfort. They were put in by the Ladies' Aid at a total cost of about \$250 of which we save \$7.50 has been raised.

Several of our people went to the carnival at Eagles Mere, taking advantage of the excursion. It was a sight well worth journeying up the mountain to see.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Basley, a daughter.

Miss Lottie Wilson and little sister of Newberry, are visiting in town.

Miss Eva Keeler of Williamsport, is the guest of her sister Mrs. R. W. Simmons. In her honor a very pleasant party of her friends was given by Miss Myrtle Edgar on Saturday evening. The feature of the evening was a guessing contest as to the number of seeds in a large watermelon. Mr. Krum was the lucky man to receive the prize for most nearly correct guessing. A flash-light picture was taken as a memento of the evening. Those present were Misses Reba Hess, Pearl Houseknecht Mildred Hall, Celia Magargel, Mabel Hazen, Eva Keeler, and Messrs Will Ring of Hughesville, Clarence Freas, Harry Hazen of Sonestown, Carl Krum of Bloomsburg, D. Merrit Flick, of Elmsport, Bert Miller and George Magargel of Muncy Valley.

G. O. Bump of New Albany, was a business man in town on Monday.

RICKETTS.

Mr. Arthur Potter who has been working for Colonel Ricketts, for some time was found dead in Mud Pond Saturday morning. Mr. Potter and John Green were camping at Mud Pond and were overseeing the work done there. Two men came from Wilkesbarre to Ricketts on the train Friday night and walked to the pond. They seemed to be under the influence of liquor and asked Mr. Potter to take them across the pond in his boat, which he did, and he was not seen alive again. Saturday morning his body was found under an overturned boat in the fore end of the pond. It was at first thought that the two strangers had also been drowned, but a careful search failed to discover their bodies or any of their belongings, and there is a mystery about the affair. The remains were taken to Ellenton for burial.

The break in the mill dam has been repaired and the mill will soon be in operation again.

A great many children are ill with summer complaint.