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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination for the office of Sheriff of Sullivan County, subject to the Republican rules.

W. H. BIDDLE,
Feb. 24, 1911. Elkland Township.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination for the office of Sheriff of Sullivan County, subject to the Rules of the Republican Party.

FRED W. SCHANBACHER,
March, 1, 1911. Forksville, Pa.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination for the office of Commissioner of Sullivan County subject to the rules of the Republican Party.

FRANK STRICKLAND,
March, 17, 1911. Hillsgrove, Pa.

Diaz is a man of parts, foreign parts at present.

The more worthless a man is the more fish he can catch.

We hate to miss the coronation, but our potatoes must be hoed.

Rumor has it that there is to be a coal breaker erected at Ringdale before many moons.

Governor Wilson thinks the Democrats in Congress are doing "pretty tolerable well."

There is still a lot of room at the top of the strawberry boxes for the good berries this season.

When it comes to prosecuting the Tack Trust we wonder if the Supreme Court will be brave enough to sit down on it.

Diaz promises to be back as soon as his country needs him. If he feels that way about it presumably he did not purchase a return ticket.

The Senate did not start out by boasting that this was to be a do-nothing session but there seems to have been a sort of gum shoe understanding to that effect.

Scientists are still photographing Halley's comet. If the comet is responsible for all that is attributed to it, its photo should be in the rogues' gallery.

The ways of the Almighty are mysterious: The same storm that recently burned several farm buildings with their contents, also kept many acres of corn and potatoes from getting discouraged.

Surface Reappointed

Economic Zoologist.

Governor Tener has reappointed Prof. H. A. Surface as Economic Zoologist in the Department of Agriculture for the next four years. Upon this subject the Williamsport Sun has recently commented editorially as follows:

"The reappointment of Prof. H. A. Surface to be State Economic Zoologist, for four years more, is a matter of great satisfaction, as well as of extreme importance, to this section of the State, which is just coming into real appreciation of what Prof. Surface's magnificent work is doing, and what it is worth. The information disseminated by him for the benefit of fruit growers, the methods of tree treatment prescribed by him, and the care and intelligence given all queries submitted to his department, stand both for value and appreciation. No other one thing that has come to pass out of Harrisburg recently, so far as this section of Pennsylvania is concerned, is of more importance than the reappointment of State Zoologist Surface.

Dr. Schaeffer on

The New School Code.

The following are notes on the new Pennsylvania School Code which have been prepared by Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as they appeared in the Towanda Review:

"Under the new School Code, all school boards which elected officers in June, 1910, will reorganize on the first Monday of June, 1911, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will levy their tax and elect their teachers for one year as heretofore, except in the independent districts which will be abolished on the first Monday of July. Teachers can be elected for one year only. School boards that have heretofore levied the school taxes in June should do so at the same time and in the same manner as heretofore.

The duplicate should be placed in the hands of the collector by the first Monday of July. All independent districts are abolished on the first Monday of July, and all districts that levy any taxes this year after the Code was signed, in which there is any territory that belongs to an independent district, will levy its taxes on all property in the district, including such territory as comes to it on the first Monday of July, 1911, when the independent districts go out of existence.

To all school taxes assessed and levied in all school districts of the second, third and fourth class which are not paid on or before the first day of October, a penalty of five per cent will be added; no rebate allowed for prompt payment.

School boards can proceed with the erection of school buildings as heretofore except, that after the State Board of Education is organized, the plans and specifications of new buildings and improvements must be submitted to that Board for suggestions.

Every contract in excess of three hundred dollars made by any school district for the introduction of heating, ventilating or light systems or the construction, reconstruction or repair of any school building, or work upon any school property, shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder, after due public notice has been given upon proper terms, asking for competitive bids.

The present members of the school boards in second, third and fourth class districts, except in independent districts, will serve until the Monday of December, 1911, when they will be superseded by the school directors elected in November, 1911. In districts of the first class, (Philadelphia and Pittsburgh,) the present directors will be superseded on the second Monday of November, 1911, by the directors appointed by the court. No school director can serve as tax collector.

In school districts of the second class the secretary and treasurer shall not be members of the school board; in school districts of the third and fourth class, members of the school board may serve as secretary and treasurer.

The accounts shall be audited on the first Monday of July, and the auditors should publish a summary of their report, either in a newspaper, or by promptly posting six copies in as many different public places.

If in any year before the first day of August the board of directors of any school district of the third class decide by a majority vote of the members thereof not to have medical inspection in any or all of the schools of such district, such medical inspection shall not be made in such schools during the following school year.

If the board of directors of any school district of the fourth class shall decide by a majority vote of the members thereof not to have medical inspection of the pupils in a part or all of the school of such district and the Commissioner of Health at Harrisburg is officially notified thereof in writing before the first day of July, such medical

inspection shall not be made in such school during the following school year.

Present independent districts will be abolished after the first Monday in July, but the courts may upon petition, reconstitute them at any time after that date.

Text books and school supplies will, until January 1, 1912, be selected and adopted under the old laws.

The present fiscal year will be extended by one month and will expire on the first Monday of July 1911, at which time the school accounts should be audited and the annual report and affidavit and certificate made out and forwarded to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This year the accounts will be audited by the same officers as heretofore.

Teachers' Certificates.

Provisional certificates may be issued to persons who pass satisfactory examinations in spelling, reading, writing, physiology and hygiene, geography, English grammar, arithmetic, elementary algebra, history of the United States and of Pennsylvania, civil government, including State and local government, school management and methods of teaching. Provisional certificates are valid for one year in the district or districts under the supervision of the superintendent issuing them. No superintendent shall make valid by endorsement a provisional certificate issued by another superintendent.

Applicants for professional certificates must pass a thorough examination in the branches required for a provisional certificate and in two additional branches which they may select from the following subjects: Vocal music, drawing, English literature, plane geometry, general history, physical geography, elementary botany, elementary zoology, elementary physics. They must satisfy the superintendent by oral and written tests that they have carefully and intelligently read two books on pedagogy approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. For this year the superintendents are requested to confine this oral or written test to two books which recently have been in the reading course adopted for the County or City Teachers' Reading Circle.

No teacher's certificate shall be granted to any person who has not submitted, upon a blank furnished by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a certificate from a physician legally qualified to practice medicine in this commonwealth setting forth that said applicant is neither mentally nor physically disqualified by reason of tuberculosis, or any other chronic or acute defect, from successful performance of the duties of a teacher; nor to any person who has not a good moral character, or who is in the habit of using opium or other narcotic drugs in any form, or any intoxicating drink as a beverage.

The law regulating the minimum salary of teachers remains unchanged, since no appropriation was made to pay for any increase during the next two years.

The new school code will be printed in full in the Pennsylvania School Journal for June, and later will be published and distributed in book form, with index.

Lightning Rods and Insurance.

All owners of buildings in the state of Ohio containing properly constructed lightning rods are insured at a cheaper rate than structures not thus protected. A law in that state provides for an expert inspector of lightning rods and all of these conductors that bear out his inspection give to the building containing them the advantage of cheaper insurance. It is just a little strange that Pennsylvanians have not investigated and adopted the Ohio plan. It would not only be a great saving to property owners, but to insurance companies as well.—Tunkhannock Republican.

Mrs. Wm. Moran is spending a few days with relatives at Muncy Valley.

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New Milk Law

Fixes State's Standard.

In an interview, Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust, commented upon the new milk law, known as House Bill No. 646, which was approved by Governor Tener on the eighth day of June, A. D. 1911. This law, said the Commissioner, marks a great step forward in the interest of the householder and the honest dairyman. It puts the pump out of commission as a substitute for the good old brindle cow, and gives the town child a chance to get fair food.

The law, the Commissioner adds, fixes the standard for milk-fat 3.25 per cent and that for total milk solids at 12 per cent, these being the percentages below which milk sold for household use, and to be served in hotels, restaurants and boarding houses, may not go. This is the first law enacted in Pennsylvania in which a milk standard for the entire State has been fixed. It is worthy of note also, said the Commissioner, that the standard thus set is identical with the National milk standard governing the milk trade between the States. This standard was proclaimed by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States under authority of Congress, upon the recommendation of an expert commission who had studied the milk laws of the various cities and commonwealths of the Union, as well as the composition of milk of known purity from thousands of dairy cows of all breeds and from all parts of the country.

It interferes, however, with no fair trade in any wholesome milk or milk product. Skim milk when clean and wholesome, may still be sold if sold as such, for household use, and milk yielded by cows of low fat strains may easily be brought to standard by the use in the herd of cows producing fat-rich milk, or may be sold to the creamery at its actual analysis.

The Commissioner further states that this law also improves the standard for cream, bringing up the requirement to 18 per cent as in the National standard, and prohibits the sale as 'cream' of a mixture of cream with evaporated or condensed milk, or with any other substance having the effect of increasing its thickness or consistency. The analyses of creams recently on sale in the State show clearly the fairness of this standard.

The engineering class from the University of Pennsylvania, is spending a few days at the Hotel Essick at Highland Lake. They came up from Philadelphia in two cars on Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray of Mildred spent Sunday at the home of Wm. Moran in this place.

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Oats	per bu.	.45
Charcoal	50 lb sack	.60
Oyster Shells	" "	.35
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56 lb bag Salt		.25
Buckwheat Flour		2.20
Schumacher Flour	sack	1.50
Muncy	" "	1.15
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