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TEACHERS' MINIMUM SALARY.

Directors May Pay More, but They Must Not Pay Less, than \$35 a Month.

The bill fixing the minimum teachers' salary at \$35.00 a month passed the House at Harrisburg last week by an almost unanimous vote. Kirk of this county, Alsip of Bedford, and a few others opposed the bill, but they had to stand a good deal of geying from their fellow members. The teachers are smiling and the taxpayers are frowning. Below we give an abstract of Mr. Kirk's speech against the bill.

"I appreciate the import and significance of this piece of legislation, fixing the minimum salary of teachers at \$35.00 per month. It is not my purpose, however, in opposing this bill to cast any reflection upon the stability and elasticity; the marvelous growth and development of the public school system of our great State.

I protest against the characterization of certain school boards, as was done yesterday on this floor, as being "niggardly" because by reasons of the hampered financial condition of the people whom they represent they are compelled to pay lower salaries than the more favored sections of the state.

This reputation is an insult to the intelligence and sound judgment of the school boards of our State, especially of Fulton county; for I believe that with few exceptions, they are doing the very best they can for our public schools.

It is my good fortune to represent a county with less than 10000 generous inhabitants, who are free from the contaminating influence of the feculent sewage of any decayed nation. A county sparsely settled with eighty-four schools, represented by a body of teachers as able, intelligent and progressive as the same number in any other county in the State; but I am opposed to this bill because I believe it will discriminate against our able, efficient and experienced teachers, for, owing to the increased taxation of our people to pay a salary of \$35 per month to all irrespective of qualifications or efficiency will be such a burden upon some districts in Fulton county that it will be considered practically impossible to advance the wages to the thorough, progressive and able teacher above the \$35 limit; hence I believe it will work a hardship upon our better teachers, and destroy merit which is earned only by great effort on the part of the ambitious man or woman. Now, Mr. Speaker, I wish to correct some statements made by the "Philadelphia Press" of February 2d. It makes the statement that Fulton county raises only about \$3000 by taxation over and above the state appropriation to pay its teachers, and that Thompson township raised about \$51.00 from its people in addition to the appropriation. I wish to say in answer to this, that in the fiscal year ending June 1902 that Fulton raised by taxation over \$7000; and that Thompson township raised \$500 instead of the paltry sum of \$51, and that these statements do a great injustice to Fulton county, and especially to Thompson township; that the gentleman who compiled these figures is mistaken and if he intentionally made this error, I shall not call him a falsifier for that might seem harsh, but I will say, sir, that there is an impediment in his veracity. Now, gentlemen if this bill becomes a law, it will tax every district in Fulton county from four to eleven mills on the dollar for school purposes. This will do them a great injustice and will be extremely burdensome to our people, and I am sure that there is not a gentleman in hearing of my voice that would vote for a measure to tax its people eleven mills on the dollar.

We have in Fulton county no corporations, trusts or combinations.

FIGHTING POLYGAMY.

A Former Fulton county Pastor after Senator-elect Smoot's Scalp.

Last Thursday Senator Burrows presented a formal protest in Congress signed by Rev. J. L. Leilich against the admission of Senator-elect Smoot of Utah.

Rev. Leilich was pastor on the Three Springs charge about ten years ago, and served the Methodist churches in Wells Valley. He is now in charge of Methodist missions in Utah and resides in Salt Lake City. He is the representative of the Ministers' Association. He declares that Smoot is a polygamist and now has a plural wife, although he fails to give the maiden name of the lady. His charge on this point is as follows:

MARRIAGE IN SECRET RECORDS. "That the said Reed Smoot is a polygamist, and that since the admission of Utah into the Union he, although having a legal wife, married a plural wife in the state of Utah, and has lived and cohabited with both legal wife and his plural wife as occasion offered; that the only record of such plural marriage is the secret record made and kept by the authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

"Your protestant respectfully asks that the Senate compel the first presidency and the quorum of the twelve apostles and the said Reed Smoot to produce such secret record for consideration."

Mr. Leilich also asserts that "President Joseph F. Smith, of the Mormon Church, is living in open polygamy and has had a child born to him by his 'plural wife' as late as 1898."

And also that "President Lorenzo Snow lived and died in the practice of polygamy and polygamous cohabitation, and that his plural wife, Minnie Jensen Snow, bore him a child as late as the winter of 1896-7."

A Plucky Couple.

Cupid's strong and sharp arrow could not be stopped, in the case of Miss Carrie Shoemaker and David Wolff, by the extreme cold weather and heavy drifted snows of a couple of weeks ago. Amid a fierce snow storm, with the thermometer at zero, and the wind blowing at the rate of forty miles an hour, the two left their homes in Amberson Valley on foot and wended their way to Roxbury, a distance of twenty miles to the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal church, where they were married by the Rev. J. Green. The two spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McGee near Roxbury. The next morning they arose bright and early and started for their home in Amberson Valley. The snow had drifted during the night and made travel almost impossible, but the happy pair fought their way through and reached the home of Mrs. Wolff's parents, where a dinner was awaiting them. The couple were compelled to walk a great distance on the top rail of the fence, through cuts where the drifted snow made travel impossible. Mrs. Wolff is one of the most popular young ladies of Amberson Valley, while Mr. Wolff is a young man of thrifty habits.—Franklin Repository.

The ban against matrimony that has long been imposed upon school teachers will be removed if a bill introduced by Representative Patrick J. White, of Lackawanna, in the house last week shall become a law. The bill provides that no School Board shall "dismiss or drop from the roll of teachers any female teacher who has given ten years' service in our public schools and who has by her perseverance and industry in study obtained a permanent certificate because she chooses to get married, but on the contrary, the privilege shall be hers to continue in her profession the same as if she remained single."

MORE RAILROAD TALK.

One of Latest Stories Told About the Old South Penn Railroad and its Promoters.

The Baltimore and Ohio has surveyed a line from the old South Penn located in Fulton county, east through Franklin, Adams, York, Lancaster, Chester and Delaware counties, into Philadelphia county, to the present location of the Philadelphia division at a point only a few miles south of the city of Philadelphia. This fact, says the Pittsburgh Post, came to light recently corroborated by one of the company's officials. The line is intended to be come part of the Baltimore and Ohio's new road over the mountains to the Atlantic seaboard.—Heretofore it has been supposed that the projected new road would not extend east of the north and south center of Fulton county, and that the eastern terminal of the line would be at Hancock, on the West Virginia shore of the Potomac, where a junction would be formed with the present main line by means of the surveyed route running south out of Fulton county into Washington county, Maryland, and thence across the Potomac to the old Second division. This much of the general plans, as outlined many weeks ago, is correct, but in addition to all this it has been learned from an excellent source that surveys have been continued eastward through the counties named to the present Baltimore and Ohio locations south of Philadelphia.—It is said that this route is thirty miles shorter than the present main line of the Pennsylvania between Pittsburg and the Quaker City.

According to these plans the proposed road to Hancock is only intended as an outlet to Washington and Baltimore and the road east from Fulton county, which is planned to branch off from the Hancock line, is more particularly for Philadelphia and New York traffic. In other words, a double tract road is planned to extend east from Dexter, twelve miles east on the Pittsburg division, to Fulton county, where a junction will be formed, one branch leading to Hancock and the other leading direct to Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia survey leads out of Fulton county, either by the gap in the Cove mountain not far from Knobsville or else by tunneling through Tuscarora mountain. The line runs close to Chambersburg and north of Gettysburg. The Susquehanna river if the road is built, will likely be spanned not far from Skenck's Ferry. Detailed and absolutely accurate information is not readily procurable, one reason being that premature publication raises the cost price of the rights of way.—Alternate lines have been run at some points and provisions made for meeting conditions as they develop. Enough, however, has been learned to show conclusively that aside from a new line over the mountains to Hancock, a line running east through the southern tier of counties in Pennsylvania has been planned to tap the Baltimore and Ohio location not far from Philadelphia.

Locust Grove.

John Morgret has finished sawing at C. C. Mellott's and moved his mill to Squire Laytons.

Ira Smith and W. Spade made a flying trip to Everett last Monday.

Miss Jennie Layton made a call down the mountain last Sunday expecting a good time. How about it Ira?

Mrs. Susie Barney was visiting her mother, Mrs. Martha Smith a couple of days last week.

Wm. Spade and Ira Smith purchased a lath mill and have contracted to saw a large amount of lath.

George and James Layton left for Fairfield last Monday.

Harry Plessinger has moved from the farm lately purchased by Lemuel Smith.

HARVEST OF DEATH.

Those Who Have Been Summoned to the Other World.

MRS. MALINDA HARRIS.

The subject of this notice died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Mellott in Ayr township last Saturday night aged about 70 years. She had been in poor health a good while.

Mrs. Harris was a member of the Reformed church, and was buried at the Union cemetery at 10 o'clock Tuesday. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William Mellott, and by three sons: James, of Ayr township; John, in Iowa; and Harry residing in Md. STEWART LANDERS.

After an illness of about two weeks, resulting from an attack of grip, terminating in pneumonia Mr. Stewart Landers, one of Taylor township's highly respected citizens, died at the home of his son David, near Gracey last Saturday morning, aged about 82 years.

Mr. Landers was a member of the Reformed church. Interment in Hartman Chapel cemetery at Hustontown on Sunday, funeral services being conducted by Rev. Keene, pastor of the U. B. church.

His wife died about six years ago, and he has of late years been making his home with David, in addition to whom, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Andrew Brant and Mrs. Aaron Knepper, both of Taylor township.

JACOB RINEDOLLAR.

On the night of February 25th, while some of our citizens were in the halls of festivity and others were enjoying the slumbers of the night, Jacob Rinedollar was called to the eternal world.

Mr. Rinedollar's demise was a shock to the community. When he bade his family good night, he was in his usual health. At 11 p. m. he called for help, stating that he felt "choked up." The family physician was hastily called, but soon learned that "the last enemy" had come to claim another of his victims. Before the midnight hour was announced, the change was made—Jacob had taken his leave from things temporal. Men stood amazed at the solemn announcement, only to be informed once more of the inexorable law, "Behold, I come quickly."

The kindred of the deceased have more cause for joy than for grief, notwithstanding this sudden call from the Father of Spirits. Jacob was an unassuming man, a kind brother, a good citizen, and a faithful Christian. He was born in the church, reared in the church, lived in the church and died in the church.

The record which he made is worthy of note. At the early age of four months, he was consecrated to the Lord in the holy sacrament of baptism. Before reaching the twenty-first year of his age, he confirmed his baptismal vows and was thereby admitted to full communion with the St. Paul's Lutheran church at McConnellsburg. In this congregation he learned to know and love Jesus. Here he confessed and served Jesus till permitted to change the transient for the lasting—the toil for the prize—the cross for the crown.

In the 43 years of his full communion with the church, the Sacrament of the Altar was celebrated from 2 to 4 times each year. The records show that he was absent from the table of the Lord only 13 times. The first time he was absent, over half of the congregation was absent. The second time he was absent, one-fifth of the congregation was absent. His pastor, now likewise at rest, adds a footnote in the record explanatory of the absence, saying, "bad roads." The next six times he remained at home, as a dutiful son, so that his beloved father could be present, and during the last five times he lived in the state of Maryland.

MANY WEDDINGS.

A Lot of Young People Who are at the End of Their Trouble.

DUNLAP—JOHNSTON.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Kezia C. Johnston in the Cove last Wednesday evening when her daughter, Miss Nora Kezia, became the wife of Mr. Owen R. Dunlap of Pittsburg, Kansas.

The parlors were tastefully decorated, and a large number of friends and relatives were present.

At seven o'clock the guests were all assembled in the main parlor, when the sweet tones of Lohengrin came from a piano across the hall at which Miss Annie Dickson presided. This was notice that the bridal party was approaching. The first to enter the room was little Jean Johnston, niece of the bride, who gracefully drew the ribbon; she was followed by Miss Myra Allen of Chambersburg, maid of honor; next came the groom and the best man, Mr. Sidney Gittens, of Westminster College, who were followed by the bride on the arm of her brother, J. Kendall Johnston of this place. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. J. L. Grove, after which prayer was offered by Rev. S. B. Houston, at the close of which Miss Mabel Trout of McConnellsburg sang "Thine" very effectively as a solo.

The bride looked very pretty, gowned in French lawn trimmed in Mechlin lace, carrying a large bouquet of white roses and carnations. Miss Allen wore silk muslin, and carried pink roses and carnations; and Jean Johnston wore cream silk Madras bearing white carnations.

The bride is an accomplished young lady, and the groom one of Kansas' best young men.

On Thursday evening, at their home in this place, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnston gave a delightful reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap at which a large number of guests were present.

DESHONG—SWOPE.

On Wednesday, February 25, 1903, a very pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ruth Swope, when Miss A. C. Swope and Mr. A. W. Deshong were united in marriage by Rev. James Logue.

After the ceremony was performed the happy couple and about forty invited guests were led to partake of the necessary comforts of life and to their astonishment found the table burdened with all the tropical fruits of the season. The bride is widely known and has a large circle of friends who all join in wishing her a long and prosperous future. The groom is well known as one of our prosperous and successful farmers.

After an extended visit among relatives and friends the happy couple will settle down for life, where the groom has plenty of this world's possessions.

Bernhard—Andrews.

Mr. John Bernhard, of Needmore, and Miss Catharine Andrews, of Warfordsburg, were married in the M. E. church at the latter place last Wednesday evening by Rev. Anthony, of Hancock. The bride was dressed in a gown of cream crepe de chine. She wore a white tulle veil and carried Mareschal Neil roses.—The maid of honor was attired in a dress of French blue crepe cloth, trimmed in grape lace and cream lousine silk. She also carried roses. Mr. James E. Palmer was best man.

After the ceremony a reception was given to the immediate friends by the bride's father, Mr. Stephen Andrews. After a short honeymoon, they will be found at home at Needmore, Pa., where they will be pleased to receive their friends.—The Star.

Moral Reform Meeting.

The Moral Reform Association met in the Lutheran church, March 2, 1903, at 7 P. M. The reports from committees were heard and some other items of business transacted, after which the topics as named for discussion were taken up, Rev. A. D. McClosky the subject of "Reason why all christian people should be deeply concerned about, and actively engaged against, the intoxicating drink evil," and M. R. Shaffner in the absence of Dr. W. A. West, discussed the other topic on program, namely, "How far does the gospel justify christian people in using the strong arm of the civil law for the maintenance of good order."

The program for next meeting was left to the committee, and will be announced in the papers one week before next meeting.—Adjourned to meet in the Methodist Episcopal church, March 23, 1903, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Lectures.

As was announced last week, Rev. G. H. Vibert, of Massachusetts, will be here next week. On Monday evening at 7 o'clock, his subject will be, "If I let the saloon alone, it will let me alone." Tuesday at 10 o'clock, "The use of tobacco and intoxicating drinks." The school children will attend in a body. At 2 o'clock, same day, his subject will be "Woman and Temperance," and at 7 P. M. he will lecture on "The greatest public question." The places of these meetings will be announced from the various pulpits next Sunday.

New Grenada.

Measles are in Coles Valley and the McClain school.

Pink eye has struck our town—mostly among the children.

Geo. Thomas of Woodcock Valley, and Sheridan Thomas of Sallito, visited their brother, John Thomas a few days.

Jacob Crider housed a new organ recently.

Rev. W. J. Sheaffer will preach his farewell sermons in Wells and at Zion March 15th.

Wilbur Mills and wife and son Freddie, who has been at Punxatowney for a year, are home among friends for a weeks outing.

Bert McClains had one more plow boy added to their number on Friday.

Thornton Foster's son Charlie has pneumonia.

Clay Cornelius of Woodvale, Abram Hershey of Robertsdale and Edna McEnerland of Hubblesville, dined at Criders Sunday noon.

Three Springs Lodge I. O. O. F. visited Waterfall Lodge at this place last Saturday evening, and the members of the latter just laid themselves out to give their visitors a good time. Supper was served at the hall at 6:30 under cuisine direction of that skillful caterer Mrs. William Alloway at which forty Oddfellows were seated. This was followed by a session of lodge, and this again by oysters. Five lodges were represented. Scott Bolinger furnished the music for the occasion. There is no secret about the cause of Waterfall lodge's phenomenal growth.

Mr. John Rotz one of our former pupils, but now a prominent citizen of Harristown, Illinois called to see us Tuesday afternoon. He came east at this time on account of the illness of his mother.

See Kalbach and Spanglers advertisement in another column. If you are in need of any building material you can get it right from them.

TO DRILL FOR OIL.

The purchasers of the supposed rich mineral land near Cemetery hill, a mile west of Greencastle, will sink several 2,000 foot wells to determine the character of the minerals underneath the surface. Several thousand dollars will be expended in the work.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

Fort Littleton.

Andy Fore of Burnt Cabins spent last Thursday in town.

Robert F. Deshong of Webster Mills was an early Monday morning caller at the News office.

Lynn, only son of James D. Stevens near Fort Littleton is quite ill with some kind of fever.

One of the pupils at the school at Ft. Littleton, had the misfortune to be bitten by a dog one day last week.

Mrs. M. B. Trout returned home Monday after an absence of several weeks with her son Dr. Nick at Fairfield and with friends at Chambersburg.

An effort is on foot to have a Local Farmers Institute in the Court House on Monday evening of next week. Further notice next week.

Mr. David R. Mumma has sold his farm near Ludig to Mr. Harris Wagner. Mr. Mumma intends purchasing the property of P. J. Barton at Hustontown.

A chicken supper for the benefit of the parsonage fund of the Presbyterian church will be held at the home of Mrs. B. W. Peck on Thursday evening from 5 to 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. David Denisar and family, formerly of this neighborhood but who have lived near Mercersburg during the past two years, left last Thursday morning for Cameron, Illinois, where they will make their home if they like the country.

If you are not a subscriber of the Fulton County News, why not? Don't you think it a pretty good paper for a dollar? While the subscription list is growing at a rate that is very gratifying, yet there is room for more, and we would be glad to have you join us.

Mr. John Pine of Ayr township received a message Monday informing him that his father, Asbury Pine who for many years was a resident of the Corner, had been killed at his home near Parkhead, Md., and that the funeral would take place at Parkhead church.

The congregation of Shippensburg's Memorial Lutheran church gave a fine exhibition of liberality last Sabbath morning. A fund of \$200 was asked for to pay for some needed repairs and within thirty minutes \$750 had been subscribed.

Andrew Carnegie will contribute \$350 toward an organ for the Greenvillage, Franklin county, church. A letter was received from him within the past ten days assuring Elmer E. Bolinger that Mr. Carnegie will give that sum toward the purchase of an organ to cost \$500.

Miss Rhoda Lake who is home from Philadelphia taking a visit among her friends, spent last week with Miss Myrtle Stout-eagle and other friends in town. She expects to return to the city about the middle of this month, and Miss Myrtle expects to accompany her.

Brosius—Graves.

Mr. Bruce H. Brosius and Miss Sarah C. Graves, the debutante daughter of Mr. Ralph C. Graves of Thompson township, were quietly married at a hotel in Martinsburg, W. Va., on February 22. Rev. W. W. Barnes performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends. Miss Graves had left home to go skating on Saturday evening, and decided to spend the night with Miss Nannie Brosius. Sunday was the birthday of Mr. Brosius, and for a little romance they decided upon the marriage, which was a surprise to all their friends.

Mr. Brosius is a merchant at Brosius, W. Va., and is a son of John Brosius, a former member of the West Virginia legislature.