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## IN THE HALLS OF LEGISLATION.

### Bills of Local Interest Introduced Last Week.

#### A PENSION FOR TEACHERS.

Representative White, of Lackawanna, on Tuesday of last week introduced a bill in the House at Harrisburg providing a State pension for teachers after thirty years of service. It provides that all teachers in public schools who have made teaching a life profession and have given thirty years' service to the State in their capacity as teachers shall be entitled to a pension, to be paid out of the State Treasury, if at the expiration of the period they become mentally or physically incapacitated for further service. It is further provided that the minimum pension shall not be less than one-third of their average monthly salary for the last five years preceding their retirement.

#### TO COMPEL YOU TO VOTE.

Civic pride will be made compulsory upon persons of voting age if the bill introduced in the House by Representative Zane, of Berks, shall be enacted into law.

The bill imposes a fine of \$5 upon all qualified voters who fail to exercise their privilege as citizens and provides for the manner in which the fine shall be collected. The Judges of Election are required to examine the book containing the names of the qualified electors after the polls have been closed at any general election and to make a red mark under the name of the voter who shall be recorded as not voting and to make a list of the names of all such persons and send it to the Court.

All persons whose names have been underlined in red in the poll books will be summoned to appear before the Court and show cause why they failed to vote and the Court shall impose the fine of \$5 in every case where the delinquent voter shall fail to show that he was either ill or absent from the county on election day.

The property of all delinquent voters convicted under this act shall be exempt from liability to fine to the amount of \$100.

#### NEW GAME BILL.

Another bill of interest to every sportsman in Fulton county was introduced by Representative Brinkerhoff, of Cumberland, designating the open season for various game and fixing penalties for the shooting of certain game and birds at any time. The bill fixes the following open seasons:

Elk, deer and fawn, November 10 to November 30. The hunting of elk, deer or fawn in the waters of any streams and their hunting by dogs is prohibited at any time under penalty of \$100, and dogs used in hunting deer shall be killed by any one.

Wild turkey, quail or Virginia partridge, November 1 to November 15, provided that it shall be lawful to kill woodcock, ruffed grouse or pheasant from October 15 to December 15. The penalty for each bird killed contrary to this provision is \$25.

Rail, reed birds, doves, grackle commonly called blackbird, gray, black or fox squirrel, September 15 to October 15 and November 15 and the first fifteen days of December.

No game of any kind shall be killed in the month of October.—A penalty of \$100 is imposed for the sale of each elk, deer or fawn and \$25 for each wild turkey, ruffed grouse or Virginia partridge or woodcock. The limit for one season for each person is fixed at forty ruffed grouse, three wild turkeys, thirty woodcock or 100 Virginia partridge.

Of course, these bills have been introduced, and may, or may not, become laws.

Denton Hendershot of Bethel spent last Wednesday night with the family of his brother-in-law, Ex-Prothonotary Frank P. Lynch in this place.

## A Bountiful Donation.

On Thursday, February 26, 1903, Bro. Charles Bishop and Ephraim Gregory of Antioch Christian church, came driving up to my gate with a two-horse wagon loaded well to pound their pastor. They began to unload canned fruits, hams, potatoes, lard, sugar, coffee, flour, tea, rice, etc., and corn for my horse, and a little money. It all amounted to twenty dollars. I wish to say to each one that gave, or assisted in the donation in any way, that I thank them for their kind remembrance and appreciation of their pastor's service. I feel a personal interest in their present and future welfare. The members and friends at Antioch are kind, pleasant and hospitable, and take Paul's injunction, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." I Cor. 9:14. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Rom. 10:14. May the Holy Spirit lead and guide these faithful ones until the Master says, "Come up higher." S. Leonard Baugher, Pastor.

## Clear Ridge.

While working at a sawmill at Sixmile Run, Arthur Carmack had an artery of one of his feet cut and almost bled to death.

Mrs. N. B. Henry went to Shirleysburg last Saturday to spend a few days with her daughter, Jennie Appleby.

Some of our snow-shovelers were unfortunate enough to freeze their fingers.

Master James Brown is working for John A. Henry.

Elihu Anderson has moved to Mount Union and is keeping hotel.

Mrs. M. A. Fields has been visiting Andy Mellott and other friends in McConnellsburg during the past week.

Master Charley Henry is able to be out again.

Jacob Carmack who has been employed at Sixmile Run, came home to attend his father's sale last Monday.

J. W. Heeter and his friend Miss Sadie Sipes visited Joshua Gosnell's at Trough Creek Saturday and Sunday.

Huston T. Heeter who had never taken a trip in the train, went with his son, J. W., to Altoona last week to visit his daughter Mrs. Kegarice.

Cleveland Henry spent Sunday at Sixmile Run with his brother H. N. Henry.

There is lots of sickness this spring and many deaths.

Alfred Brown is on the sick list.

The U. B. church at Thomas Cromwell's is being completed by W. R. Fields and others.

The wedding of Mr. Emery Wible and Miss Clara Brown occurred one evening last week.

As the correspondent at this place seems to forget to write, please remember that there is still some living here.

It is rumored that Cab Henry is going to move from Woodvale to Sixmile Run.

Robert Huston and wife were guests of Miss Millie Huston last Sunday.

Irvin Brown was in our town last Saturday evening.

Irvin Winegardner and sister Annie visited James H. Fields last Sunday.

## Church Notices.

Rev. Melroy will preach at Wesley Chapel at 10:30 next Sunday morning, and hold Communion services at Clear Ridge M. E. church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

Rev. O. H. Shull will preach at Ebenezer next Sunday at 10:30 a. m.; at Siloam at 2:00 p. m., and at Asbury at 7:30 in the evening.

## DEATH OF ABRAM RAY.

### Forty-five Years in the Service of the B. & O. Railroad.

From The Cumberland News of March 5. Mrs. Jay D. Ranck of this city, yesterday received the sad intelligence of the death of her uncle, Mr. Abram Ray, Chicago. "Pap" Ray, as he was called, will be remembered by many of the old railroad men of this city, having been an engineer on the road from Wheeling to Cumberland for many years. He often talked of his experience during the war in the sixties, when they transported soldiers, making one time fifty-one days in thirty. He took the first train load of soldiers out of Wheeling W. Va., for the campaign. They were of the Sixteenth Ohio and the First Virginia Regiments.

He was one of the first to enter Chicago when the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was completed to that city. He had charge of a passenger engine from South Chicago to the World's Fair grounds in 1893, at that time being the second oldest engineer in the Baltimore & Ohio service. Five years ago he was pensioned off, having reached the age of sixty-five years, after having been an employe of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for over forty-five years. Strange to say that in all those years he never met with but one accident. This was in a collision between Fairmont and Farmington, W. Va., caused by the giving of wrong orders. One man was killed, but Mr. Ray escaped injury, although he jumped from his engine into the river. He was never laid off by the company and he never took but one vacation of any length. That was during the summer of 1894.

Mr. Ray was married to Miss Mary Downs, of McConnellsburg, Pa., who, with one son and two daughters, survives him, and is a brother-in-law of Mr. W. H. Downs of Franklin Mills.

## Needmore

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Funk were visiting friends here last Friday. Supt. Barton spent Friday afternoon in our school.

Samuel Bedford and family passed through here one day last week on their way to Foltz, where they will make their future home.

Benjamin Garland moved last Thursday to Bart Lague's farm near Sipes Mill.

Little Hester, daughter of T. W. Peck, who has been ailing for sometime, is very little improved.

Mr. Ramsey, the lumberman from Saxton, who had been looking for rather anxiously by some of our people for some time, came last week. The lumber business is booming now.

A valuable mare belonging to Walker Mellott had her leg broken last Saturday evening.

Boyd Lake of Clearfield, is home to spend a short time with his parents.

Carl Mellott's new clerk arrived the first of last week, and now all he has to do is to rock and sing, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Mr. and Mrs. Milton B. Hill and little daughter Kitty, visited the family of W. F. Hart on the first inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill came up last Sunday again. Mrs. Hill will remain a few days with her father, Mr. A. Runyan, who is still very sick.

Wm. Peck, one of Bethel's teachers, for the sake of a little out-door exercise and pleasure, carried the Hancock mail last Saturday on horseback.

Wm. Funk will move in a few days to his father-in-law, Mr. Benjamin Bedford's farm.

Ed Palmer, mercantile appraiser, paid our merchants a hasty call on Monday.

Harry O. Hamil of Knobsville one day last week was an interested caller at the News office with his uncle Auctioneer Wible, with whom he has his home. Harry is a bright boy and we shall be glad to have him come again.

## Barn Burned.

The large bank barn on the farm of the Rockhill Iron and Coal Company, at Orbisonia on the evening of the 31st ult., was totally destroyed.

The farmer Michael Shearer, had finished up his work about the barn early in the evening, and was sitting in the house engaged in counting up the time for the employes at the coke ovens, he being the foreman, and he heard quite a roaring noise, but thought it was the "dinky" engine at the furnace, so he paid no attention to it, until his wife went to the window and discovered the fire, just as the whistle began to blow. The flames had gained such headway that it was with the greatest difficulty that the horses and milch cows were got out, and by the time other help arrived it was impossible to save anything more.

One horse, valued at \$200 belonging to Dr. Parsons of Path Valley, thirteen head of young cattle, 500 bundles of corn fodder, 6 tons of hay, 200 bushels of oats, a lot of wheat, clover seed, one new buggy just run a few times, 1 spring wagon, new binder just run one season, ten sets of harness and all other farm implements, were burned. Total loss estimated at about \$850.00.

There was no insurance. Just that day Mr. Shearer had made arrangements for the insurance of his personal property, and the policy would have taken effect at 12 o'clock next day.

That the fire was the work of an incendiary there is little doubt.

## A Raid on a Parsonage.

On last Friday evening while Miss Mary McClosky was enjoying a duet with a musical friend, she was surprised to find the room filled with guests who had quietly entered and who introduced themselves and mission by shouting, "Surprise." It required but a few seconds for her to recover her equipoise and assure them a welcome.

Very soon these twenty-five or thirty marauders, who had broken every law of good society in thus entering a house so unceremoniously, proceeded to make themselves further "at home" by producing all manner of games and tricks for the evening's entertainment. At nine o'clock surprise No. 2 was introduced in a bountiful supply of refreshments consisting of ham sandwiches, Saratoga potatoes, pickles, coffee, cake, ice cream, and other things "too good to live." The delighted hostess at this point was almost convinced that time had turned backward and stopped in the age of miracles; and though we have no report of even one basketful being taken up, the proof of their excellence was given by their prompt disappearance.

After supper the games were resumed, and a few of those most successful were accused of the tactics and "ways of the haythen Chinese." The evening was all too short, and Miss McClosky will be long remembered by all as a very delightful hostess.

## Laidig.

C. J. Potts, of Bedford, Ex-Supt of Bedford county, was in Taylor last week, representing the New York Mutual Life Ins. Co.

Laidig School after a suspension of about a month, has resumed work with Miss Lillie Fisher as teacher.

Hiram Laidig wears a smile. It's a dishwasher.

Grant Hoover spent the past week with friends and relatives in the eastern part of the county and in Franklin county.

M. L. Kirk has been busy painting near Riddlesburg.

Dowling Johnson was called to Virginia last week on account of his mother's illness.

Mr. E. D. Akers and daughter of Sideling Hill were guests of the family of F. P. Lynch a day or two last week.

## HARVEST OF DEATH.

### Those Who Have Been Summoned to the Other World.

Rebecca, a nine-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Skinner, of Mount Vernon Mo., died Saturday night, February 21, 1903, at 11 o'clock of diphtheria, after a week's illness. She had apparently recovered and Mr. Skinner had gone out Friday into Kansas on legal business and returned Sunday morning about two o'clock, having driven home from Aurora. The little one was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Monday at 2 o'clock, Rev. John Bright, of the Presbyterian church, officiated.

During most of last week, Mahlon Wilson, eight-months old son of Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Smith of this place, was not well, but it was not until Saturday that the alarming information was imparted to the parents that their little son had scarlet fever, and by order of the board of health the home was quarantined. The little sufferer grew worse until Monday morning, when his spirit went back to God who gave it. Interment in the Reformed graveyard on Tuesday morning.

Oliver, seven-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sipes who live on the "Shaffer" place at the watering trough on the pike at the east side of Scrub Ridge, died last Sunday night, and was buried at Bethlehem church on Tuesday. Little Olive was a bright little girl, and went to school up to last Wednesday evening. On Thursday morning she complained of feeling ill, a doctor was sent for who pronounced her illness scarlet fever in its worst form.

## Burnt Cabins.

Rev. Wardon of Harrisburg, is holding a week of revival service in the Presbyterian church at this place.

Jerry Cromer whose time has expired at the Orphans' school at Scotland, was visiting his sister Mrs. Mary Baldwin last week.

Mr. D. K. Cline's little daughter Mabel, was bitten by a cross dog on the face last Saturday. The dog was shot and Mabel is getting along nicely.

George Murphy's baby has catarrhal pneumonia.

Miss Nellie Cowan of Fannettsburg, Franklin county, is visiting her aunt Mrs. Elizabeth Welch.

A social will be held at the home of John Mentzer on Saturday evening March 14. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mrs. J. W. Miller is ill at this writing.

Mrs. Rosa Clark is improving slowly.

George Comer and wife have gone back to Wells Tannery to resume work. Mrs. Comer is an expert cook, and I presume Mr. Comer a boss sawyer.

Mr. Henry Zeigler and Mr. James Pyles of Shade Gap took dinner at Uncle Jake Miller's on last Wednesday.

Mrs. John Speck is visiting her mother at Fannettsburg.

## New Grenada.

Roy Shafer has an attack of pneumonia.

John Mills, who has been working at Altoona, is home enjoying an outing.

Mrs. Jack Cutchall is on the sick list.

Mrs. John Newman has diphtheria.

Four of Shade Cutchall's family have diphtheria.

A boy visitor came to Hunter Truax's on Monday. Hunter steps high now.

Mrs. Elizabeth Crider is on the sick list.

Dr. Campbell purchased a fine Hambletonian driving horse from John Appleby of Shirleysburg.

C. H. E. Plummer has a position in a store at North Point with the Edge Hill Supply Co.

Irwin is selling California dried fruits at right prices.

## March Weather.

According to the forecast of the Rev. I. R. Hicks, the first half of March will be marked by a prevalence of the same weather which has distinguished the latter part of last month.

A reactionary storm period is central on the 9th of the month and on the 9th and 10th there will be a change to warmer weather, followed by storms of rain and probably severe electrical disturbances will culminate about this time.

From the 13th to the 19th equinoctial storms of severity may be looked for, with rain and thunder storms in the interior localities. A counter-storm will probably appear in the northwest about this time changing rain to snow and ice, and it is possible that one of the greatest blizzards of the year will result.

A fourth storm period is central on the 21st and 22nd, coinciding with the vernal equinox, and if the preceding storms should develop in their severity, only minor disturbance can be looked for at this time. But, if the weather should remain fair during the preceding period, from the 13th to the 19th, very violent storms may be expected at this time.

"A very general and violent time of storms and tempest and change is almost certain between the full and new moon in March," says Rev. Hicks, "and this time will fall in one, or merge into both of the central periods of this month.

The last storm period of the month will be central on the 27th, covering the time from the 25th to the 30th, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 27th, and 28th and 29th may be considered as the central days of danger period.—Among the phenomena probable at this time earthquakes and volcanic disturbances may be enumerated. Thunder storms, high winds and possible tornadoes are among the probabilities for many inland regions, especially in southern and central states.

Along with the high barometer sure to follow after these storms, look for a late blizzard in the north, winding up with a dash of boreal weather out of the northwest, quite cold for the season.

Farmers' Institute and Lecture. A number of our farmers and business men have contributed to pay the expenses of a lecture to be given at a Farmers' Institute to be held in the Court House in this place on the evening of the 16th inst. It has been thought that by holding an institute at this time, much good might be accomplished, and that the farmers and others in attendance at court might be benefited and through them the good work of the annual institutes may be better known and appreciated throughout the county. The institute will be entirely free, and every one is cordially invited.

Mr. W. F. McSparran of Furness, Pa., one of the best institute lecturers in the state will be in attendance and give one of his characteristic lectures full of instruction and entertainment.—Mr. McSparran has been through our county and knows our people and their needs and we believe he will be heard with much interest.

Do not fail to attend and ask questions if you wish for particular information. The McConnellsburg Orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

William H. Stoner, a young colored man died on Friday last at the home of John Burk in Ayr township of pneumonia. He was aged about 16 years. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. L. Grove, and the interment was in the burying ground of the colored people in the corner.

Mr. O. M. Keyser and Mr. D. L. Brewer of Illinois, and Mr. W. E. Troupe of Maryland, spent last Friday night at the home of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Kendall of the Cove.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

### Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

T. J. Thompson of this place, has again been confined to bed for two weeks past.

David Gress of this place spent last Friday night with friends at Fort Litleton.

Mack Kerlin has rented his farm near Hustontown, and is removing to Josiah Witter's farm near Gracey.

Mr. L. B. Tate who is engaged in the lumber business in Wells Valley spent a few hours at McConnellsburg Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hege of Mercersburg, spent a day or two on this side of the mountain last week.

H. R. Fiedt of Thompson, called at the News office last Friday evening and paid his subscription well into 1904.

Mrs. Margaretta Lyon of West Dublin, and Miss Anna Speer of Saluvia spent a few days last week visiting among their many friends in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Skipper of Licking Creek township were pleasant callers at the News office last Friday. Howard believes in keeping his paper paid ahead.

Intending to leave McConnellsburg, Mrs. E. M. Gress will close out her stock of millinery goods at greatly reduced prices. It will pay you to give her a call.

Charlie Stevens, who formerly clerked in J. K. Johnston's store in this place, but who has been in Gable's big store in Altoona for some time, is now with the North American Supply Co., at Brad-dock, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Runyan of Shippensburg spent Monday night with the family of Mr. Runyan's brother John in this place, and on Tuesday went to Needmore, on account of the illness of his father, Mr. Ahimaa Runyan.

Mrs. Jackson of Brush Creek, widow of the late John L. Jackson, her son Marshall and little granddaughter Ethel, whose father was kicked sometime ago by a horse and killed, were guests of T. J. Thompson and family one day last week.

James Steach made a short visit among friends in Thompson township last week. He says that his daughter, Mrs. George Bishop is quite poorly and that Squire Daniel Covalt has been confined to the house since last November.

## Birthday Surprise.

Last Saturday was an anniversary of Mrs. A. C. Palmer's birthday, and we are not going to tell you just how many times that has occurred since the first one. It is doubtful if Mrs. Palmer was paying much attention to the flight of time, or had given the matter any attention herself until the neighbors and friends began to arrive, and then some one was thoughtful enough to suggest that perhaps this gathering of friends was for the purpose of extending congratulations and wishing her many happy returns.

If her friends had surprised Mrs. Palmer by thus dropping in and giving her so many nice tokens of their regard, they in turn were gratified and satisfied, if not entirely surprised, when dinner was announced and they sat around a board spread fit for a king.

Those present from a distance were, Clarence Palmer and Joseph Mellott of Webster Mills; Loy Hollenshead and Katharine Metzler and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hollenshead, of Harrisonville; Mr. and Mrs. Ahimaa Clevenger of Warfordsburg; Elder and Mrs. T. R. Palmer of Needmore; W. R. Palmer and daughter Nellie of Sipes Mill; W. Don Morton and sister Miss Bessie of McConnellsburg, and—then some. It was a very pleasant occasion.