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## FAMOUS BIRD PETITION.

A Remarkable Legal Document on the Protection of Our Birds.

BY SENATOR GEORGE F. HOAR.

Should be Read in Every School and Home in the Country, and by Every Person at Least Once in Every Ten Years.

Probably the most remarkable legal document on bird protection that the world has ever known is the famous Bird Petition by Senator George F. Hoar, Senior Senator from Massachusetts. When this was presented in the Massachusetts State Legislature, the enthusiasm that it aroused was so great that it passed through both Houses like a whirlwind.

This famous petition should be read in every school and home in the country, and we, therefore, reprint it for the sake of both our birds and our people. It will never grow old, and should be read by every person at least once every ten years:

To the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, We, the song-birds of Massachusetts and their playfellows, make this our humble petition:

We know more about you than you think we do. We know how good you are. We have hopped about the roofs and looked in at the windows of the houses you have built for poor and sick and hungry people and little lame and deaf and blind children. We have built our nests in the trees and sung many a song as we flew about the gardens and parks you have made so beautiful for your own children, especially your poor children, to play in.

Every year we fly a great way over the country, keeping all the time where the sun is bright and warm; and we know that whenever you do anything, other people all over the great land between the seas and the great lakes find it out, and pretty soon will try to do the same thing. We know; we know. We are Americans just as you are. Some of us, like some of you, came from across the great sea, but most of the birds like us have lived here a long while; and birds like us welcomed your fathers when they came here many years ago. Our fathers and mothers have always done their best to please your fathers and mothers.

Now we have a sad story to tell you. Thoughtless or bad people are trying to destroy us. They kill us because our feathers are beautiful. Even pretty and sweet girls, who we should think would be our best friends, kill our brothers and children so that they may wear their plumage on their hats. Sometimes people kill us from mere wantonness. Cruel boys destroy our nests and steal our eggs and our young ones. People with guns and snares lie in wait to kill us, as if the place for a bird were not in the sky, alive, but in a shop window or under a glass case. If this goes on much longer, all your song birds will be gone. Already, we are told, in some other countries that used to be full of birds, they are almost gone. Even the nightingales are being all killed in Italy.

Now we humbly pray that you will stop all this, and will save us from this sad fate. You have already made a law that no one shall kill a harmless song bird or destroy our nests or our eggs. Will you please to make another that no one shall wear our feathers, so that no one will kill us to get them? We want them all ourselves. Your pretty girls are pretty enough without them. We are told that it is as easy for you to do it as for Blackbirds to whistle.

If you will we know how to pay you a hundred times over. We will teach your children to keep themselves clean and neat. We will show them how to live together in peace and love and to agree as we do in our nests. We will build pretty houses which

## JOHN SEYLAR DEAD.

Last Member of the Old Seylar Family Gone.

John S. Seylar died at his home at Cove Gap, Tuesday evening of last week, aged about 70 years. He was the son of Frederick Seylar, the maker of the celebrated Gap Plow and was a native of the village in which he died. Having learned the moulder trade in his father's shop, in 1854 he went to Springfield, Ill., where he remained until the Rebellion broke out. He knew Lincoln personally and was present in court frequently when Lincoln was counsel. His descriptive powers were good, and his stories were all flavored with a fine sense of humor and wit.

He served in Co. I, 26th Ill., Infantry three years and was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea. After his return from the army he began the manufacture of plows on his own account at Mercersburg, selling them in all the surrounding country. He is survived by his widow, who is a daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Comer of this place, and by five children, Frank and Mrs. Hinchman who live in Brooklyn, Ohio who lives in Iowa, and Jesse and Mary at home.

## STRUCK ILL.

A Former Fulton County Boy in Great Luck Down in Indian Territory.

Prof. Oscar S. Johnston, who was very successful in establishing a business college at Pittsburg, Kansas, and who sold that institution about a year ago and went with his family to California to recuperate his failing health, is just now in luck. A letter to his brother J. K. Johnston of this place a few days ago says that Oscar went down to Indian Territory last fall and in a venture bought some prospective oil land organized a company, and began the putting down of three wells. A few days ago the first one came in a hundred-barrel-a-day well, without having been shot.

## Heiges—Clevenger Nuptials.

At the Methodist Episcopal parsonage Monday morning at 11 o'clock May 23, 1904, Mr. Charles H. Heiges of York, Pa., and Miss Mary Clevenger of McConnellsburg, Pa., were joined in marriage by Rev. J. V. Adams, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church.

A number of the immediate friends of the bride were present to witness the ceremony. Mrs. Adams played Mendelssohn's wedding march. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Heiges started on a journey to some of the eastern cities after which they will take up their residence in York, Pa.

Mrs. Mary Hann, an aged lady of Salvia, is dangerously ill of cancer of the throat.

You will like to see. We will play about your gardens and flower beds—ourselves like flowers on wings—without any cost to you. We will destroy the wicked insects and worms that spoil your cherries and currants and plums and apples and roses. We will give you our best songs and make the spring more beautiful and the summer sweeter to you. Every June morning when you go out into the field, Oriole, Blackbird and Bobolink will fly after you and make the day more delightful to you; and when you go home tired at sundown, Vesper Sparrow will tell you how grateful we are. When you sit on your porch after dark, Fife Bird, Hermit Thrush and Wood Thrush will sing to you; and even Whip-poor-will will cheer up a little. We know where we are safe. In a little while all the birds will come to live in Massachusetts again, and everybody who loves music will like to make a summer home with you.

## RAILROAD WILL BE BUILT.

What the B. & O. Purchase of Old South Penn Route Means.

CUTS THE DISTANCE 33 MILES.

Engineers at Work Along the Line, and Active Work on Construction to Begin at Hancock.

With the purchase of that portion of the old South Pennsylvania railroad that runs from Bedford to Pittsburg, a few days ago, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company is now in a position to carry out its purpose of establishing a shorter, low grade line the entire distance from Baltimore to Pittsburg, and of course, means that the line from Hancock through Deneens Gap and Whips Cove to Mt. Dallas, will be built, and that work will begin soon, for the B. & O. are already taking steps to remove the buildings at Hancock from the land recently purchased by them from C. R. Henderson.

The plan is to build a new road from the present main line of the Baltimore and Ohio at Hancock, Md., to a connection with the Somerset and Cambria branch, a distance of about 60 miles, and taking in part of the South Penn route from Bedford. The Somerset and Cambria would be used for a distance of about 11 miles to Rockwood, 49 miles west of Cumberland, where the new line would again join the present road of the Baltimore and Ohio to Pittsburg.

About one year ago the company secured charters from Maryland and Pennsylvania for this new line, which is to be named the Bedford and Western railroad. It will run around the big peak of the Alleghany mountains, over which the present line extends, and has one continuous heavy grade for a distance of 17 miles. By it the route will also be shortened 33 miles, as the length of the line from Hancock to Rockwood by the way of Bedford will be 71 miles, while the distance over the present road by way of Cumberland is 104 miles.

"I think this will be the next big improvement that is made by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad," said Mr. George M. Shriver, assistant to President Murray, yesterday.

"The final surveys have been made for most of the line, and preliminary surveys have been completed for the balance. By this route the Baltimore and Ohio will have a low-grade road from Baltimore to Pittsburg, and will cut off a matter of 33 miles.

It will be used mainly as a freight line for Pittsburg and Chicago. The present line by way of Cumberland will be used for traffic to and from the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern and passenger business.

## GIFT TO PASTOR.

Elder Mellott, Receives Token of Appreciation from His Congregation.

Elder Ahimaz Mellott of Belfast township, has been serving as pastor, the Springfield Old Baptist church in Huntingdon county during the past fourteen years. On the second Sunday of the present month after he had concluded preaching and communion service in that church, his congregation formally presented him with a brand new buggy, set of buggy harness, whip, and lap spread. This token of appreciation of his labors is very gratifying to Elder Mellott, who during all this time has not missed more than a half dozen appointments.

The donors were D. W. Price and M. F. Marr, each \$5; J. G. White, John Madden, each \$3; W. M. Staines, A. A. Wible, Joshua Brown, David Hess, Peter Cutchall, Scott White, Mrs. M. J. Madden and Grant Lane, each \$2; Jesse Wible, R. W. Cutchall, F. H. Madden, Mrs. J. Madden, E. J. Ashton, E. Wible, H. Locke, W. M. Chilcote, M. Chilcote, Isalah Madden, Charlie Wible, J. W. Cutchall, John Hess and J. S. Foreman, each \$1; E. L. Wible, 75c; M. Wible, Lillie F. Wible, Beatrice Cutchall, Harry Roberts, each 50c; Forrest Wible, J. S. Fike, Bertha M. Cutchall, each 25c; H. B. Bergstresser, \$3.70, and Clay Clark \$15.00.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Announcement of Exercises at Different Points.

McCONNELLSBURG.

Memorial services under the auspices of King Post 365, will be held Sunday, May 29, at 10:30 A. M., at the Presbyterian church. Sermon by Rev. Dr. West. All veterans will please assemble at the Post room in McConnellsburg at 10:00 A. M. sharp, to form in line and march in a body to the church.

Memorial exercises will be held in the Court House, Monday, May 30, 1904. The Superintendents of the Sabbath Schools are requested to form their classes at the Court House at 1:00 P. M., to proceed to the cemeteries of their respective churches with flowers to decorate the graves of our fallen heroes. Each class will be escorted by members of the G. A. R. After this ceremony to return to the Court House, where public services will be held, beginning at 2:00 P. M.

The following ladies are appointed committee on music and flowers with power to select their own sub-committee. Mrs. C. B. Stevens, music. Mrs. Louisa C. Jackson, flowers.

The exercises to be held in the Court House will begin at 2 P. M. opening with music, and prayer by Rev. J. V. Adams followed by reading of Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg.

Recitation by Miss May Sheets, music by choir. Address by Hon. W. Rush Gillan of Chambersburg, recitation by Miss Katherine Cook, music, America, benediction. The ministers of all the churches, all orders and citizens are cordially invited to attend.

By order of the Committee.

## SIDELING HILL.

Memorial services will be held at the Sideling Hill Baptist church May 30th, under direction of P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 550.

10 o'clock. Flower service. Praise Hymn.

Invocation, Eld. T. R. Palmer. Music.

Recitation, Miss Tempie Snyder.

Recitation, Miss Esta Hart. Address, Prof. B. N. Palmer. Music.

1:30 Music.

Recitation, Miss Cora Funk. Recitation, Miss Lillie Wink. Music.

Address, Prof. J. D. Dell, Huntingdon, Pa. Music.

Recitation, Miss Nell Palmer. Recitation, Miss Orpha Snyder. Address, Hon. D. H. Patterson. Doxology.

The committee for placing flags and flowers on the graves at the different places are as follows:

Tonoloway, Geo. Brakeall; Warfordsburg, Job Mann; Bethel, Jo. Fisher; Cedar Grove, Jos. Carnell; Oakley, Jas. O'Rourke; Union, David Gordon; Antioch, Oliver Peck; Wink's Grave Yard, Wm. Wink; Ebenezer, C. T. Dixon; Dunkard church, Wm. H. Wink; Sideling Hill Baptist church, Baltzer W. Mellott; Sideling Hill Christian, Henry Strait; Pleasant Grove, Wm. H. Wink.

## WEST DUBLIN.

James and Edna Gilhland of Allegheny, spent Sunday at J. E. Lyon's.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitehill of Cypher and Mrs. Margaret Lyon attended communion services at Green Hill on Sunday.

Miss Luemna Laidig, delegate from Fairview Sunday school, reports a good convention at McConnellsburg.

Cross-arms are being delivered along the State Road for more wires on the American Telephone and Telegraph line.

Hazel Lamberson of Hustontown, spent Sunday at M. L. Kirk's.

H. K. Stevens is making active preparation for building his new house.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

Held Annual Convention Here Last Week.

EVERY SESSION WELL ATTENDED.

Fulton Takes High Rank Among Counties of State for Per Cent of Population in the Sunday School.

The twenty-seventh annual convention of the Fulton County Sunday School Association was held in this place on Thursday and Friday of last week.

The first session was held in M. E. church Friday afternoon; and although it was the opening one, the auditorium was well filled. Rev. J. V. Adams, pastor of the church, conducted the opening exercises, after which George W. Hays of McConnellsburg, by an address of Welcome, said we have assembled for mutual encouragement, and that greater degrees of excellence in Sunday school work should be attained.

Rev. Lewis Chambers who has been closely identified with the work since its first organization in this county, responded in a humorous vein, and received a warm greeting from his old friends.

Owing to the non-arrival of the speaker assigned to the next topic "Bible Geography" the subject was introduced by B. W. Peck and a general discussion followed in which a knowledge of locality was considered necessary to the intelligent study of the Bible.

An enrollment of delegates showed eighteen.

The convention was held in the Lutheran church in the evening.

After prayer by J. L. Grove and a song service by the Sunday school choir of the Lutheran church. The topic of "Methods in Primary Work" was introduced by Miss Maude Baumgardner of Wells Tannery, who sounded a clear call for a more loving interest in the little children while you are attempting to lead them Christward.

Hugh Cork, one of the State workers, was now introduced, and spoke eloquently and commandingly of faulty teaching—teaching without a definite aim—teaching done in a haphazard or superficial manner—and gave plans for a more concentrated effort on reaching the unconverted pupil.

As we reach Friday morning's work we find that we will not have space to continue anything like a detailed report of the addresses or even give the names of those who took part.

As was announced by the program, Friday morning session was held in the United Presbyterian church, the afternoon session in the Reformed church and the evening or closing session, in the Presbyterian church. From the very start the sessions of the convention increased in attendance and interest until the last which was one of unusual warmth.

The following is a list of schools represented the names of the delegates, and the amount contributed. If any name has been omitted or any school not credited with contribution, kindly notify Mr. Shaffner.

Big Cove Tannery, Geo. Glenn, Miss Etta Mellott, \$1.00; Pleasant Grove, George Morgret, \$1.00; Presbyterian church, Green Hill, Miss Lydia Mann, \$1.00; Siloam, Rev. and Mrs. Dumville, \$1.00; Sideling Hill Christian church, O. T. Mellott, \$1.00.

McConnellsburg.—M. E., Mrs. C. B. Stevens and Miss Sadie Rotz, \$1.00; Lutheran, Miss Annie Comer and Mrs. N. Roetger, \$1.00; U. P., J. J. Conrad and Mrs. R. M. Kendall, \$1.00; Reformed, Mrs. Harvey Bender and Mrs. A. E. Erb, \$1.00; Presbyterian, Miss Hattie Alexander and Miss Annie Irwin, \$1.00.

Oakley, Miss Mamie O'Rourke and Bethel Powell, \$1.00; Fairview, Miss Luemna Laidig, \$1.00; Wells Tannery Pres., Miss Maud Baumgardner, Mr. A. B. Kelly,

## MINIMUM SCHOOL SALARY

Goes Into Effect June 1. After Which No Teacher Will Get Less Than \$35.

The public school teacher's minimum salary law, enacted by the last legislature, goes into effect on the first of June. A thorough canvass of every county in the state shows that 3500 school teachers, over nine tenths of them women, will receive substantial increase in salary during the coming term, as the result of the operation of the law. Nearly \$850,000 as additional remuneration will be received by the teachers during the next term as the result of these increases. In nine-tenths of the districts, there will be no increase of taxation on this account.

The law provides that after the first day of June, the minimum salary of teachers shall be \$35 per month. It is made the duty of the president and secretary of each school district in the state, under oath, to make report to the superintendent of public instruction that the requirements of the law have been fully complied with. The last section provides that "every school district of this commonwealth; failing to comply with the requirements of this act, shall forfeit its state appropriation for the whole time during which this act has been violated".

The new salary law will mean that unless some of the schools shall be closed it will cost this county \$5591.67 more in salaries than it did last year, with the State aid practically the same.—The increase of cost to the different districts will be as follows:—Ayr, \$600; Belfast, \$810.67; Bethel, \$332; Brush Creek, \$539; Dublin, \$485; Licking Creek, \$791; Taylor, \$378; Thompson, \$777; Tod, \$280; Union, \$420, and Wells, \$70.

and Mrs. S. P. Wishart, \$1.00; Pine Grove, Miss Elizabeth Baker and Mrs. James Barnett, \$1.50; Warfordsburg M. E., \$1.00; Mays Chapel, \$1.00; Akersville, \$1.00; Burnt Cabins Presbyterian, \$1.00; Fort Littleton M. E., Miss Ruckley and Miss Fraker, \$1.00; Hustontown, \$1.00; Tabor, \$1.00; Bethlehem, Henry Wolf, \$1.00; Wells Valley M. E., \$1.00; Wells Valley U. B., \$1.00; Bethel, New Grenada, \$1.00.

The committee on nomination, namely, A. U. Nace, Obed T. Mellett, J. J. Conrad, and Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner presented the names of the following persons, who were elected officers of the Association for the following year: president, A. U. Nace; recording secretary, B. W. Peck; treasurer, M. W. Nace.

A. D. Kelly, Bethuel Powell, Miss Elizabeth Baker, Miss Lydia Mann and Mrs. C. B. Stevens, the auditing committee, examined the accounts of the treasurer and found them correct.

The place of holding the Convention next year will be determined by the Executive committee, and localities desiring to have next year's convention should file their request with Mr. A. U. Nace, president of the association or with M. R. Shaffner, permanent secretary.

Probably the largest number of ministers were present that ever attended any one of our county conventions—Rev. A. G. Wolf, Rev. Henry Wolf, Rev. A. S. Wolf, Rev. J. V. Adams, Rev. C. M. Smith, Rev. Wm. A. West, Rev. J. L. Grove, Rev. Lewis Chambers, Rev. John Vrooman, Rev. B. A. Saiter, Rev. Wm. Dumville, Rev. D. W. Kelso,—12.

We take the liberty of suggesting that those whose duty it shall be to prepare the work for next year's convention, may begin in good time, and not put any one's name on the program for the discussion of a subject without having first obtained his or her consent, and then give that person time to make satisfactory preparation. The programs should be distributed to those interested at least a month previous to the convention.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED.

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure, You'll Find it Right Here.

John B. Sipe, of Laidig, spent Thursday in town on business.

L. C. Mann of Everett, was in town last Thursday on business. Joseph Detwiler, of Pittsburg, was a business visitor at McConnellsburg, Thursday.

Wm. H. Wink of Needmore, spent a few hours in town last Wednesday.

Dr. West is in Lebanon attending an adjourned session of presbytery.

S. A. Nesbit, and daughter, Miss Netha, were Mercersburg visitors last Tuesday.

Mr. Jeremiah Laidig of Hustontown, was an early caller at this office Monday morning.

Mr. John B. Runyan and son, Russel, spent last Saturday afternoon and Sunday at Needmore.

Mrs. James Carmack and her daughter Miss Maggie of Clear Ridge, spent last Friday in town.

Miss Barbara Martin of Indiana Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin in the Cove.

Mrs. Ed Shimer of Walnut St., who has been in ill health the past few months, continues seriously ill.

Mr. J. Slick, and D. F. Unger, of Mercersburg, were registered at the Washington house last Wednesday.

Prothonotary George A. Harris spent from Saturday until Monday, with relatives in Chambersburg.

D. Malloy, who had been at Grand Lodge as representative of McConnellsburg Lodge I. O. O. F. returned Monday.

Miss Cora Peck and her brother Sam of this place are having a ten days outing among their relatives in Bedford county.

Mrs. S. M. Cook and Mrs. S. A. Nesbit of this place, attended the funeral of Mrs. Cook's uncle, John S. Seylar of Foltz, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Comer of Burnt Cabins, spent a day in town last week. They have in contemplation a trip to the West this summer.

Master Reed Ray, who had been called home on account of the illness and death of his father Elliott Ray, returned to the Scotland S. O. I. school, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Corbin, and Miss Jennie Lamberson—all of Taylor township, were welcome callers at the News office last Wednesday.

Mr. Emery Wible of Maddonsville dropped into our sanctum last Wednesday, left a dollar, and had his name added to our rapidly growing subscription list.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hixon and their little son and daughter, Herman and Mildred, spent from last Friday until Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. David T. Fields in this place.

Mr. Jessie A. Peck of Martinsburg, W. Va., spent from Saturday until Tuesday visiting his mother Mrs. Nancy Peck and other relatives in Belfast township.

Mr. Bernie Wishart, who has been spending a couple of weeks with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, left yesterday morning for his home in Borden-town, N. J.

Mrs. Shoemaker and daughter Miss Mary, of Hustontown, were among the large number of interested Sunday school workers in attendance at the convention Thursday and Friday.

Among the number who received a warm greeting at the Sunday School convention, was Rev. Lewis Chambers, who has just returned home from a prolonged visit in the homes of his sons in Wisconsin.