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## TO MAKE MORE TAX.

Fulton's Representative Sidetracks Dangerous Bill.

On Wednesday of last week, a bill came up in the House at Harrisburg for third reading and final passage, of a dangerous character. It provides that whenever it shall be shown to the court of Quarter Sessions, that any school district or township has incurred a debt in excess of the amount, which supervisors or school directors are now authorized by law to levy in any one year, the court may compel by mandamus, the levying and collecting a special tax to pay said indebtedness; and if the indebtedness is so large as to make it unadvisable to collect it in one year, the court may direct it to be paid by annual installments. Representative Sipes' remarks in the House were brief but to the point. He said—

"Mr. Speaker. I believe this bill if enacted into law will be a bad law. At present and for a long time—in fact, ever since 1854—the maximum limit of our school tax has been 20 mills. This bill proposes to give the school boards unlimited authority to incur indebtedness and place practically a mortgage upon every foot of real estate in the school districts, and then the machinery of the quarter sessions court may be invoked to collect the debt.

"I believe many of the school districts—certainly some that I know of—are suffering now from a burden of taxation that ought not to be added. Rather, sir, this legislature ought to take measures to relieve to some extent the burden of taxation under which these school districts suffer, and I fondly hoped that there might be some legislation enacted here that would bring about that relief, but I am frank enough to confess that up to this time I see little prospect of any such measure being enacted into law. But instead of any relief coming to these school districts it is now proposed to give the power to any of our board of directors so inclined, to add, to an unlimited extent, to the burdens of the districts.

"In addition to this, I believe this is intended as special legislation under the guise of a general act, and it looks to me as though somebody wanted to get out of a hole where some district has incurred an indebtedness. If I remember rightly, the Supreme Court has said that special legislation is vicious legislation. I sincerely trust that this bill will fall. It ought not to pass. It exposes our school districts to the grave danger of being compelled to assume additional burdens that ought not to be imposed upon them."

At the conclusion of his remarks, the sponsor of the bill, Mr. Holcomb, of Schuylkill, tried to defend it from the attack, but was advised by one of his friends that it could not pass and suggested that he have it postponed. This hint was taken and the bill postponed.

## BRUSH CREEK.

The snow is about all gone and the roads are in a muddy condition.

Miss Maye Sheets spent one night last week with Mrs. Lizzie McKibbin.

Mrs. Joshua Barton, who has been seriously ill, is reported better.

Miss Bessie Morton spent one night last week with G. W. Hixson and family.

Miss Elsie Whitfield expects to leave in the near future for Bellwood, Pa.

Siebert Barton spent last Saturday night with his cousin Walter Barton at Akersville.

Mrs. Boyd S. Jackson of Everett, was visiting her mother Mrs. E. H. Lodge last Sunday and attended preaching at McKendree.

John Smith, Jr., and family left last week for Pittsburgh. They were accompanied by Grace Smith who expects to spend sometime there.

Will Spade has returned to his home at Emmaville after having spent a few days in Altoona.

George Bard of Pleasant Ridge was calling on friends in Brush Creek last Sunday.

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## DEATH RECORD.

People Who Have Passed to the Great Beyond.

### SARAH PECK.

Mrs. Sarah Peck, relict of Peter C. Peck, died at the home of her son, Samuel C. Peck, in Thompson township, Sunday, February 26, 1905, and her remains were laid to rest in the little cemetery at Rebooth M. E. church on the following Wednesday.

Mrs. Peck's maiden name was Sarah Sewalt. She was born in the Little Cove, January 19, 1825; hence was aged 80 years, 1 month and 7 days.

Mrs. Peck was married to Peter Shives after whose death she was married to Peter C. Peck, who died several years ago.

The following children survive her: Jacob C. Hewitt, Esq., Andrew Shives, Peter P. Shives, Samuel C. Peck, and Nettie, wife of Lewis Keefe—all of whom live in Thompson township and all are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Peck at the age of thirty years united with the Missionary Baptist church, and held to that faith to the time of her death.

Her last illness covered a period of only thirteen days.

### MRS. WILLIAM CARNELL.

Mrs. William Carnell died at her home near Gapsville on Monday of last week of pleurisy and was buried at Union Memorial church on Wednesday morning when services were conducted by Rev. Joseph Barney.

Mrs. Carnell's maiden name was Miss Bettie Whitfield. She is survived by the following children: William and Leonard H. Carnell, of Buck Valley, Fulton county; George Carnell, of Needmore, Pa.; Edward Carnell, of Friend's Cove; Philip, Amos, and Jennie Carnell at home; Lossen Carnell of Everett, and Mrs. Annie Kaiseley, of Salem, Ohio.

She is also survived by one brother, Benjamin Whitfield, and three sisters, Mrs. Rhoda Kaufman, Mrs. William Layton and Mrs. Margaret Hixson, of Chicago, Illinois.

### STEWART HERTZLER.

One of Huntingdon's most prominent and influential citizens died at his home on the 24th ult., after an illness of several months. The deceased was born at Port Royal, Pa., March 4, 1848, and has resided in Huntingdon for thirty-four years. He enlisted in the Civil War, and became a member of Company E, 101st Regiment. For several years he has been an officer in the State Reformatory. He was a member of two benefit Associations, the Improved Order of Heptasophs, the J. O. A. M. and the G. A. R.

Mr. Hertzler is survived by his wife and two married daughters, Mrs. E. E. Eek, Kansas City, and Mrs. Robert Shearer of Elizabeth, N. J., also the following brothers and sisters: Abram, Philadelphia; Henry, Burnt Cabins; Daniel, Huntingdon; Samuel, Buffalo; Mrs. Heikes, Mifflin county, and Mrs. Sarah Staubs, Mapleton.

### HUSTONTOWN.

Frank Cunningham, of Wells Valley, was the guest of his friend and former school mate, Thad Shoemaker, one day last week.

Joseph Lohr received a check for \$10 from the Press Publishing Company of Detroit, Mich., one day last week—he having been one of the successful guessers in the Presidential Election contest given by that paper.

Miss Angelina Melott returned to her home in Belfast township last Saturday after having been in the employ of John H. Laidig for several months.

Protracted meeting closed in the M. E. church last Sunday night with fourteen conversions.

There has been a great deal of "scrapping" in this town the past month and unless it ceases Ephraim Nead has announced his intention of having the town incorporated into a borough so that he may run for constable.

## LEG BROKEN.

Harry C. Mumma Seriously Injured Last Saturday Afternoon.

While working on Wm. Melott's steam saw mill in Locking Creek township last Saturday afternoon, Mr. Harry C. Mumma of that township, had the misfortune to be caught in the rapidly moving carriage and thrown with great violence. When extricated from his perilous situation it was found that one of his legs was broken in two places.

Dr. Hoop was summoned and rendered the necessary surgical aid that make the unfortunate man as comfortable as possible, but it will cause him to lie off from work for a long time.

### What a Sample Copy Did.

A letter received Monday from William King, who lives at Cando, North Dakota, contained a dollar bill. Mr. King writes: "Mr. J. V. Deaver sent us a copy of the Fulton County News a few days ago; and although I have been away from my old home in Fulton twenty-one years, I saw so many familiar names in it, and so much to remind me of old time friends and places, that I enclose a dollar and want to be placed on your list of regular subscribers.

"We have had two weeks of very nice weather. I was harvesting yesterday and to-day [March 2d]—got 40 acres harvested.

"This is a great grain country. I had 8000 bushels last year, and two of us put it all out and harvested it with the assistance of one shucker."

Many of our readers have friends, who were raised in Fulton county, but who now live in distant parts of the country, that have probably never heard of the NEWS and who would greatly enjoy its weekly visits.

Send them a sample copy, and write them about the paper or send us their names and postoffice address and we'll do the rest.

The NEWS is "all wool and a yard wide," and you need not be ashamed to recommend it to your friends.

## GEN.

The change of weather is cause for plenty of sickness through our community.

James Mellott has secured employment with G. C. Sipes in the Cove, for the coming summer.

Three Mormon elders passed through our town one day last week.

Eld. C. L. Funk spent last Friday evening with Mrs. J. A. Snyder and family.

John T. Laley is moving from Jonathan Peck's farm back to his own farm across the Ridge.

H. M. Snyder sold his span of mules to Ephraim Lanehart. Ephraim is afraid they will still want to haul the woman.

Lee Funk has purchased a new horse and buggy. Lee, there surely must be something else in view.

### The Overland Limited to California.

leaves Union Passenger Station, Chicago, 6:05 p. m. daily, arrives San Francisco the third day in time for a dinner. Route—Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul Railway, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Line. All ticket agents sell via this route. Ask them to do so.

Handsome book, descriptive of California, sent for six cents postage. F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, or W. S. Howell, 281 Broadway, New York.

Mrs. W. L. McKibbin, of this place, was called to St. Louis last Thursday on account of the serious illness of her son Alex.

Miss Scott Sloan, who has been employed at the Soldiers' Orphan's school at Chester Springs, came home last Saturday on a sick leave of two months. Miss Scott is not just sick, but her health is not good.

## Hicks For March.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks, of St. Louis, makes these predictions for March:

The second storm period is from the 7th to the 12th, central on the 9th, the Earth's equinox, the Mercury period, the Vulcan force, with Moon in apogee and on the equator, all conspiring to produce disturbances.

Probable Results:—Unsettled and threatening conditions will prevail at the beginning of this period, but marked indications of severe and general storms will increase by the 7th. The barometer will fall to very low readings, and furious storms of rain, turning to sleet and later to blizzards, will pass over the country generally about the 8th to the 11th. Equinoctial tempests will reach northward from equatorial regions, striking many waters and coasts lying in the paths of such storms, all around the globe. These storms up from the south seas will have their counterpart in sweeping boreal storms from the northwest. Be on the watch for heavy and general rains to the south, for great and wide wide sleet storms over central regions, and for blizzards to the north and west, rounding up with high barometer, high gales and a general cold wave.

The Third Storm Period is central on the 15th, 16th and 17th, with Moon at first quarter and north declination, the Vulcan force and Earth's equinox nearing its center, as disturbing causes.

Probable Results:—Under strain of the Vernal equinox, there is constant tendency all through this month to storminess and sporadic precipitation in cold rain, sleet and snow. But this tendency rises to a maximum at the regular and reactionary storm periods, and such a maximum will appear on the 15th, 16th and 17th, bringing for fall on the barometer, higher temperature and more decided rain and snow storms. Several days of high barometer, and an approach to fair, cold weather will succeed this period, but weather that calls for care of life and well-being of man and beast.

The fourth storm period covers the 19th to the 24th inclusive, being co-incidentally central with the Earth's equinox on the 21st. The Moon at full, on the celestial equator and in perigee, adds its influence to those of Vulcan and Earth at this period.

Probable Results:—The indications are that some of the most general and severe disturbances of the month will appear during this period. Early in the period the barometer will indicate possible danger in many parts on land and sea, and as early as the 20th well defined storm areas will take up their march from west to east across the country. General rains, with moderate temperature, electrical displays and tropical storms, will prevail up to about the 21st. South sea hurricanes and inland tornadoes to the south are quite probable, with downpours of rain amounting to local floods. About the 21st rains will turn to snow and sleet over all sections central to northern, and a phenomenally high barometer out of the northwest will precipitate violent northwesterly gales and blizzards from the 21st to the 24th, all winding up progressively by a great March cold wave. This is one of the times when special care should be taken to shelter, feed and protect live stock, otherwise there will be great suffering and loss. Maximum earthquake conditions will exist at this period, also within forty-eight to sixty hours of Sunday, March 26th.

The Fifth Storm Period is central on the 27th, 28th and 29th. The Vulcan reactionary and the Moon at last quarter and south declination being added to Earth's equinox as disturbing causes.

Probable results:—The prevailing cold which followed the preceding period will relax at this time, the barometer will fall moderately, and more storms of rain and snow will appear, passing eastwardly over the country. Rising barometer and shift of winds to cold, northwesterly will follow these disturbances.

## IN POOR HEALTH.

Mr. James Glenn, a Former Ayr Township Boy to Undergo Surgical Operation.

It is with regret that we learn of the serious and protracted illness of James Glenn, a former Ayr township boy, but at present a resident of Carroll county, Ill. Mr. Glenn has been obliged to relinquish farming on account of serious liver troubles for the relief of which, he will, in the near future, undergo a surgical operation. We hope to hear of his speedy and perfect recovery.

### Prof. Palmer Entertains.

Last Friday evening will long be remembered as the date of the most notable event in the social history of Needmore, Pa.

An onlooker would have been led to believe that they were witnessing a modern demonstration of the old adage, "All roads lead to Rome," by the number of vehicles seen coming from all directions, the "Rome" of this occasion being the P. O. S. of A. Hall where Prof. B. N. Palmer was receiving.

At 8 o'clock about two score invited guests had arrived and the smiling faces and merry laughter gave evidence that a good time was "doing."

Very soon various games were in progress and Mr. Schriber of Chicago, who had his violin along furnished the music for the quadrilles.

Along about midnight it was noticed that the Professor had mysteriously disappeared but in a few minutes he re-appeared in the doorway courteously inviting his guests upstairs.

On complying with this request there was disclosed to view a room having very much the appearance of a banquet hall, for he was spread a long, brilliantly lighted and handsomely decorated table. Just here the Prof. made an apology by remarking that much should not be expected of a man who had neither wife nor sister to help him, but when all had found their places and were seated, refreshments were served, which made manifest the fact that this man, at least, doesn't need any help.

Some time was occupied in doing justice to the "bachelor layout," after which amusements were resumed on the floor below, and continued all a late hour.

Thanking their host for the pleasant time, the company dispersed, wishing the evening was but just begun instead of ended.

Prof. Palmer delights in entertaining his friends, and all who have been the recipients of his hospitality, can testify that he does so royally.

### WEST VIEW.

Ross Wink left for Altoona Tuesday, where he has employment.

Wesley Hoop spent Thursday night with Benj. Hollenshead, on his way to the inauguration.

Abner Weaver and family spent Sunday with his father, who is suffering with a sore leg.

Chas. Lashley and wife spent Sunday with Arthur Weaver and wife.

Leonard Nycum, one of Thompson's oldest citizens, died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Arthur Weaver, on Tuesday, after an illness of only a few days, aged 74 years, 11 months, 15 days. Interment in the family lot at the Toccoway Baptist church, Thursday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ewell, of the Episcopal church.

Mrs. John May is improving slowly.

County Superintendent Barton was visiting schools in this township last week.

Aaron Hill, of Blue Mound, Ill., is visiting friends and relatives in Fulton county.

Mrs. Berte Souders visited her parents Sunday.

Harry Weaver visited Mrs. Harry Hill several days this week.

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## BACK TO NEW YORK.

Mrs. Eliza B. Crosby and Daughter Miss Kitty Return To-day.

During the present week, Mrs. Eliza Crosby and daughter, Miss Kitty, will return to their home in Lowville, N. Y., after having spent the past two years in our town. These ladies, on hearing of the weak condition of Miss Rebecca Pott, sister of Mrs. Crosby, hurried to her home and until the time of her death, gave her such tender service, and skillful nursing as added much comfort to the last months of her life.

We give them up with regret and shall miss them greatly in church and society circles. Bon voyage.

### More Big Trees.

While in town a few days ago, John Keebaugh stopped at the News office to say that on the Andy Keebaugh farm in Allens Valley there stands a thrifty White oak with a girth of almost seventeen feet, 54 feet from the ground, and carries its thickness remarkably well for 30 feet without a limb.

Squire Nathan B. Hanks, of Emmaville, has growing on his farm, two Whiteoaks, that measure, respectively, 11 ft., 5 in., and 10 ft., 9 in.; 1 Yellow pine, 12 ft.; one Basswood, or Linden tree, 16 ft.; two Chestnut trees—one 14 ft., the other, 11 ft.; one Red oak, that measures 18 feet, three feet from the ground, where it forks—one branch measuring 10 ft., 3 in., and the other 9 ft., 9 in.—both at a height of 6 feet from the ground. This is all sound healthy timber, is growing in the woods, and carries its thickness to a height of 20 to 40 feet.

In writing of the various big trees already reported, Mr. Hughes, of Philadelphia, who raised the inquiry as to Fulton's big trees, says: "Mr. Barnett's Swamp oak must be a fine sight, indeed. With a girth of 15 ft. at 54 ft. from the ground, and 40 feet to the first limb, it is surely a large tree of its kind; but I am surprised to learn of the magnificent proportions of Mr. Lemuel Kirk's Cucumber tree (Magnolia acuminata). I think it would be a difficult matter to find a larger.

"The Cherry tree at J. Walker Johnston's may be called a 'whopper'. Abram Wagner's Swamp oak, 14 ft., 6 in., is a big tree. The White oak at Knobsville, 15 ft., 5 1/2 in., is not large for the kind.

"Has no one yet found a Chestnut tree that beats them all?"

"It is very gratifying to hear of these trees, and I think when the last account is in, it will be found that your greatest tree is either a Willow, a Chestnut, or a White oak."

### BURNT CABINS.

A great many of our neighbors are complaining of bad colds and la grippe.

A. J. Fore and W. M. Comer made a business trip to Knobsville last Saturday.

Mrs. Oliver, who has been suffering with throat trouble, is not much better.

Ed Welch, of Spring Run, Pa., visited his two sisters at this place last Friday.

Lewis Harris, accompanied by Miss Blanche Skipper, attended the show at Pannettsburg last Wednesday night.

Mr. John Gillis, who had a severe attack of sore eyes, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Samuel Bowman is not improving very much.

Scott Densar, of Hustontown, was a pleasant caller in our town last Friday.

Ferdinand Briggs, who is employed at Altoona, spent a short time with his parents at this place.

Rev. James Heron, of Port Royal, Juniata county, will preach in the Presbyterian church at Green Hill on next Sabbath morning at 10:30, and at this place in the evening at 7 o'clock.

## 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.

Dr. W. L. McKibbin was in Hancock last week on business.

Mrs. Lydia Bobb, of Norristown, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Maria C. Mann of Salavia.

V. D. Schenck and wife, of Wells Tannery, spent Monday in McConnellsburg.

Miss Jennie C. Stewart of Harrisonville, spent several days last week the guest of L. H. Wible's family.

Mrs. S. A. Nesbit and Miss Netha, have been confined to their home the past two weeks by a serious attack of the grip.

Mrs. S. M. Cook and Miss Sadie Jackson, of this place, spent last Friday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kendall in the Cove.

Homer L. Sipe and Berte Hann, Esq., members of Harrisonville Lodge I. O. O. F., visited the McConnellsburg Lodge last Friday night.

Harvey D. Nelson, who had been spending ten weeks very pleasantly with relatives and friends in this place and in the Cove, has returned his home at Huntsville, Ohio.

Miss Nellie Hays, of this place, who attended the inauguration of President Roosevelt, is spending the week the guest of relatives in Washington, D. C., and at Hancock, Md.

Harry M. Lewis, who holds a lucrative position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, spent a few days recently visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. H. Lewis, near Franklin Mills.

Emery Hessler, of Tod township, who recently sold his farm to George Bivans of the Big Cove purchased the Spear farm at Salvia last Thursday on private terms. He will take possession the first of April.

Mr. Jonas Mellott, accompanied by his son Isaiah, spent a few hours in town one day last week. Notwithstanding that Mr. Mellott is now advanced in years and has been totally blind for a long time, he is in the enjoyment of fair health and his mind is as vigorous and clear as in years ago.

Our old neighbor and friend, James L. Lake, accompanied by his housekeeper, Miss Elsie Clevenger, spent a few hours in town Monday. While Mr. Lake is not as young as he used to be, he moves around with the agility of one much younger in years. He attended the first court held in Fulton county and has been a subscriber to the NEWS from its first issue.

W. Scott Pittman and wife are visiting Mrs. Jared Pittman, of the East End. It has been twenty-one years since Mr. Pittman has visited his old home and this is his first opportunity of introducing his wife to her Fulton county relatives. Their home is in south-western Nebraska, and they took advantage of the inaugural excursion rates to make a visit east.

Thomas M. Johnson showed us a few days ago a knife he brought home from the World's Fair that, in addition to possessing two blades and a fancy handle, has also, a glass cutter, cigar cutter, and a corkscrew. Tom says he would not have missed the seeing of that great Exhibition for much more than it cost. On his trip he was away from home about a week and did not stint himself of any of the comforts of travel or lodging, and yet the total expense of the trip was less than thirty dollars. Tom says he would like to remind Squire Dan that the latter, up to this time, has not shared with him the flattened pennies he swiped at the Fair.