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## CHANGE IN ROAD LAWS.

Three Supervisors for Each Township Next Year. Serve Like School Directors.

Under the new road law which goes into effect this year there will be three supervisors for each township, who will have general supervision of the district, and a number of roadmasters under whose direction the actual work will be done. Some of the provisions are as follows:

The new law provides that in every township of the second class (and every township in Fulton county is of the second class) at the regular spring election this year, 1906, there shall be elected three persons, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, who shall be styled road supervisors, and at each township election thereafter one person shall be elected for three years.

This board of supervisors shall meet on the first Monday of March, where the township auditors meet, and after taking the oath of office shall elect one of their number chairman and one secretary, and shall appoint one person, not a member of the board, treasurer. They shall then proceed to levy a road tax, not to exceed ten mills on each dollar of valuation, and shall assess each taxable one dollar in addition to the millage tax.

Immediately after organization the board of supervisors shall divide the township into road districts, with not less than five miles of road to each district, and shall employ a roadmaster for each district, who shall work upon the roads himself and see that the work is done according to the plans and specifications furnished him by the supervisors. He shall oversee the employed, keep their time, and report under oath to the supervisors as often as required. Roadmasters shall as often as times be subject to removal by the board of supervisors. The supervisors shall fix the wages, per hour, for roadmasters and laborers.

The board of supervisors shall meet once each month for the transaction of business, and will be allowed for necessary expenses, including office rent, stationery, light and fuel. There is no provision in the act of 1905 for compensation for supervisors, other than mentioned above, and presumably they must act without compensation as do school directors.

All vacancies in the board of supervisors will be filled by the court upon petition.

No supervisor shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any work done, purchase or contract relating to roads or bridges, nor furnish any materials therefor, under penalty of a fine not exceeding \$500, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

## THOUSAND-DOLLAR BABIES.

Stork a Money Bringer into the Home of Western Farmer.

With every visit of the stork to his home, George Cramer, a farmer, of Eldora, Ia., gets a check for \$1000 from his father in Germany, and the stork has paid twelve visits. Although he has not been more than ordinarily successful at raising crops, Cramer has cleared \$12,000 raising babies.

When the first little one came to the Cramer home the old father in Germany was so well pleased that he forwarded his check for \$1000 and declared he would duplicate it with each visit of the stork. Cramer has invested the stork money from the fatherland, until to-day he is the possessor of a comfortable bank account.

After having spent the holidays very pleasantly at the home of his parents, Daniel Mock and wife, Miss Marie E. Mock returned to her home at Eldora, Ia., on Sunday.

## ECLIPSES IN 1906.

There Will Be Five, First of the Moon February 8th.

There will be five eclipses in 1906, three of the sun and two of the moon. The first will be a total one of the moon on the night of February 8th, and will be visible in North and South America. The beginning will be at 1:57 o'clock on the morning of the 9th and ending at 3:36 o'clock. The second is a partial eclipse of the sun on February 23d, invisible in the United States. The third is a partial eclipse of the sun on July 21st, not visible in the United States. The fourth is a total eclipse of the moon on August 4th, invisible in the United States. The fifth is a partial eclipse of the sun on August 19th, not visible in the United States, except in Alaska.

## Kicked by A Horse.

Last week's Mercersburg Journal says that Frank Fore, son of D. E. Fore, Esq., of Tod township, was badly kicked by a horse on the evening of the 22nd ult. Mr. Fore was leading the animal to water when a sudden plunge of the horse broke the halter. The animal turned about and kicked Fore, striking him above the eye and in the cheek. Fortunately, the animal wore no shoes, otherwise might have been killed. He was taken to Lemaster, where Dr. Lantz dressed the injuries.

## TEA IN TABLETS.

One of Them Dissolved in Hot Water Will Make Beverage.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The latest novel experiment to be made by the department of agriculture is that of compressing tea into tablets, one of which will make a delicious cup of tea. The tea is grown at the department's experimental tea gardens at Summerville, S. C.

The department has been engaged in this experiment for some time, and last week a large box of sample packages of tea tablets was received by Dr. Galloway, director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, for inspection. Each little box of compressed tea contains twenty tablets about the size of a penny, but about twice as thick. They are dark green. Dr. Galloway states that the most favorable reports have been made by those who have tried the tablets.

The tablets are said to contain no adulterant.

It is explained that the taste of the tea is in no way bettered by the form of tablets, but the chief value lies in the fact that it is compressed and takes up less room.

It has been the object of the department for some time to find means of providing food for the army and navy, which could be prepared in such a way as to save space, but so far all attempts have proved unsatisfactory. It is now believed by the officials of the department that these tablets will fill not only government requirements, but those of general merchandise and family use.

## The Week of Prayer.

Union services for the Week of Prayer will be conducted in the churches of town as follows:

Monday January 8th, 7 P. M., in the Reformed church. Theme: "Believers Purified and Quickened." Tuesday evening in the M. E. church. Theme: "The Church Wholly Renewed in the Love and Life of Christ." Wednesday evening in the U. P. church. Theme: "The Unsaved Aroused to Seek Salvation." Thursday evening in the Presbyterian church. Theme: "Society Evangelized." Friday evening in the Lutheran church. Theme: "Missionaries: Reinspired and Reinforced."

Each pastor will conduct the service in his own church. Let us have full houses. Everybody is cordially invited.

## FROM REV. GEORGE B. SHOEMAKER.

Having a Pleasant Winter in Iowa. Corn Plenty, and Apples Scarce.

Eldora, Iowa, Dec. 28.—The long and lonesome summer came suddenly to an end, and the bright and beautiful fall of Iowa dawned upon me about the first of September. The change was not due in any way to the influence of the heavenly bodies, but solely to the safe return of my wife and daughter from their extended visit in the East. The sun has been shining ever since their return, and the weather is perfect.

The Bishop returned me to Eldora for another year, three months of which have already passed.

Thus far our winter has been very pleasant. With the exception of a cold snap about Thanksgiving time, we have had no severe weather. November and December have passed practically without storm. Some snow has fallen, but not enough to make sleighing. It is remarkable that in some portions of this county they had snow, enough so it could be plainly seen in the furrows in plowed fields, before there was a killing frost. The corn matured perfectly before the frosts came, and Iowa is rejoicing because of what Kansas would call a "bumper" crop of corn. One year ago, about this time, we had the worst snow storm of the whole season, but to day the sun shines brightly, and the temperature is nearer that of spring than winter.

We are mourning some out here because apples are so expensive. Five dollars for a barrel that lacks a peck of holding three bushels; or, in smaller quantities, fifty cents a peck, comes pretty close to being two dollars a bushel, and then they are not first class when you get them. Cabbage sells at three cents a pound, Canada turnips, two and a half cents a pound; beans, five cents—or six pounds for a quarter, etc. But, then, we manage to live, and are happy.

Is this the time of year when, in the stores in the old town, the topic of conversation is "hogs and butchering and sausage making and pudding meat and Ponderosa"? (Mr. Editor, you spell that word right for me). Yes, and soups? My! how I would like to have some of these, if I could have along with them the boy appetite I possessed in those early days. I am looking through each copy of the "News" to see who has the biggest hog in all the town.

By the time you receive this letter we will be in a Union Revival Meeting, all the churches of the city uniting under the leadership of C. C. Smith, of Chicago, and his singer, Mr. Holden. Meetings begin December 31, 1905, and close January 21, 1906. I will be glad to have all Christians who may read this, offer sincere prayer for us that many may be converted to God.

If I am not too late, I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Yours truly,

GEO. B. SHOEMAKER.

SALVIA.

The holidays passed off quietly here.

The protracted meeting at the M. E. church at Green Hill is going on. Two seekers so far.

A. M. Garland and wife visited Sheridan Hann's last Sunday.

H. E. Austin and John E. Moore are cutting cord wood for W. H. Baumgardner at Wells Tannery.

A heavy windstorm passed over this section last Friday night doing much damage. Uncle John Hann's woodshed was blown to pieces.

The remains of our friend Nicholas Metzler were laid to rest in the cemetery at Green Hill Presbyterian church on Monday.

John Hann has been suffering from a sprained back during the past week.

## HOLIDAY WEDDINGS.

Cupid Has Been Busy with His Little Bow and Arrows, During the Festal Season.

SHIMER—LARGENT.

Miss Mary E. Largent and Robert M. Shimer were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Thirteenth street Methodist church, Harrisburg, by Rev. Samuel D. Wilson, pastor of the church.

The bride has been a compositor in the News office during the past four years, and the groom is a practical tailor, employed during the last two or three years in Harrisburg.

GLASS—PROSSER.

At Hagerstown on Friday, John B. Glass and Miss Emma Prosser, both of Gettysburg, were married by Rev. Dr. Conrad Clever, of Christ Reformed church. Rev. Father Rabbia, of St. Mary's Catholic church, refused to officiate because the couple did not live in his parish. Miss Prosser is a daughter of V. H. Prosser, formerly of McConnellsburg. The groom is clerk in a hotel conducted by the bride's father, now in Gettysburg. It is said the bride's parents objected to the marriage. Miss Prosser was visiting her sister, Mrs. D. T. Lesh, in Williamsport. She went to Hagerstown and met the groom according to previous arrangement.

## Surprised.

There are different kinds of surprises. Some cheer the heart and some fill it with sad forebodings. Some remove the veil of darkness and let in the joyous light; others oppress and draw closer yet the evil bands.

St. Paul's Lutheran congregation and its friends know how to surprise that will aid one both to say a happy adieu to the departing year, and to offer a joyous welcome to the new.

On last Saturday evening the parsonage was invaded by a goodly number of members and friends, a surprise to us all. They came with cheerful voices, open countenances, and happy hearts, laden with many things for larder and crib.

Songs of praise mingled with the social hour, made the occasion one long to be remembered. The pastor and family unite in seeking the divine benediction upon the donors, and thereby express their gratitude to all present and represented in the happy surprise.

A. G. WOLF, Pastor.

## TO DESTROY SCALE.

Waynesboro Man Applies for United States Patent.

Charles F. Eyler, of Waynesboro, has applied for a United States patent on a powder which he has invented for the destruction of San Jose scale. The powder has been tested on a number of Waynesboro trees and is said to do all that its discoverer claims for it. In addition to this it can be sold so cheaply that its cost is less than that of the famous lime-sulphur-salt mixture.

The powder is applied by boring one or two half inch holes in an affected tree about a foot from the ground and filling them with the powder, which the sap-suckers to every limb and branch. Trees so treated, it is claimed, will not only not be affected by the scale but will be abundantly covered with pillars.

## Notice.

The annual meeting of the Fulton County Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held at Needmore on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. All policy holders invited.

J. S. SWARTZWELDER,

Secretary.

Miss Olive Storms is visiting her grandparents, Ames Hanson and wife, at Crystal Springs.

## OUR DEATH RECORD.

Their Life Work Closed with the Passing Year. The Aged and the Young.

KUHN.

Jessie May, daughter of William and Annie Kuhn, died at their home near Cito in Ayr township, Tuesday, December 26, 1905, aged 5 years, 10 months, and 5 days. Interment in cemetery at McConnellsdale church.

SEIDERS.

Alvey G., son of George M. and Ellie M. Seiders, died at their home at Cito, December 30, 1905, aged 9 years, 9 months and 22 days. Funeral on Sunday and interment in Union Cemetery.

GORDON.

At her home in Pigeon Cove, on Wednesday, the 21st of December, the spirit of Miss Jane Gordon took its flight, and there is a vacant chair now in the home in which she lived so long. Interment was made in the cemetery at the Tonoeway Baptist church on the Friday following.

Miss Gordon was a representative of one of the oldest and most influential families in the township. Her age was about 77 years, and she is survived by one brother, Wm. P. Gordon, Esq., of Warfordsburg, and two sisters, Rebecca, at the old home, and Kate, Mrs. Ott, of Bedford county.

MELLOTT.

Miss Jane Mellott died at the home of her father, William Mellott, in Bethel township, on Sunday, the 24th day of December, and the funeral took place on the following Tuesday, Rev. W. H. Heudershot officiating, and her remains were laid to rest in the little cemetery at Cedar Grove church.

Miss Mellott was aged about thirty years, and kept house for her father since the death of her mother, which occurred about a year ago. Her death was a shock to her many friends as she had been sick only about a week. Of a most generous and sympathetic disposition, she was always ready to do what she could to help care for the sick of her neighborhood, and she will be greatly missed.

FISHER.

Matilda Ann Fisher, relict of John H. Fisher, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martha A. Palmer, in Pigeon Cove, Bethel township, Monday December 25, 1905, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Warfordsburg Presbyterian church the following Wednesday morning, when services were conducted by the Rev. Calvin L. Funk.

Mrs. Fisher's maiden name was Weldon. She was born in Ireland June 18, 1828, hence was aged seventy-seven years, six months and seven days. At the age of fourteen, Mrs. Fisher, with her father, mother, two sisters and two brothers, came to Philadelphia, where Mrs. Fisher and her sister Eliza remained several years, and afterward she came to Bethel township where she met her future husband John H. Fisher.

Her father and mother, with the other sister and brothers, went to Orleans, near Hancock, and from there made their homes in different parts of Fulton county.

Mrs. Fisher was a member of the Tonoeway Baptist church, and lived such a Christian life that it would be well for many young people to try to walk in the same Christian path that she did.

Mrs. Fisher is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Rachel J. Boeth, of Timber Ridge, and Mrs. Martha A. Palmer, of Pigeon Cove; also, one sister, Mrs. Isabel Barney, of Buck Valley.

FOR SALE—Two Spring Wagons, one two horse Wagon, and a Moving Picture Apparatus.

DAVID BURMAN,

Eldersville, Pa.

## ELECTED CASHIER.

Walter Hoover, a Former McConnellsburg Boy, Enters New Position.

Walter R. Hoover, son of the late Samuel Hoover, formerly of this place, was recently elected cashier of the American Exchange bank of Superior, Wis., and entered upon the discharge of his new duties, Monday.

Of Mr. Hoover, a recent issue of a Superior newspaper has this to say:

"The newly elected cashier, although a young man, is one of the old residents of the city, having come to Superior in 1888. During his residence in this city Mr. Hoover has been one of its leading business men and has had several years experience in the banking business, which eminently qualifies him for the position he is about to take up. From 1888 until 1892, Mr. Hoover was engaged in the real estate business. At the close of the latter year he accepted the cashiership of the Bank of Iron River at Iron River, Wis.

"He had charge of the Iron River bank until 1897, when he resigned to come to Superior to form the Standard Grain company. For two years the company did a thriving grain business on the board of trade under the management of Mr. Hoover. He later withdrew from the company and engaged in the land business, since which time he has consummated a number of large deals in Douglass and adjoining counties. Some three months ago he became connected with the Grand Republic Elevator company and at the present time holds a responsible position with that concern."

Walter's many McConnellsburg friends extend congratulations. In this connection it may not be forgotten that J. Cal Hoke, another McConnellsburger, is cashier of a bank at Merrill, Iowa.

## THIS COUNTRY'S SCHOOL ARMY.

Half A Million Teachers Are Employed.

Including the common schools and the higher institutions of learning, there are now more than eighteen and one-half millions of pupils enrolled throughout the United States. This is virtually half the population of France and more than that of Holland, Belgium and Denmark combined. Not far from half a million teachers are employed as the instructors of this vast army.

Such a showing is one which is likely to inspire the average American with patriotic pride, knowing as he does that it can be equalled in its numerical array by no other country on the face of the globe. Yet, with all the progress that has been scored and all the money that has been expended, it is well to remember that there is still an unpleasant proportion of illiteracy in the Republic. This is by no means confined to the negroes. In the Appalachian mountain region there are several million whites among which ignorance, as measured by the text-book standard, largely predominates. Scattered throughout the south there are multitudes more of the same general type who had little acquaintance with the teacher in their youth and whose children are probably not faring much better. In some of the big cities and the more remote regions of the north, men and women who can not write their names or read a newspaper or book printed in English are far from infrequent.

The common school and collegiate system of the United States is indeed a gigantic organization. In spite of its defects it is doing, and has done, an indispensable work. But it would be contrary to the facts to assume that it is yet as comprehensive as it should be in a nation where the children of to-day will rule with the fathers in their hands to-morrow.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

## NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Write it 1906.

Rev. S. J. Pittenger of Harrisville, was a McConnellsburg visitor Saturday.

There will be preaching in Greenhill Presbyterian church next Sabbath, at 10:30 a. m.

Miss Winifred Metzler of Harrisonville, was among the shoppers in town last Wednesday.

Denton Everts of Sharpe, spent Friday at the County Seat on business.

Aaron Steele of this place, was called to Mattie, Bedford county, Thursday by the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Steele.

Miss Barbara Martin, of the Lock Haven State Normal School, spent the holidays with her parents, C. Martin and wife, in the Cove.

Miss Sadie Hann came over from Chambersburg last Saturday to spend New Years with her mother, Mrs. Anna Hann, at Salvia.

Miss Goldie Morgret of Berkeley Springs, a West Virginia teacher, spent last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Lantz, of this place.

W. H. Baumgardner, Esq., of Wells Tannery, was at the County Seat attending to business last Friday evening and Saturday morning.

G. Mac Laidig and Berkeley Sipes, two of Taylor's representative citizens, were business callers at this office while in town last Wednesday.

Mr. D. L. Kirk of Taylor township, spent a few days during the past week in the home of his brother, Hon. S. W. Kirk of this place.

Reuben Wible, one of Lacking Creek township's progressive farmers, has rented a farm near Chambersburg, and will move his family to that place next spring.

Sheriff James G. Alexander and David Maloy spent Thursday in the vicinity of Harrisonville, where the sheriff purchased a fine driving horse to replace the one sold to Archie Johnston last Monday.

Mrs. L. H. Wible and sons, Oram and Hollis, spent the time from Thursday until Monday very pleasantly visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stewart at Green Hill.

Mark Lodge and his brother Charles, of Brush Creek valley, were guests in the home of their sister, Mrs. S. W. Kirk, last Saturday and Sunday. Charlie is a student at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., and returned to school on Tuesday.

Comrade John W. Hoop of Harrisonville, who had been seriously ill the past few weeks, was able to be brought to town Saturday where he seemed to be happy to greet his many friends. May your shadow never grow long, Wesley.

Dr. Albert S. Stevens, a former Taylor township boy, became a prominent physician in Hancock, Iowa, last week showed his appreciation of the Fulton County News by paying a year's subscription for which he was in arrears, and adding cash enough to run it ahead to 1910. Thanks, Doctor. "May you live long, and prosper."

Early New Year's morning our townsman Jacob Rotz, came into the News office and planked down a silver dollar to run his "News" to January 1, 1907. In looking back over our cash book, we find that for several years, Mr. Rotz has paid the first Sunday issue of the News office in the year past.

Miss Katherine Metzler, of