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## TAKE OFFICES IN MAY

What Compliance With Law the Justices of the Peace and Constables Must Make.

### PORTION OF THE ACT IS QUOTED.

When constables, school directors, justices of the peace and other officers elected at the election on February 20th, in the various boroughs, townships and town wards of the county district take their oaths of office, the majority of them will take a three-years term. However, where a man was elected for a shorter term, it was so stated on the ballots.

There is no notable exception to the three-year term of office. Justices of the peace hold office for five years. They do not enter upon the duties of their offices until the first Monday in May. But it is their duty to file with the prothonotary of the county a statement of their acceptance of the office, with the name of the justice whom they succeed, whether themselves or others, with the cause of vacancy. The prothonotary certifies the same under his seal of office to the secretary of the commonwealth. The governor issues the commission to the person who appears to be duly elected for the term of five years, computed from the first Monday in May. If a justice elected fails to signify his acceptance to the commonwealth, he cannot exercise the duties of his office. No commission is sent to him and he can only acquire one by petitioning the governor to appoint him. His acceptance must be filed within sixty days after his election.

His commission, when issued, like that of a notary public, is sent to the recorder of deeds, who places it on record and notifies the justice-elect that his commission is awaiting his calling and and paying the proper fees. The oath of office is administered by the recorder. The law also requires every justice of the peace to provide himself with a seal which he must impress upon all official documents. He must also provide himself with proper dockets in which to enter legal proceedings that may be begun before him.

It is the duty of the constables-elect to appear on the first day of the next quarter sessions after their election and accept or decline the office. Neglect or refusal to perform this duty subjects them to a forfeit of \$40 to the township or borough where they were elected. If one fails to give bond court will declare the office vacant and appoint some other person to fill it.

School directors-elect enter upon their duties on the first Monday in June, which is a wise provision as it permits their predecessors to serve until the school year is almost concluded and brings the new directors into office in time to shape their plans for the ensuing year. This is the only local office to which women are eligible in this state.

The tax collector is an important officer. As every one knows it is the tax collector's duty to collect the taxes in the townships. He must give bond to be approved by court and renew it each successive year he is in office.

The following is a portion of the act of 1895, relating to tax collectors:

"Section 1. That tax collectors of townships and boroughs of the commonwealth furnish each person, on the payment of taxes, with a numbered receipt, setting out date, name of taxpayer, amount of tax and district in which taxpayer is assessed from a book to be furnished by the county commissioners, containing a stub, that on the stub a memorandum shall be made in ink of the number of the receipt, the date, name of taxpayer, amount of tax and district in which the taxpayer is assessed.

"Section 2. That 20 days be-

## LETTER FROM OHIO.

Written by Mr. John S. Hull, of Mansfield, for the Fulton County News.

DEAR EDITOR:—Find enclosed one dollar (\$1.00) to pay for the "News," another year. The News is a welcome visitor to my home every Friday. It seems I can't do without the paper. It gives the news of old Fulton where I was born and raised. It is like a letter every week.

Perhaps the people in old Fulton would like to know where and what kind of a place and city I live in. I will give a few of the principal things that go to make this city a splendid place for persons wishing to come West to stop off at Mansfield, Ohio. I have lived around and in this city for twenty-six years and I have been in other states and cities and I do think that Mansfield, which is the county seat of Richland county, is as flourishing a city as I have ever seen. It has a population of 20,000. The county is the wealthiest county in Northern Ohio. It has an active chamber of commerce, committees on new industries; fifty acres with superior railroad facilities for manufacturing sites, on reasonable terms. Numerous large industrial establishments for wage earners; four trunk line railroads, the Pennsylvania, Erie, B. & O., and Big Four.

Within twenty-five miles of the coal fields, via, two lines of railway. The center for interurban electric railways of northern Ohio, 85 miles of streets paved with brick and asphalt. Artesian well water works, ample for factory, fire, and domestic purposes, complete sewage disposal and garbage crematory plant; ten modern school buildings, and one hundred teachers; Memorial Library, twenty-one churches, five edifices; Opera House; Y. M. C. A., and Y. W. C. A.; city paid Fire Department, three stations; stone quarries, shell and clay, natural gas and electric lights. Railroad sidings for 5,000 cars. Oil and gas wells within 12 miles of the city. One well that was put down this winter provides 350 barrels every 24 hours. It is claimed to be the best oil well in the world.

If you consider this to be interesting to the readers of the News, you may insert it in the columns of your paper.

## Tables of Measures.

The following is a table by which persons not having scales and weights at hand may readily measure the articles wanted to form any recipe without weighing. Make some allowance for any extraordinary dryness or moisture of the articles weighed or measured: Wheat flour, one quart is one pound; Indian meal, one quart is one pound two ounces; butter, when soft, one quart is one pound; loaf sugar, broken, one quart is one pound; white sugar, powdered, one quart is one pound one ounce; best brown sugar, one quart is one pound two ounces. Ten eggs make one pound. A common tumbler holds half a pint; a tea cup holds one gill, or one-fourth of a pint. Sixty drops equal one teaspoonful.

For each election the tax collector of townships and boroughs shall send a sheet to the office of the county commissioners containing the number of each receipt issued, date of payment, name of taxpayer, amount of tax and district in which taxpayer is assessed for the period since last report. The first report shall be for taxes received on and after June first, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-five.

"Section 3. The commissioners are hereby directed to have such reports of tax payers bound and kept for public inspection.

"Section 5. Any tax collector failing to comply with the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor to be fined not more than two hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court."

## REFUSED TO BE VACCINATED.

Teacher for Three Months Sits Alone With All the Desks Empty.

Although the fight against the State vaccination law has been bitterly waged against the Health Department in nearly all of the rural school districts, it is probable that the present situation at Birdsboro, Berks county, is without precedent in the history of the State's public schools.

Nearly three months ago Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, sent a letter to W. Walter Kessler, teacher of a Birdsboro public school, ordering him to see that the pupils in his school complied with the State vaccination law after December 4. From that time on until New Year, Mr. Kessler spent each day alone in the school house. January 2 a lone little girl, Edith Rathje, put in an appearance. She exhibited her vaccination certificate, and for a week Mr. Kessler had one pupil. The following Monday morning, however, he found himself deserted. The little girl felt so lonely in the schoolhouse that she begged her parents to allow her to remain at home. She was sent to the Freemansville school.

Each morning Mr. Kessler proceeds to his school house, dusts off the desks and gets ready to open school, but each time he is disappointed, and is doomed to spend the day by himself. At noon he eats his lunch in solitude, and at 4 o'clock he closes the shutters and goes to his home.

The school house is a one-story sandstone building. It stands on an elevation, and from the windows is afforded a fine view of broad acres of splendid farming land, sloping in every direction. The interior is scrupulously clean, and the teacher declared that it did not require much of an effort to keep it so.

## HORRIBLY BURNED.

Woman Used Gasoline to Start a Fire With Fatal Results.

Mercersburg, Mar. 2.—Miss Emma Bender, a domestic servant employed by the family of I. E. Hoffman, tenants of the Seth Dickey farm two miles north of here, is at the point of death with most horrible burns accidentally inflicted.

About 6 this morning Miss Bender went to the kitchen of the farm house to get the breakfast. The fire was slow starting and she took what she thought was the kerosene can and poured some of the fluid on the backward blazes. The can happened to contain gasoline and there was instantly a terrific explosion. The flames embraced the young woman and in a twinkling her clothing were a mass of flames. She shrieked with pain and fright and tried to tear off the clothing. William Bivens, one of the men employed on the farm, heard her screams and running into the kitchen, helped to tear off the burning dress and extinguish the fire.

Miss Bender was burned over fully three quarters of her body and it is not thought she can recover. Mr. Bivens had his hands badly burned, his hair and mustache burned off and his arms blistered. The house did not catch fire.

Miss Bender died on Wednesday.

## Change of Proprietors.

Last week Benj. Wilds, who has been the proprietor of the "Eagle" hotel at Fort Littleton for the past year, sold the goodwill, etc., to Mr. Miller Jones, of Franklin County.

## Hand Burned.

Wm. Baumgardner, janitor of the Presbyterian church in this place, was so unfortunate as to have his right hand and wrist badly burned by the flames from the coal fire which he was striking burst out of the door, catching him on the arm and wrist making a painful burn.

## SMOOTH GAME WARDEN.

Dr. Kalbfus Says Charles Husler Turned In False Accounts.

Information was made February 21 by State Game Commissioner Joseph Kalbfus, before Alderman Hoverter that Charles Husler, a game warden living at Hay's Grove, by submitting false reports of his monthly expenses, had obtained money and property belonging to the State. It is further alleged that he made reports stating that he had gone to certain places in the interest of the State Game Commission, and contracted hotel and other bills, and according to sworn statements it was found that he had not been near the places.

He was committed to the Dauphin county jail by Alderman Hoverter on the charge of false pretense in default of \$1,000 bail, for the next term of court. When asked this morning what he had to say, he replied that he had reports in detail that would prove that he had charged for only that to which he is entitled.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

The subject of the above notice is the warden, who last fall, had Henry Miller and Baldwin Fraker, of Dublin township, arrested for an alleged infringement of the game laws by calling turkeys with a caller, as told in the News at the time. He also had Robert Downs arrested later for shooting robins, and failed to appear at the hearing, throwing the county into the costs.

## Annual Banquet of I. O. O. F.

The banquet given by the McConnellsburg Lodge, I. O. O. F., on last Friday evening, at the Washington House was one of the high tides in the calendar of the organization and a most enjoyable affair. During the evening the body held its regular meeting and increased its roll of members by the initiation of two of our most reliable young men into the Order. At 9 o'clock, when the supper was announced, the parlors of the Washington House were filled with members of the McConnellsburg Lodge, visitors from nearby lodges, and invited friends to the number of sixty or more. On reaching the dining room the tables decorated with stately ferns and blooming plants appealed to the sight as well as to the palate. A very abundant and elaborate menu had been prepared by Mrs. S. B. Woollet and her capable corps of assistants, and was promptly served by Robert Smith, head of the dining room service. The menu consisted of oysters, roast turkey, cold ham, celery, cranberries, salads, all reasonable and unseasonable vegetables, coffee, ice-cream and cake.

Before eating, but while seated at the table, all present joined in the unique but most impressive ceremony of the singing of an ode and in prayer led by the chaplain, Henry Comer.

Prof. Chas. E. Barton was toastmaster, and played his part with easy grace. After welcoming all present to the board of the Lodge, he introduced B. C. Lamberson, who referred to the high ideals of Odd-fellowship, in response to the toast, "What Odd Fellowship stands for." The next speaker, Rev. J. V. Adams, responded to the toast, "The Relation between the Lodge and the Church of Christ. Some of the ideas expressed were—Both stand for the elevation and common brotherhood of men—one is of Divine origin, one is of man. No hostility should exist between the two; the good Christian makes a good Odd-fellow, and all Odd-fellows should be good Christians.

The next toast, "Our Motto: what does it mean?" to which Dr. A. D. Dalbey very ably responded, was an explanation of the principles of "Friendship, Love and Truth."

At eleven o'clock, the guests rose from the tables, pleading guilty to the sin of self-indulgence, but under many obligations to their entertainers, the Lodge of I. O. O. F., of McConnellsburg for an excellent supper, and a thoroughly enjoyable and profitable evening.

## COMPENSATION OF SUPERVISORS.

Attorney General Decides That They Can Receive Expenses.

Attorney General Carson has rendered an opinion concerning the new road law which is of interest to the officials of every township in Fulton county.

The Attorney General holds that the Supervisors under the new law may allow themselves necessary expenses, such as meals, horse feeds, etc. The opinion also asserts that the new law does not prohibit the Supervisors from working out their own road tax with pick and shovel in those townships where the system is in vogue. The Attorney General says:

"As the statute is silent on the question of compensation, I am forced to the conclusion that the Legislature did not intend that the Supervisors elected in accordance with the provisions of this act should receive any compensation whatever."

The opinion continues with an explanation that "necessary expenses" mentioned in the act would include traveling expenses, cost of meals, horse feed and such other compensation of any kind for the time spent by the supervisors in the discharge of their duties.

The Attorney General advances the belief that a supervisor may work out his road tax under the word tax system, for the reason that while he cannot receive compensation for his official services it would be unfair to put him in a worse position than any of his neighbors simply because he holds office. Though he cannot profit by his official position, he ought not to lose any of his rights as a taxpayer by reason thereof.

If a township abolished a work tax by a vote at the February election it will be entitled to receive the 15 per centum of the amount of road tax collected in said township for that year. This 15 per centum cannot be paid however by the highway commissioner until he has received the necessary report which cannot be furnished him before the succeeding year because the law contemplates that the commissioner of highways shall have at hand the report as provided for before he shall draw his warrant but the preparatory step must have been taken at the February election to entitle the township to the State aid for that year.

Another interesting part of the opinion is that no member of the board of Supervisors should act or be employed as road master for any district for the reason that the compensation would be fixed by himself and his colleagues on the board and this would be a direct violation of the spirit if not the exact letter of the law and in case he should insist upon doing this work he is entitled to compensation for the same.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

Dr. Schaeffer Gives Figures As To Education In This State.

Harrisburg, Feb. 27.—The annual report of Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, now in the hands of the state printer, shows that there are 2561 school districts in the state, outside of Philadelphia, and 31,319 schools. The number of township high schools is 197. There are 8028 men teachers and 24,324 women teachers. The average monthly salary of the men is \$51.81; of the women, \$39.14.

The number of pupils outside of Philadelphia is 1,209,908. Total amount paid 11 teachers' wages was \$14,142,470.84; for textbooks, \$703,771.63; for all other school supplies, \$700,777.83. Appropriation for free tuition of pupils in state normal schools was \$237,500. Total cost of schools last year, as met by state, county and city was \$28,565,457.15.

The scale of wages for women teachers shows an average increase of \$3.40 per month; for men, \$2.69 per month.

## A WONDERFUL HOSPITAL.

Most Self-Contained Institution of Its Kind in the World.

According to the London Express, Dr. Ott, the Marienbad physician of King Edward, upon a recent visit to the London Hospital, declared that, although not so large as Vienna's largest hospital, it was the most wonderfully equipped institution of the kind he had ever seen.

The feature which most impressed Dr. Ott was the fact that the London is the most self-contained hospital in the world. After occupying nearly nine years and involving an expenditure of almost half a million pounds, the rebuilding of the hospital is now complete.

The reconstruction was begun in 1897 on a promise of £5,000 a year from the King's Hospital Fund if the trustees would spend £100,000 on improvements. A total of £410,000 has been actually disbursed, and as there is only about £10,000 more to be paid out, the London Hospital starts on its new career almost free from debt.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the alterations is the fact that not one of 933 beds has been closed during the reconstruction. Last Tuesday 1,660 outpatients were received in the new department. The record number is 1,666. These figures do not include such cases as cuts, abrasions, and minor accidents, which are treated in the casualty ward.

The new Nurses' Home accommodates 273 women. One thousand dinners are daily served from the remodeled kitchen to patients and porters alone. If the meal is more than three minutes late the kitchen staff are severely reprimanded. The equipment of the new kitchen cost £2,300.

There are now no fewer than thirteen Finsen lamps, one of which was supplied by Queen Alexandra, and the "Ray" department is the best equipped in the world. There are thirteen operating theatres, and an elaborate electrical plant, which manufactures every kind of medicine, ointment, pills and even lozenges on the premises. Everything, in fact, is made in the building with the exception of electric light, which is supplied on very generous terms by the Borough of Stepney.

## Drugged Out Corpse for a "Drunk."

James Adams, assistant to O. J. Hottel, B. & O. Agent, at Hancock Station, had a rather strange experience on Sunday morning in the waiting-room of the depot. Before returning home on Saturday night Jimmy had put everything in order for the following day but upon his arrival at the station Sunday morning the first thing to catch his attention was what Mr. Adams termed a "drunk" in the person of Barney Waters, stretched out on one of the seats near the stove. Without endeavoring to arouse his unwelcome guest, Jimmy proceeded to "yank" him out on the platform, thinking that the man was greatly in need of fresh air. Several bystanders, who, no doubt, had been dissipating with their friend during the night, came to the man's assistance, only to discover that what Mr. Adams thought to be a "drunk" was indeed a corpse. The man had been dead for several hours. His remains were taken in charge by friends. The deceased was unmarried and resided in West Virginia.—Hancock Advocate.

## Wedding.

At the Queen City Hotel, at Cumberland, Md., on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1906, Mr. William Hitchens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Hitchens, of Defiance, Bedford county, Pa., and Miss Annie R. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas, of this place, were united in marriage by the officiating minister of the Methodist church at that place.

## 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

Mrs. Rebecca Orth, of Fort Littleton, has been in ill health for some time.

Miss Clara Snyder, of Tod township, left this place last Wednesday for Sallito, where she has employment.

James A. Stewart, proprietor of the Green Hill house, spent last Wednesday in this place on business.

Miss Emma Lisle, of Ft. Littleton, spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of Miss Gertrude Sipes, North Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Karns, of Everett, spent several days visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity last week.

Robert Metzler of Harrisonville left last week for Philadelphia. He will be employed in his brother Claud's drug store for some time, and possibly take up the study of Pharmacy. Success to Robert.

Prothonotary Geo. A. Harris received a telegram on Wednesday announcing the death of his brother, J. Orvil Harris, at Fresno, California, on Tuesday. No particulars have been received.

W. F. Hart, of Needmore, received a telegram from Big Timber, Mont., on last Friday, informing him of the death of his sister, Mrs. Lib Sharpe. We hope to give a more extended notice next week.

Our citizens were startled on Monday night, by the sad news, that Mr. J. Geo. Tritle had died suddenly. As is known Mr. Tritle had a paralytic stroke several months ago, and from that time has been in poor health. On Monday evening, while talking to his pastor, Rev. A. G. Wolf, he had another stroke, and immediately expired. We will give a sketch of his life next week. Funeral to-day. Interment in Union cemetery.

## CLEAR RIDGE.

Benj. F. Wilds and Miller Jones, of Fort Littleton, were in this place on business Saturday.

At this time there is quite a great deal of sickness in this community. George Myers' family is quarantined; two of the youngest children have scarlet fever.

Luther Grove and Taylor Ramsey have removed their goods from the Huston store room, and the room is now ready for the new merchant, Charles Stevens, the 1st of April.

A wood chopper arrived at the home of Harry W. Wible, on Saturday.

James M. Brown is home from Altoona on a vacation.

James Deavor's left last Friday for Salisbury, Md., where he and Jesse Grove have rented a farm, and will try farming the coming summer.

Nora Heeter is spending some time in Altoona.

Mr. Motzer, a pianotuner, from Altoona, spent a few days at the Mowers House.

Word was received by John Woodcock, of the death of his brother, Amos Woodcock, at Salisbury, Md. He was raised here, and his death was a shock to many of his old acquaintances.

Mrs. Katharine Baker, who is affected with a paralytic stroke, is no better.

Mrs. Genetta Henry spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ephraim Need.

Misses Ella Huston and Vera Fleming returned to their homes at Sallito on Thursday.

Mayme Fields and Ada Fleming spent Sunday with Jess Henry.

Mabel Abbott visited some of her relatives at Sallito, on Sunday.

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