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THE VACCINATION LAW.

Front Teachers, Patrons and School Officials, as Schools are About to Open.

OPEN LETTER FROM SUPT. BARTON.

To the School Directors, Teachers and Patrons of the Schools of Fulton County:

Shortly after the opening of our schools a year ago, we were confronted by the ruling of Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner of Pennsylvania, directing that the vaccination law should be rigidly enforced throughout the State.

Our county, like many others, did not comply with the law for two reasons: first, because the schools had already begun, and an enforcement of the law would necessarily have meant a break in the attendance; and, second, because the cold and brittle weather was here and parents hesitated to have their children vaccinated for fear of colds and such disorders as are incident to winter weather, thus making the vaccination doubly hard.

The question now arises what shall we do in the matter for the coming term?

Section 12 of the Act of June 18, 1895, provides: "That all principals or teachers in charge of schools are hereby required to refuse the admission of any child to the schools under their charge or supervision, except upon a certificate signed by a physician setting forth that such child has been successfully vaccinated, or that it has previously had smallpox."

Section 21 of the same act provides: "That any principal or teacher who fails, neglects, or refuses to comply with said act, shall upon conviction thereof be liable to a fine of not less than \$5, nor more than \$100, and in default of payment thereof shall undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed sixty days."

Whether the law meets with our approval or not, or whether it be wise, ruling or not, it is nevertheless a part of the statutes of our State, and we cannot question its justice. It has been sustained by the Courts, and we, as school officials, and as patrons and citizens of the commonwealth, must either obey or be prepared to suffer the penalties of its violation.

The law makes the teacher wholly responsible for the observance or the violation of the same—it is the teacher only who is made to suffer where the law is not complied with; and, while the law provides that no pupil shall be admitted to the schools, who does not possess a physician's certificate, yet I feel that by judicious efforts on the part of teachers and school officials, and by the laying aside of prejudice on the part of patrons, all of our boys and girls can be brought to a fulfillment of the law without any being driven from the schools.

Where we go in advance of public sentiment or go contrary thereto, we must meet opposition; hence, my argument for wise counselling and tactful presentations of the vaccination question, by those in authority so that public sentiment may be educated to the point of cheerful observance of the law.

In three of the districts of the county, the law was observed last winter; in others, the school boards have recommended its observance this year; but whether school boards take action or not, it is up to the teachers to meet the question and handle it as they think best.

I trust that parents will give this question due and fair consideration before the opening of the schools so that no teacher may be endangered, and no pupil deprived of an education.

Respectfully
CHAS. E. BARTON.
P. S.—The question may arise, Must teachers be vaccinated?

AUGUST WEDDINGS.

The Hot Weather Has not Produced a Slump in the Matrimonial Market.

HAIRD—MELLOTT.

Last Thursday morning after breakfast, as Rev. J. C. Garland was about ready to go to work, his attention was directed to a party coming up the lane toward his house. This did not in any way alarm the preacher, for it was not an unusual thing for persons to travel that road. But this particular party, which was made up of Misses Ida and Laura Bard and their eldest brother, drove up to the gate, alighted from their conveyance, hitched their horses and went into the house. Nothing wrong about this proceeding, and Mr. Garland went into the house to have a pleasant word with his callers. They had not chatted long, however, until there was the sound of approaching vehicles, and when the Reverend went to the door he noticed two buggies—the first containing Mr. Virgil B. Bard and Miss Mollie Mellett, and the other, Michael W. Mellett and a western woman. This party, also, stopped and came into the house. The pastor now began to think that there was "something up," but he did not have to wait long to have his curiosity relieved, for Mr. Virgil produced certain papers that had been executed under the seal of Prothonotary Harris at McConnellsburg, and in less time than it takes to read this yarn, Mr. Virgil B. Bard and Miss Mollie Mellett were standing with right hands joined, listening to the ceremony that made them legal husband and wife.

After the ceremony was over, and congratulations had been extended, the bridal couple started to spend a day or two with the groom's sister, Mrs. Louis McIlroy, at Yellow Creek, in Bedford county. The other folks went back to their respective homes.

KELSO—MOCK.

On Wednesday afternoon, August 14th, of last week, at 2 o'clock Mr. Curtis Kelso, and Miss Alice Mock, both of Knobsville, were married at the office of Rev. Mark G. Holtzman, pastor of the U. B. church at Hustontown, Pa.

We sincerely hope this young couple may be abundantly blessed with health, prosperity, and a pleasant and profitable journey through life together.

MCGEEHE—FINLEY.

On Wednesday, August 15, 1906, at the Washington House, Chambersburg, Mr. Roy McGeehe, son of Chas. McGeehe and wife, of Burnt Cabins, was united in marriage to Miss Grace Finley, daughter of J. D. Finley, of Decorum, Huntingdon county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Geo. M. Glenn, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

SOUDERS—GREGORY.

Edward Souders, son of Andrew Souders, of Thompson township, and Miss Olive Gregory, daughter of Mrs. Mary Gregory of the same township, were married at Needmore by the Rev. A. G. B. Powers, on Wednesday evening of last week.

CARBAUGH—MELLOTT.

On Monday the 6th inst., at the Lutheran parsonage in this place, Rev. A. G. Wolf united in marriage Mr. John A. Carbaugh, son of John S. Carbaugh, and Miss Osa Mellett, daughter of Nathaniel Mellett.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. McMillan and their little son Master William, Jr., accompanied by Miss Mamie Jones, of Philadelphia, spent Tuesday night at the Fulton House, on their return to their home in Meyersdale, Pa. The Doctor and his family have been out on a three weeks' automobile tour, visiting Gettysburg, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

answer yes; the County Superintendent and teachers must as necessarily be vaccinated as the pupils.

THE WEATHER MAN.

How He Forecasts Atmospheric Conditions With Much Precision.

What the weather man bases his forecasts on, how he is able to tell hours before and the kind of weather a certain place will have, and the reason why his forecasts often prove to be correct, make up a story of which the general public knows but little.

In the first case forecasts are based on barometric readings, a low barometer indicating a storm, a high barometer the contrary. Nearly every one knows this, but comparatively few people know that in this country all storms, with but one exception move in one direction, and this is true, no matter what the direction of the wind may be.

In the United States the general direction of the motion of all storms is from west to east, but they may take any easterly course—that is, northeast, east or southeast—and it is these variations from the regular course that so often upset the weather man's predictions. A storm, therefore, being reported as raging in any locality they in charge of the weather bureau, assuming that it will take the regular course, predict similar conditions for points of that in which the storm is reported as existing. Often his predictions will come true but frequently the storm will switch its course to some other easterly direction, and then, to use common parlance, he is up against it.

To this rule that all storms in the United States move in one direction there is but one exception. This is another class of storm sometimes affecting the country which are called subtropical cyclones which first move toward the northwest, but about latitude thirty degrees north, curve around toward the northeast and move in the same direction as ordinary storms.

The winds circulate around these storms in a spiral inward course in the opposite direction to the movements of the hands of a watch. Therefore, if a storm passes north of a place the winds will first be southeast, east or northeast with warm, cloudy or rainy weather, and will then shift to northwest, with clearing skies, but if the storm passes south of a station the wind will shift from northeast through north to northwest, and the weather will remain cold, at first rainy, while the wind is northeast, then clearing as it shifts to northwest.

The area of cloud and rain accompanying storms is most extended on the east side, often covering hundreds of miles in advance of the storm centre; while on the west side the clouds rapidly break, showing clear sky. The storm centre is the region where the barometric pressure is lowest. Usually the barometer reads about 30 inches; if it is found to read below 30 (29.5 inches) it is an indication that a storm is present. The lower the barometer, the higher will be the winds, the more severe the storm—and the heavier will be the rainfall.

An interesting feature in connection with the fact that storms along the east Atlantic coast move from the southwest toward the northwest, is that the direction of the storms in that region was first discovered by Benjamin Franklin in 1750. On one occasion Franklin, who lived in Philadelphia, wished to take observations of a total eclipse of the moon; he made arrangements with a brother living in Boston to take simultaneous observations there. But a few hours before the time of the eclipse a severe northeast storm with rain set in at Philadelphia, which spoiled Franklin's view of the eclipse. As the wind and rain came from the northeast Franklin supposed, of course, that the storm came from the northeast, and that it must also have spoiled the view of the eclipse at Boston, but he was surprised to hear later that

ON WHOOPING COUGH.

Health Department to Post Warning of the Disease's Presence, Gives Instructions How to Prevent Spread of the Disease.

DR. DIXON TO BEGIN CRUSADE.

State Health Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon is after whooping cough. By seeing to it that the proper precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease and by educating the people to the necessity of such precautions, he expects to materially reduce the number of cases of this disease which annually causes the death of so many infants and small children in Pennsylvania.

An innovation which State Health Commissioner Dixon will introduce will be the placarding of houses in which a case of whooping cough exists. The placard will state, "All persons are notified of the presence of this disease and are warned of the danger of visiting or coming in contact with those sick with it."

In the circular of rules to be observed in the care and management of cases of whooping cough, Dr. Dixon, after warning persons of the fatal results of whooping cough and its associate complications, instructs that children with whooping cough must be prevented from coming in contact with other children as long as the disease lasts.

Special precautions must be taken to prevent the spread of this disease among the school children, and, therefore, children suffering from whooping cough must be excluded from school during illness, and the children in the infected household must be excluded until it is demonstrated that they have not contracted the disease.

Whooping cough is communicated direct from the sick to the well through the breath—especially during the act of coughing. However, there is good reason to believe that the poison may be harbored about the rooms and clothing, and for this reason Health Commissioner Dixon calls attention to the necessity of proper disinfection.

All bed and body clothing, including handkerchiefs, towels, napkins, cloths, etc., used for the collection of discharges from the mouth and nose of the patient, should be disinfected before being taken from the sick room. For this purpose he suggests a disinfectant made by dissolving one-fourth of a pound of chlorinated lime (bleaching powder) in eight gallons of water, and allowing such articles to remain in the solution at least three hours before being washed.

Eating utensils should be scalded and remnants of food destroyed by burning.

When in the opinion of the attending physician a recovery has taken place, the patient should be given a bath and be provided with fresh clothing.

Following the recovery, deodorization of the patient, the sick room and its contents should be disinfected.

Mrs. W. L. Sloan and baby Elizabeth, left this place on Monday for their home in Buffalo, N. Y., after having spent four weeks pleasantly among friends and relatives here.

the sky had remained clear at Boston until some hours after the eclipse. Franklin investigated the matter in the only way then possible—by correspondence with friends—and found that the rain and northeast winds had begun at Washington before they reached Philadelphia and did not reach Boston until many hours later. From this he concluded that the storms move from southwest to east and that the winds work their way backward.

SEPTEMBER 5th LAST DAY.

Voters Must Pay Tax One Month Before Election.

If voters have not paid a state or county tax within two years next preceding the sixth day of November next, they should call upon the assessor for their proper district and have themselves assessed on their occupation so that they may qualify themselves to vote. They should do this not later than WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5—two months before the election. The payment of a tax to qualify as a voter must be made ONE MONTH BEFORE THE ELECTION, or not later than Saturday, October 6. Under the "Corrupt Practice Act," no tax can be paid for the voter by a political party, candidate or any individual, nor can a tax receipt be given a voter as a gift. The penalty for violation of this law is fine and imprisonment.

A Terrific Storm.

Just after the turn of midnight on Sunday morning a terrific thunderstorm broke over this region. All evening sheet lightning played about the skies but it was late before the storm began to gather in over us and the storm did not break until about 12:30. It was one of the most terrific and awe-inspiring we have ever experienced, because of the electrical phenomena. Peal after peal, rolls, roars, crashes, long continued rumbles of thunder were heard in quick succession for nearly an hour and vivid bolts of lightning came crashing earthward while the rain descended in torrents.

We have heard of no damage in this county, but in Franklin county a number of buildings were struck by lightning.

On the farm of the estate of Andrew Shelly, near Gipe's School, between Upton and Leannaster, the large bank barn was struck and set fire to and burned to the ground. The crops just harvested, machinery and a number of vehicles were destroyed. The insurance was in the Friendship Mutual Company for \$1,500.

A thousand bushels of wheat, lot of hay and corn, wagons and sleighs went up in smoke. George Robertson, of St. Thomas, saved the three horses, which were in the barn. He was returning with the St. Thomas Band from a festival in Mercersburg.

The large barn on the farm of George Coldsmith, near Marion, about three miles west, was struck and burned down. His crops and some machinery were totally destroyed. There was considerable insurance.

CARLISLE, Aug. 20.—A most remarkable escape from lightning is that of L. J. McGregor and family, of West South street, on Saturday night. While the family slept, the house was struck by lightning and set on fire and yet no serious damage was done to the house or inmates. During the storm, which passed over Carlisle on Sunday morning at about 2 o'clock, there was a flash of lightning instantly followed by the thunder-clap. Mr. McGregor was not awakened by the shock. He is a clerk in one of the departments at Harrisburg and he just dreamed that the one end of the new Capitol had been knocked out and he was being carried over the edge. When he landed on the floor he awoke. Mrs. McGregor rolled out upon the opposite side of the bed and they surmised that something had happened. They began to search. In going into the hall Mrs. McGregor saw that the door leading to the attic was open and there was light above. They took in the situation at once and with the assistance of the boys water was dashed upon the flames and the family bucket brigade soon had the fire extinguished. Lightning had struck the roof, splintered some rafters and started a running fire of about 10 feet, but did no further damage, and although the family were sleeping within 10 feet of the fire, they had escaped unhurt.

DEATH RECORD.

Names of Those Who Have Been Recently Summoned to Their Long Home.

CATTLETT.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Cattlett, died at McConnellsburg, Pa., Sunday night, August 19, 1906. Brief funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Grove, of the United Presbyterian church, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Little, on Tuesday morning when her remains were taken to the Sideling Hill Baptist church, where concluding services were conducted by her pastor, Eld. C. L. Funk, of the Primitive Baptist church, and interment was made in the cemetery at that church.

Mrs. Cattlett was a daughter of Wm. T. Clevenger, deceased, of Sips Mill, this county, and was born, July 15, 1838. She is survived by two brothers, Aaron, of this place, and Samuel M., of Needmore; also, by the following children, namely, Mrs. Florida Brooks, of Bonner Springs, Kas.; Elizabeth, wife of P. P. Shives, of Dickey's Mountain, Pa.; Lillie May wife of J. V. K. Fisher, of Great Camp, W. Va.; Abbie, wife of D. E. Little, McConnellsburg, and Lee, in Thompson township.

The deceased was married to Mr. Basil C. Cattlett, of Frederick county, Va., in 1857, and resided most of the time since in this county. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church for many years.

JOE MANN.

Joe Mann died of general debility at his home in Warfordsburg, August 8th, 1906, aged 71 years and 3 months. He is survived by a widow and seven children, Mrs. Lillie Greer, of Martinsburg, W. Va.; Charles, of East Liverpool, Ohio; Lemuel G. and Mrs. Gussie Spotts, of Johnstown; John A., of Pittsburg, and Miss Mattie and William at home.

June 15th, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, 3rd Reg. Maryland Vol., and served until the close of the civil war. He was at the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, and was severely wounded at Chancellorsville. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church at Warfordsburg, and his remains were laid away in the cemetery at that place August 10th. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. M. Dibble, of the Hancock M. E. church. With the exception of the time spent in the military service, Mr. Mann's entire life was spent in Warfordsburg, and his neighbors and acquaintances all attest to his kindness and moral character.

MOORE.

On last Sunday afternoon, William Henry Moore, who illness has been noted in previous numbers of the News, died at his home in Licking Creek township, aged 37 years and 10 months. Interment was made in the cemetery at the Sideling Hill Christian church. The services were conducted by Revs. S. W. Foor and S. J. Pittenger.

During his last illness, Mr. Moore made a profession of religion. He was a good neighbor, a kind husband, and a loving father. A wife and four children are left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Moore was the sixth one of the children of his father to die. His death was brought about by consumption.

LADIG.

On last Sunday afternoon, George, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ladig, of Ladig, died, aged 1 month and 19 days.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. J. Pittenger. Interment in the Hustontown cemetery.

STOTTELMYER.

On Friday of last week, John S., aged 8 months and 15 days, and Etta May, aged 8 months and 17 days—children of Mr. and Mrs. Denton Stottlemeyer, of the Little Cove, Franklin county.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

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

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

S. D. Jones, of Fort Littleton, was a County Seat visitor Saturday.

G. W. Mumma and son Charles of Harrisonville, were in town last Friday.

Mrs. E. A. Largent and son Albert, of this place, spent a week with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Wilson, in Chambersburg.

W. H. Greathead, Estarino Cook and Emily Greathead, of this place, are spending the week the guests of Miss Janet Zacharias, in Chambersburg.

Mrs. Blanche Martin and Mrs. Mary Sheaffer, of Chambersburg, are spending a few days at the home of the former's father, Wm. Stoner, of this place.

Ellis Unger, of the place, was one of the number from here who went to Chambersburg to see the elephant in John Robinson's big show last Friday.

Emma Sloan, of this place, has accepted a position as teacher of one of the primary schools in the borough of West Fairview, Cumberland county.

The family of William Jennings returned to their home in Harrisburg on Monday, after having spent several weeks at the Washington House.

Josephine Runyan returned to her home Tuesday, after having spent a week very pleasantly visiting friends in Chambersburg and Sippensburg.

Miss Phania Stephens, who had been visiting in the family of J. Walker Johnston, in the Cove, left last week for her home in Great Falls, Montana.

Blanche and Bess Morton and Daisy Wink, Olive and Amos Stouteagle—all of this place, were among those who attended the Crystal Spring Camp-meeting.

K. R. Gipes, one of Licking Creek township's well known citizens, has been confined to his home the past few weeks suffering from a dangerous attack of heart trouble.

D. C. Hart, the genial assistant at Waller's Gift Store, leaves tomorrow for a two-weeks' vacation at the old homestead at Emmaville, Pa.—Camden (N. J.) Daily Courier.

Miss Blanche Barton, who holds a lucrative position as stenographer with the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia, is the guest of her brother, Supt. Chas. E. Barton, South Second street.

Miss Barbara Martin, a 1906 graduate from the Lock Haven state normal school, is visiting her parents, C. Martin and wife in the Cove. Miss Martin has been elected teacher of a school near Tyrone, Blair county.

David Malloy, a well known retired photographer of this place, left Tuesday noon for the Shoshone Indian reservation in Wyoming, lately opened to settlers, where he will locate a homestead. He will spend some time enroute with a brother (at La Port, Ind., whom he has not seen since 1865. May his venture be successful.

Rev. A. Z. Myers, of Hazleton, will deliver an illustrated lecture in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening, September 8th, at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Christ in Art." Rev. Myers is an able speaker and should be greeted by a large audience. Popular prices.

James B. Mellett, in coming from his home over on lower road through the Meadowgrounds last Friday, lost his pocketbook, containing about ninety-seven dollars. He did not miss it until he reached Amos Seville's on Trout Farm west of town. A finder will receive a liberal ward by returning it to Mr. Mellett.

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