SPELLING REFORM.

mer County Supt. of Blair County.

The opponents of the proposed The State Game Tommission is transition from the present or get their money. thography to the phonetic can be

alphabet, such as the phonograph- of \$10. ic or stenographic, must of necesperson can fail to observe the irregularity, the absurdity and whimsical caprice in our veneratwhen the origin of our language respond with our articulations and our spelling of words, says whimsical caprice." While the but of a purely phonetic system, in its entirety, he has never favormany fads and crankisms in matters of education which have been

our schools.

some of the readers of this article etc., in which the words end in that in the fourteenth century, silent e, to show that the precedplow was spelled "plowghe," ing vowel has its long sound. Less than fifty years ago the This is a famous expedient in word was spelled "plough," and deed, tike many more, equally ab if applicants for schools under the surd. But why multiply examsuperintendency when first estab ples? What individual, laying lished had spelled this word as claim to the least degree of scholwe now do, they would not have a ly attanment, does not know been licensed to teach. Thatsince | the miserable jargon found in the then we have thrown the "u" out

WANT TO TAX HUNTERS.

Raise More Revenue.

simplified orthography seem to engaged in preparing a bill, which labor under misapprehensions in will be submitted to the next lature will vote a ainst a bill to Thursday evening, after a labor regard to the subject. Let it be Legislature, compelling every appropriate a sufficient sum to lous day in court, Judge Swope clearly understood just here and sportsman in the State to pay a improve the Pittsburg and Phila. stopped to take a look at S. W. now that the simplification of orth | tax before he is permitted to hunt ography does not necessarily The tax will be one dollar, and his duty and the welfare of the jail. There is more or less buildmean phonetic spelling. A revis- will be payable to the county people living along the highway." ing material on the street in front ed orthography is one thing and treasurer who will give it to the a purely phonetic system is an- State Game Commission for ex- Joseph W. Hunter, thus express- to avoid a mud puddle, the Judge other. Herein is where many of penses. At present the Legisla- ed himself to the motorists at sprang across to a board and our adversaries are making a ture gives the commission \$10,000 Ligonier, after making a record grave mistake. It is proposed and it is expected to pay all ex- run from Bedford Springs in merely to simplify our spelling penses out of that sum. Game George E. Turner's car yesterby expunging all silent and un- wardens are paid by receiving day morning. Commissioner necessary letters, and thereby half of the fine imposed on offend. Hunter was given a practical gradually to approximate more ers, and as a consequence, are undemonstration on wretched roads nearly to a phonetic system, so der suspicion half the time of and as a memento of the trip, he that in the fullness of time the manufacturing cases in order to will carry back East with him two

made without difficulty or serious murdered, two shot at, and one is cut caused by a Somerset county now in jail at Wilkes Barre for de-Our English alphabet was not tending himself when a foreigner intended to be phonetic, nor can whom he caught shooting song er was bounced upward until his day morning he was not able to it possibly be so employed, ex- birds, resisted arrest.

cept to a very limited extent, for | The bill will provide that no the reason that we have only twen boy under 12 years of age shall ty-six letters in our alphabet, be permitted to shoot game, but

It is estimated by the commissity contain as many letters or sion that one man in every thirty characters as there are element is a sportsman and goes hunting, ary sounds in the language. But and it is argued that it is unfair this, as already intimated, is not for twenty-nine men to be comthe present purpose or design of pelled to pay for the sport of the the proposed simplified spelling. one. A tax of one deltar on each As to the necessity for many rad-sport will produce revenue enough ical changes in our barbarous to see the commission through be any question, as no intelligent fines, for then they could be paid salaries.

ed English orthography. The of the words "labor," "favor," wonder, however, is not so great "parlor," and all that class of words, yet it has not been found is fully considered. It is a mat- necessory to "reprint" the works ter of history that our alphabet of Shakespeare, Milton, Dryden, has been traced to the Phoenician or the writings of others of their alphabet, of which, says compet. day and generation. It is now ent authority, "the Hebrew is a urged simply that books hereafttype, which was modified to ex. er published may be printed in press the sounds of th Greek lan- accordance with the reform proguage, and thus became the Greek posed. As to the books now in alphabet, which, in turn, was mod our libraries, they can remain as ified to express the sounds of the they are, and be preserved as Latin language, and thus became relics of a carbarous orthography the Roman alphabet, which was of past ages. Another objection modified to express the sounds of urged by our opponents is that the Anglo Saxon language, and such changes would throw our thus became the Anglo-Saxon al- orthography and language into pnabet, which then was modified chaos and be "confusion worre to express the sounds of the Eng confounded." Now, if there is lish language, and thus became anything on earth, or anywhere the English alphabet, with all its else, more nearly resembling defects." Our letters do not cor. chaos than our present mode of spelling, it would be interesting to learn what it is. Let us here Rev. Dr. Wheedor, "cannot be present a few examples of "cormatched for irregularity and rect spelling:" If the combination d-o n-e spelisdun, then r-o n-e writer is an ardent advocate, spells run, and g-o-n-e spells gun, not only of the simplified spelling and fon e spells fun. If a u-g-h spells laf, then caugh spells calf-thus violating the dictates ed a sudden transition from the of the child's common sense at common spelling to a phonetic every step of its progress through system, nor has he, while labor. out the mazes of English orthoging along educational lines, ever raphy. Examples galore could fallen in with "every wind of doc- here be adduced if space trine," or endorsed any of the could be allowed. The truth is, in snort, that less than one hundred words of the English lanthrust upon the people and into guage are spelled as they are pronounced, or pronounced as they But this spelling reform move. are spelled. All the rest are arment is no fad, but dates back to bitrary, false, contradictory and the days of Benjamin Franklin, down-right lying. No one could and is to day supported by every or would know that dog spells stenographer in the civilized would dog if he had not been told, or and by hosts of the most emment | learned from tradition, unless the educators of the present day, as vowel o and consonant g were diwell as of many past generations, acritically marked. Nor can any It should be remembered that one tell what sound any vowel has facts, philosophy, sound reason- in any word, until he has learned ing and common sense are not how the word is pronounced-exfads. It may not be known to cept in a few cases, as in fate, late,

> ington Cit , this week, (Continued on page foor.)

HUNTER FOR THE HIGHWAY.

Article from the Pen of J. B. Holland a For Game Commission After Law That Will Ride in an Automobile Over a Rough Pike Stepped on a Wire Nail, Which Ran Correspondent Wants Legislature That Adjourned Friday Morning. "News" Results in Skinned Nose.

"If any member of the Legis

strips of court plaster across the One game warden has been bridge of his nose that cover a "water breaker." The machine struck the obstacle and Mr. Hunt-

Commissioner Hunter was taken from Bedford Springs to three of which (c, q and x) are re- any farmers' boy from 12 to 21 Chambersburg yesterday e endundant, to represent at least for may shoot on his own premises ing. Good roads were discussed ty one sounds in the English lan- without taking out a license. All and Congressman George F. Huff, guage. While a purely phonetic foreigners must pay a license fee of Greensburg, gave his expertence in building four miles of the pike, and his hurry job at making a portion of the road east of Ligonier, possible for the run. He stated that he had given this old historic pike a great deal of Justice Wible Sends Charlie Walker to attention. As an engineering feat, he said, it is not surpassed by any

minitary road in the world. Congressman Huff said con

opinion that this run and conference will bear fruit. Mr Huntposition to the project nor against a period of seven days. the Pittsburg and Philadelphia pike as a state highway.

It is also the opinion of those coming through yesterday, that orders will go out to do away with Somerset and Bedford county C. Whitfield, died at her late resi-'water breakers." There are about 80 to the mile, and they are regarded as obstructions to vehicles of all kinds.

After leaving Ligonier, Mr. Turner's machine was put out of commission by a broken spring, and the car is at the village of Kingston.

ASKED TO SKIDDOO.

Schuylkill Prohibitionists Thoroughly In- death. censed at Conduct of Swallow and Castle.

Schuylkill County Prohibitionsts, at a meeting held in Pottsville, decided to ask the Prohibition National chairman to expel from the ranks Homer L. Castle, the party's candidate for Governor in this State, and Dr. S.las C. Swallow, one of Castle's most prominent supporters. Resolu- married her. Interment was "that the Standard Oil Company and other corporations have contributed \$50,000 to Castle's campaign, and that all Castle's efforts are directed toward aiding the the earth."

lace, are away on a trip to Wash ing to take the moon back for the We are glad to state that Mrs.

ACCIDENT TO JUDGE SWOPE.

Through the Sole of his Shoe and into His Right Foot.

While taking a little walk last delphia pike, he has no regard for Kirk's new house, opposite the State Highway Commissioner of the building, and in attempting stepped squarely on a wire nail that stuck up from the board. The nail went-through the sole of his shoe and made a deep puncture in his right foot about an inch back of the toes. He went at once to his room at the Washington House, which is directly over the office of Dr. Mosser. whom he summoned. The Doctor treated the punctured foot, but the Judge suffered much pain during the night, and Frihead struck the frame of the cov- get his shoe on to go to court. As there was not a great deal of busi ness to attend to that morning, the lawyers, court officers, and those directly interested in the business, went to his room.

> He left Friday noon for his home at Gettysburg, since which time we have not heard anything of his condition.

IN THE COOP.

Jail Seven Days for Indulging in Profanity.

Charlie Walker (colored) is spending this week the guest of orthography, there ought not to with giving the wardens half the certed action should be taken to the county of Fulton, at Hotel rehabilitate the road, and, as the Alexander, one door north of the roadbed has been there for 100 Court House. Last Saturday evyears, it could be done at a reas- ening, Charlie, who it is said had a pretty comfortable jag on, was George E. Turner said that driving about the town in com-Pennsylvania can easily afford to pany of a couple of his lady spend \$4,000 a mile on the 150 friends. Passing Reisner's store miles that would have to be im at a wild-west gait, he ran into proved and the route would be Zack Vallance's buggy standing come a favorite run for motor- there, and completely demolished the vehicle. This little incident Commissioner Hunter was in opened up Charlie's safety valve, er of No. 1 school at Broadtop ull accord with the views ex. and for a few minutes he blew off City, spent a night with friends pressed. Asked what would be such a column of profanity as the best method, he said the state | made the air smell of sulphur for | No. 4 school house. should rebuild it, as under the blocks around, and when the present law, many of the interior odor reached the olfactory nerves townships could not raise suffi- of Chief of Police Roettger, he at cient taxes to pay their share of once winded his game, and was follows: N. G. Richard Alloway; the president, J. Frank Daniels, Chambers ourg. soon leading him up the hill. Those on the trip are of the When Charles was brought into Jacob S. Black; Rep. to G. L., but one, discussed the subjects er stated that he has heard no op offender, and was sent to juil for

Obitnary.

Mrs. Mary E. Whitfield, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Zimmerman, and widow of the late Wm. dence in Hustontown, September 14, 1906.

Mrs. Whittield was born at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland counwith her parents to Bedford counshe joined the McKendree M. E.

2 months and 17 days of age

tor, Rev. Harry Daniels; and, also, at the Union Memorial church, Bedford county, conducted by Rev. Wiese, assisted by the Lutheran minister, now retired, who nearly completed. Bedford county.

H. D.

Mrs. S. P. Wishart, Mrs. W. H. Buumgardner, and Miss railroad at Mercersburg.

AS TO THE OLD SOUTH PENN.

Will Correct Injustice.

The following communication, signed "Franklin County" ap | week the Ayr township road plow peared in the Philadelphia Press case was on. The township won

on Wednesday: Pennsylvania knows that twenty- George Gray and Margaret Gray, five years ago a party of capital. his wife, vs. the township of Bethists started to build an air line el. This was a suit instituted between Pittsburg and Harris- against the township to recover affinited with Pennsylvania's Gray in crossing a footbridge, and made radroad got control. How two thousand dollars to the hus- Malcolm, are visiting relatives it was done, 'tis no matter now, band on account of damage sus- and friends in Brush Creek Val-Ever since then the owners of tained by the wife's injuries. said right away have acted as the | The plaintiff clained that Mrs. dog in the manger. So I call on Gray, about the 20th of March all the voters to make sure all sen | 1905, in walking on the foot bridge ators and assemblymen pledge across the creek at Daniel's mill in themselves to vote favorably on a Bethel township, broke one of the bill to be passed allowing the boards, her foot slipped through, State to take up and sell to the and slie fell violently, sustaining highest bidder all unfinished fran injuries that has since caused her chises so that we of south Penn- great physical and mental suffer- Chambersburg. sylvania may have the finest high | ing. way between the east and the

NEW GRENADA.

brother F. G. Mills.

Dr. A. D. Hill, of Fort Littleton,

Jacob Crider and wife, and m Altoona recently.

writing.

friends in Altoona.

Gertie McClain is visiting in Al-

at her home here.

Marion Edwards, of Enid, teach- \$1327.25. here and attended the institute at

wiler; Chaplain, Villiam Alloway; I. G , Walter Watkins; R S. to N. G., Ritner Black; R. S. to V. S., Russell Rowe; Con., L. L. Cunning

Last Thursday, one of George Black's sons, were out hunting. The former accidentally shot the latter with a full charge of squirrelshot, peppering him from head to foot. Dr. Campbell was phoned, and succeeded in removing ty, and at an early age moved part of them. He counted in all, 42 shot wounds-most of them so ty, where most of her life was deep they could not be removed. spent. At seventeen years of age The boy is getting along fairly the teacher, Albert Garland, and Thursday, at the dedicatory cerewell. We would say right here, Wm. Sieling was appointed chair church and remained a member that boys, or men, who are so man. The questions were well of the Methodist church until her reckless and careless as to shoot discussed by the teachers. A at anything before knowing what very interesting program was She was born June 28, 1838, their mark is, had better stay out prepared, for which both teacher and at her death, was 68 years, of the woods, or leave their guns and pupils deserve much credit. at home. The schoolroom is not Adjourned to meet at Akersville said Mr. Alexander, the singing Funeral services were held at a bad place for such boys, but in three weeks. -Ada Barton, evangel'st. "To illustrate their her home, conducted by her pas- they shouldn't take a gun along. sec.

UPPER DUBLIN.

Chestnuts are plenty. John Keebaugh's new house is

Chesuut's school is getting of Maude Fields

Miss Fields, accompanied by Clear Ridge.

cause of that gigantic octupus, Maude Brumgardner-all of Frank Bowser and family were the most merciless and unscrup. Wells Tannery, are attending the suddenly called to the bedside of ulous corporation on the face of State Sabbath School Convention Mrs Bowser's mother, Mrs. Sar at Gettysburg this week. Hon, ah E Deshong, who has been ser-S. P. Wishart brought the party lously ill at the home of her son, Thos. F. Sloan and wife, of this down to this place Monday morn- P. S. Deshong, at Pleasant Ridge. D shong is slo 's recovering.

COURT OVER.

Gave It Nearly All Last Week When we went to press last

the case as heretofore.

Sir :- Every one in Southern Then came the case of After working on the road three thousand dollars damage for garet Damels spent a couple of spending millions, interests alleged injuries sustained by Mrs. days in Chambersburg last week.

shown that the bridge, while hav- ris, spent Saturday and Surday ing been built and maintained by in this place. the township was not on the pub-Mrs. Carrie Linikin, of Alle- lic road, but upon private grounds, gheny, spent a week visiting her whereupon the Court ordered a compulsory nonsuit.

While there is nothing to previsited our town, and also took in vent the plaintiffs from bringing the sights on the Broadtop coal action again, this in ail probability ends the contention.

Grandpap Hershey visited friends to do Friday morning except to sentence James Hess. Judge Ora Shope, who has been suf- Swope after carefully consulting fering from an attack of typhoid his Associates, Bender and Hum- of this place. fever, is some better at present bert, sentenced Mr. Hess to six months in the county jail, three Mrs. Levi Truax is visiting dollars fine, pay the costs and return the stolen goods. This sen-Harry Henry, of Dudley, stop tence was a great surprise to the ped in town between trains on public as it was doubtless to Mr. Hess, himself.

In the case of Rowe Mellott vs. two on this side of the mountain J. T. Bridges & Co., which was during the past week. Martha Mills, head nurse in simply a suit to recover balance adelphia, is spending her vacation was offered and judgment was giv- and part of Saturday among their en the plaintiff in the sum of McConnellsburg friends.

The teachers of Licking Creek | ing the past week. township met at Harrisonville. D. D. G. M., J. A. McDonough Oct. 6th, for the purpose of holdinstalled the officers of Waterfall ing an educational meeting. The Teddy make his dedication speech. Lodge last Saturday evening as meeting was called to order by She is now visiting friends in V. G., Morgan Watkin; treasurer, and the teachers all being present the presence of the Justice, he Jacob S. Black; secretary, L. L. ably, after which they adjourned was at once recognized as an old Cunningham; Warden, M. A. Det to meet in five weeks at Harrison-

> There will be a local institute at Siloam, Oct. 26th. The questions are-1. Regular attendance; how secured. 2. Literature; value of Swartz's sons and one of Henry and how taught. 3. Who is responsible for the pupils' was e of time? 4. School virtues; how taught All friends of education are invited to attend.

Brush Creek township, was held at Locust Grove, Oct. 6th. The meeting was called to order by

New Engine Invented.

Charles H. Rightnour, of Hopewell, has recently se ured a patent on a new compressed air entions were adopted deciaring made at the Memorial church, along very nicely under the care gine. The inventor claims that it will run without the use of coal, die that was thrown under the oil or fuel of any description and Edith Denisar, spent Saturday that it will work a revolution in and Sunday with her parents at the present world of industry. The drafts of this engine may be seen at the Wishart mine.

Harrisburg and Hagerstown.

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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. H. C. Demuth, Lancaster, is a guest in the home of Mrs. M.

Mrs. Geo. B. Mellott and Mar-

Mrs. S. Wesley Kirk and son

Mrs. Merrill W. Nace and baby Mary Logan, are visiting in the home of D. B. Nace, Cham-

John S. Harris spent last Wednesday in the home of his brother in-law. S. D. Stevens, in

S. D. Stevens, wife, and daugh-A jury was called, and it was ter Grace, and son Master Har-

> Miss Mary E. Goldsmith and Mrs. George Mock spent last Saturday in Chambersburg shop-

Miss Munie McGovern, of Bristol, Tenn., is visiting among her many relatives and friends in There was little left for the court | McConnellsburg.

> Harvey Doyle and wife, of Attoona, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Doyle, Robert Gordon, Webster Mills'

> hustling planing mill man, was in town attending to business a short time last Saturday. S. Houston Johnston and wife,

Mrs. Sebina Meliott and son the Pennsylvania Hospital at Phil- due on bark account, no defense Charlie, spent last Friday night

of Mercersburg, spent a day or

Rev. W. M. Hann and wife, of Orbisonia, were visiting among

their friends in this vicinity dur-Mrs. S. M. Cook went down to Harrisburg last week to hear

Rev. J. C. Grimes was among the number from this place who went to Harrisburg last week to attend the dedication of our new

thirteen-million-dollar capitol. Mr. and Mrs. Casper Whorley and two children, of Shippeusburg, were guests over Sunday. of Mrs. Whorley's parents, Beajamin Shimer and wife, on North Second street.

Blaine Booth, a clerk in one of the car shops in Altoona, was a pleasant caller at this office Monday. He is taking his annual va-The first local institute in cation, and visiting among friends in this county.

George F. Metzler, of Harrisonville, was at Harrisburg last monies of the Capitol, and then went to Philadelphia to visit hi sons, Claude, Oscar, and Robert

Believes in the Newspapers.

"I believe in the newspaper," carrying power, let me tell a

"A newspaper, published in England, one day carried in its colums a sermon by the late Charles H. Spurgeon. That newspaper found its way to Australia, and eventually was part of a buocounter of a store to wrap up packages with. In course of time it was reached and inclosed some articles that were sent to the house of a most ungodly man. He us wrapped the goods, and as Jennie Stewart, of Gresubill, he did so the heading of the sers off on a visit among friends in mon struck his eye. The man read it, became thoughtful, read it again. It convinced him, and he became an earnest and devout