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A HOLD UP.

County Commissioners Standing in the Way of Good Road Movement in This County.

REFUSE TO CONCUR WITH TOWNSHIPS.

By an act of the Legislature passed on the first day of May, 1905, the sum of six millions, three hundred and fifty six thousand, two hundred and thirty-two dollars and forty-seven cents, was appropriated from the State funds for the improvement of the public roads of this State, to be distributed among the several counties in proportion to the number of miles of road in each county. The condition upon which any township may get the benefit of this appropriation is, that the township and the County Commissioners shall join in asking for it, and agree that the township and the county shall each pay one dollar as often as the State pays six dollars. If but one township in the county applies, then it may have the share that belongs to all the other townships. In the same way, if but one County in the State would ask for State aid, then the county so applying would get the whole sum appropriated. But no one county has a cinch like that. Scarcely was the ink dry on the bill, when the Governor signed it, until the dirt was flying in a dozen counties, and there was a general stir among the more progressive portions of the State. Fulton county's citizens were not behind their neighbors in recognizing the advantage that was to come to them in the improvement of their roads. Not having railroad or trolley facilities, they, more than any other people in the State, needed good highways, and now was the opportunity to have them, and to have somebody else help pay for them. But the following taken from the records of the State Highway Department, shows just what progress is being made, and who is responsible for the delay:

In May, 1904, three Townships in Fulton county made application for State aid in the reconstruction of the following roads, the County co-operating in each petition and agreeing to pay an equal share of the cost with each township:

Wells	44,880 feet
Bethel	15,000 "
Ayr	5,000 "
	64,885 " or about twelve and a quarter miles of roads.

Bids were received by the State Highway Department for 30 days prior to March 25, 1905, covering the construction of 11,000 feet of road, 14 feet wide, in Wells township, extending from Huntingdon county line, via Wells Tannery, along the road leading to the County line of Bedford.

A petition protesting against the improvement of the above road, signed by the owners of a majority of the assessed valuation in Wells township, was filed in Court, and the township Supervisors and County Commissioners refused to sign the agreement which must be entered into between the State, County, and Township, before a contract can be executed.

Bids were received for 20 days prior to August 20th, 1906, for the construction of 5000 feet of road, 15 feet wide, in Ayr township, extending from a point about 2000 feet north of the bridge crossing W. H. Duffey's mill race, and running south by Webster Mills.

The agreements, based upon the bid of the Harrisburg Construction Company, were sent to the Fulton County Commissioners for signature on August 23d, 1906, and on the 10th day of September, a communication was received by the State Highway Department, stating that "The Commissioners of Fulton county, Pa., refuse to sign contract for the construction of road in Ayr town-

David H. Croft.

David H. Croft, son of the late John R. Croft of this county, died at his home in Lacking Creek township on the 24th day of Oct., 1906, aged 41 years, 3 months, and 6 days. Interment was made on Friday in the M. E. cemetery at Hustontown—funeral services being conducted by Rev. Henry Wolf, assisted by Rev. H. F. Reber his pastor of the U. B. church.

He was married to Cora, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Ambrose, now of Harrisburg, who survives him. This union was blessed with five children—all surviving: Charles H., of Guilford, and Ernest, Nellie, Jacob and Grace at home. He, also, has surviving him nine brothers and sisters: Abram L., of Chambersburg; John E., of Clayhill; Mizzie Marshall, of Franklin county; Catharine Barnhart, of Waynesboro, and Lottie Wible, of Danco. The above named were of his father's first marriage—David H. being the youngest. The following named are of the second marriage: Edward J., of Danco; Frank J., of Cashtown; George E., residence unknown, and Emma B. Wagner, of Guilford Springs.

He was converted early in life and joined the U. B. church and staid in that relation until his death.

He was from youth afflicted with asthma and weak heart, causing him many disappointments, being forced to suspend work in the busiest time and to sit in a chair during whole nights, suffering severe pains. A few days before his death he contracted a heavy cold which suddenly developed into acute pleurisy and heart failure causing the very weak heart to cease beating forever.

The bereaved wife and children bear testimony to his faithfulness as a husband and father. He was a good neighbor and in every way a splendid example of good citizenship.

Mrs. J. G. Reiser, who spent a month in Chambersburg for rest and medical treatment has returned home much improved in health.

SHIP.

Plans and specifications have been prepared for the construction of 16,111 feet of road, 16 feet wide, in Bethel township, extending from Maryland State Line, on Warfordsburg Road, to Stingers Mill, at Tonoloway Creek. The County Commissioners and Township Supervisors were notified of the probable cost of this road on September 10th, 1906. The Supervisors have already advised the Department that they were satisfied with the estimate, and willing to proceed with the work, but the Commissioners say they will not sign, unless compelled to, and the work is "held up."

The amount of money available for road-building purposes in Fulton County, until June 1st, 1907, is \$29,382.18. The 1907-1908 apportionment, amounting to about \$10,956.09, becomes available on the first of next June, making a total of \$40,338.27, for use until June 1st, 1908, at which time the 1908-1909 apportionment, amounting to about \$10,956.09, falls due, making a total of \$51,294.36, available until June 1st, 1909.

At an average cost of \$9000 per mile, Fulton county's apportionment is sufficient to pay the State's share of cost of constructing about eight miles of roads, but unless the County Commissioners sign the agreements covering the construction of the roads in Ayr and Bethel townships before the first day of next June, Fulton County will lose the entire apportionment to June 1st, 1907 (\$29,382.18). This amount will then revert back to the general fund and be re-distributed among the Counties whose applications exceed their apportionments.

BRATTON REUNION.

Held in Bratton Township, Millin County. Representative from This County.

Mrs. Henry Huston, of Taylor township, who was a Bratton, and who attended the Bratton Family Reunion, sends us the following from the Lewistown Gazette.

The reunion was held at the old Bratton Homestead along the line of the Pennsylvania railroad, and as the morning trains—both the east and west came along they brought additions to the number arriving by private conveyances. The committee on registering and "tagging" with beautiful badges the arrivals, was kept on the jump, and all was hustle and bustle for some time, then the crowd got quieted down and the organization took place and the committees got to work around the tables and at the lemonade, preparing coffee, &c. All who were there were just paralyzed or shocked at the sight of that table. Words cannot express the feelings or sensation that the sight of the good things on the table caused one to feel on the first sight and the next thing was to get around it. When all was quiet, Rev. Yeager offered up a blessing, after which all hands set to work to clear the table of the good things as fast as possible. The waiters were kept busy, especially the lemonade and coffee committee, and didn't take lots of both! It is surprising the amount of provision some of our people can stow away on an occasion of the kind. If anyone doubts our word just ask John Rodgers or Ed. Conrad or Colonel Jenkins, saying nothing about V. P. Stevenson, James Macklin, or W. L. Owens, or the young professor, T. C. Donnelly. Oh, my, what a capacity they do have! But we guess there were others who did justice whom we did not see on account of our attention being drawn to one particular point along the table. When dinner was over there was plenty left for supper and then there were baskets and baskets full left. It was wonderful as it seemed that everyone tried to outdo the other. It was more than a success and such a pleasant, social crowd it was never our privilege to see or be with. Where were Brattons there? Well, should say there were, old Brattons, young Brattons, big Brattons, little Brattons, good looking Brattons, ugly Brattons, social, cheerful, jolly, young Brattons and some rather quiet. There were Brattons sure, two hundred and sixty-four straight Brattons, Brattons connected by marriage and guests. They were here from Kansas, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, New Jersey and from all parts of Pennsylvania. There were Brattons from Fulton county, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Altoona, well all over. We guess there were never so many Brattons together at one time since the first Bratton was born, and as an organization has been formed those who live to see the next reunion will see a much larger gathering. There was a wire stretched from one pear tree to another just at the entrance and the word welcome in large letters was attached to the wire and on either side of the word two large flags were suspended and eighteen smaller flags were put up on trees over the ground.

Some were here for the first time. Some had not been here for thirty-eight to forty years and they saw lots of relatives they did not know. It was surely a gathering of the Bratton tribe and as a general thing were a good looking, healthy class of people and there were many fine singers among them.

Go to the election next week and vote for John for the legislature. He's all right!

Joseph Sipes, of Saluvia, spent Friday in town on business.

Politics.

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STORY CONTRADICTED.

N. L. Lancaster, Who Married Annie Weaver, Said to be a Victim of Persecution.

Under date of October 18th, the News published an article from Franklin Mills, in which it was stated that one Nathan Lancaster had married Annie B. Weaver; that Mr. Lancaster had, at the time of his marriage, a wife living, and that the alleged first wife was on the track of Mr. Lancaster.

It is now claimed that the woman posing as his lawful wife is a persecutor, and that Mr. Lancaster is a reputable citizen of Roanoke, Va.

If the News unwittingly placed either Mr. Lancaster or Miss Weaver in a false light, it only too gladly takes this opportunity to make amends, and publishes the following clippings—one from the Hagerstown Globe, and the other from the Roanoke Times Roanoke Times.

It appears that the woman, Mrs. Dora Powers, who has been annoying Mr. N. L. Lancaster, by asking the police in different cities to aid her in locating Mr. Lancaster, is not yet satisfied.

It was learned last night that Dora Powers has within the past few days made another appeal to the officers of the law to help her find Mr. Lancaster, who, she claims, is her husband. The woman states in her communications to the police that she has been abandoned by Mr. Lancaster.

About ten days ago Mr. Lancaster arrived in Roanoke, and the fact that he was here was published in the papers. It was said at that time that Mr. Lancaster could be found without any trouble if she really wished to find him. It was said that the woman has no claim on Mr. Lancaster, and that she has no right to use his name. On top of all this, however, she has, it is said, addressed more letters to Maryland newspapers and officers, saying she is still unable to locate Mr. Lancaster.

It was learned last night that Mr. Lancaster had called on Chief of Police Dyer and had that officer write a letter to the Mrs. Powers, at Welch, W. Va., telling her that Mr. Lancaster is in Roanoke and requesting her to appear in court and show why she claims him as her husband.

N. L. Lancaster is superintendent of the erection of the new Randolph school building and has contracts in Roanoke that will keep him here for the next six months.

In the N. L. Lancaster embroil to the following letter is from Cumberland, and is written by J. E. Weaver, proprietor of the Arlington Hotel, that city. He says:

In the Hagerstown Mail of October 23, you have a highly colored article relating to my sister, Mrs. N. L. Lancaster. Now we do not object to the facts being published, although it is entirely a family affair, and the highly colored articles you are publishing can only do harm and my sister an injustice. The facts are that the woman claiming to be Mrs. Lancaster is an impostor. We have her deposition admitting that when she married Lancaster she was married to Calvin Powers who was living in Virginia. She also admits that when Mr. Lancaster found out that she had a husband living he immediately ceased living with her as her husband. As their marriage was legal I have verified the above personally by a search through the various county records. This woman is doing our family and Mr. Lancaster a great injustice. By personal observation through the better class of citizens of Roanoke, where Mr. Lancaster's family resides, and through the same people at his present residence, I find Mr. Lancaster is held in great esteem. By kindly correcting your former article, and publishing the truth in the matter, you would greatly oblige,

J. E. WEAVER

P. S.—Personally I have received any number of letters from this woman, and I think she is addicted to some drug, as her letters are unseemly and incoherent.

Mrs. A. M. Corbin and daughter Ida, of Gracey, are spending the week in Newburg and Harrisburg visiting friends.

Miss Lavina Long returned home Wednesday, after spending a few weeks very pleasantly among friends in Franklin county.

HOME TALENT.

Delightful Entertainment Last Thursday Evening and Friday Evening at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sloan.

A number of the young people of the Presbyterian church of this place, gave an entertainment in the parlors at the residence of Thos. F. Sloan, Esq., on the evenings of last Thursday and Friday, that were much enjoyed by those present. Owing to the limited seating capacity of the room, only about seventy-five tickets could be obtained. The entertainment consisted of piano solos and duets, vocal solos, duets, and choruses, and a play called "The Scheme That Failed," which was first rate. The characters were Jessie Sloan, Walter R. Sloan, Gertrude Sipes, Mabel Trout, Mary Sloan, and Ernest R. McClain. In the play Ernest and Mary were a young married couple; Mabel was Ernest's sister, and Walter Reed's fiancee; Jessie was Ernest's mother, and Gertrude was a servant in Ernest and Mary's home. The play was well rendered and was well worth the price of admission, if there had not been anything else on the program—but there was: Bess Trout, Kit Cook, Netha Nesbit, Nell Trout, Lizzie Patterson, Josephine Runyan, Helen Kendall, and Lenora (Wishart) Fockler—each added to the entertainment, until every one present was enthusiastic in the praises of our home talent.

About twenty dollars was realized, and the sum will be devoted to the interests of home missions in the Presbyterian church.

It is intimated that "our home talent" will give another entertainment on a more extensive scale later in the season. If they do, it will be necessary to turn the Greathead tannery building into an opera house if the crowd is to be accommodated.

NEEDMORE.

Mrs. A. Runyan's condition has been somewhat worse since she came from McConnellsburg.

Charles Gordon moved on Tuesday into Joseph Garland's house half mile west of here.

Mrs. Howard Hill and two children, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents here.

Mrs. Ahimaz Mellott is reported much better.

An independent, antivaccine school is about to be opened in the Pleasant Grove district.

Mrs. Mary Peck is building an end to her house, which when completed, will make a very comfortable dwelling.

Little May, a daughter of John D. Mellott, is reported to have typhoid fever.

John McClellan, of Friends Cove, moves into his new home, the Dr. Swartzwelder property, this week.

Frank Taylor's surveying party is now boarding with Dr. Palmer's.

Veteran Wm. H. Wink, while watching for pheasants the other evening, was suddenly surprised by the appearance of a large red fox coming his way, which he promptly brought down. It proved to be a very fine specimen, but the hunter is now nursing a badly bruised arm from the effects of the rebound of his gun. Better not load quite so heavily, Billy.

Local Institute.

The first local institute of Dublin, was held at Fort Littleton, last Friday evening. The meeting was called to order by the teacher, L. P. Morton, who appointed Mr. Harris chairman. Ten teachers were present—seven from Dublin and three from Taylor, and they proved by their able talks on the subjects, the interest they are taking in their school work.

The entertainment part of the program consisted of songs by the school, and several selections on the graphophone. Alice Gordon gave a very much appreciated recitation. The meeting adjourned to meet in two weeks at Glunt's school.—Maude Fields, secretary.

Vaccination Trouble Subsiding.

Another article has been sent in for publication, giving the Vaccination Law and everybody that has anything to do with its enforcement "Hail Columbia," but, inasmuch, as such articles can do no good, we forbear to publish it. There is no use jumping on the County Superintendent, the teachers, or directors about it. They did not make the law. There would be as much sense, in attacking the constable for arresting a man for not paying his tax, or the assessor for placing a valuation on your property. Those people who do not think the vaccination law a good one, should place the blame where it properly belongs—that is, upon the legislature that made the law.

We are caudly of the opinion, that upon a little sober reflection most people will conclude that it is not so bad after all. Most of us old folks remember that when we were boys our parents did not think of anything else than having us vaccinated, and no one ever thought of there being any danger connected with it. Father with his old tobacco-stained pocket knife, got a bit of scap off the arm of some healthy child that had been vaccinated, called us to him one by one, pushed up our sleeves, and with the old knife, he scraped the arm until the blood began to ooze through, and then, moistening the scab in some clean water, he rubbed it well into the abrasion, and in due time there was an arm plenty sore for all purposes.

The vaccination trouble in this county is about subsided. Latest reports show that at least seventy per cent. of all the school children in the county have been vaccinated, and are now in school. Even those who were most bitterly opposed to it, are now glad since the job is over, and feel that their children have a protection against that most loathsome of diseases.

It may not be known to every one that there is a genuine case of small pox now in Fulton county. The victim is George Pilgrim lying at the home of his grandfather, George McCoy, in Dublin township. Dr. Campbell, of New Grenada, has charge of the patient, and the house was quarantined last Sunday. Mr. Pilgrim contracted the disease up at the mines at Robertsdale.

The season for small pox is at hand, and it is little less than criminal negligence, not to afford to children such protection as shall save them from its attack, which if it does not mean death, disfigures them for life.

It would not be an easy matter to point out a case where any one ever died in this county from the effects of vaccination, but the graves of those who have died in Fulton county from small pox, are not hard to find.

3,000 Farmers at College.

It is estimated that at least 3,000 men (not boys) will, during the month of January, spend from one to two weeks at the Corn Schools and Farmers Conventions held at the Agricultural Colleges of the several States.

Farmers week at the Pennsylvania State College, will be December 27th to January 2d, six days and every one full of practical work, something to do or to hear. It will pay every man who grows corn, feeds steers, hogs, dairy cows, or poultry, or makes butter, to be present and take part in the judging and scoring work, discussions, etc.

Do you expect to be there? Do you want a reduced railroad rate? Do you want a programme? If so send your name on a postal card to

PROF. H. E. VAN NORMAN, State College, Pa.

Helen, eleven years of age, daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Stenger at Jगतown, fell from the hay-mow at their home Monday injuring the drum of one of her ears.

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

G. Newton Hoke, of this place, has been quite ill during the past week.

Postmaster S. B. Woollet and wife, of this place, spent Saturday night in Ft. Littleton.

Mrs. J. G. Tritle, of the Cove, is visiting at the home of her son Henry, near Mercersburg.

Anna and Frank Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge, were among the town visitors last Saturday.

Minnie and Sallie Dickson are in Philadelphia this week visiting among relatives and friends.

M. R. Shaffner, Esq., spent last week among his Huntingdon county relatives and friends.

J. W. Steach, of Altoona, was shaking hands with his old McConnellsburg chums and friends a few days last week.

Squire G. W. Wagner, of Tod, was in town Tuesday, looking like he had got the worst of it in a sick spell of a month.

Mrs. W. F. T. Mellott, of Ridgely, spent a few days last week visiting among her Fulton county friends.

Will Motter, who is employed at Waynesboro, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Motter, near this place.

Mrs. Geo. W. Reiser returned home last week after having had a pleasant visit among her Philadelphia relatives and friends.

John Spade and family, of Gem, were in town Monday and took dinner with Mrs. Spade's uncle and aunt, Judge Norton and wife.

Pearl Mellott, of Sipes Mill, called at this office while in town last Saturday and had her name enrolled on our subscription list.

Mrs. H. S. Wishart, who had been visiting in Johnstown, returned home last week accompanied by her daughter Mrs. George Fockler.

Mr. and Mrs. Trayer returned to their home in the Extension, after spending the summer on their farm, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Rev. A. G. Wolf, formerly pastor of the Lutheran church at this place, but now of West Fairview, Pa., was here last week to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. Goldsmith. Mr. Wolf was warmly greeted by his many friends here.

Henry P. Vanclief.

Henry P. Vanclief died Thursday morning, October 25, 1906, at his home in Whips Cove, and was buried at the Whips Cove Christian church on Sunday morning following. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Powers.

He had been ailing for more than a year with ulcer of the stomach. He had been able, during the summer months, to be out of the house and doing little odd jobs over his farm, but late in the evening of the 24th, he was taken violently ill and hemorrhages followed and death came before the physician had time to call.

Mr. Vanclief was in his sixty-seventh year, a member of the Christian church for some twenty years, and was always present at the services as long as his health permitted. He was a hard working, industrious man, strictly honest, unassuming, and kind. While he had no children of his own, yet he has blessed humanity by caring for, and raising a number of poor boys and girls to manhood and womanhood; and as he always seemed interested in having people about him the less fortunate old people have found the comforts of a home in his house. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and a host of friends.

The widow has the sympathy of the community in her sad bereavement.