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IN EFFECT NOW.

Forty Dollar Teachers' Minimum Salary Law Went into Effect The First of June.

FULL TEXT OF THE NEW LAW.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this act, the salary of common school teachers, in districts of this Commonwealth receiving State appropriation, shall be no less than fifty dollars per month in all cases where the teacher holds a professional, permanent, or normal school certificate, and has had two years practice, and presents a certificate of proficiency in said practice, for said time, from the superintendent in charge of said teacher.

Section 2. That the minimum salary shall be forty dollars for all teachers holding certificates of less grade than required under section one of this act. And that the State shall pay the amount of increase in all salaries that are provided for under this act and over the amount of salary paid in each school district in this Commonwealth in one thousand nine hundred and six, and said increase shall be paid out of the increased appropriation for the common schools.

Section 3. The president and secretary of school districts, where the prescribed salary is greater than that paid for the school year beginning June, one thousand nine hundred and six, shall certify under oath to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on blanks prepared by him, the number of teachers, with the salary paid to each, in one thousand nine hundred and six; the number of teachers, with the salary paid to each, for the year for which the report is made; also the number of months in the school term for said year. In order that any district may participate in this additional appropriation its report must be filed in the Department of Public Instruction on or before the first Monday of October, one thousand nine hundred and seven, and at the same time annually thereafter. The total amount payable to all the school districts in the State, on account of the increase of teachers' salaries as provided for in this act, shall first be deducted from the total annual school appropriation, and the balance of said appropriation shall be apportioned and distributed among the several school districts, as provided for under existing laws. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, at the usual time of paying the regular appropriation, pay to those districts, from the annual school appropriation, an excess equal to the difference between the salaries of the teachers for the school year one thousand nine hundred and six and the minimum salaries prescribed by this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect the first of June, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

Section 5. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 31st day of May, A. D. 1907.

EDWIN S. STUART.

Married.

On Wednesday evening June 5, 1907, Miss Queen Lake and Gilbert C. Mellott, both of Belfast township, were married in Washington, D. C., by Rev. James Irvine. They will reside in Altoona, Pa., where Mr. Mellott is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The happy young couple are most excellent young people, and have the best wishes of their numerous friends.

Miss Sadie Stewart of Green Hill, spent last week in this place the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. H. Wine.

Court Proceedings.

Court called at 10 A. M., Tuesday, President Judge Swape on the bench with his Associates, Bender and Humbert.

The first matter was the presentation of the petition by counsel for Emanuel Sipes, writ of habeas corpus. Court fixed 1 o'clock p. m. for hearing.

Accounts were then taken up for confirmation.

First and final account of T. Scott Hershey, administrator of Francis Hershey, deceased. Confirmed and appointed auditor.

Account of J. C. Fore and Minnie M. Brubaker, administrators of John Brubaker, confirmed, and Hon. S. W. Kirk appointed auditor.

First and final account of Andrew Garlick, c. t. a., administrator of Abram Garlick, deceased, confirmed.

First and final account of Tobias Glazier and W. H. Nelson, executors of Conrad Glazier, Sr., confirmed.

First and final account of S. Wesley Kirk, Esq., executor of Esther Pittman, deceased, confirmed.

First and final account of S. L. Wink, executor of H. R. Truax, deceased.

First and final account of Andrew Garlick, administrator of the estate of Luemina Garlick, deceased, confirmed, and H. N. Sipes appointed auditor.

Argument of case of George Gray and wife vs. the township of Bethel. Motion to take off compulsory nonsuit, was taken up. This case was taken from the jury at March court, when it developed that Mrs. Gray who had been injured by reason of a defective foot bridge, near John Daniels'—that the bridge was not on the line of the road, but about 100 yards from where the road was laid out. Question in the case was one of law. The township authorities having erected this footbridge and maintained it 320 feet from where the public road crosses the creek for more than fifty years. This footbridge was built with the consent of the owner of the land and was through enclosed woodland used by the public, and kept up by the supervisors, with a path leading to the footbridge. The plaintiff was injured by reason of the bridge not having been kept in good repair.

Return of sale in the estate of A. J. Craig, deceased, confirmed.

Estate of Richard Madden, deceased. Widow's appraisement approved if no exceptions are filed within twenty days.

Estate of David Goldsmith, deceased. Appraisement or exemption claimed by Mary Goldsmith approved unless exceptions are filed within twenty days.

Estate of George B. Daniels, deceased. George A. Harris appointed guardian of Willis Fox Daniels; M. W. Nace appointed guardian of Rose Daniels; George B. Mellott appointed guardian of George Daniels.

Return of alias subpoena in matter of Blanche P. Etemiller vs. Frank Etemiller, proceedings in divorce. W. S. Alexander, Commissioner.

Petition of the executors of Nathan B. Hanks for the appointment of guardian of Mary Hanks a minor under fourteen.

Petition of Mrs. Lula Garlick for an allowance from the estate of her minor children.

Petition of B. W. Peck, Committee of Paul Peck, order to sell real estate. Order granted. Committee to give bond in the sum of \$4,000.

Estate of Miss Jane Gordon. Report of auditor confirmed.

Case of Fraiker vs. Deavor. Defendant in error. Argued and Court took the papers.

Miss Hester Witter appeared in open court and asked for the appointment of W. H. Nelson as her guardian. Court made the appointment.

Application and petition of freeholders of Hustontown asking the incorporation of said village, filed at March term, withdrawn and new petition presented and ordered filed and advertised according to law.

Estate of Lewis D. Wible. Petition asking for redistribution by auditor. Filed and leave granted.

Estate of George W. Comerer. Petition of Nancy Comerer asking leave to pay out certain money to heirs.

Estate of D. M. Brubaker, deceased. Return of sale of real estate to Grant Baker, confirmed.

Inquest on the body of Dr. S. S. Hoop, deceased. Bill approved by the Court.

Estate of Dr. S. S. Hoop. Inventory and appraisement of personal property set apart to widow approved and ordered to be recorded if no exceptions are filed within twenty days.

In the matter of mandamus on County Commissioners. Bethel township made application to the State Highway Department for the building of a certain portion of road under the provisions of said State Highway Department. The County Commissioners refused to approve or recommend the building of said road. The argument was taken up and it appeared to be one of fact, and M. R. Shaffner, Esq., was appointed commissioner to take testimony.

Emanuel Sipes charged with the killing of Dr. Hoop, was ordered to be released from jail upon giving bond in the sum of \$10,000 for his appearance at the October term of court.

Estate of Alexander McKibbin, deceased. Petition asking that a corrected description of real estate in proceedings in partition be substituted. Court made order allowing correction. Order to sell by M. R. Shaffner, Esq., trustee, continued.

Chambersburg Trust Company appointed guardian of Mary Hanks, a minor child of Nathan B. Hanks, Esq., deceased.

Estate of William Witter, deceased. Petition of Goldie King for inquest on real estate of decedent. Inquest awarded.

Estate of David Evans, deceased. Argument on exceptions to auditor's report of distribution. The administratrix, Mrs. Harriet Evans, widow, claimed the cattle, sheep and hogs on the farm at the time of her husband's death; also a craft on the Fulton County Bank. Her claim was disputed by collateral heirs, as decedent left no children. The auditor found that the live stock in dispute, as well as the draft, was the property of the widow. Court took papers for final consideration at chambers.

BRUSH CREEK.

The Children's Service at McKendree was well attended last Sunday, and a very interesting program, rendered by the members of the Sunday School.

G. W. Hixson, wife and daughter Margaret and sons Marshall, Roy and Grant, spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives in a Buck Valley.

P. D. Hixson and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Nathan Horton in Wells Tannery.

Miss Grace Lodge is attending the Normal School at McConnellsburg.

Miss Mary Winters of Whips Cove spent part of last week with her sister Mrs. C. D. Hixson.

A number of people from Bedford county passed through our Valley on their way to attend the S. S. convention at Pleasant Grove last Friday and Saturday. Robert Barton spent Saturday night in McConnellsburg.

Miss Jennie Lodge spent a couple of days last week with her sister Mrs. S. W. Kirk.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hixson are over visiting friends and relatives in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. J. C. Barton was calling on Mrs. Mahlon Barton an afternoon last week. Mrs. Sarah E. Barton spent a day last week with her daughter Mrs. B. F. Whitfield.

MIDNIGHT FIRE.

Buildings on Grant Baker's Farm in Sheepskin Hollow, Totally Destroyed Sunday Night.

TENANT'S HOUSEHOLD GOODS SAVED.

The buildings on the Shunk Brown farm in Sheepskin Hollow, now owned by Grant Baker, and tenanted by Samuel Marshall and Mrs. George Vores, were entirely destroyed by fire shortly after midnight last Sunday night.

Horace N. Sipes, Esq., and Herbert L. McKibbin, of this place, were driving on the road leading from Mount Union to McConnellsburg, and just as they reached the top of Wilson's Hill, this side of Fort Littleton, their attention was directed to a bright light flashing skyward from the hollow across the fields east of the road on which they were traveling. The thought that a family asleep in a burning house might be perishing in the flames, sent a thrill of horror through their minds, and they lost no time in hitching their horse and running across the fields, only to find as they came in sight, the barn engulfed in flames and the house roof just beginning to burn. No person was in sight. Shouting did not arouse the inmates of the house, and rushing to the door, they soon battered it in, and entered the house. Striking a match, they saw the supper table standing with the dishes as they had been left by the housekeeper; they also saw a lamp which they lighted and proceeded up stairs and soon found that the occupants of the house were not at home.

Being helpless to stop the progress of the fire, their next thought was to save the household goods as far as possible, and like beavers they worked until they had the satisfaction of having everything in safety outside the building except the cook stove, when there appeared upon the scene, John Long, a neighbor, and his son, who had been attracted by the fire in some way. When Sipes and McKibbin first reached the fire, they could have saved the house if they had had a bucket or two and had known where to find water. Then, the fact that several pistol shots were fired from a point in the near vicinity, led them to believe that it might not be any too safe to prow around too much. The house was a two story and as the young men approached they noticed that bundles of hay or straw were burning on the porch roof, from which the house caught. This fact, in itself, explains the cause of the conflagration.

We are informed that there was some insurance on the buildings.

Concealed Weapons.

Several state legislatures recently have considered more or less seriously the matter of carrying concealed firearms. A Texas statesman is one of the latest to introduce a bill prohibiting the "toting" of a deadly weapon, and a bill introduced by an Arkansas legislature proposes to require a license and wear a metal badge displaying conspicuously the word "Armed."

It is said that the police commissioner of New York city has in storage more than 2,000 revolvers which have been seized and confiscated during the past sixteen months. On a recent occasion 130 revolvers taken from the persons of men running at large in that city were added to the collection in one day. Thus it appears that the east is equally culpable with the west if not more so in the matter of carrying concealed weapons. Perhaps in the end it may come to a crusade for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of pocket firearms.

General Assembly Notes.

The following notes from a little talk given in the Presbyterian church a few evenings ago by Senator Alexander, will be of interest to Presbyterians, at least. Mr. Alexander was one of the Commissioners at the General Assembly which met at Columbus, O., recently.

The next General Assembly will meet in Kansas City, Missouri, on May 21, 1908.

Action on the union of the United Presbyterians and the Presbyterians has been postponed for the present.

The union of the Presbyterians and the Cumberland Presbyterians was completed, and hereafter all will be known as members of the Presbyterian church of the U. S. A.

By the action of the General Assembly, words of greeting will be sent by the Moderator to Rev. Wm. A. West, D. D., of this place, on his next birthday, as he has been in the active ministry for fifty-five years.

The membership of the General Assembly was about 1,000, but, large as the body was, the business was transacted without any confusion, as the members were all of an orderly class and conducted themselves accordingly.

Rev. Wm. B. Noble, who has filled the position of Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly since 1903, is a son of the late Hon. Jos. B. Noble who was born in Licking Creek township and resided there until he was elected Prothonotary in 1839 when he moved to Bedford; while residing in Bedford his son, Dr. Noble, was born. Dr. Noble is at present pastor of a church at Los Angeles, California.

Good Advice to Boys.

The following from the National Stockman and Farmer is excellent food for reflection for the young man, and we reproduce it without further comment:

"We should like to call the attention of the boys who read this paper to a few examples that have come under our observation, and which illustrate the importance of building a character on the sure foundation of righteousness. A few years ago a millionaire died and left to his faithful secretary \$100,000, advising his heirs also to trust him and be guided by him. Recently an architect to whom the people entrusted the supervision of a great public building proved unfaithful to his trust and it has cost him disgrace and then thousands of dollars. Another man who was unfaithful resorted to suicide, and his work has caused enormous loss to those who trusted him as well as litigation that will not be terminated for years. These are only two of the many we might name, and they both point to one thing—the value of the upright man to himself and to society. As the world's business is conducted men will always have to trust somebody. And the men who can be trusted, are the ones who are going to be rewarded."

A Big Mortgage.

A mortgage for \$25,000,000 has been placed on record by Register and Recorder Harris, this being one of the largest mortgages ever entered on the docket here. It is drawn by the American Union Telephone Company in favor of the Fidelity, Title & Trust Co., of Harrisburg, which is consolidating all the independent telephone companies possible throughout the state. The mortgage will be recorded in all the sixty-seven counties of Pennsylvania and will also operate in several other states.

Hon. Joseph E. Thropp and Capt. R. W. Cook, of Everett, were registered at the Fulton House last Thursday on their return from the Commencement exercises at Mercersburg.

Isaiah Madden.

Isaiah Madden, died suddenly at his home near Maddenville, Wednesday, May 29, 1907, after illness of a brief duration. He was born and reared in Springfield township, where he spent his whole life and followed the occupation of farming. He was a quiet and peaceful citizen and held in high esteem by his many friends and neighbors throughout the community where he lived so many years. The deceased was aged about 75 years, and is survived by his wife and two brothers and one sister, Dr. Scott Madden, Springfield township; H. C. Madden, Altoona; Mrs. David Ashton, Springfield township; and seven children, as follows, Ellsworth Madden, Coalmont; Mrs. H. E. Locke, Grant and Frank Madden, Mrs. Junie Cromwell, all of Springfield township, Mrs. Harry Henry, Dudley, and Mrs. W. S. Brown, Orbisonia. He was an active member of the church of God.

Fifty-First Session.

The Fifty-first Session of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association will be held at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, July 2, 3 and 4, 1907. Greensburg is one of the most attractive and most progressive towns in Pennsylvania. It is thirty-one miles east of Pittsburg on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Special efforts have been made to present a program of great worth. The State Teachers' Association is of the highest professional value to teachers. Many school measures found upon our statute books are traceable to the influence of this organization. Every teacher in the state should be a member of this Association. All members will receive a bound volume of the proceedings. The enrollment fee, which is \$1.00, may be sent to Prof. David S. Keck, treasurer, Kutztown, Pa.

The National Educational Association will meet in Los Angeles, California, July 8-11, 1907. Pennsylvania has been honored in the choice of Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer as president of this Association. Our state should send a large enrollment to this convention.

STAINLESS FLAG DAY.

Sunday, June 30, Date for Special Sermons for Pastors.

The Anti-Saloon League, at its last National Convention, held at St. Louis, by official action set apart June 30th, the Sunday preceding the Fourth of July, as Stainless Flag Day, at which time the pastors of the various churches throughout the country are to be asked to preach a sermon along the line of Doctor Chapman's Stainless Flag address. It is a sort of improved Fourth of July, the Anti-Saloon League not approving of the way the ordinary fourth is celebrated. It may lead to their picking another Xmas and New Year Day.

Fourth of July at Hustontown.

Hustontown will have an old fashioned 4th of July this year. An executive committee consisting of Rev. Harry Daniels, W. G. Wink, and Harry Lamberson, has been appointed to see after the program. There will be a fantastic parade at 10 o'clock. Speeches in the M. E. church by Rev. Daniels, and other prominent orators. Sports of all kinds—foot races, three-legged races, sack races, and base ball game in the afternoon. At 2 o'clock there will be a balloon ascension. In the evening there will be a free entertainment in the Grove, with a special display of fire-works. This is expected to be the greatest demonstration Hustontown has ever had. Prizes will be awarded for all the different athletic sports.

COMMITTEE.

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. Margaret Stevens of Laidig, spent Monday in this place on business.

Andrew Laidig, one of Laidig's popular young men, was a McConnellsburg visitor Monday.

Foster Bohinger of Dublin Mills, was a pleasant caller at the News office last Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Hill of Fort Littleton, were registered at the Washington House Monday.

W. R. Evans and wife of Hustontown, were in McConnellsburg a few hours on Monday.

Mrs. George Fockler, of Johnstown, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, East Water street.

Miss Myrtle Sipes of this place, left Monday for an extended visit with relatives in Washington, D. C., and Chambersburg, Pa.

J. Kendall Johnston and family made a little trip to Mercersburg in their new Cadillac, one day last week.

Mrs. John R. Fisher of Bedford, has been spending the past week as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Woollet at the Washington House.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hessler and daughter Maria, and son Harold, of Saluvia, spent Sunday the guests of Daniel E. Fore, Esq., of Tod.

Misses Ivy and Ethel LaMaster, of Marks, Franklin county, spent part of last week at the home of their grandfather, Daniel E. Fore, Esq.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hixson of Brush Creek valley, have been spending the past week with the family of their son-in-law, John V. Stouteagle, of this place.

Our old friend Frank G. Mills, of New Grenada, spent Monday night of last week in the Borough, and exchanged greeting with his many friends here.

McClellan Zettle of Middletown, Pa., left Monday after having spent a week pleasantly in the home of his cousin D. A. Washabaugh. Mac is something of a wizard with checkers.

Mrs. Wm. Martin, of Fort Loudon, who had been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Watson Lynch, returned home Sunday with her husband, son Jerry, and daughter Mrs. Gish, who came over Sunday morning.

J. A. Strite, Esq., accompanied by his wife and sons Edwin, Albert and Robert, came over to McConnellsburg in an automobile last Friday morning, and returned to their Chambersburg home in the afternoon. Mr. Strite is president of the Chambersburg and Bedford Turnpike Company, and was out on a tour of inspection of his road.

S. D. Stevens, a well known business man of Chambersburg, who had been spending a few days in this county on business, was accompanied by Mrs. Stevens and children, Grace and Harris, who were visiting Mrs. Stevens' mother, Mrs. L. E. Harris, and brothers John and Prothonotary George A. Harris of this place.

Mrs. J. M. Kelley, Mrs. J. A. Hartman, Mrs. J. E. Heck, and Mrs. J. E. Barnett—all of Latrobe, Pa., who had been attending the Commencement exercises at Mercersburg last week, came over to McConnellsburg last Friday and remained until Saturday morning, when they departed for Atlantic City. Mrs. Kelley was a daughter of the late Louis Hoke, formerly a resident of this place. The ladies enjoyed very much their stay here.