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New School Laws.

Following are several important new school laws passed by the last session of the Legislature, which will be found of interest to our readers:

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE.

An Amendment to the Compulsory Attendance Law.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., That every parent, guardian, or other persons in this Commonwealth having control or charge of a child, or children, between the ages of eight and sixteen years, shall be required to send such child, or children, to a day school in which the common English branches are taught, and such child or children shall attend such school continuously during the entire time in which the public school in their respective districts shall be in session, unless such child or children shall be excused from such attendance by the board of the school district in which the parent, guardian or other person resides, upon presentation to said board of satisfactory evidence showing such child or children are prevented from attendance upon school or application to study by mental, physical or other urgent reasons. But the term "urgent reasons" shall be strictly construed, and shall not permit of irregular attendance. Provided, That the school board in each district shall have power, at its June meeting, to reduce the period of compulsory attendance to not less than seventy per centum (70 per centum) of the school term in such district, in which case the board must at that date, fix the time for compulsory attendance to begin. This act shall not apply to any child, between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years, who can read and write the English language intelligently, and is regularly engaged in any useful employment or service. A certificate of age, and ability to read and write the English language intelligently, shall be issued by the superintendent of schools, notary public, justice of the peace, or any other person duly authorized to administer oaths, in cities and boroughs, and by the secretary of the school board in rural districts: Provided, That in case there be no public school in session within two miles, by the nearest traveled road, of any person within the school district, he or she shall not be liable to the provisions of this act: Provided, That this act shall not apply to any child that has been or is being otherwise instructed in English, in the common branches of learning, for a like period of time, by any legally qualified governess, or private teacher in a family: And provided, further, That any teacher or principal of any private school or educational institution shall report non attendance, as provided in section five (5) of this act: Provided, further, That any person employing a child, or children, shall furnish, on or before the third Monday of the school term, and quarterly thereafter, to the superintendent of school to the secretary of the board of school directors or controllers, of the district in which such children resides, the name, age, place of residence, and name of parent or guardian, of every person under the age of sixteen years in his employ at the time of said report: And provided, also, That the certificate of any principal or teacher of a private school, or of any institution for the education of children, in which the common English branches are taught, setting forth that the work of said school is in compliance with the provisions of this act, shall be sufficient and satisfactory evidence thereof, and the principal or teacher of said school or institution shall have the power to excuse any child or children for non attendance during temporary periods, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Approved May 29, 1907.

HIGH SCHOOL IN ANOTHER DISTRICT. An Amendment to the Act of

March 16, 1905, permitting children living in one school district to attend a High school in some other district.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, etc., That pupils, residing in school district in which no public high school is maintained, may attend during the entire term a high school in the township or borough school district maintaining such high school, located nearest or most convenient to their homes; provided the consent of the directors of the district in which said high school is located be first obtained. The cost of tuition and school books, which shall not exceed that of the tuition and school books of all pupils, both resident and non-resident, pursuing studies in the same grades or courses in the district maintaining such high school shall be paid to the district receiving such pupils, out of the moneys raised by taxation for public school purposes in the district in which said pupils reside. It shall be the duty of the district in which such children reside to pay the cost of tuition and school books; and, upon their failure to do so, the same may be paid by the parent of such children, and by him collected as debts of like amount are now collectable by law. The directors or controllers in any district wherein is located any public high school receiving State aid from any appropriation made specifically for the maintenance and support of such high schools, shall deduct their share of such appropriation from the total cost of tuition and text books, of such school, before reckoning the cost per pupil in making bills for tuition to outside districts for their non-resident pupils: Provided, That before admission to a high school such pupil shall be examined, and found qualified for high school work, by the principal of such high school, together with, or under the direction of, the county superintendent.

Approved May 23, 1907.

SANITATION OF SCHOOL ROOMS, ETC. An Act providing for better sanitation of schoolrooms, relative to heat and ventilation.

Whereas many schoolrooms of this Commonwealth have been constructed without provision for proper heating and ventilation, and the health and comfort of many school children, are greatly endangered thereby, therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That on and after the first day of December, nineteen hundred and seven, that it shall be unlawful for any board of school directors, within this Commonwealth, to use a common heating stove for the purpose of heating any schoolroom, unless every such stove shall be in part inclosed within a shield or jacket, made of galvanized iron or other suitable material, and of sufficient height and so placed as to protect all pupils, while seated at their desks, from direct rays of heat.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted that every school room in this Commonwealth shall be provided with ample means of ventilation, and that, when windows are the only means in use, they shall be so constructed as to admit of ready adjustment, both at the top and bottom, and some device shall be provided to protect pupils from currents of cold air.

Sec. 3. A thermometer shall be placed in every school room in this Commonwealth, by the directors in charge and this provision shall be complied with even when standard systems of heating and ventilation are in use.

Sec. 4. Any school board neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of this act, may, by proper course of law, be dismissed from office: Provided, That when one or more members shall vote to comply with the provisions of this act, such member or members shall not be subject to dismissal.

Approved May 29, 1907.

Otto Rexroth, of Omaha, Neb., spent from Saturday until Monday, visiting his mother and other friends in this place.

SHORT PEACH CROP.

Luscious Fruit Has Not Been So Scarce in Fifteen Years.

Fruit growers, commission merchants, canners, speculators and consumers are bewailing the shortest peach crop in fifteen years. Fruit which at this time last year sold at \$1.25 a bushel, is now in demand at prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$4.00 in Baltimore and there is small chance that the majority of orders will be filled.

The orchards of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, which are depended to supply the Baltimore and Philadelphia markets, have reported no more than 20 per cent, of the usual crop, and is only one small section of the peach-growing district that extends from Connecticut to Alabama is a crop as great as 60 per cent of the normal reported. In Michigan and Ohio, where the peach crop is so great that it can usually be relied upon to supply the eastern markets in lean years along the Atlantic coast, a crop that will not equal one fourth of that gathered last year will be the result of the season's work.

The frosts, backward season and long rainy spell in blossom time are responsible for the shortage.

Teachers' Preliminary Meetings.

The preliminary meetings for the teachers of the several districts, will be held as follows: Thompson, Bethel and Union, at Warfordsburg, Wednesday, September 4th; Brush Creek, Belfast, Ayr and Licking Creek, at Needmore, Thursday, September 5th; Wells, Dublin, Todd and Taylor, at Hustontown, Saturday, September 7th.

Questions pertaining to the opening of school, etc., will be discussed. We expect all teachers to be present at these meetings. Meetings to begin promptly at 9:30 a. m.

B. C. LAMBERSON.

Township Water Troughs.

Township supervisors and the country residents will be interested in the new law with reference to water troughs. The act provides that water troughs shall be six feet in length twelve inches in width and ten inches in depth in the clear, except that stone troughs shall not be less than two feet in length. Persons who shall provide water troughs on a public road where running water can be supplied for such trouble and keep the same in repair shall receive \$5 per annum from the road fund. Provided: That if more than one such trough is erected and maintained within five miles on the same road, but one such trough shall be entitled to the benefit of the act, and the oldest and first trough shall have the preference.

Birthday Surprise.

On Wednesday of last week, the home of Mrs. Wm. Sprowl was invaded. It was her birthday, and her neighbors gave her a complete surprise. She received many useful and handsome presents. Those present were, W. A. Stunkard and wife, George Sprowl and wife, Daniel Johnson and wife, Daniel Waring and family, Mrs. N. J. Stunkard and family, Abram Burkett and family, H. R. Riven and family, Mrs. Samuel Dentzer and family, Mrs. J. D. Focht, Mrs. Jas. B. Horton, Mrs. Della Adams, Miss Cella Horton, James A. Horton and family, Joe Horton and wife, Mrs. Belle Gracey, Mrs. Amanda Snow, Mrs. Albert Hessel, Peter Garlick and wife, Owen Ritchey and wife, Mrs. Wm. Roudabush and family, Mrs. G. B. Horton and family, Jerry Sprowl and son. After supper the young folks were invited in for the evening.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

ALTOONA GAZETTE GUYS FULTON.

And Incidentally Introduces Two Old Army Comrades of the Civil War.

Mr. George E. Vance, spent a few days last week at the City Hotel in this place, the guest of his niece, Mrs. Harry Hamill. Of his visit to this county, the Altoona Gazette has this to say:

"George E. Vance, the veteran passenger conductor of the Pittsburgh division, will leave on Wednesday of this week on his annual vacation, which will be spent at the place where he first saw the light of day, Fort Loudon Franklin county, Pa. While there he will convene the Franklin County Shale Committee, of which he is president, for the annual election of officers. He has an invitation from "Billy" Stoner of McConnellsburg, Fulton county, known as "the village story teller," to visit the place and introduce the game of ping pong, at which Mr. Vance is an expert. Fulton is the only county in Pennsylvania that has no railroads, and they went to be up to date in something, even ping pong."

Mr. J. C. Long, of Altoona, seeing the paragraph in the Gazette, wrote our friend Stoner: "I at once concluded that the said "Billy" was my comrade and head of Company H, 208 P. V., and that I would send him said clipping with the explanatory note, extending congratulations &c. If my conclusions are correct, and they should be, you must be enjoying your old age as I am doing, and, while a majority of the boys are gone, the few remaining of us seem to be more fondly remembered as the forty-odd years go by. I should very much like to hear from you and will then write more at length."

Making State Road.

There are 15 counties which have no new State roads under construction at this time, but in 51 others no less than 268 miles of road are being built by the methods laid down by Commissioner Hunter. Toiga county leads all, with Lancaster second and Allegheny third. Dauphin is away down the list with just one mile. Montgomery and Chester, which were among the earliest counties to avail themselves of State aid, are now having comparatively little work done, as they have used up most of the money allotted to them and must wait until money becomes available.

The counties where no work is in progress are Clarion, Cameron, Delaware, Juniata, Fulton, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Mifflin, Pike, Perry, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Somerset and Wyoming. None is under way in Philadelphia either, but that county does not come under the good roads acts. In Lehigh, Perry and Somerset, however, bids have been asked for constructions of several miles of road.

The statement shows the standing of each county in feet of road under construction to be as follows in this part of the State: Adams, 8333 feet; Berks, 19,114; Blair, 21,200; Cumberland, 27,268; Franklin, 53,678; Huntingdon, 10,819; Lancaster, 56,107; Lebanon, 5,280; Lycoming, 14,245; Montour, 2,013; Northumberland, 27,077; Schuylkill, 20,201; Union, 37,762; York, 12,850.

Charlton.

Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Charlton, of Bethel township, Saturday, August 24, 1907, and claimed as its victim their beloved little daughter, Harriet Lee, aged 11 months and 18 days. Her death was caused from brain fever. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Thomas Thompson, of Washington, D. C., and interment in the Presbyterian cemetery at Warfordsburg, August 26th. The grief stricken parents and relatives have the sympathy of the community in this sad hour of bereavement.

MUST PAY \$10 LICENSE.

State Will Collect Bonus From Those Selling Soaps, etc.

Those engaged in taking "soap orders" for the various firms, which offer to give \$10 worth of soap for \$5, and then throw in a \$10 premium, are learning with dismay that an act passed by the last legislature requires the payment of a \$10 mercantile license fee to the state by those desiring to solicit soap orders.

The requirement is a part of the act licensing brokers, and provides that all persons who sell soaps, perfumes, etc., for premiums, shall be required to take out a mercantile license at a cost of \$10.

The passage of the act was brought about by the merchants in several of the larger cities in the eastern part of the state who claim that the practice of soliciting orders for soaps, etc., by persons who secured premiums from the manufacturers for turning in the orders, had become so general as to ruin the ordinary soap trade.

The enforcement of the act will mean a cessation of the activities of a number of persons here who have devoted much time to this work.

Must Report Contagious Diseases.

The new rule of the state department of health that physicians are to report all cases of communicable diseases to the township health officer is a step in the right direction and should be supported by every doctor in Pennsylvania. Through the appropriation made by the last legislature the commissioner is enabled to amplify his township system and quarantine can now be properly established and statistics gathered. Heretofore these reports have been made to medical inspectors but now the township officers will handle them. Here is an opportunity to do much toward stamping out communicable diseases and physicians can help in this great work for humanity.

Reunion.

The reunion that was held at Daniel Rinehart's Saturday, the 17th inst., was well attended and a very enjoyable day spent. The brothers and sisters were all present but two—Samuel, of Pittsburg, and Lemuel, of Chicago. At 12 o'clock, the dining room door was thrown open and the table groaned with good things to eat. In the afternoon the young people furnished music by the organ and singing, while the older people talked of olden times. There were thirty-five persons present, among whom were Philip McClain, of LeGrange Ill.; W. C. McClain, wife and daughter, of Robertsdale; I. C. McClain and family, Lee McClain, Harry McClain, of Willmore, Pa.; Jane Berkstressef, Riley Berkstressef, wife and daughter, Bland Barnett and wife; Mrs. Alyce McClain and children, of Wells, Pa.; Mrs. Lizzie Berkstressef, Mrs. Martha Strat, Miss Grace Aller, of Crete, Neb.; Mrs. Catharine Duval, of New Granada. Everyone left feeling that it was good to be there, and wishing many more such enjoyable times.

Ten of the twelve children of the late J. Walker Johnston, together with the mother sat around the family board at the old homestead in Ayr township last Friday noon. It has been a good while since that many of them were together at one time. The children present were Richard M. and wife, of Towner, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Keggerois, of Willow Hill, Pa., J. Houston and wife of Webster Mills, W. M. Kendall and wife of the Cove, Ralph and wife of Allegheny City, and Florence, Nellie, Maye, Grace and Charlie at home. Norman and Jessie were not able to be present.

GONE TO IOWA.

Dr. D. A. Hill and Family, of Fort Littleton, Left Tuesday for Their New Home in Shelby, Iowa.

After a residence in this county of thirty-seven years, Dr. D. A. Hill, of Fort Littleton, came to the conclusion that the late Horace Greeley knew what he was talking about when he said "Young man, go west." Although he possessed a comfortable home, was surrounded by a host of friends, and enjoyed a large medical practice, he felt that he would like to try life in the Middle West a few years. So he sold his property, got his business matters in shape, and on Tuesday, with his wife and daughter, left for Shelby, Iowa, where he expects to, at least, spend the coming winter.

Their many friends in this county regret to lose them as residents here, but join in wishing they may find their western home pleasant, and enjoy many years of health and prosperity.

Little Excuse for Tramps.

There is little excuse for the existence of tramps in this section, and the men who are bumming about the country, out of employment, are doing so from choice rather than from necessity. Farmers are complaining of scarcity of help; contractors in many cities cannot procure a sufficient number of men to carry out their construction work; the railroads are short of help, and in fact there are openings for all who want to work. The able-bodied man who goes begging from town to town, a few of which species have made their appearance in this town of late, should be reminded of this fact rather than encouraged in their idle course by gifts from those of whose bounty they ask.

END.

The following were at Crystal Springs camp over Sunday from about Eaid: John and Charles Schenck, Howard Tice, Levi Truax, Joseph Woodcock, and Marian and Laura Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Jehu Edwards are spending a few days at Juniata.

D. Kensinger, wife and daughter, of Saxton, are visiting A. D. Berkstressef and J. E. Brideson for a short time.

The Altoona teachers will leave this week to begin their year's work.

Mrs. Olla Edwards and children of Osceola Mills are visiting relatives in the Valley.

Bessie Willett spent a few days in Bedford the past week.

John Biddle of Osceola Mills, is visiting at A. G. Edwards.

Mrs. Wm. Keith and children are spending a few days at W. R. Keiths.

GRACEY.

Isaac McClain lost a valuable horse last Sunday. The loss falls heavily on Mr. McClain, as this is the second one he has lost in the last two months.

Wm. Knepper is all smiles over the arrival of a new dishwasher. Miss Ada Foot is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Laura Baker, suffering with an attack of measles.

Miss Hazel Van Zant, of Orbisoma, is visiting the family of W. R. Berkstressef.

Hattie Ramsey, of Trough Creek Valley, is visiting her grandmother, Harriet Barnett. Tena Reeder is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. Barnett.

Jas. Reeder, wife and two children, visited Isaac McClain's last Sunday.

Harry McClain, of Willmore, is visiting near here.

Mrs. Nora Stinson and children, of Marklesburg, have returned to their home, after having spent some time visiting friends near here.

Wm. Gracey is having his barn commenced this week by a force of men.

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. Geo. W. Reischer is away on a trip to Atlantic City.

Mrs. W. H. Staley, of Pittsburg is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Sipes.

Everett Fassold of this place, is enjoying a two weeks outing with friends in the Little Cove.

Miss Mary Watson of this place, is spending the week with friends in Chambersburg.

Henry Trittle and family, of near Mercersburg, were visiting relatives in this place Saturday.

H. H. Bergstressef, proprietor of the Waterfall roller mills, spent Thursday in this place on business.

Mr. Ed. Dunlap and daughter Midred of Shippensburg spent from Saturday until Monday with friends in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Walker, of Mercersburg, were in town over Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sloan.

Mrs. Cora Clyde and little daughter, of Philadelphia are visiting in the home of Mrs. Clyde's sister, Mrs. George Magsam.

Herbert Duffy of Chambersburg, spent a few days last week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duffy at Webster Mills.

Mrs. Rebecca Deshong, of Johnstown, Pa., spent a few days last week visiting in the home of her sister Mrs. Aaron Clevenger in this place.

J. Findlay Johnston and wife, and their cousins Bruce Johnston and wife of New Castle, Pa., had a very pleasant trip over to Gettysburg last week.

John Woodcock an employee of the Westinghouse, Pittsburg, and Eugene Chesnut, of Hustontown, were calling on friends in this place Saturday evening.

Misses Martha Suders and Nelle Clippinger, of Shippensburg, are visiting the former's cousins Nellie and Lillian DeHart, and other friends in McConnellsburg.

Prof. C. J. Potts, for nine years superintendent of the schools of Bedford county, has been elected principal of the new Logan high school at Greenwood, a suburb of Altoona.

Peter Macsam, and daughter, of Huntingdon, who was visiting his brother's, George and John Magsam, of Ayr township was greeting old friends in this place Monday.

James O. G. Weaver, the efficient Express agent at Gettysburg, accompanied by his wife, spent from Friday until Tuesday in this place, guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Rummel.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKibben, of Crystal Springs, Fulton county, left for Elkins, West Virginia, where Mr. McKibben will practice law, he having graduated from the University of Chattanooga with the class of 1907.

Mrs. J. B. Williams and daughter, Miss Mildred, of Everett, who has been spending two months in the vicinity of Harrisburg, were registered at the Washington House, this place Friday night, enroute overland to their home.

Mrs. J. V. Wilhelm and daughter Virginia Marie, who had been spending four weeks in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes of this place have returned to their home in Homestead, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Bingham, of Chicago, and Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Teeter and their daughter Miss Leona and son William, came over from Chambersburg, Monday, in Mr. Bingham's big auto, and took dinner at the Washington House.