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BIG CASH FOR SCHOOLS.

The Seven-and-a-Half Million Dollars Ready to Be Distributed by the State June 1st.

DIRECTORS SHOULD REPORT PROMPTLY

The largest sum ever distributed by our Commonwealth, or by any other State, for popular education, will be available on the first day of June in the hands of State Treasurer Sheatz; and if the School Directors of this county do not get the share of it by longing to their respective districts, it will be on account of carelessness in making out and forwarding their annual report to the County Superintendent. The School Department have long since adopted the "First Come, First Served" rule in paying out the appropriations.

New York's allotment last year was \$5,040,468 73.

Treasurer Sheatz was Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations which framed that appropriation and takes considerable pride in the size of the allowance, which was one of the crowning pieces of legislation of the first session under Governor Stuart's administration and an act which the Governor strongly urged.

During the last session some strenuous efforts were made to gain money for projects at the expense of the schools, but the Governor was committed to an increased appropriation, and in the House Committee Mr. Sheatz succeeded in raising the allotment for the splendid school system of the State from \$5,500,000 per year, the total appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the fiscal years 1907 and 1908 being made. This was the greatest sum voted by Pennsylvania for the purpose. For years prior to 1897 the school appropriation was \$4,000,000 a year. Then it was raised to \$4,500,000 and in 1901 a million more was added. Last year the increase was made and in addition a number of new school provisions were made.

The \$7,500,000 which Mr. Sheatz will disburse after June 1, is to reimburse school districts in part for what they have paid out in the school year which began last Fall. The allotment is made on a basis of one-third citizens, one-third teachers and one-third children, and warrants are issued upon filing of reports by district officers that moneys have been expended for certain purposes and indicating in what manner the State appropriation was disbursed.

Not all of the money is paid to school districts, however, as five other items must be cared for by act of the Legislature. The chief of these items is the stipulation in the Snyder law increasing the minimum salary of teachers. This made the lowest salary that could be paid a teacher \$40 and for those holding certificates \$45, the State agreeing to pay the districts the difference between the salaries paid when the law was enacted and the limits allowed in the bill, so that the burden would not fall heavily upon the small or sparsely settled districts. This item alone amounts to \$855,045 51. In addition there must be taken care of \$627,500 made up as follows: Normal schools, \$237,000; county school superintendents' salaries, \$115,000; township high schools, \$157,500; and borough high schools, \$137,500, the latter a new provision. These items are to be paid before any district appropriations can be made, so that \$3,072,455 85 remains to be distributed.

This sum, however, is far larger than ever known before and there will be substantial increases in the allowance to be made to many districts.

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THE UBIQUITOUS FLY.

The Greatest Known Breeder of Disease and Distributor of Germs Here Again.

EXCLUDE THE PEST FROM YOUR HOMES

And now the harmful, unnecessary pest, the house fly, makes its annual advent, and housekeepers are busy making preparations to exclude it from their homes.

Medical science, which has done so much to eradicate germs and eliminate contagion, is still baffled by the fly, the greatest known breeder of disease and distributor of germs.

Though biologists have studied the habits of the fly, discovered why it can walk on its head, counted the exact number of hairs on its legs and ascertained that it is a stupid, cannibal insect of the deleterious type, they have failed to find any means of exterminating it.

Housekeepers must still be bothered and menaced by millions of the fly, which have an equal liking for the sugar bowl and garbage pail, and enter the house, carrying filth from stables, markets and disease-infected places.

The old exterminators will be used again this summer—screens, fly-traps, sticky paper and poison—all disagreeable expedients which do not seem to diminish the nuisance.

These play no useful part in nature's economy, and to all intents and purposes their invention has added to the aggravation annoyance and disease.

The cold, damp spring has postponed the flies' appearance, but indications are that they will be as numerous this summer as ever before.

NEEDMORE.

On last Tuesday morning, Mr. John Lanehart insisted on his wife going with him to plant some potatoes; on returning to the house she was greatly surprised at finding a number of her friends and neighbors assembled to remind her of another birthday. She was the recipient of many presents. All report a good time.

Mr. C. W. Snyder represented this place at the County Seat last Friday. While in town traded drivers with Sheriff Harris.

Mrs. Robt. Dixon, of Pittsburg, has moved in with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Runyan.

Cap. Chas. Dixon, of Saluvia, was the guest of A. Runyan last Saturday. He was accompanied home by his daughter-in-law Mrs. Robt. Dixon.

Dr. D. E. Fisher made a business trip to Martinsburg, W. Va. last Friday.

A number of our people attended May Meeting at Tonoloway last Saturday and Sunday.

The preaching services at this place last Sunday evening were well attended.

Memorial Services will be held in the P. O. S. of A. Hall.

Our Summer Normal has prospects of a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Peck entertained a number of friends last Saturday evening.

Miss Lulu Slusher passed through this place last Monday on her way to the McConnellsburg Normal.

We had a very pleasant call Monday afternoon from our old friend Aaron Knepper, of Taylor township. Mr. Knepper was born out on the Judge Morton farm, and with his father, lived there until a year after the War. He remarks the many changes that have taken place, both in the improvements to the town, and in the residents of the place. He now misses the faces of nearly all of what were then the older people; and of the boys that were then his companions and acquaintances there are few remaining in the old town.

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MEMORIAL SERMON.

Rev. Fassold Preached to the "Old Soldiers" Last Sunday Morning in the Lutheran Church.

Twice during the past week have our old warriors of the 60's marched to the Lutheran church under the folds of "Old Glory." The first occasion was at the funeral of their old chaplain, Michael Lehman, which occurred on last Wednesday. Their second appearance was on last Sunday, when they, to the number of possibly thirty, marched with slow and faltering step, but with their old-time martial bearing, to church to listen to the annual sermon preached this year by Rev. J. C. Fassold. The theme selected was "God's Guidance." The text employed was Deut. 8:2. "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years." In a most earnest and impressive manner, the speaker referred to the history-making period, in which these old heroes had played such an important role, and in which thousands of their comrades had given the last full measure of devotion and sacrifice.

The Women's Relief Corps, No. 18, attended in a body. The music was appropriate and spirited.

Elaborate and tasteful floral decorations added much to the beauty of the interior, and the presence of numerous flags gracefully draped about the altar and choir loft, gave the appropriate and distinctive tone to the day's exercises.

School Report.

Number enrolled during term, 40; Average attendance during term, 34; percent of attendance during term, 91. Those who did not miss a day during the term—Goldie and Parker Tritle. Missed only one day—Anna Mary Sipes.

Report for last month of school. Number enrolled during month, 37; attendance during month, 34, percent of attendance during month, 95. Those who did not miss a day during month were, Ross Hamill, Ted Hamill, Pete Morton, Frank Shimer Dwight Steach, Willis Daniels, Norman Doyle, Earl Everhart, Lester Gress, Harry Steach, Parker Tritle, Helen Bender, Mary Fisher, Beulah Johnston, Nettie Melott, Mary Pittman, Winnie Melott, Anna Mary Sipes, Elma Smith, Helen Steach, Martha Taylor, Goldie Tritle, Helen Washabaugh.—Nora Fisher Teacher.

DUBLIN MILLS.

Mrs. Margarette Bolinger, is spending some time with her son's and daughter in Robertsdale.

Mrs. Ed. Black, and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. S. Grissinger.

Robert Winegardner spent Sunday in the home of Robert Bratton.

Mrs. Elmer Slaters and son Fred spent Friday afternoon in our town.

Newton Black and sister Alice, spent Sunday in the home of Jacob Black.

The hum of the saw mill is heard in our community again. Jesse Miller is busily engaged in building a new barn.

Harvey Shater has moved into our town. Now we will hear the ring of the anvil.

Mrs. W. M. McClain, and daughter Birdie, and Hoster Witter, spent a night recently in the home of Michael Laidig.

The farmers in our community are busy planting corn.

David Miller was seen in our town last Saturday.

Bland Barnett and wife spent Sunday with Brint Miller.

John Grissinger and wife, and Harmon Cromwell and wife spent Sunday evening in the home of Peter Knepper and wife.

The Sunday school has begun to practice for children's services.

STORE ROBBED.

Burglars Gain Entrance to Howard S. Mellott's Store Near Needmore Last Saturday Night.

GETS NEARLY \$250.00 IN SPOT CASH.

Three robberies in three successive weeks is not a bad record for quiet little Fulton county with its sixty odd churches, and banner Sunday School organization. This is no reflection on the power and efficiency of church work, but shows without this influence there might have been six robberies in three successive weeks.

The latest victim is Howard S. Mellott, who owns a store two miles north of Needmore, where was, years ago, located the Jim. Gregory Store.

Mr. Mellott has been doing a nice business, and as he is some what isolated from a Bank, frequently has a considerable sum of money in the store. This fact no doubt led some person or persons, on Saturday night of last week, to gain entrance to his store. This was done by displacing the transom, and reaching down and unlocked the door from the inside. When once inside the store, they had things pretty much their own way, and when Mr. Mellott next visited the store found his worldly possessions reduced to the tune of about \$250 in cash, a lot of cigars, and other articles.

While Mr. Mellott feels pretty certain that he knows who did the work, and is just waiting until he completes a chain of evidence that will fasten the criminals so securely that they cannot escape the penitentiary.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

On the Death of Chaplain Michael Lehman of King Post No. 365.

Whereas it has pleased our Almighty Commander in his infinite wisdom to remove by the grim reaper, Death, our beloved Brother, it seems right and proper to place on record a small tribute to express our just appreciation of his moral worth; therefore, be it

Resolved That we, the members of King Post, No. 365, G. A. R., of McConnellsburg, Dept. Pa. join in extending our sympathy and prayers to the bereaved friends, and also feel that our Post has lost an earnest member. While we mourn the loss of our brother and miss his presence in our Post, we feel that our loss is his eternal gain; that God made manifest to us the importance of his command. "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

That he has gone to live with his Savior, and from that supreme Commander he heard the welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Resolved That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the Post, be printed in the County papers, and that the Post Room be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days.

HENRY TAYLOR
T. N. HAMILL,
D. A. GILLIS,
Committee.

WELLS TANNERY.

Miss Alice E. Wishart, who has been in Allahabad, India, for four and a half years, came to her home last Friday. As we stated a few weeks ago, she has been in poor health for several months, but since her treatment in the Woman's Hospital in Philadelphia, she has improved rapidly, and looks quite well, and just as youthful as when she went from us.

Rev. Kennedy will preach his last sermon as pastor of the Presbyterian church here Sunday evening. He will, also, administer communion.

The grand army men are arranging for memorial services. A prominent speaker will be employed.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR WAGER.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers Passed Through Here Last Saturday, Walking from Chicago to Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, a stout pair of young people, arrived in this place last Saturday forenoon by foot on the turnpike route, and after a rest of an hour or two, during which time John S. Harris, our very efficient Health Officer, looked after the welfare of their soles.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers left the Windy City on the first day of April to walk to Philadelphia, and reach the latter city not later than the 31st of May. The worst part of their journey was over, and they felt that the winning of the wager would be a cinch.

They both wore big strong walking shoes, and seemed to be enjoying the trip.

High School Commencement.

Some one has said "The Oriental worships his ancestors—The Occidental his children." The truth of this statement was abundantly proven by the great crowd of parents and visitors to the commencement exercises of the High School graduates held in the Court Hall on last Thursday evening. In spite of inclement weather—the hall at an early hour was filled—standing room being at a premium. Evergreens and potted plants, ferns and palms were employed in decoration.

Two graceful garlands running parallel in festoons, on the wall enclosing the class motto, "Thus ends our first lesson" formed a charming background for the brilliant flower display at the rear of the stage.

Promptly at 8 o'clock, the class of graduates numbering eight, took their places on the stage. The class roll bore the names of Hollis Wilcox Mann, Anna Catherine Reinsner, Joanne Morton, Russel Hoke Runyan, Harriet Barton Sloan, Samuel Maxwell Irwin, Ruth Lehman Roettger, and Goldie Cecilia Mason.

Their attractive appearance, becoming dignity, and grace of manner won the admiration of the audience at once. Lack of space forbids lengthy comment or criticism on the orations, essays and recitations. All were excellent in character and style: Prose and poetry—all literary contributions showed great care and ability in preparation and reflected great credit on the author as well as on their preceptor Prof. Emory Thomas.

To County Superintendent, B. C. Lamberson, was given the honor of addressing the graduates, of commending their past success and of bidding them God-speed toward future effort.

Prof. L. H. Wible, president of the McConnellsburg School Board, had the pleasant task of presenting the long expected and well earned diplomas which mark the ending of "the first lesson," and represented the guardians of our school interests in fine form.

The evening was one of profit to all, and rich in possibilities of the future. The warmest congratulations and kindest wishes of the community are extended to these fine, manly boys and to those winsome young maidens, for their future success and welfare. After all that is so attractive, so magnetic as youth. Who doubts for a moment the sincerity of Mark Twain's choice—"I would rather be a young June-bug than an old Bird of Paradise."

S. M. C.

Church Dedication.

The dedication of the Otto A. M. E. church will take place on Sunday June 7, 1908. Presiding elder, Rev. B. W. Arnett, of Harrisburg district, will be present and conduct the services. The hours of these services will be 10 a. m., 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. All are invited to come and help us in this great struggle.

W. SPRIGGS,
Pastor.

SUICIDE NEAR EVERETT.

William H. Wilkinson Shoots Himself Through the Heart, and Dies Instantly.

VICTIM OF FAMILY TROUBLES.

William H. Wilkinson, who lived at the little village of Ashcom, near Everett, sent a pistol shot through his heart, on Tuesday evening of last week, preferring death in this manner to the tortures of mind resulting from the misdeeds of his own life, and the attendant family disturbances.

On March 7, 1907, Mr. Wilkinson's wife, who was Miss Edith E. Price, daughter of Valentine Price, died at their home in Ashcom, leaving four small children. Since that time Mrs. William Oliver had been keeping house for the Wilkinson's. Deceased was employed at the stone quarry until recently, and had grown dependent because of his inability to obtain work. During the past week he made several unsuccessful attempts to place his children in comfortable homes.

Mrs. Oliver was engaged in house-cleaning and between 6:30 and 7 o'clock Tuesday evening Wilkinson was assisting in placing the heavy furniture in an upstairs room. In moving a trunk he took from it a revolver and with the words, "This ends it all," fired, the bullet lodging in the left breast near the heart. Death resulted in about five minutes.

The wounded man meanwhile staggering into an adjoining room and falling upon the bed. A sister of Mrs. Oliver and one of the others were on the porch at the time and on hearing the shot hurried to his assistance but death had preceded them.

Coroner F. S. Campbell of Hopewell was summoned and after viewing the body decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The deceased was aged 34 years, 7 months, and 27 days.

HUSTONTOWN.

Mrs. Wilson and daughter Miss Lola, of Knobsville, spent Wednesday afternoon with the former's sister Mrs. House.

Miss Mary Heefner left on Thursday for Alexandria where she will be employed for some time.

Mrs. Jacob Strait and Mrs. John Jones spent a day at the County Seat last week.

T. S. Shoemaker was again seen in our town this week. We are not informed what the attraction is.

J. H. Shafer, grocery salesman from Chambersburg, was accompanied on his trip last week by his wife. Mrs. Shafer spent the time here very pleasantly with N. M. Kirk's family.

Dr. McClain went to Hagerstown last week and purchased a large Auto, which he with friend are now enjoying.

Mrs. A. L. Frank, and little son Albert Kirk Frank, of Stormstown, are visiting Mrs. Frank's parents Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Kirk.

Dr. Robinson while making a professional visit to our town last week, was accompanied by Miss Emily Greathead.

County Superintendent, B. C. Lamberson, went to Everett on Friday and was accompanied home on Sunday by Miss Effie Cutchall of this place.

Mrs. B. H. Shaw is visiting her parents in Saxton this week.

Mrs. Wilson Cutchall has returned to her home in Clear Ridge, after spending a week in the home of Wm. Cutchall.

Dr. Bert Stevens and family of Iowa, have moved to our county, and will spend the summer near town.

Chesnut—House.

At Hustontown, on Thursday evening, May 14, 1908, Rev. W. M. Cline, of the M. E. church united in marriage Ex-Superintendent Clem Chesnut and Mrs. Elizabeth House—both of Hustontown.

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

Miss Gertrude Sipes spent a few days in Chambersburg this week.

Treasurer Charle B. Stevens spent Tuesday at the State Capital "on business."

Merchant Frank Bare, of Fort Ligonier, spent Monday night in Chambersburg.

Miss Bessie Smith, of Altoona, is spending a couple of weeks with friends here.

Prof. N. E. W. Hoover and mother Mrs. Eliza Hoover, of West Dublin spent Tuesday at McConnellsburg.

Miss Sarah Keyser, of Chambersburg, is visiting her friend Miss Josephine Runyan in this place.

Miss Stella Laidig, of Laidig, attended the reunion of the Literary Society at the Shippensburg Normal last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Nace and son Master Donald, accompanied by Mrs. A. U. Nace left Monday morning for a few days' visit in Philadelphia. Mr. Nace represents McConnellsburg Lodge, No. 744 I. O. O. F. in the Grand Lodge which is in session in Philadelphia this week.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

Morgan Deshong and Nathan Truax have returned from the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Bert has moved his saw mill to Andrew Swope's to saw out lumber for a shed and kitchen.

Russel Swope had the misfortune to cut an ugly gash in his leg, while peeling bark.

H. D. Shives spent Saturday night at Iddo.

Riley Deshong and wife spent Sunday at Will Deshong's.

Last Wednesday evening the people met at Ebenezer church to practice singing for the Sunday School convention to be held there May 26th.

Miss Rebecca Deshong returned home last Saturday, accompanied by Mr. Arthur Wilkins, of Rays Hill.

H. H. Strait and J. W. Lake are engaged in cutting telephone poles.

R. A. Skiles and family, of Hustontown, spent Sunday at Mrs. Martha Skiles.

Ex-Constable Jas. B. Mellott has taken a new method of making pin money. Since his term of office expired, he is trapping crows. Success to you, Jim.

Reynolds Robison of Robisonville, Bedford, County, is in this section of the county—looking after his business interests.

DOTT.

Mrs. Jeromiah Golden recently had the misfortune to fall and break her arm, while working at the carpenter trade.

Mrs. Roy Garland is on the sick list.

J. C. Fisher and family spent Sunday with George Grey and family.

Alexander Bernhardt's have recovered from the measles.

Sherman Bernhardt returned last week, after spending some time at Waynesboro, Pen Mar, and Gettysburg.

Mrs. Samuel Carnell and Miss May Carnell spent a day recently in Hancock, Md.

Riley Garland has gone to Cumberland, where he has secured employment.

Mrs. Catherine Decker, near Warfordsburg, is spending some time with the family of Geo. F. B. Hill.

Mr. George Wilson's fine new house will soon be finished. Mr. John Martin of Whips Cove is doing the work.

Quite a number of persons from here attended May meeting at Sideling Hill, Sunday.