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## SCHOOL BOOKS ARE SOURCE OF GRAFT.

Dr. Schaeffer Condemns Some Abuses in His Annual Report on State Schools.

Harrisburg, Oct. 19.—In suggesting new legislation in regard to the purchase and abuses by the school book trust, Dr. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, says in his annual report:

"Although the expense involved in furnishing free text books is only half as great for the entire state as it was in the days when the parents bought the books, still there are defects in the present system, which should be remedied. Directors are seldom book experts. The teachers who use the books should have a voice in their selection. The conference between the directors and the teachers is in many instances a mere form, if not a farce. Sometimes more books are bought than are needed. Occasionally there is complaint that irresponsible book houses whose agents sell on commission, charge more than a just price for their publications. When the teacher or director himself becomes a book agent, the door is opened for abuses which bring the school system into bad repute. Legislation which will remove opportunities for dishonesty in the book trade is always welcomed by the reputable publishing houses of the country. Room for honest competition is of course needed in order that the best talent among the teachers may not be deterred from the making of text books, whilst the state publication of school books has nowhere been a satisfactory experiment."

Of the appropriation and salary question, Dr. Schaeffer writes:

"The increase of the school appropriation had a tonic effect upon the entire school system. The use of a part of the appropriation to pay the increase of salaries prescribed by the minimum salary law was wise, because it acted as a spur to greater effort on the part of teachers. To the holders of provisional certificates if furnished an inducement to strive after a degree of excellence that would secure for them professional or permanent certificates. It stimulated all the teachers in the direction of greater proficiency, because those who failed to get the certificate of proficiency cannot claim the highest salary specified in the law.

The minimum salary law of 1907 increased the average monthly salary of men teachers to \$61.23, an increase of \$6.74 per month, and the average monthly salary of women teachers to \$46.58, an increase of \$6.87 per month. It is gratifying to note that Pennsylvania no longer belongs to the states whose average salaries are below the average for the whole United States, but it must be confessed that the compensation of our teachers is still below that of the western states and below the wages which women earn in many of the vocations now open to them.

Good schools cost money, and a more liberal policy in teachers' salaries would yield a splendid return in the betterment of the public schools."

### NEEDMORE.

We are having beautiful weather. There has been quite a fire in Sideling Hill mountain for the past day or two.

T. W. Peck has taken possession of the Runyan store.

C. W. Snyder expects to move to the Pott place near Big Cove Tannery soon.

Big Cove Tannery ball team expects to cross bats with the Needmore team next Saturday.

The new constable has had one trip.

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### "UP FROM THE FARM."

Not Enough Farmers Sending Their Boys To Agricultural Schools and Colleges.

How often we hear the expression "Up from the farm" in connection with men who have entered other vocations and made more or less of a success in their chosen work. The general idea has been that the farm stands at the foot of all human vocations and that every young fellow who leaves the farm and turns cityward necessarily moves in an upward direction. His job in the city may be to guide street cars through crowded thoroughfares, sell tickets at a five cent show, or drive the hotel bus, no matter he is "up from the farm" and the folks back home refer proudly to "our son in New York," or St. Louis or Boston, as the case may be.

We are pleased to note a change in the attitude of country people with respect to this matter. The idea that farming is a calling lower than that of the business or professional man is passing. Farmers are today sending their boys to agricultural schools and colleges to learn the science and art of farming, with no thought other than that their sons are on a par with students of scientific and literary courses. Contrary to the idea of many, farming has always been a respectable vocation, but it is more desirable today than ever before because it is no longer a simple question of sowing and reaping, but an intricate problem calling for skill and intelligence on the part of those who would reap its rewards.

If any one believes that only the farmer is a drudge, let him take the word of one who knows both sides of the shield, that there is no more so called drudgery in the work of the farmer than in that of the average city man. Furthermore, there are just as great opportunities for mental and moral development, social distinction, or political achievement on the farm as elsewhere. The trouble is, like Ah Hafeid in the story, people look for their acres of diamonds far away from home, instead of right under their feet.

We welcome the new order of things and commend the wisdom of those far-seeing parents of rural communities who are educating their children up to the farm and not up from the farm.—From The American Farm Review.

### SALUVA.

Our farmers are about done seeding, and the grain looks well considering the dry weather.

There has been an excellent crop of buckwheat this year and the weather was favorable for harvesting it; consequently, the quality of the grain is good. There were raised on the McDaniel farm 583 bushels; Jackson Deshong had 380 bushels; Emery Hessler, 152 bushels; H. E. Austin, 85; D. E. Mellott, 97, and most other farmers raised from 50 to 100 bushels each. It is bringing a good price, too, this year,—about \$2.75 a hundred for buckwheat flour.

Sheridan Hann and daughter Etie were visiting relatives here last Saturday and Sunday.

Among the lucky hunters last week were John C. Deshong and Jackson Deshong—each of whom succeeded in shooting a fine wild turkey. Squirrels seem to be plenty, and quite a number have been killed since the season came in.

Mrs. Scott Kegarise and daughter made a trip to McConnellsburg last Saturday.

W. N. Stetler is moving his sawmill to Thomas Hollinshead's, from whom he has purchased a nice lot of timber.

Merchant F. C. Bare, of Fort Littleton, went to Scranton last Saturday as a grand juror to the U. S. Court, and returned yesterday.

### ROYAL ARCANIANS.

Had Special Meeting Monday Evening in Honor of Visiting Members.

The members of Tuscarora Council, Royal Arcanum held a special meeting in Clevenger's Hall Monday evening. In addition to the local members present, Grand Orator, Millard F. Thompson, of Carlisle, C. T. McCullough, of Newville, D. W. Faust, and H. B. Atkinson, of Mercersburg, were present. After the regular business of the council had been transacted, the doors were thrown open, and a number of the citizens of town and vicinity came in, when Mr. Thompson gave the assemblage a most convincing speech on the history and possibilities of the Royal Arcanum.

At the close of Mr. Thompson's address, refreshments were served by caterer George Smith, and a general good time was had. While the Royal Arcanum is one of the soundest business organizations in the world, there is a social side to the organization that makes it very pleasant to be a member.

The leading object of the Royal Arcanum is to furnish to the common people a life insurance at a cost that is not beyond the reach of the poor man—and it is the poor man that, more than any one else, needs to provide some protection for his loved ones in event of death. As an example of the cost—if you are 40 years of age, it will cost you less than 4¢ cents a day to carry a thousand dollars, and if you are younger, it will cost you correspondingly less. Ask any member of the organization about it, and you will be cheerfully given any information you may wish concerning the cost and the advantages arising from being a member.

Are you in debt? Have you a property that is partly paid for, and that in case you should unexpectedly die, might be taken away from your wife and children? Why not provide a fund that in case you should be called away, would be paid promptly to your wife, or other heirs? How many cases there are that you know all about, right among your own acquaintances, where life insurance was the only thing that saved the family from the greatest hardship. Think about it.

### HUSTONTOWN.

David Heefner is home on a short leave of absence visiting his mother and sisters.

The Republicans of this place have secured a very fine flag pole, which they expect to raise on Tuesday, October 20th, in honor of their candidate for president—Wm. H. Taft. I wonder what is the matter with the Democrats? Hurrah for Taft!

Chas. B. Hoover has returned home from Brooklyn. Jimmy expects to give the rabbits some trouble.

The hunters of this place have been successful in capturing several fine turkeys.

The farmers are busy husking corn. They report a fairly good crop.

J. K. Jones, with a mowing scythe and broom-handle, cleared his lot the other day expecting to secure a fine rabbit. John tells us the rabbits are a scarce article.

A very enjoyable evening was given to the members of the choir, and Epworth League by Rev. and Mrs. Cline at the parsonage on October 6.

Dr. H. C. McClain made a flying trip in his auto to Hagersstown last Thursday.

The long expected concrete walk is about to become a reality if the male portion of our town turn out on Wednesday—so says Dr. A. K. Davis.

Berkley Sipes' new home is nearing completion.

Our school is progressing very nicely under the care of W. H. Ranck.

### Local Institute.

The second local institute of Dublin township was held at Mud Level, Friday evening. The house was called to order by the teacher, Jessie Henry, after which the president, A. E. Deshong, took charge. The following topics were discussed: 1. Effects of teachers' personal example. 2. The recreation period. 3. How do you deal with pupils who have a special aptitude for one branch?

The topics were fairly well discussed by the eight teachers present. Dr. Buckley and Cline took part in the discussions. The institute was enlivened by a number of recitations and dialogues, by the school. Institute adjourned to meet at Ft. Littleton, Oct. 30th. Levi P. Morton, Secretary.

### BRUSH CREEK.

The farmers of our valley are busy husking corn and hauling apples to market.

S. W. Kirk, wife and son, of McConnellsburg, and Boyd Jackson and wife, of Everett, spent Sunday with Mrs. E. H. Lodge and family.

E. D. Akers and wife spent Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Truax.

Mrs. M. J. Hixson is visiting friends and relatives in Everett and Altoona this week.

Ernest Hixson and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hixson.

Mrs. Geo. W. Hixson is spending a few days with friends in Buck Valley.

Russel Carbaugh spent Saturday and Sunday with H. N. Barton and family.

The local institute at Emmaville was well attended. They adjourned to meet at Buffalo, Oct. 30th.

Claud Smith and Geo. Miller spent Sunday afternoon at H. N. Barton's.

Sadie and Lida Barton spent Sunday afternoon with Clara and Ivy Hixson.

A surprise party was held at the home of H. N. Barton in celebration of his 37th birthday. Mr. Barton was busy seeding and when he came to the house at noon found a number of friends assembled. Those present were Mrs. Sarah E. Barton, Mrs. John Lodge, Mrs. E. H. Lodge, Mrs. Frank Lodge, Mrs. Geo. Hixson Mrs. Jerry Hixson, Mrs. Doyle Hixson, Rhoda Barton, I. M. Barton and wife, E. W. Barton and wife, M. E. Barton and wife, Mrs. J. C. Barton, Misses Clara and Ivy Hixson, Olive Hixson, Lulu Mills, Sadie, Lida, Celia, Gwen, Ada, Ella, and Olive Barton, Stella Spade, Sarah Clark, Messrs. John and Marshal Lodge, Walter and Christopher Spade, Grant Spade, Ross Hixson, Marshal Hixson, Ross, Bruce, and Tallmace Barton. All had a very pleasant time and departed wishing Mr. Barton many happy returns of the day.

### NEEDMORE.

Oct. 14.—The Association held by Elds. Gore and Mellott on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, was largely attended.

Dennis Morgret and wife spent several days with friends here last week.

Miss Eva Bernhardt spent several days last week with her uncle Jno. McClellan.

A number of our young people are attending the Hagerstown Fair this week.

Edward Hendershot was a visitor in the home of Eld. C. L. Funk last Sunday.

Dr. D. E. Fisher has been having a serious time with a boil on his hand.

Needmore crossed bats with Big Cove Tannery last Saturday, but had to postpone the game after one inning, on account of rain.

Rev. A. G. B. Powers commenced a protracted meeting at Oakley, Sunday evening, to continue all week.

We will expect perfect order here now, since H. M. Snyder has been appointed Constable.

### MRS. GREENOUGH DEAD.

Another Octogenarian Gone. She Was a Popular Teacher Sixty Years Ago. Last Member of Her Family.

Mrs. Elizabeth McKalip Greenough died near Harrisonville during the after part of last Friday night, in the 88th year of her age. Her funeral took place last Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev. Luther McGarvey, of the M. E. church, and her remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the little cemetery at the Greenhill Presbyterian church.

Notwithstanding the meagre facilities offered in the country schools when she was a little girl, she early showed a fondness for books, and by close application, she acquired such an education as made her services sought as a teacher as soon as she was old enough to manage a school, and for many years she taught—in Harrisonville, Hustontown, Wells Valley, upon Broadtop, and many other places. Of course, she early identified herself with the church, and possessing a desire to learn only that which would be elevating and enable her to be more and more useful to her pupils, she read only the best authors, and consequently, in her later life, her ability to quote the best thought from all the best writers, made her a companion whose conversation was at once educating and uplifting.

She was the last of a large family, and the only near relative left is her niece, Mrs. Thos. S. Metzler, of Harrisonville, and her nephew, Howard P. Skipper, of Waynesboro.

### Fine Fruit Sent to Harrisburg.

Mr. G. B. Shore, the expert apple producer of Three Springs, in the southern part of Huntingdon County, has sent a box of fine apples to Prof. H. A. Surface State Zoologist, Harrisburg, and upon examination the Zoologist replies that he finds them to be among the best that can be produced in any State, of first-class quality, and almost without any blemishes whatever. He finds no San Jose Scale marks upon them nor Codling Moths in them. He advises Mr. Shore that it is evident that his soil is well adapted to the production of apples and it will pay him to specialize in this subject, as there will always be a market for such fruit. This contribution of choice fruit was much appreciated by the office force of the division of Zoology of the Department of Agriculture.

### D. W. Cromer Hurt.

Mr. D. W. Cromer, one of the Republican candidates for County Commissioner, met with an ugly accident Tuesday morning. In company with his brother-in-law, J. H. Covalt, of Thompson township, he left the latter's home to go across the Ridge into Pigeon Cove. Meeting Harry Hill on the way Mr. Cromer went to get out of the buggy in which he and Mr. Covalt were riding to speak with Harry, when his feet became entangled in the lap-robe, and Mr. Cromer fell headlong to the ground, fracturing one of the bones in his right forearm. He at once started for Dr. Palmer's office. Not finding the Doctor at home, he went on to Webster Mills to find Dr. Sappington, but the latter, was away from home on professional business, so Mr. Cromer came on to McConnellsburg, suffering much pain all the way, and went to Mr. Mosser, who happened to be in his office, and who promptly fixed up the injured arm.

### Judge Swope Hurt.

While driving from Littlestown to their home in Gettysburg one evening last week, Judge and Mrs. S. Mc Swope, were thrown from their carriage. Both received more or less serious injuries, and it was at first thought that the Judge was very seriously hurt. They were run into by another team.

### NOT ENOUGH FUNDS.

Appropriations For Borough High Schools Must Be Cut.

The State Department of Public Instruction has fixed the appropriation rate for township High Schools at ninety per cent, and the rate for borough High Schools at fifty-six and one-fourth per cent.

This means that in townships, High Schools of the first class will receive \$720 from the State; second class, \$540 and third class, \$360.

Borough High Schools will receive somewhat more than half these amounts, according to the respective classes, schools of the first class getting \$450; second class, \$337.50; third class, \$225.

The maximum amount which may be appropriated to schools of the first class either in townships or boroughs, under the law, is \$800; second class, \$600; third class, \$400.

The last Legislature appropriated \$137,500 to township High Schools and appropriated the same amount to borough High Schools; that was the first time a specific appropriation has been made to borough High Schools.

The Department of Public Instruction, however, finds that the appropriations are not sufficient to give each school the maximum sum allowed by law and the prorata percentage has, therefore, been fixed in each case.

The several High Schools are now being classified; distribution of the appropriations, will be started as soon as the classifications are finished. It has been found by the High School inspectors that some of the schools are not entitled to position in the class which they claim and these differences are being straightened out.

Schools of the first class, either borough or township, are those which have a bona fide four-year course above the Grammar grade; second class those with a three year course, and third class those with a two-year course.

### MAYS CHAPEL.

Oct. 9.—The farmers were all pleased to see the rain which fell last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Aura Fisher spent a few days last week with her sister Mrs. S. O. Deneen.

Messrs. Harry and Frank Crist left Monday morning for Lewistown.

Mrs. M. E. Deneen will leave for Cumberland next Tuesday where she expected to spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. Job Mann spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of his daughter Mrs. Webster Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Booth and Miss Mary Booth spent last Sunday in Buck Valley.

Miss Fern Crist visited her brother B. O. Crist recently.

Messrs. Lewis Stahl and Scott Crawford were seen driving through our vicinity last Sunday.

Our school is getting along nicely under the good management of Miss Katherine Kirk.

Miss Blanche Bowers of Martinsburg, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Joseph Martin returned home Monday.

A young son arrived at the home of Jacob Schultz Sunday; also a daughter at Wm. Lanehart's.

A crowd of people spent Sunday evening at the home of P. O. Crist, who were as follows, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hiles and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Deneen and daughter, Mrs. M. E. Deneen, Mr. Wm. Truxell, Mr. Jacob Poweth, Mrs. Gilbert Wigfield and Miss Maude Booth.

Scott Unger, of Altoona, has been spending several days visiting among his Fulton county friends. Scott is one of those who has been lucky enough to hold his job down in Altoona during the slack time.

## 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

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Hess and son, Blair, were in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Peck, of Belfast township, spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

Miss Kathryn Hoop, was a pleasant caller at the News office while in town shopping last Saturday.

Mrs. J. G. Alexander and Miss Bessie Motter, of this place, are visiting among friends in Thompson township this week.

Bert Alexander, one of the Pennsy's trusted employees in Altoona, is spending his vacation among his friends in this county.

Mr. William Hershey and son Walter and daughter Ethel, of Taylor township, were interested callers at the News office last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mock, of Altoona, are visiting the latter's mother Mrs. Rebecca Snyder and other relatives and friends in town and in the Cove.

Clarence R. Akers, of Akersville, and E. Norman Akers, of Sipes Mill were among the visitors to the County Seat Tuesday. Clarence is the candidate on the Republican ticket for the legislature, and is looking up his political fences this week.

We had a very pleasant call Monday morning from Editor Wm. O. Henly, of the Hamburg Item, Hamburg, Berks county, Pa. He made a trip over to Fulton county's capital last Sunday with Ed Shollenberger in the latter's Maxwell runabout, and greatly enjoyed the ride.

J. W. Steach, of Altoona, is taking his annual vacation of fourteen days, and has been spending part of it visiting his daughter Jessie at Cauden, N. J., and friends in Baltimore. He came over to McConnellsburg Monday evening and stayed until Wednesday with his father and brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. McClain, of this place, left last Sunday morning in their automobile. They intended to drive as far as Lancaster, and from that city go on to Philadelphia and New York by rail. They were accompanied as far as York by Miss Mary Trout, who intends to visit her brother Dr. C. N. Trout at Red Lion, Pa.

Mr. Oliver Peck, of Thompson township, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Shives for dinner Monday. Oliver says that our old friend Martin Bishop fell about two weeks ago and dislocated one of his hips. Mr. Bishop is about eighty years of age, and this accident coming at this time of life is likely to permanently disable him.

Miss Sallie Hoop, of Harrisonville, was a pleasant caller, at the News office last Thursday. Miss Sallie was formerly one of this county's successful teachers, who felt it her duty to relinquish her profession to stay at home on account of her invalid mother. We are pleased to state that her mother is improved to the extent of being able a few days ago to go on a little visit to the home of her daughter Mrs. Beamer Gress.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rotz and their little son Harold, returned to their home in Tod township last Thursday evening, after having spent three weeks very pleasantly visiting among their friends in the Middle Western states. During that time they visited friends at Decatur, Ill.; Dayton, O.; Huntsville, O., and stopped at Pittsburg. They had a very enjoyable time, and Philip is much pleased with the state of Illinois. They visited the State Fair at Springfield, and saw some fine stock there.