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TOO MUCH ARITHMETIC.

Superintendent Brumbaugh Does Not Believe in the Brain-Racking, Nerve-Torturing "Examples."

PAY MORE ATTENTION TO LANGUAGE.

Have you ever sat on a school bench chewing your pencil, gazing alternately at a smudgy slate, then out of the window, trying to solve a problem in cube root or figure out a proposition in medial proportion?

If you have you will be glad to know that a merciful decree is about to go forth simplifying the arithmetic course in public schools, in Philadelphia, at least. Superintendent Brumbaugh does not believe in the brain-racking, nerve-torturing "examples" which are of no practical value in a student's after-life, and which only befog his mentality and make school a bugbear. He will call a meeting of principals and teachers to decide what superfluous branches of arithmetic can be eliminated in order to simplify the course and give more time to essential English studies.

Compound ratio, compound proportion, bank discount, cube root, medial proportion, are a few of the rules that will be stricken off of the common school arithmetic. No child whose later need of arithmetic will be limited to addition, multiplication, subtraction and division, will be asked to figure out the universal price of nine horses and seven cows sold at \$800, and sixteen horses and thirteen cows sold for the same sum.

"Too much emphasis has been laid," said Dr. Brumbaugh, "and too much time spent on arithmetic problems, which only serve to perplex the pupil. English branches have been neglected on this account, and the children have not had the necessary education in reading, writing and speaking English correctly. The very phrasing of the problems is so involved and so complicated that the child loses sight of the mental process in untangling the language."

CLEAR R DGE.

Philip Hiteman, wife and little daughter Elsie Mae, of Altoona, are spending some time visiting in the home of Mrs. Hiteman's parents Calvin Baker and wife.

J. M. Campbell, of Neelyton, R. J. Fleming, of McConnellsburg, McGinnis Fleming, of Shade Gap, spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of T. E. Fleming and wife.

Some of the farmers are threshing buckwheat.

Mrs. J. W. Mower spent Monday at Henry Fraker's.

Miss Zelpha Fleming who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever for quite a while, still remains no better.

Geo. Wilds, of Fort Littleton, was transacting business here on Monday.

Dr. R. B. Campbell, of New Grenada is almost a daily visitor to this place, which denotes sickness.

J. C. Appleby, wife and four children spent Sunday at N. B. Henry's.

Wm. Keetaugh and John W. Mower made a trip to Mowersville last week.

John L. Henry leaves for Johnstown this week to remain for an indefinite time.

Miss Minnie Grove after spending a week in the home of her sister Sarah, Mrs. Judson Madden, of Meadow Gap, returned home on Sunday accompanied by Miss Mayma Madden.

R. Holmes Thompson, a former typist in the News office, but now one of the clerks in the postoffice at Tyrone, Pa., left for that city this week after having spent several days very pleasantly in the home of his mother and sister in this place. Before coming to McConnellsburg Holmes visited Niagara Fall and Toronto.

TIMELY WARNING TO HUNTERS.

Farmers Should and Must Be Protected Against the Careless Hunters.

With the hunting season fast approaching and with all kinds and conditions of men and boys planning to get into the woods and fields in search of game, it may interest all nimrods to know that they are subject to certain laws governing hunting, which some of them at least forget or overlook from one season to another. Most important is the trespass law. Farmers and other land owners may under the provisions of the law, prevent any person walking over or upon their lands by posting notices warning all persons from trespassing thereon. The notices must be placed in conspicuous parts of the land to be effective.

Already many farms are platted and year by year the land which may be hunted over grows less in extent. This is due for the most part to the fact that farmers fear to permit hunters on their land lest their property be destroyed by fire or otherwise. Hunters of the amateur grade who go upon the land of the farmer are likely to set fire to barns and other buildings and break down fences or do other mischief. To protect themselves and their properties the farmers take advantage of the law which prohibits trespassing, and the reckless or careless hunter is partly responsible for the passage of this law.

Another law in which hunters are interested is that relating to forest fires. This law was passed for the purpose of protecting the forests of the state from destruction from fires set by careless hunters and others. In the hunting season, with the woods filled with hunters whose only desire is to kill game, there are certain to be many fires started in the woods and thoughtlessly left to burn or be imperfectly extinguished. To put an end to this the law punishes those responsible for the fires. If, eventually, the hunter is excluded from farmers' lands, it will have been the result of their own disregard for the rights of other people.—The Valley Times.

BURIAL CABINS.

Miss Mary Peterson, of Orbisona, spent Saturday with friends here.

Ed. Welch, who has been employed in Mount Union, has returned home.

Miss Blanche Cromer, of Fort Littleton, spent part of last week with her sister Mrs. John Baldwin.

James Waters, Jr., daughter Margaret and son Donald, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. Water's parents near this place.

George Charlton and wife, of Knobsville, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Finley.

Sam. Bowman, who had been ill, is able to be about again.

Frank Bars, of Fort Littleton, passed through our town last week one evening, on his way home, with his new automobile.

We were sorry to lose Warren Welch who has gone to Washington, D. C. to attend school. Mr. Welch was superintendent of the M. E. Sunday school.

Blaine Mathias who has been absent for some time, has returned home.

We are glad to state that Mrs. Mary Copendaver, who had been ill, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Anna Houck and daughter Esther. Mrs. Dora McGowan and daughters Martha and Varsa, Mrs. Laura Welch, Mrs. Maggie Briggs, and Ruth Mumma, spent Sunday afternoon very pleasantly in the home of Roy North and wife near this place.

The social that was to be held on the 18th inst., will be held on Saturday, October 23d, in the home of Rev. Pittenger. Come one, come all.

REV. WM. A. WEST, D. D.

Died at the Summer Residence of His Son-in-Law, W. W. Jennings, at Duncannon, Pa.

ON LAST SABBATH MORNING.

Rev. William A. West, D. D., a former pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place and at Greenhill, died at the home of his son-in-law, William W. Jennings, at Duncannon, Pa., last Sabbath morning. His remains were brought to Mercersburg on the 2:28 train Tuesday afternoon, and interment was made in the family lot in the Mercersburg cemetery.

The services at Mercersburg were in charge of Rev. Dr. Rose, and in obedience to an expressed



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desire of Dr. West only a few weeks ago, they were unostentatious. At the grave, the usual ritual service was read by Rev. Dr. Rose; the twenty-third psalm was read by Rev. Dr. Reed, of Newville; prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Chambers, of Harrisburg, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Martin, of Shippensburg. Among those present as the last sad rites were being performed were many representatives from McConnellsburg, Welsh Run, and Path Valley—former pastorates.

The deceased was born at Landisburg, Pa., February 5, 1825, and at the time of his death was aged 84 years, 7 months, and 1 day. In the same year that he was born, Dr. West's parents removed to Warm Springs, Perry county, where they remained until 1836, when they moved to New Bloomfield to obtain better school facilities. In his nineteenth year, he having decided that his life work should be that of a minister of the Gospel, he entered the Freshman class in Marshall College, Mercersburg, Pa., and graduated from that institution in his twenty-fifth year. Immediately following this, he took a three years' course in the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa. On the 14th of April, 1852, he was licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Presbytery of Carlisle, at Hagerstown, Md. On the 28d day of June, 1853, he was installed pastor of the Upper Path Valley church, and remained there for more than twenty years. The seventeen years of his life, next following, was spent in Harrisburg doing missionary work under the auspices of the Market Square, and the Pine Street, church. His work in Harrisburg was eminently successful.

After leaving Harrisburg, Mr. West took charge of the Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, during the absence of its pastor, Rev. Geo. Norcross, and served it somewhat over a year. The next five years he spent as pastor of the Robert Kennedy Memorial church at Welsh Run, Pa. The next two years he was President of Metzgar College, Carlisle, Pa.

His last pastorate was that of the united churches of McConnellsburg and Greenhill, which he began April 1, 1900, and closed finally on the first day of November, 1907.

Dr. West had been the stated clerk of the Carlisle Presbytery

WHEEL WENT DOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bedford Had Automobile Trouble on Way to Gettysburg.

The Foltz correspondent in last week's Mercersburg Journal says that Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bedford, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Foltz, left home Sabbath morning in Mr. Bedford's automobile, intending to spend the day on the battlefield at Gettysburg. All went lovely until they were within a mile of Fayetteville, when one of the wheels collapsed, the machine, of course, was out of business, and the visit to Gettysburg postponed to some other time.

They went to work and stowed the machine in a nearby shed, returned to Chambersburg by trolley, thence to Greencastle, where they were met by Mr. Bedford's team that had been summoned by phone, and the party were safe at their home at Foltz by seven o'clock in the evening, thankful that they had escaped from what might have been a very serious accident. On Monday morning Mr. Bedford had the car shipped to the Crawford factory at Hagerstown for repairs.

Assessors to Be More Careful.

As a result of a communication received by the county commissioner from the state department at Harrisburg, orders have been issued to the assessors of the districts to make a more careful return of the taxables for the triennial assessment.

All males over the age of 21 must be assessed as taxables. If they have no stated occupation, they must be assessed, regardless. The list by which the assessors are to be guided, shows that men may be taxed anywhere from 50 cents to \$10, according as they are laborers, not regularly employed, or old men, in the one case, and merchants with an income of over \$10,000 a year in the other.

A case in Tioga county is cited. Attorney General Young makes it plain that if wrong estimates are given by taxables or none is given, the commissioners may add a 50 per cent. penalty. It is for the benefit of the district that the assessors return as many taxables as possible since the state appropriation is based on the total.

George F. Blosar, a Greencastle jeweler and member of town Council, has been made the defendant in a quo warranto proceeding to show cause why he should not be removed from office. It is alleged in the writ that as a member of town Council he accepted a salary of \$20 a year as clock winder. The facts are sworn to by George M. Heilman, of Greencastle. The writ is returnable October 26.

for over thirty years, a position he occupied at the time of his death. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of Wilson College, and for many years was its honored President.

Dr. West had the honor, respect and esteem of every one who knew him. He was the salt of the earth in its truest sense. During his long life of over eighty years, of which almost sixty were spent in the ministry, he went about doing good, not in any ostentatious manner, but in his own quiet and gentle way. What he accomplished for humanity will never be known except in the records above. He was an example to all mankind. His death removes a figure that has been most prominent in the affairs of the Presbyterian church in the Cumberland Valley.

Dr. West's wife preceded him by several years. He leaves three daughters, Miss Annie, a missionary in Japan; Mrs. Wm. Jennings, of Duncannon; Mrs. Sharpe Patterson, of Newville. He was also the father of four children, all of whom are dead.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

MRS. LYDIA SWOPE

At her home in Licking Creek township on Wednesday, September 22, 1909, Mrs. Lydia Swope died at the age of 74 years, and 9 days. About a week previous to her final dissolution, she had a stroke of paralysis, and from that time until the hour of her death, she could not eat, move, nor speak.

The deceased was married to William Swope October 13, 1833, her husband dying several years ago. To this union were born ten children—six boys and four girls—all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood before there was a break in the family by death. Since that time Death has taken two sons and two daughters, the father, and now the mother. It has been but a short time since the death of one daughter and two of her loved grandchildren.

Mrs. Swope was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Ebenezer ever since her girlhood, and she always attended the public services in the church as long as her health would permit. In her home she was noted for and wide for her generous hospitality; she was a good neighbor, a kind wife and mother, and always had a kind word for everybody, so that her friends were numbered only by her acquaintances.

The children surviving are: Etta, wife of H. Truax; Ella, wife of E. Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge; Watson, an eminent physician and surgeon in Pittsburg; Richard, of Pittsburg; Robert, of Puritan, Pa.; and Edward, at home. She leaves, also, twenty-one grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Funeral was held last Thursday at 11 o'clock, services conducted by her pastor, Rev. McGarvey, assisted by Rev. Mellott, a Dunkard minister.

NEWMAN.

Blanche May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman, died at their home in Waterfall, Thursday, September 23, 1909, aged 4 months. Funeral at Zion M. E. church, Friday afternoon, and the services were conducted by Rev. Fleegal, of Three Springs.

As Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnston, and brother, O. S. Johnston, in an automobile, were passing through Foltz, on their return Tuesday evening from Dr. West's funeral in Mercersburg, Mrs. Johnston was struck in the face by a stone thrown by a boy on the sidewalk. The stone broke Mrs. Johnston's spectacles, and inflicted a painful bruise. While the boy is only four years of age, there is evidently enough depravity in his make-up to insure his entry into a State Reformatory.

On Monday Leslie McGovern drove a two horse team out into his orchard to gather apples preparatory to making cider. In the orchard was a tent that seemed to make one of the horses nervous, but Mr. McGovern apprehended no serious trouble, and went to work gathering the apples. As the first were thrown into the empty wagon box, the noise made, startled the horses again and they started to run, when the end of a dead limb ran into the face of one of the horses, near the eye, crushing the bone and making an incision several inches. Dr. Kuhn, of Mercersburg was telephoned for and came over, and gave necessary directions for the care of the injured animal. The horse was worth about two hundred and fifty dollars.

SUMMARY OF THE NEW GAME LAW.

Are Very Stringent, Especially in the Case of Unnaturalized Foreigners.

As the game season opened for several species of game on the first of September the following brief summary of the game laws as amended by the last Legislature may be of interest to those who may desire to capture any game and also to land owners who are often much annoyed by hunters:

Deer—November 15 to December 1. Only one male deer with horns in a season. Hunting with a shot gun prohibited. Penalty \$100.

Bear—October 1 to January 1. Penalty, \$50.

Squirrels—October 15 to December 1. Six in one day. Penalty \$10 for each squirrel.

Rabbits—November 1 to December 15. Ten in one day. Penalty \$10.

Quail—October 15 to November 15. Ten in one day, 40 in one week, 75 in a season. Penalty \$25 for each bird.

Turkeys—October 15 to November 15. One in one day, two a season. Penalty \$25 for each bird.

Woodcock—October 1 to December 1. Ten in one day, 20 a week, 50 a season. Penalty \$25 for each bird.

Pheasant—October 15 to December 1. 5 in one day, 20 a week, 50 a season. Penalty \$25 for each bird.

Doves, blackbirds—September 1 to January 1.

Jack Snipe—September 1 to May 1.

Ducks, geese and other wild water fowl—September 1 to April 10.

It is unlawful to hunt game birds by night i. e. one hour after sunset until an hour before sunrise.

Non-resident hunters are required to obtain a license, costing \$10.

Unnaturalized foreigners are forbidden to hunt or to even own a rifle, shot gun or revolver.

NEEDMORE.

Jack Frost has already made his appearance several times.

Esther Peck is not so well at present.

William Montgomery, and wife, of Illinois are visiting the former's aunt, Mrs. Maria Palmer, and other friends here.

William Mellott went to Mississippi last week where he has secured employment.

Miss Olive Peck spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Mary Peck.

Ross Mellott and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Mellott's parents, Eld and Mrs. Funk.

The Needmore S. S. choir will meet in the Hall Tuesday evening to rehearse the music for children's service at Cross Roads next Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Most of our people are done cutting corn.

Miss Belle Mellott was very much surprised when a number of her friends assembled at her home Saturday evening to remind her of another birthday.

Worked New Game.

George C. Thompson, of Philadelphia, worked a new fire-flam game on the farmers of Bucks county by which he secured a pleasant summer including board. The game consisted of going to an express office and sending a package of blank paper to the treasury department at Washington, telling the express agent the package contained \$50,000 in United States bonds. With the receipts for the "bonds" in his possession Thompson worked the farmers until he was arrested. A clerk in the treasury department testified Thompson had sent in a million dollars worth. If George sends any more he will have to send them from the Bucks county jail, as he is in for three years.

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. Harry A. Thompson, of Tyrone, is spending some time with relatives and friends in this place.

Miss Murnie Rummel went over to Chambersburg yesterday morning, and will be employed at Wilson College.

C. H. Eitemiller, wife and little daughter Myrtle Catherine, of Mercersburg, spent a couple of days last week visiting relatives on this side of the mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. David Keefer and four children, of Mercersburg, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Keefer's mother, Mrs. Matilda Helman, on North First street.

Mrs. Jacob Motter and daughter Miss Bess returned home last Wednesday after having spent several days very pleasantly visiting friends in Carlisle and in Chambersburg.

Miss Sue Orth, of Fort Littleton, returned home on Saturday, after having spent a little over a week with her sister, Lavina Early, widow of the late J. Foster Early, in Wells Valley.

Mrs. J. E. Lyon and little daughters Mildred and Ruth, drove down from their home at West Dublin last Saturday, and remained in the home of the Misses Dickson until Sunday evening.

Preston Deshong and son Howard, of Everett, and Mrs. J. Lake Garland and daughter Pearl, of Ayr township, were guests of their sister Mrs. Ellis Trogler, near Mercersburg, last week.

Mrs. Mary A. Kelly has just returned to her home in this place, after having spent two weeks very pleasantly visiting friends in Baltimore and Brooklyn, Md., Chambersburg, and Mercersburg.

Walter C. Peck, who has been in ill health at the Washington House for several weeks, took advantage of the nice weather to make a trip to Bedford last week. He enjoyed the trip very much, and does not seem any worse for the exertion.

Mr. Caleb B. Hockensmith, formerly of Licking Creek township, but for several years a resident of Johnstown, has just returned from a very pleasant visit through the West during which time he visited his son, and his brothers David and Obadiah.

Thomas B. Stevens, returned to his home in this place last Friday after having spent four months in Iowa. Mr. Stevens is looking fat and hearty. One might be led to judge from his appearance that he had been eating a good deal and not working much.

Mrs. Howard Skipper, and little sons Boyd and Clyde, of Waynesboro were callers at the NEWS office yesterday morning. They, accompanied by Mrs. Skipper's son, Wilbur Sipes, of Harrisburg, came over last Saturday, and spent the time until yesterday visiting Mrs. Skipper's father William Vallance, her daughter Grace, and other relatives and friends. They took the noon hack here yesterday for their respective homes.

J. Howard Shimer, wife and two sons, of McKees Rocks, Pa., arrived in McConnellsburg last Thursday, and are visiting Mr. Shimer's mother, Mrs. Anna Shimer, and other relatives and friends in town. While Howard learned the printing trade in the Republican office in this place, and worked at the business a number of years, he has for some time held a position as foreman in the repair shops of the F. & L. E. Railroad Company at McKees Rocks, and is enjoying health and prosperity in that bustling industrial center of the Keystone State.