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Col. W. L. Mosbey, John Stunkard, Wm. Cunningham, and Warren Anderson, all of Wells township, composed a hackload of business visitors to McConnellsburg, Monday.

Roy S. Fields, of near Mercersburg, aged 22 years, was instantly killed in York last week, by coming in contact with a live wire while he was at work on a pole among the wires.

Dr. James A. West, who for eighteen years, practiced medicine in Hancock and among many residents of the southern end of this county, has on account of his health, given up his practice at that place, and this week removed to Winter Haven, Florida, where he will engage in growing oranges.

Rev. D. P. Drawbaugh, and his son Herman, of Altoona, visited Mr. and Mrs. George W. Reiser several days last week, and then went to Gettysburg to join his wife who is visiting there. From there he went to Newville, Cumberland county, to visit his brother and his boyhood home. Mr. Drawbaugh was formerly pastor of the Lutheran church in McConnellsburg.

The narrow escape from death of G. A. Horton and Leda Amick during an electrical storm in Wells Valley Saturday, is another warning that all wire fences should have the wires well grounded. But a few weeks ago we published an account of the killing of several cattle that were standing near a wire fence when lightning "jumped" from the fence to the animals.

We are in receipt of a letter and a dollar from Mr. J. W. Carmack, Rockford, Spokane county, Washington, requesting us to send him the News for one year. Glad to know where you are, J. W. Better keep back a little from the coast, as some of those "ferriers" who have war vessels scouting round the world may mistake the name of the state for Washington, D. C., and "take a crack" at it. Their idea of locality and distance in this country is sometimes very amusing.

The Second U. P. Sabbath School of Big Cove, held their picnic last Thursday in Mr. M. M. Kendall's orchard. The young folks enjoyed a great romp, and older ones discussed issues of the day. A big supper was served on the lawn in the rear of the dwelling house, and the table—no, the table did not "groan," because the snowy linen was spread on the ground—was completely covered with good things, and we have no doubt that some of the guests "groaned" that night. When Mr. McQuade was caught at the close of the feast with his hat full of cake, he placed the blame for the extra supply on the ladies who passed the cake. "Groaned!" Well, ask the local Editor.

WEST DUBLIN.

Snakes will occasionally get in our way. I killed a five-foot blacksnake yesterday. Last week Easton Stinson killed a rattlesnake which had nine rattles.

George W. Cunard, of Everett, County Surveyor of Bedford county, was in this vicinity surveying last week.

Mrs. Wm. Heefner visited relatives and friends at Burnt Cabins and Fort Littleton last week.

A number of our people have bad colds. Some of our farmers are hauling lime. This is a good investment. Better than "gilt edge" bonds.

A number of our people attended the Odd Fellows' Reunion at Fort Littleton last Saturday. They were well pleased by the address of Rev. Dr. B. H. Hart, of Harrisburg.

NEW GRENADA.

The principal point of attraction during the past week has been the Bush Meeting in Coles Valley.

Alice, little daughter of Richard Alloway, while playing with their dog, was bitten and the face so seriously lacerated as to need the surgical aid of Dr. Campbell.

Mrs. S. W. Kirk, her son Malcolm and daughter Ruth of McConnellsburg, spent a few days in the home of Mrs. Kirk's sister Mrs. R. B. Campbell.

Daniel Johnson, one of Wells Tannery's boys, was a guest in the home of Jacob Crider. While Daniel has seen the harvest time of eighty-six summers, he is well preserved physically, and his mind is as clear as a bell. He reads without the aid of spectacles. While we do not know his national descent, he is chock full of Irish wit, and is a very companionable "lad."

Ruth Cunningham took the examination for Professional Certificate while in Huntingdon.

Irvin Crider and family of Sattilo, visited in the home of the former's father, the veteran mail carrier Jacob Crider.

We were glad to see Sheriff J. J. Harris in our village last week in his new Ford touring car. He brought Mrs. W. M. Lodge and children and "Grandma" Lodge to the home of Dr. Campbell. He returned to McConnellsburg in the evening taking with him "Grandma" and Mrs. S. W. Kirk and children. Mark came over from Saxton on Saturday and took his wife and children home.

Mrs. Crider and son George visited her daughter Drucilla Rowe at Sattilo recently. Mrs. Wilbur Mills and sons Fred and Ralph have arrived from Canada to visit Mrs. Mills' mother, Mrs. Jennie Bergstrom, who has been very ill.

Mr. J. Montgomery Sipes, of Saxton, was calling among his many old friends here Monday morning.

Mrs. Mary Bolinger, of Mt. Savage, Va., visited in the home of John Thomas. We are informed that she is now seriously ill in the home of her son Jacob Black at Dublin Mills.

H. H. Bridenstine, wife, and daughter Josephine, visited friends here last Saturday evening.

SIDELING HILL.

Sunday visitors, in this community, were: Bertha Truax, of Needmore, at Mrs. Cassie Winter's; Charles Golden and wife of Franklin Mills, at Mrs. Nora Akers; John P. Fisher and wife, and Warfordsburg, relatives and friends here; James Mellott and wife, of Franklin Mills, to see Mrs. J. Tilden Hill who is sick. George Lodge and wife, of Breezewood, to friends here.

Edward Bernhart and family of Pittsburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with J. Calendine Fisher.

John Hixon, of Crystal Spring, and Marion Hixon, of Ohio, recently visited Reuben L. Layton and family.

James Truax, wife, and daughter Madeline, of Dott, spent a day last week in McConnellsburg.

Mapel Winter visited in the home of Jacob Truax, of Breezewood, last week.

William Chapman, of Everett, recently visited his sister, Mrs. Maria Spencer, at Dott.

James S. Akers and family, of Texarkana, Ark. are spending a few days with relatives and friends in the County.

Lincoln Diehl, of Breezewood, made a business trip to this place a few days ago.

Mrs. Charles Hess and son Walter spent a day recently with J. H. H. Lewis, at Franklin Mills.

Shelly Hill visited his sister, Mrs. Bennet Robinson, in Hancock, last week.

Simon Moss has returned, after having spent some time in Bedford county.

Notice.

A Soldiers' Reunion will be held in Palmer's Grove one-half mile north of Needmore, September 4, 1914. Bids will be received for the selling of privileges at the Hall in Needmore—August 22nd.

By order of the COMMITTEE. 7-30-3t.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Number One.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section one, article eight of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section one of article eight, which reads as follows:

"Section 1. Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact:—

"First. He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month.

"Second. He shall have resided in the State one year (or, having previously been a qualified elector or native-born citizen of the State, he shall have removed therefrom and returned, then six months) immediately preceding the election.

"Third. He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

"Fourth. If twenty-two years of age and upwards, he shall have paid within two years a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election," be amended so that the same shall read as follows:

"Section 1. Every citizen, male or female, of twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact:—

First. He or she shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month.

Second. He or she shall have resided in the State one year (or, having previously been a qualified elector or native-born citizen of the State, he or she shall have removed therefrom, and returned, then six months) immediately preceding the election.

Third. He or she shall have resided in the election district where he or she shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

Fourth. If twenty-two years of age and upwards, he or she shall have paid within two years a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election.

Fifth. Wherever the words "he," "his," "him," and "himself" occur in any section of article nine of this Constitution the same shall be construed as if written, respectively, "he or she," "his or her," "him or her," and "himself or herself."

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1. ROBERT MCAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Two.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section eight of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Amend section eight, article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:

"Section 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, except as herein provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law; but any city, the debt of which now exceeds seven per centum of such assessed valuation, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per centum, in the aggregate, at any one time, upon such valuation, except that any debt or debts hereinafter incurred by the city and county of Philadelphia for the construction and development of subways for transit purposes, or for the construction of wharves and docks, or the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of a system of wharves and docks, as public improvements, owned or to be owned by said city and county of Philadelphia, and which shall yield to the city and county of Philadelphia current net revenues in excess of the interest on said debt or debts, and of the annual installments necessary for the cancellation of said debt or debts, may be excluded in ascertaining the power of the city and county of Philadelphia to become otherwise indebted: Provided, That a sinking-fund for their cancellation shall be established and maintained," so that it shall read as follows:—

"Section 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, except as herein provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law; but any city, the debt of which now exceeds seven per centum of such assessed valuation, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per centum, in the aggregate, at any one time, upon such valuation, except that any debt or debts hereinafter incurred by the city and county of Philadelphia for the construction and development of subways for transit purposes, or for the construction of wharves and docks, or the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of a system of wharves and docks, as public improvements, owned or to be owned by said city and county of Philadelphia, and which shall yield to the city and county of Philadelphia current net revenues in excess of the interest on said debt or debts, and of the annual installments necessary for the cancellation of said debt or debts, may be excluded in ascertaining the power of the city and county of Philadelphia to become otherwise indebted: Provided, That a sinking-fund for their cancellation shall be established and maintained," so that it shall read as follows:—

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provided by law; but any city, the debt of which on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, exceeded seven per centum of such assessed valuation, and has not since been reduced to less than such per centum, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per centum in the aggregate, at any one time, upon such valuation. The city of Philadelphia, upon the conditions hereinafter set forth, may increase its indebtedness to the extent of three per centum in excess of seven per centum upon such assessed valuation for the specific purpose of providing for all or any of the following purposes:—to-wit: For the construction and improvement of subways, tunnels, railways, elevated railways, and other transit facilities; for the construction and improvement of wharves and docks and for the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of wharves and docks, owned or to be owned by said city. Such increase, however, shall only be made with the assent of the electors thereof at a public election, to be held in such manner as shall be provided by law, in ascertaining the power of the city of Philadelphia, at any one time, there shall be excluded from the calculation a credit, where the work resulting from any previous expenditure, for any one or more of the specific purposes hereinabove enumerated shall be yielding to said city an annual current net revenue; the amount of which credit shall be ascertained by ascertaining the principal amount which would yield such annual, current net revenue, at the average rate of interest, and sinking-fund charges payable upon the indebtedness incurred by said city for such work, up to the time of such ascertainment. The method of determining such amount, so to be excluded or allowed as a credit, may be prescribed by the General Assembly.

In incurring indebtedness, for any one, or more of said purposes of construction, improvement, or reclamation, the city of Philadelphia may issue its obligations maturing not later than fifty years from the date thereof, with provision for a sinking-fund sufficient to retire said obligation at maturity, the payments to such sinking-fund to be in equal or graded annual installments. Such obligations may be in an amount sufficient to provide for and may include the amount of the interest and sinking-fund charges accruing and which may accrue thereon, and until the expiration of one year after the completion of the work for which said indebtedness shall have been incurred; and said city shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking-fund charges, as required by section ten of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, until the expiration of said period of one year after the completion of the work.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2. ROBERT MCAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Three.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section twenty-one of article three of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

Amend section twenty-one, article three of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:

"No act of the General Assembly shall limit the amount to be recovered for injuries resulting in death, or for injuries to persons or property, or in case of death from such injuries, the right of action shall survive, and the General Assembly shall prescribe for whose benefit such actions shall be prosecuted. No act shall prescribe any limitations of time within which suits may be brought against corporations for injuries to persons or property, or for other causes different from those fixed by law regulating actions against natural persons, and such acts now existing are avoided," so that it shall read as follows:

The General Assembly may enact laws requiring the payment by employers, or employers and employees jointly, of reasonable compensation for injuries arising in the course of their employment, and for occupational diseases of employees, whether or not such injuries or diseases result in death, and regardless of fault of employer or employee, and fixing the basis of ascertainment of such compensation and the maximum and minimum limits thereof, and providing special or general remedies for the collection thereof; but in no other case shall the General Assembly limit the amount to be recovered for injuries resulting in death, or for injuries to persons or property, and in case of death from such injuries, the right of action shall survive, and the General Assembly shall prescribe for whose benefit such actions shall be prosecuted. No act shall prescribe any limitations of time within which suits may be brought against corporations for injuries to persons or property, or for other causes, different from those fixed by general laws regulating actions against natural persons, and such acts now existing are avoided.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 3. ROBERT MCAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Four.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania abolishing the office of Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That article four of the Constitution of Pennsylvania shall be amended by adding thereto section twenty-three, which shall read as follows:—

The office of Secretary of Internal Affairs be, and the same is hereby, abolished; and the powers and duties now vested in, or pertaining or belonging to, that branch of the execu-

tive department, office, or officer, shall be transferred to such other departments, offices, or officers of the State, now or hereafter created, as may be directed by law.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4. ROBERT MCAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Five.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth in accordance with provisions of the eighteenth (XVIII) article thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth (XVIII) article thereof:—

AMENDMENT.

Laws may be passed providing for a system of registering, transferring, insuring, and guaranteeing land titles by the State, or by the county thereof, and for settling and determining adverse or other claims to and interests in lands the titles to which are so registered, transferred, insured, and guaranteed; and for the creation and collection of indemnity funds; and for carrying the system and powers hereby provided for into effect by such existing courts, as may be designated by the Legislature, and by the establishment of such new courts as may be deemed necessary. In matters arising in and under the operation of such system, judicial powers, with right of appeal, may be conferred by the Legislature upon county recorders and upon other officers by such laws as may be provided for continuing the registering, transferring, insuring, and guaranteeing such titles after the first or original registration has been perfected by the court, and provision may be made for raising the necessary funds for expenses and salaries of officers, which shall be paid out of the treasury of the several counties.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 5. ROBERT MCAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Six.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section eight, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof.

Amendment to Article Nine, Section Eight.

Section 2. Amend section eight, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:—

"Section 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, except as herein provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law; but any city, the debt of which now exceeds seven per centum of such assessed valuation, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per centum, in the aggregate, at any one time, upon such valuation, except that any debt or debts hereinafter incurred by the city and county of Philadelphia for the construction and development of subways for transit purposes, or for the construction of wharves and docks, or the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of a system of wharves and docks, as public improvements, owned or to be owned by said city and county of Philadelphia, and which shall yield to the city and county of Philadelphia current net revenues in excess of the interest on said debt or debts, and of the annual installments necessary for the cancellation of said debt or debts, may be excluded in ascertaining the power of the city and county of Philadelphia to become otherwise indebted: Provided, That a sinking-fund for their cancellation shall be established and maintained," so as to read as follows:—

"Section 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, except as herein provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law; but any city, the debt of which now exceeds seven per centum of such assessed valuation, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per centum, in the aggregate, at any one time, upon such valuation, except that any debt or debts hereinafter incurred by the city and county of Philadelphia for the construction and development of subways for transit purposes, or for the construction of wharves and docks, or the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of a system of wharves and docks, as public improvements, owned or to be owned by said city and county of Philadelphia, and which shall yield to the city and county of Philadelphia current net revenues in excess of the interest on said debt or debts, and of the annual installments necessary for the cancellation of said debt or debts, may be excluded in ascertaining the power of the city and county of Philadelphia to become otherwise indebted: Provided, That a sinking-fund for their cancellation shall be established and maintained," so as to read as follows:—

"Section 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, except as herein provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable