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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garland, their daughter Helen, and son James, spent from Thursday until Sunday with friends near Pleasant Grove, and attended the Conference held at that place.

Rev. J. C. Garland, and his son I. W. Garland, of Belfast township, tried the Meadow Ground route in coming to town Monday, and they say that they have traveled on smoother roads. I. W. Garland was a delegate to the German Baptist, Sunday School Convention at Hagerstown, August 19 and 20 at which 700 were in attendance.

Program for the Veterans' Reunion at Needmore, September 4th is as follows: Singing; Invocation—Rev. Powers; Address of Welcome—Dr. McKibbin; Response—Rev. Benson; Dinner at 12 o'clock; Business meeting at 1:30; Addresses by Hon. Frank L. Dershem, Hon. Benj. K. Focht, Hon. Boise Penrose, Dr. R. A. Alexander, and others.

That drum on the rear of one of the wagons in J. H. Covalt's "fitting" Monday did not indicate that it was a "Band" wagon. The drum which was a tenor drum, was lost in Hancock by a northern regiment during the Civil War, and it has been in Mr. Covalt's possession for many years—a relic that he prizes very much. It originally belonged to the 10th Ohio.

Miss Lillian Fleming, of Clear Ridge, went to Egeland, North Dakota, last week to accept a position as teacher in the public schools of that place. It seems that outsiders must have Fulton county teachers—can't get along without them. Hope those Dakota blizzards will not blow her away, a pack of hungry coyotes eat her up, nor that one of those lonesome rangers will carry her to the parson's and then take her to his wigwam.

In a recent letter from Mrs. J. H. Unger (Hannah Glenn) of Rockford, Ill., she informed us that their postoffice address, now is 822 First Avenue, Rockford, Ill. Her daughter, who was injured in a railroad wreck last fall, and was confined to her room for ten months, is now able to walk, and be out again. She had a close call from instant death, and comes through with the loss of four toes, and part of the foot. She can walk reasonably well, considering the injury.

Mr. Jacob Cutchall, of Waterfall, brought his daughter Miss Mary, and Miss Helen Edwards, to town Monday, where the young ladies took the noon hack for Shippensburg where they will attend the C. V. State Normal during the ensuing year. Mr. Cutchall was also accompanied to town by Mr. W. M. Newman who called at the NEWS office and advanced his subscription a year. Mr. Newman and his mother—the latter of whom is 85 years of age—carry on farming in a limited way.

After an almost year-and-a-half's sojourn in McConnellsburg, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Covalt returned to their farm at Covalt, Pa., last Monday. While not strangers when they came to McConnellsburg, during their stay they held all their old friends and formed a host of others—all of whom regret very much to lose them as neighbors. Mr. Covalt will be especially missed in the M. E. Sunday school where he was a most faithful and successful worker—developing a class of 16 into one of 36. Wm. Sigel and Alonzo Barnhart with a four-horse team, and Vernon O'Rourke, Elmer Covalt, Bethuel Powell and Howard Martin—each with a two-horse team, came to town early Monday morning and took Mr. Covalt's household goods back to the farm.

AFTER PASSING YEARS.

McConnellsburg Testimony Remains Unshaken.

Time is the best test of truth. Here is a McConnellsburg story that has stood the test of time. It is a story with a point which will come straight home to many of us. John P. Conrad, deputy postmaster, Main St., McConnellsburg, Pa., says "For about a year I had terrible pains across my back and I didn't sleep well at night. I was very nervous, and when I got up in the morning I was more tired than when I went to bed. Finally I read of Doan's Kidney Pills, and as others similarly troubled had been benefited by them, I gave them a trial. They helped me immediately. Before long my back was free of pain."

LASTING RELIEF.

On December 10, 1913, Mr. Conrad said: "I haven't needed any remedy for backache or kidney trouble since Doan's Kidney Pills cured me. I know the cure is a permanent one. You can use my former endorsement of Doan's Kidney Pills as long as you wish."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Conrad had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

WEST DUBLIN.

Josiah Deaver has been unable to work during the past week having been hurt while trying to help one of his horses out of a ditch.

Elliott Kirk was employed as foreman on state road work on the east side of Sideling Hill putting in culverts and doing other necessary work on what was formerly the Chambersburg and Bedford turnpike.

Frank Gladfelter and family and Mrs. Etta Noble, all of Altoona visited the family of Daniel Caidig last week. They came by auto.

Harry Clevenger and Raymond Rober have made quite an excavation, preparatory to having a concrete floor in the cellar of Mrs. Alice Clevenger's dwelling house.

There was a good attendance at the picnic on Saturday afternoon. The recitations by the children were well rendered.

Mrs. George W. Foreman of Wells Valley and Miss Hattie Alexander of McConnellsburg visited at Casper Brant's on last Friday.

Nevin Kirk and family of Husontown spent Sunday with the family of Elliott Kirk.

Albert King, wife, and family spent Sunday at Ross King's.

We sometimes think it would be a good thing for the young people and for some not so young to be acquainted with a few good lyrics or songs which could be sung when required. A long time ago it was said, there is nothing new under the sun. It would be well to observe Quintilian's rule:

"In words as in fashions The same rule will hold, Be not the first by whom the new is tried Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

James Lyon and daughter Ruth outed to Franklin county last Thursday visiting Chambersburg and Greencastle on their trip.

WELLS TANNERY.

The Ladies' Temple will hold their annual picnic in Spangler's Grove Saturday 5th. The orator of the day will be Dr. James Darling, of Newton Hamilton. There will be other entertainments. Everybody invited.

Mrs. W. C. Evans and daughter, of Braddock, and Miss Iva Hixson, of Crystal Springs, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Sipe.

Mrs. G. W. McClellan, of Bedford, is visiting her brother, Mr. A. S. Greenland and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Edwards of Juniata, are visiting the former's parents; Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Edwards.

Misses Laura Earley and Martha Edwards are visiting friends in Saxton. Miss Mary Baker is visiting her sister Mrs. Lizzie Peters in Ohio. Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs.

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, or 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 VIII 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.

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:—

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 seven 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 for 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 revenue 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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"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 seven per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the consent 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 for 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 revenue 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 twenty-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 borrowing capacity of said city of Philadelphia, at any 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 capitalizing the amount not received during the year immediately preceding the time of such ascertainment. Such capitalization shall be accomplished by ascertaining the principal amount which would yield such annual, current net revenue, at the average rate of interest, and sinking-fund charges payable by said city for such purposes, 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 shall 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 throughout the term of construction 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 one year after the completion of such 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, and in case of death from such injuries, the right of action shall survive, and the General Assembly shall prescribe for those benefit such actions shall be prosecuted. No act shall prescribe any limitations of time within which suits may be brought against corporations, or for other causes different from those fixed by general laws 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 to employees 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 amount of such compensation, and providing special or general remedies for the collection thereof; but in no other cases 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 those benefit such actions shall be prosecuted. No act shall prescribe any limitations of time within which suits may be brought against corporations, 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-

tion 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 the 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:—

Laws may be passed providing for a system of registering, transferring, insuring of and guaranteeing land titles by the State, or by the counties 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 it designated. Such laws may provide 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. 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 seven 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 for 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 revenue 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:—

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tion 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.

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