

POOR EYESIGHT MAKES IDLE PUPILS



More than eighty-three thousand children in the rural schools of Pennsylvania were discovered to have defective eyesight during the medical inspection made in the school year of 1914 and 1915 under the direction of Commissioner of Health Samuel G. Dixon. Of this number 1,184 had defects of the right eye, 1,750 had defects of the left eye, and 53,814 had defects of both eyes.

The chart shown in the above picture is used in making the tests for errors of vision. Defects of the eyes are probably the commonest cause of children's failures to make their grades and progress with the other members of their classes. Astigmatism, near-sightedness or far-sightedness often make it impossible for them to see the figures on the board or cause headaches and discomfort when they are obliged to apply themselves to the study of their books. This often results in apparent indifference or idleness on the part of the pupil which is very apt to be misunderstood by both the teacher and the parents, and the child itself is equally blameless and ignorant of the trouble.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

Items of Interest Culled From Our Exchanges

Joseph E. Lehman, 56 years of age, a former resident of Berlin, died at Gypsum, Kansas, February 5th. Mrs. J. H. Mason, of Berlin is a sister.

Frank Barclay of Allegheny township died Feb. 20, at the Allegheny hospital, Pittsburgh. He was 56 yrs. of age.

A remonstrance signed by about two hundred and sixty-five men and women, has been filed with the Clerk of Courts against the license petition of Samuel Paschke, who runs the West Salisbury hotel in Elk Lick township.

"The School Marm," a home-talent play in four acts, will in the near future be presented in Custer Hall, Stoyestown. Miss Emma Gress will have charge. The proceeds are to be donated to the primary school.

Mrs. Jacob Powell, about 80 years old, died at 8 o'clock Monday evening at her home near Hooversville. She had a stroke of paralysis. Mr. and Mrs. Powell celebrated their golden wedding several months ago. The husband and several children survive.

Somerset will act in conjunction with many of the cities and towns of the United States in observing "Baby Week," March 4-11, as suggested by Miss Julia Lathrope, the Head of the Children's Bureau, for the purpose of arousing fathers and mothers to the necessity of more careful attention to the physical and mental development of their offspring if American stock is to escape degeneracy or an early extinction. The General Federation of Women's Clubs of America are working through its 9,000 branches. Two Somerset clubs are affiliated with the Federation, "The Fortnightly" and the "Civic."

The Commonwealth Trust Company of Pittsburgh, trustee in bankruptcy, will sell the property and oldings of the United Coal Company at auction March 6. Among the holdings to be sold are 7,500 shares and \$178,000 of bonds of the Jenner-Quemahoning Coal Company operating a tract of 2,170 acres in Jenner and Conemaugh townships and 18,750 shares of the Smokeless Coal Company, operating the property of the Merchants Coal Company at Boswell, under a lease, together with all of the mine machinery and equipment of the several mines.

Burns received Sunday, February 18th, resulted in the death of Mrs. Lucy Annie Miller, of Middletown, near Windber, at Windber Hospital, Thursday night at 12 o'clock. Mrs. Miller was building a fire in the kitchen stove and used gasoline in mistake for kerosene. Her clothing caught fire from the resulting explosion and she was burned practically over her entire body.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

John A. Gower to Cora Ellmore, Addison township, \$100.

Edith Leeder to Jacob Kauffman, Conemaugh township \$206.50.

David B. Brallier to Daniel Rhoads, Somerset borough, \$800.

Jacob J. Kauffman's executor to Edith Leeder, Conemaugh \$206.50.

Albert J. Hillegas to Jas. F. Keefe, Brothersvalley \$200.

Wm. H. Miller to Jas. Keefe, Brothersvalley township \$200.

Mary M. Shaffer to Chas. Ream, Beril, \$2,500.

Boswell Improvement Company to Clarence Lucas, Jenner township \$250.

Mary E. Tissue to Ray Nicklo, Addison township, \$150.

George Barnett to Jas. C. Keyser, Jenner township, \$729.35.

Noah Baker to C. L. Manners, Jenner township \$6,000.

Hiram Barron to Edward L. Barron, Middlecreek \$8,100.

Edward L. Barron to Lucinda Meyers Middlecreek \$1,750.

Alex Faidley to Alpha E. Fisher, in Lincoln Twp. \$50.

C. A. Miller to Mary Shaff, Rockwood \$200.

W. A. Merrill to Atlantic Coal Co. Black and Brothersvalley townships \$17,990.11

Atlantic Coal Company to W. A. Merrill \$10.

Chas. E. Walker to Atlantic Coal Company \$1,000.

Geo. Reitz's Adm. to Wm. Dixon Somerset township \$675.

Burton S. Rush to A. W. Walker, Garrett \$2,450.

John C. Bowman to Edward J. Boyer, Brothersvalley, \$500.

C. A. Miller to Burton Shaff, Rockwood \$450.

Harry W. Sarver to J. W. Sarver, Allegheny, \$300.

Moses Weaver to Andrew Baumgardner, Conemaugh, \$2,500.

Harry H. Mishler to C. A. Miltenberger, Conemaugh, \$8,500.

John W. Naugle to Maggie J. Naugle, Benson, \$950.

George Stahl's heirs to Rebecca Kauffman, Conemaugh, \$5.

Jonas L. Baer to Amanda Baer, Somerset borough, \$1.

UNCLE SAM'S LARGE FAMILY

Census bureau experts estimate that the population of the United States on January 1 last was 101,208,315 and that by July 1 it would be 102,017,302. On last July 1st, they figured the population at 100,399,318. Western states have led in the growth Washington heading the list with Oklahoma, Nevada, North Dakota and New Mexico following in the order named. The bureau's estimates are based on the rate of increase between 1900 and 1910 censuses.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

BERLIN.

At the public sale held on February 23 by the heirs of Israel Cober, the old home farm was purchased by Morris Snyder.

The mines of the Consolidation Coal Company, at Althouse, have resumed operations after the men had been on a strike for a few days.

Mrs. Charles Roy, of Macdonald, entertained at 1 o'clock bridge luncheon on Thursday. The following were present: Mesdames A. C. Floto, A. R. Dallam, B. A. McDonald, Phil A. Shaffer, James Roy, Mrs. Kennedy Price of Meyersdale; Mrs. Guy Fleck and Mrs. Charles Roy, of Macdonald.

Mrs. Clifton Walker entertained at her home the following ladies: Mesdames A. R. Dallam, Charles Roy, James Roy, Phil Shaffer, Anna Kurtz, Kennedy Price, of Meyersdale; Miss Grace Heffley, of Somerset. The evening was passed by playing cards, after which Mrs. Walked served a delicious luncheon.

The house owned by Dr. Henry Garey and occupied by the Edward McQuade family is being remodeled by Contractor H. Frank Ball and will be ready for occupancy in a week or two. The buildings was damaged by fire several days ago.

D. C. White has moved his family to their new home on Main street. Mr. White purchased the building from the Garman heirs.

Berlin friends were sorry to hear of Mrs. Paul Hurd, of Boswell, suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis. Mrs. Hurd was formerly Miss Nell Deeter, of Berlin.

Patrons day was observed in the public schools on Friday, many parents and friends visiting each room. Very interesting programs were rendered by the pupils of each room.

Mrs. J. B. Schrock entertained at cards Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Kennedy Price of Meyersdale. The table decorations were red, white and blue, with red and white carnations. The decorations were appropriate to George Washington's birthday. Those present were Mesdames W. P. Shaw, A. C. Floto, J. J. Brallier, A. R. Dallam, B. A. McDonald, George Brubaker, C. W. Krissinger, Anna Kurtz, Phil A. Shaffer, J. B. Schrock and Misses Emma and Minnie Snyder.

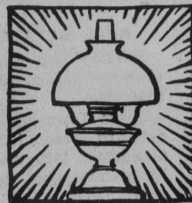
Mrs. Don M. Kimmel is in Pittsburgh to visit for a week with her brother, Edgar Heffley and family.

A. B. Falknor, proprietor of the Central Hotel received \$35 from some unknown person recently. A letter accompanying said the writer had defrauded Mr. Falknor some years ago and was trying now to live a Christian life. Ten dollars of the amount was for interest.

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