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A Handsome Calendar

Should find a place in every home.

The Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, of Pittsburgh, Pa., will mail our readers on request a copy of their 1907 Art Calendar—one of the most beautiful calendar conceptions of the year.

The subject is the famous painting "Rhoda," by the celebrated American artist Jas. Fagan. The painting is faithfully reproduced by the Three Color process, preserving all the rich, yet delicate, coloring tints and fresh tones of the original, and delineates a very attractive type of womanly beauty. As a work of art, and a fine example of the Art Preservation process, it is unsurpassed.

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PUT UP THE BARS.

Under the above caption the Somerset Standard last week published the following sensible editorial, every word of which we most heartily endorse:

In his annual report the State Superintendent of Public Instruction points to "good teachers" as one of the great needs of common school education, and suggests higher wages for teachers as one way to increase their qualifications.

It is a fact that good teachers are leaving the schools because of the low salaries, and it is clear that the only way to hold the good teachers is to increase their salaries. But an increase of salary will not assure the higher qualification of teachers. The department of Public Instruction should require the higher qualification, and the increase of salary will necessarily follow.

To illustrate: At the Opera house, last Friday night, between the acts of a musical comedy, the following conversation took place between two teachers who had been attending the annual teachers' institute, and remained in town to "take in" the show:

"Do you think this institute was as good as the last one?"

"Oh, I don't know. We didn't have enough fun; Seibert watched us too close. You bet I'll work it all right next time; I'll just send my card with someone to be punched, and then I'll take in the skatin' rink."

"Well, how did you like the lectures?"

"Oh, I didn't learn nawthin' from them lectures; why don't Seibert run in some shows like this one—something that's got some fun in it?"

Would an increase of salary improve the qualifications of that teacher? He never had the qualifications that ought to be required of a school teacher, and never will have them. He ought to be posting circus bills. To pay such a "teacher" \$25 a month would not only be a complete waste of that amount of money, but his employment would be an irreparable injustice to the pupils of his school. And this "teacher" is not an exception; there are too many in his class. The board of school directors that places the schools of this district under the control of teachers of this class deserves severe censure, and they should not be permitted to hide behind the mere fact that the misfits hold certificates. There must be a screw loose in the system of education that permits "teachers" of this class to obtain certificates. Let Superintendent Schaeffer set up his qualification bars, and the salaries will take care of themselves.

Good teachers should be paid good salaries, and they will be so paid when all but the good teachers have been weeded out. When the Department of Public Instruction makes it impossible for school boards to secure teachers who are not competent, there will be fewer axes to grind in the selection of teachers, and Tom will not vote for Dick's son because Dick votes for Tom's son, for neither Dick's son nor Tom's son will be in the eligible list. They will be working at some other "job" for which they are better qualified.

Let the higher salaries come, but let them not be misdirected. The school boards have it in their power to pay higher salaries, but in some way they should be barred from paying either high or low salaries to incompetent teachers. The public should be given some protection against the various lines of "influence" that bring about the employment of incompetent teachers, and such protection would seem to lie in more thorough and more searching examination of applicants for teachers' certificates, with a stiffening of the requirements as to qualifications.

LONG TENNESSEE FIGHT.

For twenty years, W. L. Rawls, of Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c. at E. H. Miller's drug store. 1-1

TROLLEY TIED UP.

Court Issues Temporary Injunction Commanding Work on Certain Portions of Line to Cease.

On Tuesday of last week Judge Kooser issued a temporary injunction restraining the Penna. & Md. Street Railway Co. from doing any further construction work on its line where it passes over lands of S. P. Maust, John M. Wright, H. H. and F. A. Maust, and Joseph Miller and wife, until the case can be argued. The injunction was granted upon request of the defunct M. & S. Street Railway Co., and the arguments are scheduled for a hearing today.

It is useless to review all the senseless allegations of the plaintiff company, for their allegations are nothing but thin air to make the best of them. But of course the plaintiffs claim that the P. & M. people are robbing the M. & S. of rights of way, franchises and about everything else. However, it is the general opinion here that the M. & S. has nothing to be robbed of, that the concern is totally defunct and never had a real existence as a company to begin with. We think it will be apparent to the court after weighing all the evidence that the M. & S. is not a real railway company, but merely a hot-air aggregation of promoters.

No one here believes that the injunction will be made permanent, or that the P. & M. company will be much delayed by the legal proceedings now going on. Not much can be done on the line during the winter months, anyway, and it is believed that by the time the weather will permit the finishing touches to be put on the road, that all obstacles with the M. & S., the B. & O., and a few kicking individuals will have been overcome. The road will be in operation at an early date, without a doubt.

NEW CURE FOR EPILEPSY.

J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleansers and life-giving tonic pills on earth. 25c. at E. H. Miller's drug store. 1-1

FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

This is the Verdict in the Case of Joe De Francesco, of Coal Run.

Joe De Francesco, who was accused of murdering and robbing Antonio Dominico, at Coal Run, near Salisbury, on the night of Aug. 4th, had his trial at the last session of court, and the jury promptly rendered a verdict of first degree murder.

The murdered man and the murderer had both been employed as miners by the Merchants Coal Company, and both were natives of Italy. Dominico was known to have about \$500 on his person, and it was for robbery that the murder was committed.

Full details of the crime were published in this paper a few days after the murder was committed, and while De Francesco was in jail awaiting his trial, he confessed to District Attorney Meyers that he was guilty, but also implicated his boarding boss, Frank Tedi, another Italian. Later, however, he declared that Tedi had no part in the crime, and that he (De Francesco) alone was guilty. Tedi, who had also been arrested and jailed, was promptly liberated after De Francesco made his second statement, and there is no doubt of Tedi's innocence.

The date of De Francesco's execution has not yet been fixed, but justice should, and likely will be meted to him without unnecessary delay.

Bowman Acquitted of Murder Charge.

Norman Bowman, indicted for murder, was set at liberty shortly after court re-assembled, Tuesday morning, Judge Kooser instructing the jury to return a verdict of "not guilty," which was done without the jury leaving the box. District Attorney Meyers previously informing the Court that the Commonwealth was satisfied it could not make out a case against the defendant. Bowman admitted that he had shot and killed an Italian named Gassidi De Gunsteno, while the latter was fleeing from arrest at Shaw Mines, several months ago. He said that he did not shoot to kill, intending merely to cripple his victim. Gunsteno had assaulted a fellow workman only a minute before, and, believing that he had killed him, was endeavoring to escape. He fired several shots at his pursuers.

OLD PAPERS for sale at THE STAR office. They are just the thing for pantry shelves, wrapping paper and cartridge paper for the miners. Five cents buys a large roll of them. tf

Classmate of Rev. E. S. Johnston, D. D., Shot by His Own Daughter.

The following news dispatch appeared in the Pittsburgh Gazette Times, Tuesday, and the clergyman who was shot by his daughter was a classmate of the Rev. E. S. Johnston, D. D., of this place.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—The Rev. John T. McAtee, a wealthy Lutheran clergyman, was shot three times in the head by his daughter Mary, aged 20, tonight, who is now under arrest. The girl used a small revolver. The minister is dying in St. Agnes hospital.

The police are investigating and say they have evidence that a quarrel preceded the tragedy. The daughter said her father had long been abusing her mother, that when he reached home tonight he had been drinking and had tried to kill her mother by throwing her down stairs. To protect her from death she had shot her parent.

About five years ago the Rev. Mr. McAtee was assistant pastor of the Lutheran church of the Holy Communion, Broad and Arch streets. He has since been traveling and lately returned from a trip around the world. He was to have left on another trip in February. Mrs. McAtee is the daughter of former Judge Hartley, once an official of the Pennsylvania railroad. Miss McAtee was to have been married next week. Both her mother and a woman servant are under arrest as witnesses.

The Rev. Mr. McAtee was graduated from Gettysburg College in 1858 and has been in charge of some of the biggest Lutheran churches in the country. He is now on the retired list.

OUTWITS THE SURGEON.

A complication of female troubles, with catarrh of the stomach and bowels, had reduced Mrs. Thos S. Austin, of Leavenworth, Ind., to such a deplorable condition, that her doctor advised an operation; but her husband fearing fatal results, postponed this to try Electric Bitters; and to the amazement of all who knew her, this medicine completely cured her. Guaranteed cure for torpid liver, kidney disease, biliousness, jaundice, chills and fever, general debility, nervousness and blood poisoning. Best tonic made. Price 50c. at E. H. Miller's drug store. Try it. 1-1

Candidates File Expense Accounts.

The last day for filing an account of election expenses, by all persons who were candidates at the last election, or acting as treasurer for any candidates, expires today, according to the requirements of the Roberts Corrupt Practices Act. Only two accounts were filed Tuesday evening.

The expenses of Amos W. Knepper, Assemblyman-elect on the Republican ticket, were only \$55.43. Of this amount fifty dollars was a contribution to the county committee, and \$5.43 was expended for meals and mileage.

John F. Rayman, elected poor house director, filed a statement that his expenses were less than fifty dollars.

Under the law referred to above every candidate is required to file an account of his election expenses, within thirty days after the election, or he may be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars, or more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment from one month to two years, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

When the expenditures exceed fifty dollars, an itemized account must be given. No person can lawfully take the oath of office until he has filed an account.

Lewis Emery, Jr., the unsuccessful Democratic-Lincoln candidate for governor, at the recent election, spent \$25,501.48 in his campaign, according to a statement filed Tuesday in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth.

Emery contributed \$18,000 to the Lincoln party state committee, \$2,000 to the Democratic state committee, \$1,500 to the Allegheny county Lincoln party committee. The balance of the money expended by Emery was for personal expenses, says the Somerset Standard.

DEDUCTION.

The other day my little boy My precious little Sam Climbed on my lap and sweetly asked "Is I God's little lamb?"

I said—"yes, child, and I do pray His watch he'll o'er you keep. Then ma, if I's God's little lamb, Is Grandpa his old sheep?"

—Mrs. Joseph X. Couley in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

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