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NEW LAWS FOR TOWNSHIP BOARDS

Much Confusion In County About Them

INTERESTING AND ACCURATE INFORMATION AS TO AUDITING OF BOROUGH, TOWNSHIP, SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTS.

The new state laws changing the date when the various boards of boroughs and townships take up the books of the offices to which the members have been elected, there is more or less confusion in Wayne county, and it may be said in every other county of the state, with reference to many things appertaining to the offices.

Among other things it is fact never-generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, that the borough and township auditors are called upon by the act of June 9, 1911, to settle the accounts of the various boards in December of this year. This is a matter of importance, and it will be well for the boards to get ready for these audits.

This refers to all boards with the exception of school districts. The amendments to the Constitution and the Schedule provide that Borough Councils, Poor districts, Township Supervisors, etc., organize the first Monday of December of this year, and consequently it is necessary to audit the accounts of the day following the organization. It will be remembered that terms of officers expiring in 1911 were extended to the first Monday of December and their successors were chosen at the November election.

The various school districts of the state are governed entirely by the provisions of the School Code and its measure provides that the school districts of the fourth class, which includes those of Wayne, Section 2625 of the Code, meet for organization the first Monday of July annually and the auditors are required by the same section to meet with the directors and commence to audit the accounts within five days after the date of organization. This would seem to furnish the information desired as to the school audits. In this connection, however, it is interesting to note that the State Department of Public Instruction has advised the various school districts throughout the state that where there is a change in the treasurer of the board that an audit be held, but this is not compulsory, but suggested to prevent possible applications. This may effect many districts in the county.

Section 1 of the Act of June 9, 1911, with reference to auditors follows: "Be it enacted, etc., That hereafter the Auditors whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the officers of any borough, township, or district, or school district, or special law of this Commonwealth, shall meet annually on the day following the day which has been or shall be fixed by law for the organization of Borough Councils, Township Supervisors, or Commissioners of any township, Directors of any Poor District, or School District, respectively, and shall forthwith proceed, in the respective instances, to audit, settle and adjust the accounts of the Burgess, members of the Council, Treasurer, Street Commissioner, and other officers either appointed or elected, of the Borough; of the Supervisors or Commissioners, Roadmaster and Treasurer of the Township; of the Directors or Overseers, Treasurer of the Poor District; of the Directors and Treasurer of the School District, and of the tax collectors of each of said municipalities; and any such officer who neglects or omits to appear for the audit shall be liable to the financial loss of any municipality or district shall be surcharged with the amount of such loss."

Section two of the same Act provides that the auditors must file an itemized statement of the audit with the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county within ten days after making the same. This is not generally understood and it has been necessary in the past but few districts have complied with the law and auditors are liable to fine for non-compliance with the law.

Section three provides for appeal from the finding of the auditors within thirty days after the filing of a report with the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, and after a bond for possible costs by the party appealing.

Section four provides for appeal from certain conditions from the decision of lower courts or ruling or decisions on points of law to the Superior or Supreme Court.

The Citizen refers to these matters at this time for the benefit of its readers that may be affected, and to warn them from possible trouble by reason of not being acquainted with the Act mentioned and quoted from.

Kerosene Lamp Explodes.

The explosion of a kerosene lamp at the home of Mrs. Felix O'Neill of the street, Thanksgiving night, caused considerable excitement. Serious damage would have resulted but for the prompt action of John O'Neill who seized the flaming lamp and hurled it through the door into the yard. The ceiling was badly damaged.

Christmas—the next holiday.

TAXABLE ANIMALS IN WAYNE COUNTY

Damascus Township Has The Most "Milkers"

LIST OF HORSES AND COWS AS RETURNED BY THE DISTRICT ASSESSORS OF THE SHIRE—ONLY THOSE OVER FOUR YEARS ENUMERATED.

Only one of the assessors of Wayne county has made his returns of corrections of assessments upon which the county tax of 1912 will be reckoned. Some interesting figures for the year 1911 however are available.

There are about 5600 taxable horses in Wayne county, upon which valuations have been placed by the assessors, aggregating almost \$500,000. These figures by no means tell either the number of horses or cows or their real value, for horses and cows are not taxable until they are four years of age. It will thus be seen that the actual number of horses and cows, all ages in the county, might easily be double these amounts.

Then, too, the valuation on a cow or horse by an assessor is no index to its value. Cows are usually valued at \$20 to \$30, whereas their real value is two or three times that much. The average value of horses in the assessors' list is about one-third of their value. The highest assessed horse flesh in the county is in Honesdale where the average is \$90. Damascus township is the banner cow territory, having 1317 milkers on the list.

The number and value in the various districts of the county are as follows:

Table with columns: Dis., Horses, Val., Cows, Val. (e.g., Berlin .299 \$16,604 577 \$9,934)

BOARD OF TRADE BULLETIN.

The Board of Trade has not gone back upon its word. It offered a prize of \$5 for a slogan—and still offers it. Now is the time to work for the slogan if you want to add \$5 additional to your Christmas money.

The slogan contest will be extended for an indefinite period. It is the opinion of the committee in charge that the proper slogan has not as yet been received. A number of good trade marks and the like have been presented, but to date the most appropriate and expressive slogan has not been written for Honesdale. The conditions governing the contest will be the same—no slogan to contain more than ten words—and that the same person can send as many slogans as he chooses. For the best catch-phrase the Greater Honesdale Board of Trade will give \$5 in gold to the successful contestant. The territory is not limited to Honesdale and immediate vicinity. During the recent contest slogans were received from Cambridge, Ohio, Windsor, N. Y., Camden, N. J., Montclair, N. J., Waymart, Fallsdale, White Mills, Forest City, and many other places besides Honesdale.

The committee does not want those who have kindly submitted slogans to become disheartened and cease sending them, but hope they will continue. Tell your friends that the contest is open, but at the same time try hard for that \$5 gold piece. It would look nice among your Christmas gifts. Some one will get it, why not you?

Send slogans to Secretary Greater Honesdale Board of Trade, Honesdale, Pa.

Masquerade Carnival At Rink.

The masquerade carnival at the Roller Rink, Tuesday night, was the best of its kind ever seen there. There was a large crowd of visitors present to enjoy the grotesque costumes and fancy skating. Prizes were awarded as follows: For the fanciest dressed lady, Mrs. Albert Thomas, who impersonated a Spanish Gypsy Queen; for the most fancily dressed gentleman, William Karslake, who appeared in the guise of a Spaniard. The prize for the most comical get-up went to Ida Spangenberg, and the "Gold Dust Twins" had to toss a coin to see who won the gentlemen's prize. Thomas Kelly was the lucky man. The judges were R. M. Salmon, Henry Menner and J. M. Smeltzer.

CLOVER CLUB GIVES BANQUET

Graham Arraigns Quaker City Detractors

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS ATTEND THANKSGIVING FEAST OF PHILADELPHIA'S FOREMOST SOCIAL ORGANIZATION.

Philadelphia, Pa.—High above the humdrum of the city's busy streets, far from the turmoil and the noise, in the solarium on the eighteenth floor of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel the Clover Club—famous of social organizations—last Thursday night gave its annual Thanksgiving dinner. It was not an ordinary banquet, this, but a State affair, graced by the presence of the Governor of Pennsylvania, John K. Tener; members of his Cabinet, his entire military staff in full-dress uniform, United States Senator Oliver, Major General Miles, of the United States Army, retired, Mayor Reburn and a host of other equally prominent and distinguished guests.

Wit, humor, good fellowship and snappy repartee were the principal component parts of the evening's gayeties. But now and then an occasional note of seriousness crept into the merriment, and when such moments occurred the participants gave respectful attention to the sentiments that were uttered.

With his usual display of eloquence, George S. Graham scathingly arraigned the defamers and detractors of the city and stated whom he declared were responsible alone for the hand of scorn which has been heaped from all sides. No mercy was shown to the muckraker and the mudslinger by Mr. Graham in his remarks, and when he concluded he was given an ovation such as has never before been seen at a similar occasion.

Graham's Ringing Speech.

When introduced Mr. Graham said: "As I arise to greet you as a Philadelphian I cannot help but refer to the mudslinging and malice which has been heaped against this city and State and which has come largely from that type which seeks to tear down solely for political purposes. Let us hope that the past achievements of this great city and State and the passing of the recent election will result in the elimination of this strife of the past and the bringing together of every one standing shoulder to shoulder for the development of Philadelphia."

"The finger of scorn which has been pointing against Philadelphia is largely due to cowardice of its citizens in not arising to defend it and to resent the attacks of the falsifier who is ever seeking to tear down and disrupt either for selfish or political purposes. It is true that we had a capitol scandal, but why do we let it forever under our tongues? True, there were men who were guilty of crime in that unfortunate blot on the State, but there were men, and I know what I am talking about, connected with that crime who are as innocent as any one about this table."

"The tribunal of the land has meted out punishment and they have suffered in a manner that will carry sorrow to the grave. Why cannot we forget the misdeeds of the capitol scandal and leave all connected with it far behind us to defend the achievement of this handsome structure will bring in the future. There are a few continually harping and criticising, whose efforts seem to seek to destroy some life or tear down the reputation of some man just to suit the policy of their purpose."

"They forget Philadelphia and its greatness and throw aside its past achievements and say we will tear down that man for a purpose and for some one else for another, and all for no other reason than to break down and destroy. It requires no the strength of all men, those who are interested in the progress of our great city and State, to meet this emergency which has arisen from this type of a mudslinger."

"Protectors against defamers of our great city and State were never needed as they are now. Having here to-night those of my closest association and sweetest friendship, I ask you to unite in one effort for the support of our great city and State. Wipe out the public slander which is unknown even to the lowest brute, maintain the right of criticism with limitations and fairness. Build up in the spirit of comradeship and let us of Philadelphia unflinchingly join in this spirit. We glory in our army and navy and their achievements and say that our country is one of great prosperity. Let this spirit prevail when we speak of our city and State, for it is the gift of loving friendship that ties us together in the association of this club."

Homer Greene For Congress.

At the next election Pennsylvania will elect a State treasurer and probably an auditor general, six Congressmen-at-Large, thirty-two district Congressmen, thirty-eight Presidential electors, twenty-five Senators and 207 members of the House of Representatives. There is a wide-spread sentiment in North-eastern Pennsylvania to have Homer Greene, of Honesdale, elected as one of the Congressmen-at-Large. No candidate in the State is better or more favorably known than Mr. Greene. He is the kind of man the people want to represent them.—Independent Republican, Montrose, Pa.

GOOD AMERICAN CUTS OUT BARON!

Price, of Boston, Wins County Seat Belle

INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH ROMANTIC COUPLE WHO PUT HONESDALE ON THE MAP FOR ANOTHER YEAR—BUT THEN, YOU KNOW, MAPLE CITY GIRLS ALWAYS TAKE THE CAKE!

"There's nothing like love, the real kind, The right kind, when you strike it."

"All the Honesdale girls will want to go to Germany now," perily spoke up a dainty young miss to her companion at the Union Station, Tuesday evening where a large crowd had gathered to see the Honesdale bride and Boston groom, the story of whose romantic courtship and marriage on board the good ship Pennsylvania, homeward bound from the Fatherland, had been wired from the Atlantic to the Pacific, come to town.

"They got off at East Honesdale," the conductor and brakeman obligingly informed the disappointed spectators, when the pair failed to alight from the 6:50 p. m. Erie train.

Ten minutes later the happy couple were seen driving up Main street in a cab towards the bride's residence at 1213 West street. Just to make them feel at home, the County Seat boys betwixt the ages of nine and ninety, gave them a "skimmerton," a little later in the evening. And it was a dandy, too. The groom came down handsomely, however, and everybody went off smoking for dear life.

To see the Bostonian, Dwight E. Price, who could not in the aristocratic and select confines of that cultured city, find a girl to suit him, and who was smitten by the charms of a returning Honesdale musician, Miss Sophia Carolyn Heiferlich, by name, a Citizen man went up to the Heiferlich house Wednesday afternoon with a view to finding out all about it. He was met at the door by the bride herself.

"Would you like to talk to a newspaperman?" asked the reporter, cap in hand, and making his best bow.

"Why, yes, certainly. Come right in," smiled Mrs. Price.

"Well, you put Honesdale on the map for another year," suggested the reporter.

"Yes," she answered from the adjoining dining-room where she had gone to join her hubby who was just finishing a late dinner. "Lots of people in New York didn't know about this place until we advertised it. Quite an excitement in New York," she continued turning to Mr. Price for confirmation of her statement. "Wasn't it?" "It certainly was," he promptly replied.

A few minutes later, Mr. Price got up from the table and came into the parlor, his face suffused with smiles.

"They held the boat for me at Hamburg a few minutes," he said. "It was very peculiar the way we met. I told my father and mother just before I went abroad in September that I never in the world would get married!" They had a girl picked out for me."

"I am in the automobile manufacturing business in Boston, Mass. My parents live at 81 Massachusetts Avenue. I am the youngest son. I am vice-president of my company. We organized two companies, the Rogers Wheel Company of which I am vice-president, and also the Rogers Wheel Company in which I am a stockholder."

"I went over to the old country, September 5, to spend two years, on a pleasure trip. I got a cablegram to come back."

"I met her a day after we got on shipboard. We met on the twelfth. We thought we would be rather slow about becoming engaged, so we waited until the thirteenth. We didn't like to rush into it. Love at first sight, you know that."

"She was playing at the piano. I asked a young man who knew her for an introduction. He was a Baron, and was cutting quite a dash. He wouldn't give me an introduction. Another young man from California, a manufacturing jeweler, a Mr. Dick of Los Angeles, California, was acquainted with her. I asked him four or five times for an introduction. He always put me off. So I said, 'Here, if you don't introduce me you are no friend of mine.' I took her away from the Baron. I kept her the rest of the trip. He took it pretty bad. He is connected with one of the most influential families of Germany."

"So I told the little girl if it's a title you're after, you'd better stick to the Baron, but if you want a good American, let's talk business."

All of which goes to show that Mr. Price is a typical straightforward American business man, who believes in the right after anything that's worth getting. He evidently believes in the most shortened form of the old order of "Love, Courtship and Marriage."

"So we got down to tacks," he continued. "You got the nicest little girl on the ship," the Baron said. They got us up a little party in the upper cabin and wanted to know if we were going to get married or were engaged. She said she would. A doctor in the party then drew up

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HOSPITAL AUXIL. RAISING MONEY

Woman's Hospital Board Met Monday

OVER A THOUSAND DOLLARS ON HAND—PROSPECTS FOR HOSPITAL AT COUNTY SEAT MOST ENCOURAGING.

The Board of Directors of the Woman's Auxillary to the Hospital Board met in the council room of the town hall on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, Miss Weiss, the president, presiding. The report of Miss Smith, treasurer, was as follows: Cash in banks to date, \$1137.63; contributions received during afternoon, \$27.00; total, \$1164.63.

Several collectors reported as to progress made, after which a most enthusiastic meeting was held, the sentiment of the members present being that while the proposed hospital would not be built this year, or perhaps not in the next year, it was bound to come, this belief being strengthened by the expression of the people of the community as given to the members of the Auxillary from time to time.

Since the matter of raising funds for a hospital has been before the people, various statements have been made regarding the attitude of our physicians as to the advisability of a hospital being built and maintained by this community and vicinity. In order to settle the question so raised a committee consisting of the President of the Women's Auxillary with two of the directors, met and conferred with the Medical Society and at the request of the committee the following statement was given them by one of our physicians:

"In answer to a request for an expression of opinion of the physicians of Honesdale concerning the proposed hospital, the Honesdale Medical Society makes the following report:

"We believe a State hospital would be a detriment to this community."

"We believe an institution patterned after the best private hospitals would be a benefit to the people of Honesdale."

In regard to this report the Women's Auxillary wish to make the following statement:

It is not the desire of this organization to work in opposition to the opinion of our physicians, as the success of the enterprise depends in a great measure upon their generous support. It is the sole object of this organization to establish a hospital here, because of the need for it. Notwithstanding the opinion of our physicians the question still arises, can the people of this district secure the necessary funds to organize and operate a hospital without some assistance from the State?

The funds now on hand have been collected for the sole purpose of building a hospital in Honesdale and absolutely cannot be used for any other purpose. The amount is deposited in the Wayne County Savings Bank and the Dime Bank, at interest. The interest added to the fund since deposited amounts to \$35.14.

At this meeting a resolution was passed that all checks for any purposes drawn upon this fund must be signed by the President and Treasurer of the organization, and the secretary was instructed to so notify the aforesaid banks of this resolution.

In the event that the hospital should not be built after a reasonable period of time it was decided that all contributors who desired the return of the amount they contributed to this cause, should upon request to the proper officers of the Auxillary, have the amount refunded to them in full, a record having been kept of the names of all persons contributing and of the amount given.

It is earnestly requested by the Auxillary that all monies in the hands of collectors and of those who compose the calendars, consisting of the year, months, weeks and days, shall remit the several amounts held by them to the treasurer, that it may be placed on interest to help this fund grow.

Invited To Speak At Annual Banquet.

Hon. William H. Dimmick has been invited to deliver a speech at the annual banquet of the Wayne County Pennsylvania Society of New York City, to be held February 6, 1912, at the Hotel Manhattan, New York. The annual banquet of this society is one of the social features each year of the Wayne Counteans in New York, who generally have an exceedingly good time upon these occasions.

The officers of the society, which was organized May 22, 1906, are: President, Dr. Warren Schoonover; first vice-president, Dr. Richard H. Gibbons; second vice-president, Samuel Blumenthal; third vice-president, George D. Prentiss; treasurer, Isaac W. Seeman; historian, Edwin P. Kilroe, Ph. D.; sergeant-at-arms, Clarence J. Knapp; secretary, Chas. S. Penwarden.

Whatever Fair and Supper.

The Whatsoever Circle will hold their annual fair and supper in the Methodist church parlors Thursday evening, Dec. 7. A fine assortment of fancy work and aprons, dressed dolls, dolls clothing, and home-made candy will be for sale. The menu: Scalloped oysters, boiled ham, scalloped potatoes, rolls, brown bread, cabbage salad, cranberry sauce, pickles, coffee, cake and brick ice cream. Price of supper 50 cents. First table will be served at 5:30. 9642

DEPLORES SPIRIT OF MUCKRAKING

Rev. Wendell Rebukes American Pessimism

LARGEST AUDIENCE IN YEARS ENJOYS INSPIRING THANKSGIVING SERMON AT UNION SERVICES IN CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH.

"The spirit of pessimism is still the undercurrent of the American mind, despite all our prosperity. There is too much of the gloomy spirit, of the spirit of morbidity, the chronic ailment of the Puritans abroad in the land today."

Deploping the present-day American spirit of muck-raking, and suggesting in its stead that we ought to see the bright things in life, Rev. G. S. Wendell, of the First Baptist church, delivered a most inspiring and optimistic sermon, Thursday morning, in the Central Methodist Episcopal church, before the largest audience that has attended a County Seat Thanksgiving service in years.

Members of the four churches joining in this union service, viz. First Presbyterian, Grace Protestant Episcopal, First Baptist and Central Methodist Episcopal, and of all churches and of the church-at-large crowded the spacious auditorium of the church, and paid devout and reverent attention as Rev. Wendell unfolded the many causes for gratitude which are the lot of the citizens of Honesdale in this year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

Featuring the service was an elaborate musical program consisting of an anthem by the chorus choir; a duet by Miss Florence Steelman and Jos. A. Bodie, Jr.; a double quartette by Mrs. Rockwell, Mrs. Crossley, Misses Robinson and Toms, Messrs. Truacott, Bodie, Dibble and Callaway; and solo by Miss Mary Holland.

Doctor Swift offered the invocation in which he mentioned as a cause for gratitude that the community has not been visited by any scourge during the year that is gone. He also prayed that "the seething masses reaching out after popular government may be controlled so that righteousness may prevail."

Taking as his text the One Hundredth Psalm, Pastor Wendell spoke in part as follows:

"It is fitting that we should assemble here to-day that we should give thanks to Almighty God. Who will deny that we are living in the best age that ever was? The disposition to see evil and to find fault is Satanic and ought to be rebuked. The labor journals and the religious press are full of it. Is it not base ingratitude always to be harping on the darker side of things?"

"Our President and Governor have asked us to see the bright things in life to-day. We come not here to wall before God, but to worship Him."

"It is a great mistake to think life is for happiness only. Life is for sacrifice, for service. Life's trials lead on to life's victories. Let us then bring to God to-day, our grateful songs, our grateful hearts, our grateful lives."

GRAND OPERA COMPANY.

The Le Brun Grand Opera Company is composed of singers all of whom have appeared in grand opera and three of them in leading roles. Special scenery is carried for every thing, over five thousand dollars being invested in costumes and scenery. One of the gowns worn by Madame Le Brun is completely covered with solid silver spangles. Each member of this company can sing in three languages though they emphasize, however, the giving of operas in this country in English.

Madame Le Brun, soprano, came to America with the Royal Italian Opera Co., and later was engaged by Henry Savage for a three year's contract as prima donna with his then English Grand Opera Co., after which she returned to Europe. She has a repertoire of fifty operas and sings them in four languages.

Madame Bare, the contralto, is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She has sung under the Aborn and Sheehan managements.

Mr. Fritz Huttman, tenor, created the tenor role in the American production of "The Crusaders." He also was with Innes and his band on his big Transcontinental tour, during the season in which Innes produced "The Parsifal."

At the Lyric on Friday evening, Dec. 8, for the benefit of the Honesdale Realty Co.

WITNESS FEES.

Compensation of witnesses before justices of the peace. From and after the passage of this act, all witnesses in civil and criminal cases before justices of the peace and aldermen, in the several counties of this commonwealth, shall be entitled to compensation as follows, namely: For each day necessarily in attendance fifty cents, and for each mile necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the office of the justice of the peace or alderman, out of which the subpoena issued, three cents, 1885, July 3, P. L. 256, Sec. 1. [Pepper and Lewis Digest, Vol. 3, Second Edition, Page 7591.]

—Lawrence C. Weidner purchased of the August Hartung estate the building he now occupies on South Main street, Wednesday.