

A bill has been introduced in the legislature at Harrisburg prohibiting the distribution on steps, hallways, porch, etc., of packages of medicines, etc., as samples.

Under a special act the treasurers of Jefferson and Venango counties make a trip through their respective counties once a year to collect state and county taxes, but an effort will be made during the present session of the state legislature to do away with this custom.

Complaint was made to the editor of this paper about the conduct of some high school pupils one night during the union gospel meetings in Park Theatre. They whispered and giggled while Dr. Smith was preaching and annoyed people near them who wanted to hear the sermon. Such conduct is very provoking and thoroughly disgusting to people who want to listen and are annoyed by irreverent and silly folk. If persons who act unseemly in a public audience, and more especially in church service, could see themselves as others see them, surely they would never be guilty of the same offence again.

The last Saturday of the union gospel meetings Dr. Arthur J. Smith preached a sermon against card playing and card parties. The sermon had a good effect on some of the ladies of town, who are church members, and they have burned their eucher decks and have declared that they will not play cards again. Some church members of town who engaged in and enjoyed the social dance, have declared that they will dance no more. Dr. Smith showed so plainly in his sermons on dancing and card playing the mistake church members are making who dance and play cards that a number resolved, as above stated, that they would quit the dance and cards.

Are we going to sit with our hands folded and see the Pennsylvania Railroad Company move thirty families away from Reynoldsville and not make an effort to induce the company, if possible, not to make the change? Twice before it has been mentioned in THE STAR that the company expects to move the train dispatchers' office from here to Pittsburg in the spring, which means other changes, and altogether will move about thirty families away from our town, and not a thing that we have heard of, has been done to try to get the company not to make the change. We stated before that there is a possibility that if the matter is taken up with the company the change might not be made. We have made strenuous efforts, and given liberally in cash, to get industries located in Reynoldsville that do not sustain thirty families in the town, and shall we be indifferent in this case and allow thirty families to be taken from town without turning our hands in the matter? Surely not! Awaken citizens! Get a meeting called as soon as possible and act promptly. This should have been taken up a month ago.

An important question for the voters of Reynoldsville borough to decide by ballot on the 19th instant is the \$10,000 bond issue for paving Main street, from Seventh st. to borough line. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the town council of Reynoldsville borough have signed an agreement, which is on file in Harrisburg, whereby this borough has agreed to pay one-fourth, and the state three-fourths, of the expense of paving the part of Main street above stated. If the proposition is voted down the town council can do one of two things, either try to get the Commonwealth to revoke the contract or proceed with the paving and make the assessments high enough so that the entire expense of the paving would be paid in one year. We understand council can do the latter, and likely will do so if the bond issue is voted down. It does seem that this opportunity to get Main street paved at one-fourth the actual expense, aside from the curbing, should not be lost. By the borough paying one-fourth of paving expense, and paying for curbing, will not make it cost the borough much more than it would if the street was paved on the same proposition as Jackson street and Main, from Seventh to bridge, were paved, and how many years would be torn off the calendar of time before the street will be paved from Seventh street to borough line if it is not paved until the property owners pay two-thirds of the cost? Let us seize this opportunity to get the needed street improvements. Only last month the mud was almost a foot deep on Main street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, and it required four horses to pull a two horse load up the hill. A petition is to be circulated, if the paving is to be done, asking the property owners along portion of street to be paved to pay for the curbing. Some of them are willing to pay that part of the cost, and a few are willing to pay for one-third of paving in front of their property if necessary.

Grafting and Bond Issues.

Some time ago the people of Reynoldsville and vicinity were treated to an article written by one of our citizens, and published in THE STAR, in which various things concerning the public was made mention of, but the writer was not specific enough for the ordinary reader to form a correct conclusion as to whom or what the writer was driving at. The mention of graft and grafting must of had reference to one or both of two parties now conducting borough affairs. It seems that both these officials' accounts were audited without any charges of funds being mis-applied, hence I would infer that little grafting was practised. As to the amount of comfort the people are enjoying for the amount of taxes they are paying, I wish to state a few facts. The people either enjoyed some comforts some years ago they did not pay for, or their money was not properly spent.

In looking over the present indebtedness of the borough I find several bonds still outstanding bearing date of 1885 also others bearing date of 1895 and still others of later date. Since the beginning of paving in 1903, taxes have necessarily become higher on account of these improvements which have continued every year, with the exception of last year. And the taxes for last year are largely intact and in the hands of the treasurer, and no doubt will be used in the near future for the liquidation of old outstanding indebtedness previously referred to, hence it will be seen high taxes becomes necessary.

As to the proposed paying of East Main street, I believe this is not very comprehensively understood. If the writer understands the action taken by our council it is something like this: They applied for state aid for the paving of East Main street, and in that application bound the borough for the payment of its share to the state. The state accepted the application, made the necessary surveys, and are preparing plans and specifications and intend receiving bids for said work in the near future.

This being the case, the borough is virtually bound for the payment of its share of the cost. Now there is but one of three things to do: Repudiate the contract or issue bonds for the payment of said paving or lay sufficient tax to pay for it, in one year. To repudiate and turn down State aid I would consider very foolish and I hope our borough council will never give this idea one thought. The issuing of bonds it seems to the writer, would be the most logical way at this time. It is very probable that under the ruling of the Attorney-General every dollar expended by the borough on Main street for permanent improvements will be paid back by the state long before the proposed issue of bonds would become due, if any value is attached to the ruling it is only a matter of issuing the bonds and receiving the money from the state to pay them with, or continue muddy roads until the state builds them.

There is a view taken by some of our

citizens, in regard to the bond issue which the writer terms pessimistic. That property owners along east Main street are just as able to pay for their paving as people along other streets already paved. The fact is, there is no law now in force or known legal agreement by which that portion of East Main street could be paved and cost the borough less money than by accepting the state's aid. Now I do not see why one man should ask his neighbor to pay the same price for his paving as he did, when he can get it for much less with no additional cost to objector or taxpayers in general. This view has been exploited by some but I hope it will not be taken seriously. Their are objections raised as to the amount of bonds asked for. You will notice by the ordinance that they are for the purpose of improving East Main street between Seventh street and the borough line at Cool Spring. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds can only be used for that purpose and no other. If the amount asked is more than sufficient the surplus could not be issued. The probable cost could not well be estimated as the writer has no idea as to what the specifications of the state will be. Their is one thing certain the curbing, which the state will pay no part of, will cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000, as the distance is about 4,100 feet and 50c per lin. ft. would be a reasonable price to make calculations from. The width also has something to do with the cost to the borough as the State will not pay for anything in excess of 22 feet.

From present indications, I would infer that it is the intention of our council to continue paving portions of streets in other parts of the town, by special agreement or statute law, and pay for the borough's share out of general taxation, and continue each year to add some permanent improvement, and not allow the paving of East Main street to interfere with needed improvements elsewhere. If such is the intention of council, I don't think any good citizen would refuse to grant their request, but commend them for the effort they are putting forth to improve the highways. CITIZEN.

A bill introduced in the house at Harrisburg last week by Mr. Adams, of Allegheny, will, if passed abolish tipping in this state. The provisions of the bill include all waiters and other employes of hotels, restaurants and other public places, railroad porters, and servants of all classes. Employers will not be permitted to allow employes to accept tips. The bill will not effect the man who gives the tip, but the one who accepts. The penalty is a fine of \$100 or imprisonment for sixty days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

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J. W. Dawson Accepts Superintendency of a Wilkesbarre Mill



JOHN W. DAWSON.

JOHN W. DAWSON, who was superintendent of the Enterprise Silk Company mill in Reynoldsville six years, has accepted the superintendency of a silk mill for another company at Wilkesbarre, Pa. It is a ribbon mill. Mr. Dawson is thoroughly familiar with the silk business and has tact enough to make an excellent superintendent of a silk mill. He was born in England and got his education in the textile schools of England. He began work when only nine years old. At the age of fourteen he began taking lessons in the textile school. He worked ten hours each day and attended school at night. In England he worked on cotton goods. In July, 1887, twenty years ago next July, Mr. Dawson came to America and accepted a position in a silk mill at Paterson, N. J., and since that time has been engaged in the silk business. Two years ago Mr. Dawson was instrumental in getting the Enterprise Athletic Association organized at Reynoldsville for the purpose of providing a place for the employes of the mill, and the young people of town, to spend their evenings and thus keep them off the streets. It was through Mr. Dawson's efforts that a stock company was organized to erect the Park Theatre. Mr. Dawson has not moved away from Reynoldsville yet, but will move in the near future.

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