

Dallas Socials

Mrs. Walter J. Nebins of Peoria, Ill., left Thursday evening after a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Nelson Whipp. Mrs. Nebins will perhaps be better remembered by her friends here as Miss Elizabeth Major.

Mr. and Mrs. George Russ have returned from a month's vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Case and family were guests on Thanksgiving Day of Mrs. Case's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans of Madison street, Wilkes-Barre.

Dyer Lauderbach spent Thanksgiving with friends in Wilkes-Barre.

John Girvan, Jr., of Philadelphia and Camden is spending the holiday and week-end with his parents here.

Cecil Stevens came Thursday to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Turpin. Mr. Stevens' home is in Camden, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. A. Kuehn spent Thanksgiving in York.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Webster have returned home after spending several days in New York City.

Doris Lauderbach spent Thanksgiving with her aunt, Mrs. William Strange of Trucksville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ritchie entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Riddle on Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Riddle are the only members of their family in America. Their other relatives are in Scotland.

John Haxton of Hayfield Farm and Frank Lauderbach of Orchard Farm, were in Toronto, Canada, the early part of the week attending the Toronto Royal Stock Show. While there they bought blooded cattle for the Conyngham Farm.

Mrs. Charles Gregory, who is a patient at Wyoming Valley Homeopathic hospital, is improving nicely.

The Idetown Woman's Home Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. A. A. Neely on Tuesday afternoon, December 3, at 2 p. m.

The R. Club of St. John's Orthodox Church of Edwardsville held a pig roast at the home of Andrew W. Litchko at East Dallas Wednesday evening. Songs, games and dancing were the pastimes of the evening. At a late hour luncheon was served to twenty-five guests.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The West Side Hospital Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Guernsey in Shavertown on Friday, December 6. Many members from this section were present at the hospital on Wednesday when it was open for inspection for the first time.

-Kunkle-

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Whispell on Saturday of last week. A very delightful time was spent in vocal and instrumental music, after which lunch was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ide and son Dean of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Girard of Springfield, Mass., Michael Wassel of Wilkes-Barre, Helen Berger of Wilkes-Barre, Frank Robbins of Beaumont, Michael Melas, Mr. and Mrs. E. Whispell, Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Whispell and daughter, Betty Estella.

Why Pick on England?

Commenting on the prevalence of gambling among English women, a magazine article says: "There is not a friendly game of bridge in England." Why pick on England, particularly?—Detroit Free Press

HIMMLER THEATRE

TONIGHT

Drag

With

Richard Barthelmas

TUESDAY NIGHT

Rio Rita

With

Ken Maynard

THURSDAY NIGHT

Single Standard

With Greta Garbo

NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

Thunderbolt

With

George Bancroft

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and all my right side weak and almost helpless, so much so that I cannot labor. Besides, I have lost my dear companion with a lingering consumption, which, for nursing, medicine and necessities (for she ate well most of the time) involved me in debt to the amount of four hundred and six dollars, and, as I have no means to pay this honest debt, and cannot work, I have written a book which I want to get printed and bound and sold in order to pay what I can of this honest debt. The book is a religious book and will contain perhaps two hundred octavo pages, and be worth perhaps fifty cents. It is my earnest desire that it may be a blessing to my fellow men in whose hands it may fall, and, if it is, I would lie at the feet of Jehovah and give Him praise, for it is His due. I hope each gentleman and kind-hearted lady will give what money he can spare to help to get the books printed and bound, and the Lord will bless them. Any sum will be received with a low bow, which is my sincere thanks. He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, and He will repay it again. O, give relief and heaven bless your store. Your unworthy dust and needy petitioner.—Thomas Sweazy."

Mr. Sweazy died soon after, and the book, I am told, was never printed, though many names were signed and money paid for the book. Among the subscribers for this book were the names of nearly all the active and leading business men of Wilkes-Barre and vicinity of that time (1848).

Soon after the passage of the law (1834) providing for the establishment of free schools, the second school house in Dallas township was built upon lands of Richard Honeywell about three-fourths of a mile north of McLellonsville, where the present school house now stands, near the residence of William K. Goss. Another school house was erected in Dallas about the same date near the Frantz saw-mill, before mentioned, which is still known as the Frantz school house. Still another school house was erected about the same time on the divide known as Chestnut Hill or Brace Hill school house, but was abandoned twenty odd years ago.

These buildings supplied the needs of Dallas township for many years. The West Dallas school house, near the residence of William C. Roushey, the Memond school house, near late residence of Ransom Demond, near headwaters of northernmost fork of Toby's Creek, the Shaver school house in "Shaverton," on the lower end of lot five of certified Bedford next to Kingston township line, and the Hunter school house, erected on western land of lot six certified Bedford, near late residence of Edward Hunter, and the Kunkle school house at the village of Kunkle, were erected later, in about the order named, as there seemed to be demand for them. They were all small, one-room buildings, and the schools kept in them were of the crudest kind. Classes in A, B, C's, two or three classes in spelling, as many in classes in reading, one or two in arithmetic, possibly a class in grammar and another in geography, were all called to the center of the room to recite, usually twice a day. When all had recited once and a little time had been given to exercise in writing, school was let out for noon. The afternoon was nearly a quite a repetition of the forenoon. No one could well study during school hours, and few, if any, would study out of school hours. Pupils went to school in that way from month to month and year to year, and a few of them from necessity rubbed off a little information and were turned away finished to the satisfaction of many of the parents. No thoughts of a higher education than these rudiments, thus worn off and ground in, were entertained except by a very few, and with fewer still was there any desire for it. In time teaching of this kind began to be looked upon as mere physical labor which one person could perform with about the same skill as another. A lady teacher was all that was desired for the summer terms, because then the big boys were working on the farms, and she was capable of managing the girls and small boys; but for the winter terms, when the farmer boys were allowed to go again, a man teacher was required, and a good, able-bodied one, too, in order to do the flogging which was indispensable. With such ideas prevailing, it is not strange that in hiring a teacher the only question was how cheap it could be done.

Skilled teachers, who were worth and could command good salaries where good schools were appreciated, many of them refused to compete in this low bidding and disappeared.

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There were, of course, notable exceptions to this rule. Dallas had some excellent teachers, and passed through several periods that in a small way might be termed periods of the Revival of Learning. With what pleasure many of us now recall the school days in Dallas under the teaching of John Whitney—a gentle, kind, brave and good man, beloved by all, but most by those who knew him best. He came to Dallas about 1865-7, and opened a general merchandise store upon the spot where the store of Ira D. Shaver now stands. He continued in the mercantile business but a short time, however, when he leased his store building and entered into the business of teaching, which seemed more congenial to his tastes. He followed teaching until the breaking out of the great Civil War of 1861. At the first sound of the alarm he dropped everything and was among the earliest volunteers in the three months' service. When that term was ended he renewed his enlistment and remained actively in the service wherever duty called.

We who remember him so affectionately as our teacher, read with fearful solicitude the death roll after each great battle in which he was likely to be engaged. The dreaded messenger came at last—Whitney had been shot and killed, and in a few days his body was brought home to be buried.

His school teaching at Dallas was all at the little red school house which first log school house of Dallas township had stood. Whitney began with a night school, and had a few subscription pupils who were asked to come in and learn geography by singing it. He had a fine set of maps of the world on a large scale, such as had never before been seen there. To these was added a familiar knowledge and unbounded zeal on the part of the instructor. The result was marvelous. His class soon sang through the geography of the whole world to the tune of Yankee Doodle, after which the multiplication table was taken up and learned by many of us to the same music. This success was to Whitney but the sharpening of desire to do more. His class had learned more in the few short weeks of close application under his drilling than ever before in many times the same period, and they were all willing supporters of any plan Whitney had to offer. He at once proposed to the school directors to remodel the interior and seating arrangement of the school house at his own expense and take charge of the school under certain conditions. His offer was at once accepted. At this Whitney threw off his coat, turned from teacher to car-

enter, and in an incredibly short time with his own hands tore out the old long backless benches and clumsy desks, which were but little better than racks of torture, and made them over into a set of new and graceful and easy seats with backs, and so arranged that each pupil, large or small, was provided with a comfortable seat and a desk in front of him on which he could rest a book. The effect of this change was magical. It was now possible to have comfort and do a little work during school hours. The opening was auspicious. New and improved school furniture, a large attendance, affectionate respect for the teacher, and a reciprocal love on his part for the pupils, were indeed ominous of success and success cer-

tainly followed in the few months that John Whitney remained. His teaching and influence gave an impetus to educational desire that has never been lost. To it more than to anything else I attribute the establishment so soon after of the splendid graded school of which Dallas borough now so proudly and justly boasts. John Whitney was a frank and genial man, of tall, slender and delicate build, scrupulously neat but never foppish, gentle as a woman, but every inch of him was manly and brave. When duty called he knew no fear. He will long be held in affectionate remembrance in Dallas by all who knew him. The John Whitney Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Dallas is named in his honor.

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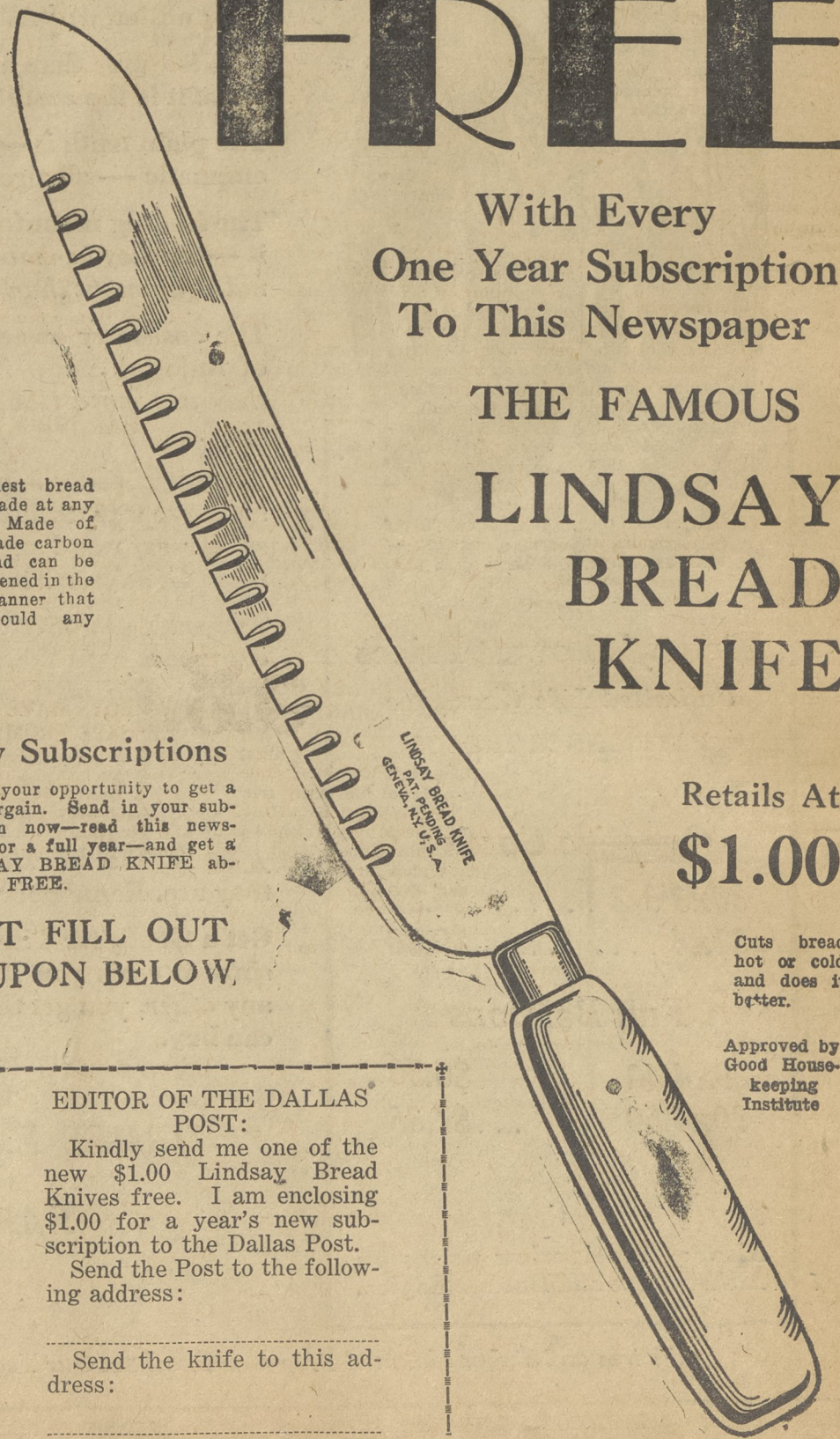
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