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Boards of Education May Be Fined For Neglect of Duty.

Public schools were established and maintained for public good, for the good of the whole community and the whole state. The history of civilization shows clearly that all nations, both ancient and modern, as a national policy educated the ruling classes, and when the ruling few, as in monarchies, was shifted to the people, the masses as in Democracies, the same policy would show that the masses, the people should be educated. The life, the perpetuity of the state a Democracy depends upon this. This work is too valuable to be trusted to private enterprise, so the public school as an institution, controlled by the public and supported at public expense, has been established for the whole people—not a party, society, church or clique.

The Ordinance of 1787 declared, "That religion, morality and knowledge being necessary for good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

The constitution of Ohio, Sec. 2, Art VI, says, "The General Assembly shall make such provisions by taxation or otherwise, as with the income arising from the school trust fund, will secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state."

These fundamental principals form the basis of the common school system, including the right of public taxation for its support. The mandate of the people in commanding the General Assembly to make provisions for a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state, as one means it decided to have representatives or instructed agents in every school district. Assuming that the people would be intelligently and sincerely interested in the education of the children of their respective communities. The General Assembly gave them instructions through the laws of the state how to select such representatives of the General Assembly known as Boards of Education, but the General Assembly retained the right to instruct such representatives in the discharge of their duties, as their representatives. This indicates clearly that Boards of Education are not the legislature, nor courts, but creatures of the General Assembly. Their most important duty is obedience to the instructions

of the General Assembly, the school laws of the state. Their discretionary rights are limited by the laws of the state both expressed and implied. A full realization of what a Board of Education really is would avoid many hindrances in public educational work. A better understanding of the school laws by boards, teachers and citizens would be very helpful to all and result in a more intelligent cooperation.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL LAWS.

The last General Assembly revised Sec. 3936, requiring all Boards of Education to make provisions to continue every school at least thirty-two weeks each year and imposed a fine of not more than fifty dollars nor less than twenty-five dollars as penalty on each member of the Board causing such neglect of duty.

MINIMUM SALARY AND STATE AID.

The law providing that no teacher in the state shall be employed to teach, a public school for less than forty dollars a month also provides that if a school district is not able to pay forty dollars a month for eight months after the Board of Education has levied twelve mills, not counting any mileage voted by the people, and nine mills of this being for the tuition, that the deficit will be paid from the state treasury. The state showed its sincerity in this by making an appropriation of \$45,000 last year for this purpose. No excuse is left to any Board of Education for not having eight months of school. Teachers need not hesitate to trust the state for the deficit on the \$320 after the Boards have complied with the law. The parents of the district should see that the law is enforced. The children are entitled to a good common school education. The country children are entitled to a fair educational chance with their village cousins.

AN INTERESTING CIRCUIT COURT DECISION.

A teacher in Aid township, Lawrence county, O., signed a written contract with the Board of Education, not to present her certificate of institute attendance, nor to demand or accept pay for institute attendance. This case was taken to court, and the Circuit court held that the Board of Education should pay for the institute attendance on the grounds that the Board of Education and the teacher were not private parties in an ordinary contract, but that the Board of Education was doing business for the public, and such contracts were contrary to public policy. That the state has provided for teachers' institutes as a means of improving the efficiency of the public schools and any contract that prevents teachers from attending institutes or tends to discourage them from availing themselves of the advantages of the institutes are contrary to public policy.

This decision affirms the theory that Boards of Education are not granted the same rights of contract a private corporation have, but that Boards of Education are instructed agents of the General Assembly to carry into force the provisions of the General Assembly for public education.

CHARLES C. GARMAN, Pres. Teachers' Institute.

Operation for Appendicitis.
Dr. Switzer, of New Straitsville, was in Logan, Friday of last week, having accompanied Miss Mabel Smith of his town to the Cherrington Hospital here, to be operated on for appendicitis. Drs. Cherrington performed the operation successfully and the patient is rapidly recovering.

SOCIETY NEWS OF OTHER TOWNS

Buena Vista

Drought of three weeks duration was broken on Sunday night and Monday, followed with colder weather.

Frost followed rain, being the first of the season. Corn is mostly all out, seeding is on hand, will be commenced as soon as ground is in order.

Misses Lelah and violet Blackburn were the guests of Gertrude, Vallie and Mildred Kane, Sunday. School will commence at this place October 5th, under the instruction of A. L. Kane. We hope for a successful term of school.

Mrs. A. L. Kane, and Mrs. Salem Shoemaker attended the M. E. Conference held at Lancaster last week.

Mrs. Otto Minnie is visiting relatives in Columbus. Mrs. Mary Carrel and Mrs. Clint Maravy were the guests of Wesley Maravy, Sunday.

Charles Julian and wife were the guests of Salem Shoemaker's, Thursday.

Jacob Kane entertained on Sunday Rev. T. M. Ricketts, who has returned to us for a second year as pastor of our circuit.

Miss Ethel Moore was the guest of Mrs. Geo. Henderickson, Sunday.

Claude Carrel and Edgar Moore were Oakland visitors Saturday evening.

Black Jack

Local Option is the everyday talk in our valley.

Miss Edna Emmons visited her brother Harley Emmons, Saturday night, and attended camp meeting at St. John.

Homer Kitchen, of Pine Valley, passed through our valley one day last week.

Miss Della Keck is employed at the County Infirmary.

Truman Kline and his lady friend attended camp meeting at St. John, Sunday night.

Black Jack school is progressing nicely under the management of Harley Emmons as teacher.

Mrs. Mary Morse called on Mrs. Susan Stivison last Monday.

Minnie Stivison made a flying trip to Logan one day last week.

Miss Mary Stivison is expecting to go to Washington C. H. in the near future.

Floyd Kreachbaum and Ethel Kuhn attended camp meeting at St. John, Saturday night.

Mr. Ghent, of Logan, passed through our place, enroute to So.



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Bloomington. Forest Keck passed through our valley one day last week.

Mrs. Ella Emmons visited her parents one day last week.

Mrs. Mollie Stivison called on Mrs. Susan Culbertson one day last week.

Mrs. John Culbertson visited Mrs. John Collison last Sunday.

Miss Eva Stivison called on Miss Iona Harble one day last week.

There will be preaching at New Zion Church Oct. 11, by Rev. Hooper. JUNATA.

Pleasant View Va.

Mr. Clarence Crist and Miss Pearl Weyant were joined in the holy bands of matrimony, Wednesday evening, at 4 o'clock, at the home of Rev. Marshall White. The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk and carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses. The groom wore the conventional black. The bride's beautiful and accomplished daughter of G. B. Weyant and wife, formerly of Pa., the groom is also from Pa., and came on here with Mr. Weyant's. They are young, the bride but nineteen, the groom twenty-one, and are a very handsome couple. Mrs. Weyant and Mrs. Weaver prepared a grand wedding supper, the table was decorated with most beautiful roses, gladioli and dahlias. The guests surrounded the table and were helped to the tempting viands that were before them, everybody drank to the health of the bride and groom in good cold water. After supper they adjourned to the parlor, which was decorated in a very artistic manner with Honey-suckle, holly and blooming cedar. The boys gathered up all the horns, tin pans, buckets and old plow shares and proceeded to give them an old fashioned belling, which they enjoyed immensely. Grover Weaver was captain of the bells. Mr. Crist presented each with a big cigar, and all the candy they could eat, and told them they should help themselves to the ice water as he hadn't anything stronger. Only a few of the immediate friends were invited, they were: Sarah and Hazel Weaver, Mrs. Isaac Weaver, H. E. Bell, Spencer Gunn, Grover Weaver, C. F. Mann, Victor Herold and John Boyer. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Crist much joy, many blessings and a long and prosperous life together over their matrimonial life.

The Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. A. F. Mann were: Mrs. I. Weaver and daughter, Sarah, Edgar Holt and wife, of Amelia, C. H.; A. C. Allomong and wife, of Maplewood; and Lafayette Mann, wife and children, Lucille, Helen and Roger.

Harry C. Mann took dinner with Grover Weaver, Sunday.

Grover Weaver was seen out driving a fine colt, Sunday evening.

Clarence Crist made a business trip to Richmond, Monday.

Pearl Weyant made a business call on Mrs. I. Weaver and daughters, Monday evening.

Mrs. G. B. Weyant called on Mrs. I. Weaver, Tuesday evening.

Floyd Blair and Adda Weyant, Clarence Crist and wife and John Boyer went on a fishing trip to Flat Creek, Saturday.

E. N. Mann called on I. Weaver's, Sunday forenoon.

Aaron Bowser and family spent Sunday with G. B. Weyant and family.

Sarah Weaver called on Mrs. Clarence Crist, Sunday evening.

Hello, Flowery Banks. JUANITA.

Revenge

Jack Frost paid us a visit one night last week, but did but little damage, owing to the exceedingly dry weather.

Quite a number from here attended the Adelphi Fair on Saturday. They report a large crowd but little entertainment.

The picnic at Mink Hollow was well attended and all report a good time.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Westenberg of Rockbridge.

Schools opened in our vicinity Monday, with fair attendance, Miss J. Huffman having 12 scholars, J. L. Johnson 12, D. C. Matz 12, and Mrs. Bussert 80, for the first day.

Mrs. Michael Stoneburner and

son Clay, visited in Lancaster last week.

Mrs. Estella Kane and Della Thomas were seen in our village Thursday.

Mrs. Mazie Matz and daughter Minerva, called on Mrs. Clinton Bussert of Mechanicsburg, Thursday.

Mrs. Joe Stoneburner is on the sick list at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bussert were the over Sunday guests of Mr. W. J. Weaver of South Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry DeLong Sundayed with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burns, of Middlefork, Ohio.

Quite a number attended preaching at the U. B. church. Their new pastor, Rev. Conkle preached his introductory sermon.

Sylvanus Kenser and David Cupp were in our vicinity, Sunday.

Messrs. Smith and Spangler were the guests of Ray Bussert, Wednesday.

Ethan and Berton Lutz passed through here Sunday.

Ralph DeLong returned home from cutting corn, Saturday.

Heber Kane was seen in our village, Thursday.

Clear Creek

Mr. Will Sater and wife were seen on our streets, Wednesday.

Mr. Frank Mathias was seen on our roads, one day last week.

Mr. Isaac Arter was on our pikes, Tuesday.

Mr. Will Flowers and Mr. Isaac Flowers passed through our vicinity, Thursday.

Mr. Ed Springer was seen on our creek, Thursday.

Miss Linnie Elick, who has been working for Mrs. Wm. J. Carpenter, has returned home again.

Misses Mary and Emma Elick called on Mabel and Virgie Carpenter, Thursday.

Mr. Wm. J. Carpenter made a flying trip to Rockbridge, Thursday.

Mr. Henry Caves was a Logan shopper, Wednesday.

Mr. John Caves and son Herbert were in our vicinity, Friday.

Miss Ida Finnefrock was a visitor to Rockbridge, one day last week.

You ought to see Willie Carpenter's smiling face. It's a girl.

Mr. Henry Caves was seen on our pikes, Friday.

The Pine Grove school is progressing nicely under the management of L. W. Byers.

Mr. Herbert Caves was in our vicinity one day last week.

Mr. Eddie Carpenter has purchased a new suit of clothes.

Misses May and Cora Finnefrock was on our roads one day last week. COUNTRY KID.

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SOME GOOD EVIDENCE

Former Secretary Gage and Congressman Fowler on the Deposit Guarantees.

THE WALSH FAILURE CITED

Clearing House Action Like Plan Proposed by Democrats.

Guards Against Honest Bankers Suffering Runs—Modern System of Credits—Bankbook Should Be Worth Face Always

[By John E. Lathrop.]

Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of the treasury, may be regarded as sufficiently "conservative" to obviate fears that he would be "unsafe" in his banking views. Before the house committee on banking and currency in Washington Mr. Gage discussed national finances and particularly the national bank. He sought an illustration of the idea he was expressing, which in general was in support of the guarantee plan, and like many others found it in the Walsh failure in Chicago.

After explaining how the clearing house banks took over the assets of the failed institution, guaranteed all depositors, and prevented runs on other banks, Mr. Gage said:

Mr. Gage's Statement.
"Well, they learned another lesson and they adopted another principle, a principle provided for in this (the Fowler) bill. By the vote and voluntary compliance of all the members of the Clearing House association, they authorized the clearing house at any time and at stated periods to act upon its own volition and on its own account, and for the information of the clearing house committee itself to have full, complete and comprehensive investigation of each member of the association, and not only of each member, but of every institution that carries the name of bank over it that is cleared or represented in the clearing house by any clearing house bank; and I can tell you as a safe prophecy that we are at the end of disastrous failure in the city of Chicago by clearing house banks, since this regime has come in. I am told that Kansas City has the same thing, and other cities will eventually adopt it."

Representative Fowler, Republican.
Charles N. Fowler, Republican, of New Jersey, chairman of the house committee on banking and currency, appears in the Congressional Record with a house speech in support of his bill which provided for guarantee of bank deposits. He specially answered the assertion that such a guarantee would induce reckless banking, saying:

"Mr. Chairman, we are occasionally met with the statement that guarantee of deposits would lead to unsound banking. . . . Can you think of a banker, because he had insured his deposits, going into the directors' room and saying: 'Gentlemen, we have insured our deposits today. Now let us proceed to make some rotten loans?'"

"Is it not possible that it will occur to those directors that their losses must come out of their profits, out of their reserves, out of their capital, and out of their reputations? Will they not realize that they can get nothing out of the guarantee until the last dollar of their capital, surplus and profits has been wiped out, and stockholders have been assessed double the amount of their stock?"

The Bankers' Reputation.
"Until their reputations have been injured, if not ruined, and possibly some of them have been started on the road to state prison? Can anybody think that any board of directors of any bank would be less solicitous of anxious and honest and wise after they had guaranteed deposits than they were before?"

"I assert again, after the most mature deliberation, that if there is one reason for insuring life and home, there are more than a thousand good reasons—why the depositors of the banking institutions of the United States should be insured."

Two Valuable Contributions.
These two men have offered valuable contributions to the discussion of the proposed guarantee of bank deposits. Mr. Gage has set forth the present trend of bankers towards a closer watchfulness over all institutions which accept the people's money in trust, and has indicated the exact means whereby, under a guarantee law, bankers would do as now they do—maintain an association empowered to look sharply into financial concerns which seem to be departing from sound methods.

His reference to the John R. Walsh failure in Chicago was doubtless because it was known to the country generally, having been given wide publicity and therefore most likely to attract attention as an illustration.

However, there is scarcely a locality where bankers in later years have not gone under toppling banks and upheld them by guaranteeing deposits wholly or in part, in order to help in the quelling of popular distrust and the undermining of confidence in all banking institutions.

No Delay for Depositors.
It is quite apparent that under guarantee of deposits there would be no alteration of conditions affecting banks now, so far as concerns espionage maintained by one over another. The important difference, however, would be that depositors would not be subject to the annoying, often disastrous, delays in getting their money which now they experience when banks fail.

But, that fewer failures would occur surely would be one of the results of such a law. Everyone knows that many runs are precipitated on banks which are absolutely sound. Many a man, faithful, safe, conservative, conscientious in caring for the money of his depositors, has suffered runs caused by some rumor started

through malice. Many an honest banker has had his heart broken by senseless runs, and has grieved in spirit as he realized that gross injustice has been done as reward for earnest and able keeping of the trust reposed in him by his depositors.

The Baring Failure.
When a dozen years ago, Baring Brothers, of London, suspended, it was due to that very espionage by other bankers to which Mr. Gage refers. The Barings had embarked in many South American enterprises, some of which were manifestly unsafe.

The governors of the Bank of England, sensing the danger, refused to accept securities backed by them as basis for the issuance of bank notes under the custom of that country; that action never has been adversely criticized in any country, although it has been discussed ever since the world over.

Modern business is conducted on the basis for the issuance of bank notes of actual money values from hand to hand.

Modern System of Credits.
You go to your bank with a bundle of checks and drafts and deposit them to your credit. Against that account thus opened, you draw checks. They pass into the world of business, are accepted at face value, and circulate virtually as does good silver and currency. If you pay your bills in checks, often you pass through weeks at a time when you have only a trifle of loose change in your pocket for street car fare and the small things you need from day to day costing too little to bother to draw a check.

"A check cancelled is a voucher," has become a maxim in the business world.

Complications of the System.
This complicates business and forces all banks to associate themselves in clearing houses, and probably the public would be amazed were they to know at times how sharply the clearing house committee looks into methods employed by its members.

In the panic that began last October, funds were carried from bank to bank, taken ostentatiously through the front doors, that depositors might know that other banks believed in the soundness of the institution which had been attacked by a run, and performed almost every essential of the guarantee system.

Why?
Simply because the modern business system is so complicated and so little actual money passes current that each bank must know that the others are properly safeguarding themselves and also that they are permitting the carrying of accounts by depositors whose paper may always be depended on as worth face value.

Beneath the Surface.
So beneath the surface, one could witness the clearing house associations examining collateral, securities and assets, and often serving notice on a given bank that the association will require some change in methods on penalty of refusal longer to clear for that bank.

Banks Out of the Association.
How about banks not in the association? Many perfectly sound banks are not directly in the clearing house. They clear through another bank which does belong.

Precisely the same rule applies to them, for, when need arises, the association serves notice on the member-bank which clears for the non-association bank as to what will have to be done; and it is done promptly, too, in every instance.

Bank-Book Should Be Worth Face.
The essence of the guarantee plan is that a bank book should be worth its face always. An entry in a pass book should not constitute the assumption of a risk by the depositor and the giving of wide latitude to the banker. Such entry should be recognized as just as actual an asset as a bank note.

Also, proper arrangements must be made for the continued espionage of banks by other banks.

Lastly, and quite as important, banking laws must be enforced; over-certification must be stopped; loaning of funds in national banks on obviously speculative schemes must cease; and other reforms must be wrought to invest the banking system of the country with that complete confidence which, if induced would put a stop to all nervousness by depositors.

MR. SHAW ON SOUP HOUSES.

Points Out Workless Laborers and Engineless Cars—Former Secretary Talks.

Former Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, in Michigan last spring, made interesting comment on panics as follows:

"Over 300,000 freight cars standing empty on the tracks; 8,000 locomotives out of commission; one-quarter of the population of several large cities idle, and, for the first time in a Republican administration, free soup houses."

Hide Must Go With the Hair.
In Secretary Shaw's case, the "hide must go with the hair" that is, his comment on economic conditions must be taken "en semble," as the theatrical critics say. His soundness on bank guarantee must accompany equally sound opinion on other mooted questions. Now that Mr. Taft, against whom Mr. Shaw labored, has been nominated, Mr. Shaw might obtain leave to "extend his remarks in the record," and embellish his terse statement relative to soup houses.

He will easily overcome Democratic objection, and perhaps can get unanimous consent, under the rules.

Niles Comes Next.
Don't you believe that the stockholders of the Niles bank would be puffed if there was a guaranty fund to make good the losses by the failure of the bank? It would be a good, cheap insurance.—Coshoceton Times.

Time For a Change.
Republicans are tired of the way the bosses have been running things in the departments at Columbus and are willing to join with the Democrats in putting Cox, Brown and Gullbert out of business, and establishing the business of the state on a business basis.—Marion Mirror.

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