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To Organize State-wide Conservation Association.

State College, Pa., Feb. 1.—Conservation leaders of Pennsylvania have taken steps towards the organization of a State-wide body that will embrace every sportsmen's or conservation association under one central head for the purpose of united action on matters pertaining to the preservation of the State's natural resources.

It is proposed that the formation of a Pennsylvania State Conservation Council be effected at the March meeting. At that time the State departments of forestry, fish and game will be asked to present items concerning their departments that a council of this kind could give assistance with in an educational way.

Because the Pennsylvania State College is vitally interested in all forms of conservation within the State, this place was chosen for the meeting. Those who attended the Monday conference included: Grant Hoover, Williamsport, president of the Lycoming Forest Protective association; Dr. R. F. Beatty, president of the Huntingdon County Conservation association; Ralph A. Smith, president of the Centre County Conservation association; Sandy Ridge; P. H. Dillman, Bellevue, field secretary Wild Life League of Pennsylvania; President John M. Thomas, of Pennsylvania State College; Dean R. L. Watts, of the college school of agriculture; Seth Gordon, secretary of the State Game Commission; Robert Y. Stuart, deputy commissioner of forestry; J. A. Ferguson, professor of forestry at State College and secretary of the Centre County Conservation association; and E. K. Hibshman, of State College. Dean Watts acted as chairman for the meeting.

Messrs. Dillman, Beatty and Watts were appointed a committee on council organization. Messrs. Hibshman, Smith and Hoover will draw up a program for the March 30-31 meeting. Professor Ferguson will care for the invitations.

Dreaming of the Home Land.

Blackfalds, Alberta, Can. Dear "Watchman"—Sitting all alone this clear, cold night, with the mercury at 40 degrees below zero and still going down, my thoughts have gone drifting back to my old home land in Nitany valley and to the old Logan school house, and the writing school taught by "Professor" Baner—just thirty-eight years ago. In memory I can see the professor strolling up and down the room, hear the scratch, scratch, scratch of the busy pens and see again the bright, young faces just as they appeared then.

There were John and Sarah, Shuman and Julia, Dave and Emma, Katie and Clifford, the writer and Nora, the prettiest, blue-eyed, red-cheeked girl that ever entered the old Logan school house; these among the ones who have passed off. The Dunkle boys, the White boys and girls, the Rothrocks, Willie Renalds, the Crouse girls, Will Zimmerman, the Trevilians, the Yarnells, I can see them all. To me they are always young, those school companions of mine. And I wonder if I were to go back to the old haunts how many of them I should find.

"Some are married, some are dead; All are scattered now and fled." Or if any do remain perhaps they are staid old grandfathers and grandmothers, and not the rollicking, harum-scarum boys and girls I used to know; jolly and full of fun, but clean and wholesome. I know they have grown into honest, God-fearing men and women, and some day when I have the time I am going back to hunt them up and see if any of them remember me as well as I remember them.

I hear the boys at the skating rink. There must be a hockey match on tonight, for cold has no terrors for the young Albertan, and ice skating is a great winter sport here. Most of our winter has been fine, no snow and the temperature at about the freezing point, but last night (January 22nd) it went down to 48 degrees below zero.

WILL TRUCKENMILLER. Furniture purchased during February 20% discount sale at W. R. Brachbill's means dollars saved. 5-1

Death of an Esteemed Citizen.

(Contributed).

Mr. George S. Gray, one of the oldest inhabitants of Centre county, died at his home in Halfmoon valley on Saturday, January 21st, at 10:30 p. m., his death being due to a stroke of apoplexy.

The son of Isaac and Catherine Gray, he was born in Halfmoon valley, July 24th, 1829, on one of the farms he owned at the time of his death, his age being 92 years, 7 months and 27 days.

All his life was spent in Halfmoon valley where he was an esteemed and respected citizen. His keen intellectual and business ability, his deep interest in public affairs and his profound religious convictions placed him above the average man. Mr. Gray loved the country and his entire life, with the exception of one year when in the mercantile business in Stormstown, was spent in farming, in which he was very successful.

Until stricken by his last fatal illness Mr. Gray was greatly interested in all the current events of the day, although for nine years previous to his death he had been so badly crippled by being run over by an automobile, driven by Irvin Thomas, of Stormstown, that he was unable to walk from that time on. A patient invalid, he never complained that so many years had to be spent in suffering, confined to his bed or his wheelchair. The devotion of his daughter, Miss Anna L. Gray, did much to alleviate his suffering and brighten his life during this prolonged period when he was a helpless invalid.

For seventy-two years Mr. Gray was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In all his dealings he was sterlingly honest, his motto being "the golden rule." Mr. Gray was married three times, all his wives having preceded him to the grave. His first marriage was to Miss Martha P. Ross, of Pine Grove Mills. To this union were born six children, Mrs. Alice S. Elder, of Phillipsburg; Mrs. Belle M. Mattern, of Unionville; Mrs. Agnes G. Foster, of Montrose; Miss Anna L. Gray, at home; I. G. Gray, of Pittsburgh, and John T. Gray, who died in infancy. Eleven grand-children and nine great grand-children also survive. Mr. Gray's first wife died in 1870. In 1872 he married Miss Margaret V. Harris, of Bellefonte, a sister of John P. Harris. After her death in 1883 he was married for the third time in 1885 to Amelia Mattern, of Warriors-mark, who died some years ago. The funeral services were held at his home Tuesday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. H. W. Reeder, assisted by Rev. W. K. Foster, a son-in-law, of Montrose. Burial was made in Gray's cemetery.

PETERS.—Mrs. Mary Miles Peters, widow of the late George W. Peters, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert G. Foster, 2816 north Broad street, Philadelphia, at two o'clock last Saturday, of diseases incident to her advanced age.

Her maiden name was Mary Miles Lucas and she was born near Unionville on June 8th, 1843, hence was in her seventy-ninth year. Her married life was spent in the neighborhood of Unionville but following the death of her husband over thirty years ago she came to Bellefonte with her family and lived here until her removal to Philadelphia. She is survived by the following children: John Peters, of DuBois; Davis I., of Walla Walla, Washington; Mrs. Frank Grau, Anna T. and Mrs. Robert G. Foster, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Cheney K. Hicklen, of Bellefonte. She also leaves these brothers and sisters: Edward Lucas, of Huston township; Mrs. Alviria Peters, of Boggs township; Mrs. William Witmer, of Bellefonte, and Curtin Lucas, in Ohio.

Funeral services were held at the Foster home in Philadelphia on Tuesday afternoon after which the remains were brought to Centre county and taken direct from the train at Unionville to Upper Dix cemetery, where burial was made.

MARKS.—William J. Marks, father of John F. Marks, of Bellefonte, died quite suddenly on Monday morning at his home at Derry, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Marks worked for the Westinghouse company and was stricken shortly after going to work, passing away in less than an hour. He was 69 years old and is survived by his wife and four children, G. A. Marks, at home; Mrs. H. C. Love, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. H. T. Kidder, of Philadelphia, and John F. of Bellefonte. The latter received word of his father's death after he had gone to work at the penitentiary on Monday morning and in the afternoon left for his home in Derry.

WALKER.—Elisha Hale Walker died at his home at Woodland, Clearfield county, on January 19th, aged 78 years, 9 months and 4 days. He was a son of Adam Walker and was born at Yarnell, Centre county. The elder Walker gave the ground and was largely instrumental in the erection of the United Brethren church at Yarnell and after the son located at Woodland he helped to organize a United Brethren congregation there and also assisted in building a church. He was an ardent prohibitionist all his life. He is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter, as well as three step-children. Burial was made at Woodland on January 22nd.

HEWITT.—A telegram received in Bellefonte on Tuesday morning announced the death on Monday night of Mrs. Margaret Hewitt, widow of the late Rev. John Hewitt, at the home of her son Stafford, in Georgia.

Mrs. Hewitt's maiden name was Margaret Pierson, and she was born in Baltimore, Md. Her husband died at Coldwater, Mich., on February 19th, 1918, but surviving her are two sons, Charles, of Albany, N. Y., and Stafford, in Georgia. Particulars of her illness or time and place of burial are unknown at this writing.

ZELLER.—Mrs. Elvira Jane Zeller, wife of W. S. Zeller, passed away at her home on Allegheny street on Tuesday morning, of bronchial pneumonia. She was taken ill on Saturday of last week and rapidly grew worse until the end.

She was a daughter of Hon. James and Jane Armor McManus and was born in the house where she lived all her life and where she passed away. Forty-eight years ago last Saturday she was united in marriage to W. S. Zeller. She was a life-long member of St. John's Episcopal church and a woman whose kindness of heart and gracious manner won her many warm friends. Her only survivors are her husband and one sister, Miss Margaret McManus.

Funeral services were held at her late home at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. M. DePui Maynard, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

"A voice is heard on earth of kinsfolk weeping The loss of one they love; But she has gone where the redeemed are keeping A festival above. The mourners through the way, and from the steeple The funeral bell tolls slow; But in the golden streets the holy people Are passing to and fro, And saying as they meet, 'Rejoice! another Long waited for has come; The Saviour's heart is glad, another sister Has reached the Father's home.'"

TATE.—Mrs. Nancy Jane Tate, widow of Wesley Tate, died on Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ida McCann, in Altoona, following an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases. She was a daughter of Henry and Martha Reese and was born in Boggs township on February 28th, 1859. A good part of her life was spent in Centre county. She was a lifelong member of the Baptist church and a woman highly respected by all who knew her.

Her husband died a number of years ago but surviving her are the following children: Mrs. Ida McCann, of Altoona; Mrs. Frantz Ayres, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Boyd R. Tate, of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Marie Stevenson, of Cleveland, Ohio. She also leaves two brothers and one sister, Charles P. and Joseph Reese, of Reese's Settlement on the Allegheny mountain, and Mrs. Lawrence Crider, of Cleveland.

Funeral services were held at the McCann home in Altoona at eight o'clock on Tuesday evening by Rev. Clayton Grinnell, of the First Baptist church, and on Wednesday morning the remains were brought to Bellefonte for burial in the Meyers cemetery.

SHUEY.—Miss Frances Shuey died at her home at Centre Furnace last Friday morning following an illness of some weeks as the result of a colic. She was a daughter of Charles and Mary P. (Frankenberg) Shuey and was born near Bellefonte on April 14th, 1856, hence was almost sixty-six years of age. She never married but is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Isaac Shuey, of Bellefonte; James and Ellen, of Rock; Mrs. Emma Houser, of Pleasant Gap, and John, of Lemont. Rev. M. C. Piper had charge of the funeral which was held on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the Shiloh cemetery.

GREEN.—The remains of Theodore Green, colored, who died at the Danville hospital last Friday, where he had been a patient seventeen years, were brought to Bellefonte last Saturday for burial in the Union cemetery. He was about forty-eight years old and a son of the late William and Mary Green. Two brothers and two sisters survive.

Name in Chinese on Penn State Diploma.

For the first time in the history of The Pennsylvania State College, Chinese letters were used in inscribing the name of a graduate on his diploma at the mid-year commencement exercises which were held on January 31st. The diploma was issued to William Tien Hwo Ho, of Foochow, China, who has successfully completed the agronomy course in the school of agriculture. The English name was printed first, followed by the Chinese characters. The latter were first written by Ho and were then copied onto the diploma by assistant registrar W. S. Hoffman.

There are now thirty-six foreign-born students enrolled at the College, Russia leading with eight. Italy and Austria have three each; Canada and England two each; and the following countries one each: Denmark, Finland, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Japan, Liberia, Mexico, Norway, Palestine, Poland, Spain, Syria and Turkey.

A man who gave his name as Adam A. Baweic, and home town Nanticoke, was arrested at State College last Friday evening for bootlegging. Nine quarts of whiskey were found in a suit case he carried. He was brought to Bellefonte and at a hearing before Squire J. M. Keichline was held in \$1000 bail for trial at court. The young man communicated with his father at Nanticoke who arranged his bond and he was then set at liberty.

Centre Counties at State Farm Products Show.

A good representation of Centre county farmers attended the State farm products show in Harrisburg last week, included in the number being Thomas Beaver, A. D. Smeltzer and E. J. Gentzel, of Bellefonte; J. D. Neidigh, John S. Dale, J. W. Miller and Homer Grubb, of State College; John G. Miller and A. C. Kepler and wife, of Pine Grove Mills; J. M. Campbell, Charles Meyers and I. O. Campbell, of Pennsylvania Furnace; Philip Musser, Centre Hall; W. V. Brungart and Randall Brungart, of Rebersburg.

County farm agent J. N. Robinson and John B. Payne, vocational education director of Centre county, were also in attendance and had charge of the educational and farm crops exhibits from Centre county. Some of the boys and girls who exhibited and won prizes at the Centre county farm products show again came to the front and won prizes in the boys' and girls' exhibits at the State capital. Joseph Swabb, of Spring Mills, won third premium on white cap and yellow dent corn, and Charles Campbell, of Pennsylvania Furnace, won fifth premium in the same class. Mary Bright, of Spring Mills, won fifth premium on flint corn. Competition was unusually keen which accounts for the failure of Centre county farmers, as well as boys and girls in winning more premiums.

The following boys represented Centre county in the judging contests: Dairy cattle—David Hosterman, of Spring Mills, and Fred Ross, of Boalsburg. Corn—Ward Hosterman, of Aaronsburg, and Eugene Lee, of Spring Mills. Poultry—Eugene Slagle, of Spring Mills, and Philip Musser, of Centre Hall.

A Delightful Musicale.

Music lovers have a delightful treat in store for them in a musicale to be held in St. John's Episcopal church next Tuesday evening, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. Talent from Bellefonte, State College and Lock Haven will take part. Singing soprano will be Miss Leah Lark, Miss Betty Coll, Mrs. Robert Walker, Miss Mildred Locke and Mrs. Russell Blair; contralto, Miss Pauline Flinchbaugh; baritone, E. H. Rolston; bass, J. V. Duncanson and James Seig; tenors, D. V. Bender, R. A. Roxley and Russell Blair.

Instrumentalists will be Mrs. Louis Schad and B. M. Herman, violin; W. T. Putney, flute; Mrs. C. C. Robinson and F. J. Holden, piano; Mrs. C. C. Robinson and Mrs. Russell Blair, organ. The program as arranged is as follows:

- Processional Hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" 1-Anthem, "The Wilderness" - Goss 2-Trio, "Pastorale" - Hillman (Violin, Flute and Piano) 3-Solo, "Like as a Father Pitieth His Children" - Parker 4-Quartette, "Be Strong" - Clarence C. Robinson Offertory 6-Anthem, "I Waited for the Lord" Mendelssohn 7-Violin, "Legende" - Wieniawski 8-Trio, "There is a Green Hill Far Away" - Gounod 9-Trio, "Nocturne" - Cesar Cui (Violin, Flute and Piano) 10-Anthem, "Gloria from 12th Mass" - Mozart

Teacher Training Class Commencement.

Commencement exercises of the teacher training class of the United Brethren bible school will be held in the United Brethren church on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Seven members constitute the class, as follows: Grace Shope, Adaline Bathurst, Anna Kovacic, Dora Stine, Violet Shope, Charles T. Stine and Roy H. Grove. The program will be as follows: Piano Voluntary Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Invocation Hymn - No. 132 Scripture Lesson and Prayer Rev. Emehizer Solo, selected - Miss Russle Cole Synopsis of Old Testament Violet Shope Synopsis of New Testament Dora Stine The Church in All the World Anna Kovacic Piano Duet - Grace and Violet Shope The Modern Sunday School Adaline Bathurst The Pupil - Charles T. Stine The Teacher - Roy H. Grove Bible Characters - Grace Shope Solo, selected - Miss Russle Cole Address - Hon. Ives L. Harvey Presentation of Diplomas Rev. Geo. E. Smith Greetings from S. S. Supt. Mr. Waite Hymn - No. 132 Class Text and Aronic Benediction by Class and Teacher.

Trial List for February Court.

- Following is the list of civil cases down for trial at the February term of court: Charles H. Donley vs. Catherine Fieck. American Fruit Co. vs. Frank Ballister. Ferdinand Hasson vs. Pool Hasson. Blair L. McKillip vs. Leslie P. Gifford and Josiah Pritchard, trading and doing business as Gifford & Pritchard. Mrs. Emma Cooke and E. C. Cooke vs. Hugh J. Crumlish and Ruth Crumlish. Oscar Johnston vs. Samuel W. Claster. Esther Johnston vs. Samuel W. Claster. Elsie M. Hall, widow, for herself and in behalf of Ralph E. Hall, Mildred L. Hall and Lis G. Hall, minor children of Elwood S. Hall, deceased, vs. State-Centre Electric Co., a corporation. J. Fred Herman, vs. Thos. D. Boal.

The road supervisors of Centre county will hold their annual convention in the court house next Wednesday, February 8th. A good attendance is desired.

Some Spring Changes in the Eastern Part of the Town.

Roy Yarnell will move from the cemetery property on east High street to his new home on the same street, purchased from Mrs. Resides; William Resides leaving there to go to the Henry Resides property on Penn street. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lanning will go into the house vacated by Roy Yarnell.

Charles Saxion will move his family from Reservoir hill to the property he bought from Mrs. Robert Cassidy on east High street, to be vacated by William Nighthart.

Captain George, of the U. S. cavalry, will go from the Bush house to the Dr. Kirk property, occupied by the Paynes, as soon as Mr. and Mrs. John Payne leave to take possession of their new bungalow on Linn street.

Wallace Markle, who bought the J. L. Spangler property on east High street, will move there from the apartment over the Trust Co.

Samuel Wasson will vacate the Mendis house on east High street, to go to the Welty property on east Howard street, now occupied by the Poorman family, who will go into their new home near by on Howard street.

George Tibbens will leave the house he is now occupying on Howard street, to go to his new one further out on the same street; Jesse Wolford and his family moving from east Bishop street to the home vacated by the Tibbens family. The Marshal family will leave one of the Tibbens properties on east Howard street to go to the Clevenstine property on east Bishop street; the Moyer family from Pleasant Gap moving into the house vacated by the Marshals.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schad will go to their new bungalow on Curtin street.

Harry Boyer will leave one of the Schad properties on Lamb street to go to the home now occupied by the Fromm family on east Logan street; the Fromms will move to the Bailey house on Bishop street. Maurice Fromm will leave one of the Schad homes to go to the Thad Hamilton house on east Logan street. Mrs. Edward Brown will leave the Resides home on Penn street and go to one of the Schad properties.

Chaplain Young and his family and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cassidy have secured the two second floor apartments Mr. Schlow is making out of the flat so long occupied by Mrs. J. A. Aikens and her daughter.

Frank Deitrick having sold his frame house on east Bishop street, will move into his double brick house near by, vacated by the Bloomquist family, who will go into the Cohen property now occupied by Chaplain Young and his family; the other side of the Cohen house being vacated by M. C. Hansen, who goes to his new bungalow on Linn street.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hull will leave the Joseph Thal house on north Thomas street to go to east Howard street. Edward Kline will vacate one of the James Potter houses on Railroad street to go to the Thal house. Joseph Kane, who is now occupying one of the Haupt flats will move into the Potter house Mr. Kline vacates.

Eleanor, the elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George S. Green, of Lock Haven, has been in an extremely critical condition since Sunday. While convalescing from an attack of scarlet fever a sudden development of trouble with her heart, has been cause for great alarm concerning her recovery.

At the annual convention of school directors held in the court house last Friday Ralph H. Shook, of Gregg township, was elected president; W. H. Long, of Howard, vice president; Charles F. Cook, secretary, and A. C. Mingle, treasurer, the two latter being of Bellefonte.

Wage Cut Opens Mine.

A prominent operating company in the Clearfield district, where Union mines prevail, was able to resume operations last week owing to the fact that one of the local Unions surrendered its charter to the United Mine Workers so that its members could get employment at some of the mines where the 1917 scale is being paid. It was a question of work with the members of this particular local, and they agreed, as a body, that it was better to work at a wage that is obtainable and fair, under the circumstances, than to contend for a scale that they cannot get.

In this connection the pay sheets of a certain well known company operating in the Potomac field, where wages were recently adjusted, shows that even with reduced wages, many of their miners are making from \$90 to \$100 every two weeks, or around \$200 per month. At this particular operation, it is stated, an average of from twenty-five to fifty miners a day are seeking employment, these men coming from other regions where the news of the operation of this mine had reached them.

Marriage Licenses.

Robert M. Harpster and Florence A. Rossman, Pennsylvania Furnace. Frederick Weitman, Osceola Mills, and Florence Rockmore, Povelton. Samuel L. Hubler, Rebersburg, and M. Elizabeth Reifsnnyder, Millheim. George R. Rockey and Mabel H. Jessop, Bellefonte.

"I thought I told you that I wouldn't rent this apartment to you if you had any children." "These are my grandchildren."—Life.

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104 KILLED IN THEATRE CRASH.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Official police records early on Monday placed the known dead in the Knickerbocker theatre disaster at 104. Elimination of duplicated names brought the final total down from the unofficial peak of 112 at which the toll of the catastrophe was placed on Sunday.

The list of injured stood at 134 with 14 listed as "seriously injured." The official list, according to the authorities, contained the names of all those whose bodies had been recovered up to midnight, from the ruins left when the roof of the theatre, overweighed with snow, collapsed on the audience which had braved the Saturday night storm to witness the comedy featured on the evening program.

The volunteer workers including policemen, firemen, marines and cavalry from Fort Myer, had practically concluded their search of the wreckage at midnight, the only portion of what had been the orchestra remaining to be searched being a far corner in which it was not expected additional bodies would be found.

The large majority of the victims, both killed and injured, were residents of this city although many came recently from other places. Exploration of the ruins went on unchecked after dark, but those in charge believed few additional bodies would be found. Without regard to their own risk, soldiers, marines, sailors, police, firemen and citizen volunteers had fought their way beneath the wreckage over practically the whole floor of the auditorium.

The exact number in the theatre when the steel and concrete span of the roof buckled and fell under its three foot load of snow probably never will be known. The stories of perhaps a hundred who got out uninjured have been reported. These account for a few more than 300 in the audience that was roaring in laughter at a film comedy when the roof fell on them like a blanket, carrying down the front of the wide balcony in its crash.

Normally, the theatre has had every seat filled at that hour and nearly 2,000 persons was its capacity. The same unprecedented snow fall which brought death to the venturesome few, kept the many at home. Street car traffic had been abandoned and streets and sidewalks were all but impassable with drifts.

There has been no time as yet for official inquiry as to the cause of the disaster. The ruins themselves disclose, however, that the entire mass of steel-held concrete that formed the roof had come down. The crash swept the supports out from under the balcony, apparently, and this hinged down at an angle of 45 degrees adding to the tangled mass of wreckage on the floor below.

The building stands in an acute angled corner at Eighteenth street and Columbia Road, Northwest, the heart of the most favored residential section of the city.

This whole theatre stood roofless to the sky a moment after the first hissing sound of the breaking roof gave warning about the music of the orchestra. There is only one survivor thus far who has told of having heard that warning and seen the first powder handful of snow sift down over the head of the orchestra leader in time to make his escape. From his seat well forward on the main floor, he raced for the doors at the back. A great blast of air expelled as the roof came down and hurled him out through the doorway to safety.

Most of the bodies were recovered from the floor of the pit beneath the wreckage of the balcony or from the front of the balcony itself.

(Included in the list of killed were ex-Congressman A. J. Barchfeld and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. A. Barchfeld, of Pittsburgh. Congressman Barchfeld has frequently visited Bellefonte during the time that his stepson, Gilbert Meyers, was a student at the Bellefonte Academy.—Editor.)

St. Agnes' Eve.

January 20th was the eve of St. Agnes, celebrated by Tennyson, Longfellow and Keats in beautiful poems. It commemorates the execution of the Roman virgin, St. Agnes, during the reign of Diocletian, early in the fourth century.

There are varying accounts of the history and tragic death of Agnes, the girl saint. She was between 12 and 15 years old, and very beautiful. Because of the Christian faith she is said to have been subjected to horrible tortures and finally beheaded by Diocletian's orders. One legend has it that her beauty attracted the son of one of the Roman praetors, whom she escaped through miraculous blindness that fell upon him, and that her prayers later restored his sight.

St. Agnes' day is really January 21st, but popular celebration is accorded the "eve" before. It is regarded as a time of prophetic promise to all those in search of husbands. One of the ancient divinations to ascertain one's future life companion was to take a row of pins, and pull out one at a time while slowly repeating the following verse:

I stick this pin, this pin I stick, To know the thing I know not yet; That I may see The man who shall my husband be, Not in his best or worst array, But what he weareth every day, That I tomorrow may him ken From among all other men.

The pins must be stuck in the sleeve of the girl's gown and she must sleep in this waist all night.

Cities in Thunderstorm Spots.

The conclusion has been reached by a well known engineer who has given the subject considerable attention that certain cities, if not indeed most inland cities of say 100,000 population or more, appear to be "thunderstorm spots." The observation has been made by E. R. Horton, of Voorheesville, N. Y., who also points out that "a shallow lake with sandy margins located in a forest may serve as a thunderstorm breeder" and cites as proof observations made by him over Oneida lake, New York.

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