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ANNUAL REUNION OF OLD SOLDIERS.

Convention of Columbia County Veterans' Association to be held in Berwick on Sept. 7th.

The exercises in connection with the annual convention of the Columbia County Veteran's Association will be in every way commensurate with the occasion. An idea of the arrangements that are being made for the event can be gained from the following, which we take from the Berwick Enterprise.

"The annual convention of the Columbia County Veterans' Association will be held in this city on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Headquarters will be established in G. A. R. Hall and the convention will open with a business meeting at 10:30 a. m. at which time and place all members are requested to present themselves in order to obtain the badge of the association, and for the purpose of paying their annual dues.

In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the members will repair to the spacious Y. M. C. A. Hall where they will be addressed by a number of prominent speakers, after which an old-fashioned army camp fire will be held on the Y. M. C. A. lawn, where the old comrades will have the opportunity of commingling with one another and recounting their thrilling adventures upon the field of battle and other interesting reminiscences.

No one who has ever attended one of the annual reunions of these old veterans can forget the impression made by the good fellowship existing among them. Comrades together they were in the early sixties, when in the strength of virile and vigorous manhood, they fought side by side for the preservation of their country, and to-day finds these noble, gray-bearded, patriarchal veterans bound together by ties no less strong than those which marked the soul-stirring and eventful days of the Rebellion.

The meeting this year promises to be as full of interest for the comrades as those which has characterized its predecessors in the past and a good, merry time is in store for all of the veterans who attend. Last year the convention was held at Stonytown and a very interesting and instructive meeting was the result.

The present officers of the Association are Col. A. D. Seely, president; Jenkin W. Evans, vice president; Eugene Lenhart, treasurer, and J. B. Hayman, secretary, and these gentlemen are determined that no efforts shall be spared to make this year's convention a complete success and an event long to be remembered.

Falling as it does upon Labor Day, the convention will have a double interest, inasmuch as the local labor organizations will have a big parade which will be well worth witnessing.

It has not been definitely decided upon as yet, but it is quite likely that the members of the Woman's Relief Corps will serve a 25c dinner for the visiting comrades, and if this is favorably decided upon the announcement will appear in these columns in due time.

Coal on Westler Farm.

There is a well founded belief that the prospecting being done on the property of George Westler on the South Side of Nescopeck mountain, along the road leading to Mountain Grove some eight miles from Hazleton, will eventually result in the discovery of coal in paying quantities. For some time a number of capitalists from up-the-river, including Mr. Stauffer of Shickshinny and Col. Ford Dorrance of Dorranceton, have had men engaged in drilling in the hope of uncovering a vein which could be profitably worked. These operations are now being vigorously prosecuted. A diamond drill has been installed and a depth of ninety feet has been reached and it is now proved of sufficient thickness a shaft will immediately be sunk. There is little doubt among coal prospectors and mining men who have visited the Westler farm but that coal will be found in paying quantities and they are all unanimous concerning the richness of the property. About five years ago the discovery was made by Mr. Westler that coal existed on his property, and although he attempted to drill, his efforts were not crowned at that time with success. The vein it is said lies deep in the mountain and pitches toward the valley. It is the earnest hope of the capitalists now engaged in developing it that the yield will meet anticipation.

Of Interest to Law Students.

The Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners will hold examinations for registration of students at law on September 22 and 23, at Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Harrisburg, Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport. The credentials of applicants must be filed on or before September 1. J. L. Meredith Esq., is the examiner for Williamsport.

DEATH BY HER OWN HAND.

Mrs. Jas. Pursel, Ends Her Life by Hanging.

It is said that our time is fixed, and all our days are numbered; how long, how short, no one is aware, but we do know that duty requires us calmly to wait the summons, nor dare to stir till Heaven shall give permission. This knowledge, however did not prevent Mrs. Jas. Pursel from venturing on a world unknown. But there is a cause for her violation of the divine law. Her mind for more than a week had been unbalanced and her husband having noted the symptoms had kept a close watch on her movements. On the day just preceding the commission of the act, he had taken her to Danville for examination by a physician of that city. On retiring that night she told her husband to sleep alone as he had had but little rest the several nights previous. She said she was feeling a great deal better and her husband complying with the request went to another room.

Some time during the night she arose and possessing herself of a lighted lamp sought out the woodshed where she secured a hammock which she employed to end her life. One end of it was tied over a beam which she reached by means of a box, and the other end fastened about her neck, she then leaped out into space. Her lifeless body was discovered Saturday morning by a daughter who had gone to the shed for wood.

The deceased had a number of relatives in this vicinity and the shock attendant upon the announcement of her tragic end was a severe one. She is survived by a husband and three daughters beside three brothers, Frank Crossley of West Hemlock, Wellington and Robert Crossley of Buckhorn. The funeral occurred from the home near Grovania Monday morning, and interment was made in the Straup Cemetery.

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Promising Apple Crop.

Preparations Commenced to Provide Cold Storage For Product.

This year's apple crop will be a record-breaker. Experts who have figured on it declare that it will be large enough to provide every man, woman and child in the United States with half a barrel of fruit that caused "Paradise Lost" to be written. Last year's output of pippins was a big one, but this year's crop tops it by a million barrels, the comparative figures by barrels being 47,625,000 for 1902, and 48,600,000 for 1903. The Press says already preparations are being made at the cold storage warehouses for the reception of Philadelphia's share of the crop. In addition to holding the record for quality this year's output is expected to establish one for quality.

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An Afflicted Family.

Seldom indeed, is fate so perverse as it has been in the Girtion family, of Greenwood township, of late. They have had so much sorrow, and it is hard to understand why a family should be so sorely afflicted. On Saturday morning the head of the family B. F. Girtion passed away in death, aged 69 years. He was one of the most respected residents of the township. A little more than a week previous a grand-daughter, Esther Manning, died at Staten Island and her remains were brought to Greenwood and buried from the home of her grand-father. Now Esther's mother, Mrs. Manning and another daughter are lingering near death's door. The funeral of Mr. Girtion took place on Monday, interment in the Kramer Cemetery.

Listen to the Goose Bone Man.

Elias Hartz, of Reading, who has been foretelling the weather by reading the breast bone of the goose, for seventy-five years says that the weather we are having is the coldest that he has ever experienced at this season of the year. He predicts early frosts and says that he would not be surprised if the corn crop would be seriously damaged. He says it is a little too early to predict what the winter will be.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Sept. 1, 1903. Persons calling for these letters, will please say that "they were advertised July 20, 1903".

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FROM COURT HOUSE CORRIDORS.

"Not much for you this time" said Prothonotary Terwilliger today as the COLUMBIAN man walked into the office to see what was doing in the way of marriages. A look at the docket bore out his statement. The market has declined considerably since June. We know of several events that are booked for the latter part of September, and this leads us to believe that Autumn weddings are growing in popularity. Well, let the wedding bells ring out in the clear, cool airs of Autumn, when the woods themselves are decked in bridal array, and all the world sings a hymn of thanksgiving. The following licenses have been granted since our last issue:

John J. Earley and Miss Anna McKearns, both of Locust Dale.

Kimber Boudman and Miss Mary Beaphy, both of Roaringcreek township.

William H. Wonn, of Philadelphia and Miss Carrie E. Erdman, of Catawissa.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

B. B. Brobst and wife to Geo. Boone, —Centerville.

John Greenly Sr. to Abraham Greenly, —Pine township.

John Greenly and wife to Abraham L. Greenly, —Pine township.

SHERIFF SALES.

At the Court House, Saturday, Aug. 22, 2:00 p. m., property of Galen C. Shultz, situate in Boro. of West Berwick.

At Court House, Saturday, Aug. 22, 2:00 p. m., property of J. K. Sharpless, situate partly in Franklin and partly in Catawissa township.

At the Court House, Saturday, Sept. 5, at 2:00 p. m., property of Hessel Lewis & Co., situate in Bloomsburg.

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TROLLEY FLASHES.

There are no dull days on the trolley road. One car leaving Berwick Saturday had 93 on board. Attached to it was a trailer on which there were 73. The seating capacity of the first car was thirty. Crowded! don't mention it.

The business is not all confined to the upper end either. On the Catawissa division conductor Achenbach, from 12.20 in the afternoon until the last trip that night collected \$66.00 in money and 450 tickets.

The bridge at Catawissa is a popular promenade. Every night it is thronged with people, who walk back and forth until the last car leaves and the lights are turned off. The bridge has, ever since its construction, been a favorite walk, and its illumination by the Trolley Company has imparted charm.

John Sullivan is considered one of the most careful motormen on the line. He appears to know every crook and bend in the road, and handles the car with perfect ease and grace.

There is one less cat in Scott Town, since Friday night. The little animal was lying on the track, when a car came along and ground it to pieces. It was asleep or deaf or else the ears that it trusted betrayed it.

Conductor John Mausteller, is one of the oldest, in point, of service on the road. He says it is the healthiest business he has ever been engaged in. He says he never felt better in his life, and his appearance justifies the assertion.

No cracked collars at the Gem Steam Laundry. Try us.

Rewarded for Party Work.

William J. Mui, public school teacher and Republican party worker, at Shamokin, was appointed assistant postmaster by Postmaster John W. Zerby. The salary is \$1,200 annually. The present incumbent is Chester Kulp, brother of former Congressman Monroe H. Kulp. There were numerous applicants for the plum.

The writer is of the opinion that divorce would be entirely done away with if married couples were compelled to live three or four blocks apart, and could see each other only by sneaking up an alley and going in the back way after dark. Every little bit we see things that argue in favor of the practicability of this plan.

DOG OWNERS TAKE NOTICE.

Existing Evidences of Hydrophobia Compels Action.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: State Live Stock Sanitary Board. Regulation relating to dogs in Columbia County.

The attention of all owners of dogs in Columbia County is called to the following order of quarantine. Quarantine of dogs adopted by State Live Stock Sanitary Board.

August 11, 1903.

Dog owners are warned that disregard of this notice may lead to the destruction of their dogs and that they themselves may be proceeded against legally.

LEONARD PIERSON, State Veterinarian. HARRISBURG, PA., Aug. 11, 1903.

WHEREAS, there is reason to believe that the disease of rabies or hydrophobia exists in Columbia County and the nature of this disease is such that for the present that all dogs within certain limits must be suspected of spreading it, it is hereby ordered by the authorities of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, under the provisions of the Act of March 27, 1903, that all dogs in Columbia County are hereby declared to be in a state of quarantine and must be strictly confined or firmly secured on the premises of their owners, and not allowed to run at large, or enter public highways excepting when led and muzzled with a well fitting muzzle, that will effectually prevent biting. This quarantine shall remain in force for 90 days from the date hereof or until removed by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board.

Attention is called to the following sections of the above mentioned Act.

Section 3. Should dogs be permitted to run at large, or escape from restraint or confinement, or to go without muzzles, in violation of the quarantine or regulation, or order, established by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, to restrict the spread of rabies or hydrophobia as provided by this act, such dogs may be secured and confined, or they may be shot or otherwise destroyed and the owner or owners thereof shall have no claim against the person so doing.

Section 4. Any person violating the provisions of this Act or of a quarantine, or a regulation or order to restrain, confine or muzzle dogs, duly established by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, for the purpose of restricting the spread of rabies or hydrophobia, in the manner provided in the other sections of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor: and upon conviction shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars at the discretion of the Court.

A very pretty nuptial event was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederick on Light Street Road, Tuesday at high noon, when Mrs. Frederick's daughter Miss Bertha May Low, was united in marriage to Jacob Johnson of Jerseytown. Rev. Byers, of the Lutheran church performed the ceremony. Miss Daisy Low was bridesmaid and Howard M. Johnson was best man. Miss Delia Geisinger presided at the piano. The house was beautifully decorated and a wedding dinner was served after the ceremony.

A demented woman, Fannie Kyler by name, created a reign of terror at Catawissa yesterday afternoon and evening. Her conduct was violent during the afternoon but her wild behavior reached a climax about half past seven last evening when she broke the window glass in the house with her bare hands thereby cutting herself severely. The affair created the greatest consternation and the house was surrounded with people.

Mrs. Elsie Ernest, of Coatesville, is visiting in the family of her nephew, J. D. Armstrong. She was called here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hiram Sterling, her husband's sister, of New Columbia, whose funeral occurred on Tuesday. Mrs. Ernest will remain here about two weeks.

Thomas Edison now promises that automobiles shall be as cheap as horses and buggies. He declares that he has solved the problem of providing them for the poor as well as the rich.

Bruce Jones is rapidly recovering from the effects of the operation performed upon him for appendicitis and will be able to leave the Hospital in a short time.

Charles H. Fornwald, who for some time past has been residing in Sunbury, has moved back to Bloomsburg.

The July number of the Normal School Quarterly was issued from this office last week.

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Young Men's Christian Association Meets Fish and Preach in Lumber Camps.

THE STATE'S CRUSADE AGAINST IMPURE FOODS.

A party of Philadelphia Association men, under the leadership of their versatile secretary, has just returned from the lumber region in Potter County, Pennsylvania, where they have been enjoying a two weeks vacation and holding services among the lumbermen employed in the three camps in that county. The men went in at their own expense, enjoyed their vacation in rough camp headquarters spent their days in fishing and recreation and the evenings by giving concerts and holding popular services with the lumbermen, who have little to vary the monotony of their hard work, except by such "talent" as is native in the gang in which there may be some one who plays a violin, a concertina or a jews-harp, or has a repertoire of popular, topical or plantation songs. The men from the Young Men's Christian Association are good musicians, can tell a good story, sing a popular song as well as a gospel song, and while they are not preachers are used to conducting services and addressing men in a way that men understand.

A special correspondent writes from camp, "The visitors first took dinner with the men of one camp and showed by their appetites and table manners that they were neither angels nor professional evangelists. The first formal visit to the camp was a social song, popular songs in chorus, solos by the visitors and lumbermen, jokes and stories by everybody who could chip in, and a general good time in which a few gospel songs were not out of place. On way to the camp, a party of lumbermen was met, thought for the Association camp, who thought that the plan had been for them to go to the meeting rather than for the meeting to come to them, and they said they were bound not to miss it. All the later meetings except one, when a reception was given the lumbermen by the visitors at their tent, were more distinctly religious, and a colored cook proved to be a gospel soloist. Several men developed unexpected talent, and all contributed to the general impression felt by the lumbermen, that these young men who were out for a vacation, had a kind of Christianity that they could appreciate." These camps are manned chiefly by young men—strong, husky Americans, unmarried and no more virtuous than single men in barracks are reputed to be. More open-hearted hospitality than is manifested in the lumber camps would be hard to find anywhere and the direct religious service was as acceptable as the entertainment.

It looks as if this kind of vacation party would be undertaken by the Associations of Pennsylvania under the direction of their State Committee more extensively next summer, and quite possibly in the Christmas vacation.

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Phenomenal Record Made by the Dairy and Food Commission During the Last Four Months—Beer and Whisky Analysis.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner Warren has issued a statement, giving a summary of the suits instituted by his department since his term of service began, April 1.

In all 502 cases have been ordered by the commissioner, and the preliminary reports of chemists indicate that there will be at least 150 more suits to order before the close of August.

It is expected reports will be received the earlier part of next week on a number of liquor samples from chemists. Many brewers and other liquor dealers are urging Secretary Critchfield and Commissioner Warren to thoroughly probe the beer and whisky question, so that those who make or sell pure beverages may not suffer through competition with the doctored and drugged stuff that is sold, and which is little better, many claim, than poison.

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