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COUNTY NEWS Happenings of Interest to Readers

Columns of Interesting
Items Gathered by Our
Special Corps of Hauling
Correspondents in
Many Towns.

EAGLES MERE.

The harvesting of the ice crop is on in earnest and ice houses are being packed with cold for next summer. No place in Pennsylvania can equal ours for ice supply and facilities for handling it.

Mr. W. L. Laird came up on Monday and spent the night in town looking up his arrangements for next summer. His new edition is a wonderful improvement to the exterior of the Raymond.

On Friday night of last week about 12 o'clock a tree blew down on the Light Co.'s line, broke the Telephone wires and short circuited the line so that light was cut off until Saturday when engineer Campbell, Raymond Kehrer and Floyd Dunnam made temporary repairs. Electrician Trappe with his crew of linemen completed the work in a substantial manner on Monday. By the way in such a case the best thing to do is to let it alone until the current is shut off for fear of serious results from the high tension current.

On Sunday evening Rev. S. B. Bidlack held services in the Baptist Church and was favored with the best congregation for a long time. It is proposed to revive the Christian Endeavor Society that formerly did much good.

Landlord John S. Kirk is still very sick and grave fears are felt that he may not rally from the attack. Every one feels that he can ill be spared from Eagles Mere having always been one of its best friends.

There is some talk of a toboggan slide down Lake Ave. so as to carry the snow clear out on the surface of the ice on the Lake.

The regular monthly council meeting was held on Monday night. One of the important questions is how to fill the position of Chief Burgess. The term of Burgess Ingham is about to expire and he cannot legally succeed himself. If he could he would be unanimously elected.

The Eagles Mere R. R. trains have not missed a single trip this winter and thanks to the faithfulness of Engineer Converse and Conductor J. C. Starr they have been practically on time every day.

Possibly Thoughtlessness But Dangerous.

Some persons have been shooting at Insulators on the Eagles Mere Light Co.'s lines and we desire to say that it is dangerous to human life on account of the high tension current passing over the wires and a reward of Fifty Dollars will be paid for information that will secure the conviction of any one who may willfully or recklessly do so hereafter.

Notice is given that in case of a conviction no compromise will be made but that the most extreme penalty of the law will be invoked regardless of who the offender may be.

BENJ. G. WELCH, Treas.

LODEZ.

Henry, Ernest and Jacob Bonning of Bella Sylva, were doing business in town Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Carrington who visited her sister in Pittsburg, returned on Saturday.

The first fire in several years at this place occurred on Monday night when one of Jennings Bros. houses, occupied by Chas. Arey, was totally destroyed with nearly all the household goods. We understand there was a small insurance.

Hon. A. L. Dyer is at Harrisburg taking his first degree in Legislative business.

Our school-mam's after a week's vacation have returned and are again at work.

Mrs. J. Dyer of Ricketts, visited in town last week.

Miss Donna Sturdevant is visiting at Wilkesbarre.

Miss Minnie Behr left here on Monday to attend school at Philadelphia.

John Cogsdill is taking in the sights at Buffalo this week.

Mrs. F. G. Rice and son Richard are visiting at Athens.

SHUNK.

Mrs. Ella Smith of Waverly, N. Y. is visiting relatives here.

Forest D. Fuller formerly of this place, but now of Ithaca, N. Y. was shaking hands with old friends in town last week.

Judson Brown of Laporte was a visitor in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Packard spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Packard.

Richard Swingle who has been the sick list, is able to be at home again.

Quite a number attended the installation of officers of the P. O. S. of A. at on Saturday evening. President Harry G. ... There was a black eye on W...

HILLSGROVE.

Two very bad accidents occurred on the Pesto log job.

Jefferson Wycoff of ... long log slide, while the slide where there is a four foot treasling, parting a trail of logs, one of them jumped from the slide and struck Wycoff, breaking both of his legs, on one the bone protruding through the flesh. He was taken to his home in Williamsport on Saturday with very little hopes for his recovery. Mr. Wycoff is about 58 yrs. of age and a veteran of the civil war. He fought at one time under Gen. Custer, the great indian fighter.

Geo. Davis, while skidding logs for Jenkins and Campbell on the Pesto job, had the misfortune to be caught between a log to which his team was hitched and a stump, and had his leg broken. The doctors have not yet been able to set the bone on account of the swelling of the leg.

Milton Sheely of New York City, is visiting his mother, this week, as is also Mrs. James Tompson of Limestone, N. Y.

Frank Thall and family of Williamsport, and Samuel Darby and family of Hoytville, visited at W. L. Huffman's over Sunday.

Joseph Helmsman, landlord of the Saddler House, transacted business at Dushore and Bernice last week.

Tillman Myers of Glen Mawr, spent Sunday with Mr. McClintock.

Frank Harrison has been on the sick list the past week.

The Board of Health showed up last Saturday and there will be no more dead horses or cattle left lying on top of the ground to decay and cause disease and sickness here in Hillsgrove.

Weldy Saddler Abbott was taken to the Williamsport Hospital last week, suffering from an injury by being thrown from a horse last summer.

Ed. Mulneux brought the big load of bark to town last week, it weighed ninety-nine hundred.

New Coal Mine Opened.

The new coal mine being opened by Atty. F. W. Meylert and Dr. W. F. Randall, near Bernice is about completed, and these enterprising operators will be taking orders for an out put of forty or fifty tons daily by another week. A night shift was added to the working force the past week. Extra mules and cars will be put in service as soon as the breast of the mines permit of a larger force of miners. Mine run coal will be the stock in trade at this colliery, this season. A breaker may be erected before next fall's trade begins.

The land of this mine consists of forty acres owned by Mrs. Harriet Mylert, of Baltimore, an aunt of Attorney Meylert, to whom a royalty is paid for the coal mined. The operators have a six foot vein of good coal, well covered with sand rock.

Government Ownership of Railroads

By BELLA WELCH.

COMMUNICATION.

EDITOR, NEWS ITEM:

The most current objection to Government Ownership of Railroads is that it cannot make the business pay. The Post Office Department is always quoted for proof. The argument is somewhat plausible but there is just where a mistake is made. Very many transactions "pay" that do not in themselves directly return more money than is expended in them. No one anticipates that the newspaper publisher will hand back more money than the advertiser gives him and yet "it pays to advertise" because it brings to the store or shop or other place of traffic the people who do have the money to exchange for goods or services. This is what the Postal Department does; it creates the business out of which must come, not simply the price of a two cent stamp, but also the thousands of dollars that enable this United States to do business. As well say advertising does not pay as to claim for a moment that the postal service does not pay. If it did make a direct money return there would be a shout from millions of people, for greater service at less price.

Our government makes no direct profit out of the army or navy, the agricultural department or the census bureau, but that does not prove that it does not make a profit out of coining money. Anything that the government undertakes that is intended to "pay" in the usual sense of that term will be found to pay. Its business is to run the whole country and it does it so well that it would have large balances on the right side of the ledger but as soon as that condition approaches a demand is made that it shall spend the balance or reduce its price for running the country, that is reduce the rates.

There is no government official that is over paid for his services from the President down to the Fourth Class Postmaster and for the character of the service the government pays less than private corporations and individuals. Let its employees be protected from political slaughter and it can command the best brains, the best skill and the highest physical and mental acquisitions always at compensations as moderate as can be desired or expected. There is a sense of security about it that will always secure this condition.

Then as we have said in a former article, the ownership of the greatest railroad system may change in Wall Street in a day but the personnel of the executive and operating force remains and goes right on as if no such change had occurred. What is to prevent exactly the same *modus operandi* if the government were the purchaser and why could not the same staff produce the same results? It is not the President of a Railroad that makes the profits or the loss, nor is it the stock and bond holders. The fact is that the government could borrow the capital needed for railroad purchase and construction at lower rates of interest than any individual or any corporation. Under the protection of honestly administered civil service rules and with proper provision for worn-out and disabled servants its staff would cost less than for any other employer, no ruinous strikes would occur, wasteful and unnecessary competition would be eliminated, unjust discrimination abolished and facilities for traffic accorded where they are now denied.

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County Commissioners Sworn into Office.

Messrs. Peter J. Yonkin, G. W. Biggers and Thos. W. Gahan the recently elected County Commissioners took their official seats in the Commissioners' office on Monday. Atty. E. J. Mullen was appointed legal advisor and E. L. Swenson as clerk, both succeeding themselves. Jacob Gries was appointed janitor to fill the position held by Judson Brown.

If you have not closed your columns on the Post Office question won't you let one of the back country offices say a word. Editor Newell is not a bit nice in what he writes about your correspondent "being ashamed of the name his parents gave him." How does he know it is a "he" at all. Then again there is a great difference between that "Fourth Class Postmaster" and editor Newell. The Postmaster don't know it all and editor Newell does; the P. M. is a little modest and backward and editor Newell—I would not dare face the editorial shot gun myself because I have heard a lawyer say that when you don't have any case the thing to do is to abuse the lawyer on the other side or call the witness ugly names. Is it possible that editor Newell has learned that trick? Don't be so hard on us Mr. Newell. Be nice as you know how to be. Let us be a little shy and hide our lack of information behind an assumed name. If we say anything bad the editor of the Item has our address.

"Nothing to discuss"—by the way did not another great man say something nearly like that or was it "nothing to arbitrate" and ain't they arbitrating it after all.

Didn't editor Newell forget that when he discussed "Free Rural Mail Delivery" in a few words in the adjoining column? How about the second class mail question? How about the effort to find some convenient way of sending small sums of money through the mails? How about the movement for a uniform Postage Stamp good in all countries and in either direction? How about one cent postage? How about mail insurance? How about a package service? How about letting the people vote on the appointment of postmasters? How about civil service for postmasters? How about postal savings banks? How about postal telephones?

I am about out of breath. "Nothing to discuss" Oh! Mr. Newell.

FOURTH CLASS POSTMISTRESS.

ESTELLA.

A. T. Mulnix and W. T. More were at Dushore on Tuesday.

Mr. Harry Wilson died at his home near Bridgeview, on Saturday, Jan. 6. He was an honored war veteran. He leaves a wife and a large family of children to mourn his loss.

Miss Fannie Vargason is on the sick list.

M. M. Webster and family spent New Years with J. E. Browns. Mert got the goose side tracked, and it was necessary to call in the neighbors "kids" to help him out.

Rev. John Bryan, formerly of Hillsgrove, now of Leroy, expects to hold a short series of meetings at Estella this week.

W. E. Wheatley is working at Bernice.

C. B. Wheatley took a trip to Leroy on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stryker of Hartley Hill, came up to attend the funeral of Mr. Wilson.

Elkland Grange installed the officers for the ensuing year on Tuesday evening after which they partook of an oyster supper.

Arthur McCadden, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. U. Bird, has returned to his home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

MUNCY VALLEY.

T. B. Reed of Jamison City was shaking hands with old friends here on Sunday.

Miss Blanch Miller did shopping at Hughesville on Thursday.

H. D. Biggar of Danville, visited his parents at this place last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Marks and son James of Laporte, passed through town on Sunday.

Charley Green of Laporte, is clerking for Hayman Herr.

Mrs. W. F. Donovan of Sonestown spent Wednesday with her husband's parents at this place.

Mrs. M. Donovan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Fries at Laporte.

Mrs. A. Minner and daughter, Mrs. Samuel Magaric visited relatives at Newberry over Sunday.