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COUNTY NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Readers

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

MUNCY VALLEY.

A. S. Buckley of Athens, General Supt. of the Union Tanning Co., visited the Stevens plant at this place last week.

Marguerite, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moran, is ill.

T. J. Moran has enrolled as a student at the Rochester Business University at Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Myrtle Miller of Williamsport, visited her parents several days the past week.

John C. Taylor is seriously ill.

Lavina Rine of Mt. Vernon is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Spencer.

Mrs. C. D. Stroup attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Brink of Fairfield Center, last Sunday.

P. M. Taylor and James Moran spent Sunday evening at Eagles Mere.

Frank Quinn and Clarence Benjamin of Athens, have accepted positions with the Union Tanning Co. at this place.

Mr. Kolb of Muncy, Asst. Supt. for the Prudential Insurance Co. was doing business in town last week.

Wm. Bradley is ill with Quinsy.

Mrs. J. E. Gallagher is very ill.

Quite a rivalry has been going on among the bark haulers to see who could haul the largest load. A. J. Hill holds the record for the largest load hauled direct from the woods to the tannery, his load weighing 12220 pounds. Sam Secules the Record for the largest load weighed on the scales here but he only hauled it on the main road, it weighed 15320 lbs.

John Turner and Miss Clara Taylor spent last Sunday afternoon with landlord Gallagher at Laporte.

Miss Emma Biddle spent Saturday and Sunday at Dushore.

Anna Minnier of Milton is visiting her parents at this place.

Ellery Crossley of Laporte visited at J. W. Moran's last Sunday.

Miss Florence Cummings and Miss Olive Carson of Williamsport, spent last Friday with Nora Moran.

Taylor Bros. are among the first to fill their ice house, having about 100 tons harvested.

Chas. Collins of Picture Rocks, was in town Sunday.

Miss Clara Taylor was the guest of Mrs. Rohrhirsch at Hughesville last week.

James E. Haus purchased a valuable horse of Chas. Crawley last Saturday.

John Girton, as well as the people generally, feels quite elated over his appointment of constable of Davidson Twp.

M. F. Shaw has resigned his position with the Union Tanning Co. at Hillsgrove to accept a more lucrative one here.

Mr. M. Donovan, night liquor changer at the tannery, met with a painful accident last Thursday night by stepping in hot liquor and burning his foot quite badly.

A. O. Miller of Williamsport Commercial College, spent Sunday with his parents here.

honor of their son Harold. A jolly time.

In last week's issue of the Review Editor Newell stated that "C. V. Parrish has moved to Caldwell, Clinton Co." We wonder where Mr. Newell got his chestnuts this cold weather? Mr. Parrish moved his family to Caldwell over a year ago.

A. E. Campbell is a business man in Elmira this week.

Preparations are being made for an entertainment in the Hall, the date has not yet been fixed.

A pleasant surprise party was given for N. Letts at his home on Wednesday evening.

Miss Bertha Brown of Platt, spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. Jesse Kilmer.

Courtship mid difficulty was plainly demonstrated the other evening when a young man of this town accompanied his best girl home in a terrific rain storm, which of course was entirely proper and very kind of him, but here is where the fun comes in. Having no umbrella he borrowed one of the stage driver and it was by no means a small one as it was intended when used on the road to cover wagon and contents. Thus equipped the couple set forth on their journey which was pleasant save the inconvenience of carrying the large umbrella. But imagine the poor fellow's surprise when arriving at the gate a gentleman stepped from the rear of the huge umbrella and kindly thanked him for the shelter. The young man declares he will not patronize the large umbrella again.

SHUNK.

A. E. Tripp and daughter Ella of Laporte, were visitors at W. E. Porter's on Saturday.

About thirty of the little friends of Miss Helen Williams were treated to a sleigh ride and dinner party on Saturday the 17. She received many little tokens of remembrance, and after spending the afternoon in dancing and playing games the merry crowd departed, wishing that the young lady's birthday came about three times a year.

M. A. D. Dickerson is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Packard were called to South Mountain on Friday night by the serious illness of Mr. Packard's sister, Mrs. Michael Dwyer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fanning gave a dancing party to a large number of the younger set Friday night in

Government Ownership of Railroads

By BENJ. G. WELCH.

After the writing of the article for our last week's paper the public was informed through the leading dailies that control of the Reading Railway had passed to that of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. through a purchase of its stock by the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. which the Penna. R. R. controls. It seems somewhat startling to the average reader but we have become so accustomed to such immense moves that the surprise lasts only a few hours and then the news becomes history and moves out of the way for something else to come up. To railroad men it was not surprising at all. It was felt that some such change was sure to come though no one not in high counsels could tell just how it would be done.

The most peculiar feature of this transaction is that it has been divided with the N. Y. C. & N. H. Railroad indicating to some very large extent comparisons a thing of the past between these two immense corporations. It would be but a reasonably-to-be-expected result if, within the next twelve months, these powerful factors should find some way to go farther than the so called "community of interest" plan and actually pool all their issues. Of the wisdom, skill and ability of the staff that manages Penna. R. R. affairs no one has any question. It is likely that the hundred thousand employees who, in this deal, pass under the general direction of that company are almost to a man, woman and child gratified with the change, because for years its policy has been one of consideration and kindness for its people. That the public will be advantaged is almost certain because the ink on the newspaper pages was hardly dry before schemes for betterment are under consideration. Perhaps it may reach Sullivan County, who knows.

While taking this optimistic view of the situation we cannot be blind to the fact that with the Penna. R. R. and the New York Central R. R. practically united the whole railroad interests of the United States east of Chicago are under one control and that control likely to centralize more and more closely as time passes by. West of Chicago there are now but three large interests and to unify them is probably the next task.

In the south the traffic of the region south of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi is almost dominated by the Southern Railway and the Louisville & Nashville R. R. and it is pretty well conceded that the affairs of both can be directed from one Wall street office. That these two will be merged in some fashion in the very near future goes without saying, though it may wait for the co-operation or gathering in of the Seaboard Line but it will not wait long after that is accomplished, and after the lawyers have found a way to evade the constitutional or legal difficulties in a few of the states.

We notice that Editor Newell of the Review seems to see the way clear to deny the possibility of successful municipal ownership of public utilities in this country and anywhere near our part of it. Perhaps Chicago would be by him regarded as too far away to be a factor in the articles in the Item, but it is less than a day distant from us, and out there the problem of transportation by street cars and elevated railroads under city management is very seriously discussed and among the quieter thinkers who do not say so much, but are apt thinkers and powerful "doers", it is beginning to be conceded that the only solution is in municipal ownership.

We need not go so far from home. We are sure we do not have in our county a more careful reader of daily happenings than Editor Newell and he has undoubtedly noted that the Grand Jury in Brooklyn has expressed itself in favor of municipal ownership. We are sure that he will pardon us for reminding him that New York is building the Sub-

way for rapid transit, and that it has planned so well in doing it that it is believed that in thirty years the city will get back all its investments and interest and own the Subway free of cost to it. It has figured so wisely that already the railroad men seem to be planning for the use of the same tracks to enable the New York Central R. R. and the Penna. R. R. to reach all parts of the city that way. The system has been so well conceived that already contracts have been let to extend it to Brooklyn. It speaks pretty well for municipal ownership in that case at least. Its results will be more far-reaching than we can possibly conceive now.

COMMUNICATION.

EDITOR, NEWS ITEM:

I have been watching the articles about the government taking the railroads and one of my neighbors takes the Review and we lend each other our papers so I see the things the Review man writest I aint sure that I get it quite straih, but it seems to me that the Review man wrote that the reason why the government should not take the railroads was because it couldn't make them pay and he proved it by the postoffice not paying. Now it really seems to me that the different people that have been writing for you have pretty well proved that the postoffice does pay in every way and that everything else that the government does seems to pay too.

Now Mr. Newell has give us only one other reason why it should not be and that is because he dont want it. Now we want to discuss this thing in our debating society and we want Mr. Newell to give us some other reason for the government not taking the railroads beside the post-office dont pay and he dont want it to.

We are all very much interested and we expect now to get all the reasons there is.

A SCHOOL BOY.

ESTELLA.

Very cold weather, but just the right kind for the lumbermen who are improvin' the time to its utmost extent.

Mrs. C. Vargason has been quite sick with pneumonia the past week but at present writing is slightly improving. Dr. Davies is attending her.

Rev. Bryan held a very interesting series of meetings, but owing to a very severe cold and sore throat could preach only twice last week. Rev. Bowen of Millview and Rev. A. Smith of Forksville, will hold services at the church this week.

J. M. Osler and wife went to Bryan Mills on Saturday to visit the former's brother, Mr. David Osler of that place.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle will have a meeting at Mrs. U. J. Little's the last Thursday in the month. All are invited to be present as there is business of importance to transact.

W. T. More took a load of hard wood lumber to Dushore on Tuesday. Sidney Osler and brother John of Bernice, came over on Sunday to visit friends at the Falls.

The upper grade of the Estella school has purchased an organ, they also have a fine library which shows the push and energy of the pupils and instructors, past and present of the school. They expect to have a literary in the near future.

John Botsford Dead.

Mr. John Botsford of Nordmont, whose illness was recorded in last week's issue, died at his late home last Wednesday evening of pneumonia in his 79th year. The deceased was one of the early farmers of Davidson township. He was industrious and was respected by friends and neighbors. He was a communicant for more than forty years of the M. E. church. A widow, five sons, Milford, Arthur, Judson, Jesse and Elmer, and one daughter, Mrs. Stanley, survive him. The funeral services were held at the Cherry Grove M. E. Church, Rev. S. B. Bidlack officiating, on Saturday.