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W. C. T. U. Convention.

The Annual County Convention of the W. C. T. U. was held at Lopez, August 30, 1905. Following is the report:

Morning Session:—Convention opened with singing, Crusade Hymn, followed by reading of 146 Psalm by Mrs. H. L. Pardoe and prayer by Mrs. A. F. Nye. The President, Miss S. A. Huckel then appointed committees on Resolutions, Conventions and soliciting subscriptions W. C. T. U. periodicals. The minutes of the Business Meetings of the Executive Committee were then read and on motion, approved. Then reports were made by the officers and superintendents of the various departments. Mrs. Noorish spoke for a few minutes on the importance of teaching the temperance lessons in the Sabbath Schools. It now being 12 o'clock, Mrs. Norrish led in the noontide prayer.

The afternoon session opened with singing by the Convention. Mrs. Jennie Little conducted the Devotional Exercises. Mrs. Rothrock read the Greeting presented by her (by request of Co. W. C. T. U.) to the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, held at Lincoln Falls, in April, also Resolutions which they presented to our organization. Mrs. Noorish reported the W. C. T. U. Institute which was held at LaPorte last January. The Co. President, Miss S. A. Huckel gave her annual address, including a short resume of the work done in the county last year. Her talk was very encouraging and helpful as well as optimistic. She suggested that we take for our motto this year these words, "Agitate, Educate, Legislate". Miss Bertha May reported the Flower Mission Dept. of Lopez Union. 270 bouquets sent hospitals at Sayre and Wilkes-Barre, 50 calls made on the sick, 75 bouquets with Scripture quotations sent to sick. The Loyal Temperance Legion next rendered a song, entitled "Welcome, W. C. T. U." The Convention then proceeded to the election of officers, said election resulting as follows: President, Sarah A. Huckel; Vice President, Anna F. Nye; Cor. Sec'y., Mary F. Snyder; Rec. Sec'y., Della G. Flemming; Treasurer, Mrs. White and Assistant Rec. Sec'y., Miss Cora Pealer.

Miss Jennie Rogers, Leader of the Loyal Temperance Legion of Lopez, being absent in the forenoon, now gave her interesting report of their work, she also read a short essay on the need and value of this Dept. Rev. B. F. Keller, Pastor of the church was requested to give a "One Minute Talk" to the Convention. He responded with words of welcome and warm wishes for the success and prosperity of the Union.

Mrs. Anna F. Nye then conducted a "Quiz" on the Annual National Leaflet and State Report. The members answered the questions readily and acquitted themselves with much credit.

Mrs. S. B. Norrish gave a Parliamentary Drill which was both interesting and instructive. Mrs. S. A. Snyder then read a paper on Scientific Temperance Instruction and school Physiology Journal. The subject of raising funds to pay expenses of Delegate to State Convention was discussed. The minutes of the two sessions of the Convention were read and approved.

The evening session opened with exercises by the L. T. L., music by choir, devotions by Rev. B. F. Keller Report of Auditing Committee. Mrs. Anna Potter, delegate, gave an interesting report of the State Convention. Singing by the choir, "Crumbs" from National Convention by Mrs. Anna F. Nye, delegate, was very ably written and much appreciated. Song by L. L., All around the World. Mrs. Sylvia B. Norrish, State Worker and President of Bradford County W. C. T. U. then gave an address on "Our Victories" She treated the subject in a very able and masterly way. Her talk was very helpful, instructive and interesting as an appreciative audience can testify. Collection Speech by Little Frances E. Custard, singing by choir Report of Convention on Resolutions Benediction by Rev. Keller.

Resolutions—We, the women of the W. C. T. U. of Sullivan County, in annual Convention, assembled, relying on our Heavenly Father for guidance in our future work, and thanking him for help in the past.

Resolved—That we review the work of the past year with thankfulness for what has been accomplished and feel encouraged to work with renewed zeal in the future.

Resolved—That this Convention, through its members do all we possibly can to prevent the Reed Smoot in the U. S. Senate.

Resolved—That this Convention is in accord with the laws requiring Science Temperance Instruction in our public schools and that we do all in our power to see that the law is enforced.

Resolved—That this Convention go on record as opposed to the use of the Anti-Contem Law.

Resolved—That we tender our thanks to the L. T. Legion of Lopez for their presence and kindly assistance in making the Convention a success.

Resolved—That we express our appreciation of the people of Lopez, for their hospitality in entertaining this Convention in such a satisfactory manner.

Resolved—That we are thankful to Mrs. Norrish for her very efficient help. Also to the trustees for the use of their church, and to all who in any way have contributed to the success of this Convention.

Resolved—That we thank the Press of the County for the gratuitous printing of notices and reports sent them during the year.

Committee, Mrs. S. C. Snyder, Anna F. Nye and Harriet L. Pardoe.
Della G. Fleming,
Rec. Sec'y.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, is strengthening the union in preparation for trouble. The trouble is expected to enter the anthracite region next spring when the miners shall demand an eight-hour day, which the operators declare they will not grant. In anticipation of a strike the operators are storing coal. Thus it is apparent that a long and bitter struggle will be precipitated with the general public as the victims, who will be ground beneath the upper and nether millstones. How this conflict can be avoided is not perceptible to the public at present. Everything points to the greatest and longest strike in the record of the anthracite region. The operators assert that if they concede the miner's demand for an eight hour day it will mean an addition of between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 a year to the wages of the mine workers. The companies would have to pay this, but only as the disbursing agents of the consumers of coal. Every dollar of the amount would have to come out of the pockets of the users of anthracite, for the coal companies would clap on an additional fifty cents per ton to reimburse themselves for the extra outlay. And the public would be helpless.

The Elmira Star says that reliable information from Morris Run states the company and the men at that place have adjusted their differences and reached an understanding by which the company is to pay the union scale of wages and the mines open for work two days a week at first and the time increased as the orders for coal are received. It is understood the company has an order on hand for 400 cars of coal, to fill at once.

The year's crop of grain raised on the State Reformatory farm, at Huntingdon, has just been threshed, and consists of 532 bushels of wheat, 522 bushels of oats and 72 bushels of rye. The corn crop is still to be gathered. The New Ear Journal, of Huntingdon, calls this a model farm, and recommends that its management should be imitated by all farmers.

The current number of Success says that the amount now spent for education in the United States is about two hundred million dollars a year. From present indications the annual appropriation for the navy alone will soon very largely exceed this sum, with prospects of indefinite expansion. Until recently the combined military and naval expense of the country were less than one-fourth of those of education. We are, therefore, progressing four times as fast in the arts of war as in those of peace.

The latest type of battleship will cost eight million dollars to build, as much as the entire appropriation for the army and navy during the eight years of Washington's presidency, since which time the military and naval expenses have increased fifteen times as fast as the population—and when this ship is finished it will be merely an experiment!

England has had the largest experience in naval construction, and has recently declared a great number of her warships to be useless. Eight million dollars is more than three times the cost of all the buildings and equipments of Tufts College, Boston University, Williams and Amherst Colleges. The yearly maintenance, operation, interest on investment, deterioration, and gun practice of this battleship will exceed one and one-half million dollars—a sum sufficient to pay every living and educational expense of three thousand young men and women in our best colleges, or to meet the school expenses of fifty thousand children. It costs more for the mere material to fire one shot from Sandy Hook than it did to educate Daniel Webster. A day's gun practice of a single ship, firing at imaginary enemies, costs more than it did to educate Emerson, Lowell, Longfellow and Phillips in Harvard College.

Any increase in appropriations and naval activity immediately produces a corresponding increase in activity by the other great naval powers of the world, and this, in turn, excites us to further expenditure, so none gains anything in relative strength. The taxpayers of the different naval powers of the world are kept in a state of continual excitement and fear by the activity of the others, each believing there is some intention to secure some unfair advantage and claiming that no other reason can be offered in explanation of this extraordinary and unprecedented growth. There have been necessary and honorable wars, and the future may have others in store. There are nobler sentiments than those of peace—duty, patriotism, justice and honor—but above them all we may write love to man. To deny one penny of necessary appropriation or to cease one moment's needed activity in any genuinely patriotic cause is so wholly un-American that we need not refer to it. But it is far better to direct our labors toward the things that will build up rather than toward those that tend to pull us down. It is far nobler and more in accordance with the spirit of American development and progress to direct our energies into channels through which we may uplift our entire country and aid the whole world.

The Milheim Journal, of Center county, doesn't think much of the Fish Wardens. It says: "We believe in the State Constabulary, and we think the members of that force can earn their wages, but the Fish Constables or Wardens as now constituted are out of place, and should be discharged to the last man. The State streams are so polluted that a fish has to crawl out on the bank to breathe, and have grown so scarce that a weak warden with one hand could carry all they contain. The fish laws read as if they were written the last night of the session and were passed while the members were asleep."

Mrs. Eva V. Gray, widow of the late Rev. Edward James Gray, D. D., died suddenly at her home in Williamsport Thursday afternoon at about four o'clock. During the 31 years of Dr. Gray's presidency of Dickinson Seminary, Mrs. Gray was his co-laborer in every field. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon.

Death of Ellis Starr.

The residents of Hillsgrove and vicinity laid aside their occupations on Thursday last and gathered at the Union church to pay their respects to the memory of William Ellis Starr who passed to the Great Beyond on Tuesday after an illness of eight years.

Mr. Starr was born in Muncy township, and was the son of Anthony and Hannah Starr. He received his educational training in the common schools of his native place. Early in life he learned the millers trade, and, in 1875 leased the Lewis mills on the Loyalsock where by honest dealing and strict attention to business he built up an extensive trade.

He married Maria J. Green, daughter of the late Wheeler Green, to this union were born six children, Wheeler, Florence and Anthony, deceased; Harriet, Clyde and John Sidney all of whom remained at home and assisted in caring for their invalid father. Politically he was a Republican and held the office of school director for fifteen years. Religiously he was a member of the Methodist church.

His long period of illness was marked by a cheerfulness that was characteristic of his whole life. The obsequies were conducted by Rev. R. E. Huntley of Forksville; a touching feature of which was the scattering of floral tributes upon the casket as it was being lowered into the grave, by little Marion and Mildred Williams, children who had been the sunshine of his life in his illness. Mr. Starr is survived by his wife, one daughter and three sons; three brothers, John and Thomas of Lairdsville, and Charles of Sonestown; two sisters, Mrs. George Willis, and Mrs. Emma Banyon of Lairdsville.

The Eagles Mere schools opened on Monday with E. G. Salisbury of Shunk, and Miss Ada Chase of Eagles Mere, as teachers.

The Hughesville Independent says: Preparations for the fair are progressing satisfactorily and by the time the 19th arrives everything will be found in readiness. The number of exhibits of live stock and in the Agricultural, mechanical and industrial lines, and the number of entries for the three days' racing will no doubt be larger and of a more interesting and varied character than ever before. Members of the Farmers club are working tirelessly in the interests of the fair, and seem about to realize the greatest measure of success.

Sarah J. the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Keeler died at the home of her parents near Nordmont, on Sept. 5, 1905. The deceased was 14 years and 3 days old, and was a child of much promise. Cause of death, consumption from which she had suffered for over a year.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Thos. F. Ripple at Nordmont M. E. church. Interment in Cherry Grove cemetery.

A new law in Pennsylvania provides that when any needy person is bitten by a rabid dog and is threatened with hydrophobia he or she must receive prompt medical attention at the cost of the poor district, even if such treatment requires what is known as the Pasteur method. It is a good law.

Lots have been purchased and a dozen new cottages are to be erected at Eagles Mere Park before the opening of next season. The reason for building them is that the present cottages available for that purpose are all rented for next season, the system of cottagers having their pleasant homes and dining at the Forest Inn being exceedingly popular. The new buildings will be handsome ones, modern in every appointment.