

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

B. R. Scott of Shanksville and Estella Miller have been elected to teach in the Stoyestown schools.

Albert Pebley, son of George Pebley born in this county 51 years ago died at Moxham a few days ago, following an illness of two years.

Mrs. Katie Thomas, aged eighty seven years died lately at her home near Davidsville. She was the wife of John Thomas, deceased and the mother of ten children.

Hunters' license tags this year will be of salmon color. They have been issued by the game state commission to the county treasurers along with license blanks.

Sheriff Hochard took to the Reformatory at Huntingdon a few days ago, John McFall, of Ralphon, who admitted the theft of \$147.50 and Cloyd Lohr of Windber, who pilfered a ring in Paint township.

A gang of workmen employed by the B. & O. railroad is making some extensive improvements for the company at Garrett. A new station is needed there but it is not likely that anything will be done along this line this year.

The annual reunion of the descendants of John Leslie will be held at Fort Hill, August 24. Members of the clan will be there from Somerset Meyersdale and other towns of Somerset county as well as neighboring territory. There will be speeches and a big dinner.

Thirty-two stores in Somerset conducted a Bargain Day last Saturday and it was so successful that on the third Saturday of each month these sales will be held. Each store offers only one or two articles at a very low price.

Probation Officer Elmer H. Pugh took Roy E. Brant, of Brothersville to the Morganza Reformatory last week. The lad a son of Mrs. Maggie Brant. Efforts to secure employment for the boy were made repeatedly, but his work did not suit and his mother could not control him.

The will of John A. Clark, deceased, late of the Borough of Hooversville, has been probated. In lieu of a dower, the decedent bequeathed to his wife the house and lot which they had resided in and the personal property therein, in addition to \$300 cash and a one-third interest in the remainder of his estate. The residue of the estate shall be equally divided among the decedent's children or heirs. Joshua and Irwin Clark were appointed executors.

Anton Ringeli and John Bartoni of Boswell a few days ago attempted to open a can of powder with a pick and several hours later they were in the Memorial Hospital in Johnstown taking treatment for the injuries inflicted by the explosion which followed. A spark caused by the contact of the pick ignited the powder. The leg was terrifically damaged the building to a considerable extent and burning both men about the face, hands and head.

David Fleming the first superintendent of the Berwind White mines at Windber after 15 years absence has returned to that place and in a way promising signal success both to himself and the venture which has brought him there. Mr. Fleming has returned to become superintendent of the Beacon shaft mine at Dunlo the plant which Lochrie put in and which faces a large and prosperous development. It is understood that Mr. Fleming has taken an interest in the property.

KALBFUS EXPLAINS THE

BOUNTY RULES.

In a statement issued at Harrisburg last week, Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission says:

For the information of those who desire to secure bounties as provided for by the Act of April 15, 1915, we beg to advise that this act distinctly provides that in case the necessary affidavit is made before a justice of the peace, alderman or magistrate, on forms secured from the game commission by such official, the unutilized skin or entire pelt of such animal shall be forwarded to the game commission, Harrisburg and therefore it does not provide for the sending of the entire carcass of the animal. Furthermore we beg to warn all claimants for bounties that they should in all cases skin the animal or cure or dry the skin before forwarding the same to Harrisburg, as otherwise the postal authorities will very likely destroy the parcel containing a raw hide or carcass before it reaches Harrisburg because of the fact that such raw skin or carcass has become offensive during its transit and under such conditions the claim would be entirely lost. Therefore in the future do not send anything except the cured or dried skin (not the carcass) to the game commission, Bounty Division, Harrisburg, Pa. We are trying to help you and hope that you will help us by complying with the above.

OUR JOB WORG MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS.

NEARBY COUNTIES

A branch of the Woman's Lincoln Highway Auxiliary has been organized in Bedford county.

About 500 Italians have already left Johnstown, some of the number being from Windber and other Somerset county towns. Forty left last Thursday to fight for their country.

Frostburg council has passed an ordinance requiring automobiles to be run not over eight miles an hour and has had three plain clothes officers appointed to enforce the ordinance.

The Blair County Game, Fish and Forestry Association is circulating petitions to have that county closed to deer hunting for three years, quail for five years and pheasants for two years. It is estimated that approximately 1,200,000 baskets of peaches or about 600,000 bushels, representing the product of 1,500 acres, will be shipped out of the Maryland section of the South Mountain region this year.

Scott Kirk, a Pennsylvania railroad conductor between Harrisburg and Milfin, says that groundhogs are so plentiful in the Millerstown Narrows that it becomes necessary to chase them off the tracks to prevent them being run over. They gather along the tracks at feeding time in the early morning.

The ministers of the Brethren Church and the Church of the Brethren, of Johnstown and vicinity, are planning to hold a conference next September with a view of uniting the two denominations, there being very little difference in doctrine. The two factions grew from the German Baptists, or Dunkards, in the early 80's.

Chief-of-police Charles E. Cook, of Salem, Ohio, after waiting nearly a year and a half, will at last get the reward of \$500 offered by the Blair county commissioners for the capture of Frank G. Hohl the notorious bank bandit. A writ of mandamus was issued on the commissioners for the payment of the money last week.

While coming down the mountain to Tyrone, a few days ago, Engineer Brown discovered a small child playing in the middle of the track, unaware of its danger. The engineer, unable to stop his train before reaching the child, called to Harry E. Dewey, who was riding in the cab of the engine and the latter crawled over the pilot of the engine and lifted the tot from its perilous position uninjured.

FOR THE BUFFALO

CARPET BEETLE.

A Philadelphia housekeeper wrote to State Zoologist H. A. Surface, saying, "The little black Buffalo moth has appeared abundantly in my house, which is new, and I am in despair. Will you kindly tell me what brought them and how to get rid of them?" The information which was given, was as follows:

"The beetle which is the parent of the larva known as the Buffalo moth flies readily, and is small enough to come in through the meshes of ordinary mosquito netting or wire screening.

"The best thing to do is to take rugs and carpets out of doors and beat them in the sun and air and while they are out wash the floors with three per cent solution of creolin in water. In other words one pint of creolin or creosote in about 23 pints or four gallons of water will give you the strength that will be very effective as an insecticide and germicide and can be used with perfect safety as far as any damage to fabrics, woodwork, floors etc. are concerned.

"After you replace the carpets and rugs use a hand atomizer and spray them around the edges, and especially a dilute solution of corrosive sublimate where furniture is to stand, with mate or bichloride of mercury in either water or alcohol. The exact formula for this is not important. It will not do any damage to the occupants of the room, but will kill the carpet beetles should they any time in the future commence their attacks."

RURAL CARRIERS WILL

REPORT FOREST FIRES

Rural mail carriers will co-operate with national, state and local fire wardens, by reporting forest fires promptly in compliance with an order from the postmaster general.

As many of the carriers traverse highways which are contiguous to mountains and wide areas of forest lands, the new order will prove of essential benefit to the fire wardens. The carriers are to communicate with the nearest fire warden by telephone after the discovery of the fire in any section.

Thousands of dollars have been lost annually by the failure to overcome fires in the mountains and heavily wooded sections, which result in a heavy loss of valuable timber. With idea of conserving these natural resources, the governmental postal authorities have established the new co-operative alarm plan by which fire wardens may be enabled to at once fight such fires.

Sale bills put up on short order.

COURT RULES ON SCISSORS.

Scissors, which the encyclopedia defines as "cutting instrument, consisting of two sharp blades with the inner edge sharpened, pivoted at the crossing, and terminating with two looped handles for the insertion of the fingers of the person using them," are after all a scientific instrument. Their use for the furthering of education for domestic science entitles them when imported to be free of duty. This is the official interpretation of four learned judges of the United States court of custom claims in a decision just published in the Treasury decision bulletin.

Judge De Vries, who wrote the opinion of the court, says: "Within recent years there has been and now is rapidly developing a branch of educational system wherein the principles and rules of domestic accomplishments are investigated, systematized and practised whereby greater expertness and exceptional skill are required, commonly known as 'Domestic Science.' Common knowledge advises us that many schools and colleges are partly or exclusively devoted to such instruction and education. It has become an important and conspicuous branch of our educational system."

A review of the decision makes it clear that in fixing the dutiable or non-dutiable status of articles imported by institutions to further educational objects regard should be had not so much to intrinsic character or to uses in chief but rather to the actual use for which the particular goods were in fact brought in.

The calling of scissors a scientific instrument was caused by the importing of some scissors here by the board of education for use in the sewing schools of the city. Nothing distinctive in their construction from those commonly bought and sold in trade for household or industrial uses was claimed, only that there was stenciled on the blade the words "board of education." The collector of customs at the port of New York assessed them for dutiable purposes under paragraph 152 of the tariff act of 1909 as scissors. The claim raised that scientific apparatus is entitled to free entry under paragraph 650 was approved by the court in its decision, which reads in part: "If we accept this as a test of the construction of this paragraph that which serves to aid in scientific education, we cannot restrict its application to the higher classes of that education and deny it to the more commonplace, for each is equally within the language of the statute."

Judges Montgomery, Smith and Martin concurred in the opinion. Judge Barber wrote a dissenting opinion in which he said in part: "While it may be true that the power drill is intended for use in educational work and instruction, it is of the same status as a plough or other farm implements when imported by a textile school, or typewriters, calculating machines, &c., when imported by a business college. While such articles may be useful and necessary for the purpose of instruction in such schools, so are desks, chairs and similar articles, which while used for educational purposes are not necessary or especially appropriate for scientific or philosophical investigation, research, demonstration or instruction."—New York Sun.

Fresh Water Pearls.

"You don't hear much about fresh water pearls," said a Madison lane jewelry dealer, "but we raise them in this country just the same, and you may be surprised to know that their annual product runs up into the millions—not very far, of course, as do imported salt water pearls, but far enough to reach with the pearl buttons made from the shells to a value of about \$7,000,000.

"These pearls come from the bivalve known as the mussel and there are several varieties. The great bulk of them come from the Mississippi river and its tributaries. The Mississippi valley pearl fisheries are not at all of the same class as their confreres of the Orient, and no poet has yet found any poetry in the prosaic day labor they perform dredging and wading and scraping for mussels.

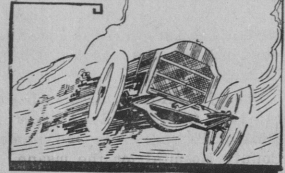
"Pearls have been found worth as much as \$2,000 each, possibly more than that, but when a fine large one is found it is quietly slipped in the salt water, higher priced importations, and just what price it will bring then nobody knows but the man who sells it as imported, and he is not telling.

"These American pearl fishers, however, keep at their work, dreaming always of making the great find, as the gold diggers do who starve and freeze, living on hope until they die in despair. It is rare even to find one worth \$50, but numerous small ones are found, though in the final summing up of receipts the fishers get more for the humble shells from the button factories than they do for the pearls they seek in the shells. They make a fair living out of the shells as they never would out of the pearl, which contains a moral, if you want to look at it."—New York Sun.

Something Missing.

Edith had been to a concert for the first time. "And what did you think of it?" asked her mother. "I didn't like the organ very well." "Why not?" "Cause there wasn't any monkey with it."

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It was in a small southwestern town that the town council, which we infer is becoming unduly delicate, caused this notice to appear in the local newspaper when a tax on dogs was imposed: "Tax on each dog—male, one dollar; vice versa, three dollars."—Harper's Magazine.

Chicken Thief Wrote Verse.

After cleaning out a chicken coop in Birmingham, Ala., the chicken thief left the following note: "Lord, have mercy on my soul, how many chickens have I stole, last night and the night before, coming back tonight and get 25 more; remember coming back to night."

Had Been There Before.

Dasher had evidently had experience. Lasher—"We're going to have some amateur theatricals at my house next week and a big supper afterward. Can you be there?" Dasher—"Oh, I'll be there, old man, but—er—I may be late."

Despise the Little Fears.

Don't be afraid of shadows. They are really not dangerous of themselves, and have often been known to be quite friendly—especially in sweetheating times. You were not afraid of them then.

Blessing in Happiness.

Happiness, like mercy, is twice blessed; it blesses those who are most intimately associated with it, and it blesses all those who see it, hear it, feel it, touch it, or breathe the same atmosphere.—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

Dry Atmosphere.

"I like this quaint little mountain village of yours, waiter. I suppose I can get plenty of oxygen here." "No, sir; we've got local option."—Sacred Heart Review.

Wasted Lives.

He that spends his time in sports is like him whose garment is all made of fringes and his meat nothing but sauces; they are healthless, changeable and useless.—Jeremy Taylor.

The Right Occupation.

When men are rightly occupied their amusement grows out of their work, as the color petals out of the fruitful flower.—Ruskin.



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