

South Canaan

Jan. 1.-The oyster supper, held in the Grange hall New Year's eve., was a grand success, the receipts being \$39.

The bachelors' club, of Carbondale, spent New Year's eve at Hotel Bentham, enjoying themselves with vocal Hawley. and instrumental music, and "tripping the light fantastic toe." At a seasonable hour refreshments were served, to which all did ample justice, it being seven o'clock in the morning when they started for home, all seemingly filled with the best of spirits. Wishing their host a happy New Year, the ringing of their merry bells, together with their hearty laughter could be heard far away. It goes without saying that Mr. and Mrs. Bentham are right down, good entertainers.

Jerry Buckley, the popular blacksmith, was united in marriage to Miss Edith Butler, of Wyalusing, Christmas, and they are now nicely settled in what was known as the George Wildenberger residence in this place. Our best wishes go with them, for happiness and prosperity.

Mr. G. A.Spangenberg has placed the Bell telephone in his home, which makes it very convenient for those who wish to call on the 'Squire.

Some night prowlers visited the cellar of John Chamberlain last week, and made away with a lot of provisions. A search warrant has failed to locate the guilty parties at this writing. We hope his parents, at the Eddy. he may trace them later on.

Frank Barhight, of Carbondale, with two of his chums, spent last week with and was quite successful in enticing the finny tribe, as most of their time was spent in fishing.

Alvin Bronson, who we reported very sick last week, we are now pleased to say is convalescent.

Mrs. Martha Dull, of Pittston, was the New Year's day. Her younger sister, Miss Ruth Butler, of Simon, accompanied her home on the Erie evening train. Wm. McMann, of Wimmers, was a

New Year caller in town.

Maplewood.

DEC. 31.-Christmas was celebrated Braman. at the Methodist church on Christmas eve. A good program was rendered, the music, both vocal and instrumental, being especially good.

The Grace Evangelical church congregation had their tree entertainment on Christmas night. There was a full house and an excellent program; an especial feature being a Star Drill and chorus by seven young ladies. A missionary offer-ing was taken.

An epidemic of chicken-pox and fallen off considerably in consequence.

F. S. Keen is in Pittsburg, engaged on the "Councilmanic Grafters" case, which will probably detain him from home for several weeks.

Christ. Colwell and family, of Scranton, spent several days with relatives in this place last week.

The Maplewood dramatic club met at the home of Frank Black, Monday evening. Our genial townsman, John Bartlow, and his "Mauds" were in attendance, and a good time is reported.

Mrs. F. S. Keen spent several days with Pittston friends last week.

Dr. Ely called on some of our people Dreher. yesterday and left a trail of yellow pla- JAN. 4th .- A light rain on Sunday afcards in his wake. We hope this will ternoon has made traveling with sleigh prove effectual in preventing the spread- or sled rather uncertain, but we have ing of disease among the children of this had delightfully fine sleighing for this

Fanny, stricken in years, died yester- worn. service. She was well known and re- destroyed by fire one week ago, the preceding her death. Fanny was a by Charles Seig, has been rented to acon!" Peace be to her ashes.

Orson.

ing the holidays in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Jay Walling, of Deposit, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hine, of this place.

the fiftieth aniversary of their wed- village from great loss on this occasion, ly, at their home here, owing to the ill Anything in the line of improvement is health of the latter, and the recent death of a son-in-law.

Missionary Society will hold their next monition is not alone for the township's meeting on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6th, at the home of Mrs. H. Palmer.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Evans spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Soules's buildings destroyed by fire, entailing a father, S. H. Lee.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of L. A. Hine, December 24th, when his daughter, Florence, was mar- ed citizen of Greentown, Pike county, ried to Egbert H. Sanford. The wed- Pa., was born in Rhine, Prussia, on ding trip was omitted, and the couple Jan. 3, 1834, and came to America in ing January.

are passing the time at the home of the bride's father. They have the best wishes of their many friends for a long, happy life.

Mrs. Margaret Belknap is visiting her son in Port Jervis.

one of his valuable sorrel horses last Tuesday night.

Fred. Killam, of Philadelphia, is spending the holidays with his parents, on Mr. and Mrs. Seig and served to the Academy street.

Edgar Mackie, of the Eddy, will open a tobacco shop opposite Freethy's drug pleasant talks, the dinner, and then the store, on Main street, the first of the

Paul Bohan, of New York city, spent Christmas with his brothers, on Hudson birthdays. Angie Biesecker assisted

R. W. Murphy was in New York city, last Monday, on business. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lange and son,

Mrs. Lange's mother, Mrs. R. T. Ames, purposes. on Penn Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Palmer, of Stroudsburg, are visiting relatives on the East

Miss May Miller is spending a few days with her parents at Lakeville. Joseph Murphy, of Buffalo, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Tighe, of Middletown, N. Y., spent Christmas with

Fred. Snyder, of Brooklyn, spent the holidays with friends on Main street. Charles Shearer, of Carbondale, spent his grand-father, James Mandeville, Christmas with his mother on Bishop caring for them.

> James P. Reilly and wife, of Dunmore, were guests of M. R. Barrett, of Keystone street, on Christmas.

> A. T. Gaffney, of New York city, spent the holidays with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ammerman, and guest of his sister, Mrs. Jerry Buckley, daughter Mary, are guests at the home of Alfred Decker, on Main street.

Mrs. Kathryn Keleher, of River street, is visiting relatives in Middletown.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Hensel and daughter, Dorothy, of Carlisle, Pa., are here spending some time with relatives.

can ask for. Sleighing is good, and just seriously ill. cold enough to keep it so.

Schools and churches are closed for a time on account of whooping cough and scarlet fever.

Ladies' Aid meets Jan. 7th at the home of Mrs. George Bloom, Sr., and we hope to see a full attendance.

Coe Young, Sr., is unable to do any work, having an attack of heart trouble. whooping cough is sweeping over our weeks' sickness with scarlet fever and

> in the way of a falling tree while cutting of 59,000 and in Scotland 68,785 out of logs, and had one arm broken near the elbow, besides receiving some other

Mrs. White, from Kellam, spent New Year's day with her son, Ernest White,

John Mittswagner, from Conklin Hill, has rented and moved onto D. M. Stalker's farm on the hill. We are always glad to get a good family in the neighborhood.

season of the year and it has been well

day morning after a life of faithful Since the high school building was spected by all who knew her-unusually board of school directors have been busy count for you. We will show spry for one of her age, having made a summing up the resources at hand, to you how to increase your balance trip to Scranton and return just the day continue the school. The building, owned horse over thirty years old, owned by O. commodate the pupils and teachers, but P. Sharp. She was faithful unto death, some time will elapse before a part of it having literally "died with her shoes can be roofied in, windows put in and the walls plastered. Heating the building and the arrangement of temporary school furniture, an outfit of books and DEC. 31.-Miss Grace Hall is spend other paraphernalia will also require some thought and expense.

While all this is going on it would be well to give some thought in the line of protection against fire in the future. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lee celebrated Only a most favorable wind saved the ding, the 30th of December, very quiet- but such conditions do not always exist. usually of more or less expense, but some protection against fire, even if it is The auxiliary of the Womans' Home costly, should be provided. This ad-'dads," but for every taxpayer's consideration. In fifteen years, more or years. less, Dreher township has had five school loss of several thousand dollars, and it's

time that we stand up and take notice. John Marsch, an honored and respect-

1847. He has resided in Greentown for 60 years and in commemoration of his 75th birthday, a little company of relatives and friends, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Marseh and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Simons and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heberling, and Mrs. Geo. Robacker, all of Greentown, and Mrs. Angelica Seig, Miss Amelia Beehn, C. A. Beehn, Mrs. Franke, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hause, all of Dreher, were invited to the residence of Chas. A. Seig and family, of Dreher, on Jan. 3d, where Mr. Marsch was brought from his home in Greentown, to receive the kindly congratulations of the guests. Brother Marsch was taken by surprise when ushered into Mrs. Seig's parlor, where the little company was seated and could scarcely find words to express himself; but like all such occasions, some one else could help start the talk and then DEC. 21.-Liveryman H. P. Plum lost everyone could say something pleasant. We cannot write of all that was said, but it was a pleasant meeting and the good substantial dinner prepared by guests was worth traveling miles to enjoy. Congratulations first, then the good-by's were said and we separated, hoping that Brother Marsch may live long and enjoy many more such happy Mrs. Seig in the entertainment of the guests and J. R. Hause was the handy

W. J. Beehn and D. W. Hause are Russell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting getting the Seig house ready for school

> F. G. Haines, merchant of Greentown, is seriously ill with abscess of the brain. Earl Bird, a ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bird, cut his left hand with an axe while chopping wood a few days ago.

From Jan. 1, 1908, to Jan. 1, 1909, J. W. Hause gathered from a flock of 75 hens, 8,680 eggs or a trifle over 723 dozen. They are only ordinary chickens and have had ordinary care, but it shows what can be done with improved breeds and good care. This flock have paid for their feed and trouble of

Maplewood.

JAN. 4th.-Clarence Ferris, of State College, spent the holidays with his parents at this place.

Mrs. Marvin Tuthill, of Dunmore, spent New Year's day with her mother, Mrs. Amanda Moore.

The Rev. Mr. Rosenberger, of the United Evangelical Association, is conducting a series of Evangelistic meetings which began with the New Year's Eve Watch Night service. Everybody is urged to attend and help to make the meetings

The whooping-cough patients are all Jan. 4.-The winter weather is all we doing well, none of them having been

British Old Age Pensions.

Ireland has always contributed more than its due share to the humors as well as the worries of parliamentary proceedings, but it eclipsed itself the other night when Mr. Lloyd-George made a statement as to the claims so far made for old age pensions in different parts of the kingdom. While in England only 367,197 persons out of 8,000 over seventy years of age have Charles Cole had the misfortune to get claimed pensions, in Wales 23,968 out 134,000, it appears that in Ireland no fewer than 193,138 persons have put in claims, although there are only 184,000 persons known to be living over seventy years of age.-London Outlook.

Retires to Have Time For Golf. St. Louis, Jan. 5 .- Just to have plenty at time to play golf George H. Wright, president of a big dry goods company. has resigned at the age of sixty-five.

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one year, HUMAN LIFE for 1854. one year, and the FARM JOUR-NAL for five years.

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By GEORGE H. PICARD.

PPALLING as it is, the recent calamity which has plunged the Italian peninsula into the deepest sorrow and the remainder of the civilized world into sympathetic horror is nothing especially novel. More than once has it been demonstrated with awful distinctness that Calabria and Sicily are not terra firms. It is a region which has been shaken so frequently and so disastrously by seismic convulsion that it has long ago passed into history as "the home of the earthquake." In ancient times it was the battleground of southern Europe, and even at that early day it was a saying common enough that "the earthquake takes from Calabria that which war has left."

It is a bright and smiling region, a sunlit and fertile land, a country so kindly dealt with by nature that it seems to be man's ideal of everything that constitutes a fit abiding place. In



reality it has proved itself to be the most treacherous of earth's beauty spots, as little to be trusted as are the historic Scylla and Charybdis at the entrance to the strait of Messina. It has always been an active center of seismic disturbance of almost every variety. Even before the recent horror it might have claimed the record, for the great Calabrian earthquake which began in 1873 continued for four years.

Great Earthquake Region.

No native of Sicily or the Calabrian mainland ever reaches man's estate in ignorance of the earthquake. With some form of the dreaded upheaval he must become familiar long before he reaches the Scriptural age limit. These manifestations vary in intensity from tremors so slight as to be observed by the most delicate instruments to viomanifestations are so constant that it other than premonitory signals of trouble to follow.

It matters not at all to the surviving Calabrian peasant, whose entire interest in the business of living has been cut off suddenly by this abnormal trick of nature which has swept his every living link into oblivion, that science is at hand with its theories of the cause of his misfortunes. It will not revive his hopeless spirit to be told that the blow which has felled him is but another evidence that the foot of the Italian "boot" is sinking into the sea. It is a scientific fact that has been going on for centuries. Like the California earthquake of 1906, the recent Italian disaster was due not to volcanie disturbance, but to the subsidence of the earth's crust, and it is believed by experts that should this settling continue it will be followed by volcanic activity and that the granite hills of Scylla and the greater portion of the mountainous region of the mainland will be submerged.

As for Messina, it has alw. ye been a This offer is open to the young fore the Apostie Paul preached his novel evangel in the crowded streets of Syracuse it had known affliction of the deepest. In the fifth century before Christ it was captured by the Greeks, and its inhabitants were subjected to great indignities. In 396 B. C. Carthaginians and was rebuilt by Dionysius, the tyrant of Syracuse. In the Carthaginian hosts again sacked the town. After the fall of paganism it taken by the Saracens in 831 and practically destroyed. Two hundred years later it was pillaged by the Normans. In 1749 the plague carried off over 40,000 victims, and forty-three years later an earthquake practically buried the city and its remaining inhabitants. As late as 1848 it was nearly wiped off the map by a bombardment, but seems to have been restored sufficiently to

All Sicily Devastated.

The seventeenth and eighteenth centuries seem to have been the most pro-lific earthquake periods in modern times. In September, 1698, all Sicily

Quake Ridden Land

was devastated by a series of shocks which destroyed fifty-four cities and 300 villages. Catania, with 18,000 population, was blotted out of existence. and the total loss of life in Sicily was upward of 100,000. In 1783 Messina lost 30,000 by an earth convulsion which lasted only half a minute. Within a period of seventy-five years, from 1783 to 1857, the kingdom of Naples, accredited with a population of 6,000,000.

lost 110,000 by earthquake. In point of loss of life and property the most disastrous earthquake of the last two centuries occurred in Tokyo, then called Yeddo, in 1703. Exact information concerning that gigantic upheaval is not available, but from the most authentic Japanese accounts it appears that nearly 200,000 persons were destroyed. Twenty-eight years later Pekin had its fatal shakeup, with loss of over 100,000 persons and an immense destruction of property. Neither of these oriental catastrophes was accompanied by greater violence than attends similar events in other countries, and the greater mortality is due to the densely populated area within the zone of shock

Some other great earth convulsions of the eighteenth century were that of 1746 at Lima, in which 18,000 were ost; that of 1754 at Cairo, with its 40,000 victims, and the memorable upbeavals at Quito in 1797 and at Guatemale in 1773 In 1755 Lisbon experienced its never

to be forgotten blow. The great tidal wave which accompanied this earthquake was announced at the mouth of the river Tagus by the sea retiring and leaving the bar perfectly dry. Then a huge wave fully sixty feet in height rolled in from the ocean and overwhelmed the city, which the earthquake had already toppled over. Within a period of six minutes upward of 60,000 persons perished. This Lisbon earthquake was especially remarkable for the great area covered by its activity. Humboldt estimated this area as more than four times the size of Europe. In the track of the disturbance immense mountain ranges like the Alps and Pyrenees were shaken violently. The solid earth was jarred as far north as the shores of the Baltic, and the lowlands of the North sea region were visibly disturbed. Flowing springs in Germany, notably the hot springs at Toplitz, disappeared for several hours, only to return as boiling torrents. The wave of disturbance even crossed the Atlantic, causing phenomenally high tides in the West Indies and even on the South American coasts. It shook the North American continent as far west as the great lakes. In France a deep fissure opened in the earth, and in northwestern Africa many thousand persons were burled in fallen houses.

Seismograph Gave Warning.

It is now the theory that premonitory signs of the recent quake were lent destructive shocks. While the observed as long ago as November. more serious and death dealing blows Central and southern Europe were disspire a sense of security, the slighter graph, and various well defined roarings and even explosions were heard requires years of habit to make them in the vicinity of volcanic heights all over the continent. One marked effect of this impending seismic outbreak was noticed at the German mineral springs of Baden-Eister, where the temperature of the water rose 15 degrees. Until the recent lamentable affair in Italy the seismic record of 1908



MODERN STREET SCENE IN CATANIA, TO WHICH CITY MESSINA REFUGEES PLED made less of a show than usual. In March there was a disturbance in northern Mexico, near the Rio Grande river, which did not do much damage. On the following day Chilapa, over the Mexican border, was roughly shaken, and there were even a few casualties.

Earthquakes are so infrequent in Africa that some scientists have been inclined to regard the dark continent as immune. This year, however, that theory has been made untenable. Two heavy shocks were felt in the Kongo Free State, almost directly under the equator, covering an area of a hun-

dred square miles. But the most convincing realization of the insecurity with which we walk the earth has come to the American people through the seismic exhibitions which have occurred nearer home, the horror of April 18, 1906, in San Francisco, the devastating shock of 1902 which wrecked the island of Martinique in a twinkling and the similar visitations on the Carolina coast. Nor does it detract greatly from the inse curity of our position to be told by the scientists that it is only the necessary scientists that it is only the necessary settling of the earth's crust. "It's a iong time settling," we retort rather

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1909.

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