

# Correspondence

Items Gathered by  
**THE CITIZEN TAFF**  
About the County.

## Maplewood.

**FEB. 5th.**—Henry O. Silkman, the owner of the well-known lake and park which bears his name, died at his home in Maplewood, Feb. 1st. Mr. Silkman was 78 years of age, and is survived by his wife and two sisters. He had been a great sufferer for seven years, and death came as a welcome release to him. A short but impressive service was held at the home, Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D., of St. Luke's Episcopal church, of Scranton, officiating, after which his body was taken over the Erie Railroad and placed in the receiving vault in the Dunmore cemetery. Mr. Silkman had many friends in this community where he has resided for over thirty years. He was a kind neighbor, a friend to the poor, and loved and respected by those who knew him best. We shall miss him.

The Ladies' Aid, of the Grace Evangelical church, met at the home of Mrs. Milton Turner, Feb. 4th. Fifteen ladies were in attendance, and it is a question which flew the faster, their needles or their tongues. However, they completed a fine quilt, and did full justice to the good things which Mrs. Turner had prepared for the occasion.

The ice harvest is still in full swing, and report says five more days of favorable weather will see the last ice house filled.

News has just reached us of the death of Mrs. Sylvia Chapman, of Treaslarville. She was the eldest daughter of Elias Black, and had many friends in this place who mourn her loss. The funeral service will be held in the G. E. church, at this place, Rev. J. C. Rosenberger officiating.

Mrs. James Powell, who has been confined to her bed for some time, is slowly improving.

## Bethany.

**FEB. 8th.**—Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Cody were entertained at supper Monday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Manning, Jr.

Mrs. Gertrude Jones was a Scranton visitor last week.

Beatrice Kimble spent Thursday with her cousin, Ella Gammell.

Mrs. J. J. Houser and Mrs. Henry A. Bennett spent Friday with Mrs. Ruth Kimble, of Pleasant Valley, who has been having a severe attack of the grip, and is being cared for by Mrs. Effie Olver.

Florence Blake will leave Monday, for Carbondale, to enter the Emergency Hospital, to learn to be a trained nurse. She will be greatly missed by her wide circle of friends, and also in church and Sunday school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Faatz and the Misses Cody attended the funeral of Mrs. George Day, in Dyberry, Saturday afternoon last, Rev. J. B. Cody officiating.

Rev. J. B. Cody has invited the elders and trustees of the Presbyterian church to come to his home on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 11 o'clock for dinner, when pleasure will be combined with business.

Mrs. S. Craig, formerly Jessie Hoagland, and daughter, of Virginia, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoagland.

During last week an act of love and kindness was done by Miss Marjorie Hauser, in soliciting money to help Mrs. Ruth Dix and her family through the winter. She collected \$24.00—\$14 from friends here, and a check for \$10 from Marjorie's uncle, John H. Strongman, of New York.

Sunday evening Rev. W. B. Signor gave a very interesting sermon based on his recent visit to the Torrey meeting in Scranton.

Mrs. W. B. Signor was called to Binghamton on Friday last, by the death of her niece, who died of consumption, aged nineteen years.

William Pethick is able to be out again following his recent attack of gastritis.

One of our large store windows is very tastefully decorated for Lincoln's birthday.

Why a monument to David Wilmut should be erected in Towanda is a problem the older generation of this place are trying to solve. Bethany has always looked back with pride on David Wilmut, and a finer location than the University Square could not be found for such a monument.

## Indian Orchard.

**FEB. 8th.**—The wind storm on Saturday afternoon did considerable damage to forests and buildings in this vicinity.

There was a good attendance at the teachers' local institute for Berlin and Oregon townships at Beach Lake on the 6th inst. Supt. Koehler was unable to be present.

Charles Jay lost a valuable cow on Saturday last. Her leg was broken in some unknown way, and she had to be killed.

Edward Gillespie, who has been spending the winter at the West Shore House, is visiting friends here.

W. O. Spry, of the Old Red Rock

farm, has been elected director of the Big Eddy Telephone Co. He also holds the position of president of the board of directors.

The Bethel school will give an entertainment in the Grange Hall on Friday evening the 19th inst., the proceeds of which are to be used for the purpose of purchasing a clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

P. L. Braman was a recent visitor at Narrowsburg. He found the sleighing much better at that place than here.

H. H. Bunnell is again handling the reins over a new steed. Mr. B. is a lover of fine horses.

Mr. Sheard, of Fallesdale, was a recent caller at this place.

Mrs. J. S. Garrett, of Hawley, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Hall, of this place.

Mrs. Richard Ham was a visitor at White Mills on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Switzer spent Sunday with Hawley friends.

Mrs. Ray Bayly spent a week with Scranton friends recently.

## Uswick.

**FEB. 8.**—Mrs. Wm. Martin and children, of Ledgedale, were guests of the former's brother, Webster Bennett, and family, of Wilsonville, yesterday.

The Hildegard Rebekah Lodge, No. 359, was installed at Lakeville on Friday afternoon and evening by Rebekah team, of Hawley. The work was performed by them in a very creditable manner.

The Lakeville ladies, who are noted for their excellent culinary skill, served an appetizing supper at 6 p. m., and lunch at midnight. A pleasant social time was enjoyed. This new lodge starts with a large membership and gives promise of a very active order.

Walter Sheeley, of Port Jervis, passed the latter part of the week with his parents at Lakeville.

S. R. Crane, who has been ill with the 'grippe', is improving.

Mrs. Byron Tuttle was the guest of Lakeville friends on Sunday, Jan. 31st.

The Ladies' Aid have purchased a new range and new equipment of dishes for use in the P. O. S. of A. hall at Lakeville.

Mrs. Frank Bea, of Wilsonville, who has been confined to her bed with a stomach ailment, is much improved. Dr. Voigt was her physician.

Oliver Locklin has been appointed assessor by the Commissioners, to succeed his brother, Charles, who recently moved to Olyphant.

Richard Murphy and wife, of Hawley, attended the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Lamberton, of Scranton.

Mr. Davis, of Scranton, was a caller at Lakeville on Friday last.

Julia Welsh is passing some time with her sister in Newark.

Lula Cortright, of Honesdale, returned home on Monday.

Wm. Ammerman, of Hawley, visited his sister, Mrs. Peter Daniels, on Saturday.

[Other items in Friday's issue.—Ed.]

## Steene.

**FEB. 8th.**—Minnie, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Counterman met with a very severe accident one day last week. While the family were eating dinner, the mother sent the little one to the stove for the teapot, cautioning her to be careful, but in some way she tripped and fell, the contents of the teapot, which was boiling hot, scalding her right arm to the elbow. As her mother hurriedly undressed the little sufferer, the skin from the elbow to the hand stuck to the sleeve of her clothes and was slipped from the arm.

With the aid of one of the latest potato diggers and several youngsters to pick the tubers up, one day last fall Samuel Counterman and Thomas Cawley in one hour and fifteen minutes dug and put in the cellar 125 bushels of potatoes.

The Lake Lodore Co. with an average of a hundred men, are harvesting a fine crop of ice, it being twelve inches in thickness at the present time. The most trustworthy position is held by John Smith, whose office is in the tower, forty feet from the ground, and all open, facing the north and west. A few facts will convince the readers of the truth of this item of Mr. Smith's trusty position in the tower. He runs the elevator or carriage that carries the ice from the water's edge to the five rooms, there being six places where, by touching a button, a bell is rung in the tower for a stop, either at the foot of the plane or water's edge, and one for each of the five rooms, which shows the necessity of a trusty man in the tower with his hand on the lever. And all this service with the weather below zero awaiting for a signal to stop every second.

Michael Wahl has purchased a farm of 25 acres in Cherry Ridge, or Texas township, where he expects to move some time during the month of March.

We won't forget to mention that Ed-

ward Keen is the most handy man around the Ice Co.'s plant. He not only keeps the engine in first class running order, but has the supervision of all tools, to look after them and keep them in repair.

With the aid of Mr. Counterman, Mr. Cawley keeps all men and tools in motion on the pond.

Mrs. John E. Haley left Monday for a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Clarke, at Deposit, N. Y.

Miss Florence Dennie is confined to her home with the grip.

Tommy Burns can justly boast of his three-year-old trotter, as she will take the cake off any piece of horse flesh in this section.

Charles Dennie is getting his sugar bush in readiness for operation next month.

## Waymart.

**FEB. 8th.**—Mrs. Martha Jeffrey is visiting relatives in Jermy.

Mabel Schenk, who has been spending the past week with Carbondale friends, has returned home.

Mrs. D. E. Wilson, who has been in the Emergency Hospital at Carbondale the past week, has returned home greatly improved in health.

Irene Lyons is visiting Scranton relatives.

A load of our young people drove to the home of John Edwards, in Canaan, last Friday evening and spent a very enjoyable evening returning in the early morning hours.

Mrs. Robert Batten is visiting her son and daughter in Matamoras.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sampson are suffering from a severe attack of the grippe.

The knitting mill has resumed work after a short vacation.

The gentlemen of the congregation of the M. E. church will hold an oyster supper in the church parlors the evening of Feb. 18th. A large crowd is expected and all should keep this date in mind if they want a good time.

## Now for Trout.

W. E. Meehan, state fish commissioner, with Hon. A. R. Whittaker, of Phoenixville, a member of the board of fish commissioners, and the superintendents of the eight hatcheries in the State namely: William Buller, of Corry; A. G. Buller, of Union City; N. R. Buller, of Wayne; W. H. Spofford, of Conneaut Lake; P. H. Hartman, of Erie; J. R. Buckhaus, of Philadelphia; W. H. Haas, of Spruce Creek, and H. M. Buller, of the Bellefonte hatchery, were last week on a trip of inspection of the various hatcheries for the purpose of ascertaining just how many trout fry they would have for distribution this spring.

All the hatcheries were found in good condition and the hatch of trout fry has been a very good one. From very careful estimates the commission figures it will have for distribution a total of 3,200 cans, or 7,300,000 trout fry. These will be supplied by four hatcheries, as follows: Corry; 3,500,000; Bellefonte, 2,300,000; Wayne, 1,000,000 and Spruce Creek, 500,000.

The Bellefonte hatchery has now been in existence so long that the stock of breeders is becoming too large and it is the intention of Mr. Meehan to reduce it somewhat by weeding out the surplus of bucks as well as some of the older of the female trout. Just what disposition will be made of the same has not yet been definitely decided upon, but it might be well worth the while of the disciples of Izaak Walton in this section to interest themselves in having some of them liberated in Wayne county streams. Every fisherman knows what the result would be.

Mr. Meehan and the superintendents had a business meeting in Harrisburg on Thursday night, and after the business part was over Mr. Meehan entertained his guests at a supper. After the inner man had been satisfied the guests evened up matters by presenting Mr. Meehan with a handsome gold watch and chain.

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# EDUCATORS MEET.

## Religious Education Association Opens Convention.

### LEADING THINKERS TO SPEAK.

#### Men and Women Interested in the Higher Ideals Gather at Chicago—Has Indorsement of President Roosevelt.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—This city is the scene today of a notable gathering of men and women interested in the higher life of America in its relations to religion and education. They have assembled here to attend the sixth general convention of the Religious Education association, which will begin tonight a three days' meeting in Orchestra hall.

The sessions of the association will be opened by the address of the president of the association, Dr. Francis Greenwood Peabody, who is professor of Christian morals at Harvard university. He will speak on "The Social Conscience and the Religious Life." Following Dr. Peabody, President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California will speak on "Religious Education and Moral Efficiency" and Professor S. C. Mitchell, president elect of the University of South Carolina, on "Religious Education and Racial Adjustment."

The convention has brought together scores of the most prominent educators and thinkers of the country who have identified themselves with the association and who are its most enthusiastic supporters and hundreds of men and women who, though less prominent, are just as heartily in sympathy with the objects of the association.

An extraordinary list of well known men will be in attendance, and the speakers at the popular meetings, besides those mentioned above, will include President Eliot of Harvard university, Ambassador James Bryce, Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, Marion Talbot, dean of the Woman's college, University of Chicago; Professor Cyrus Northrop, president of the University of Minnesota, and others.

Organized in Chicago six years ago, the association has held largely attended conventions since then in Boston, Philadelphia, Rochester and Washington. At Washington President Roosevelt received the delegates at the White House and gave his heartiest indorsement to all the ideals of the movement. The purpose of the association is to inspire the educational forces of the country with the religious ideal, to inspire the religious forces of our country with the educational ideal and to keep before the public the ideal of religious education and the sense of its need and value.

The association now enrolls more than 2,000 members, including laymen, college presidents and professors, pastors, teachers and parents, interested in the problem of character training. It knows no sectarian lines and has no theological platform.

## PRESIDENT DENIES INCIDENT

### Of Course He Never Struck Any Lady's Horse, He Writes.

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## SHOW FOR DOG LOVERS.

### Thousands of Fine Animals on Exhibition in New York Tonight.

New York, Feb. 9.—Lovers of dogs will have an opportunity tonight and on three succeeding nights to inspect some of the choicest specimens of most of the known breeds at the annual show of the Westminster Kennel club, which begins tonight in Madison Square Garden.

There are thousands of entries in the show, which is expected to be one of the most successful in the thirty-four years of the club's history.

## ADMITS KILLING PASTOR.

### Negro Youth Says He First Robbed and Then Shot Dr. Hudson.

Houston, Miss., Feb. 9.—Roby Baskin, the eighteen-year-old youth under arrest here, has confessed to the murder of Dr. W. G. Hudson in Moore's grove, near this town.

He says he shot Dr. Hudson because he had robbed the minister and then decided to get him out of the way.

## Vanderbilt in Auto Smash.

Nice, Feb. 9.—A fourteen horse power racing automobile driven by W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., collided with another here, and both vehicles were demolished. Mr. Vanderbilt escaped injury.

## EDWARD AT BERLIN TODAY.

### Cheered by Great Crowds as Procession Passes Through Streets.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra arrived here today and were enthusiastically welcomed by thousands who surrounded the railway station and lined the thoroughfare along which the procession passed later. The entire city was sumptuously decorated and presented a holiday appearance.

Debarbing from the special train with their suits, King Edward and Queen Alexandra were met by Emperor William and the empress. The king and emperor embraced each other and exchanged greetings, while the queen and empress kissed each other repeatedly. Leaving the station, Emperor William led the king to an open carriage, into which their majesties were assisted and, followed by the empress and queen in another carriage immediately behind them, led the state procession through the city streets. There was continued cheering and applause as the royal carriages passed along the Unter den Linden, the king repeatedly bowing and evincing much pleasure at the warm welcome bestowed.

Arriving at the Imperial palace, King Edward and Queen Alexandra retired to prepare for the state dinner which will be given in their honor at the palace tonight.

The king tomorrow will visit the Berlin city hall in the forenoon and entertain the emperor at luncheon in the British consulate. There will be a ball at the palace in his honor in the evening.

The visit will last three days, and as it is King Edward's first appearance at Berlin for twenty-five years this is generally regarded as an event in itself.

The newspapers welcome the visit of the king and queen, the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung commenting as follows:

"The demonstration of friendly feeling and kinship to which the visit gives rise will be a further encouragement for all who are striving both in Germany and England against the estrangement of the two nations and for those who desire to lead the relations in a safe direction. Assiduous efforts will, however, still be necessary in order to attain the goal of enduring friendship."

## GERMANS TURNING TO TRADE

### Prussian Statistics Show Shifting of Agricultural Population.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—The results of a census of occupations taken in December of 1907 show a remarkably rapid shifting of the population of Prussia from agriculture to industry and trade.

The number of persons engaged in industry and trade was increased by 1,500,000 from 1895 to 1907, while the number engaged in agriculture was decreased by 500,000. This means that the nonfarming population rose from 50 to 66 per cent in twelve years.

## IRISHMEN MEET TODAY.

### Held Convention in Dublin to Discuss Land Bill and Other Matters.

Dublin, Feb. 9.—The national convention representing the United Irish league, the Ancient Irishmen, the Foresters and other bodies met today in the Mansion House.

The principal purpose of the convention is the discussion of the policy to be pursued during the coming session of parliament by the Irish members. The land bill and other measures of importance to Ireland will come before the convention.

## TO PRAY FOR PASTOR.

### Special Church Meeting Tonight After Surgical Operation.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 9.—A special meeting of the friends of the Rev. Dr. William H. Morgan will be held tonight in the Central M. E. church, of which he is pastor, to offer a prayer that he may recover from an operation for stomach trouble which he underwent today in Dr. George N. Waite's sanitarium.

## Sicily Feels Slight Earthquake Shock.

Syracuse, Sicily, Feb. 9.—An earthquake shock was felt at Noto, seventeen miles from this city. Fearing other shocks, the population is living out of doors.

## Market Reports.

WHEAT—Firm and 1c. higher; contract grade, February, \$1.22 1/2.  
CORN—Firm and 1/8c. higher; February, 68 1/2c.  
CATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, natural, 56 1/2c.  
BUTTER—Firm; receipts, 6,330 packages; creamery, specials, 22c. (official 22c.); extras, 21 1/2c.; thirds to firsts, 20 1/2c.; held, common to special, 18 1/2c.; process, common to special, 18 1/2c.; western factory, 18 1/2c.; western imitation creamery, 22 1/2c.  
CHEESE—Firm; receipts, 556 boxes; state, full cream, specials, 14 1/2c.; colord or white, fancy, 14 1/2c.; good to fine, 14c.; winter made, best, 13 1/2c.; common to prime, 11 1/2c.; skims, full to specials, 14 1/2c.  
EGGS—Firm; receipts, 3,778 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy, selected, white, 28c.; fair to choice, 26 1/2c.; brown and mixed, fancy, 26c.; fair to choice, 24 1/2c.; western, firsts, 23 1/2c.; seconds, 22 1/2c.  
POTATOES—Unsettled; domestic, in bulk, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; per bbl. or bag, \$22.50; European, per bag, \$1.75; Bermuda, new, per bbl., \$45.25; sweet, No. 1, per basket, \$1.15.  
DRESSED POULTRY—Firm; turkeys, young, selected, per lb., 22c.; young, poor