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Catholic Church Choirs.

The news which comes from Rome that the Congregation of Rites has so far modified the decree promulgated by the present Pope soon after his accession concerning the composition of Catholic church choirs as to sanction the engagement of women in such choirs will be received with much satisfaction by the local clergy in many parishes. It is no secret that the exclusion of women from their choirs caused them great embarrassment. As a matter of course, such as were not excused from the full operation of the order, complied with it because the strictness of its discipline is one of the strong points of the Roman organization, but they did so with great reluctance. Honesdale was not greatly affected by the decree, as the bishop of the diocese permitted mixed voices at vespers, with exclusively male singers at mass, in St. John's church, and in St. Mary Magdalen's no change was made in the composition of the choir for any of the services. When the decree was promulgated St. John's choir of mixed voices, always noted for its exceptionally fine music, was at a very high point of efficiency, many protestants attending at Easter and other special occasions attracted largely by the musical programme; and hence there was a general feeling of regret when it was announced that the organization must be disbanded. It was not long, however, before a notably fine male choir was selected and trained, and, comprising fifteen boys and nine adults, is now fully sustaining the reputation of the church for good music. It is probable that St. John's will not return to mixed voices for the mass services, for some time at least.

The pastors of many churches, however, were very loth to give up their old choirs, as they were not so fortunate in the matter of material to take their places as our local congregation. It was not only that in dismissing the women singers they would be sacrificing an attractive feature of the service, although as practical men they could not have failed to appreciate the importance of this consideration. What troubled them most was the difficulty which they knew would be encountered in replacing those whom they had been forbidden to retain. It may be possible to European countries to get plenty of boys with voices sufficiently good to be available, who can without too much trouble be induced or compelled to undergo the training necessary to enable them to sing even in a passable way the music of the mass. It is not easy in the United States; and while the clergy must be assumed to have done their best, the results generally speaking have been far from satisfactory. There are a few churches where the ideal which the Pope had in view when he proclaimed his "De motu propriis" encyclical has been approximately attained, but these are exceptional.

WE occasionally hear it stated that women are eligible to borough and township offices in Pennsylvania. This idea grows out of the fact that, by virtue of a special act, they may serve as school directors, but this is as far as their privileges in this direction go. Up in Tioga county this question was authoritatively settled a few days ago. "The question of the eligibility of Mrs. Elinor Wescott for the office of collector, created much discussion both in the township and at Wellsboro," says the Westfield Free Press. "The first lot of ballots printed and sent to the election board of Westfield township contained Mrs. Westcott's name and that of R. A. Buck, as Republican candidates for collector. The commissioners were undecided whether or not Mrs. Wescott could be elected as Tax Collector, and the matter was finally referred to Attorney General Todd, who decided that she was not eligible to the office and consequently though she received the majority of votes at the caucus, was not the Republican nominee and that her name should not go on the ticket."

REPRESENTATIVE E. E. Jones, of Susquehanna, has given utterance to the most sensible expressions regarding the good roads movement that have been heard. His plea for dirt roads and for abolishing the "working out road tax" and substituting the payment of money, thus conducting road constructing on a business basis, is right to the point in practicability. The Scranton Republican in commending Mr. Jones says: It would be just as wise to ask the citizens to "work out" their school tax by personally repairing the buildings, teaching a day now and then, or acting as janitor occasionally, as to ask them to contribute a few days' work under more or less incompetent supervision in road making. Lackawanna county will never have even tolerable roads until this archaic practice is abandoned.

SIXTY YEARS AGO.

Two Children Frozen to Death in a Stage Between Honesdale and Port Jervis.

The Goshen Independent Republican, under the head of "Happenings of Local Interest During the Last Week in January, 1849" among other facts recalls the severity of the weather, the mercury only rising twice above the freezing point during the month, and reaching as low as 17 degrees below zero, and the incident that "two children were frozen to death while traveling by stage from Port Jervis to Carbondale."

Few who are still living in Honesdale were old enough at that time to be able to recall now the shock experienced by the townspeople when the story spread about the village that the New York stage which reached the Mansion House (where the Petersen-Nielsen building now stands) at about daylight on the morning of December 27th, 1848, (not Jan. 1849, as the Goshen paper has it) contained as passengers a father and mother, bearing in their arms two of their children, who had been frozen to death on the trip from Port Jervis.

In 1844 William R. McLaury & Co., established a stage line between Honesdale and New York city, post coaches leaving this place every day for the city, and running three days of the week via Big Eddy to Port Jervis and onward, and the alternate three days by way of Cherry Ridge, Blooming Grove and Milford to the same point. Other stages coming from New York started at the same intervals and traveled over the same routes. It was in one of these conveyances, coming to Honesdale over the Pike county turnpike, that the fatality referred to happened.

The particulars as related at the time in a Honesdale paper are as follow: An Irish family consisting of a father, mother and several young children, left Port Jervis on the 26th of Dec., 1848, in the stage bound for Carbondale. The night was exceedingly cold, and though the children complained bitterly and the parents repeatedly endeavored to obtain admittance to taverns along the route to warm themselves, they were in every instance refused admission. One of the children expired early in the night, when not many miles from Port Jervis; another died just previous to reaching Cherry Ridge. They were aged respectively nine and thirteen years. The stage reached Honesdale about daylight on Wednesday morning, December 27, 1848, and soon after left for Carbondale, carrying with it the unhappy parents and the corpses of the little sufferers. The name of the family could not be learned. The local journal added: "If these facts are true; if these children came to an untimely end through the brutal carelessness of the drivers, or the more brutal inhospitality of the tavern keepers along the route, we trust that the matter will not be suffered to rest here. We earnestly hope that the authorities of Pike county will institute a thorough investigation into the affair. A fearful responsibility rests somewhere, and no effort should be spared to ascertain the guilty parties, and to mete out to them the severest penalty that the law attaches to such a brutal and criminal outrage upon humanity."

In a subsequent issue the editor modified his indignant censure to the extent of saying that "Every attention that humanity could suggest was paid to the suffering family at Cherry Ridge; and if blame attaches to any persons it certainly does not, nor did we intend to fix it, upon the hotel managers or stage agents at this end of the route."

Harrisburg Letter.

MARCH 6th.—On Thursday next the Superior Court will sit here and hear arguments for a new trial in the case of Messrs. Sanderson, Snyder, Mathues and Shumaker. All of the defendants are now out on bail. The appeal to the Superior Court was taken in October last, when Judge Kunkel of the Dauphin Common Pleas refused a new trial and passed sentence upon the four defendants. Since that time ex-State Treasurer Mathues has died. Should the Superior Court refuse a new trial the defendants may appeal to the Supreme Court. If the appeal be refused or a new trial denied them, the defendants will then have to undergo the sentence imposed. Another case in connection with the finishing and furnishing of the new Capitol will be tried, and the four defendants above named will have Jos. M. Huston, the architect, added to their number. The date is April 5th.

Once more there is a popular and widespread demand that the date for the inauguration of the President shall be moved further along in the calendar, when better weather might be expected. The 4th of March this year was one of the worst Washington ever experienced, but a fine day at this season is the exception rather than the rule, and there are many more thousands that would like to go to Washington on Inauguration Day if it came along about May 1st. If Congressman Pratt will arrange an amendment to the Constitution changing the date of inauguration to May 1st, and get a good weather man to insure a May day, he will make himself solid, and certain of at least one more term.

What one newspaper called "The Seven Years' War" came to an end on a stormy day, and from now on the Teddy Bear will lay down the Big Stick. Of Roosevelt it may well be said, as an admirer of Cleveland's said of him, "We love him for the enemies he made." Had Roosevelt given his consent to try for another term last summer, he undoubtedly would have been elected, for there has been no President of recent years so popular with the common man. His methods may have been wrong, but his heart was right. His many-sidedness is shown in his skillful and diplomatic management of the Russian-Japanese trouble, culminating in the treaty at Portsmouth, his handling of the Panama canal, the Philippine question, the warfare on trusts, the plea for the conservation of our vast natural resources, his position on the question of child-labor, and his unwavering efforts for civic righteousness, a square deal and fair play. It will be years before the cooling of prejudices and passions will find him properly located as he deserves. So strenuous a man made many enemies, who while they condemned his actions, never questioned his motives.

The change from Roosevelt to Taft is one of persons, not of principles, perhaps not of policies, for Taft has indicated his purpose to carry forward certain reforms that his predecessor had begun. The same end will be sought but by different means. The expression "My policies" and facetious reference to the Big Stick will be absent, and judicial thought and action will be accorded worthy objects. The experience gained by President Taft at the Bar, on the Bench, in the Philippines, at the Isthmus, in the Cabinet and in various minor duties have broadened and educated him so thoroughly that no man in the country to-day is as well fitted to administer the exacting duties of the Presidential office as the big man now occupying it. His attitude toward the South and his expressions of good-will have raised high hopes in that section, and he already occupies an exalted position in the hearts south of Mason and Dixon's line.

But six weeks remain of the Legislative session, and something over 1,000 bills remain to be acted upon. So far the Governor has signed five bills. The great mass of stuff will make necessary many sessions and hard work, and even at that, most of the bills will fall by the wayside,—a deserved fate. Appropriations, local option, pensions, good roads, and Capitol Park extension will be likely to receive the most attention for a time, and less important measures will take their chances.

The Fair local option bill comes up for second reading on Tuesday. It may get past that, but is doomed to defeat later on and its friends know it. Some way of avoiding a direct vote will be found so that the members may not have to go on record, but the supporters of the measure feel sanguine of better results next session.

There will be no pension law enacted at this session on account of the lack of revenue, and by the same token there ought to be no automobile road. Good roads legislation is needed, but the State has not $5,000,000 for an automobile road from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, if there is no special money for pensions, charities or schools. State roads connecting the county seats and the principal towns ought to be built and some system should be observed, but a $5,000,000 road, such as is contemplated, would benefit but comparatively few.

The bill for the extension of Capitol Park has passed the Senate, and now goes to the House. Generally speaking the press throughout the State seems to be in favor of the bill, but again the question of revenue bobs up. Everybody admits that the property in question can be purchased now more reasonably than it ever can again, and the Park needs to be enlarged so as to provide an adequate setting and surroundings for the handsome building, but the success of the bill is by no means assured.

Senator Knox has forwarded to Gov. Stuart his resignation as U. S. Senator, and a successor will be chosen next. By common consent that honor will fall to Geo. T. Oliver, of Allegheny county. Oliver will serve out the two years and in 1911 his successor will be named. As Allegheny county wants to name the next Governor, the successor to Oliver will not be Oliver.

Like a wise man, President Taft chose three natives of the old Keystone state in selecting material for his Cabinet. He has surrounded himself with an able corps of advisers and the Nation's affairs are in the hands of safe and competent men.

N. E. HAUSE.

PRIZE ESSAYS.

The approaching completion of the Public School buildings will soon necessitate the grading and arrangement of the school property grounds. No one is more interested in having this work properly done than the pupils who are to use them, and no landscape gardener should attempt the task without consulting them. In order to stimulate suggestion on this point THE CITIZEN offers the scholars of the High School two prizes of $1.00 each for the best two essays on "The Best Way to Arrange the New School House Grounds," the competition to close April 1st. The articles, which must not exceed four hundred words in length, are not to be signed, but the name of the writer must be written on a separate slip, and enclosed in an envelope with the essay. The contributions will be numbered and submitted to competent judges who will decide on their respective merits. The winning essays with the names of the authors will appear in the first number of THE CITIZEN following the award.

THE CITIZEN Has made arrangements for

A FIVE MILE

FOOT RACE

AFTER THE

MARATHON PLAN

WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON

Decoration Day MAY 30

5 Handsome Gold and Silver Medals will be Awarded the Winners!

ENTRANCE FREE

To all competitors living in the county, exclusive of professionals; entries to be made at any time prior to April 15th.

ALL CONTESTANTS will be required to submit to a physical examination by competent physicians, to insure proper endurance condition for race.

FURTHER DETAILS, including instructions for proper training, will appear in succeeding issues of THE CITIZEN.

FINANCES OF WAYNE CO.

CR

By salary for 1908	$ 700 00	
deliv'g ballots, view brdgs, roads	86 52	
balance salary 1907	450 00	
" expense account	35 02	
		$ 1221 54

Dr

J K Hornbeck,		
To county orders received	$ 1208 32	
balance due Jan 4, 1909	98 95	
		$ 1307 27

CR

By salary for 1908	$ 700 00	
balance salary 1907	450 00	
expense account 1908	98 95	
balance expense acct 1907	58 32	
		$ 1307 27

Dr

John E Mandeville,		
To county orders received	$ 956 40	
balance due Jan 4, 1909	21 84	
		$ 978 24

CR

By salary for 1908	$ 700 00	
balance salary 1907	150 00	
expense account 1908	71 84	
balance expense account 1907	56 40	
		$ 978 24

SHERIFF'S ACCOUNT

DR

To county orders received	$ 1437 13	
verdict fees received	12 00	
balance due Jan 4, 1909	139 26	
		$ 1588 39

CR

By balance due Jan 6, 1908	$ 137 13	
washing for prisoners	42 25	
" " board	499 00	
dockets, commitments, discharges	108 00	
taking Chas Dodge to Danville	41 36	
" Mrs J Morgan, "	45 36	
" J McKenzie, Huntingdon	90 57	
" C F Lautenschlager, pen'ty	84 99	
" Barney Gable to peniten'ry	84 99	
" Dominick F Earle, "	84 99	
drawing jurors and notices	108 40	
barber for prisoners	3 05	
att'g criminal court sheriff 19 dys	57 00	
" " " deputy 17 "	51 00	
2 quashed indictments	2 50	
1 habeas corpus (Seeger)	1 00	
filling jury wheel	3 80	
court proclamation, 4 terms	10 00	
reports on public charities for April, July, October, December	40 00	
soap, mops, brooms, pails, etc	20 00	
making sheets, pillow cases, etc	5 00	
care of jail, 1908	35 00	
washing and mending clothes, blankets and beds	35 00	
		$ 1588 39

CLAIMS IN FAVOR OF COUNTY

Due from Florence Glossinger error in order no 516	$ 50	
from R W Mills error order no 560	1 00	
Thos F Dunn " " " 561	3 00	
S W Monahan " " " 583	1 00	
Jos C Denk " " " 588	10 65	
J W Cowperwaite " " 590	1 00	
N H Lippert error in sheep claim	50	
Geo L Bates " in collec's acct	34 06	
from Preston poor district	1837 75	
Hawley "	775 25	
Cherry Ridge "	495 20	
Mt Pleasant "	779 03	
Berlin "	1291 00	
Palmyra "	527 49	
Honesdale-Texas "	783 34	
Salem "	23 00	
Dyberry "	209 84	
Honesdale-Texas expense taking Bauman to asylum	41 36	
Wm Zenzen, commonwlth costs	12 00	
N B Spencer ovrpd cmw costs '07	1 40	
" " error in mlge Faux case	1 00	
M F Williams ovpd witness fees '06	18	
T Wilson cement bags returned	60 00	
Collectors on duplicate 1902	37 38	
" " 1904	14 75	
" " 1906	1 02	
" " 1907	254 85	
" " 1908	13946 22	
dog fund assessing dogs 1908	137 25	
state treas bounty claims	1896 87	
" " ⅔ fire wardens exp	3067 23	
county funds in hands of treas	2895 80	
		$28581 26

CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY

T J Varcoe, contract Salem bridge	$ 96 00	
J A Harkness " Winterdale "	164 00	
Male & Sandercock Indian Orchard bg	90 00	
J K Hornbeck com balance acct 1908	98 95	
T C Madden " " " "	36 52	
J E Mandeville " " " "	21 84	
Wm Walters, witness fees	3 30	
Ira Mitchell, " "	1 00	
Geo Fielding, " "	2 46	
Wm Barklow, " "	2 46	
Stanley Bagmiet, " "	4 92	
E L Frisbie, " "	3 00	
Catherine Keigler, " "	3 00	
Marie Keigler, " "	3 00	
Henry Keigler, Jr, " "	3 00	
Chris Keigler, " "	3 00	
Walter Merwin, coroner's jury	2 50	
Michael Brown, " "	2 50	
James Nagle, " "	2 50	
Daniel Gray, " "	2 50	
Thomas Brown, " "	2 50	
J Mulen, common wealth costs	1 00	
N G Ridgeway, " "	1 50	
M J Hanlan, bal acct 1908	85 37	
S B Woodmansee, error in col's act	21 18	
W F Branning, " " "	2 00	
Wm Watts, note and interest	1038 00	
Mrs Elijah Gray, " "	457 50	
Mrs Chas Gressman " "	1914 25	
Thomas Gill, " "	1034 50	
Patrick McCarthy, " "	1289 00	
Myra Hill,	1299 33	
E E Ferguson,	10811 91	
H H Ferguson,	5106 66	
W L Ferguson,	5108 33	
Balance due sheriff for 1908	139 26	
Estimated amount due collectors	3000 00	
		$31294 84

FINANCIAL STANDING OF COUNTY.

Total claims against county		$31294 84
" in favor county	$28583 26	
Balance against county	2651 08	$31294 84

We, the undersigned Auditors, in and for the county of Wayne, do certify that we met at the Court House at Honesdale, Wayne Co., Pa., on Jan. 4, 1909. Have examined and audited the foregoing accounts of the county commissioners, sheriff, county treasurer, coroner and district attorney of Wayne Co., and find them correct as above presented.

Witness our hands at Honesdale the 6th day of February, A. D., 1909.

A. W. LABRAME,
W. R. LESSER,
M. J. MCANDREW, } Auditors.

HENRY Z. RUSSELL, PRESIDENT.
AN DREW THOMPSON VICE PRESIDENT.
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SATURDAY

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ELBERT C. BEST.

Honesdale, March 1, 1909.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that all persons are forbidden to harbor or trust my wife, Mrs. Maggie Noble, on my account, as I shall pay no debts contracted by her after this date, unless compelled by law.

H. M. NOBLE.

Damascus, Pa., March 1, 1909. 18w3