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MUCH space has been devoted in local journals during the past week to the proceedings of the Wyoming Methodist Episcopal Conference, which has just closed its labors at Pittston.

JUDGE CHARLES W. STAPLES, of the Pike-Monroe district, in a recent decision based on the claim of a Justice of the Peace for mileage, when acting as coroner, took occasion, in denying the obligation of the county, to call attention of all Justices of the Peace of Pike county (in which the case was brought) to the fact that hereafter no report of any Justice of the Peace, in said county, of viewing the body of a decedent, will be approved unless there appears in the report itself, as follows: - the circumstances under which the deceased died, or how he was found dead; that there were suspicious circumstances connected with the death, which warranted the viewing of the body; (No report of viewing a body will be approved by the Court unless there were some suspicious circumstances which called for the view.)

A TOUGH APRIL PROMISE.

The original "Coles the Weather Man" of "Storms and Signs" celebrity, died long ago, but his prophetic soul goes marching on; his daughter happening to be standing beneath when his mantle fell. To-morrow is the first of April, and she promises us the following business and climatic ups-and-downs during the coming month. "All Fools Day" being set down as a low ebb day, which is understood to be one of the unlucky sort, it will perhaps be well for people to look before they kick when they come across a tempting looking hat on the sidewalk; and pause before they grab at it at plump pocket books lying around promiscuous like. The month, on the whole, promises to be a pretty tough one, according to her say-so, but we are thankful that she gives us five good fishing days, when we may get away from the parking cares of business, if we can. If she had only told us which were the best brooks to fish in, we should have felt additionally grateful. Here is how she poetically introduces the 4th month: "Now the balmy breath of nature resurrects the sleeping leaves, and the busy feathered masons chirp and twitter beneath the trees. Easter is coming above and beneath and around; the sleep of the Winter is broken, and breaks forth in jubilant sound. April starts in on a "low ebb" day. In all there will be thirteen "low ebb" days, namely: the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 10th, 11th, 18th, 19th, 28th, 29th, and 30th. Speculation markets will be active and changeable. The month is not a fortunate one for starting new enterprises; there will be a great deal of wrangling and discord wherever there is the least chance for it, much discontent among the laboring classes. Half of April will feel more or less the disturbing influence of Earth's equinox. Until the winter conditions are well broken up and dispersed there is constant conflict between the electrical energies and the cold atmospheric currents. Hence, be prepared for April showers, intermingled with hot and dry days, thunder and hail, turning to cold, and with frost and snow squalls. See Storms and Signs calendar. The greatest storm period will occur on or about the 4th, 15th, and 19th. The best days for fishing will be the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 24th."

Crisis Safely Passed.

France is to be congratulated on its narrow escape from revolution and bloodshed. The strike of its government postal and telegraph employees was a most serious matter, and it shows that governments are no more exempt than private firms from labor troubles. To be sure strikes are less frequent in government establishments, but when they do occur they are likely to be more formidable because of the greatness of the interests affected. The recent strike in Paris and other large centers must have caused immense losses to business, for the non-delivery of millions of letters and hundreds of thousands of telegrams paralyzed communications between one point and another. The government seems to have shown a wise and firm moderation, and its hands were assuredly strengthened by the vote of confidence given it by Parliament. That the government has safely passed through so great a crisis is evidence of the growing stability of the French people. The Republic has now lasted for 39 years, a much longer period than any previous government in a hundred years. The well-nigh kaleidoscopic frequency with which revolutions and changes of government used to take place before the inauguration of the present republic made France somewhat of a laughing stock. Happily for that nation and the world those experiences are ended.

Municipal House Cleaning.

At this season, when most houses are undergoing their annual spring cleaning and renovating, why not extend the work to include the city or town? Attractive as many places are we have never yet seen one that does not admit of more embellishment. Waste places cleaned up, alleys and vacant lots relieved of old cans, broken bottles and other rubbish, trees trimmed and others planted where necessary, parks and other public places put in good order and better provided with seats and other conveniences—these are some of the ways in which the "city beautiful" may be realized. The money cost of such improvements is usually small, the principal outlay being in time and labor. In very many places some enthusiastic and wise co-operation of the municipal authorities and citizens generally is sufficient to produce a transformation. It has already done so in many communities. A slipshod, down-at-heel appearance in a community is no more excusable than the same condition in a home.

Nature's Testimony.

In these days when afforestation is deservedly receiving so much attention it is well to note the effect of forests upon the rainfall. The felling of the timber in Malta and the Cape Verde Islands reduced the rainfall, while it was increased in the island of St. Helena as the result of increasing the forests. The planting of 20,000,000 trees of various kinds in Lower Egypt has changed a well nigh desert into a fruitful region with an abundant rainfall. The same result will doubtless be seen in the semi-arid sections of this country as trees are planted. Evidently nature is extremely sensitive and is easily affected one way or the other according as conditions are favorable or unfavorable.

The Honesdale District.

Following are the appointments for the Honesdale District, made at the recent session of the Wyoming M. E. Conference. Nearly all are re-appointments: M. D. Fuller, Superintendent, P. O. address, 14 Washington street, Carbon-dale, Pa. Ariel—F. A. VanSeiver. Beach Lake—J. A. Tuthill. Bethany—W. B. Signor. Carbondale—T. F. Hall. Carley Brook—J. B. Sweizig. Cherry Ridge—To be supplied. Clifford—W. J. Seymour. Dunmore—F. D. Hartsock. Damascus—J. M. Coleman. Forest City—J. S. Custard. Gouldsboro—J. G. Raymond. Hale Eddy, N. Y.—M. D. Greenleaf. Hamblinton—J. H. Boyce. Hawley—B. P. Ripley. Honesdale—W. H. Hiller. Jackson—J. A. Transue. Jermy—J. S. Crompton. Lackawaxen—T. E. Webster. Lake Como—W. B. Emmet. Lakeville—W. E. Blandy. Moscow—G. S. Stone. Narrowsburg, N. Y.—Walter Walker. Orson—O. G. Russell. Peckville—C. H. Sackett. Pleasant Mount—L. T. VanCampen. South Canaan—H. L. Renville. Sterling—Edward McMillan. Thompson—L. E. Sanford. Thornhurst—Percy S. Lehman. Uniondale—C. E. Waidron. Wallsville—W. E. Blain. Waymart—W. E. Davis.

CRIMINAL INSANE.

Early Completion of Far-view Hospital a Necessity HALF MILLION APPROPRIATION.

Why it Should be Passed—Separate Asylum for Criminal Insane Great Benefit to All Concerned.

We are pleased to note the fact that influential journals throughout the State are opening their columns to arguments in favor of the early completion of the State Hospital for the Insane at Far-view and urging the Legislature to pass the pending bill asking for funds to vigorously prosecute the work. The Philadelphia Inquirer recalls the fact that the Legislature of 1905 provided for "the selection of a site and the erection of a State Hospital for the treatment and care of the criminal insane." Commissioners purchased a site at Farview, Wayne county, adopted plans and prepared to construct the building. They were long ago halted for lack of funds. A bill before the present Legislature calls for \$500,000 for the prosecution of the work. That bill should be passed. It is high time that more attention should be given the necessary State institutions and less to privately conducted charities that were paid \$6,500,000 of the people's money by the Legislature of two years ago.

There is plenty of evidence that this institution is needed. Such hospitals had the indorsement of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections held in June, 1907, and the Pennsylvania delegation to that conference strongly recommended the establishment of a hospital in this State. The State of New York maintains two such hospitals, one at Matteawan and the other at Dannemora. These institutions at present contain about 1,400 inmates. The States of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Massachusetts have each large and carefully conducted asylums for the criminal insane. Ohio has under contract buildings for a like purpose.

In gathering statistics from the court records of the different counties of a State bearing on the criminal insane a person might be led to believe that they are comparatively few in number. This, however, is not the method to adopt to ascertain the actual number incarcerated. Most of the patients placed in hospitals for criminal insane become insane while serving a sentence for some criminal offense. The law in all the States having asylums for criminal insane is: "If any person in confinement, under indictment for the crime of arson, murder, attempt at murder, rape, attempt at rape or highway robbery shall appear to be insane, the Judge of the circuit court in which such indictment is pending shall have power summarily to inquire into the sanity of such person, and if ascertained to be insane they shall be transferred to a hospital for criminal insane."

Every superintendent of a State asylum is an earnest and enthusiastic advocate of a separate asylum for the criminal insane, as the presence of such inmates is a perpetual dread in an ordinary asylum. The recent escape of the three convict maniacs from the Norristown asylum, after murdering their keeper, is a strong argument in favor of separate asylums for criminal insane.

By the common consent of neurologists there is no class of insane so amenable to treatment or who profit so much by proper custodial care and treatment as the criminal insane. The benefit done by the separate care and treatment of criminal insane is twofold. The patient himself receives a treatment peculiarly beneficial for him, and the inmates of other institutions are freed from their menacing presence.

Pennsylvania has always occupied the first place in the science of medicine and the proper care and treatment of the mentally afflicted, and if it wishes to continue holding that proud eminence it should make the Farview Asylum the greatest in this country. At present there are over five hundred criminal insane in the State of Pennsylvania.

Through the Suffolk real estate agency of New York, the J. W. Flynn farm, with hotel and cottages in Manchester township, has been sold to Frank and Martin DeBreun, of that city. The property comprises about 250 acres of practically all improved land, including the fine Union Lake, formerly known as Lord's pond, two commodious hotels and two cottages, all built with reference to the accommodation of city boarders. The purchasers intend in addition to the hotel business to manage a stock farm, and will pay particular attention to choice breeds. Martin DeBreun is connected with the Hamburg-American line of steamers, but expects to spend much of his time in Manchester. One or the other of the brothers will be on the place all the time. The Flynn property was bought of Levi Teepie, by Dowe & Flynn, in October, 1903, but the partnership was soon dissolved, Mr. Flynn buying Mr. Dowe's interest at a partition sale. A year ago, real estate agent Suffolk also disposed of the Braman property to a city purchaser on favorable terms.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ackerman, widow of John Ackerman, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Marsh, of Bunnelltown, on Saturday afternoon, March 27, 1909, after a fourteen weeks' illness, aged 68 years. Mrs. Ackerman was born in New York city, and came to Honesdale when a young girl, residing in this place for about sixty years. She is survived by two sons, Henry, of Port Jervis, and Joseph, and two daughters, Mrs. L. D. Bunnell, and Mrs. Charles Marsh; also one sister, Mrs. Joseph Stahl, all of Honesdale. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at St. Mary Magdalen's church, and interment was made in the German Catholic cemetery.

Thomas Kelley, an aged and much respected citizen of Lackawaxen, Pa., died on Wednesday, March 24th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward Kinney, at Long Eddy, N. Y., where he had been visiting for the past few days. He was 80 years of age, and had lived in Lackawaxen for 55 years. He is survived by his wife and five children: Mary, wife of Edward Kinney, of Long Eddy; Katie, wife of T. E. Fallon, of Huntington, Indiana; Della, wife of James Nolan, of Middletown; John, of Lackawaxen, and Dr. Thomas, Jr., of Baltimore, Maryland. The remains were taken to Lackawaxen and the funeral services were held on Friday last, with interment in St. Mary's cemetery of that village.

STATEMENT OF HONESDALE BOROUGH ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1909.

Table with columns for 'DR.' and 'CR.' listing various financial transactions and amounts for the Honesdale Borough.

INDEBTEDNESS. DEMAND NOTES:

Table listing individuals and their respective debt amounts, including Nathan Honck Est., John L. Miller, and others.

STATEMENT OF BOROUGH TAX, 1907. Balance due from Collector March 1, 1908.

Table showing tax statements and payments for the year 1907, including amounts paid and balance due.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct and true account of the receipts and expenditures for the Borough of Honesdale, for the year ending March 1, 1909. Also of the liabilities.

HONESDALE NATIONAL BANK advertisement. Text includes: 'This Bank was Organized in December, 1836, and Nationalized in December, 1864.' 'Since its organization it has paid in Dividends to its Stockholders, \$1,905,800.00' 'What Class? are YOU in?' 'One Dollar will Start an Account.'

Standard Optical Co. advertisement. Text includes: 'Sale of \$1. EYEGLASSES.' 'We regret that owing to our large and increasing business in our home office, in The People's Bank Building, Scranton, that our eye specialist will be unable to make weekly visits to Honesdale.'

Menner & Co's Store, KEYSTONE BLOCK advertisement. Text includes: 'Latest & Most Novel SHIRT WAISTS For SPRING, 1909, AT MENNER'S STORE.' 'The SPRING SUITS are the Best Model Approved by fashion critics.'

THOS. CHARLES WORTH PHOTOGRAPHER advertisement. Text includes: 'NEW PHOTO STUDIO OPENS MONDAY, MARCH 29, Schuerholz Building, 949 MAIN ST. Opposite City Hall.' 'Special attention given to Children. Opening week Children's Pictures half price.'

FARM FOR SALE advertisement. Text includes: 'One of the best equipped farms in Wayne county—situated about three miles from Honesdale. Over \$5,000.00 expended with-in the last five years in buildings, tools and improvements. 165 Acres of which 75 acres are good hardwood timber. Will be sold reasonably. A Bargain.—For further particulars enquire of W. W. WOOD, "Citizen" office.

STICKLEY-BRANDT & CO FURNITURE advertisement. Text includes: 'Only \$3.92 for this fine, brass-trimmed Iron Bed in any size. Lacquered brass rods, ornaments and vases. Beautifully enameled in every detail. "Reverse falls to fit any kind of spring. A bed of similar style and quality retails in stores for \$5.50. Carefully packed, shipped for \$3.92. Do you wish to save fully a third in buying your furniture?' 'Send today for our Factory-Price Catalogue. Sent free on request. "Stickley-Brandt" furniture is the kind that serves you longest and best.'

AUDITOR'S NOTICE advertisement. Text includes: 'ESTATE OF JULIA BRUTSCH, Late of Paupack township, deceased. The undersigned, an auditor appointed to report distribution of said estate, will attend to the duties of his appointment, on FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1909, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at his office in the borough of Honesdale, at which time and place all claims against said estate must be presented or recourse to the fund for distribution will be lost. R. M. SALMON, Auditor. Honesdale, March 29, 1909.'