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The Herald of Tuesday has the following item: "The Citizen Trio—Hardenburgh for Governor, Wood for County Treasurer, and Ross for any old office." The party who wrote this is still at large, and the best description we have of him is that he walks with a swagger that would lead one to suppose that he is the man who pries up the sun every morning and starts it on its journey.

COAL IN WYOMING DISTRICT.

Scranton vies with Wilkes-Barre in being the heart of the coal land in the great Wyoming districts, says the Financial Review.

The Wyoming district is comprised of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties. Old Luzerne is the first coal producing county in the entire anthracite belt by a slight margin, and Lackawanna is next.

Nothing indicates better the vast wealth in the soil than the figures compiled by the Government showing the amount of coal mined hereabouts. In 1907, the last statistics compiled, Lackawanna county produced a total of 19,998,727 tons. The local consumption was 382,730 tons, and that used at the mines 1,570,532 tons. The balance was shipped out of the city to points all over the country.

The total shipments of the entire region amounted to 64,664,000 tons in 1908, so it can be readily seen that this locality furnishes a big percentage of the country's fuel. The monetary value of this coal is stupendous, reckoning an average of \$2 a ton.

The production of coal for this year up to April 1st by the several big companies operating in the city and immediate vicinity is as follows: Lackawanna, 2,330,993 tons; Delaware and Hudson, 1,971,000; Erie, 2,030,000 tons. These amounts are slightly less than for the previous year in the same period of time, and would have been considerably less had it not been that the companies all had a reserve stock in preparation for a possible suspension incident to the expiration of the agreement with the mine workers. The falling off is due to the unusually mild winter and early spring.

Popular interest attaches itself to the Lackawanna, which has to some extent always been viewed in the light of a local institution.

Statistics in the office of R. A. Phillips, superintendent of the Lackawanna's coal department, show just how great the progress in mining has been. In 1852, for illustration, the Lackawanna's production was, in round numbers, only 59,000 tons; in 1862 it was 448,000 tons. The million mark was reached in 1870, when the production of this company was 1,391,000 tons. In 1882 it was 2,500,000; in 1892 it reached 3,500,000; in 1899 it was 4,500,000 tons.

In 1909 there was a revolution in production due to the installation of the washery.

DEATH OF MATILDA VAN METER

Matilda Crane Van Meter, wife of Henry C. Van Meter, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Kiefer, in Carbondale, on Saturday morning last, May 8th, 1909. Deceased was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., sixty-three years ago. Her maiden name was Matilda Crane Tompkins, the late Hon. Frederick M. Crane, of Honesdale, being an uncle. Besides spending her girlhood in Poughkeepsie, she was for some years a resident of Beverly, N. J., and eight years ago took up her home in Carbondale. Her sister, then Miss Jennie S. Tompkins came to Honesdale when a girl to reside with her uncle, and was educated at the Honesdale Academy. She subsequently married West Nugent Purdon, for years a Honesdale pharmacist, who died some time ago. Mrs. Van Meter is survived by two sisters, Mrs. D. D. Whitney, of Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., and Mrs. W. M. Purdon, of Dalton, Pa., mentioned above and one daughter Mrs. Joseph M. Kiefer, of Carbondale. The remains will be taken to Beverly, N. J., Monday morning for interment in the family plot in the cemetery at that place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The young people of the Baptist church will hold a strawberry social, Thursday evening, May 13th, in the Lecture Room. —Rev. A. L. Whittaker will hold special services in the Indian Orchard school house Thursday and Friday evenings, May 13th and 14th at 8 o'clock. All are invited.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

—Following is the list of advertised letters remaining at the Honesdale postoffice: E. A. Fichel, S. T. Good & Son, Edward Hecht, H. Klirran, J. Medland, Miss Sarah Madigan, M. Helen Nathus, Miss Blossman Neiff, Mr. L. Tood Stewart, Mr. Earl Seeley, Mrs. C. S. Washburne.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, May 9.—Pennsylvanians in Washington are discussing the Republican state convention that will be held in Harrisburg June 16. The election this year probably, will be the last annual election in Pennsylvania as the sentiment throughout the state appears favorable to the adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment under which state elections will be held every two years. The offices to be filled in November are, State Treasurer, Auditor General and Justice of the Supreme Court. At no other time within this generation has the Republican party in the Keystone state been so completely harmonious as it now is and there is a general disposition to leave the selection of the candidate to the best judgment of the delegates. The harmony in the party was indicated by the Republican victory last November and now all of the conditions point to another victory last November and now all of the conditions point to another overwhelming Republican victory this year. That the Democrats accept this view of the situation is shown by the fact that so far not a Democrat has appeared as a candidate for a place on the Democratic ticket. The work of the Republican organization will consist largely in getting the voters to the polls, always a difficult undertaking at an off year election in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvanians in official circles have commented upon the fact that nearly every man mentioned for a place on the Republican ticket is taken as an indication that the candidates will not be taken from Pittsburgh or Philadelphia. The fact that so many high class men have been discussed as candidates has also attracted attention here. The abundance of splendid material for public office in Pennsylvania is shown by the list of able men who have expressed a willingness to accept nomination for the offices to be filled. That they are not in a scramble for the nomination will leave the delegates free to name efficient men for State Treasurer and Auditor General and an able jurist for the Supreme Court.

Pennsylvanians here who have expressed their views on the political situation seem to agree that in the construction of the ticket the claims of Lancaster county should be recognized on account of its stalwart Republicanism. Among the many excellent candidates mentioned for State Treasurer is Ex-State Senator J. A. Strober, of Lancaster. It is generally held that Mr. Strober would make an ideal candidate upon which all Republicans could unite. He was a soldier in the Civil war and would command the support of the veterans and their sons. He is a man of the strictest integrity, and of excellent business qualifications and if chosen would bring to the office of State Treasurer the highest attainments; thus guaranteeing efficiency in the administration of that important office. His six years service as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and eight years in the state senate made him familiar with the duties of the Treasury, and would enable him to take to the office the experience of a trained legislator. It is generally agreed here that no other man in Pennsylvania is better equipped for State Treasurer. His friends urge in his behalf that if nominated the Republicans will have a candidate in whom all of the people will have the fullest confidence and who can be depended upon to discharge his duties with the highest efficiency.

HYMENEAL.

Miss Ruth A. Hirtler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hirtler, of 151 Parrish street, Wilkes-Barre, and John Driestadt of Old Forge, were married at Honesdale on Thursday. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the M. E. church by Rev. Will H. Hiller, the pastor. The bride wore a blue silk gown and carried carnations.

Mary Rambousek, of White Mills, and Joseph Scoda, of Duryea, were married at St. Magdalen's parochial residence on Tuesday morning, May 11, 1909. The ceremony was performed at 11 o'clock by Rev. William Dassel. The bride was attired in a white persian lawn gown and her maid, Miss Helen Bergman, wore a gown of pink suseine. Frank Scoda, brother of the groom, was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, at White Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Scoda left Honesdale on the 4:30 o'clock train for Duryea where they will make their home.

FRANCO-AMERICAN WEDDING.

New York Society Woman Becomes Bride of French Nobleman.

New York, May 11.—The wedding of Mrs. Robert T. P. Flske, who has been prominent socially in this city, to Count Lionel de Montesquou-Fezenac of Paris was celebrated today in the Roman Catholic church of St. Peter at New Brighton, Staten Island.

Count Lionel is a member of one of the most ancient houses of the old French aristocracy. He is a cousin of Count Robert de Montesquou-Fezenac, who lectured in America several years ago. His bride is a sister of H. Wisner Miller and of George Clinton Miller. Her first husband died about five years ago, and she has two young children.

OBITUARY.

The Greek Church Monastery cemetery at South Canaan received within its sacred enclosure on Sunday last the remains of a personage of more than ordinary distinction, Rt. Rev. Alex S. Toth, pastor of St. Mary's Greek Church, of Wilkes-Barre, who died on Friday last in that city of a complication of diseases, having expressed a dying request that his body should be so laid at rest. Arch Priest Toth was 66 years old and a pastor of the Russian church. He enjoyed a personal acquaintance with Czar Nicholas and was the recipient of a golden crown and many autograph letters from the emperor. He was born in Hungary, but received his theological education in Russia. During the Russian-Japanese war, Father Toth contributed liberally to the support of the Red Cross work, and as a reward was given a certificate of honorary membership. On account of his contributions raised during the Russian-Japanese conflict, he won the recognition of the czar, who sent a special embassy to this country to present Father Toth with a beautiful gold mitre. This gift was fittingly celebrated in Wilkes-Barre. He had also received the orders of the second and third classes of St. Ann; third and fourth classes of St. Vladimir and had been made an arch priest in the church. Although the rules of his church permitted him to marry, he did not avail himself of that privilege.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Fuller, wife of Nathan Fuller, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Bennett, in Port Jervis at 1:30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, April 29, 1909, of a complication of diseases, aged 78 years. Deceased was born in White Mills, Wayne county, Pa., and was the daughter of Wm. Randolph and Laura Brink. Her early life was spent in that vicinity, and in 1849 she was united in marriage with Nathan Fuller at Flatbrookville, Sussex county, N. J. They afterwards lived in Rowland and Lackawanna and for 38 years were residents of Milford. For the past six years they had lived in Port Jervis. The surviving relatives are her husband of Port Jervis; three sons, George, of Brooklyn, Stacy, of Port Jervis, and Samuel V., of Milford; five daughters, Mrs. George Hantler, of Port Jervis; Mrs. Fred Skinner, of New York; Mrs. Kate Brogan, Miss Frances Fuller and Mrs. Alice Bennett, of Port Jervis; three sisters, Mrs. Henry Turner, of Hawley, Mrs. David Bishop and Mrs. Jason Fuller, of Honesdale. The funeral was held from the house Sunday afternoon, May 21, at 2 o'clock. Rev. Uriah Symonds conducted the services. Interment in Milford cemetery.

Thomas Farley died at his home in Cherry Ridge on Tuesday of last week, and his funeral services were very largely attended on Thursday last. The many floral offerings tendered by appreciative and sorrowing friends bore eloquent testimony to the high regard in which he was held. A requiem mass was celebrated in the Canaan church, by Rev. Thomas Hanley, pastor of St. John's Catholic church, Honesdale, after which burial was made in the Canaan cemetery. The pall bearers were John Rack, William Sheebey, John Curran, James Burnett, James Mayland, and Thos. Burns. The funeral was attended by a large number of relatives and friends from Carbondale, Mayfield, Scranton, and other points in Lackawanna county, as well as from Pleasant Mt., Honesdale and other places in Wayne.

Mrs. Eliza Peters, widow of the late Myron J. Peters, passed away at her home on Fifteenth street on Friday morning, May 7th, 1909. Deceased was born in Berlin township, and was about 60 years of age. On Thursday Mrs. Peters intended to spend the day in Scranton and while in the act of leaving her home in the morning she was stricken with apoplexy, which proved fatal on the following day. Mrs. Peters is survived by two sisters, Misses Jennie and Elizabeth Cortright. The funeral services were held at the house Sunday afternoon, Rev. Dr. William H. Swift officiating, and the remains were then taken on the 2:50 p. m. Erie train to Franklin, Venango county, where interment was made.

Miss Susan Keen, a highly respected young lady of this place, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Keen, of Dyberry Place, on Friday morning, May 7, 1909, after a two years' illness of lung trouble. Miss Keen was born in Honesdale thirty years ago, and she is survived by her parents, two sisters, Miss Cora, at home, and Miss Rena, of Orange, N. J., and two brothers, Fred C., and Eben P. Keen, of Honesdale. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Dr. W. H. Swift.

Mrs. Francis Perry, wife of Frederick Perry, died at her home at Roadleys, Cherry Ridge township, on Wednesday, May 5th, at the age of twenty-five years. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon last.

—There will be no vesper services at St. John's Lutheran church next Sunday evening. The pastor will conduct Lutheran services at Aiden-ville at 3 p. m.

IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

Address of the President and Reports of Officers—Officers and Committees for the Coming Year.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Honesdale Improvement Association was held on Monday afternoon. There was a very good attendance, and much interest was shown. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and a report was also given by Mrs. Harry A. Oday as to the flower seeds that were used, all of which follow. Miss Petersen made a short address in which she described the work being done in this state and the country generally which is appended in full.

Mrs. C. F. Rockwell then took the chair, and the officers for the ensuing year were elected. A resolution was unanimously adopted making Mrs. Thomas J. Ham a life member of the Improvement Association, in recognition of her many years' service as an active member and efficient officer of the Society. It was also decided that the number required to constitute a quorum be changed from 7 to 5.

MISS PETERSEN'S ADDRESS.

A meeting of the Civic Committee of the State Federation of Clubs was held in Philadelphia in February. It was decided to follow the example of the State of Texas and try to have municipal house cleaning days appointed. The matter of Junior Leagues was also discussed. The civic department of the General Federation of Clubs has taken up this work and sends out a form of constitution and by-laws which have been adopted in many states, read, also in ours. The members of the civic committee were asked to send names of towns and villages which as yet were without a civic club or improvement society in order that they might be helped. With the assistance of Miss Nellie Kimble, of the Independent, we were enabled to send in 125 names and addresses in Wayne, Pike, and Luzerne counties. Helpful literature will be forwarded to these addresses.

The Federation sends out a message in which we all are interested. (Read.)

Does it not show that the love of the beautiful is growing right here when the President of the school board appoints a commission to make suggestions concerning the beautifying of the school grounds and buildings and invites several members of the Improvement Association to serve on this commission? And the Business Men's Association at a recent meeting expressed a willingness to co-operate with the Honesdale Improvement Association and assist in any way possible to beautify Honesdale.

We practical Americans are beginning to realize that in public matters "beauty pays a good dividend and that it is some times profitable to bend the straight line of utility into the curved line of beauty." The governments of Europe have long realized this; Edinburgh with her beautiful Prince's street; the Thames embankment of London, and above all the parks, boulevards and magnificent bridges, and art treasures of Paris, have attracted visitors from all parts of the world and limitless revenue. But our cities are being made attractive. We have not the art treasures of older countries but we have many natural advantages. Washington with her magnificent buildings, wide tree lined avenues (double rows on some of them) and park like circles where these avenues and streets intersect, bids fair to be the most beautiful and cleanest city in the world. The low and swampy land on the shore of the Potomac is being reclaimed and made into attractive parks. No sky scrapers offend the eye and there are trees in the parks which have never been trimmed up and mutilated. The branches of some of these fine elms sweep the ground. Vines, too, are freely used on buildings and trees. Boston is making great progress in this cultivation of the beautiful, and the other cities of the Union will not allow themselves to be left behind. Every paper and magazine is full of accounts of good work done and suggestions for further improvement. These suggestions do not apply alone to large cities. No town is too small to be benefited by efforts made to beautify it, and as Washington and Boston are shining examples for other cities, so let Honesdale be an example worth imitating by every town and village in the country.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers have been elected: President, Miss C. L. Petersen. Vice-Presidents, Mrs. C. F. Rockwell, Mrs. C. M. Betz, Mrs. W. F. Suydam; secretary, Miss Jennie Ball; assistant secretary, Mrs. S. B. Richtmyer; treasurer, Miss Thillie Weiss; executive committee, Mrs. J. W. Lambert, Mrs. R. M. Torrey, Mrs. James Bush, Mrs. W. B. Holmes, Mrs. George Penwarden, Mrs. E. A. Penniman, Mrs. E. C. Mumford, Mrs. H. A. Oday, Miss Fannie Bennett, Mrs. H. S. Salmon; collectors, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Betz, Mrs. Ida Brown, Miss Clara Torrey, Miss Charlotte Lane; finance committee, Mrs. W. F. Suydam, Mrs. C. M. Betz, Mrs. Russell Van Keuren, Miss Clara Torrey, Mrs. Merritt, Miss Nellie Hulsizer; flower commit-

tee, Mrs. W. B. Holmes, Mrs. R. N. Torrey, Miss Carrie Weiss, Mrs. Wm. Moore, Mrs. George S. Purdy, Mrs. John Kubbach; children's auxiliary, Mrs. Oday, Mrs. D. H. Menner, and the teachers of the Honesdale graded schools; Torrey Park, Mrs. H. S. Salmon; Riverside, North, Miss Mary Weston, Miss Carrie Weiss; Riverside, South, Mrs. E. C. Mumford; Central Park, Mrs. J. W. Lambert. Flower beds on 9th to 4th streets, Mrs. John Kubbach.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

During the past year, eleven meetings have been held by the executive committee. These have been well attended; with great interest and enthusiasm have the different departments of work been taken up; the officers and members co-operate with each other in bringing the work to a successful issue. The three committees most active during the year have been the Children's Auxiliary, Flower Committee and Committee on Parks. Some of the results accomplished during the past year are as follows:

The red shale path in Riverside Park completed at the cost of nearly \$90.00. New benches have been placed along the road leading to the golf links, in Torrey Park and in the vicinity of the flower beds placed by the Flower Committee. The picture, "A June Wedding," from a painting by Miss Brown-combe, given to the society has been purchased by the Honesdale high school.

All paper cans have been painted and kept in order, and cans looked after by one employed by the society for that purpose. Mr. Weaver is again looking after the town clock and will, if possible, keep it in running order.

In response to a request from the H. I. A., Mr. Gilpin of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Co., has caused the construction of a new concrete walk in front of the railway station. Mr. Gilpin also states that he will do all in his power to render the property of the D. & H. R. R. Co. in the town attractive and neat in appearance.

All communications from the State Federation of Women's Clubs, relating to matters before the legislature at Harrisburg the past year, were sent to Mr. Fuorath, our Representative, who stated to the committee that he would give careful attention to the information contained therein and would use his influence in behalf of the same.

HONESDALE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

The following is the report of the Honesdale Improvement Association for year ending May 10, 1909:

Bal. in treasury May, 1908	\$226.12
Membership dues	73.90
From Finance Committee, proceeds of Food Sale	71.04
From the sale of the picture presented to the Society, by Miss Brown-combe and frame by Miss Petersen	28.00
Interest on money deposited in Wayne County Savings Bank	5.82
Total receipts	\$404.88
Expenses for year ending May 10, 1909	\$229.92
Cash on hand	\$174.96

EXPENSES OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 10, 1909.

Horace Moules for red shale path in Riverside Park, with spading, etc.	\$89.75
Jacob Smith for emptying cans	3.00

L. S. Partridge for trees	2.25
For postage	.25
J. H. Cornell for weeping willow and watering it during dry season	2.20
E. C. Boss 25 Hydrangeas at 35 cents	8.75
For plants, painting vase, seeds, labor, etc.	13.83
For incidentals and express	1.75
Cutting grass on boy's play ground	2.00
Cleaning of the bridge	.50
6.50	
Wyman Kimble, for repairing benches	2.00
The Heinecke Co., for benches	7.00
Express on the benches	1.00
J. J. Cannivan, repairing and painting four benches	2.00
Carting benches	.50
Chain and padlock for benches	.37
Cannivan & McGinnis, for chain, etc., for benches	1.00
For building and placing benches	1.75
John Kimble for carting benches	.50
For removing benches and work on them	1.75
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O. M. Spettigue, for paint, rake, chain, etc.	2.46
For three brooms	.90
Christian Schraeder, for work on Parks, etc.	28.35
Mr. Jeitz, for work on Torrey Park	35.00
Work on Central Park	2.00
Adam, for sprinkling vase	2.00
Prize for the Children's Auxiliary	2.40
Expressage on Miss B's picture	.35
State Library fund	1.00
Book on Parliamentary Law	.40
Dues to State Federation	5.00
Postage	.66
Total expenses for the year	\$229.92

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