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HAWLEY AND WILSONVILLE.

Jury Commissioner, P. J. Keary, is at the county seat this week filling the jury wheel for 1910.

Mr. Perry, of Tafton, moved to Hawley last week. He will drive team for T. F. Wall.

Ernest Doppel passed the first day of the week with his relatives, Mr. Irmich and family at Tafton.

T. F. Wall has purchased a fine pony for his son, Arthur.

Howard Degroat was a Sunday evening guest of friends at Fowler-town.

Mrs. Charles Brady, of Honesdale, and Mrs. W. H. Clark and daughter, Mrs. Richard Phillips of Forest Lake, attended the Presbyterian fair on Saturday afternoon.

The latter remained over night with friends and returned home on Sunday.

George Shearer, of Bone Ridge, made a business trip to Honesdale on Saturday.

Frederick Bea, of Honesdale, was a Sunday guest of his parents, F. Bea and wife at Wilsonville.

L. Geisler passed Sunday with his friends, Charles Lyons and wife at Fowler-town.

One adventure of the Hawley hunting club in the wilds of Pike county was the discovery of a family comprising husband, wife and five children living in a cave in very destitute circumstances.

They related their story to the Hawley ladies who made up a box of clothing, etc., which Wm. Stevenson conveyed to the cave dwellers.

Skating on the Paupack has furnished amusement for the young people during the past week.

Lewis Shook and wife of Hawley, were Sunday visitors of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shook, at Wilsonville.

Mrs. Wesley Pierson has returned from a visit to the metropolis.

The Wegge residence on Erie avenue that was badly damaged by a fire on the 5th of July, has been re-modeled and modernized; the finishing touch has just been added by the painters.

F. Poeppel and wife are entertaining their daughter and little son of Middletown.

James Bunnell has moved his family from the east side to a house on Bellemont avenue.

George, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Warthling, has been suffering with a severe attack of indigestion.

ALDENVILLE.

G. G. Wilmarth and Stanley Rainey were callers in Waymart on Wednesday evening.

Several of the farmers around here attended Farmers' Institute at Whites Valley this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stranahan's little son, Darwin, has been sick. He was attended by Dr. Peterson of Honesdale.

Grace Wilmarth has recovered from a very sore throat.

W. T. Gumme is recovering nicely from the rheumatism.

John Derrick has purchased a new fertilizer spreader of Fitze Bros.

The young people have been enjoying the skating on Wilmarth's dam.

The Clinton Cut Glass Co. continues to be very busy.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church served a chicken pie supper at Maurice Pethick's, last night. There was a large attendance.

A great deal of bark has been stolen from different ones around here lately.

It has been suggested to the writer that the property owners of this village together offer a free lot to any one who will build a residence on it.

A number of springs around here are going dry.

WHITES VALLEY.

Mrs. Chas. Bonham and son, Vinal, are visiting Carbondale relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bryant and Miss May Glover visited friends in Seelyville last week.

Mrs. James Moore and Miss Minnie Bucklish spent Sunday at H. H. Clift's.

Mrs. Eva Horton has returned home after caring for her sister, Mrs. L. P. Stark, of Honesdale, for two weeks.

Mrs. V. E. Odell visited her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Martin, of Forest City, recently.

Mrs. E. M. Stark and children are visiting her mother, Mrs. Owens, at Commonsville, N. Y.

Miss Nellie Ledyard recently visited Miss Anna Mae Hauser.

H. W. White spent several days in Scranton last week.

Farmers' Institute on Tuesday was largely attended. The sessions were instructive and entertaining and the methods well worth consideration for practice. With regret we learned of the death of one of the able instructors, the genial Mr. Swartz of Antiomink, the following morning.

Mrs. Raymond Pomery is spending several days with Carbondale relatives and friends.

Miss Anna Fitze has returned from Carbondale after spending the week with her sister, Mrs. C. V. Bonham.

In independent hall the ladies served dinner and supper Tuesday,

Nov. 30th, and added twenty-five dollars to the treasury.

STERLING.

A little too cold for ploughing but we never saw the roads better than they have been for the past few months.

Many are afraid it will freeze up before the springs get started.

Eber Gilpin and Frank Waltz both saw and shot at a deer at the same time, but one ball touched the deer and now the deer is at a loss to know who killed it. Of course they both claim "I shot it."

Robert Hoffer shot a deer a few weeks ago while hunting with Leon Yates.

Last Sunday Rev. J. B. Cody, of Bethany, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Webster and gave us a very interesting account of the Sunday school conventions that he had attended and on the 14th of December a convention for Southern Wayne will be held here.

On Dec. 1st at LaAnna, Dr. F. A. Cross, of Scranton, and Miss Lulu Anna Houck of LaAnna, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride, by Rev. W. E. Webster, at high noon. Over sixty were present. Suffice to say the presents were useful, numerous and valuable; the turkey dinner was flanked with all the necessary side dishes and the bride—well, she just looked too sweet for anything! Perfectly lovely, etc. From this section were present: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cross, Beulah and Milton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cross, Katie, Stella and Myrtle, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lesher and Edna, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Cross, Eber and Nellie Gilpin, John Giller and Dr. Clarence G. Cross, of East Stroudsburg. At four o'clock the happy couple left for Philadelphia and expect to be at home in Scranton on Feb. 1, 1909.

HAMLINTON.

Miss D. P. Hamlin has closed her house for the winter.

A number from this place attended Grange at Nolestown on Wednesday evening.

Frank Chumard is improving.

Mrs. Jennie Williams is ill at this writing.

Mrs. G. O. Gillett does not improve as rapidly as her friends might wish.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Reinheimer, of Wilkes-Barre, visited at G. O. Gillett's on Wednesday and Thursday. On their return they were accompanied by Cora Alt, who expects to remain until Christmas.

Mrs. Frances Orchard and Mrs. C. R. Spangenberg spent last Tuesday at Hotel Foote.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bullock are visiting Mrs. Bullock's parents here. Mrs. Bullock was formerly Miss Lulu Chapman of this place.

Mrs. Roberts and son, Walter, of Wilkes-Barre, are visiting at G. O. Gillett's.

On Wednesday evening, at 7:30, at the M. E. parsonage, Pearl, daughter of Fred Chapman of the East Side, was married to Wyman Field of this place. The young people are both well known in the community, and have the heartiest good wishes of all their friends and acquaintances.

Marion Boyce returned to Wyoming Seminary on Monday.

Mr. R. H. Simons and Mrs. L. J. Pelton went to Alford, Susquehanna county, to attend the funeral of Oakley Harding. They returned on Wednesday.

On Friday, at noon, the funeral of Mrs. Wm. Peet was held from the M. E. church here. Mrs. Peet was a very pleasant woman and delightful neighbor, and will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Deep sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

STEENE.

The Rev. Mr. Davis of Waymart, preached a very interesting sermon here on Sunday afternoon. His text was Revelation first chapter, 5th and 6th verses—"And from Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth, unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his blood"; and hath made us Kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever."

Lesley Hill is confined to his home by illness.

The Cole Brothers, William, Thos. and Ira, will furnish a fine balsam tree for the exercises here on Christmas eve.

Anyone desirous of information of how to hunt rabbits without gun or dog, inquire of Charles Ross of Burnwood.

Lumberman Hollenback's mill at Prompton is now running full blast.

Mrs. Arthur Snediker, who has been under treatment at the Scranton hospital for the last three weeks, is rapidly improving.

Emmet Swingle's new residence is near completion. Mr. Swingle has been his own architect from cellar to garret and is very proud of his work which has been very neatly done.

The Bobolink and mate made a flying trip to Carbondale on Monday. John Wesley Arnold returned

home Saturday after spending a week with friends at Carbondale.

Harris Short of Carbondale, spent Sunday with his parents at Steene.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylen Perry, of Carbondale, visited here over Sunday.

Warren Buckland, who is making his home for the winter at Hampton, Virginia, sent home to his wife and friends last week a photo of himself which shows that his health is greatly improved and he writes that his health is better than it has been for years.

Mr. Haley has just finished another building which makes a total of eleven handsome and useful buildings on his 25-acre farm.

INDIAN ORCHARD.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Dills were completely surprised on Thursday evening last when several of their friends took possession of their beautiful home. They were doubly surprised when W. H. Hall, in an appropriate address presented each with a beautiful chair and a purse containing money. The gift was to show the appreciation of Mr. Dills' most valuable services as Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school at Berlin Valley. Mr. Dills, as usual, was equal to the emergency with a short but well rendered response. The evening was spent as evenings of this nature usually are—having a good time socially. The guests partook of a sumptuous repast consisting of oysters and delicacies of the season. At a late hour all repaired to their homes feeling well repaid for their visit to this hospitable home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Switzer spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garing at Hoadleys.

Mr. Martin Byer is spending a week with his daughter, Mrs. Mary Smith, near East Honesdale.

W. J. Barnes is loading a car of lumber at Honesdale. Warner Robins, Ellery Crosby and Roy Bayly are hauling it from his mill to the car.

Peter Neil, Hawley's popular butcher, was a recent caller at this place. He informs us that pork is scarce.

Albert Swartz has finished his work at W. D. Buckingham and intends to go to New York City soon.

Olaf Spettigue, of Honesdale, was a caller at W. C. Spry's on Monday last. He was in search of game.

Earl Ham is cutting wood for the farmers in this vicinity. An international gasoline engine furnishes the power.

Mrs. Henry Ficken is still having very poor health.

W. H. Dunn and Thomas Boyd took a trip to New York City. After taking in many of the most interesting places there, they went to Philadelphia and from there they went to Harrisburg where they visited the new capitol building. Mr. D. says: "Graft or no graft, it certainly is an elegant building."

Mr. L. Franklin of Chestnut Lake, was a pleasant caller at Altoona Farm on Monday.

Fred Swartz made a business trip in the vicinity of Forest Lake on Friday last.

Dean Reynolds of Torrey, was a business caller at W. C. Spry's on Friday.

(From Another Correspondent)

On Thursday evening, Dec. 2d, the home of S. K. Dills and wife, was invaded by about thirty of their friends who presented them with two handsome chairs and a purse of money in remembrance of their faithful work in the Sunday school of the Berlin Baptist church.

W. H. Hall made the presentation speech and Mr. Dills responded with a few well chosen words.

Through the kindness of John Penwarden, who furnished the oysters and crackers, and the ladies who brought other good things, all enjoyed a fine supper.

The remainder of the evening was spent in addresses by different ones, music and social intercourse. Many thanks were due to all who contributed toward making the evening such an enjoyable affair.

W. H. Hall is treating his roofs to a coat of paint.

Mrs. Maddocks, of White Mills, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Lovelace.

Albert Gibbs suffered a light stroke of paralysis recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Weggs of White Mills, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at this place.

Mr. Mavor, who bought the James Mullaney estate, has remodeled the house and made a very comfortable home for himself and wife. They expect to buy a carpet loom.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bayly and son Floyd, wife and daughter Frances, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Ray Bayly.

SHERMAN.

Several Masons from this place attended the Masonic Lodge in Deposit last Saturday evening.

Hard cider begins to have its effect on some of the toughs in this place. The disgraceful brawl at the postoffice last Friday evening is something that should never be repeated. It is high time that the authorities took it in hand and see that the postoffice is kept free from drunkards and a fit place for ladies to enter.

Rev. Charles Moon goes to Orson on Wednesday to attend the Sunday school convention.

Missionary meeting at Mrs. George Arneke's on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Tracy Webster is quite poorly with indigestion.

Christmas exercises will be held in the church on Xmas eve. Let us not forget the poor at this time of the year. We can go with well-filled baskets to those less fortunate

than ourselves remembering that "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Mrs. May Flag, of Binghamton, is keeping house for E. Whitmore.

LAKE COMO.

Mrs. J. S. Jaycox spent Thursday and Friday in Deposit.

Revival meetings are to be held in the Free Methodist church this week.

Mrs. Hiram Geer, Mrs. R. London and Mrs. G. Dodge attended the funeral of Mrs. McCullough at Deposit, on Saturday.

The young people are enjoying the fine skating on the lakes.

Stephen Todd has purchased a valuable horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, of Pleasant Mount, are visiting their son, Wright Spencer, of this place.

Miss Hattie Kingsbury is visiting friends in Port Jervis.

Mrs. John Randall is spending a few days in Binghamton.

SOUTH CANAAN.

The old grist mill that has been doing a rushing business for the past few years in this place, is now a thing of the past, having been consumed by fire last Saturday night, together with its contents. The origin of the fire is not known to the writer but rumor has it that it will be rebuilt with a more modern structure in the near future.

Mr. Ely Shaffer, our village blacksmith, is a very busy man nowadays, as the ring of his anvil can be heard late and early, in order to meet the demands of the public.

The remains of George Enslin, who was killed by being run over by the cars last Friday night, were laid to rest in the East cemetery last Sunday at 11 a. m. The funeral was held at his late residence, the home of his father and mother. Just how he met his death will never exactly be known as his body when found was badly mutilated; the accident happened near the old lake junction station.

A number of young people enjoyed a skating party on Irwin Benjamin's lake last Saturday evening, the event being the first of the season.

Orrin Rogers, who took a French furlough a few days ago, has returned home much to the pleasure of his parents.

Mr. James Mandeville, who has been indisposed for the past month, is slightly improved, we are glad to report, as all the business fell on his poor old wife who is also in feeble health.

Mr. Phineas Swingle has bought the little white cottage owned by Joseph Matchell, into which he had recently moved; consideration, private. We are glad to receive them in our neighborhood as they are very quiet and good people.

Mr. Thomas Cortright of Scranton, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. G. A. Spangenberg, last week.

Harry Robinson is employed by Dr. Bang as hostler. The Dr. thinks he has the right man in the right place.

Mrs. Elwin Enslin has sold her farm to Mr. Stock, of Carbondale, who will occupy the same on or about March 1st.

THE PROMISED LAND.

Country's Vast Farm Riches—Year's Production Reported as \$8,760,000,000.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in his annual report to the president says that the value of the farm products of the country is so incomprehensibly large that it has become merely a row of figures. For this year, he says, it is \$8,760,000,000. The gain of this year over the preceding year is \$869,000,000.

"Most prosperous of all years is the place to which 1909 is entitled in agriculture," Secretary Wilson informs the President. "The yield has been bountiful with most crops, and prices have been high. Advantageously situated as he is in most respects, the farmer is less and less generally compelled to dump his crops on the market at times of harvest. He does not need to work for his board and clothes, as he often did in the former time when prices were so low as to be unprofitable."

In the report the results of a careful study of the prices of meat are offered, and Secretary Wilson says that the farmer has not had his fair share in the benefits of generally rising prices.

In connection with the recent confession of the Armour Packing company that it annually makes 35 per cent. profit on its capitalization, Secretary Wilson shows that the consumer, having paid this profit to the beef trust, is also forced to pay a profit of 38 per cent. to the retailer.

"As the result of a unique investigation," says the report, "it is found that the retail cost charged to consumers above the admitted wholesale price was 31.4 per cent. in the north Atlantic states, 38 per cent. in the south Atlantic, 38 per cent. in the north central, 39.4 per cent. in the western and 54 per cent. in the south central. In New York City it was found that the gross retail profit was 20 per cent., 36 per cent. in Boston and 64 per cent. in Mobile.

"The lower the grade of beef the greater the increase in the percentage of profit, and the inference is safe that the poor pay nearly twice as much profit to the wholesaler and to the retailer as do the well to do."

According to the figures presented, the value of farm products has nearly doubled in ten years. Secretary Wilson is enthusiastic over the figures and says:

"Eleven years of agriculture, beginning with a production of \$4,417,000 and ending with \$8,760,000,000, a sum of \$70,000,000,000 for the period. It has paid off mortgages, it has established banks, it has made better homes, it has helped to make the farmer a citizen of the world, and it has provided him with means for improving his soil and making it more productive."

The most striking fact in the world's agriculture is the value of the corn crop for 1909, which is about \$1,720,000,000. This crop exceeds in value the average of the crops of the five preceding years by 36 per cent.

Cotton is now the second crop in value, and the year's cotton crop, worth \$850,000,000, is the most valuable one to the farmer that has been produced.

Third in value is wheat, worth about \$725,000,000 at the farm, and this largely exceeds all previous values. The hay crop is valued at \$665,000,000, oats at \$400,000,000, potatoes at \$212,000,000 and tobacco at nearly \$100,000,000. The increase for cotton is \$208,000,000; wheat, \$107,000,000; corn, 105,000,000; hay, \$29,000,000; oats, \$22,000,000; tobacco, \$18,000,000; potatoes, \$15,000,000.

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Spirit to remove from us Brother George E. Voigt, to his home of eternal rest, who died Nov. 29, 1909; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we regret the loss our order has sustained through the sudden call of our beloved brother in the spring time of life.

Resolved, That we, as his Brothers, show our appreciation of his worth to us by draping our charter for thirty days and presenting a copy of these resolutions to his wife and immediate family; also publish same in the Honesdale papers.

EUGENE C. BABBETT, N. B. SPENCER, FRANK SCHULLER, Committee.

Osiek Tribe, No. 318, Improved Order of Red Men, Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 2, 1909.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE HONESDALE NATIONAL BANK AT HONESDALE, WAYNE COUNTY, PA. At the close of business, Nov. 16, 1909.

RESOURCES.

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name and Amount. Includes Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, etc.

LIABILITIES.

Table with 2 columns: Liability Name and Amount. Includes Capital Stock, Surplus Fund, Undivided Profits, etc.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Wayne, ss. I, E. F. TORREY, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Nov. 1909.

Correct attest: W. H. STONE, N. P.

H. Z. RUSSELL, E. B. HARDENBERG, J. C. BIRDALL, Directors.

W. B. HOLMES, PRESIDENT. A. T. SEARLE, VICE PRES.

H. S. SALMON, CASHIER. W. J. WARD, ASST. CASHIER.

We want you to understand the reasons for the ABSOLUTE SECURITY of this Bank.

WAYNE COUNTY SAVINGS BANK HONESDALE, PA.,

HAS A CAPITAL OF \$100,000.00 AND SURPLUS AND PROFITS OF 394,000.00 MAKING ALTOGETHER 494,000.00

EVERY DOLLAR of which must be lost before any depositor can lose a PENNY. It has conducted a growing and successful business for over 35 years, serving an increasing number of customers with fidelity and satisfaction.

Its cash funds are protected by MODERN STEEL VAULTS.

All of these things, coupled with conservative management, insured by the CAREFUL PERSONAL ATTENTION constantly given the Bank's affairs by a notably able Board of Directors assures the patrons of that SUPREME SAFETY which is the prime essential of a good Bank.

Total Assets, \$2,886,000.00

DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE BY MAIL.

DIRECTORS: W. B. HOLMES, CHAS. J. SMITH, A. T. SEARLE, H. J. CONGER, T. B. CLARK, W. F. BUDDAM, F. P. KIMBLE, H. S. SALMON

HONESDALE DIME BANK S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

At Close of Business November 6th, 1909.

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name and Amount. Includes Cash and Reserve, Loans, Bonds and Mortgages, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Liability Name and Amount. Includes Capital, Surplus and Profit, Deposits.

STATEMENT SHOWING GROWTH.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Shows deposits from May 26th, 1906 to Nov. 6th, 1909.

OFFICERS: E. C. MUMFORD, President. WM. F. RIEPLER, Vice President. J. A. FIRCH, Cashier.

Directors: E. C. Mumford, Joel G. Hill, Jacob F. Katz, W. F. Riepler, Frank Steinman, Wm. H. Krantz, Thomas M. Hanley, H. B. Ely, M. D., W. E. Farhan.