

# CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMNS

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## BRAMAN AND KELLAM.

We are having fine weather. The Ladies' Aid met last Thursday with Mrs. Herman Cole, and about twenty-five were present. The proceeds amounted to \$4.00. The next meeting will be Jan. 6th at the home of Mrs. Thomas Caffery.

Rumor says a wedding in the near future.

A. F. Lawson, who went to New York and had his left hand taken off, is doing well at this writing. He was unable to sleep with the pain of a cancerous growth but now eats and sleeps well and has no pain and will be able to come home in a week or ten days.

David Stalker, Sr., D. M. Stalker and Charles Cargin are improving their homes with a coat of paint.

Mrs. Warner Adams and two daughters, Mildred and Avis, returned to Port Jervis last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper Keys and little son attended the wedding of her sister at Deposit on Nov. 24th. The bride lived for several years in this place and is well and favorably known. The groom was Burt Crandall, who has been employed for sometimes in California. They left December 1st to make their future home in that state.

Mrs. Russell Stalker, Mrs. Frederick Schneider and Miss Lewis from Long Eddy spent Saturday at David Stalker's.

Addie Rauner spent Saturday with Miss Emma Woolbeater.

Mrs. Margaret (Maudsley) Young, wife of Coe F. Young, Jr., died after a few days' illness at her home Sunday, Nov. 21st. The funeral was held at the M. E. church at Braman on Wednesday, Nov. 24th, 1909, and was a very sad one, as a baby boy, six days old, who died the day before, was buried in the casket with his mother. Services were conducted by Rev. W. S. Empleton. The surviving relatives are her husband and little daughter Ada, her parents and seven brothers and four sisters. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

## USWICK AND LAKEVILLE.

There was a vendue sale at the farm known as the Sack's place on Monday. Mr. Hessler sold some of his stock and other things.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Utt is indisposed at this writing.

Benjamin Killam, of Paupac, brought a load of eatables to the Lakeville parsonage Monday for the pastor.

Miss Hazel James of Lakeville, has tonsillitis. We hope she may soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. George Heichelbeck of Wilsonville, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown and daughter, Corena, of Ledgedale, visited Mr. and Mrs. Birten Daniels at this place Sunday.

On Friday evening, Dec. 3d, D. D. P. Miss Eleanor Gill, of Hawley, visited Hildegard Rebekah Lodge, No. 359, I. O. O. F., Lakeville, Pa., and installed the officers as follows: Past Grand, Lena Osborne; noble grand, Sarah Pennell; vice grand, Ethel Daniels; recording secretary, Maud Locklin; financial secretary, Charles Pennell; treasurer, Minnie Locklin; warden, Mary Schrader; conductor, Julia Welsh; chaplain, Myrtle Pennell; I. G., Nellie Welsh; O. G., John Pennell; R. S. N. G., Della Goble; L. S. N. G., Hazel James; R. S. V. G., Christina Gloungener; L. S. V. G., Jennie Crane.

Mr. and Mrs. Moshier, also Mrs. C. Harris attended services at the M. E. church at this place on Sunday, Dec. 5th. An excellent sermon was delivered by Rev. H. T. Perkiss.

Miss Gill returned home on Saturday morning.

Miss Lena Osborne of Arlington, spent Wednesday night with Mrs. A. Goble at Lakeville. She returned home on Thursday.

Mr. A. Goble's teams moved Rev. H. T. Perkiss furniture from Honesdale to Lakeville parsonage on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Seeger attended the Ladies' Aid at William Martin's at Ledgedale on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Swan of Uswick visited Mrs. Curtis at Pink on Monday.

## BEACH LAKE.

The sick are improving, viz: Will Oliver, who has typhoid fever, and Mrs. Crosby, who has been ill four weeks with a sore mouth; Mable Decker has the measles.

Mrs. McIntyre is at White Mills caring for a little granddaughter who arrived at Lus McIntyre's on Sunday, the 5th inst.

John Neal, who has been absent some time, returned Saturday. He took a ride to Honesdale with one of our town ladies, and they returned man and wife.

Mrs. Brown has gone to Port Jervis for a visit.

William Ives expects to abandon the mercantile business and offers his large building, containing the store, for sale. If he does not sell out, we understand he will sell out his stock at cost and turn the store room into a dining room. It is a very fine property and an excellent situation.

Christmas exercises and a tree at

the M. E. church Christmas eve.

A general aid society at the parsonage on Wednesday, the 8th, for dinner.

Teachers from this place who are teaching elsewhere and students who are attending school at different places are expected home for the holidays.

## DREHER.

On the farms and hamlets that are on high altitudes, the scarcity of water is becoming a serious matter. Water must be hauled for household uses and the cattle and horses in many cases are driven a considerable distance to satisfy their thirst. We seem to be outside of the rain belt but we have not lost hope in the Giver of every blessing.

At this season of the year when the annual hog killing is at its height, more than an ordinary amount of water is necessary. It is certainly a good time to make a well.

Miss Emma Bates teaches the public school at South Sterling. One day last week she went with several of her pupils to a nearby ice pond to have some fun and they had it. The ice gave way under them and their immersion was complete in a very short time. They were all brought to shore with no serious results other than a thorough baptism in ice water.

Work on the State road in Greentown, Pike county, closed on Nov. 24th and the foreign laborers have gone to seek employment elsewhere. The State road in Dreher is not entirely completed, but work on it has ceased for this year.

Thos. Graser, aged about 80 years, has recently had several attacks of dizziness or fainting spells similar to paralysis that were quite serious, but at this writing he is able to be up and about the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens, of near Angels postoffice, have another boarder added to their family, a boy, born November 21st, which weighs 10 1/2 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luicks, of Jericho Sterling, have a bouncing baby boy born Nov. 11th. Mr. Luicks had two spring pigs butchered last week, aged 10 months, weighing 620 pounds.

The Union Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas entertainment on Christmas night, Dec. 25th. They will have recitations, dialogues, and music sufficient to make a real good entertainment; something to amuse and instruct. Don't fail to attend.

The Moravian Sunday school at Newfoundland and the South Sterling Sunday school will each have a Christmas entertainment on the evening of December 24th.

Chris. Rose, of Greentown, shot an eleven prongbuck recently, near Promised Land pond.

F. D. Waltz came home last Tuesday from Rosencrans, Pike county, bringing a 150-pound buck. He and Eber Gilpin were hunting near together and both shot at this same deer at the same time and just whose rifle ball killed it, is in doubt.

## LAKEVILLE.

Miles Bishop is spending a time with relatives at Honesdale.

D. D. Eleanor Gill of Hawley installed officers in Hildegard Rebekah Lodge No. 359, I. O. O. F., of Lakeville, on Friday night last. After installation refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown and daughter, Carena, of Ledgedale, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Burton Daniels, and husband.

Mrs. J. N. Stephens, who has been ill, is improving, as is also Mrs. R. Lovelass.

Miss Marie Schrader entertained her mother and sister, Mrs. C. Schrader, of Ledgedale and Miss Nettie of Scranton, on Monday. Miss Nettie returned on Tuesday.

A. Goble and C. F. Utt moved the furniture of Rev. Purkes to this place on Monday.

W. B. Bartleson of Uswick, is visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Starbert Tresslar placed a new 'phone in the parsonage recently.

Ward Haney is working for The Keystone Glass Co. at Hawley.

Mrs. A. Goble recently entertained Miss Lena Osborne, of Arlington. Miss Eleanor Gill, of Hawley, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William Seegar while here on official duty.

Dr. Ely was called on Monday to attend Mrs. R. Lovelass.

## CENTERVILLE.

Mrs. Margaret Laymen is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kimble.

Mrs. John McGinly and Patrick Garrity of Philadelphia, returned to their home Saturday, Dec. 4th, after spending a few days with their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Garrity.

Mrs. J. B. Lane and sons, William and John, returned to their home in Scranton Friday, December 3d, after a two weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Garrity.

Elisha Harris, of Greentown, passed through Centerville Monday enroute to Ariel.

B. J. Scally has finished cutting his winter supply of wood.

Rumor says William Simons has taken a large lumber contract.

Mary Lane visited friends in Arlington Saturday, Dec. 4th.

The young folks are having fine times skating on the Five Mile creek. They say the ice is nearly four inches thick.

Daniel Layman spent Sunday, December 5th, with Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kimble.

Margaret Marshall, Patrick Garrity, Nettie Kimble, Milton Marsaall, John Kimble and Charles Marshall attended church at Ledgedale on Wednesday evening.

Miss Bridget Garrity, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Garrity.

Miss Ella Patterson is spending a few days with Scranton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McCloskey of Arlington, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall. C. Altemer and son, John, of Crosses, spent Sunday at E. C. Maines.

John Garrity has accepted a position in Hawley with P. R. Cross.

Mrs. S. R. Kimble and daughter, Nettie, attended church at Ledgedale Sunday, Dec. 5th.

Mrs. Ann Harrington has gone to Carbondale to live with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Kirkwood.

## MAPLEWOOD.

Rev. Brown of Wilkes-Barre, gave an illustrated lecture on "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" at Little Chapel on Monday night; "The Life of Christ" at Maplewood Tuesday night and tonight he will lecture at Tresslarville for the benefit of the Evangelical Association.

Lyle Keene is out again after being confined to the house by an attack of rheumatism.

Fred Kellogg has shot several foxes during the past week.

Philander Black, who has been at Poyntelle with the Consumer's Ice Company all summer, is home for a few weeks.

R. W. Kellum has been operating his wood saw for the past week on the Keene tract and is supplying wood to many families.

At the business meeting of the Keystone League of Christian Endeavor the following officers were elected: President, Roy Black; vice president, Lee Keene; secretary, Orrin Keene; treasurer, Guy Black; organist, Beatrice Black.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet at Rev. J. G. Rosenberger's in January.

The many friends of Allen Black of Carbondale will be pleased to learn that he is rapidly recovering from his injuries. Mr. Black is a fireman on the D. & H. railroad and while switching in the Carbondale yard the coupling broke between the engine and tender throwing Mr. Black to the ground, breaking his wrist and cutting his face severely.

## ANNIE PECK ATTACKS COOK.

Woman Mountain Climber Calls Explorer Colossal Faker.

New Britain, Conn., Dec. 9.—"Dr. Cook's claims are absurd and preposterous from a scientific standpoint. He has proved nothing. With practically no experience he claims to have accomplished what the most experienced mountain climbers and polar explorers



MISS ANNIE S. PECK.  
(In mountain climbing costume.)

have been trying unsuccessfully to do for many years. The fact that he is a colossal faker is very obvious."

Such were the statements made by Miss Annie S. Peck, the mountain climber, who came here to lecture. Miss Peck added:

"Dr. Cook's claims to have reached the north pole are pure fake in my opinion. He claims to have covered double the territory per day that more experienced men have been able to cover. His observations, which, by the way, have not been given to the public, could easily have been faked. I do not believe he reached the pole any more than I believe he climbed to the summit of Mount McKinley."

Legal blanks at The Citizen office.

## OUR DUMB ANIMALS

In cold weather blanket your horses while stopping.

If there were no birds, man could not live on the earth, and birds are decreasing in this country.

Do you know the German fable about the horseshoe? In the olden times, in a little village of Germany, a blacksmith was hard at work. The FABLE OF sound of the anvil THE attracted the attention of the HORSESHOE. He saw that the smith was making horseshoes, and thought it would be a good idea to get his own hoofs shod. So the devil struck a bargain, and put up his foot.

The blacksmith saw with whom he was dealing and nailed a red-hot shoe on, driving the nails square into the devil's hoof. The devil then paid him, and left; but the honest blacksmith threw the money in the fire. He knew it would bring him bad luck.

Meanwhile the devil had walked some distance, and began to suffer the greatest torture from the shoes. The more he danced and kicked and swore, the worse the things hurt him. Finally, after he had gone through the most fearful agony, he tore them off and threw them away.

From that time forward, whenever he saw a horseshoe, he would run off, anxious only to get out of the way. The German peasantry all believe this story to-day, and one can scarcely find a doorstep or a barn door that hasn't a horseshoe nailed up.

An old legend says that there was in a city in Germany an old church in whose belfry were the most beautiful chimes in the world. No man HOW THE or woman living had CHIMES RANG. ever heard them ring, but each one had heard his father or grandfather tell of their wonderful beauty.

There was a belief among the people that the chimes would ring on Christmas Day if they brought their most precious gifts and laid them on the altar of the church. The king appointed the next Christmas for every man, woman, and child in the city to bring his gift.

First came the king and laid his crown upon the altar. The people gazed in wonder and sat waiting expectantly; for surely no gift could be more precious than the king's crown. But the chimes did not ring. Then a soldier came and laid his sword upon the altar, but the chimes did not ring. A woman brought a beautiful dress, all of her own weaving and laid it by the soldier's sword, but there was no sound from the old belfry. A maiden brought flowers, planted and watered by her own hand, but still the chimes did not ring.

Now there was in a distant part of the city a little boy named Peter, who for weeks had been saving a few small coins for his gift. It had been very hard to save them. But at last he was on his way with these, his most precious gift, to lay on the altar. He had nearly reached the steps of the church when a white made him look down on the sidewalk. There in a doorway crouched a little dog with a broken leg. What should Peter do? It was getting late. If he waited to take the dog home and bind up his leg, the church would be closed and he would lose his little chance to make the beautiful chimes ring. But another white came from the dog. Peter took his hand from the pocket where the hard-earned money lay and picked up the dog in his arms and ran home as swiftly as he could. As he came to the door he called to his Brother Hans. "Hans, quickly, take the money and run back to the church. Quickly, Hans! it may be closed and the chimes have not been rung."

Then he set to work binding up the dog's leg. His little brother ran to the church. The western sunlight was throwing long shadows down the aisles as the people sat waiting, discouraged, hoping against hope as one gift after another was laid upon the altar and still the chimes were silent. Just as a few left their places to pass out, giving up hope, a tiny boy came panting, breathless, up the steps, down the long aisle, straight to the altar where he laid a few small coins.

Suddenly from out of the long silent belfry broke the most wonderful music—filling the church, the air, the city, with glorious harmony. People fell upon their knees in joy and thankfulness, men who had not prayed in years praised God, mothers held their little children more closely to their hearts. The whole city seemed caught up in heavenly melody and held close to the heart of God.

And from a window in a distant part of the city little Peter's face looked out, its great longing changed into great peace. His own small gift had made the chimes ring out at last.—Selected.

The ostrich, because of its resemblance to the camel, has been said to be the connecting link between beasts and birds. There is a horny BIRD THAT excrecence on the NEVER FLIES breast of both the dromedary and the ostrich, on which they lean while resting; they have similarly formed feet; the same muscular neck; their food is much the same, and both can go an incredibly long time without water.

Moreover an ostrich never flies, nor is it possible for it to lift itself

from the ground in the slightest degree by the use of its wings; but like the camel it is very swift-footed. In its native country the shells of the eggs afford almost the only household utensils used. An egg will weigh from three to four pounds and is equal to two dozen hen's eggs. It requires thirty-five minutes to boil one, and longer if required hard. A fresh egg is worth twenty-five dollars.

The keeper of an ostrich farm says the birds are the only thing he ever tried that he has not succeeded in taming. They are known to live to be seventy-five years old, and some think they will reach a hundred. They are about eight feet in height. Their hearing and sight are very acute, and these seem to be about all the sense they are blessed with. Their legs are very powerful, and are the only weapon of defense; when they attack an enemy they do so by kicking, but always strike forward and never backward.

The choice "ostrich feathers" are found only in the wings; the underfeathers vary in price, having been as low as twenty-five dollars per pound and as high as three hundred dollars, and there are from seventy to ninety feathers in a pound. A single bird rarely furnishes more than a dozen fine feathers; and the birds themselves, if fine ones, are valued at one thousand dollars per pair.

An old-fashioned man who wanted to hire a team for the afternoon saw a nice pair of bays which he thought he would like to drive.

"WEDDING HORSES." "Can't let you have them," said the liverman. "They are wedding horses."

"What's that?" asked the innocent pleasure seeker.

"Horses that won't shy at old shoes and showers of rice. Some horses seem prejudiced against matrimony. Anyhow they lose their temper if they happen to be hit by any of the good luck emblems that are fired after a bridal couple, and run away if they get half a chance. Every livery stable, however, keeps two or more horses who take a more cheerful view of the wedded state. They may be literally pelted with old shoes without resenting it. Those bays are that kind. They are slated to head a wedding procession tonight and are resting up for the job."

## THE CAT'S EXPLANATION.

You ask the reason, little friends. Why cats don't wash their faces. Before they eat, as children do, in all good Christian places.

Well, years ago, a famous cat, The pangs of hunger feeling, Had chanced to catch a fine young mouse,

Who said, as he ceased squealing,

"All genteel folks their faces wash Before they think of eating!" And, wishing to be thought well-bred,

Puss heeded his entreating. But when she raised her paw to wash,

Chance for escape affording, The shy young mouse then said good-bye,

Without respect to wording.

A feline council met that day, And passed, in solemn meeting, A law forbidding any cat To wash till after eating.

## The Useful Barn Owl.

A family of barn owls will number from three to seven birds. It is hard to believe what an amount of vermin a family of owls will consume. An old owl will capture as much or more food than a dozen cats in a night. The owlets are always hungry. They will eat their own weight in food every night, and more, if they can get it. A case is on record where a half-grown owl was given all the mice it could eat. It swallowed eight, one after the other. The rapid digestion of birds of prey is shown by the fact that in three hours the little glutton was ready for a second meal, and swallowed four more mice. If this can be done by a single bird, what effect must a whole family of owls have on the vermin of a community? It would be difficult to point out a more useful bird than the barn owl in any farming country. Like many other birds, it deserves the

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

fullest protection, but man is often its worst enemy.—American Birds.

A Master Piece in English. The late Senator Vest of Missouri was counsel for a man whose dog had been wantonly shot by a neighbor. The suit was to recover \$200 damages. Vest's plea for the plaintiff resulted in the jury, after two minutes' deliberation awarding the plaintiff \$500. The full text of the speech is as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Jury—The best friend a man has may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him; the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

"Gentlemen of the jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground when the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortunes drive the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even to death."

## IN MEMORIAM.

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.

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

—A new line of Red Fur Muffs, Collars, and Neck pieces at Menner & Co. 9416

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS—

In compliance with an Act of Assembly and in accordance with Article 5 of the Constitution of the Wayne County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the said company will be held in the office of the company, in the Post-office building, Honesdale, Pa., on MONDAY, JAN. 3, 1910, at 10 a. m., for the transaction of general business; and that an election will be held at the same place of meeting, between the hours of 1 and 4 p. m. of said day, for the purpose of electing ten members of said company to serve as directors for the ensuing year. Every person insured in the company is a member thereof and entitled to one vote.

H. C. JACKSON, Pres't.  
PERRY A. CLARK, Sec'y.  
Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 10, 1909.

H. S. SALMON, CASHIER  
W. J. WARD, Ass't 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 assure the patron 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.

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