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LOCAL MENTION.

—Good-bye, Old Year, good-bye. —The public school opens on Monday, Jan. 3, 1910.

—Barber shops in Honesdale will shave you New Year's day only before 12 o'clock.

—William Shuman, of Tanners Falls, and Miss Edie Baldwin, of Rileyville, were married last Friday by Justice R. A. Smith.

—This is the last issue of The Citizen for the year 1909. May the new year—1910—be a very prosperous one for all of its readers.

—Protection Engine Co. have treated themselves to a new hose cart which has been ordered and will be paid for out of their own treasury.

—Bernard McNulty was arrested on Monday evening by N. B. Spencer and was given a hearing before Chief Burgess Kubbach Tuesday morning. The prisoner was committed to the Wayne county jail for being drunk and disorderly.

—The Boys' Brigade will attend the Christian Endeavor meeting on Sunday evening, Jan. 2, at 7 o'clock at the Presbyterian chapel. Selected hymns, with cornet accompaniment. Short, crisp addresses. W. W. Wood leader. The Boys' Brigade will attend the young people's meetings at the different churches alternately.

—Miss Julia S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schneider, of Clemo, and Jesse D. Keeler, of Honesdale, were united in marriage on Tuesday, December 28th, 1909. The ceremony was performed in Wilkes-Barre, and Mr. and Mrs. Keeler returned to Honesdale the following evening. They will reside for the present at 1779 North Main street.

—Following a confession by Walter Wilnot of Great Bend, that a woman disguised as a man, committed the robbery of the postoffice at that place a week ago, the police took into custody Mrs. Ella Miner, 36 years old, of that place, on the charge of robbery. Wilnot was arrested Christmas eve and charged with the burglary, and he had not been in custody very long before he admitted having had a hand in it, and implicating Mrs. Miner. When she was placed under arrest by the officers, Mrs. Miner had \$145 of the loot in possession. She will be taken to Scranton for trial.

—Newfoundland was well represented at Honesdale on Wednesday. A large delegation of residents from that section were in town to take part in the case of Smith versus Brown, before Squire Wm. H. Ham. The case was caused by a misunderstanding regarding the sowing and reaping of oats and hay and the harvest is a law-suit in which the lawyers will do most of the gleaning. The first chapter of the case resulted in Smith getting a verdict against the defendant, Brown, for \$216.00 and costs, as the defendant with his counsel, Squire E. B. Hollister, for some reason best known to themselves, did not put in an appearance.

—Clarence E. Decker, late of San Francisco, formerly of Honesdale, has taken a position with Parkinson & Berkston of Los Angeles, Cal. They are the leading architects of that city and Mr. Decker is their leading man. They are now getting ready plans and specifications for Hotel Alexander, a hotel which will cost several millions, and will be one of the grandest hotels in America.

—The Lake Ladore Improvement company has in course of erection a \$13,000 merry-go-round. The building will have a diameter of 180 feet, will be built of wood and will cost \$5,000. The foundation, which consists of concrete has been built. The structure will be supported by seventy-three abutments. The sills and floor joists have been laid. The merry-go-round will have a capacity of about 150 passengers. It has three rows of horses, boats and single seats. An organ valued at \$1,400 will be installed on the platform. The mechanism, including everything outside of the building, will cost \$8,000. A 120 horse power boiler has been secured to propel the amusement machinery at the lake for next season.

—Dennis Corbett who has operated a box bowling alley at Honesdale for some time, will soon open a similar place in Hawley.

—The many friends of Mrs. John Cannivan will be pleased to learn that she is now out of the hospital and at the home of her mother in Scranton. Mr. Cannivan informs us that she will be home in about two weeks.

—The Honesdale Council, No. 363, of the Knights of Columbus, held a holiday banquet at the Commercial Hotel on Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, 1909. The guests numbered about 55 people seated around three prettily decorated tables. The speakers of the evening were seated at a table in the west end of the dining room. Scinner's orchestra furnished the music. Landlord Weaver is to be congratulated upon the excellent menu which was served.

—Last Tuesday evening after Mrs. Mary Long, of 1021 Main street had returned home from a business meeting at the M. E. church parlors, she was greatly surprised to find that about thirty lady friends had planned to give her a complete surprise, and reached her home just as she was taking off her wraps. The party was comprised of all ladies with the exception of her son-in-law, Henry Murrman, Jr., and Rev. W. H. Hiller. The latter made an appropriate speech for the occasion, at which time he presented Mrs. Long with a beautiful old glass water set as a token of esteem which the ladies present had for their faithful bible teacher. The ladies came prepared with a supply of good things.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Perham of Waymart spent Tuesday here.

Wm. Polt is spending a few days in Scranton.

Miss Amy Clark spent Tuesday in Scranton.

Mrs. James Lindsay is visiting Carbondale relatives.

Marcey Ely has returned from a visit with Scranton relatives.

—Rev. Coeman will preach at Aldenville on Sunday afternoon.

Dan Jacobs of Scranton was a recent business caller in Honesdale.

Mrs. Irving Ball of Scranton, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Neville Holgate is ill with pneumonia at her home on Park Street.

Miss Mabel G. Secor is the guest of Carbondale friends this week.

Michael Galvin is spending a few days in the city of Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Angie Hughes of Hawley, spent Wednesday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Penniman have just recovered from a serious illness.

Harry Pruemers is on a few days visit with Scranton and Wilkes-Barre friends.

The Misses Anna and Mary Rippl are visiting in Carbondale for a few days.

Misses Harriet and Carrie Gregory, of Beach Grove are visiting Honesdale relatives.

Mrs. H. H. Webb has returned from a visit to her son, Dr. Robert Webb, of Forest City.

Mrs. Fanne DeWitt returned to her Scranton home Tuesday afternoon with friends here.

Lawrence Kreiter and May Wasman spent the week with relatives in New York City.

Misses Marie Bracey and Lillian Barberi are spending the week with relatives in Scranton.

Miss Kate Donnelly is spending the holidays with her friend, Miss Anna Fitzgerald, of New York.

A marriage license has been issued to Claud I. Martin and Miss Nora E. Rutledge, both of Royds Mills.

Lloyd C. Rosencrans left on Sunday on a business trip in the interest of the Wayne Cut Glass Co.

Homer McCarty of Carbondale, was entertained Christmas Day at the home of attorney C. A. McCarty.

Misses Gusie and Ruth Fritz, of Scranton, and Reed Brunig of the same place are visiting Mrs. John Smith and family, of Church street.

Miss Ethel Hawker, of this place, and Miss Maud Smith, of Prompton, are guests of the former's cousin, Miss Besse Starbuck, in Port Jervis.

OBITUARY.

Miss Mollie Weiss passed away at her home on East Park street, Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock, after a few months' illness. Miss Weiss was born in Honesdale, where she passed her entire life. She was a daughter of the late William Weiss. Miss Weiss was a graduate of Wellsley College. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from her late residence. The deceased is survived by two brothers and three sisters.

SEVEN BODIES.

Du Bois, Pa., Dec. 28.—The bodies of seven children were recovered today from the ruins of the home of Steve Bronsky near here, which was destroyed by fire last night. The children range in age from two to twelve years. The fire, which was caused by an overheated stove, exploded a keg of powder and cut off all chance of rescue. Six of the children belonged to the Bronsky family and one was the daughter of a boarder.

THE CHRISTMAS BLIZZARD.

The Christmas blizzard, the severest storm experienced in the East in twenty years, tied up local traffic in cities from Delaware to Maine and disarranged train schedules throughout half a dozen states. Conditions, however, are rapidly improving and railroads and municipalities are today bending every effort to move inter-city and local traffic. There is reason to believe conditions will be normal again soon when another storm is expected from the west.

A number of persons have met their death through exposure or accident, five in Philadelphia and a dozen or more in New York. The final reports of fatalities in New England have not yet come to hand.

In Philadelphia general business was practically at a standstill. All through trains were late; only one street car line was running and the city is suffering from a shortage of milk. Reports sent from Pittsburgh indicate that conditions are improving rapidly.

As the results of the efforts of an army of shovelers, the blockade on the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad has been nearly lifted and the railroad officials expect that traffic will be normal soon. Hundreds of stranded travelers spent one or two nights in hotels, their bills being paid by the railroad company. The weather forecast is reassuring.

THE SHOW TO-NIGHT.

On Thursday evening (to-night) the offering will be "Over the Hills to the Poor House," and on Friday evening "The Scarlet Letter." The prices for the New Year's matinee will be the same as the evening's prices on account of being a holiday attraction. Seats are now on sale at the box office.

DEAD EASY.

Men who make newspapers sometimes believe that their profession is an exacting one. They are wrong. It is the simplest calling. Making a newspaper is an easy trick. Anybody can do it. A lawyer with only a diploma and a brass sign, who would lose a suit even if the other side was ready to confess judgment, will tell you how to run a newspaper. A physician who would send his patient to the morgue before the prescription has been filled will know all the fine points of making a newspaper. An actor who never earned any other plaudits than a soft tomato will give instructions in handling the world's news. Any one who knows enough to get off a street car backward has positive opinions on the press. Even a society person who never paid anything but a call or made anything but a visit or did anything but a tailor knows how stupid those men are who write "stories," edit "copy," wrestle with "heads" that won't fit and to get the paper out on time. One reason for the universality of perfection in this trade, among those who do not work at it, is that everybody has been employed in it. It is a most unusual thing to meet a man who, when the occasion seems ripe, will not say "I used to be a newspaper man myself." Every time a man works his county editor for a puff on the strength of a big pumpkin he graduates in journalism. When he writes a "piece" for "The Squash County Clarion" about "a most enjoyable entertainment" he completes his post-graduate course in newspaper work, and when he writes a communication on both sides of the paper to the editor he becomes a thirty-third degree member of the Tribe of Scribes. That so many men have abandoned literature for the law, medicine and other easy walks of life simply shows that many men would rather fall in one thing than another.—Washington Star.

Mary Harriman as a Country Girl. Mary Harriman has as keen an instinct for guarding the cents as her father demonstrated in his business career. As the manager of the 30,000-acre farm in Arden, N. Y., she works with an eye to profit. The responsibility of the farm is not new to her. For several years she practically held control, her father seldom interfering, and then doing little more than offering a suggestion. Harriman was proud of his daughter's talent for management. They were a familiar sight driving together over the farm, Harriman, as a rule, holding the reins over one of his fast trotters. Miss Harriman cares more for her farm than for society. She is a keen judge of a horse, and seldom gets the worst of a trade.

To Breaking One Neck, \$2. The "line-up" man was a facetious soul. The woman for whom he was putting up a pulley clothes-line was exacting. She ordered it put in a certain place, which it was almost impossible for him to reach. He hesitated. "If I have to put it there, lady," he said, "I'll break my neck." Still she did not relent. "All right, lady," he consented, with a cheerful grin, "but it'll cost yer \$2 extra if I break my neck."

The Test. But of the three sorts, namely, those who acquire greatness, and those who have greatness thrust upon them, only the first are anywise certain to know what the different forks are for at the fashionable dinners inevitably given in their honor from time to time.—Puck.

His Prose. "I fear I am not worthy of you." "Never mind about that," responded the young lady with the square jaw. "Between mother and myself I imagine we can effect the necessary improvement." — Louisville Courier-Journal.

LARGEST SCRAP HEAP.

Twenty Thousand Tons of Old Iron in a Single Pile in San Francisco.

The largest scrap heap in the world is in San Francisco, a relic of the great fire which followed the earthquake of April, 1906. It is 40 feet high, 100 feet square and contains 20,000 tons, all cut in equal lengths of eighteen inches, and piled in one solid mass, with the sides as smooth and solid as a brick wall.

This is the only one of four heaps of equal size and proportions which remains intact in its original size and shape, the other three having been drawn upon as the material was needed. Many other scrap heaps are piled about the bay awaiting shipment, some as big as a house and others mere hillocks, scattered over acres of ground.

Since the fire one company has handled 150,000 tons of this old material. It has six large shears in operation to cut the iron and steel, either that it may be better handled for shipment or for the furnace, says the Iron Trade Review. Little of this scrap is used in San Francisco, the bulk of it being shipped to the Atlantic coast or to European ports.

Sheep Down; Chops Up. Sheep-raising has not always been a profitable business, according to the reminiscences of some old stockmen reported in the Breeder's Gazette. Nevertheless the price of the "finished product" on the hotel bill of fare has remained fairly constant—with a tendency to rise.

"The worst deal I ever got," the Oregon rancher declared, "was at Chicago during the hard times. I got in one day with one thousand two hundred lambs that made my commission man pucker up a wry face. We finally put them over the scales at fifty cents a head, and I figured out that it would be necessary to do a large business to make any money on that basis. Disgracefully I secured my return transportation and started down-town to get something to eat before taking the train.

"Got any lamb chops?" said I to the waiter.

"Certainly," he replied. "Two or three?"

"I told him to fetch three, and they neither looked nor tasted good, but the bill was seventy-five cents. Somebody was evidently making money out of sheep, even during the panic."

Light Pressure. Prof. Arthur Schuster, who has been studying the effects of the scattering of light by atmospheric molecules, finds that the force concerned is identical with what is usually called "the pressure of light." There is, he says, a wide-spread impression that light pressure acts only on particles the linear dimensions of which include several wave-lengths of light; but this is not correct. The determining factor is the extinction of light, whether by scattering or absorption. Since a propagation of momentum accompanies the transmission of light, the momentum is destroyed whether the molecules act as scattering or as absorbing centers. The extinction by scattering near the surface of stellar bodies does not, however, appear to be sufficient to cause any measurable effects comparable with their gravitation.

Valuable Old Documents. The chance discovery of a secret drawer in an old writing desk which has been in the family of Charles Decker of Bethlehem, Pa., for generations as a treasured heirloom, revealed that the drawer contained an interesting and valuable collection of historical letters and documents. The papers, a score or more, are war department letters, letters of Gen. Anthony Wayne and others, and proclamations that date back to the revolutionary war and early days of the federal government. Prof. Allison of the historical department of Carnegie Institute states that taken together the letters form a valuable source of first-hand information of an important period in the nation's history.

National Holidays. There is no National Holiday, not even the Fourth of July. Congress has at various times appointed special holidays. In the second session of the Fifty-third Congress it passed an act making Labor Day a public holiday in the District of Columbia, and it has recognized the existence of certain days as holidays for commercial purposes, but with the exception named there is no general statute on the subject. The proclamation of the President designating a day for Thanksgiving only makes it a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the Territories.

Sport as it Ought to Be. Lord Curzon entertained the Glasgow students on Wednesday with some very sound sentiments. We like his idea of a football match with seven spectators and 40,000 players. Looking at games is not much in our way, but we should like to be among those seven spectators. He is quite right, though; it would be a splendid thing if the number of players and onlookers could be reversed.—London Saturday Review.

Snake Story. "Before he went fishin'," said the town story teller, "he swallowed 'bout a pint an' a half of snakebite remedy, an' of course you know what that is. Well, after the snake bit him the reptile cut all sorts o' sapers, knee the remedy went straight to its head. Last thing it tried to do was to swallow its tail an' it got stuck in the turn of a hoop an' I'm a liar if the children didn't roll it around all day!"

SCARCITY OF LEATHER.

A Condition for Which the Automobile Industry is Largely Responsible.

When the scarcity of hides and skins is referred to it is hardly understood by the layman, who perhaps does not know that the world is being scoured in all corners for all available skins and hides. More races are constantly becoming civilized and the increase of our hide and skin supply is not in proportion to that of the human race.

The amount of leather used in the manufacture of novelties of all kinds has increased to a great extent within a few years, says the Shoe Retailer, but in no line has the use of leather broadened so extensively as in automobile manufacture.

Any one who is at all familiar with an automobile knows that there is a considerable amount of leather used in its construction, in upholstery and otherwise. This means a large draught on the leather market, which is perhaps more noticeable in the high price of spready steers, the hides of which are extensively used for that purpose.

Phosphorescent Forests.

The phosphorescence of certain agarics of Borneo has more than once demoralized the superstitious natives and astonished whites. Some years ago a party of English engineers found it necessary to survey a tract of low lying country, which was almost impenetrable, and to blaze the trail natives were employed to work at night, others during the day. The former came into camp one night stating that they could not go through a portion of the bush or forest, strange "spirits" on the trees telling them that evil would befall them if they continued. The "spirits" proved to be a magnificent display of phosphorescence emanating from agarics growing upon the dead limbs of the trees. These vegetable fire-bodies were traced for a considerable distance, producing a most remarkable exhibition, the light in some places being so brilliant that it was difficult to believe that the forest was not aflame. To test the brilliancy the men held papers near the most brilliant portions and read by the light.

Tolerated. Unshaven Person (entering barber shop)—I do not want a hair-dress, shampoo, electric massage, dandruff cure or head-wash.

Barber—Well, what do you want?

U. F.—I want a shave.

Barber (to assistant)—Shave him, Bill. There's no law to prevent these chaps wasting our time.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Money on call was 5 per cent; time money and mercantile paper unchanged in rates. Closing prices of stocks were: Amal. Copper... 90 1/2; Norf. & West... 89 1/2; Atchison... 12 1/2; Northwestern... 18 1/2; B. & O... 117 1/2; Penn. R. R... 137 1/2; Brooklyn R. T. ... 80 1/2; Reading... 170 1/2; Ches. & Ohio... 87 1/2; Rock Island... 80 1/2; C. C. & St. L... 50 1/2; St. Paul... 138 1/2; D. & H... 15 1/2; Southern Pac... 134 1/2; Erie... 33 1/2; Southern Ry... 23 1/2; Gen. Electric... 160 1/2; South. Ry. pf... 73 1/2; Ill. Central... 148; Sugar... 17 1/2; Int.-Met... 24 1/2; Texas Pacific... 30 1/2; Louie. & Nash... 157; Union Pacific... 108 1/2; Manhattan... 120; U. S. Steel... 21 1/2; Missouri Pac... 7 1/2; U. S. Steel pf... 12 1/2; N. Y. Central... 12 1/2; West. Union... 77 1/2.

Market Reports.

BUTTER—Steady; receipts, 1,800 packages; creamery, specials, 33c; extras, 30c; thirds to firsts, 28 1/2c; held, seconds to specials, 25 1/2c; state dairy, common to finest, 22 1/2c; process, firsts to specials, 22 1/2c; western, factory, seconds to firsts, 22 1/2c; imitation creamery, 22 1/2c.

CHEESE—Firm; receipts, 1,800 boxes; state, new, full cream, special, 17 1/2c; September, fancy, 17c; October, best, 15 1/2c; winter made, best, 15 1/2c; common to good, 12 1/2c; skims, full to specials, 8 1/2c.

EGGS—Strong; receipts, 4,321 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, hennery, white, 40 1/2c; gathered, white, 38 1/2c; hennery, brown and mixed, fancy, 40 1/2c; gathered, brown, fair to prime, 38 1/2c; western, extra, firsts, 34 1/2c; firsts, 33 1/2c; seconds, 28 1/2c; refrigerator, special marks, fancy, 25 1/2c; firsts, 24 1/2c; seconds, 23 1/2c.

Wool—Steady; receipts, 1,800 packages; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, hennery, white, 40 1/2c; gathered, white, 38 1/2c; hennery, brown and mixed, fancy, 40 1/2c; gathered, brown, fair to prime, 38 1/2c; western, extra, firsts, 34 1/2c; firsts, 33 1/2c; seconds, 28 1/2c; refrigerator, special marks, fancy, 25 1/2c; firsts, 24 1/2c; seconds, 23 1/2c.

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