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ALDENVILLE.

The sugar bush occupies the attention of many at present.

Miss Bertha Ludwig, of Honesdale, was a visitor at William Foley's last week.

The Y. P. S. C. E. are planning for a social and the Athletic association for an entertainment; both events to come off in the near future.

J. L. Curtis and family, of Miners Mills, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at this place.

Stephen Treat has resigned the position of Superintendent of the M. E. Sunday school to take up his duties preparatory to entering the conference.

The young child of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gilbert is ill with pneumonia. Miss Nellie Bowen is assisting them.

Miss Emma Stanton spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in South Clinton. She is the successful teacher of the primary and intermediate grades in the public schools at this place.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred Sunday night when Frank Derrick, who was returning from Honesdale, and Percy Curtis, who was returning from Aldenville. In the darkness, caused by a heavy rain storm, their wagons collided near Albert Odell's. As each was driving a young horse a lively scramble ensued during which Curtis' rig was overturned down the bank, he leaping to his horse's head just as the wagon upset. Derrick's horse was thrown, after partly breaking loose from the wagon. Both vehicles were more or less damaged. It is said that both these parties are considering taking-out life insurance policies. This accident shows the need of all vehicles being equipped with lamps whereby all danger of traveling in the dark would be greatly reduced.

SOUTH STERLING.

Mrs. George H. Lancaster spent a few days with her people in Hope-well, N. J.; also in Philadelphia on business.

On March 2d Dr. Edison Burke of Chicago; Dr. J. M. Burke, of Buffalo; Dr. Harry Burke, of New York, and Mr. Hugh Burke of Scranton, gave their mother, Mrs. Angeline Burke, a surprise on her 78th birthday at the home of Mr. G. H. Lancaster.

Mr. J. M. Barnes has been sick but is on the gain again.

Miss Ella Velkin has returned home again after spending two weeks with Mrs. Ernest Elder, at Gouldsboro.

Mr. James Gilpin is on the gain.

The A. D. K. boys hold their entertainment in Newfoundland High school building, on Friday evening, March 11th.

George Lawrence and Anna Barnes spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Sterling.

Dr. Edwin Burke is visiting his many friends in this place.

The Ladies' Aid meets at the home of Mrs. Frank Madden all day on March 17th.

Mrs. Dr. Simons spent Saturday in Scranton.

INDIAN ORCHARD.

Although we read of landslides and floods caused by the rapid waste of snow, we are very fortunate in having such a quantity of snow as there was, disappear without causing any disaster.

The first blue-birds seen here were reported the 2d of the month and robins the 6th.

Miss Minnie Parmeton, of Holly Beach, N. J., is visiting Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett at Mrs. W. H. Hall's.

Mrs. Rebecca Leftwich recently visited her daughter at White Mills.

There was no school on Monday, it being settlement day. The children met with their teacher in the evening to practice for the entertainment which will be given this Friday evening.

Miss Minnie Weeks expects to spend the last of the week, visiting relatives in White Mills.

Andrew Maloney and son passed through here enroute for Long Ridge recently.

Friends from this place attended a social gathering at William Maloney's of Laurella Saturday evening.

Mrs. Louise Case, who came up from Hawley to attend the funeral of her little grandson, Everal S. Case, has returned to that town.

USWICK & LAKEVILLE.

Misses Gladys Pennell and Pearl Crane, also Lester Pennell have the sore throat and the grip.

Messrs. F. B. Pennell, P. G., and F. R. Olmsted, P. G., of Uswick, and Oliver Locklin, P. G., Alfred Locklin, Charles Daniels and William Sheeley, of Lakeville, attended Wamung Lodge, No. 448, I. O. O. F., at Hawley, on Wednesday evening, March 2d. Joseph Mackey, Grand Secretary, and Mr. Montgomery, Grand Master, were present and held a session of Grand Lodge, after which lunch was served and all returned to their homes having enjoyed the evening's entertainment very much.

The L. A. S. of this vicinity,

met at the parsonage at Lakeville on Wednesday, March 2d, and elected the officers that served last year and elected two more as assistants. The officers are as follows: Mrs. A. Goble, president; Mrs. C. A. Utt, vice-president; Mrs. C. W. Pennell, assistant vice-president; Miss Alma Killam, secretary; Miss Minnie Locklin, assistant secretary; Mrs. William Seeger, treasurer.

Mrs. Charles Utt returned home from Ledgedale on Wednesday of last week. She has been caring for her daughter, Mrs. M. H. Harloe, for some time. Mrs. Harloe is getting along fine.

F. B. Pennell visited his son Chester at Ariel Junction on Thursday; also visited his daughter, Mrs. Lewis Curtis, at Pink, and returned home in the evening.

Miss Gladys Pennell, of Uswick, attended Lucy Sheeley's birthday party on Thursday evening at Lakeville.

The auditors for Pupack township commenced auditing the accounts for the township to-day at the P. O. S. of A. hall at Lakeville. We have had about a week of fine spring weather. It is cold and snows to-day.

WHITES VALLEY.

The Ladies' Aid society pleasantly spent last Thursday at Mrs. S. Pomery's and seven dollars were added to the treasury. Under the new management, it is expected that great good will be accomplished. An invitation to be present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Spencer, Lake LeMar, March 24th, is extended to all.

Mrs. H. W. White, who has been ill with the grip, has recovered.

Mrs. H. L. Fisher, son Mark and daughter Clara, are visiting relatives and friends in Binghamton.

Mr. H. W. White and F. W. White attended the funeral of Mr. Ward Buckland of Waymart.

The many friends of Bates F. White, of Lestershire, N. Y., will be glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering from an operation for appendicitis. Mr. White entered the Moses Taylor Hospital of Scranton, Monday and was operated upon on Thursday morning. Mrs. White and his sister, Mrs. H. L. Fisher, accompanied him. Dr. Wainwright, operating surgeon, ranks second in skill in the state. Dr. Reed Burns, formerly of Honesdale, holding highest honors. Mrs. Fisher returned to Binghamton Thursday evening, but Mrs. White will remain in the city until all danger of complication is past.

Mr. S. Pomery visited Scranton and Carbondale friends recently.

STEENE.

The Bobolink gets its first fish story from Mr. Buckland Tuesday morning as the "Link" had a few minutes to spare, but wouldn't have had the time to spare only for the cold snap drying up his sap spiles, which had kept him from letting the grass grow under his feet for four days and nights until midnight. After witnessing his neighbor cut off an extraordinary large chew, from a fresh plug just received, he knew that their was something coming without asking any questions. After getting the big chew well placed so that he could talk without being choked, he began: "Well, Link, you may think I'm lying because there are no such fish stories, or no such fish in your day. I think that it was in the year of 1840, that the forest surrounding Keens' Lake was alive with white rabbits, and you know to get one of those it was worth as much as a four weeks' old pig for a roast. Well, the first night I set two large box traps, as it took me all day to make them. Well, I struck two good runways where the rabbits would come down to the lake for a drink. There I set my traps as close the water's edge as possible, and the next morning at the peep of day, I rowed across the lake to my traps. They were about 100 feet apart. Before I reached the shore I could see that my traps were sprung. You know that I had been living on fish so long that my heart gave a bound, thinking of the two fine would-be roasters in store for me, but in reaching the traps I was in a quandary what to do, as each trap had, as I judged at the time, a 40 or 50 pound roaster inside and I didn't want to lose any such game. So after a short consultation with myself, I decided to take traps and all to the house where, by the aid of the women, in a closed room I knew there would be no escape for the bunnies. Well, Link, you can believe me or not, when I opened the first trap there crawled out on the kitchen floor six eels that would average six pounds apiece, and when I lifted the trap of the second one, five black bass jumped out on the floor, that would average five pounds apiece. Well, I grated my teeth in rage, but the women smiled as they had the fire built and two large frying pans hot awaiting my fish. When you have more time I have a better one than this."

Lesley Mill visited friends at Carbondale Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ruth Nichols visited friends

at Carbondale Saturday and Sunday. Richard Duffy and son Walter are making a two weeks' visit with the former's brother, John, in New York city.

George Chapman, of Carbondale, spent two days last week with the Bobolink.

Within a radius of a half mile there are three large sugar camps working full blast day and night. Charles Dennie has about one hundred trees that he expects to reap a dollar a piece from and the Bobolink has 90 under the tap, enough for one man to attend to. Emmet Swingle says that if he can find the trees he will tap two hundred. Emmet's stils are long; he can wade through deep snow.

It is expected that the Rev. Mr. Davis will preach his farewell sermon here next Sunday. It is hoped that the conference will send him back to us again as we feel that his place can't be filled to the liking of everyone, as he fills it.

Farmers who are not operating a sap bush are busy getting their summer wood.

Mrs. Thomas Arthur is quite ill at the home of her son, Thomas, at Steene.

LOOKOUT.

George Brigham, of Galilee, spent Saturday and Sunday at J. B. Maudsley's.

Mr. Jesse Hathaway has gone to visit his daughter, Mrs. Norman Tyler, near Ellenville, N. Y.

William Flynn, Jr., has gone to Middletown, N. Y., on business.

Mrs. A. Bush and sons, of Galilee, called on friends at this place on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Daney, Mrs. F. M. Lester and children visited Mrs. B. A. Brinning at Union on Friday last.

HAMLINTON.

The Book club was entertained on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. T. Stocker.

Edward Hoffman, of Scranton, recently visited his parents here.

A load of young people from this place attended the Grange supper at Madisonville Tuesday night.

Cora and Lawrence Alt are spending the week at Big Pond.

Miss Edna Chumard has returned from a visit to friends in Scranton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hummer are visiting Mrs. Hummer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Florence Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Corritt of Scranton, are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, Mrs. Carrith was formerly Lida West of this place.

On the afternoon of Thursday, March 3d, a number of girl friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Williams and showered her with pretty and useful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Williams expect soon to begin housekeeping in Scranton.

The annual settlement of the auditors of the township was held in the I. O. O. F. hall, March 7th.

Sugar making is in progress. Thus far the weather for that purpose has been very favorable.

Mrs. C. M. Loring spent Tuesday with Mrs. Inez Curtis.

John Williams is getting out lumber for a new house which he proposes to erect upon the site of the one recently destroyed by fire.

USE MORE THAN ONE DESK.

Men Who Find Two or Even Three Desks Convenient in Their Work.

"One man I had occasion to call on the other day," said a man whose business takes him around among people more or less, "I found sitting between two desks. Facing one, he had the other directly at his back, and evidently both were in use. The significance of the two desks was really very simple.

"This man is at the head of an establishment calling for both scientific and administrative work and in one of his desks he has all the material required in his scientific work and in the other the various things required in his business work.

"He sits between the two desks in a revolving chair. If he has business to attend to he swings around and goes at it on the business desk. Business finished, he swings around again to his other desk and resumes his scientific work, enabled by the arrangement to avoid confusion and to prosecute his work in either direction with convenience and economy of time, all of which I thought was very fine.

"I have since heard of another man engaged in three pursuits who uses three desks in precisely the same manner, the three desks being set to form three sides of a square, with his revolving chair in the centre, the papers and documents and data pertaining to one thing in one desk, to another thing in another and to the third thing in the third desk, all very convenient, and time saving.

"And I suppose if you looked around enough you would find in fact a considerable number of men who make use in their business or professions of more than one desk."

Very Old Painting.

What is believed to be the oldest European painting in existence has been found in crete by the Italian archaeological mission. It is on a sarcophagus, and is supposed to have been produced about 2500 B. C.

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THE GUILLOTINE'S ORIGIN.

Not Invented by the Genial Old Doctor but by One Schmitt.

In a book just published by Hector Fleischman in Germany the usual story of the origin of the instrument of execution which was named for Dr. Guillotin in the day of the French reign of terror is flatly denied. "There is no truth in the story, which has so long been believed," he says, "that the genial old physician invented the machine which was named for him and by means of which he is said to have lost his life shortly after its adoption. Guillotin, in keeping with the spirit of his time, proposed on Oct. 10, 1789, that all offenders, regardless of their birth or station, should be dealt with alike by the law, and six months later he proposed to the Government that convicted murderers should be beheaded by means of a 'simple apparatus.'"

"The mechanism of which he and no one else had any idea at that time was spoken of as the 'simple apparatus' by the humorists of the day, and the phrase was used to make its proposer ridiculous; so that when a machine finally was adopted the wits of the time named it guillotine. The Government evidently recognizing the value of the suggestion, asked one Antoine Louis, a surgeon at the Salpêtrière, to devise a machine and later gave a similar order to a carpenter by the name of Guillon, who offered to construct an instrument for decapitation for 5,550 livres.

"This was considered too high a price, and the contract was given to a German cabinet maker by the name of Tobias Schmidt, who received 824 livres for the accepted model in 1792. Schmidt made guillotines for all the provinces and the industry brought him a moderate fortune, which he proceeded to squander in Paris, while Dr. Guillotin, who never had anything to do with the making of the machine which bore his name, continued to practice his profession quietly and unostentatiously in Paris until he died there on March 25, 1814."—Chicago News.

Costly Snake Poison.

One of the strangest as well as most costly articles of commerce is snake venom, for which there is a growing demand in medicine and other branches of science. The supply comes from Australia, and a recent Sydney quotation placed the market price at 20c to 7 1/2 grains, or about \$200.00 a pound Troy, no attempt seeming to have been made hitherto to distinguish between the poison of snakes whose bite is usually fatal and that from reptiles that seldom kill. Dr. Tidwell, of the New South Wales Health Department, states that the venoms are now being classified. Laboratory experiments place the tiger snake venom first, as it is sixteen times as deadly as that of the black snake and four times as powerful as that from the brown snake or the death adder. In average yield at a bite the death adder supplies three times as much as the tiger snake and seventeen times as much as the brown snake. So far the snakes have been mostly captured by hand to avoid loss of poison, and, at even greater personal risk, have been held in the hand while being enraged and made to bite through a rubber band, ejecting upon a glass plate the venom from the two poison fangs in the upper jaw. Each snake has supplied the material from one bite, averaging about a grain.—Dundee Advertiser.

Farmers' Lot in New England.

Anybody who thinks the farmers of New England are living in solitude, out of touch with the great world and indifferent to the advantages of organization, is destined to a rude awakening if he subjects his impression to the test of fair-minded inquiry. Much "pity" is patronizingly bestowed on the farmers, who resent it and reject it. Their winters are said to be depressing, whereas that season is in reality the period of their social gayeties, grange suppers, neighborhood sleigh rides, festivities within the reach of moderate purses and moderate desires. Taken as a whole, the farmer's lot is not an unappreciated one, any more than that of the hired man. The hired man have not been "unionized" yet, and that accounts for a great gap in the ranks of organized labor.—Boston Transcript

Rattlesnakes.

It is commonly believed that the rattlesnake will strike without giving the warning rattle during the hot days of August, at which time their sight is affected. A new joint is formed to the rattle every time the snake sheds its skin. As the reptile sheds its skin oftener than once a year, the number of joints does not represent the age of the rattlesnake. Many joints are lost by accident or wear. Rattlesnakes are entirely confined to the western hemisphere.

Bobby's Faltering Faith.

One Sunday morning little Bobby showed signs of having something on his mind. Finally he mustered up courage and addressed his father thus: "Say, papa, don't you think it is time for me to graduate from Sunday school?"

Nothing New.

Fashion is ever changing, but it must be confessed that all the dresses we "create" are merely variations, improvements, or transformations of models worn in other days.—Moda, Rome.

An Apology Crank.

A man who is good at making explanations and apologies is seldom good for anything else.

Selections

ALL FRENCHMEN SAVERS.

Government Bond as Small as a Franc May Be Bought.

If you were a Frenchman with a very small surplus to invest; if, even, that surplus were but a modest franc, you might become the holder of a French government bond. From the cradle to the grave the French citizen is taught to save and to turn his earnings into safe income-producing account. The state pays a premium on thrift. It rewards its school children for various good performances with a tiny bank deposit which invariably will have grown into goodly size when the recipient has reached maturity. Having nursed its people through the early stages of economy, it directs their steps in the choice of investments, and even assumes personal power in arbitrarily transforming the savings bank account into government bonds, or rentes, says a writer in the American Review of Reviews. Thrift is a national characteristic. France is a nation of little savers of little incomes, and of little farms. Collectively, these exercise a tremendous power on the affairs of Europe. The holder of the one and two franc bond and the possessor of the bank account, so small that bankers of other countries would scorn it, have built up a monetary power that commands the respect of the world and, indeed, regulates the finances and politics of many more presumptuous nations.

Bonds of states and governments, of railroads with a government guarantee, bonds of cities and towns, of mortgage companies, are the Frenchman's choice. His portfolio contains the most varied collection of government securities imaginable. It is safe to say that in Paris coupons are cut from the bonds of nearly every government under the sun. Too often the Frenchman gambles and loses in stock shares. He will have none of his own country's industrial issues.

Necessity of Air Baths.

The conditions and conventions of our civilization demand frequent bathing; any one suspected of avoiding a daily bath would quickly find himself persona non grata in decent society. It is popularly supposed that frequent bathing is essential to health. This is quite untrue. Much of the benefit attributed to the water is in reality due to the complete exposure of the skin to the air. The respiratory function of the skin is of high importance, and although water may be dispensed with, closing the pores to air would result in speedy asphyxiation.

Tactics.

So far as history gives us any information on the subject, the father of "tactics," in the military sense, was the great Theban General Epaminondas, who, at the famous battle of Leuctra, B. C. 371, fought between the Thebans and Spartans, for the first time introduced the scientific mode of fighting. Prior to that time the universal rule was for the opposing armies to face each other and fight it out by sheer brute force and building tenacity, without any particular regard for scientific principles.

Darwin and Wallace.

In 1858 Wallace sent to Darwin a paper in which he sketched the outlines of a theory identical with that upon which Darwin had so long been at work. The same sequence of observed facts and inferences that led Darwin to the discovery of natural selection and its consequences had led Wallace to the very threshold of the same discovery; but in Mr. Wallace's mind the theory had by no means been wrought out to the same degree of completeness to which it had been wrought in the mind of Mr. Darwin.

Amount of Rainfall.

Recent authorities assure us that if all the rain which falls upon the earth were allowed to accumulate in a basin of the same area of the terrestrial surface, it would almost be a collection of eight feet deep at the end of the year. The heaviest rainfall known upon the earth occurs upon the mountain slopes beyond the head of the Bay of Bengal, and amounts upon the average to 610 inches or nearly 51 feet, in the course of the year. One inch of rain implies a fall of 107 tons of water upon each acre of ground.

"Hicksites" vs. "Friends."

Hicksites are a numerous body of rationalistic Quakers in America, founded by Elias Hicks (1748-1839), who in 1827 seceded from the Society of Friends and created a schism in that body by his promulgation of Unitarian doctrines. About one-half of the "Friends" in America adopted his views. The Hicksites deny the miraculous conception, the divinity and the atonement of Christ, as well as the inspiration and authenticity of the Scriptures.

Ominous.

One of the first signs that a woman is getting old is when she tells the story that she married before she was 15.

Rice Cultivation in Burma.

Of the twelve million acres under cultivation in Burma, eight million are devoted to rice.

What Not to Remember.

There is a great secret in knowing what to keep out of the mind as well as what to put in.—Emerson.

RUN WITHOUT HEADLIGHT.

Wherein British Railroad Trains Differ from Those of America.

Locomotive headlights as we know them in this country are practically unknown in Great Britain. We are told by a writer in a recent railroad magazine. There are few grade crossings there, and these are well protected, so that the light is not needed as a danger signal, and there is no effort to use exceptionally bright lights to illuminate the track in front of a train.

The situation is not without its advantages. Bright headlights modify or obliterate the feeble colored lights of signals and switches, and they dazzle the eyes of the drivers on passing trains. In this country the headlight seems to be a necessity. To be effective it should be sufficiently brilliant to illuminate the track for a distance greater than that within which the brakes can stop the train, but it must not be so powerful as to blind approaching trains crews and modify the colors of signal lights. It should also be as effective as possible in foggy and snowy weather.

The oil lamp hardly meets these conditions; it is too feeble, even with a proper reflector. Electricity is too powerful, and has been abandoned by some of the roads that have introduced it. Acetylene, which is now so familiar as an illuminant on automobiles, is advocated by many authorities.

Tragedy of a Kiss.

An Atchison romance. He had not known her long, but as she stood in the moonlight a white dress and a blue sash set off her figure so well that he thought he had never seen a prettier picture. And then he did an awful thing—he kissed her. The innocent girl shrank from him in horror and the young man realized that he had gone too far. Indeed, as the panting girl strove to collect herself sufficiently to express the scorn, surging in her bosom the young man thought of the beating he must endure the next day from her father and brothers, and of the long accounts of the fight that would appear in the newspapers. Fortunately, he had his hat in his hand, and turned to go. But the girl struggled to speak, saw would express her contempt for his action though it killed her. "When," she said, in a low, hoarse voice, full of deep-seated hatred, "are you coming again?"—Atchison Globe.

Uses of Adversity.

Prosperity is not without many fears and disasters; and adversity is not without comforts and hopes. Certainly, virtue is like precious odors, most fragrant, when they are incensed or crushed; for prosperity doth best discover vice; but adversity doth best discover virtue.—Bacon.

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