

CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMNS

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INDIAN ORCHARD.

Mrs. Shepherd Garrett, of Beach Lake, spent several days with relatives here last week.

Irma and Ethel Ham were guests of White Mills friends last week.

Walter Garrett of Brooklyn, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd Garrett of Beach Lake.

W. C. Spry, Mike Tenbus, Ray Bayly and W. H. and R. N. Marshall made a business trip to Narrowsburg on Thursday last.

Earl C. Ham and bride, who have been spending several days in the metropolis, returned home on Saturday.

Alice Maloney, of Laurella, was a guest of Mrs. Ray Bayly on Thursday.

Mrs. W. H. Marshall spent Wednesday last with relatives and friends at the lake.

We called on Charles E. Neal, the poultry man, at East Beach Lake, on Thursday last. We found the proprietor and his amiable wife caring for several hundred little chicks, as well as gathering dozens of eggs which are crated and shipped to New York city. We also had a pleasant chat with Rev. C. T. Van Gorder of the same place. He informed us that he had discovered how to make farming easy. He has purchased a sulky plow and a wheel cultivator, thus avoiding the tiresome part of the work.

Several of the ladies of this place attended a party held in Ahren's Hall at Swamp Brook on Saturday. They tied two quilts, sewed several pounds of carpet rags, besides having a good time. Mrs. E. Nonnemacher, Mrs. Wm. DeReamer and Mrs. Charles Ahren, who had charge of the gathering, did all that they could to entertain their guests. After being served with refreshments they departed for their several homes, feeling well repaid for their visit.

Charles Bayly, of Archbald, accompanied by a gentleman friend, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, R. E. Bayly and wife.

Nettie Ham is very sick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brock, of White Mills. She has a very severe attack of rheumatism.

Mildred Bayly is quite sick with tonsillitis. Dr. Gavitt of White Mills, is the attending physician.

Mr. Charles Jay, who has been quite sick, we are glad to learn is better.

C. A. Davey, the census enumerator, was a caller at Altoona Farm on Saturday last.

John Buckingham, of Ateo, called at the Chestnut Grove farm on Thursday to see his mother, who has been sick for several weeks.

Mrs. Peter J. Schmitt, of Swamp Brook, who has been visiting her son, Herman, and wife, of Philadelphia, returned home on Saturday evening.

We called on Mr. E. E. Avery of the Bethel Farm, on Wednesday. We found he and his son busily engaged at putting the rooms of the house in fine condition, by papering, hanging doors, etc.

Claude Smith is repairing and raising his barn. He will put in a concrete basement.

Borden's man is at work in this vicinity at whitewashing the stables for their patrons.

We went to Hawley on Saturday last and returned by way of Swamp Brook. More improvements have been done in that vicinity than in any place we have visited this year. The first place after leaving the Long Ridge road we came to was Mrs. William Klonek's. This is as pretty a residence as can be found in any town. Wm. Daniels is also improving his building by re-roofing them. Jacob Schmitt has placed a very attractive sign at the entrance to his store where you will find him always ready to wait upon his customers to first-class goods, at reasonable prices.

HAMLIN.

An essay contest for the W. C. T. U. silver medal was held in the M. E. church here on Friday night, April 22nd.

C. M. Loring, is working in Scranton, was at home part of the week.

Mrs. W. H. Alt and Mrs. A. F. Jones are spending this week at the Alt cottage at Big Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chumard have moved into the house next the camp-ground, owned by W. A. Stone.

H. C. Pelton was in Scranton the first of the week. Among others who visited Scranton were: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Simons, Claire Simons, G. O. Gillett, Mrs. B. F. Hamlin and Butler Hamlin.

Frances Orchard returned to Stroudsburg on Thursday after spending a few days at her home here.

H. D. Spangenberg made a trip to Deposit, N. Y., during the past week.

Ray Wall, of Hawley, was a business caller in this vicinity on Friday of last week.

It was expected that Rev. Dr. Fuller would give the Memorial Day address at this place, but as he has

moved to Norwich, N. Y., he will not be able to do so. The G. A. R. Post has secured the Rev. W. E. Webster, of Sterling, to give the address on that day.

Miss Floasie Edwards is spending a few days at her home here.

C. L. Simons is constructing a building in the rear of his residence, for his gas lighting plant.

The Wayne County Teachers' Association will meet at this place April 29th and 30th. There will be only an evening session on Friday which will consist of a lecture by Prof. Gortner of Mansfield State Normal School. The public is cordially invited.

ALDENVILLE.

The "Bobolink" from Steene certainly can spin yarns by the yard. Say, "Link," we have you stopped though on syrup production. How's this: Twenty-seven gallons of maple syrup made this season from forty-five trees, and as "fer fishin'" we saw a trout that was caught on the 15th that measured 18 inches and had been previously hooked, probably on the same day, as he carried a bran new steel hook and several yards of fish line in his upper lip, besides the one with which he was finally landed with. By the way, "Link," how are the bull-heads biting up at Keene?

We note with pleasure the action taken by the Prompton supervisors in building a stone road. This is certainly a progressive measure. Wonder why Clinton don't do something of the kind on the road leading from Aldenville to Prompton? We own a stone crusher and it stands idle. To be sure the town is in debt, or has been, but we will all die in debt if we have to keep traveling over that miserable road mentioned above; broken wagon springs, wheels, extra horse feed, etc.

E. K. Curtis is seriously ill of brain congestion. Dr. Noble is in attendance.

We wonder if there are any trout at all left in the creek. It has been estimated that over one hundred fishermen chased one another up and down the stream from early morn till dark on the 15th. Many fine catches are reported.

The baseball season was cracked open on Friday last. Our High school athletes bumped into the Mount Pleasant High school team and were defeated. The boys say they would have stood a better show had it not been for a young man by the name of Benson who did the twirling for the visitors.

BETHANY.

Miss Giles, of Aldenville, is visiting Blanche Starnes.

Miss Cody was called to Honesdale Wednesday to care for Miss Fourth.

Miss Maud Bennett returned home Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Cody attended the Kennedy-Kennedy wedding at Cold Springs on Wednesday evening.

Blanche Starnes gave a variety shower Friday evening at her home for Grace Miller to about a dozen friends and a most enjoyable time was spent.

During last week Mrs. H. N. Miller issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Grace Evelyn, to Mr. William Charles Seifarth, on the forenoon of Thursday, the fifth of May at 11 o'clock at her residence here.

A dime social will be given Wednesday evening at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Bodie, Haines, for the benefit of Bethany Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Ernest Bodie was called to Scranton Thursday by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Delcy Schoonover. Her many friends were pained to hear the sad news of her death on Saturday morning. Since September Mrs. Bodie has had seven deaths of near relatives in her family and now the death of her mother comes as a severe blow.

Miss Many has invited her scholars to a picnic on Wednesday if the weather is fine, to Wintergreen hill.

Mrs. Charles Blake will entertain the Ladies' Aid Friday for supper at her home. All are invited.

USWICK & LAKEVILLE.

Mr. G. Shaffer, of Hawley, visited his daughter, Mrs. A. Conklin, of Uswick, on Sunday.

Mr. A. Conklin is now working for his neighbor, Mr. C. Sanders.

Mrs. Daniel Kuhn and son Eugene, of Adella, visited Uswick friends on Wednesday; also looked after the flowers and attended to the graves of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Smith, at the cemetery at this place.

Mrs. Newel McCane, of Honesdale, moved in the house vacated by Mrs. J. Everly, near Lakeville. Messrs. Mosier, J. Herzog and George Hazleton moved there.

Elbert N. Swingle and wife, of South Canaan, visited the former's sister, Mrs. J. B. Mains, of Uswick, on Saturday.

Birten Daniels and wife moved to Niagara, N. Y., on Friday of last week.

Mr. Walter Pennell returned home from Waymart on Tuesday of last week. He is now farming while his father, P. B. Pennell, is enumerating the census in Paupack township.

Miss Jennie Crane went to Brooklyn, N. Y., on Friday to visit her sister, Miss S. Helen Crane, and other friends at that place for eight or ten days.

Miss Louise Soderberg of New York is expected to arrive at the Keith home at Uswick on Wednesday.

There was no Sunday school at this place on April 17th on account of the inclemency of the weather.

David Degroat has moved from the Dempsey house to the house recently vacated by Edgar Degroat on Mr. Andrew's farm at Uswick.

The Misses Keith are expected to arrive at their home at Uswick on Friday evening of this week.

Mrs. R. W. Murphy, accompanied her husband to Woodside Lake on Saturday last.

Ward Haney had a dance at the P. O. S. of A. Hall on Saturday evening.

MILANVILLE.

Miss Celesta Skinner died April 19th, aged 88 years, 2 months and 16 days from paralysis. Three years ago she broke her hip, and since then she has been an invalid. She was an earnest Christian, loved by all. In her early youth she united with the Methodist church. She was the oldest of the twelve children of Calvin Skinner and Sallie Lillie, five of whom are living. Volney, Milton L., Martha, Mrs. Abigail Hillman, at home; and Mrs. Octavia Permick, of Washington, D. C. She will be greatly missed. She was called "Aunt Callista" by all. She was born on Feb. 3, 1822 in the house she died in.

Miss Katie Shiner has returned to her home at Hackensack, N. J.

Mrs. Lee Black is home after spending the winter with her granddaughter, Mrs. Elbridge Carpenter, at Newark, N. J.

J. J. McCollough, who has been staying with his mother, Mrs. Lee Black, has returned to Binghamton, N. Y.

Mrs. Cora Skinner has returned from her visit at Cozinoia, N. Y.

Miss May Boucher, of Port Jervis, is visiting at W. B. Yerkes.

Bessie E. Skinner, who spent the winter in New York, is expected home in a few days.

WHITES VALLEY.

Mrs. William Moase and daughter Bessie, of Pleasant Mount, called on friends here Saturday.

Miss Rena Stark has returned home after spending several weeks in Prompton.

Miss Nellie Hull, of Waymart, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hull.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hutchins, of Carbondale, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Glover.

Mrs. Charles Gustin is visiting at William Gustin's.

Mr. and Mrs. William Flitz spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. Carl Bonham, at Carbondale.

Miss Rose Glanville, of Pleasant Mount, recently visited her sister, Mrs. Chas. Bonham.

Fred White left last week for Binghamton, N. Y. His grandmother, Mrs. Laura Coyne, accompanied him as far as Susquehanna.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Crossman spent Saturday and Sunday with Uniondale friends.

HAWLEY & WILSONVILLE.

On Tuesday P. J. Keary received a large supply of the Williams & Clark fertilizers for which he is agent. For sale at his home, the "Mountain View Farm House."

There were three funerals in town during the past week. On Sunday at 2 p. m. occurred the death of Frank Dunn at his home at the Eddy after an illness of several months, a victim of Bright's disease. The deceased is survived by a young wife and two small boys, an invalid father, George Dunn, mother, and brothers. His funeral on Wednesday afternoon was attended by a large delegation of friends. The floral offerings were especially beautiful. The glass cutters, among whom he worked, and members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, of which he was a member, attended in a body. The remains were laid to rest in the Walnut Grove cemetery. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved ones.

After being in feeble health for a long time, Mr. Wilbert, aged about 48 years, died on Monday at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Kerber, with whom he made his home. Funeral on Thursday morning. The body was taken to Honesdale, his former home, for burial, accompanied by his widow and many sorrowing relatives and friends.

An infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan, of the East Side, was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery on Friday.

Mrs. Knesel, of Honesdale, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Schalm.

Mr. Howell, a survivor of the Civil War, is quite ill at his home on Maple avenue.

Julia Compton closed her school at Tafton on Friday afternoon. In the evening, teacher and pupils gave a farewell entertainment.

The L. A. S. of the M. E. church, met with Mrs. D. Bingham on Wednesday afternoon.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher of Deposit, were notified of the arrival of a little son at their home

on Good Friday. Mrs. Gallagher, whose maiden name was Evelyn Torney, a sister of Mrs. P. J. Keary, with whom she formerly spent much time, has many friends in this vicinity who sent congratulations.

Owing to weak eyes Ralph Reineke, a glass cutter, has been enjoying a short vacation.

Frederick, little son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lobb, was very sick for several days during the past week.

Wednesday evening, Geo. Pelton, one of Hawley's popular draymen, as a birthday treat, took his wife to the Nickette. On her return she was surprised to find her home had been invaded by about twenty relatives and friends who met her at the door with their birthday greetings. A pleasant time was passed and a delicious lunch served.

Mrs. Florence Shook is under the care of Dr. Voigt.

Florence Williams had a stone bee the latter part of the week on the lot at the rear of his dwelling. Some blasting was done.

Mrs. H. C. White of Ariel, also William Clark, of Honesdale, attended the funeral of Frank Dunn on Wednesday.

Mrs. Meyer and daughter Anna, of Tafton, visited Mrs. Casper Enger of Bone Ridge, on Sunday.

MAPLEWOOD.

Thomas Bootenheimer is thinking of building a new barn in the near future.

Duke Black and Samuel Colwell are busy painting Robinson's cottage.

Mrs. F. S. Keene and son Orrin, recently visited relatives in Scranton.

F. S. Keene entertained Clyde Casterlin of Pittston last week.

Leroy Dodd has repaired the green house on the Orrin Sharpe place, and is raising plants on same.

The Maplewood base ball team has leased permanent ground of F. S. Keene. L. H. Geary has been elected manager, and Mr. Scrapey captain.

ORSON.

An ice cream social will be held at the home of E. S. Whipple on Friday evening, April 29th, for the benefit of the Epworth League.

Mr. E. P. Harlow has gone south on a business trip.

Mrs. J. W. Lewis is in Susquehanna.

Mrs. W. G. Mosher is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Artie Transue and family of Preston Park, have returned home after visiting at the home of J. B. Lee and W. C. Lee.

J. H. Sheldon has planted thirty-five maple trees along the highway of his farm, and says if the farmers of Preston township would plant a few trees each year along their farms it would soon be a pleasure to travelers driving along our roads in hot weather.

Frank Griffin, of Shehawken, visited recently at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Griffin.

Three of our fishermen were angling for speckled beauties in the Starrucca streams last Saturday.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on the 23d day of May, 1910 by John J. Brown, Valentine Bliss, W. J. Davis, John J. Holland, F. W. Wolleton, E. J. Lynott, A. G. Rutherford and others, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and government of street railway companies in this Commonwealth," approved May 14, A. D. 1889, and the supplements and amendments thereto, for a charter for and intended corporation to be called "The Scranton and Lake Ariel Railway Company." Said proposed corporation is organized for the purpose of building, constructing and operating a street railway over the following streets, highways and bridges as follows, namely: Beginning at the dividing line between Roaring Brook township and the Borough of Moscow, in Lackawanna county, where Main street crosses said line; thence along Main street in said borough to the intersection of Market street; thence along Market street to the intersection of Willow street; thence along Willow street to the intersection of Brook street; thence along Brook street to the borough and Madison township line; thence from the Borough of Moscow line along the public road known as the Bear Brook road, leading from Moscow to Hollisterville, to the count line (also known as the line between Madison and Salem townships); thence from Madison township line at the Wilcox place, along the public road, known as the road leading from Madisonville, to Hollisterville; thence from Hollisterville to Moors Corners to Hamilton; thence from Hamilton along the North and South Turnpike to Lake township line; thence from line dividing Salem and Lake townships along the public road leading to Lake Ariel in Lake township, known as the road leading from Hamilton to Lake Ariel to Brown's Corners in the village of Ariel, Lake township, Wayne county; thence returning by the same route to the place of beginning, with the necessary turnouts, sidings and switches, forming a complete circuit, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

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THE GRANGE

STOPPING CROWS FROM PULLING CORN.

A farmer of one of the central countries wrote to State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, about soaking corn in either coal tar or dilute carbolic acid to keep crows from pulling up newly-planted corn. He said that he suffered much damage in past years through the depredations of crows, and wants to get ahead of them this year.

Professor Surface's answer to this letter contained the following:

"It is commonly reported that corn should be soaked a few minutes in water containing a solution of coal tar or gas tar, and then spread and allowed to dry. This will make the corn so bitter that the crows will be suspicious of it and will not eat it for fear of being poisoned. I presume dilute carbolic acid would serve the same purpose, but I am not certain about this.

Different devices have been recommended to keep the crows from pulling corn, one of which is strings stretched around and across the corn field. It is also recommended to sow corn on top of the ground about the time it commences to shoot through the soil, in order to feed the crows at this time, so they will not pull the grain that is planted. It is best for a person to try one or more methods and make a practice of that which he finds best."

THE CHERRY APHIS.

The advice of Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, was asked by a resident of the Cumberland Valley a sto what to do for his cherry trees, which every spring for the last two years have been badly damaged by black lice destroying the young shoots as well as the stems bearing the cherries.

The reply of Professor Surface was as follows:

"The insect injuring your cherry tree is the black plant louse, often called the cherry aphis. One of the best remedies is to spray with one pound of whale oil soap in five gallons of water, just after the leaf buds open, but before the leaves are expanded, and, of course, before the flowers come. The spraying should not be done if the young lice are not seen to be present. It should be held for immediate application when you do see them. Watch for them on the leaves, and when they come, give them a spraying before the leaves curl.

One important point is to reach them before they curl in the leaves. After the leaves have curled the material will not come into direct contact with them, and they will not be killed. Ten per cent kerosene emulsion can also be used for this, making it as a regular soap emulsion, or sour milk emulsion, as described in the Monthly Bulletin of the Division of Zoology, of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, for June, 1909."

THE FRUIT BARK BEETLE.

A Chambersburg lawyer sent to Professor H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, a portion of a limb of a five-year-old apple tree, which he described as "full of punctures caused by some kind of an insect, and by carefully cutting away the outer edge you will find a miniature worm, to my eye (looking through a glass) largely representing the apple tree borer."

The correspondent continued by saying: "All the fruit growers in this section, as well as myself, are at a loss to know who our new-found enemy is, how he arrived, and what we can do to protect ourselves against his ravages," and then asked the following questions:

- 1.—In your opinion was this tree killed by the insect sent you?
- 2.—Was the death of the tree caused solely by the apple tree borer?
- 3.—Is this miniature insect an offspring of the apple tree borer?

- 4.—Did this insect attack the tree after having been killed by the borer?
- 5.—Does this insect work upon live trees or only upon the wood and sap wood under the bark or dead trees?
- 6.—Is this insect likely to develop into a moth and in that way perpetuate its species, and what remedy would you suggest?

State Zoologist Surface found the insect to be the Fruit Bark Beetle (*Scolytus rugulosus*), and said: "In orchards of thrifty trees this would be a new pest, but in old, declining and dying orchards, it is an 'old-timer.'" He then answered the above queries, as follows:

- 1 and 2.—I believe the primary cause of the death of your young apple tree was the borer, and that this insect was secondary, or followed in the wake of the borer. I mean to say that it attacks trees that are already declining, or dying, rather than those that are thrifty.
- 3.—It is not the young or offspring of the apple borer, but will transform into a small dark beetle about the size of No. 4 shot.
- 4.—This insect attacks the tree only after it has been injured by some other cause.
- 5.—It works upon trees that are in a declining, run-down or dying condition, and does not multiply in them after they are dead, excepting to complete its life history. The channels which you note were cut by the larva or grub which transforms into a beetle. If you will cut off a section of the injured wood and put it in a fruit jar with a screen cloth over it; you will be able to obtain the pests in the mature form next summer.

6.—It is not liable to develop into a moth, but into a small beetle, as mentioned above. "Spraying, especially with lime-sulphur wash, which leaves a sediment like a thin paint on the bark, helps to prevent it. There is no cure after the adult has bored into the bark and laid the eggs from which the grubs come. Cutting back a tree, and fertilizing and cultivating to invigorate it, will prove useful."

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