

A CHAT WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

INDIAN ORCHARD.

Damage By the Storm—Grangers to Celebrate.

This quiet little hamlet was visited Saturday by one of the most severe electrical storms we have experienced in several years. It was accompanied by hail, which did much damage to crops, especially garden plants. The horse barn owned by W. C. Spry of the Old Red Rock farm was struck by lightning and somewhat damaged. A horse in the barn was shocked but not badly injured.

The warm weather of late days has been more favorable for the growth of vegetation, but it is still in a very backward condition. Corn is very small and yellow. The hay crop will be far below normal. Rye and oats look much better.

The grangers at this place will hold an old-fashioned celebration on their grounds at their hall July 4. There will be amusement for old and young. An invitation is extended to all to come and be royally entertained.

The event of the season was a birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall on Thursday in honor of their daughter, Miss Nellie, who was 18 years old. She was the recipient of many gifts. The guests were royally entertained.

Many at this place are sorry to learn that Henry Erk has given the transportation company notice that he has secured employment elsewhere. Mr. Erk has won many friends while running the big car.

We noticed Friday the ties that are being laid at East Honesdale are extending this way and no doubt in the near future we will have the pleasure of going to Honesdale, White Mills and Hawley by trolley.

Samuel Saunders was a business caller at Honesdale on Thursday.

Lew Cole of Montrose was securing orders and delivering medicine here last week.

A M. Henshaw attended the funeral of his aunt at Peckville on Friday.

Mrs. Charles Smith, who has been visiting friends at Scranton, returned Friday. She was accompanied by her son, Horton, of the Scranton oral school.

Bessie Decker was a recent visitor among friends at Honesdale.

The Berlin school board met, settled accounts and reorganized Monday, June 6. C. A. Hicks was chosen president, Samuel Saunders secretary and Mr. J. Connor treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith of Honesdale were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Minor Crosby.

W. C. Spry has purchased another fine horse of Sheriff Braman.

W. C. Spry auctioneered a large sale at Narrowsburg Saturday.

Grandpa Miller, who makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Swartz, is visiting relatives at Hawley.

Mrs. Levi Ostrander was a recent visitor with friends here.

O. W. Trevorton was a recent business caller in the vicinity of Swamp Brook.

Amasa Keyes of East Beach Lake attended court at Honesdale several days last week.

Several of Joseph Schmidt's friends called on him Monday afternoon and spent the time hauling stone. A good job was done.

Edward Gillispie of Laurella is building stone walls for Joseph Schmidt.

While in Honesdale on Thursday we called on Chester A. Garratt, who is pleasantly located in the law office formerly occupied by W. H. Dimmick. He has a fine office and is working up a good business.

Albert Mitchell, who now owns the McCarty farm, is treating the house to a coat of paint, which will add much to its appearance.

Margaret Maloney, who has been spending several days at the Central house at Beach Lake, has returned to her home.

A great many people from here spent Thursday in Honesdale. Ex-sheriff Branning of Atco was a business caller at Altoona farm Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. Minor Crosby and Mabel Wagner attended Children's day exercises at Beach Lake Sunday.

Several from Laurella and East Honesdale attended the dance at Victor Smith's Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ham and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bayly and daughter Mildred and son Edward spent Sunday with Torrey relatives.

The farmers in this vicinity have purchased line of Mr. Bates of East Honesdale and are hauling it to their farms.

The Indian Orchard Grange will hold at the grange hall on July 4 a picnic and flag-raising, with sports, games and dancing by the young people. Dinner will be served. A great day is expected, rain or shine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall recently drove to Tyler Hill and visited their cousins, Silas and Henry Noble.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Garrett spent Friday with their brother Shepherd at Beach Lake.

Whether Halley's comet had any influence upon the cold weather or

not, we do know that the recent rains and few hot days have started vegetation wonderfully.

A number of Joseph Smith's friends were invited to a stone-see Saturday, also a plowing-bee at C. T. Weeks Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith of Honesdale recently visited at Mrs. Charles Smith's and Minor Crosby's in this place.

Mrs. C. Maloney and children of East Honesdale spent Wednesday at C. T. Weeks.

The Misses Peardale recently entertained an automobile party of friends from Carbondale and Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. L. Leftwich as "grandma" is receiving congratulations, a son having been born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Guthrie of White Mills.

Mrs. L. R. Garrett entertained the White Mills M. E. Ladies' Aid on Thursday.

Miss Nellie Hall entertained a number of her young friends Thursday evening, it being her seventeenth birthday. She received some very nice gifts.

Miss Pierson of Carbondale is visiting her uncle, George Meyers, on the Dorfinger farm.

HAWLEY & WILSONVILLE

Undergoes Operation—Big Pond Notes—Dam at Paupack.

Marcus Lassley of Bohemia was in town on Monday.

Mrs. Imish of Tafton, in care of her daughter Martha, went to Scranton Tuesday evening and entered a hospital, where she was operated on Saturday. Her condition is reported favorable for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Eberhart of Tafton, who has been spending a short time in Scranton, being treated for a rheumatic trouble by a woman physician, returned Thursday. She is much improved.

Howard Buckingham is sick with a fever at the home of William Keesler. Dr. Rodman is his physician.

Mr. Schultz, who is engaged in the printing business during the winter in New York, and whose family lives in the Cherry Ridge cottage, came home Thursday to spend the summer.

Peter Unger and family passed the week-end with relatives near Lakeville.

Mrs. Mary Pennell is convalescing from her recent sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Shook of Hawley were Sunday callers on Joseph Shook and family at Wilsonville.

Annie Hausman of Scranton is at home on an extended visit.

Bernice Wright of Honesdale is visiting her sister, Mrs. Leo Targert, on Main avenue.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. F. W. Suydam Wednesday afternoon. Quitting will be the work on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Palmer of the east side are entertaining out-of-town guests.

Minnie Smith went to Elmhurst Saturday to visit her sister. She will extend her visit to Scranton during the week to attend the wedding of a friend.

Miss Clark of Honesdale, who is her own chauffeur, with a friend made an auto trip to Hawley Wednesday.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. Smalley in the Baptist church Sunday evening.

Julia Compton has purchased a lot of Robert Smith at Big Pond and is having a cottage built in which she will open an ice cream parlor. She will also have bread and other substantial for sale to the numerous camping parties.

Mr. and Mrs. White of New York arrived Friday for their summer outing at Big Pond.

Miss Wegge of East Hawley was a Sunday visitor to Tafton friends.

Mrs. F. W. Suydam was shopping at Honesdale Saturday. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Coe Durland.

Mrs. Harry Atkinson and daughters called on Mrs. Imish Tuesday.

Thomas Mangan took a business trip up the Paupack river in Frank Bea's motorboat, inspecting the river in general and locating the different lines of properties which have been sold to the syndicate which it is claimed will commence building a dam July 15.

Mrs. Labes is entertaining summer boarders from New York.

Postmaster D. J. Colgate visited his daughter, Mrs. G. J. Heasel, who lives at Carlisle. On his way he attended the G. A. R. encampment at Harrisburg. He was a delegate from James H. Thorpe post.

Mrs. Alice Degroat returned Saturday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Asher Degroat of East Honesdale.

Wilbur Cody, while working on the new stone road at Dyberry on Tuesday, was hurt by a stone striking him on the leg above the knee, cutting through to the bone. He will be disabled some time.

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Some of the telephones were damaged by the storm.

Mrs. Horace Noyes and baby Kirk spent part of last week at her former home here.

Helene Purdy of Seelyville spent Sunday with Edna Blake.

Mr. Gehrer of Honesdale visited his sister, Mrs. George Hause, as did also Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fitze and two sons of Aldenville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hauser of Honesdale spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hauser.

Howard Erk of Honesdale passed Sunday with friends here.

Many enjoyed Sunday delightfully at home, dining and autoing. Many strangers passed through the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Heft of Honesdale were callers Sunday at the home of Emerson Gammell.

Children's day will be celebrated in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and at the Methodist church in the evening. All are invited.

Vining Cody will leave Tuesday on a surgical case.

Mrs. Lavinia Pethick will serve supper at her home Wednesday for the benefit of the M. E. Ladies' Aid.

Alta Many has the Beach Grove school, Miss Murrman of Seelyville the Beere school, Mervin Bunnell the Sand Bank or Dyberry school, and Haines has Miss Downing.

ALDENVILLE.

Fair and Festival on the Fourth—Various Notes.

S. J. Stanton and family spent Sunday at the home of W. F. Sherwood in Uniondale.

Mrs. Floyd Manaton and daughters returned home Sunday, after spending a week with relatives and friends in Scranton.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Aldenville Baptist church will hold a fair and festival on the Fourth. Dinner and supper will be served for 25 cents. In the evening a farce comedy entitled "Don't Borrow a Baby" will be given. The unique part of the entertainment will be an art magazine with specialties. Ball games will be played during the day.

Mrs. Chas. Gilbert and daughter returned home Sunday, after spending some time visiting at Vandlin and in Scranton.

Mrs. William Matthews and daughter Gladys are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Bates.

Prof. and Mrs. W. D. Watkins left Tuesday for Elysburg, where Mrs. Watkins intends to spend the summer with her parents, Prof. Watkins expecting to engage in work which will necessitate his traveling a great deal.

A barn dance was held in John Derick's new barn, recently completed, Wednesday evening.

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GOULDSBORO.

Yardmaster George F. Goerlitz has improved the period of transition by getting married, the nuptials having occurred Wednesday at St. Rosa's parochial residence, Miss Margaret Walker of Dunmore being the charming bride. Mr. and Mrs. Goerlitz are on their honeymoon and expected home this week.

Contractor Peter Brown, known here from having built many of the houses in Gouldsboro, was seriously injured by falling from a second story window at Mt. Pocono this week.

The Luther league met last evening with Miss Carrie Davidson.

Charles Edwards, George Edwards, Misses Madge and Mary Edwards, Master Walter Edwards and Miss Anna Dowlin enjoyed a delightful automobile trip the other day to Tobyhanna, Pocono Summit, Naomi Pines, Pocono Lake and Tunkhannock.

Miss Bina Kelly of Moscow is a guest of the family of Mr. and Mrs. James Dowling.

Mrs. Maria Simpson is spending some time at Tannersville, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley.

Charles Moyle of Scranton in the absence of the secretary, Allen B. Renner, is acting as vacation man at the Railroad Y. M. C. A.

STEENE.

School Officers—Champion Sheep Raiser—People Who Come and Go.

The school board of the borough of Prompton met Thursday evening and elected the following officers for the coming term: President, George Bates; secretary, Richard Bodie; treasurer, J. A. Haley. This is the third term in succession that Mr. Bodie has been elected treasurer.

John Batron is seriously sick at his home in Prompton.

Stephen Kagler has disposed of his old standby team of horses and purchased a mate for his four-year-old colt. He has a fine team now.

Warren Buckland's health is very poor this summer.

Rev. Mr. Burch of Waymart preached a very interesting sermon Sunday afternoon, taking for his text Isaiah 32, verse 2: "And a man shall be as a hiding place from the winds, and a covert from the tempest, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Charles Chapman of Wilkes-Barre spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cole visited friends at Carbondale Sunday.

The farmers in and around Waymart are getting their own price for eggs again, as the telltale machine in Mr. Diamond's store is laid up for repairs. Mr. Dennie is in hopes that it will stay laid up, as he received two cents more on a dozen for his eggs last week.

Richard Cliff of the Aldenville road is called the champion sheep raiser of this section. He is the possessor of 13 ewes that will average 200 pounds apiece. Each ewe averaged 12 pounds of wool this season, besides selling 13 lambs at \$6 per head. Thomas Arthur, the butcher, says he will vouch for the truth of this statement.

Mrs. Margaret Hurd of Seelyville visited her son, Joseph, at the Hubbard and McMullen stock farm Sunday.

Elmer Hamlin of Honesdale visited friends in Steene Sunday.

Miss Margaret Haley of Honesdale spent Sunday with her parents in Steene.

ROBERT TAFT.

President's Son, Who Graduates at Yale Tomorrow.



New Haven, Conn., June 21.—President Taft, Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen Taft will be present tomorrow when young Robert Taft, the president's son, receives his diploma at the Yale commencement exercises.

The events of Yale's two hundred and ninth commencement began yesterday, which was undergraduate day.

At the luncheon which opened the Law school commencement C. Larne Munson of Williamsport, Pa., who recently refused the Democratic nomination for governor of the state, was one of the speakers.

In the honors of the senior class young Taft was given the highest standing for the four years.

Reperties.

"But why are you in mourning?" "Oh, for my sins." "Gee! I didn't know you'd lost any!" —Cleveland Leader.

AWAITING ACTION: THINK RENO SAFE

Situation at Albany Inter-Promoters Discredit Alarming Nevada Report.

GOVERNOR OUTLINES REFORMS EXPECT NO NEW TROUBLE.

Long Awaited Special Message From Hughes Deals With Direct Nominations, Investigation of Corruption and State Finances.

Uneasiness Caused by Rumor That Nevada's Governor Will Follow Gifflett's Example Dies Down In Fight Circles.

Albany, June 21.—What will the state legislature in special session assembled do, now that the long awaited special message from Governor Hughes has been received, and read?

The question is not only interesting Albany today, but is being asked throughout the state. In fact, the eyes of the people not only of the state but of the nation are today upon Albany. This is not only because of the importance of some of the issues at stake, but because the governor, chief figure in the battle, is soon to sit as a justice of the United States supreme court, and every utterance he now makes is of wider than state importance.

Governor Hughes asked the legislature to act again on the direct nominations question. He also asked the legislature to pass what he considers would be a broader resolution for a legislative investigation of corruption. Governor Hughes also called attention to the fact that the appropriations this year which he has approved are over \$6,000,000 more than the estimated receipts of the state treasury this year and favors the passage of a progressive inheritance tax to meet this deficiency in receipts.

Governor Hughes urges that such a tax would be fairer than the graduated inheritance tax which the legislature did pass to meet this deficiency and which is awaiting the governor's signature, but the governor practically says in his message to the legislature that he is going to veto this bill because in principle it has been objected to heretofore by the United States supreme court, which denied the contention that the rule of tax under the federal law revenue of 1896 was measured by the whole estate.

These are the only three subjects of legislation recommended by Governor Hughes for the consideration of the legislature in a special message comprising 7,000 words. A fifth of the message was devoted to the question of direct primaries. Regarding the Hiram-Green bill, the governor says:

"I have not changed my belief with respect to this measure, and I trust it may yet commend itself to the judgment of the legislature."

Governor Hughes devotes three-fifths of his message to discussing the finances of the state. After pointing out that the expenditures which he has approved for this year are \$6,000,000 in excess of the \$3,000,000 revenue which will come into the state treasury this year the governor recommends legislation which will raise enough revenue to make the annual receipts equal to the annual expenditures without disturbing the \$6,000,000 surplus in the state treasury, which will be all eaten up otherwise. When the people voted to issue \$108,000,000 for the large canal and \$50,000,000 for good roads it authorized a direct tax each year to provide an amount which would take care of the interest and sinking funds for these bonds annually. But two years ago the legislature decided not to have a direct tax for this purpose, but to meet these payments out of the annual indirect revenues of the state treasury, and the payments on account of the canal and highway sinking funds and interest this year amounted to \$2,655,000. Governor Hughes points out that in four or five years this amount will be increased to \$8,000,000 a year when all the bonds are out, and he says the state will be obliged to go back to a direct tax and adds:

"My reflection upon this matter has led me to the conclusion that when the people authorize a bond issue upon a basis of a direct tax to pay the bonds that direct tax should be imposed."

Concerning direct nominations, the governor said:

"I recommend for your consideration the subject of the amendment of the law relating to primaries, the making of suitable provision for direct nominations of candidates for public office and in connection therewith provision for representative and responsible party management."

"The people are dissatisfied with existing conditions and demand a change, whatever may be said of imperfections in the laws relating to this matter in other jurisdictions. There can be no question but that these laws reflect a wholesome sentiment which is countrywide and cannot be denied. That sentiment is that the instrumentalities of party management shall not be so arranged as to facilitate the purposes of those who would subvert government to their selfish advantage. It is a sentiment that demands for the members of political parties simple and direct methods by which they can exercise their just rights in determining party choices."

Passes Moody Retirement Bill.

Washington, June 21.—The bill to permit Justice Moody of the supreme court to retire on full pay because of his long continued illness was passed by the house by unanimous consent.

San Francisco, June 21.—With their confidence in their "pull" with state and city officials too badly shaken by recent developments for them to be skeptical, prizefight promoters here were at first disposed to credit the report from Reno that the governor of Nevada, like the governor of California, had decided to make a stand against prizefighting and drive pugilists forth from that state as outcasts with no place to go for a "bone crushing battle."

But today they have recovered from their confusion and declare that nothing is to be feared in Nevada, where the governor is closely allied with the "sporting element." It is said that the governor had formed a prejudice against Jeffries because the pugilist some time ago refused to pay a gambling debt, but Jeffries has since settled with Gambler May at Reno, and the skies are clear. The fight, it is thought, will be held there.

Another fact that has been brought to light is that the prizefighting men did much to bring about their downfall in San Francisco and their final exclusion from California.

When it looked as though the ministers opposing the Jeffries-Johnson fight had been routed, and that both state and city officials were "lined up" with the promoters, San Francisco was covered with fight posters in which one of the pugilists was described as a "bone crushing demon." This, it is believed, was intended to excite the ministers. The promoters, it is said, believed the church influence harmless and wished to show their contempt for it.

As to the report from Reno, sporting men here who know Nevada law declare that the statute there was drawn expressly to prohibit chief executive, attorney general or district attorneys from interfering with fights when promoters had paid their license fee of \$1,000 and had secured a certificate showing that the fighters were in good physical condition and able to endure the exertions of the ring.

Reno, June 21.—"Tex" Rickard, one of the Johnson-Jeffries fight promoters, is here, arranging to transfer the battle from California to Nevada.

It looks as though it is certain that Reno will be selected.

BORAH ON CONSERVATION.

Opposes Withholding Western Power Sites From Use.

Washington, June 21.—"What we want is a sane, practical conservation policy, under reasonable regulation, permitting the development of our natural resources in accordance with the natural laws of progress and industrial growth."

So asserted Senator Borah in a speech in the senate. Appearing as the champion of the west, he exclaimed:

"It would be a magnificent scheme indeed to compel the whole great west



SENATOR BORAH.

to hold its vast resources in idleness, deprive its people of their enjoyment and use and compel them to pay tribute to those resources of which they have taken possession here in the east and developed at your own free will."

Mr. Borah contended that it was a violation of every principle of the constitution to withhold power sites from the use of the western states.

He said the contention that natural resources in a state belonged to all the people of the United States is all right in theory, but in practice it is utterly untrue.

KILLS HIS FRIEND.

A Kentucky Feudist Shoots Chum and Mother.

Lexington, Ky., June 21.—Asbury Spicer, one of the men who was charged with having been a hired assassin of the Hargis faction in the Harvill-Cockerill feud, this morning shot and killed George Fugate and seriously wounded Fugate