

VALUABLE NEWS FROM NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Important Happenings and Personal Items Contributed by THE CITIZEN'S Corps of Correspondents.

BETHANY.

Lawrence's Orchestra Will Play at Cemetery Benefit.

George Haas of New York, after spending a week at the home of Mrs. L. Pethick, has returned to New York.

Russell Starnes spent last week with the Honesdale team touring Sullivan county, N. Y.

Mrs. Edward Woodward and daughter, Noel, of New York came Tuesday to spend the rest of the summer at their home here.

Miss Cody is home for a brief rest.

Eva Harmes of Hawley is visiting Ella Gammell. Both were well entertained by Edna Blake Saturday afternoon at supper.

Mrs. James Johns returned Wednesday from the seashore.

Rev. J. B. Cody and family entertained the Presbyterian trustees and their wives at dinner Friday, combining business and pleasure.

Russell Gammell spent Sunday in Scranton, visiting friends.

Rev. W. B. Signor will preach at Beach Lake Sunday and Rev. Seymour in the Methodist church here.

The Presbyterian women will meet Wednesday 9.30 to clean the church.

As haying is about finished, the next thing in order is the Sunday school picnic.

Maud Bennett of Tanners Falls is spending several days with Mrs. Gammell.

Allan Lawrence and orchestra of Scranton are camping out at Third pond. They have consented to give a concert, followed by a box social, in the Presbyterian church some evening the middle of the month for the help of the cemetery association in making necessary improvements about the cemetery. All will be interested in the affair and many will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear this clever orchestra.

Mrs. Johns of Warren and daughter, Mrs. Gleason of Tanners Falls, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Many.

Mrs. Montague is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Pethick.

WHITE MILLS.

Big Tomato and Celery Business—Other Village Notes.

W. K. Hittinger is making a business trip to Susquehanna.

Adam Hellman of Dillontown was a caller here Sunday and was very enthusiastic over the ball game played between White Mills and Honesdale.

Thomas Gill and M. J. Hanlan made a trip to Goshen last week.

Charles Wegge and Philip Dean and friends attended a Bellevue picnic Saturday.

Eugene Bellmen took a load to Big pond Sunday.

Daniel Driscoll of Alton, Ill., has returned home after visiting friends in White Mills.

M. J. Hanlan of Honesdale will be one of the speakers at the White Mills school picnic Saturday.

John Haggerty of White Mills is very sick.

How about the Wayne county fair? Are you getting your chickens ready? There will be some high class birds to compete with this year.

George Rogers of Honesdale was calling on friends Sunday.

Irvine Henshaw met with the school board Wednesday.

Joseph Atkinson has had his house newly painted. He has about 1,000 tomato plants set to supply the town with tomatoes, also 2,000 celery plants.

Lester Christians is getting his house painted.

HAWLEY.

Hard Fight with Snake—Glass Men to Stroudsburg—Picnics.

It is a well-known fact that for such a sparsely settled place as is the country surrounding Hemlock Hollow and Long pond there dwells an unusual number of hunters, trappers and fishermen. But not everyone knows that among them is a snake fancier, a young man by the name of Urven Daniels, who since childhood has made snake hunting his main sport. With several of them concealed about his person, he would often go to the house and give them the freedom in a room full of company, finding the keenest delight in the terror of his friends. When a small boy he tackled one that would have gotten the best of him had it not been for a smaller brother at hand with a knife with which he cut its throat. This one had wound itself around his body. His usual manner of killing a snake is to grab him by the tail and give a quick jerk, which breaks his neck. He has always been the winner in his battles with the serpent until the recent haying season. While at work in the field he went up to a rock to lay a scythe stone on it and something unseen struck him on the ankle. He very soon began a huge blacksnake and then began a fight between the champion and the big black fellow. He was bitten several times in the fray. Once the snake struck at his body and drew from the pocket his handkerchief. He finally seized it by

the tail and tried his usual method of killing, but this was impossible, as the reptile was too large and strong. With the snake ready to give him a blow in the face, he recognized his Johnson. He dropped it and ran, pursued by the snake a short distance only.

Mrs. Well is entertaining at her pleasant summer home near East Lynne a woman visitor who arrived on Thursday from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Vangorder, with their two boys, of Port Jervis, N. Y., are paying a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin of Wilkesville.

Miss Matter passed Wednesday afternoon with Bone Ridge friends.

The Misses Eck have visiting with them a young girl cousin from New York.

Mrs. R. H. Ely is making an extended sojourn with relatives in Massachusetts.

Dr. R. T. Wall, who made a trip to Scranton during the week, was taken very sick while there with acute indigestion. His father, T. F. Wall, went there Thursday and found him recovering.

The Baptist Sunday school picnicked at Ladywood lane Wednesday. The boating on the Paupack by moonlight was fine.

Myrtle James of Cherry Ridge was in town Tuesday to receive musical instruction from Verna Drake.

Mr. and Mrs. Grunsten arrived from New York Wednesday to take charge of the Paupack river farm in the absence of his partner, H. Diffene, who, with his wife and little child, accompanied by Mrs. R. Lucas and her sons, Walter and Harold, sailed Saturday for Germany on the Kaiserline Augusta Victoria of the Hamburg-American line to be absent about two months.

A. K. Killam came from Scranton with his new automobile Saturday evening.

The Methodist Sunday school will hold their annual picnic in the Maennerchor grove Aug. 11.

The Gibbs glass works go to Stroudsburg the first of next week. Mr. Gibbs will make the trip by auto.

Mrs. Gibbs went by rail, accompanied by Mrs. Kirkham, Saturday morning. Mr. Kirkham goes to be Gibbs' dipper in the acid room.

Miss Sarah Phillips is sojourning at Stroudsburg and Delaware Water Gap.

Mrs. A. K. Killam entertained the women of the Order of the Eastern Star on her lawn Wednesday afternoon.

The numerous Hawley friends of Dr. Frederick Lobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lobb of this place, now on the staff of the Harrisburg hospital, were pleased to hear that he was one of the 345 M. D.'s who took the state medical board examination to successfully pass.

The Methodist church choir will hold a festival on the lawn of the parsonage Friday evening. The Oschman orchestra will be present and ice cream, cake and other toothsome edibles will be for sale.

Verna Bennett passed Sunday with her friend, Miss Mabel Shook, at Wilkesville.

A new firm started in business Monday under the name of Bigart & Rose, Charles W. Rose having purchased an interest in the business conducted by Homer Bigart in the Odd Fellows building on Main avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rose and children of East Hawley spent Sunday at Big pond.

Frank Major of the East side has moved his family to Deposit, N. Y., where he will work at glass cutting.

John F. Croghan, a likeable young clerk in the pharmacy of C. C. Jadin at Honesdale, drove down from that borough Friday night to call on some Hawley friends. Mr. Croghan until recently was the treasurer of the Skat club, an organization of Honesdale young men that is to hold a picnic somewhere, some time, probably during the month of August. He said the time and place were now being pondered by a committee named at a recent meeting of the Skat club; also that the picnic would be a purely private affair, like all the functions of the club, and no newspapermen will be permitted to eat the chowder or see the ball game. The new vice-president of the Skats is Leopold Blumenthal, affectionately known as "Bloomy" to his multitude of Wayne and Sullivan county friends.

Col. Michael Galvin and Miss Cora Sears of Honesdale called on friends in town Sunday afternoon.

Abuses and Threatens Wife and Children.

Henry Kiegler of River street Thursday night took too much liquor and commenced to abuse and threaten his wife and eight children. Detective Spencer, who was sent for in a hurry, arrested Kiegler and took him to the lockup.

Justice Smith Friday morning held Kiegler in \$200 bail for the August term of court. He went to jail.

Emil Seiba of Hawley was a visitor in town Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Arthur Davis is spending a few days with his wife's father, Charles Spettigue of East street.

WAYNE CO. WINNER

JUDGE FULLER DECIDES SIX PONDS IN LEBANON TOWNSHIP BELONG TO WAYNE STORAGE AND WATER-POWER COMPANY, NOT TO REIFEL COMPANY, WHO BROUGHT SUIT OF EJECTMENT.

Judge Henry A. Fuller of Luzerne has decided that White Oak, Swamp and Long ponds and Hankins, Miller, and Belmont reservoirs belong to the Wayne Storage and Waterpower company. Reifel & Sons, Inc., claimed ownership under their deed and action of ejectment was brought Jan. 4, 1909. Judge Fuller says:

"The plaintiff has not established its rights to recover in this action of ejectment, and therefore judgment should be entered in favor of the defendant, subject to exceptions in the manner provided by the act of assembly under which this case has been submitted to the court."

Elsewhere Judge Fuller observes:

"In the submission of this case and of the interesting question which it involves, we have had the benefit of exceptionally able argument on both sides, and we are not entirely satisfied with the correctness of our conclusions, but we think the fair preponderance of argument leads to the proposition which controls the case, that the clause contained in the company's deed in 1857 created more than a mere easement, terminable with the use of the canal, and left in the company and its assigns full possession and right of possession, and perhaps absolute ownership of the very land itself which is claimed in this ejectment."

"The precise contention of the plaintiff, upon which depends its right to recover, is that the clause created merely the easement of storing upon land which the company conveyed, water to supply its corporate purposes in the maintenance of the canal, and that the discontinuance of the latter consequently extinguished the easement servient thereto. There can be no doubt that if the deed did create an easement, and if the easement was restricted to that particular purpose, it has terminated and the plaintiff may recover."

The judge concludes, as a matter of law, that the controverted clause in the company's deed constituted an exception from the grant and not a mere reservation of an easement.

"* * * Even if it did constitute a mere reservation of an easement for reservoirs, such easement was not affected by the abandonment of the canal, nor by non use for corporate purposes of the company, but was alienable to its assignees, in whom it continues while the reservoirs are maintained."

It was in 1851 that the D. & H. sold a large tract of land to Lord & Tracy, in Lebanon township, embracing within its bounds Upper and Lower Woods ponds. In this deed the company expressly excepted and reserved the absolute and unqualified right to occupy as much of the land as they may consider necessary for a reservoir or reservoirs, and "to construct a dam or dams for said reservoir purposes and to overflow all the land that they may require for said purposes."

This land was used by the company for reservoirs from 1851 to 1898, when they ceased to operate the canal.

Officials of the company said today that any party wishing to buy the property for any project to benefit Honesdale can have it at the cost of the investment.

LINE DISPUTE IN CLINTON.

Fitz-Mills Suit Before Three Honesdale Arbitrators.

Before Arbitrators J. Adam Kraft, Buel Dodge and F. W. Bunnell Friday morning and afternoon the boundary line dispute of Albert A. Fitz and John T. Mills was threshed out. About 25 witnesses, most of them from Clinton township, where the litigating parties live, and an equal number of spectators packed the grand jury room at the courthouse. The evidence was all in that day and Wednesday the arguments will be made by Frank P. Kimble for the plaintiff and E. C. Mumford and O. L. Rowland for the defendant.

The land behind this little suit is 82 square rods, or about one fifth of an acre. Mr. Fitz bought the Odell farm two years ago and Mr. Mills bought the Loomis place, which joins it, 17 years ago. At the time Mr. Fitz bought there was a dispute about the line and the parties selling to him deducted \$100 on this account and he took the title. Now the plaintiff says he wants the line run according to an old fence line and the defendant claims the line should be according to the deeds conveying both places to their present owners.

There is a question as to the existence of a former fence. As to the fence line either side had five or six witnesses. There wasn't any spiky testimony and the spectators thinned out before the afternoon session ended.

The land in dispute is not very valuable.

Mrs. J. J. Roos and daughter, Selma, left Tuesday for their home in Scranton, after a brief visit with relatives here.

TRADE BOARD GETTING BUSY

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up with the facetious suggestion that the borough of Honesdale might make application to be annexed to Texas. That was the meeting at which William A. Sluman, the politician, tax collector, fireman and general all-around good fellow of Texas, held down the chair. Mr. Sluman did not attend Friday night's meeting.

"Most of the people in Texas," said McCarty, "want to come in. The political part of the question is not material. Honesdale generally has a Republican majority, while Texas, I believe, is ordinarily Democratic, so that, politically considered, the proposition is well balanced."

Mr. McCarty talked easily and without any notes, although he had a date or two on a slip to refresh his recollection of the acts effecting boroughs. When he finished President Smith thanked him for his very clear and interesting analysis of the legal points involved.

Mr. Simons Makes Good Points.

Then the president said the meeting wanted to hear from Mr. Simons.

The district attorney said he didn't know until that night that he was on this Greater Honesdale committee. He thought, he said, that the committee on bylaws was to be the extent of his service. He agreed, however, with Mr. McCarty that the benefits of taking a part of Texas would be considerable.

"This is no new movement to unite Honesdale and Texas," said Mr. Simons, who made a very temperate and conservative speech. "I think I must have heard about it for 20 years. Politically it wouldn't do any harm to put them together. Honesdale will stay on the map, no matter whether the Republicans or the Democrats are in power. It would do no harm, probably, if Honesdale should now and then go Democratic. It would do no harm, either, if Texas should occasionally flop over and go Republican. A change sometimes is good and politics ought not to count. Go Republican, go Democratic, Greater Honesdale would live anyhow."

Mr. Simons agreed with McCarty on another point. He said people prefer to live in a larger place and that a known population of 6000 to 8000, not of 2800 or 2900, would have an appreciable effect on business.

"You can't skip the argument of sentiment," said Mr. Simons. "It has to be reckoned with. The average man wants to live in a place that's civilized and provided with the advantages of modern life."

He warned the meeting, though, that complications must be expected when the Greater Honesdale movement gets fairly going and the effort to annex territory commences.

"If I lived in the part of Texas that is close to the borough," he said, "I'd favor being taken into Honesdale, but if I lived away out in the country end of the township I'd fight the other part being taken in. I tell you frankly that I don't think it would be feasible now to take in the whole of Texas, nor do I think it would be feasible to take in all the country that lies between here and White Mills. How much of Texas to take in would be a question, then, and there might be some conservative people in Honesdale who'd object to taking in Texas at all. They might argue that we have high taxes now and that we pay a lot of money for our beautiful Main street."

"And the outsiders have the use of it now," put in Mr. McCarty, sitting six feet away from Mr. Simons. Everybody laughed.

"At the same time," continued the speaker, "Honesdale and Texas have arranged to take care of their poor together and Honesdale and Texas might as well be partners in schools and streets as in the support of their poor. I believe this union of Honesdale and Texas can come by agitation and suggestion, but there is bound to be some friction over Honesdale's \$20,000 borough debt and \$50,000 school debt. Texas, I believe, is free from debt."

"They've got money in the bank," volunteered Mr. McCarty.

Texas, Mr. Simons said, will want to know right off who is to pay this—the old or the new borough. All this must be settled before Texas comes into Honesdale, or, more strictly speaking, before we know whether Texas is willing to come and whether Honesdale is willing to have her come.

"In regard to taxation," Mr. Simons continued, "I believe the borough of Honesdale pays more taxes than she gets value received. I met a man on the street the other day who said he paid \$69, or two per cent, of the purchase price of his house and lot. He told me he thought that was outrageous. My own taxes have been raised about 100 per cent in eight years and yet I can see little more benefit coming to me than formerly. The tax on account of the new schoolhouse is not the sole cause of this state of affairs. We ought, I feel, to look up the taxes of other places in this state that have equal population and the same improvements and see how they compare."

Mr. Koehler On Schools.

Mr. Simons was thanked by President Smith, and then County

Superintendent J. J. Koehler was introduced to talk about the schools. He said consolidation of schools was needed to secure the highest pitch of efficiency. Isolated schools, he declared, work at a great disadvantage. The territory taken into Greater Honesdale will get the most benefit when it comes to the schools.

"I don't like to think," said the Superintendent "that right close to the borough we have little ungraded country schools and a number of two-room schoolhouses. But it's true."

Ten years from now, he said, Texas taxes will be higher than they are today, for the graded school must come in Texas very soon. If Texas voted on that proposition tomorrow, graded schools would win. They lost by only two votes before. When you close a rural school and send the children to a graded school, you must cart them there without

peg into a round hole, for it won't go in. Just see what nature has done for you and in that way fix upon the means to solve the problem.

"I have lived 50 years in this beautiful town and I know of but one thing for which Honesdale is fitted. We have no free coal, as they have in Scranton and the valley towns, to boost us, but we have all those noble lakes that in days gone by used to belong to the Delaware and Hudson Canal company and which gave the city of New York all the life and power and energy that put her to the front of American cities. Now Judge Fuller of Luzerne has decided that the Wayne Storage Power company owns these lakes that are worth a million of dollars, but Honesdale must be made a place of 20,000 souls before Honesdale can use this power in the Lackawaxen and the Dyberry."

"How can it be done? Let the Wayne Storage Power Co. guarantee \$50,000 in bonds to replace that hotel that used to stand on the cliff and then everything will be changed. Then we can do as well as Stroudsburg, where the best hotel gets \$10 a day and the worst one \$3. Let the Greater Honesdale Board of Trade go to the Storage Power company and get \$50,000 in bonds that will soon add \$250,000 to the value of their own property. Then we shall see Greater Honesdale grow the way she ought to grow."

President Smith looked at his watch and saw it was 9.30. He put the balance of the committee reports over to the next meeting, to be held one week later.

Chairman Leopold Blumenthal of the press committee handed in a resolution thanking the Honesdale papers for boosting the Board, both newswise and editorially. Secretary Callaway read it and it went through.

Then the meeting adjourned. There were four lawyers and two doctors present, and the rest were business men. The officers and members of the Board feel encouraged. The secretary is corresponding with two concerns that are looking for a new location, but he and Mr. Blumenthal, the boss of the publicity bureau, if you can call it that, of the Board are not yet ready to talk about this matter.

Mrs. Thomas Key and daughter, Bessie, of Wilkes-Barre arrived in Honesdale Monday evening to be the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hawken of North Main street. Mr. Key will join the family circle Saturday to spend his vacation here.

Black and White and Scotch.

Mrs. Blank, wife of a prominent minister near Boston, had in her employ a recently engaged colored cook as black as the proverbial ace of spades. One day Mrs. Blank said to her:

"Matilda, I wish that you would have oatmeal just often for breakfast. My husband is very fond of it. He is Scotch, and you know that the Scotch eat a great deal of oatmeal."

"Oh, he's Scotch, is he?" said Matilda. "Well, now, do you know, I was thinkin' all along dat he wasn't dese like us."—Woman's Home Companion.

The Calaveras Skull.

In a recent bulletin from the University of California is given a summary of the evidence prepared by Professor J. D. Whitney to show that the famous Calaveras skull, found in a miner's shaft in Bald Hill near Altaville, probably came from a cave used by the Indians for burial purposes.

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Notice is hereby given that Clyde S. Hardenberg, under date of July 18, 1910, filed in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, an application for warrant to survey 10 acres and 73 perches of unimproved, vacant land, situated in the township of Clinton and county of Wayne, bounded on the east and south by land warranted to John Taggart under date of February 11, 1794, and on the west and north by Elk pond.

JAMES H. CRAIG, Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs. Harrisburg, Pa., July 15, 1910. 60col 3.

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