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PRICE CENTS

\$4,000 FIRE LOSS

Store and Dwelling of Arthur Sherwood Completely Destroyed

SAVED BY KEROSENE EXPLOSION

NO LIVES LOST IN TERRIFIC FIRE WEDNESDAY NIGHT—NOTHING SAVED.

The dwelling house and store of Arthur Sherwood, Maplewood, were destroyed by fire on Wednesday evening at 10:30. The fire started in the wing of the house, which was used as a store. It is supposed that mice nibbled at some matches, and so started the fire. Mr. Sherwood was away from home at the time. His wife and little girl were asleep, and were awakened by an explosion, supposed to be the turpentine exploding after the fire had started. The wind blew so that it was impossible to save anything, with the exception of some clothing. The loss is supposed to be about \$4,000—\$1,000 on the store, and \$3,000 on the house and contents.

Kindhearted neighbors took care of Mrs. Sherwood and her daughter. Describing the fire, Mrs. Sherwood said: "We were sound asleep when the noise of a terrific explosion woke us up. We jumped out of bed and found the house on fire. There was a regular gale of wind which fanned the flames into a blaze that literally swept the buildings away. We were lucky that we escaped with our lives."

POPULATION LOSS

Wayne County Shows Decrease Of 935

HONSDALE, TEXAS AND HAWLEY HAVE GAINED SLIGHTLY IN LAST TEN YEARS.

Complete census returns for all of the municipal divisions of the counties of the state made public Tuesday show in many of the agricultural counties a distinct falling off in the population figures from that of 1900. Wayne county shows a decrease of 935. There are some exceptions to the rule, but the increase in agricultural districts are generally small, while the decrease in other districts has been exceptionally large. The reason given for the decrease is the immigration cityward of a large percentage of population. It is noticeable that there is in Honesdale Borough an increase of 181, and in Texas Township an increase of 492. Hawley Borough also shows an increase of 93.

Published herewith is a table giving comparative statements of the population in Wayne county:

	1910	1900
Berlin township	1,035	1,100
Bethany borough	139	130
Buckingham twp.	818	1,082
Canaan township	407	485
Cherry Ridge twp.	660	677
Clinton township	1,176	954
Damascus township	2,287	2,408
Dreher township	547	622
Dyberry township	698	720
Hawley borough	2,018	1,925
Honesdale borough	2,945	2,864
Lake township	1,188	1,286
Lebanon township	446	548
Lehigh township	547	401
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Manchester township	965	1,190
Mt. Pleasant twp.	1,424	1,488
Oregon township	383	410
Palmyra township	722	757
Paapeck township	444	522
Preston township	1,331	1,464
Prompton borough	263	258
Salem township	1,101	1,281
Scott township	803	1,101
South Canaan twp.	976	1,039
Starrucca borough	381	404
Sterling township	586	672
Texas township	4,443	3,951
Waymart borough	412	432
Totals	29,236	30,171

W. C. T. U. Day Of Prayer.

March 29th is state day of prayer. Will the unions of Wayne county plan to observe it with a prayer service? Our state superintendent asks us to remember this day, and rally our forces for deep devotion and supplication in the interest of our great cause, praying that God may continue His blessings, and lead us aright in our work for peace and prosperity of our nation, for divine guidance of our president, statesmen and lawmakers, not forgetting the evangelistic aim in our state. I wish the local superintendents would send five cents to Miss E. W. Greenwood, 35 Monroe street, Brooklyn, N. Y., for her handbook and helps on this department. Yours to help the work,

Maude Axtell Waterman,
County Supt.

Receiver For Shoe Company.

The Honesdale Shoe Company has been placed in the hands of receivers, by order made by the U. S. Circuit Court, Scranton. It is claimed that the debts amount to about \$50,000 while the assets total \$100,000. The Company has been losing money steadily for the past two years.

END OF M. E. YEAR

Ministers Prepare To Attend Conference

SIXTIETH SESSION TO BE HELD AT OWEGO NEXT WEDNESDAY.

The Methodist Episcopal ministers of Honesdale and Wayne county are closing up their year's work and making preparations to depart for Owego, N. Y., to attend the sixtieth session of the Wyoming annual conference, which is to be held there in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. Murdock has called a meeting of the district superintendents of the conference to be held at Owego, beginning Tuesday forenoon of next week. Bishop McIntyre expects to be present Wednesday morning and regularly open the session of the conference.

A large class of young men will come up for admission to the conference; they and the men who are in their conference studies will have their annual examinations all day Tuesday. The examinations are to be held in the Baptist church of Owego. The four years' course of study which all candidates for conference membership must pass make a large demand on the mental energy

REV. BENJAMIN P. RIPLEY,



Popular Pastor Of Hawley M. E. Church.

of the young men who go through the course. The examiners are selected with great care from the membership of the conference upon nomination by the district superintendents and are men who have had considerable experience in this work as well as knowledge of the subjects assigned to them.

At the present time it does not look as though there would be many changes among the pastors of the conference this year, last year being such a year of general changes that there are a large number of men who have been serving their first year in their respective charges. The meeting of the Laymen's association will be held in the Baptist church on Friday of conference week, and it is hoped by the clergymen that one or more laymen from every charge within the conference territory may be present. A very strong and interesting program has been arranged and practical results are almost sure to follow a meeting of this association.

Bishop McIntyre is one of the greatest preachers of the American pulpit platform. His addresses, lectures and sermons are always of the highest order, and the members of the conference are to be congratulated in that they will have the privilege of meeting with him during this conference week.

The importance of the meeting of an annual conference like the Wyoming, is partially realized when it is considered that there will be present 250 pastors, representing a church membership of more than 50,000 persons, and adherents of at least three times that number owning 420 churches valued at \$2,770,000, and 213 parsonages valued at \$483,000. The contributions of this Methodist host to the Board of Foreign Missions last year was \$24,144; to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, \$19,617; and their total contributions to missions and all other benevolences aggregated nearly \$100,000. The churches paid for pastoral support, including rent of parsonages, \$213,121. There were deficiencies in salaries amounting to \$1,266, and donations in excess of salaries amounting to \$3,306.

The quarterly conferences of Honesdale and vicinity have as far as has been learned unanimously requested the return of their pastors for the ensuing year.

SEELYVILLE WINS

HAWLEY BEATEN 22--21 IN REMARKABLY FAST GAME.

Wednesday night at Seelyville before a large crowd, the Hawley High school basketball team went down to defeat, the score being 22 to 21 in favor of Seelyville. The game was a fast one, the teams running close together, the score at the end of the first half being 7 to 4 in favor of Seelyville. This makes the fourteenth game Seelyville has won this season, and only two defeats have been registered against her thus far.

The line-up and summaries: Seelyville. Forward—Hawley; Mackle. Forward—Gilpin; Benny. Centre—Schultz; Mills. Guard—Rowland; Soan. Guard—Guinn. Goals—Mackle 5; G. Polley 2; Benny 3; Sweitzer 5; Rowland 1; Gilpin 4. Foul Goals—Benny 2; Sweitzer 1. Referee, H. Ahrens. Seelyville; time keeper, George Schott.

THE WORLD AT LARGE

Summary of Important Events All Over The Country Told In Paragraphs.

EXPLAIN MOBILIZATION

TAFT DOESN'T EXPECT WAR. IT'S UP TO CONGRESS NOW.

There is no intention on the part of the Administration to order the troops now in Texas across the Rio Grande River. President Taft has never thought of issuing such an order. Under the Constitution he is commander in chief of the army and navy, but under the Constitution also it is the right of Congress to declare war. He never suspected, one of his close friends said to-day, that anybody would think that he could contemplate such a step as invading another country without the authority of Congress.

The paramount reason for sending the troops to Texas was to be ready for any emergency which might arise. The entire movement has been precautionary. The President acted solely with a view of protecting the lives of Americans in Mexico and of keeping intact the hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property there owned by United States citizens.

The troops will be in Texas when Congress meets in April. If the revolution in Mexico grows and American interests are threatened Congress will have an army of 20,000 men within easy moving distance of the trouble. The President believes that he has done his part. He has gone as far as he could go and hopes that it will not be necessary to go any further.

If later Congress feels that the lives and property of Americans in Mexico are in danger and interference is necessary the President will follow its will. Until Congress gives the word, though, there will be no movement of troops at the President's direction except on the American side of the Rio Grande.

The President has paid not the slightest attention to reports that insurgents in Congress and notably in the Senate, intend to make political capital out of this movement of troops. He has told friends that he cared absolutely nothing for any adverse effect politically which his action might have. He thought that American lives and property might be in danger and he acted.

If some insurgents in Congress wish to kick up a row the President will not seek to call them off. He has said that he merely did what he regarded as his duty under his oath of office. He had not thought of the political effect his order might have. The report that the troops are to be withdrawn from Texas and the border at the request of Ambassador de la Barra was denied by the President. Senator de la Barra, it was said, never requested that this Government withdraw the troops. In the eyes of Government officials, he could not have made such a request properly. The troops are in the United States and for the present it is intended that they shall be used in maintaining neutrality.

The statement which has appeared from time to time that Wall Street figured in the sudden despatch of the troops to Texas, was also discredited by men close to the President.

NEW EXCISE BILL

County Commissioners To Take Judges' Place

MEMBERS OF JUDICIARY ANXIOUS TO BE RELIEVED.

Authoritative information regarding the plans of those who are drafting a bill to provide for an excise commission in each county of the State was obtained from one of the most influential leaders in the Legislature, and there is reason to believe that the State administration has been impressed with the idea that there is a demand from many of the judges of the State to be relieved of the responsibility of passing upon applications for licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The bill, which will probably be introduced in the Legislature this week, is being drafted in Philadelphia. The idea is to have the Governor recommend to the courts of each county a list of names from which the judges are to select probably three to compose a county excise commission. Provision will be made for appeal upon questions of law, but the decision of the commission shall be final on questions of fact.

It is known that excise legislation has been under discussion for several months, but it has only been within the last ten days that serious consideration has been given to the preparation of a bill upon the subject. It is predicted that the proposed excise legislation will develop into one of the most interesting features of this legislative session.

Former Wayne Counteean Dies.

James McArthur, of Fox Chase, Pa., a suburban town of Philadelphia, died at his home February 4 aged 78 years.

3 PASSENGER AIRSHIP

TRAVELS 40 MILES AN HOUR AT WASHINGTON BEFORE ARMY AND NAVY MEN.

For the first time an American-built biplane carried two passengers and an aviator through the air at a 40-mile-an-hour clip Tuesday. Anthony Jannus, in a test flight with a machine built by Rexford M. Smith, had James O'Hagan and Fred Fox as companions on the speedy trip over the Potomac Driveway, demonstrating that 442 pounds is not too much weight for an aeroplane to lift.

Following the passenger-carrying flight Rexford Smith himself stepped into his machine and circled over the fashionable driveway several times. While he was exhibiting the capabilities of his machine in flight he narrowly escaped crashing into Mrs. Taft's bandstand, which is situated close to the drive.

Smith had been speeding up and down the course when suddenly he discovered the big bandstand right in his line of flight. Instantly he stopped the motor. At the time the aeroplane was about twenty feet in the air. The aviator made a quick dive to earth, the aeroplane struck with a jolt and stopped just in time to save Smith's \$10,000 machine and the bandstand from being demolished.

Anthony Jannus, in his flights with the two passengers did not attempt to go very high. The extra weight carried by the machine required it to make a longer run before getting off the ground. The speed at which the flight was made was compared with that of an automobile which ran parallel with it.

The Smith biplane was moved to Potomac Park a few days ago. A few test flights are to be made for the benefit of representatives of the army and navy and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

1,775 VOTE SELLERS

ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO, GRAND JURY RETURN 2,148 INDICTMENTS.

The Adams County, Ohio, election inquiry which began on December 13 ended for this term of court with the general report of the special grand jury. The report disclosed that 2,148 indictments were returned against 1,775 persons for vote selling.

The jury urged the enactment of measures preventing the giving or promising of money by candidates or committees for work or influence prior to or on election days, with a penalty for the payment of transportation of voters to and from polling places. A law to stop the practice of paying travelling expenses of voters who are absent from their precincts is also recommended. A new jury will be drawn for the completion of the inquiry after the April term of court.

R. R. MEN HAPPY

Favorable Report On The Liability Bill

EXCITING FIGHT EXPECTED ON MEASURE INTRODUCED BY KINNEY.

The Kinney employers' liability bill, designed to better protect the interests of the thousands of railroad men employed in the state, the measure that was so bitterly fought by the railroad companies at a session of the judiciary special committee of the house, a couple of weeks ago, came from committee, with an affirmative recommendation. Already the railroaders have established a lobby and propose to wage a strong fight to have the bill become a law.

Under the provisions of the Kinney bill, a railroad employe in the event of the wrecking of the train on which he is employed, will be entitled to the same recognition, relative to the recovery of damages as a passenger, that is of course if the injuries are due in no wise to negligence on the part of the employe.

W. W. WOOD LEAVES TOWN.

W. W. Wood left for New York city Wednesday afternoon, to take charge of the Fairview Home Company's interests which are located at Orlando, Florida. The company have purchased an old estate, and are dividing it up into large lots to sell Florida home seekers. Their engineers are building winding roads through the place and putting up big clubhouses. The tract covers 425 acres. The syndicate is financed by some of the big N. Y. fellows. Hopper, a former squire of Tammany Hall, and Superintendent of Buildings in New York, is the President of the Association. Mr. Wood, who is to take charge of the Bond and Sales Department, will return to Honesdale and open offices here May 1.

DEMOCRATS TO WAGE BITTER FIGHT

Minority Members of Reorganization Committee Report Trouble at Recent Harrisburg Conference.

From the report made public Wednesday of the minority members of the Democratic State Committee which recently met in Harrisburg, it is learned that the committee did not work harmoniously together to say the least and a war among the Democrats themselves is to be expected. The report is made public by Arthur G. Dewalt of Allentown who asserts that he is still chairman of the Democratic State Committee and it is signed by three members of the seven composing the committee.

The report, which follows, states that the effort of the majority to amend or annul certain rules of the party organization to be illegal, and is signed by Messrs. Ritter, James and Donnelly.

"To Arthur G. Dewalt, Chairman Democratic state committee and to the members of the state committee. Gentlemen: We, as the minority members of the committee of seven which was appointed by the joint action of the chairman of the state central committee and the so-called reorganization committee report to you, as chairman, and through you to the Democratic state committee.

"In making this report we desire, however, to state certain basic principles which have governed our action.

"Rule V, section 2, provides that the state chairman shall be elected by the state central committee on the first Wednesday after the third Monday in July, and the term of his office shall commence on the first day of January next preceding, and continue for one year, or until his successor is duly elected."

"Rule XIII provides: 'In presidential years the delegates from Pennsylvania to the Democratic national convention shall elect, by a majority of the whole number of such delegates, one Democratic elector of the state in the Democratic national committee. Should a vacancy occur in the Democratic membership of the Democratic national committee, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Democratic state central committee, with the approval

of the succeeding state convention. Can Have No Legal Effect.

"It shall be the duty of the chairman of the Democratic state central committee to give at least one week's written notice to every member of said Democratic state central committee of the time and place of meeting of said committee, at which such vacancy is to be filled, and of the purpose for which said meetings called."

"The effort of the state central committee, and of the majority members of this committee of seven, has been in brief, to attempt to annul or radically amend these rules of the party, and we, as the minority of this committee of seven, do now protest against such action and declare it our belief that such procedure was illegal and void from the beginning, and that it can have no effect upon the tenure of office of either yourself, as chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, or of Colonel James M. Guffey, as a member of the national committee.

"At a meeting held by the committee of seven, every possible effort was made to secure harmonious action, so that party ties throughout the state might be firmly cemented and the future success of the party assured.

"We assume that a vacancy might be created adversely in the office of state chairman upon charges of corruption, inefficiency, or want of party rules, and similar action has been attempted to depose you without a single charge of misconduct in office, and without warrant express or implied in the party rules, and similar action has been attempted in regard to Colonel Guffey as a member of the national committee.

"If it is admitted that a reorganization of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania is desirable, we submit that the efforts in that direction should be tempered with moderation, within the party rules and without an apparent desire to promote selfish or factional ends. We contended at the meeting of the committee that the subject should be approached

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Advertising

must be supported by goods of quality.

We not only give you the advantage of this, but we select the best the market affords for our Monday Sales. Try out our Monday Sales in any way you choose and Merchandise that satisfies every customer will be found in every department

Monday, March 27. Grocery Dept. Offers:

Best No. 7 Broom, 50c value	34c each
Famous Columbian Flour, \$1.75 value	\$1.50 bag
Full Cream Cheese, 20c value	17c lb
Maple Flake, Cream of Wheat, or Puffed Rice, 15c value	13c pkg
Campbell's Pork and Beans with Tomato Sauce, 10c value	8c can
Davis' Baking Powder, 1 lb. can, 20c value	16c can
Wayne County Creamery Butter	30c lb
California Navel Oranges, 40c value	29c doz

Other Departments

Main Floor

1000 doz. Coats' Cotton, all colors, any number	4c each
81x90 Extra Heavy Sheets, 75c value	63c each
Fine quality Pillow Cases, 18c value	13c each
Bleached and Unbleached Table Cloth, 50c value	43c yd
Stylish Silk-finished Foulard, 19c 19c value	15c yd
Bleached-Linen Toweling, 12 1/2c value	9c yd
Clean-up-lot Men's Percale Shirts	31c each
250 Whiskbrooms, best 15c value	10c each
Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, 10c value	5c each
Gent's New Suspenders, 35c value	23c each
5000 yds. Unbleached Muslin 8c value	6 1/2c yd
100 Ladies' White Petticoats, Laced Trimmed	69c each
500 Pieces Ribbon, extra width, all colors	9c yd

Second Floor Specials

Curtain Serim, embroidered and tucked edge, 18c value	14c yd
Ladies' Tailored Waists, pleated and embroidered, \$1.25 val.	98c ea
Park Mills All Wool Ingrain Carpets, 80c value	65c yd
New Style Wall Paper, 20c and 25c value	17c double roll

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