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PRICE 5 CENTS

RATS RAISE RIOT

Slaughter 52 Prize Chicks and Mr. Lord Laments

WHITE LEGHORNS AND DANBIES BUT THEY'RE ALL GONE NOW.

"Oh, well, I ought to raise a thousand chickens between now and Fall," was the way Fred Lord, joint proprietor with his brother of the Allen House, and Vice-President of the Wayne County Poultry Association, consoled himself for the loss of fifty-two fluffy little two-weeks' old White Leghorn chicks.

A Citizen man, hearing of the mysterious disappearance of the embryonic pullets, went around Wednesday morning to see Mr. Lord. [N. B. Wednesday is always called "Blue Wednesday" by the Honesdale reporters, for they are caught between editions, and not able to get out much news.]

He found Mr. Lord in the basement, who obligingly took him to the scene of carnage, and explained the how and why of the death of the full-blooded fifty-two "Young" chicks it came about in this way:

"I had them in one of the sample rooms, in a Cyprians brooder," volunteered Mr. Lord, "right off the trunk room. There was a hole in the trunk room, and rats came Sunday and Monday night, got in the brooder, and carried every last one away."

"They took twenty-five away Monday night, and twenty Sunday night."

"When The Cat's Away."

They were just two weeks old, but the rats cleaned them all out. They carried them off one by one. See the blood-stained tracks! That's the way we tracked them. I caught nine rats this morning, regular "wharf" rats. They came from a nearby stable.

"I sent away and got these chicks from 'Young's strain'—the finest stock in America—everybody knows that. I got them when they were a day old."

"And Thirty-Five Cents Apiece Too!" "Those chicks were worth 35 cents a piece, too," mournfully continued Mr. Lord. "I only had them two weeks."

"For the commercial end, and for laying purposes, White Leghorns are the best fowls," remarked the bereft chicken fancier.

"I keep Buff Orpingtons for my specialty. I keep several hundred of them."

"Yes, I am vice-president of the Wayne County Poultry Association," admitted Mr. Lord, and then as if seeking company in his misery, he told of how Swartz (Swartz, of Ariel, you know) had a lot of hard luck last Fall, too. He lost a lot of chickens.

"It was a good thing, though that it happened just when it did. I had a hatch of 100 Buff Orpingtons. They'll be off Friday. I'm glad I didn't have them out."

"No, I don't blame the brooder. It was the rats. They came over here in swarms. The floors of the hotel basement are cemented. They must have got in through some hole. They were regular 'wharf' rats, big fellows."

In response to the question "What did you feed them?" Mr. Lord said: "Oh I give them the first few days dried bread crumbs soaked in milk. I gave them a daily mash of pinhead oats, corn meal, bran and several other kinds of food."

"Chicken-Raising Under Difficulties." "You can't keep chickens where they're many barns around. To keep bran and dry mash before them all the time is the quickest way to fatten them up. I gave them a little green food, lettuce."

Just then a young man came in, and hearing of Mr. Lord's misfortune told of having several hundred three-weeks' old chickens that he kept in his barn. But he had two big cats too, and the rats didn't bother the chicks a bit.

"Rats are the greatest thing to guard against," explained Mr. Lord, after the young man who had vainly tried to sell him chickens for sixteen cents a pound, when the market price was only thirteen, had left.

"Around a hotel, cats get too fat. They get too much to eat. They don't want to touch rats."

Counting Chickens Before They Are Hatched.

"Oh, well, I got three machines, incubators, going now. I'll hatch right up to August 31."

Mr. Lord took a pencil and a piece of paper, and began to figure up the probable number of chickens he ought to hatch out this summer. After considerable reckoning he said:

"I ought to raise about a thousand chickens between now and Fall. It's early yet. In fact, it's too early. You can't put them out on the ground before May 1. This is a backward Spring you know."

"I have got about twenty hens setting. They are better than the machines if the eggs are fertile. It doesn't cost so much to raise them, either."

The reporter gathered that after his disastrous "fyer" in White Leghorns, the vice-president of the Wayne County Poultry Association, would in the future stick to his specialty, "Buff Orpingtons." They are a good breed too, but they don't begin to come up to the White Rocks, oh, dear no!

HAPPY AT LAST

Widow Weds Widower After Many Years

FORMER MISS BROAD AND HARRY SIMONSON MARRIED MONDAY.

For the past few weeks everybody has been telling one another of a wedding that would occur shortly that would make the younger set sit up and take notice. The contracting parties are both well known. The bride is a resident here and for the past few months has been a domestic in the home of the town's chief Burgess, Hon. John Kubbach, while the bridegroom is an honest, earnest workman in Hawley, his vocation being that of a stone cutter.

Strange though it may seem both have been married, and Dan Cupid, who was responsible for their first acquaintance, managed to be on deck again after the separation of many years. The bride's maiden name was Mary Priscilla Broad. The bridegroom, whose name is Harry Simonson, resides in Hawley, and when young he was attracted by Priscilla's personality. They were lovers for some time, until alas one day they were separated. Mr. Simonson married and raised a family of children. A few years ago the wife and mother was called by death. Since the husband and father lived alone. His former life and memories of the past consoled him until he often thought he would like to meet his former sweetheart and lover. He finally met his bride here shortly after the death of his brother, a few weeks ago.

While here Mr. Simonson asked his sister if she knew anything about Priscilla, where she was staying, and the like. "Why, yes," the sister answered, "she is working across the street. I'll call her." The ice was then broken and an interesting social time was enjoyed by the party. One call followed another and the bride-to-be became so elated that she could contain herself no longer and finally told her friends of her approaching marriage to Mr. Simonson, whom she had known so many years ago. The date was set for April 8, but on account of Mr. Simonson's illness it was postponed until after Easter. The nuptial knot was finally tied by Rev. A. L. Whitaker on Monday.

The bride was aged 61, and the bridegroom four years her junior.

Jurors for June Term of Court

Wednesday afternoon Sheriff M. Lee Braman and Jury Commissioners W. H. Bullock and O. E. Miller drew the following panels of jurors for June term of Wayne county court:

- Grand Jury, Week of June 12. 1. Leon H. Ross, clerk, Honesdale. 2. William Hiller, farmer, Oregon. 3. F. P. Woodward, farmer, Cherry Ridge. 4. Geo. Carey, farmer, Buckingham. 5. Ezra Edwards, laborer, Lake. 6. William T. Wilcox, farmer, Mt. Pleasant. 7. Chas. Kreitner, glasscutter, Texas. 8. L. T. Perham, farmer, Waymart. 9. Henry Baehrer, shoemaker, Damascus. 10. T. W. Treverton, blacksmith, Berlin. 11. D. R. Denney, farmer, Manchester. 12. Florence Chapman, farmer, Salem. 13. W. D. Rowe, farmer, Paupack. 14. F. B. Benedict, farmer, Preston. 15. Fred Sands, clerk, Hawley. 16. Freeman Reynolds, farmer, Scott. 17. Timothy Duffy, glasscutter, Texas. 18. Chas. Miller, farmer, Canaan. 19. Chas. Worthing, knitter, Hawley. 20. J. M. Bolcom, farmer, Lebanon. 21. F. O. Gilbert, proprietor, Honesdale. 22. W. E. Rude, farmer, Clinton. 23. Leon Bodie, farmer, Dyberry. 24. J. N. Sharpstein, clerk, Texas.

- Traverse Jury, Week of June 19. 1. Howard Swingle, farmer, Lake. 2. Andrew Thompson, retired, Honesdale. 3. Fred Rose, Sr., laborer, Palmyra. 4. Clarence Gardner, farmer, Scott. 5. G. O. Gillette, undertaker, Salem. 6. Howard Bea, glasscutter, Texas. 7. W. H. Rose, farmer, Damascus. 8. Norris Brown, farmer, Preston. 9. Everett E. Talner, jewelry, Mt. Pleasant. 10. R. C. Arthur, farmer, Lebanon. 11. Wm. Guinn, merchant, Hawley. 12. Frank Bender, farmer, Lehigh. 13. Thomas Keegan, farmer, Buckingham. 14. Wm. Bales, clerk, Texas. 15. C. F. Smalley, minister, Palmyra. 16. G. W. Swartz, poultryman, Ariel. 17. L. H. Clune, farmer, Buckingham. 18. Cyrus Isham, farmer, Dyberry. (Continued on Page Five.)

Civil War Veteran Dead

ZENAS ROUNDS PASSES AWAY. AGED 82; WAS MEMBER OF WILLIAM H. DAVIES POST NO. 187, G. A. R.

Zenas Rounds, a veteran of the Civil war, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Tingley, on the corner of Oak avenue and Cemetery street, Carbondale, at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. His death was caused by senile debility and he had been in ill health for some time past.

Mr. Rounds was born near Uniondale in Herick township, about eighty-two years ago. He was married November 2, 1850, at Pleasant Mount to Harriet N. Carpenter, and was for many years one of the successful agriculturists in that section. During the rebellion he enlisted in Company B, 177th Pennsylvania Drafted Militia October 15, 1862, and was discharged August 5, 1863, serving ten months. He joined William H. Davies Post No. 187, G. A. R. in Carbondale by transfer from the disbanded Post at Uniondale, October 25, 1905. The announcement of his death will be sad news to his surviving comrades and numerous friends in this section. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. T. Wells, Uniondale; Mrs. Elmer Sherman, Binghamton, N. Y.; Frank Rounds, Scranton; Harvey, William, Mrs. Herbert Stoddard and Mrs. Minnie Tingley, Carbondale; also one sister, Mrs. Wilmot Carr, Prompton. Burial will be made in the cemetery at Uniondale.

Bill to Take Granting of License From Judges

EXCISE COMMISSIONS TO BE CREATED IN SEVENTEEN COUNTIES.

A bill to create excise commissions in counties having between 100,000 and 250,000 population was introduced in the senate Tuesday night by Senator McConnell, of Northumberland. The bill will apply to seventeen counties. The governor is given authority to appoint boards of three to serve for four years in each county. The salaries are to be \$2,500 per year.

Under the terms of the bill, the members of the board are given full authority over retail licenses for wholesale and retail purposes. In second-class cities, licensees must pay \$1,100, of which \$800 goes to the city, and in third-class cities \$550, of which \$400 goes to the city. In boroughs, the fee is to be \$250, of which \$150 is for the municipality, and in townships \$125, of which \$75 is to be devoted to township roads.

The measure does not affect either Philadelphia, Allegheny, Luzerne or Lackawanna counties, the big centres of population.

Julius W. Keltz Gets \$300 Damages

Tuesday the arbitrators awarded Julius W. Keltz \$300 for his alleged damages, in his suit against the county of Wayne for damages laid at \$1500 for injury done by county to his land and building by raising the grade of the public highway approaching the Goodman bridge over the Dyberry causing water to flow into his building, rotting the sills, etc. Either side has a right to appeal to the court within thirty days if not satisfied. The hearing was held before the county commissioners and the members of the board of arbitrators were Hon. Joel G. Hill, W. H. Bullock and Clifford Gray.

Wayne Co. Man Pardoned

Harrisburg, April 19.—The State Board of Pardons recommended but two pardons at its April session today, one of which was for Paul Spudis, of Wayne county, serving a sentence in the Eastern penitentiary for robbery and larceny. Spudis obtained his pardon through the efforts of his attorneys, Searle and Salmon, who represented him at his trial.

Dr. Brady's Alligator.

Jenny, who vies with Spot for the honor of being the pride of the Brady household, has grown 4 inches since last April when it measured 36 inches from tip to tip. The advanced mathematician will easily compute that it is now forty inches long. Its weight has increased 2 1/2 pounds. It hasn't eaten since Sept. 15. The alligator has been in the Doctor's possession seven years.

Provost to Represent State.

Governor Tener has appointed Provost Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, as delegate to represent the State of Pennsylvania at the Third National Peace Congress, which will be held in Baltimore on May 3, 4 and 5. Prominent men from every State in the Union will attend this conference and will discuss the ways and means of bringing about universal peace.

THE LAST NIGHT!

Farewell Dance Held Wednesday Night

GERMAN SINGING SOCIETY ABANDONS OLD HOME ABOVE THEOBALD'S AS THE CLOCK STRIKES TWELVE.

With the singing of "Farwold" at midnight, Wednesday, the members of the Maennerchor, Honesdale Council, separated to meet no more in their former quarters, where for more than four years they have been trying to keep up the traditions and customs of the Fatherland.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle have leased the Maennerchor hall over Theobald's, and will move in the first of May. The Eagles have a membership of about 180.

The Maennerchor will move into the Odd Fellows' Hall just across the street, as soon as the place is vacated by Company E, Thirteenth Infantry, who have been using the hall as an armory, but who expect to be in the new Park Place Armory by the middle of next month.

The officers of the Maennerchor are: President, Theodore Dreyer; vice-president, J. L. Regner; secretary, William Schloss; treasurer, Fred Pohle; trustees, Traugott Shilling, J. Theobald, Fred L. Giehrer.

Der Abschied Tanz.

Wednesday night the members of the society and their friends enjoyed a farewell dance. Freeman's orchestra, consisting of J. Freeman, violinist; Daniel Storms, cornetist, and Joseph A. Bodie, Jr., pianist, furnished the music. Emil Salber sang a solo. William Schloss also sang several solos with fine taste and splendid effect. At the close of the dance, just as the clock struck the hour of midnight, the members all joined in singing "Farwold."

Die Gegenwart.

When William Schloss, who has been secretary of the society since its organization on January 10, seven years ago, was seen by a Citizen man, Thursday morning, he told of the "good times" the club members used to have. He said: "We have about fifty-five members now. We were in there (Maennerchor Hall) about four years. We started about seven years ago. We won't have any more public dances. We won't break off. We have quite a little money in our treasury. A society of that kind doesn't need money. The next meeting will be in the Odd Fellows hall. We are going to store our goods down stairs in the empty store (until the upstairs is empty)."

Die Vergangenheit.

"Howard lodge used to have a big lodge. They are not so strong now as they were. The Germans die out. The young folks don't join the German lodge any more."

When asked as to the organization of the Maennerchor, Mr. Schloss said it had been started seven years ago. Gus Diener was the first president. Among the prime movers in forming the society were T. Dreyer, Mr. Frish, C. C. Niemeyer, Fred Pohle, William Schloss. They met in Frish's bakery, now Van Deusen's, where they organized on the tenth of January, 1904. Mr. Schloss enjoys the proud distinction of having been secretary since the beginning.

Mr. Schloss spoke in a reminiscent vein of his experiences with societies and lodges. Among other things he said:

"I have seen all the ups and downs in the societies. I have seen the Germania, the Casino and the Liederkranz come and go, and now we have the Maennerchor. We try to keep that up."

"I have been interested in societies for the last twenty-eight years. I went with them all over. Once the Germans in former times, were the leaders in singing. If anybody wanted a good time they went down to the Germans. They had no other places. Things have changed a good deal in town."

Die Zukunft.

"We don't have any more good times. If the members will stick together we'll have good times again. We used to have good times among ourselves. We had 'kaffeklatsch's' and dances afterwards."

"We have about fifty-five members in good standing. 'But,' remarked Mr. Schloss in conclusion, 'everything is going out and nothing coming in!'"

"Taft as Good as Renominated."

Cincinnati, April 18.—Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, was in Cincinnati to-day on his way to Washington from Champaign, Ill., where he spoke last night. Nagel eschewed national politics except to say that President Taft is as good as renominated.

RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR KEYSTONE GUARD.

J. W. Ballard of Troy, Bradford county, has been appointed receiver for the defunct Keystone Guard. The appointment was made by the Dauphin county court sitting at Harrisburg Tuesday.

4 MORE KICKERS ARE MADE HAPPY

Weekly Prize Winners in Citizen's Popular Kontest Announced--Twenty Prizes Awarded So Far

KICKS KONTAIN HUMOR, WISDOM AND PHILOSOPHY; EVERYBODY HAS A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS, KICK.

The Citizen takes great pleasure in awarding the prizes for the fifth week of its Kick Kontest as follows: (1) Mrs. Bradbury, Beach Lake, whose kick appeared in the last issue of this paper; (2) for brevity, Forrest G. Keesler, Galliee, see below; (3) Mrs. A. A. Geary, Hawley, whose kick was in Wednesday's issue and (4) Stella Schwenker, Honesdale, see below.

The number of kicks has increased to such an extent that the paper is able to publish only about one-seventh of those received. Some of those which are left out are exceeding amusing but for various reasons The Citizen is compelled to discriminate, especially in the matter of direct personalities. For details of this kontest see page 2. Some of the kicks are as follows:

Dear Editor:

I kick because Pa don't take The Citizen.

FORREST G. KEESLER, Galliee, Pa.

Answer: Perhaps he's never thought of it. Show him you're a good son and looking out for his welfare by persuading him to take it.

Dear Editor:

I kick if all the world were orange cake.

And all the rivers were ink.

And all the trees were bread and eggs.

What should we have to drink?

STELLA SCHWENKER, Honesdale, Pa.

Answer: That's a pretty big question for a cute little girl like you, Stella. Will have to think it over.

Dear Editor:

I kick because I haven't anything to do.

Yours very truly,

G. FELTON WENDELL, Honesdale, Pa.

Answer: We'd like to change places with you.

Dear Editor:

I kick to hear a description of the country from those Easter lilies you shipped to Bermuda.

CORA NEVIN, Peabrook, N. Y.

Answer: You will as soon as they return.

Dear Editor:

I kick because we, the scholars of the Honesdale public schools, have so many useless vacations.

Yours truly,

PHILIP C. WENDELL, Honesdale.

Answer: When we went to school we used to kick just the other way. Do you want to corner all the knowledge there is in the world? Enjoy your vacations while you have 'em. Some day you won't get any.

Editor Citizen:

I kick because our school house lawn is a mud puddle—So if you'll send me a dollar To buy mat and broom, I'll try my best to keep the mud out of the room.

IDA M. FOWLER, Teacher of Shiny Mountain School.

Answer: We take off our hat to you, Miss Fowler. We wish you success in making the room just as shiny as the mountain.

Dear Editor:

If I strike a thorne or rose,

I am kicking;

If it hails or if it snows,

I keep a kicking;

I will sit and kick and whine

If that dollar isn't mine,

I'll kick and try some other time.

STELLA SCHWENKER, Honesdale, Pa.

Answer: That's the proper spirit.

TO THE PERSON ELECTED PRESIDENT, THE CITIZEN WILL PRESENT A HANDSOME SOLID GOLD MEDAL SUITABLY INSCRIBED. THE VICE-PRESIDENT WILL RECEIVE A SIMILAR MEDAL OF STERLING SILVER.

The campaign for President of the Smile club has started. Everybody is interested. Everybody has a chance to be elected. All you have to do is to fill in the coupon with the name of the person most fitted in your opinion to hold the office. You can vote as often as you wish.

There is one great consolation in this campaign. If nobody else will vote for you, you can vote for yourself. So sharpen up your pencils and name your choice.

SMILE !! This coupon represents one vote cast for President of the Smile Club and one vote for Vice President. Polls close 12 noon, June 16.