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GILBERT WHITE'S 35-POUND FISH

Returns from Florida With Interesting Collection

ALLIGATOR SKULL FOR DR. BRADY; SEVEN FOOT RATTLESNAKE, CRANE, ETC.

Gilbert White, who, with his granddaughter, Miss Jessie White, recently returned from Crescent City, Florida, had a pleasant interview with a Citizen representative on Wednesday. Mr. White led the scribe to his cosy den and the first object that faced them was a large skin of a diamond-back rattlesnake. Its length was seven feet and on its tail were eighteen rattles. The back of the snake differs somewhat from the rattlesnakes in this section, in that its marks are diamond-shaped. These large reptiles are shot. In some instances they are dispatched by being struck upon the head with a club.

Hanging alongside the snake was a beautiful skin of an alligator, which was six feet long. Its age was eleven years. In addition to this Mr. White brought home a skull of a large alligator, which he presented to Dr. C. R. Brady.

Mounted upon a standard in his bedroom is a fine specimen of a young crane. This bird is becoming rarer every year, its plumage being in great demand for decorating women's headgear. It was killed near Crescent City and is a year old, according to its color. While it is white, in its second year the plumage is of a brownish hue, and when the bird reaches maturity its feathers become a dark blue.

In addition to the above mentioned, Mr. White brought home several odd-shaped shells, two fine specimens of the sea louse, besides a number of alligator teeth. The latter were from two to three inches in length and were about the size of a person's thumb.

When asked what he did for amusement during his stay in the south, Mr. White remarked that he spent his time fishing, visiting the orange groves, turpentine and lumber camps. These camps are between Crescent City Lake and Stella Lake. The latter is 45 feet higher than Crescent City Lake and is only two miles long, while Crescent City Lake is sixteen miles in length and varies from four to six miles in width. A steamer plys from Jacksonville to Crescent City, a distance of about 80 miles.

Crescent City is seven blocks long. All the business is conducted on one street. Each block contains five acres of land and Crescent City, during the winter months, has a population of from 500 to 800. There are five negroes to every white person. The people who inhabit Crescent City are principally northerners who own orange and grape fruit groves at that place.

During the holidays the orange harvest is at its height. One week there was shipped daily from Crescent City 2,400 boxes of oranges via steamer besides from 10 to 12 cars by rail. Each orange is cut from the tree, none are pulled from the branches. A box of oranges in New York now sells for \$1.25 to \$1.50 and runs from 125 to 150 oranges to the box. This fruit is considered to be the best. Other boxes range from 100 to 200.

Speaking of the climatic conditions Mr. White states that Crescent City is the nicest place for elderly persons to visit of any place he knows. Rain fell but two mornings during the entire stay of six months. There are no dreary days like there are in this climate and fine breeze from ocean keeps the place at even temperature. There was a light frost at Crescent City upon two different mornings after the blizzard in the north last winter, but not enough to kill the geraniums and ferns which were out of doors. Roses were in bloom the entire winter.

Regarding the negro question, one will change his mind after he visits the south. "Let the South take care of them," quoted Mr. White. He continued by stating that he made a study of the problem while down there and also visited the negro headquarters at Charleston, S. C. The negroes of Crescent City have some of the nicest building sites in the place, having acquired large tracts of land from the "time of the freeze." The property was owned by northerners but in 1875, referred to as the "time of the freeze," it was abandoned and later was purchased by the negroes for the taxes. They are very neat around their homes and the children appear much cleaner than they do in the mining districts. The negroes have their own schools, churches and special cars to ride upon. The present generation down there is a lazy, indolent class, but from conversations with old slaves, Mr. White said he found them to be honest and one can believe anything they say.

Loomis-Barrett, A Pretty June Wedding

ALBERT STEINMAN, DEPOSIT, BEST MAN; MISS FRANCES LANGFORD, SUSQUEHANNA, BRIDESMAID.

A pretty June wedding was solemnized at Susquehanna, Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, when Miss Eva Margaret, youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edison Barrett, of that city, was united in marriage to Louis A. Loomis, the popular proprietor of the Hotel Wayne, Honestdale.

The ceremony took place at the home of the bride, and was a quiet affair, owing to the fact that the groom's mother, Mrs. A. G. Loomis, is in the State Hospital, Scranton, recovering from the effects of a recent severe operation.

Albert Steinman, Deposit, acted as best man, and Miss Frances Langford, Susquehanna, served as bridesmaid.

The bride, who is a very popular and charming young woman, is a graduate of the Susquehanna High School. For the past two years she has been employed in the office of J. B. Russell & Co., the Scranton bankers.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Loomis, and came to Honestdale last Fall with his mother, from Deposit, N. Y., where his father is still conducting the Loomis House.

Mr. Loomis, Jr., has had seven years' experience in the hotel business, and has won many friends during his brief residence in the Maple City.

The happy couple left the same night on a wedding trip to New York City. Upon their return they will be at home to their friends, after next Thursday, at the Hotel Wayne.

The Citizen extends heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

BIGGEST WHEAT CROP IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY.

A wheat crop the like of which never has been harvested will be gathered in the United States this season if conditions indicated by the Government's June crop report continue throughout the growing season. Agricultural experts estimate the crop will amount to 764,291,857 bushels, an increase of 68,848,857 bushels over last year.

Of winter wheat the indicated yield is almost 430,000,000 bushels, and that of spring wheat 284,000,000 bushels. While winter wheat probably will yield less to the acre this year than the average for five years, spring wheat will show an increased yield of two bushels an acre over 1910 and a slight increase over the five-year average yield.

JOHNSTON TO FIGHT \$50,000 DOUBLE-HEADER.

San Francisco, Cal., June 12.—G. L. ("Tex") Rickard, who was the promoter of the Johnson-Jeffries fight in Reno last July, says in a letter received here to-day that he will offer a purse of \$50,000 for Jack Johnson to fight two men the same day for the world's championship at Buenos Ayres.

Rickard, who is in Buenos Ayres, declares his belief that Johnson can defeat any two men in the world, one after the other.

"All I ask," he writes, "is that Johnson be given a rest of fifteen minutes after disposing of the first adversary."

"NO JUNE TERM OF COURT," SAYS DISTRICT ATTORNEY SIMONS.

"There won't be any June term of court," said District Attorney M. E. Simons to a representative of the Citizen, Wednesday. "All the civil cases have been continued, and it wouldn't justify the expense of calling the jury together for a single case."

The district attorney said that this annulment of court is a common thing in Pike county, and that it had happened before in Wayne county.

"DON'T STRIKE" SAYS LUCKOCK

Condition of Cut Glass Trade Deploable

"HAVEN'T LOST SIXTY MEN OUT OF THIS CITY IN A YEAR."

Charging the deplorable state of affairs in the cut glass industry in Honestdale to the condition of the market, and declaring that he "didn't take any notice" of Deposit, N. Y., and Towanda, where the non-union cutting shops, one of them formerly located in the Maple City, are running full time, National Organizer Luckock, Toledo, Ohio, grudgingly granted a Citizen man an interview at the Allen House, Wednesday.

Robert Luckock, Toledo, O., national organizer for the cutting department for the United States and Canada, and William P. Clarke, Toledo, O., national secretary of the American Flint Glass Workers Union have been spending several days in town this week and attended the regular meeting of the Honestdale Local Union, Tuesday evening.

When seen Wednesday at the Allen House by a Citizen reporter, Mr. Luckock first refused to say anything, and then reversed his decision by talking quite freely on the local situation.

"The National Secretary of the American Flint Glass Workers' Union, Mr. Clark, visited some of the companies on a friendly visit," he said. "We are here for nothing else only to instruct our members and give them advice on matters important to their interests."

The reporter informed Mr. Luckock that there was a general feeling of unrest existing at present among the Maple City glass cutters, and that "strike talk" was pretty strong.

"We are advising them not to strike," answered Mr. Luckock. "Have all the contracts been renewed?" he was asked.

"One!" he replied, "the one that's run out has been renewed for an indefinite period."

"The condition of the cut glass trade in the last year," he continued, "has been most deplorable through the demoralization of prices on the market. If the manufacturer can't get his prices, he can't pay his men."

"It's the market," persisted the organizer, when reminded of the bad state of affairs among the Honestdale glass cutters.

"Aren't cut glass shops working full time elsewhere?" queried the reporter.

"They are not," he insisted. "How about Deposit, N. Y.?" asked the reporter.

"We do not take any notice of Deposit, N. Y.," he answered shortly.

"How about Towanda?"

"We don't take any notice of Towanda."

Both Deposit and Towanda, by the way, are non-union towns.

"We got lots of shops that are working full time," he exclaimed.

There are 2,500 men unionized, he said.

The national organizer was told that about 300 men had left Honestdale since the strike last year.

"You haven't lost 60 men out of this city in a year," he protested.

"Isn't the glass cutting in Honestdale pretty well demoralized?"

"I suppose it is."

"Isn't it worse than a year ago?"

"It goes up and down," explained Mr. Luckock.

That was all the reporter got out of Mr. Luckock, who appeared awfully anxious to read a letter the hotel clerk had just handed him, and

FINE FOR FIRE FIGHTERS.

Members of Protection Engine company, No. 3, in future are to be fined for non-attendance at meetings and fires, in keeping with a resolution passed Tuesday evening at the regular monthly meeting in City Hall of the organization. It was stated that the measurer for the firm which has secured the contract to furnish new uniforms for the firemen, will be here Sunday. Henry Tingley was elected a member of the society. It was also decided that the foremen of the various fire companies should endeavor to increase the efficiency of the members of their associations.

DIVORCE GRANTED.

Judge A. T. Searle, Tuesday, granted a divorce to John Surridge from Ida E. Surridge, for wilful and malicious desertion. Mrs. Surridge's maiden name was Ida E. Black. The couple were married Aug. 20, 1903, at Elmdale, Pa. The separation took place in November of that same year. Both parties are at liberty to marry again under the conditions of the divorce.

2 FREIGHTS DAILY

Attempts Being Made to Double Present Number

INCREASE WOULD HELP THE BUSINESS OF THE RAILROAD AND HONESTDALE.

A strenuous effort is being made on the part of the Business Men's Association and Board of Trade to secure two freight trains per day, out of Honestdale, instead of one in and out as at present. Both organizations have committees working to that end and it is hoped that these representative bodies will soon be able to make a favorable report.

It appears that the Honestdale freight is handled by one crew, starting from Carbondale every morning and it arrives in Honestdale anywhere from 11:15 to 1:30. Quoting the words from the local Delaware & Hudson freight office, when we inquired as to the arriving time: "It's due at 11:15, but doesn't always get here at that time."

Not a truer statement was ever made. Why doesn't the freight get in on time? Simply because one engine cannot handle all the cars, and the train has to be taken up the Maple mountain to Fairview or Panthers Bluff on the installment plan. Another engine, and crew more often there are two extra pushers, bring the heavy train to the summit.

The question now arises why not keep one of these crews in Honestdale, or in other words, restore the switching or yard engine? By doing this the expenses of the company would be diminished and better service would be obtained.

During the month of May, it is claimed, that 100 cars of coal, steam ships, passed through Honestdale via the Delaware & Hudson railroad to industries down the Erie line. This tonnage is figured as freight and helps swell the report for the month.

What Honestdale wants is two freights per day, and have both trains leave Honestdale as formerly.

who stated that he would leave town on the 2:50 train.

The reporter talked with one of the glass cutters on the situation. "It can't be any worse than it is now," he was told. "We are only making our bread now. If we go out on a strike we'll get \$6 a week, and that'll pay our board. On an average the men are making \$7.50 a week. There ain't many making more."

Honestdale was visited by another thunder shower this afternoon. So far as we have learned no damage was done.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT WAS A GRAND SUCCESS

Fine Tribute Paid to President of School Board; Twenty-two Students are Graduated With High Honors

PROGRAM RENDERED WITH UNIFORM EXCELLENCE; AUDITORIUM CROWDED TO HEAR FINAL EXERCISES; PRINCIPAL ODAY DELIVERS INSPIRING ADDRESS.

Seven young men and fifteen young women were graduated from the Honestdale High school, Tuesday evening, when the annual commencement exercises of the borough schools were held in the spacious auditorium of the \$60,000 Church street building before a large and appreciative audience.

The natural beauty of the assembly room was enhanced by large bouquets of daisies, ferns and syringas fringing the front of the platform, over which in chaste letters was inscribed the motto of the Class of 1911, "Escendamus Cum Saxa Sint."

When the curtain arose promptly at quarter past eight o'clock, the graduates and Principal Harry A. Oday were revealed occupying cosy seats on the stage.

The opening invocation was made by the Rev. Will H. Hiller, pastor of the Central Methodist Episcopal church. The program which consisted of essays, declamations, orations and music, was rendered without a single discordant note, the selections of the High School Chorus, under the direction of Miss Amy Clarke, instructor in music, with Miss Bessie Canfield as accompanist, being given with rare taste and received with enthusiastic outbursts of applause.

Thanks to the efforts of the Lyric Orchestra and the High School chorus that "draggy" effect so common to formal commencements was avoided.

The speakers took their parts uniformly well, and there was not the slightest trace of hesitation on the part of any of the graduates.

In presenting the diplomas, Principal Harry A. Oday paid a high compliment to the President of the School Board, Judge A. T. Searle, who has labored for the educational interests of the community since 1889. He said among other things: "Members of the Class of 1911: You are soon to be numbered with the alumni of this school. 483 diplomas have been granted since the erection of a borough High school. The present President of our school board has assisted to grant nearly 400, and has signed over half that number in the twenty-one years he has labored for the educational interests of the community. The speaker has had the honor of signing over one-third."

"No matter what you may do you will find some graduates of the Honestdale High school foremost in that same line. You may go to the isthmus of Panama, and you will come across one of our graduates in charge of the construction work there. No matter where you go or what business or profession you may enter you will find them doing well for themselves, and for the community in which they live."

"After awhile you will obtain as great distinction. Don't deceive yourselves. You must begin at once and work. We can point with pride to our successful graduates. One of our graduates has won the highest honor in the college she attends where she was elected president of the student governing board. It doesn't make much difference where you look for them if you look for them in good places, you'll find them there."

"I have been unable to find anywhere a graduate in disgrace."

"See to it that your life is so governed that you never bring disgrace on this institution. The words spoken to you last Sunday night by Father Balta cannot fail to leave a lasting impression on you."

"You must have Religion. Your scholarship is all in vain without that. You must look on a real God and worship Him."

The diplomas were then awarded the graduates and the exercises closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. Will H. Hiller.

As the sweet graduates sang so sweetly the "Bridal Chorus" of Cowen, in which the refrain "Tis thy wedding morning" so frequently occurs many of the spectators could not help thinking that they were not telling of coming events, and that before another June 22 came with its rare days, "when the spreading trees are hoary with their wealth of promised glory," Lohengrin's strains would peal forth from stately organ, as arm and arm, Paul and Virginia march down the beribboned cathedral aisles, to plight their troth, and make a new commencement in life.

The program follows:
Music.....Lyric Orchestra
Invocation.....Rev. Will H. Hiller
Salutation....."American Heroes of Invention".....Merton Canneu
Music....."Bridal Chorus".....Cowen
Music....."High School Chorus"
Essay....."Wayne's First County Seat".....Dolla Cody
Essay....."Heroines of American History".....Anna Doherty
Music....."Love's Old Sweet Song".....High School Chorus
Essay....."Horace Greeley as a Lecturer".....Florence Sluman
Declaration....."Death of Robespierre".....Joseph Jacobs
Essay....."Pennsylvania in Education".....Marie Bracey
Music....."The Carnival".....Rossini
Music....."High School Chorus"
Recitation....."Diary of a Mouse".....Dorothy Dein
Recitation....."How Girls Study".....Minnie Schoell
Oration....."Conservation of Our Forests".....Ray Dibble
Music....."Praise Ye the Father".....High School Chorus
Essay....."A Trip to Maine".....Julia Storms
Essay....."The American School Girl".....Ethel Schiessler
Valedictory....."Origin of Commencement".....Sarah Menner
Presentation of Diplomas.....Prof. Oday
Benediction.....Rev. Will H. Hiller
*Excused to take part in Class Night Play.

The names of the twenty-two graduates are:

Marie E. Bracey, Agnes R. Carr, Helen M. Canfield, Dolla M. Cody, Dorothy R. Dein, Anna I. Doherty, Anna J. Kilroe, Bessie W. Kimble, Gertrude P. Krantz, Sarah W. Menner, Margaret E. Rickard, Ethel Amanda Schiessler, Wilhelmina E. Schoell, Florence M. Sluman, Mary J. Storms.

Merton A. Canfield, Raymond E. Dibble, Leon C. Haganan, Joseph Jacobs, Roy W. Leinbach, Charles L. Markle, Henry A. Saunders.

Miss Dolla Cody was prevented by illness from being present at the exercises, much to the regret of her fellow classmates.

SUNDAY CONNECTION WITH SCRANTON.

Mr. E. B. Callaway, Sec'y, Greater Honestdale Board of Trade, Honestdale, Pa.

Dear Sir:
Referring to your favor of May 12th in which you quote resolution from the Greater Honestdale Board of Trade requesting that our Sunday morning train leave Honestdale earlier so as to arrive in Carbondale to connect with our 11:30 train for Scranton.

We find that this can be arranged, and we are therefore, pleased to advise that effective with our summer schedule June 18, morning train will leave Carbondale at 8:45 and arrive Honestdale at 9:55; returning leave Honestdale 10:15 and arrive Carbondale at 11:25.

Trusting this meets with the approval of your Board and that change will be beneficial to all concerned, I am,

Yours very truly,
GEORGE W. BATES,
D. F. & P. A.

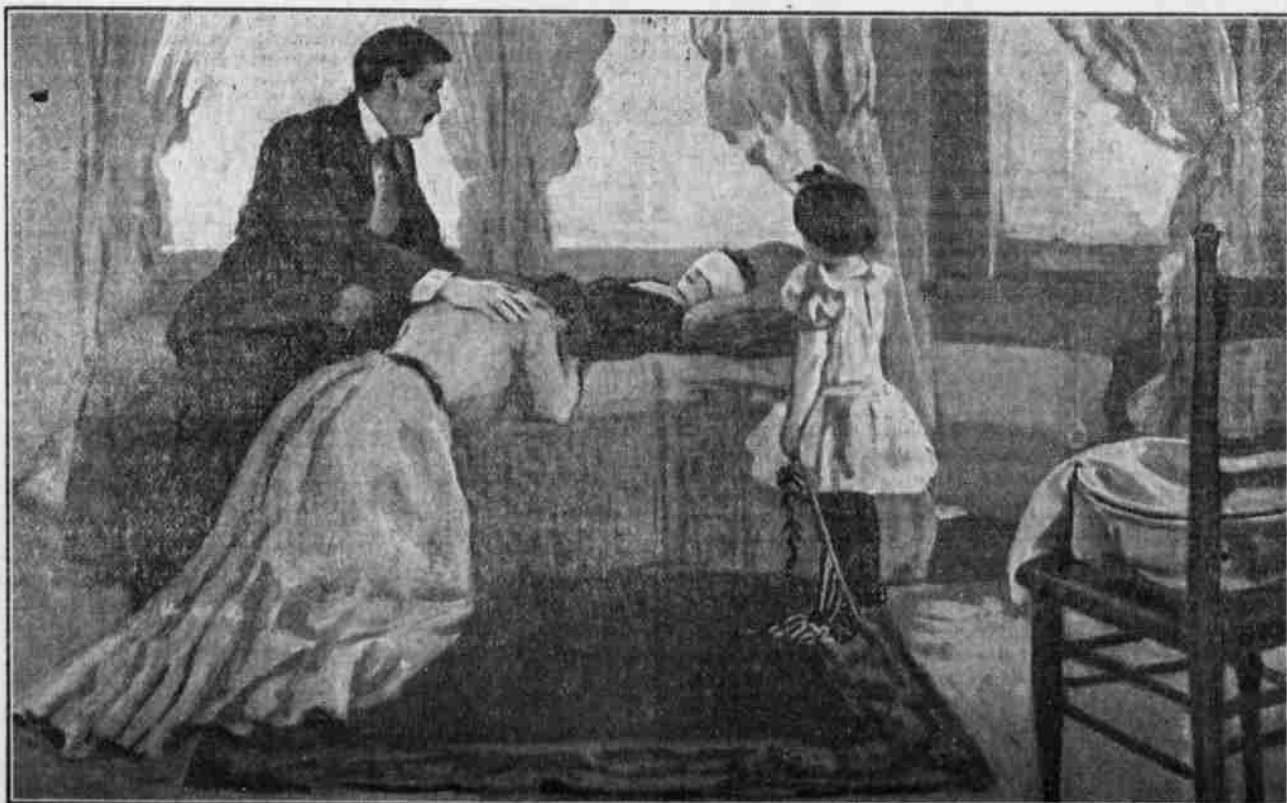
\$18,000,000 INCREASE.

The country's monetary circulation made a further gain of \$18,000,000 or more during May—the increase being practically all in gold. This lifts the per capita circulation to \$34.70, which seems to be about a record figure.

COUNTY SINKING FUND.

Governor Tener has signed a bill creating a county sinking fund commission to be composed of county commissioners and auditor or controller.

THE MORNING AFTER



Through the courtesy of "Life," The Citizen publishes the above picture in the hope that it may serve as a sufficient warning that the best and most patriotic celebration of Independence Day is a "Safe and Sane Fourth," and trust that this day in Wayne county may not be marred by a deplorable and senseless loss of life.