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RUNAWAY ON MAIN STREET

Smashes Wagon Against Tree on East Street; Caught Near Bethany

BELONGED TO JOHN R. BOWEN OF ALDENVILLE, WHO LEFT IT UNTIED.

Persons who were sitting on their porches on North Main street Saturday night were startled to hear the clinkety-clink of horses' hoofs drumming along the road, when a horse belonging to John R. Bowen, of Aldenville, dashed merrily by as if he were in a hurry to get some where. Some thought at first that it might be Paul Revere come back to life until it was seen that the horse was riderless. Others said that the animal had probably slipped out of his barn and giving a gentle horse laugh had started off on a spree all by his lonesome. Neither of these views proved correct, however, for it seems that John R. Bowen, of Aldenville, had met with an accident Saturday evening in which his wagon was demolished. Mr. Bowen had stepped into Clark & Bullock's store to do some trading and left his horse standing untied. The horse started and in doing so the Bowen wagon locked wheels with the delivery wagon of Mr. Bullock overturning the latter. This frightened the Bowen horse and it ran down High and turned up East street, colliding with a tree in front of John Allenbacher's home. The horse got free from the wagon and continued up the street. It was caught near Bethany and brought back to Honesdale. When the Bowen wagon struck the Bullock delivery wagon one rim of a wheel became loosened and fell on the ground, while the rim of a second wheel was thrown over the tie-post in front of Mr. Allenbacher's. There were several packages in the wagon but they were not jarred out or broken by the impact. There probably would have been another runaway had Mr. Bullock's horse not been tied. Two spokes were broken in a wheel on the delivery wagon. No other damage was done and fortunately there were no other teams or children in the street at the time.

Well Known Honesdale Merchant Dies

LEWIS BREGSTEIN PASSES AWAY SUNDAY AT THE AGE OF FIFTY-NINE.

The many friends of Lewis Bregstein, father of Bregstein Bros., the well-known Main street clothiers and gent's furnishers, were greatly saddened to learn of his death early Sunday morning at his home, 215 River street, after a long illness from stomach trouble, in the 59th year of his age.

Mr. Bregstein was born in Kovnaw, Germany, where at an early age he was married to Miss Sarah Hender. Several years later he emigrated to America, and for the past 36 years he resided in Honesdale engaging in the mercantile business until the year 1900, when falling health forced him to retire. He is survived by his widow, four sons and one daughter, viz: Nathan, New York, Harry, Chicago, Ill., Marks and August, Honesdale; Mrs. Robert (Rae) Cohn, Honesdale. Two brothers survive: Julius and Bennett, New York City. Largely-attended funeral services were held at his late home, Monday afternoon, Rabbi Eisentauf, Carbonade, officiating. Burial was made in the Jewish cemetery.

2000 EAGLES EXPECTED TO FLY HERE.

At a meeting of the local order of Eagles of this place, held Sunday, the date of their celebration in Honesdale was fixed for August 11. Invitations will be extended to Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Dunmore, Carbondale, Binghamton, Oneonta and Port Jervis. Two thousand Eagles are expected.

Fourth of July Hours at the Post-office.

General delivery window open from 10 to 11 a. m., and from 2 to 3 p. m. Carriers will make one delivery at 11:30 a. m., and one collection. The money order and registration department will be closed all day. M. B. ALLEN, Postmaster.

REAL ESTATE DEALS.

Executors of William Correll, Hawley, to Charles Spruiks, Scranton, 117 acres in South Canaan township, \$5,430. Charles Van Vliet, Salem, to T. Hughes, Hazleton, 20 acres in Salem township, \$1,300. First National Bank, Susquehanna, to Thomas L. and Edward L. Smith, Preston, two tracts of land in said township, \$1,800. A. V. Tyler to A. G. Gregg, both of Damascus, land in said township, \$1 and other valuable consideration.

DASSELL MONUMENT ERECTED.

The Dassel monument was erected on Saturday in St. Mary Magdalena's cemetery.

WOULDN'T SWAP WITH JOHN D.

R. F. Martin of Hawley, Would Rather Raise Chickens

LARGE ATTENDANCE FROM HONESDALE AT MEETING OF WAYNE COUNTY POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

At a regular meeting of the Wayne County Poultry Association held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the R. F. Martin poultry farm, Hawley, a committee, consisting of Messrs. B. F. Lord, F. W. Schuerholz and W. H. Karslake, was appointed to confer with the managers of the Wayne County Fair association with reference to making suitable arrangements for housing poultry at the coming Fair.

About twenty-five ardent and enthusiastic chicken fanciers were in attendance.

W. H. Karslake was appointed Superintendent of Poultry at the Wayne County Fair. Charles L. Dunning, Honesdale, was elected a member of the society, and all outstanding bills were ordered paid.

In the absence of President E. E. Kinsman, Honesdale, First Vice-president B. F. Lord, Honesdale, acted as chairman. Honesdale sent a large delegation to the gathering. Among those present from the Maple City were: Hon. A. T. Searle, B. F. Lord, Frank W. Schuerholz, E. A. Lindsay, F. W. Stephens, Beech Grove, R. G. Erk, C. M. Erk, H. A. Robinson, Charles Hermann, W. J. Rief, A. M. Leine, R. F. Martin, E. A. Penniman, C. L. Dunning.

Mr. Martin escorted the Citizen man through his 100-acre farm, explaining the points of interest, chief of which were 800 old and 1800 young White Leghorns, for he it is known that Mr. Martin goes in for White Leghorns all together.

He told the reporter that all he went in for was eggs. "We raise all the pullets," he said, "and ship the cockerels to New York when they are ten weeks old. I ship all my eggs to New York. I get 28 cents a dozen now. Last winter I got 60 cents a dozen."

Most of the large farm is pasture land, with the exception of about twenty acres which is left for hay.

"We haven't had a good year for hatching," he informed the reporter. "Eggs haven't hatched as well as other years. They died in the shell. They didn't develop. We were able to raise all we hatched, though."

Mr. Martin makes a business of raising White Leghorns. He mixes his own feeds. This is his "dry mash combination": "I use two parts corn meal, two parts middlings, two parts bran, one part oil meal, one part alfalfa, one part meat scraps.

"I'll add the gluten when it begins to get cool. You know you can give too much corn in hot weather."

When asked whether he would exhibit any of his fowls at the Fair in August, he laughingly replied: "Well I don't know. I said I wouldn't exhibit this year. I took everything for two years. I think that's enough. I'll give the other fellows a chance. I am going after garden truck prizes."

Mr. Martin has a large plum orchard consisting of about 200 scale-proof plum trees. The yield promises to be a heavy one.

For five years, Mr. Martin, who used to live in Honesdale, has been in the chicken business. These are his reasons for going into it: "I wanted to get out in the open air. I was sick and tired of being in an office."

"I like it very much," he said. "I wouldn't change places with John D. Rockefeller!"

"If you go into the chicken business," he told the reporter, who once took a 'fyer' in White Rocks himself, "you have to like the business. You have to be on hand every hour that it's light. I don't get through till 9 o'clock. I have to close the colony houses, and see every chicken in. If you don't, a hawk will come along and gobble them up. I don't get up on the hills till 6 o'clock in the morning."

Mr. Martin showed the reporter his young chicks. "I keep the youngest in colony houses, scattered in the underbrush. About sixty in a house is the average.

"In the morning I feed a mixed grain, consisting of one part cracked corn, one part oats, two parts wheat. I have the 'mash' in hoppers before them all the time. I feed about twice as much in the evening as in the morning, sending them to bed with a full crop. I use rye straw in the laying houses. It does a crumbly up as easily as go. I crumble up, and keeps clean 100 per cent."

The reporter left Hawley with a number of touching souvenirs of his visit in the shape of mosquito bites. The reason for their existence there in such large numbers is due to the fact, it is said, that the canal hasn't been entirely drained. It is supposed that they grow in it.

Hawley never takes a bac seat for any town, so when she went into breeding mosquitoes she determined to beat the Jersey bray. And she did too. They are thorough-breds. Why, would you believe it, a good many of them weigh a pound, and they sit on logs and bark!

WOMAN NEARLY A SUICIDE

Walks Towards D. & H. Train in Middle of Track

ENGINEER ARNOLD STOPS JUST IN TIME; NOT KNOWN WHO SHE WAS.

Taking her life in her hands, an unidentified woman attempted to cross the Delaware & Hudson railroad bridge Thursday evening in front of the approaching 7:30 passenger train. Peering from his cab window, Engineer Jael Arnold saw the woman slowly walking in the center of the track on the bridge towards the engine. He had sounded the whistle for Honesdale and was about to blow for the crossing, and as he did so he continued the toots. The woman apparently unconscious of the approaching train, did not look up, stop or step to one side of the bridge, but slowly, step by step, picked her course on the ties. Mr. Arnold then applied the emergency brakes and while the train was coming nearer and nearer the lady stopped or seemed to realize the dangerous position she was in.

The passenger train was brought to a standstill within three ties' width, otherwise the cowcatcher of the engine would have struck the woman and she would have been tossed into the Lackawaxen river or ground beneath the wheels of the engine. When the train stopped the woman, not being able to proceed any farther in a straight line, stepped around the engine, which was about one-third on the west end of the bridge. Slowly, and acting strangely as if meditating, she might-have been suicide passed over the remaining section of the bridge to terra firma and disappeared from sight.

No one knew her, where she came from or whether she went. She was about 25 years of age, of slight stature and wore a dark brown skirt and white shirtwaist. Her head was uncovered.

Eye witnesses claim that the woman did not attempt to cross the bridge until the train had rounded the curve a few hundred feet above; that she walked very slowly and from appearance it looked like a case of suicide. Our informant claimed that he turned his head and entered a building, that it was too much for him while another stated that he waited to see if the engine struck her.

"Here's a corn producer," remarked the Doctor, showing the newspaperman a fashionable shoe tapering to a pin head point, and fearfully and wonderfully made, and still more horribly put together. Then to make the comparison still more striking, he took up a baby's shoe, and held the two side by side.

"That's what the mother says," he said, "and see, here is comfort. A nice, broad shoe without a toe cap!"

"I made the feet a study. I don't know anything else," continued the Doctor, whose whole life has been wrapped up in alleviating some of the many aches and pains that mortal man is subject to.

"Did Adam or Eve have corns?" asked the reporter. "I never examined Eve's feet," he laughingly exclaimed Dr. Franklin. "The supposition is she hadn't. Shoes were not in vogue then. Eve never had corns or ingrown toe nails. She wasn't in the Garden of Eden long enough to produce them."

"I commenced the study of medicine in 1864," explained the doctor. "I studied at Jefferson Medical College, and devoted my life to the surgery of the feet. That is my occupation."

"Where does a corn end and a bunion begin?" he was asked. "A corn," he replied, "has no relation to a bunion. No relation whatever. They are two separate diseases. A corn is caused by friction, or pressing on a bone, by interfering with the free action of the mediostidial joints. It is intended by Nature that the joints be lubricated. In wearing too tight a shoe, that pressure will injure the periosteum or outer covering of the bone, and cause the bone to enlarge."

"A bunion can not be cured. It is an impossibility. I may as well tell you the truth. If you soften a bone you ruin the chances of restoring it to normal condition. You can relieve bunions. A glass starch poultice put on at night will give relief over night."

"How many instruments do you use?" he was asked. "Nothing but scalpels," he replied. "Are we born with corns, do we acquire them or are they thrust upon us?" asked the reporter. "You acquire them," said the doctor in reply. "In all the thousands of cases I treated I found only one case, and that a little child, born with a corn. She was born with one the size of a huckleberry. I removed it."

"Shoes should be changed often. You should have two pair always, and change them frequently," advised Dr. Franklin. "What make of shoes do you recommend?" "None. Only a low heel, and a broad-based shoe. I practice what I preach. See, here is a shoe I wear. It is free from caps, has a low heel, with a revolving rubber heel on it."

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"No prostrations from the heat were reported, thanks to the fact that it was a day of rest. Many of the inhabitants of the Maple City slept out of doors Sunday night, where a cool breeze made slumber more possible. The old but somewhat dangerous trick of reducing the body heat by holding the wrists under a faucet of running water was resorted to by many perspiring individuals who received temporary comfort thereby. The glorious Fourth promises to be a scorcher, and a good place to cool off is the ball grounds, especially if Honesdale wins both games from Archbald! Meet me at the silk mill grounds!"

"The large woolen mills of Bird-sall Bros., Seelyville, were burglarized last Thursday night. Entrance was gained by breaking a pane of glass in the office window and then unlocking the fastener of the window. The office was found in a turmoil when the clerks entered Friday morning. Papers were scattered right and left and the broken window pane told the tale. Further investigation was made and it was found that \$3.50 was missing from the cash drawer. The safe was in no way disturbed, which leads the firm to believe the burglars to be amateurs. Nothing was disturbed or found to be missing in any other part of the mill."

Hottest Day of the Year

NO PROSTRATIONS REPORTED, HOWEVER; MANY SLEPT OUT IN THE OPEN.

Honesdale sweltered under the rule of General Humidity Sunday, along with the rest of the Eastern cities. It was the hottest day of the year. The temperature rose to 97 degrees in the shade at 2 o'clock and all self-respecting thermometers registered at least 104 degrees.

What made the heat still more insufferable was the oppressive humidity which accompanied it. Relief was sought in the parks, and under the ambrosial shade of back garden apple trees. Even the "gasoline buggies" were put out of commission, and the motorists who braved Old Sol's rays were few and far between.

A BUNION! WHAT IS IT?

Dr. Franklin Says "It's a Monument of Early Pride"

WILL BE SEVENTY-FIVE IN A FEW WEEKS, BUT HASN'T COMMENCED TO GET OLD YET.

"Making other people happy. That is my profession. I haven't commenced to get old yet. I'll be seventy-five in a few weeks. I was born in 1836."

A real philanthropist is Doctor Franklin, who gave expression to this optimistic view of life to a Citizen reporter, who called at the Allen House, Friday morning, to see this celebrated Philadelphia specialist who has devoted half a century to the alleviation of the aches and ills of his fellow beings.

Doctor Franklin has been coming to Honesdale for more than twenty-five years, which is the highest kind of a recommendation for any one engaged in an occupation where quacks and charlatans live and move and vagabondize and grow rich at the expense of the always gullible public.

"I sell nothing," said the venerable disciple of Aesculapius. "I have nothing for sale. I don't use any medicine at all. What I use in my practice, I give away. I draw no blood."

After being shown boxes full of corns of all shapes and descriptions, varying in dimensions from the size of a pin head up to specimens as large as a half dollar, the reporter asked the pedal surgeon for his definition of a corn.

"A corn, he replied, "is a hypertrophied condition of the epidermis, caused by friction or pressure. A shoe too large or too small, anything that will cause friction, will cause a corn."

"What is a bunion?" asked the reporter. "A bunion," said Doctor Franklin, "is an exostosis of the mediostidial joint. The mediostidial joints are the bones of the feet. Bunions are caused by enlarging of the bones caused by wearing a shoe too short or too long, or from contracted and narrow soles."

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77 YEARS OLD ON FOURTH

W. H. Ham Built 63 Boats in Six Months

FIRST TO USE MACHINERY IN MAKING ONE-THIRD OF BOATS ON D. & H. CANAL.

William H. Ham, one of Honesdale's venerable justices of the peace and artists, celebrates the 77th anniversary of his birth on the Nation's birthday, both occurring on July 4th. Mr. Ham, who is still well preserved in health, first saw the peep of day when the nation was booming forth the triumphs of liberty, which occurred 57 years previous.

Honesdale has been enriched by the personality of Mr. Ham, whom everybody likes. He is daily seen upon our streets and always has a smile and a kind word.

Mr. Ham was born on Fourth street, Honesdale, and is one of the old native-born citizens. His father was Thomas Ham and his mother, Elizabeth Bellamy. Both came from Cornwall, England, with a number of other people and were among the first settlers in Honesdale.

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"No, my military record did not amount to much. It was of a week's duration. I enlisted as a high private and went as far as Washington and then returned."

Mr. Ham has been a justice in Honesdale since 1894, seventeen years. He has served twice on the school board and town council and was elected chief Burgess in a Republican town, which bespeaks in words of highest praise of his popularity.

On March 22, 1869, Mr. Ham and Miss Mary A. Wilbur were married in Honesdale. They are the parents of three children.

Mr. Ham is also a newspaper writer of some note, having written many articles of interest in the local press and also for magazines and periodicals at large.

The Citizen offers congratulations to Mr. Ham in the celebration of his natal day and hopes he will enjoy it and live to enjoy many more like occasions.

What I use in my practice I give away. I use no local anaesthesia. I follow the line of demarcation and don't draw blood."

Common sense seems to be the secret of Doctor Franklin's success. As one pleased and happy elderly lady patient remarked, in leaving his suite of rooms as the reporter entered:

"I didn't have common sense years ago. I always wear common sense shoes now!"

DR. BURNS CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY ON THE FOURTH.

July 4th is the birthday of another of Honesdale's well known citizens and physicians, Dr. E. W. Burns. Mrs. Burns has planned a family reunion at which time the following are expected to be present: Dr. and Mrs. Reed Burns, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Foote, son Arthur, of Scranton; Mrs. Joseph Waite, Glenburn; Mrs. L. A. Smith and Mrs. Edward Werd, Newark, N. J. and Mrs. A. O. Hamlin, Syracuse, N. Y.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Scott Rutledge, West Damascus Helen M. Wiley, Tyler Hill

SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR WHITE MILLS

Court Orders Re-establishment of Independent District

EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT EVERYONE FAVORS IT AND THERE IS NO OPPOSITION.

After a hearing held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock before Judge A. T. Searle, in the matter of the re-establishment of the White Mills Independent school district, when a petition signed by 133 taxpayers of White Mills was presented by C. A. Garratt, Esq., no opposing petition being filed, the Court ordered and directed that an independent school district be established with the same boundaries as heretofore.

Ten days' notice had been given the directors of Texas township as required by law, and a hearing ordered for Saturday afternoon.

This independent school district was first erected May 13, 1879, and the files in the case were offered in evidence.

Three witnesses were called to prove the necessity for re-establishing the district. Their testimony follows:

John C. Sonner, White Mills, the first witness called, testified that he was a taxpayer and served on the school board three years. He visited the schools, and knew the class of work done there. A third grade High school has been maintained in White Mills for the past two years. Three years' work is taught there. Mr. Sonner thought it would be a benefit to the people of White Mills to continue as an independent school district.

According to his testimony White Mills is a compact village in Texas township quite a long distance from any other High school. A five-room brick school building was erected several years ago at an original cost of \$5,000, half of which has been paid, leaving an indebtedness of \$2500. People are satisfied with present arrangements, and no complaints have ever been made.

Joseph Stephens, the second witness, said that he had been a school director for four years. "I believe the independent school district has been established thirty-two years. During that time, due to the great prosperity of the glass business, the population has increased. Children have grown in greater numbers. The population got so great we had to build a new building. It is one of the healthiest places in Wayne county."

Five teachers are employed, according to Mr. Stephens' testimony. They are teaching a three-year third grade High school and the people are all well satisfied. 225 scholars are enrolled. The school district takes in almost all the voting district. There have been no troubles or complaints, and the people are greatly disturbed to think the Legislature has abolished it. White Mills is four or five miles from Texas township High school.

Charles S. Burger, White Mills, the third witness, stated the population of that town to be 950, and thought the independent district was a benefit to White Mills.

In handing down the decree, Judge Searle gave these as his reasons for granting the petition of the taxpayers of White Mills: "I am very glad to have the opportunity to re-establish this district. It is probably one of the largest independent school districts in the State. The people in the district with one accord are in favor of it. And there is no opposition to it either in the district or out of it. Therefore the necessity is well established."

"This puts you where you were before," he said, addressing the directors present at the hearing.

"No inconvenience will result from the abolishing of this district. You go on just as you were before. It will be necessary for you to reorganize, and rekey your school tax and appoint your teachers. In order to be perfectly safe, call a meeting at once. You have good schools, and their reputation has always been good."

Five of the original directors were reappointed in response to a petition presented by the attorney, viz. Messrs. John Tuman, John C. Sonner, Henry G. Schiller, M. J. Decker, Joseph Stephens, the sixth member of the old board, Michael Weinberg, having very graciously withdrawn his name.

COULD A DRIVER WIN THIS MEDAL?

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