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GRAND JURY'S REPORT O. K. 'D

Judge Searle Endorses Their Presentment

THE COURT ORDERS THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS CARRIED OUT—7 TRUE BILLS RETURNED.

Seven true bills were returned to court, Wednesday morning, by the January term grand jury. Judge Alonzo T. Searle approved their report, directed that a copy of the same be given to the County Commissioners and to the Sheriff, and recommended that the suggestions contained in their report be carried out.

The grand jury reported as follows:

To the Honorable A. T. Searle, Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions:

The Grand Inquest, inquiring for the County of Wayne, in the January 1912 Term of Court, do respectfully represent:

That they have examined the County buildings, and after inspection and consultation, they recommend that the following repairs and additions be made:

1. That a hot water system be installed for the bath room of the County Jail, either by connection to the hot water supply of the Sheriff's residence; by a steam coil heater from the jail furnace; or by some other satisfactory manner, in such a way that an adequate supply of hot water be available in cold weather, for bathing.

2. That the water piping of the jail be gone over by a plumber, and repaired or replaced.

3. That some arrangement be made whereby the bowls of the closets in the jail be regularly cleaned.

4. That the litter in the bath room of the jail be removed and suitable rules made and enforced to prevent said accumulation.

5. That the iron shutter of the coal vault be repaired.

6. That a new and sanitary lavatory and toilet be installed on the ground floor of the Court House, in the place of the present toilet room, with several closets and urinals, and that the lavatory be supplied with soap and towels; and that a single toilet be installed near the Commissioner's office.

7. That a leak in the main steam line in the basement of the Court House be repaired at once, and that the valves of the radiators be re-packed.

8. That the clocks throughout the Court House be repaired and kept running.

Respectfully submitted, this 10th day of January, 1912.

(Signed) H. T. MENNER, Foreman.

(Signed) J. W. Farley, Secretary.

"The report is approved and a copy directed to be given to the County Commissioners and to the Sheriff with the recommendation that the suggestions herein contained be carried out."

BY THE COURT.

In the matter of the petition of Miles, Gerald and Louis, minor children of Wm. J. and Frances Barnes, late of Mt. Pleasant township, deceased, for the appointment of a guardian, the Court named Hattie M. Barnes guardian of said minors, and directed that she give bond in the sum of \$200 in each case.

In the matter of the application of Edwin F. Torrey for discharge as trustee of the estate of Wm. Reed, deceased; and petition for appointment of new trustee, Mr. Torrey was relieved by the Court from the duty of further administering the trust imposed upon him in the last will and testament of William Reed; and Lucena C. Richmond requesting, and the Court approving her choice.

"The Scranton Trust Company," of Scranton, is appointed to succeed Mr. Torrey as trustee. The Trust Co. was ordered to file a bond of \$50,000 for the faithful performance of its duties.

True bills were found by the grand jury in the following cases:

In the case of the Commonwealth versus George Schlosky and Andrew Novak. Indictment: Shooting on Sunday. William McMullen, prosecutor. A true bill. It is alleged that on Sunday, October 29, 1911, the defendants did shoot unlawfully with a gun.

In the case of the Commonwealth versus George W. Swartz. Indictment: Larceny, Floyd Bortree, prosecutor. A true bill. It is alleged that on March 14, 1911, the defendant stole six bags of chicken feed, oats and middlings, valued at \$7.50 from the firm of S. C. Bortree & Son, Commonwealth versus Charles J. Riley. Indictment: False pretenses. True bill. It is alleged that on October 11, 1910, the defendant designedly pretended to Mary Ann McNally, wife of said Patrick McNally, that he, the said P. McNally had sent the said Charles J. Riley, to her to get \$300, and that he, the said P. McNally, had directed her to let him have the said sum of \$300, whereas in truth and in fact the said P. McNally had not sent the said Charles J. Riley to the said Mary Ann McNally to get \$300 or any other sum and had not directed, the said Mary Ann McNally to let him, the said Charles J. Riley, have the said sum of \$300, and the said Chas. J. Riley did then and there unlawfully obtain from the said P. McNally the sum of \$300.

In the case of the Commonwealth versus William Marks, Paul Robosh-

SECURITIES UNINJURED

Money Not Damaged in Equitable Fire.

(Special to The Citizen.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Ninety million dollars in money and securities were taken from the vaults of the Equitable Life Assurance building this morning. The money was not damaged by the heat of the recent fire.

There is still two billion dollars in the vaults that will be taken out next week.

3,092 MEN OF MILITARY AGE

Texas Twp. Is High In The County With 590

BETHANY BOROUGH HAS BUT NINETEEN—325 IN HONESDALE AND 208 IN HAWLEY.

Altogether Wayne county has within its borders 3,092 men of military age. The lists compiled by the assessors of the various districts of the county show that Bethany borough is low with 19, while Texas township is high with 590 men of military age. The figures for the county are as follows:

Boroughs.	
Bethany	19
Hawley	268
Honesdale	325
Prompton (Est.)	21
Starrucca	53
Waymart	61
Townships:	
Berlin	107
Buckingham	84
Canaan	7
Cherry Ridge	70
Clinton (Est.)	102
Dreyer	96
Dyberry	85
Lake	148
Lebanon	61
Lehigh	85
Manchester	109
Mt. Pleasant	172
Oregon	65
Palmira	89
Paupack	34
Preston	62
Salem	92
Scott	84
South Canaan	110
Sterling	88
Texas	590
Total	3,092

Following is a list of the district assessors.

Boroughs.
Bethany—W. O. Avery.
Hawley—Thomas J. Oldfield.
Honesdale—F. J. Varcoe.
Prompton—E. R. Bodie.
Starrucca—John K. Stearns.
Waymart—L. E. Stanton.

Townships.
Berlin—S. Saunders.
Buckingham—James Hoag.
Canaan—J. J. Burnett.
Cherry Ridge—James F. McDonald.
Clinton—C. J. Stiles.
Dreyer—Chas. Weitjen.
Dyberry—John R. Lippert.
Lake—Homer Jones.
Lebanon—Clarence I. Hopkins.
Lehigh—F. E. Bush.
Manchester—P. H. Cole.
Mt. Pleasant—Fred Brooking.
Oregon—Wm. H. Brunig.
Palmira—P. F. Schmidt.
Paupack—Chas.
Preston—John T. Brown.
Salem—C. Stevens.
Scott—Wm. Rockwell.
South Canaan—Henry Baker.
Sterling—G. F. Phillips.
Texas—Jacob L. Ballew.

In and Peter Marks. Indictment: (1) breaking and entering; (2) larceny; (3) receiving stolen goods. John B. Dymond, prosecutor. A true bill. It is alleged that on October 19, 1911, the defendants broke into the store of John B. Dymond and stole four guns of the value of \$50. Paul Roboschin and Peter Marks have absconded, and the District Attorney is permitted to present an indictment to the grand jury without a preliminary hearing of said defendants.

In the case of the Commonwealth versus William Marks. Indictment: (1) breaking and entering; (2) larceny; (3) receiving stolen goods. John B. Dymond, prosecutor. A true bill. It is alleged that on October 19, 1911, the defendant broke into the store of John B. Dymond and stole four guns of the value of \$50.

Commonwealth versus Louis Kelly and Joseph Hendry. Indictment: Robbery, etc. Meyer Krasvitz, prosecutor. True bill. On November 27, 1911, it is alleged, Louis Kelly and Joseph Hendry, being armed with a revolver, feloniously assaulted Meyer Krasvitz and robbed him of \$15.

In the case of the Commonwealth versus George W. Swartz, Floyd Bortree, prosecutor. Indictment: Larceny. True bill. The prosecutor alleges that on April 11, 1911, the defendant stole seven bags of chicken feed, oats and middlings of the value of \$8.75 from the firm of S. C. Bortree.

One Bill Ignored.

In the case of the Commonwealth versus Sadie Kittner, Mary Everling, prosecutor, charge of assault and battery. Bill ignored. Prosecutrix took place December 17, 1911, at White Mills, in the home of the prosecutrix.

HAVE HARD TIME GETTING MARRIED

York State Couple Have Troubles of Their Own.

HERMAN, AGE 21, STELLA, AGE 18, SURMOUNT LEGAL BARRS AND ARE HAPPILY WEDDED.

I am hereby satisfied My Son And My Daughter to be Married Jan. 1.

MR. HERMAN CONEY, MR. CYRUS HULSE.

Signed by Parents.

Such was the contents of a letter Herman Coney, Jr., age 21, and Stella S. Hulse, age 18, presented to Prothonotary Wallace J. Barnes, Tuesday a week ago, with a view of securing a marriage license on the strength of it.

It wasn't strong enough however to suit the legal mind of Wayne County's Marriage License Purveyor, and so he suggested to the young people who were anxious to begin the New Year right by getting married, that the proper procedure would be to write to her parents, who reside in Monticello, N. Y., and ask them to go before a notary public, certify that she was their daughter, and file their consent to her intended marriage.

Equipped with the necessary information and supplied with a blank filled out with all the required statistics, they proceeded daily to the County Seat Postoffice. Herman, Jr., remained standing outside in the cold. Miss Stella bravely marched into the most frequented place in Honesdale, purchased a special delivery stamp, affixed it to her letter to the home folks in York state, and started the ball in motion which she hoped would return in the shape of the coveted certificate.

Uncle Sam, Friend of Forlorn Lovers that he is, made extra efforts to carry the precious missive to its final destination. No sooner was the letter received in Monticello, N. Y., than it was taken to a Sullivan County Notary Public, one John D. Lyons by name. He affixed his seal of office to the application blank, had Cyrus Hulse and Anna his wife sign the document, and persuaded two witnesses to attest to the correctness of their statement.

Soon the coveted blank, now happily filled out, found its way into the mails again, and speedily arrived in the shire town of Wayne. Hugging the letter tight she lost no time in telling her lover about it. Both of them basened to the W. C. M. L. P. Mr. Barnes, showed him the order of J. P. John D. Lyons empowering him to issue a license to Herman Coney, Jr., and Stella S. Hulse in that her father, being informed of the intended marriage of his eighteen-year-old daughter had filed his consent to the said marriage, and of course he was only too glad to oblige them by honoring their requisition for a marriage license.

Thursday evening, the happy couple went to the parsonage of the First Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. Geo. S. Wendell, was at home. Little time was wasted in preliminaries. They promised to take each other "for better or for worse," and Pastor Wendell solemnly spoke the words uniting "Two souls with but a single thought Two hearts that beat as one!"

Real Estate Transfers.

Mary B. and Harvey R. Underwood, executors of the last will and testament of the late Charles R. Underwood, of Bloomfield, Essex county, N. J., transferred to John Murraine, of Starlight, lands in Buckingham township; consideration, \$400.

Guy Brothers Greater Minstrels.

George R. Guy's famous company this season is one of merit and sure to please every one. The musical numbers are all new while the production this season is an entire change from former years. Everything being brand new the first part entitled the Yacht Club is certainly wonderful, all the members decide to spend a pleasant evening and call on the colored waiter to amuse them and they certainly do so as from their entrance to the grand finale the audience is kept in roars of laughter. Watch for the grand street parade on Main street.

MINERS SUBMIT PROPOSITION TO OPERATORS.

(Special to The Citizen.) SCRANTON, Jan. 11.—The mine workers submitted their proposition to the operators to-day. They expect to receive an answer next week.

SURPRISE PARTY.

The Bible Class, No. 5, of St. Luke's Sunday school at Scranton gave their teacher, Miss Ina T. Babbitt, formerly of Honesdale, a most delightful surprise on Tuesday evening of this week in honor of her birthday. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sloat in Green Ridge with whom Miss Babbitt is boarding. An evening of unusual merriment was passed in various forms of amusement after which elegant refreshments, prepared by the young ladies, were served.

Those present were: Misses Helen Palmer, Mildred Walters, Jeanette Davis, Ethel Gibbons, Iva Kelly, Nellie Crunden, Rhea Relph, Minnie Spreckler, Amelia Stein, Mary Rodgers, Verna Held, Lillian Irving, Dorothy Long, Margaret Robinson, Zeta Murray, Mrs. Minnie Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sloat. Miss Babbitt was the recipient of many pretty gifts in honor of the occasion.

JANUARY TERM TO BE A BUSY ONE

Court Will Likely Sit Five Days Next Week

MANY COMMONWEALTH CASES LISTED—CASE OF MENNER VS. HONESDALE BORO. CONTINUED

Following the approval by the Court, Wednesday morning, of the findings of the Grand Jury, Judge Alonzo T. Searle appointed a guardian, discharged a trustee, and went over the trial list for the January term.

When the list of Commonwealth cases was called over, District Attorney M. E. Simons informed the Court that the case of the Commonwealth versus Charles Stevens, charged with assault and battery, Amanda Singer, prosecutrix, would most likely be tried. The parties to the case, he said, have tried to effect a settlement among themselves, but so far have not succeeded.

The District Attorney also stated that he expected the cases against G. W. Swartz, indicted on a number of counts, would be tried. Two more indictments against Mr. Swartz were returned to Court by the January grand jury.

The case of the Commonwealth against William Marks et al., charged with forcible entry, will probably be tried. Also the cases against Novak and Schlosky. The District Attorney thought the case of the Commonwealth against Chas. J. Riley would hardly be tried at this time. Enough Commonwealth cases are listed to occupy Monday and Tuesday of next week, at least.

The case of William J. Rumble versus Pennsylvania Coal Co. was continued. So was also the case of the Hawley Glass Co. against the Erie Railroad Company. The case of H. B. Smith versus William Brown was continued upon application of the defendant.

The case of E. K. Airey and F. A. Spencer, trading as Airey and Spencer, versus J. B. Keen, Jr., was set for trial, not before Wednesday morning. So was also the case of George R. Tiffany versus C. D. Sands.

The case of Theodore Tellep vs. Jack Chaplak was listed for trial, Wednesday morning. The case of Jacob P. Klausner versus Frank DeBreen was continued by argument. The case of Mamert Valentinowicz versus Minnie Allen and William Allen will be tried, Thursday morning. The case of Ezra Sellock versus Frank DeBreen and Martin DeBreen was continued by argument. The case of Lewis S. Town versus Chauncey A. and Eugene H. Cortright was appointed for trial not before Thursday noon.

Settlement for \$75 each has been effected in the insurance cases of S. S. Olmstead versus Wayne County Farmers' Mutual Fire Ins. Co., and against The Consolidated Mutual Fire Insurance Co. The case of Charles Wood, adm'r of Eliza Wood, versus James Stewart and Nancy Stewart, was listed for trial, not before Thursday noon.

Settlement has been effected in the case of Martin L. Hall Co. vs. Crosby and McGinnis. The case of Wm. K. Hittinger vs. The Erie Railroad Co. was continued by argument. The case of Miss Emma Conley against Miss Kate McKenna was set for trial not before Thursday noon.

And last but not least the \$6,000 damage suit of Joseph Menner against the Borough of Honesdale was continued to March term.

Real Music.

You may talk of music, sweet, Of happiness complete Inspired by the tuneless roundelays. But nothing brings joy greater Than the song of the radiator, When steam goes hissing through these chilly days.

Expect Turnpikes to Surrender.

Harrisburg.—Surveys of proposed road routes to be reconstructed under the provisions of the Sprout main highway bill are being pushed by engineers of the State Highway Department in spite of the snow. The men in the lower Susquehanna valley and Wayne county stuck to their posts in spite of intensely cold weather.

The commissioner is empowered to use his discretion in taking over toll roads, and it is believed by some state officials that a number will surrender their rights the coming spring.

Every effort is being made to complete the surveys of all road routes by the middle of next summer.

DYING, PLEADS GUILTY TO ELECTION FRAUD.

Scranton.—Patrick Connolly, judge of an Election Board that, in June, 1910, counted 123 specimen ballots for John J. Connors, a candidate for Representative, in the Sixth Legislative District, appeared in court Monday virtually a dying man, to plead guilty to indictments charging violation of the election laws, and conspiracy.

Because of his condition, Judge O'Neill sentenced Connolly to thirty days in jail, and paroled him in the custody of his attorney.

BOTH FEET AMPUTATED

Peddler Walks Three Miles Barefooted.

(Special to The Citizen.)

FOREST CITY, Jan. 11.—Frank Euspice, of this place, had both feet amputated at the State hospital, Scranton, by Dr. A. W. Smith, today.

Euspice, who is a peddler, was walking from his home town to Uniondale. At the latter place he stopped at a farm house to rest. He removed his shoes and wrapped his feet around his feet. After a short nap he attempted to replace his shoes but found that his feet had swollen so badly that he could not get them on again.

This did not phase him and with a determination to reach his destination he walked three miles in snow with the mercury at zero. As a result both pedal extremities were badly frozen and amputation was necessary. He is 50 years old.

BERLIN TOWNSHIP FAMILY STARVING

Constable Crosby Reports A Pitiable Case

PARALYTIC FATHER, 7 BAREFOOTED CHILDREN, AND MOTHER IN DISTRESS.

"The seven children are all dirt and rags and barefooted. The father had spinal meningitis two years ago. From the hip down he's paralyzed, and can't do anything. We should help them to get something to eat. It ain't right to leave them that way. It ain't humanity."

With tears in his eyes, Constable Alexander Crosby, of Berlin township, told a Citizen man, Monday the pitiful story of a family in destitute circumstances living in Genungtown, his district.

Constable Crosby, albeit he is a public officer, has a big heart. He could not begin to express his indignation over the failure of the Berlin Poormasters to do anything for the suffering family. Finding his efforts to arouse them from their seeming spell of economy to be in vain, he visited the family himself, took them in things to wear and to eat, and took occasion on his quarterly visit to the County Seat, to go in and see the District Attorney about it. But let Constable Crosby tell his own story.

"George Howell lives on a piece of land owned by a Mrs. Beardsly. She's a widow woman between 84 and 85 years of age.

"They live this side of Genungtown. Howell is a cripple. He had spinal meningitis two years ago. From the hip down, he's paralyzed. He can't do anything. He is married, and has seven children. The oldest is seven years old, and the youngest is only seven months.

"The neighbors have been talking about them. None went to see them. Last Saturday I went and seen for myself. I went in and took them in old clothes and stork clothes. They have seven little children. They were all dirt and rags. The same with him and his wife. It's about time something was done to help them. He was born there in Berlin township.

"His father lives in Genungtown. He's got a rough place of a couple of acres. He ain't able to do anything. Two years ago the town gave the father \$10 to help them. They wanted to keep the children. They wouldn't give them up. Then they sent them back to this place with this old lady. They sent them over into the scrub oak woods. It would be all right if the man was able to do something.

"He's anyways from 35 to 40 years old. If a man gets down so he couldn't even work on a farm he's pretty bad off. They haven't applied to the town. I think they should. We are paying taxes enough and we should do something about it. The Poormasters passed me over. It is right we should do something to help them get something to eat. It ain't right to leave them that way. It ain't humanity.

"I told the District Attorney to write to the Poormasters and see if he couldn't get them to go and do something. They do just as they have a mind to."

"Think of them Dear Reader, as you sit by the fireside these zero nights enjoying your after-supper cigar and reading the columns of your favorite paper. Try to picture for yourself that poverty-stricken family. Put yourselves in that mother's place that heart-broken mother who must tell her children when they come crying to her for a crust of bread to eat, that she hasn't even a crumb to give them. Think of the anguish of the helpless father as he sits idly by and sees his children starve. Then turn to the Good Old Book and read the words of the Savior, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." And sit down and write out a check, and send it to Constable Crosby, of Berlin township. And the peace that passeth all understanding shall be yours!

REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Elezear Fessenden to Charles W. Fessenden, both of Salem township, 1 acre 79 1-5 perches in Salem township. Consideration \$100.

\$115,265 TO PAVE 1 MILE OF STREETS

100-Ft.-Front Lot Would Cost \$1200.

SEWERS WOULD COST \$30,000; CURBING \$9,000; PAVING \$76,265.

\$1200 for a 100-foot-front lot on Main street! That is a conservative estimate of what it would cost a Honesdale property owner his share of paving the street in front of his home or place of business.

\$115,265 would be the estimated cost of paving a mile of Main street from Fourth to the Borough line. This sum would provide for a street fifty feet wide.

These figures are based on the cost of paving certain streets in Carbondale where a contract was recently let at the rate of \$2.55 a square yard.

The town of Honesdale is underlaid with quicksand, and a good foundation would have to be put in for the paved surface. Then there would be 12,000 feet of curbing to be provided for. At the rate of seventy-five cents a foot, this part of the cost would foot up to \$9,000.

264,000 square feet of pave would, if reduced to yards, equal 29,333 square yards. At an estimated cost of \$2.55 a square yard, this part of the construction would total \$76,265. For the purposes of sewerage, and catch basins, \$30,000 would be a conservative estimate. This would make the grand total equal \$115,265.

If a man owned a 100-foot-front lot on Main street, and paid one-half of the cost of the improvement, it would mean an expenditure on his part of \$1200. If he and the property-holder living opposite each paid one-third of the cost of the paving, a municipal bonded indebtedness of \$38,421 would be created.

About fifteen years ago plans were made for that very thing. A sanitary engineer came here and estimated that it would cost \$35,000 for sewers calculated to run below the Canal bridge. Then came protests from property owners along the cow path. Now if the State should prevent the municipality from emptying sewage into the streams, the city would need a "bacteria" disposal plant, which would cost \$10,000.

Honesdale went through an experience different from new cities. It is a well-sewered town. Private sewers run every way. One thing that always kept them back from sewers was the canal. They ran everything in there Summer and Winter. When the Canal was silted up the borough had a chance to go into the sewer business. But they were thunder-struck and wouldn't go into it. What a benefit it would have been to carry the sewage down the old Canal bed instead of taking it back to the river. But the people were discouraged.

It's up to you, Mr. Freeholder. If you want paved streets at a cost of \$1200 to you, don't be backward about coming forward and saying so!

REIBEL—FOSTER.

On Wednesday morning at St. Mary Magdalena's Catholic church occurred the marriage of Miss Teresa Reibel, of Scranton, to Mr. August Foster, also of Scranton. The ceremony took place at 10:30 o'clock in the church, conducted by Rev. J. W. Balta of that parish. The ring ceremony was used and the couple were attended by Mrs. William Rickard, of Honesdale, and John Foster, also of Honesdale, brother of the groom. The young people left for the home of John Foster, near Honesdale, on Wednesday, where they will spend a few days before returning to Scranton. Both the contracting parties have many friends in this locality who wish them joy and happiness in their new life together.

FOREST CITY COUPLE UNOED IN MARRIAGE.

Miss Elvie Hood Becomes the Bride of Frank Butzenale.

St. Agnes' church, in Forest City, was the scene of a wedding at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when Miss Elvie Hood and Frank Butzenale were married. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Walsh, and was witnessed by a number of admiring friends of the contracting parties.

They were attended by Miss Mary Toban and Watts Brasso. Both the bride and her maid were attired in blue traveling suits with hats to match, and made very attractive appearances.

Following the ceremony a wedding reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. After a short wedding trip the happy young people will take up their residence in Forest City.

Robbery at Carbondale.

A hold robbery was committed at the Harrison House, in Carbondale, Monday evening, when money to the amount of \$250 in bills were stolen from the apartments of Joseph Ackerman, the proprietor. Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman had gone to dinner at 6:30 o'clock. Just about that time the electric lights went out and it is believed the robbery was pulled off about this time.

The money was taken from a chiffonier drawer, together with a batch of checks and bag of pennies. However, the pennies were recovered, hidden under a mattress in a room opposite Mr. Ackerman's room. Arrests are likely to follow.