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## "BILL" KIMBLE HAS STEERED 3,500 RAFTS Down The Lackawaxen River

### VETERAN LUMBERMAN OF DYBERRY HOLDS THE RECORD OF RUNNING MORE RAFTS THAN ANY OTHER MAN—HAS WALKED HOME FROM TRENTON, N. J., SEVERAL TIMES—IS A CRACK SHOT WITH GUN—KILLED 12 BEER OUT OF 14 AND INJURED TWO.

William Kimble, of Dyberry, better known as plain "Bill," has the distinction of running the largest number of rafts ever to have floated down the Lackawaxen river to Tidewater. From Honesdale to Trenton his acquaintances are equal in number to his rafts. Mr. Kimble is 81 years of age, and to within a few years ago was being actively engaged in lumbering.



WILLIAM KIMBLE.

He began to steer rafts down the Lackawaxen river when a lad but 7 years of age, with the rafts until the close of the Delaware and Hudson canal in 1898, with the exception of four years before the opening of this canal. During this time he acted as pilot at the dam at Lackawaxen on the Delaware river.

Mr. Kimble was in partnership with Mr. Stanton at Dyberry for 20 years during which time they operated three saw mills, sawing and cutting lumber from a tract of 7,000 acres of timber land. The facts and figures given in this interview with the old steersman are taken from books in his possession and speak for themselves.

"I ran rafts from Dyberry to Honesdale every Saturday, made by hand freshets, and built all the rafts ever ran. One Dyberry raft contained 50,000 feet of lumber and was 20 feet wide and 110 feet long. This raft was run safely to Lackawaxen without touching anything, although many said it could not be done. On one occasion I steered three rafts from Hawley to Lackawaxen without tipping the far door. The largest raft I ever ran from Dyberry to Honesdale measured 100 feet in length and was 29 feet and 9 inches wide. Had it been four inches wider it could not have passed over the bulkhead of my mill pond. It was made of foot square timber for the Delaware and Hudson Canal company and contained 50,000 feet of lumber. The Lackawaxen raft contained from 15,000 to 50,000 feet of lumber and the Delaware raft from 100,000 to 150,000 feet. They were made of all kinds of lumber, both sawed and logs.

"I have rafted alone 3,500 different rafts, besides having steered 2,000 Lackawaxen rafts. I have made 60 trips from Lackawaxen to Trenton, receiving \$40 for each trip; and have steered 100 rafts from Black's Eddy to Trenton while down on my trip to Trenton, walking the distance up the river to Black's Eddy. For each of those trips I received \$6.50. On my return trips I have several times walked from Lackawaxen to Honesdale.

"A few winters ago I measured logs for the late John Reiffer at Danners Falls and in 53 days I measured 928,000 feet of maple logs, 300,000 feet of hemlock and counted 600,000 feet of other lumber during that time."

In addition to being a great lumberman, Mr. Kimble has been an expert hunter in his day. He delights in narrating his experiences in the wilds of Pike. Mr. Kimble claims to have shot 70 deer in his day. He says that the last 14 shots he had on one occasion, he hit a deer with each shot, and got 12 out of the 14. He claims that two were wounded and all were shot while running.

Mr. Kimble also has a love for music, having played the fiddle from the time he commenced to raft. He was in great demand at balls in his younger days playing at dances all over Wayne and Pike counties and also parts in New York state. He received from \$10 to \$70 a night for each performance.

The subject of our sketch is a brother of Isaac R. Kimble, whose picture and writup also appears on this page. There is probably no man better known in Wayne or Pike counties than "Bill" Kimble. He is now living at Dyberry, and has retired from active life. It is the wish of The Citizen that Mr. Kimble will live to enjoy many years of happiness.

## GIRL IS HEIR TO FORTUNE.

### A Former White Mills Resident Claims to Be Her Mother, Now in Morgantown, West Virginia—Mystery Shrouds the Story.

(Special to The Citizen.) Scranton, Feb. 15.—Mary Simons, of this city, is heir to a big estate in Morgantown, West Virginia, providing her family relatives can be proven. A woman claiming to be her mother, accompanied by her second husband, Joseph Elberts, of that city, called upon her to-day at the "Fair" store, Wyoming avenue, where Miss Simons has been employed.

Mrs. Elberts' maiden name was Mary Magdalena Hillman and she says she formerly lived at White Mills, Wayne county, Pa. She was afterwards married to a man by the name of Lewis Schildt. Mrs. Elberts claims that Burgess C. A. McCarty of Honesdale was a witness to the wedding and the latter claims that he very distinctly remembers attending the ceremony.

Schildt deserted his wife and went to Ohio. Mrs. Schildt followed her husband to that state and secured a divorce from him. The child in question was then three years old and was placed in St. Joseph's Foundling Home. Later the baby was adopted by Mrs. Simons of this city, with whom she has since lived. It is a mysterious and complicated case and one full of interest.

## Dr. Cook at Lyric Monday, Feb. 26.

It has remained for Dr. Frederick A. Cook, himself to make the most sensational charges of the entire Polar controversy.

Declaring that he left this country at the height of the pro-Pearry campaign against him, because of a nervous and physical breakdown, and because of a desire to rest and gain time to marshal the proofs of his Polar claim, and to secure evidence exposing dishonest and fraudulent methods in the campaign against him, Dr. Cook now finally comes back with startling charges against Mr. Peary.

In making these charges Dr. Cook professes regret that he is compelled to reveal "the unwritten pages of Arctic history" which concern his rival.

"Mention is made of certain facts concerning Mr. Peary," says Dr. Cook, "because, only by knowing these things, can people understand the spirit and character of the man, and the unscrupulous attacks made upon me, and understand, also, why, out of a sense of delicacy and a dislike of mud-slinging, I remained silent so long."

"The weaving of the leoprous blanket of infamy with which Peary and his supporters attempted to cover me cannot be understood unless we look through Peary's eyes—regard other explorers as he regarded them; regard the North as his inalienable property as he did, and regard his infamous, high-handed injustices as right."

"I have now decided to uncover the incentive of this one-sided fight to which I have so long maintained a non-attacking attitude. "Now that the storm has spent its force; now that the hand which did the muddling has within its grasp the unearned gain which it sought; now that a clear point of observation can be presented, I am compelled, with much reluctance and distaste, to reveal the unpleasant and unknown past of the man who tried to ruin me; showing how unscrupulous and brutal he was to others before me; with evidence in hand, I shall reveal how he wove his web of defamation and how his friends conspired with him in the darkest, meanest and most brazen conspiracy in the history of exploration."

"In doing this, my aim is not to challenge Mr. Peary's Polar claim, but to throw light on unwritten pages of history, which pages furnish the key to unlock the long-closed door of the Polar controversy and the pro-Pearry conspiracy. "By wire-pulling and lobbying he succeeded in having the American Navy pay him an unearned salary. Such a man could not afford to divide the fruits of Polar attainment with another."

Dr. Cook will give an illustrated lecture at the Lyric Monday evening, February 26.

Regular preaching services will be held in the Honesdale Baptist church on Sunday next at the following hours: 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 11:45 and Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Pastor Wenzell will preach the third sermon in the evangelistic series Sunday evening.

## CHURCH NOTES.

A three weeks' revival service will begin at the Central Methodist church next Sunday, Rev. and Mrs. Myron J. Smith of Elmira, N. Y., have been engaged to assist the pastor and other ministers are also expected to lend their aid. Dr. Murdoch has promised to be present and preach on Feb. 25 and 26. Services next Sunday will be as follows: 10:30 a. m., Church Rally; 12 M., Sunday school rally; 3 p. m., Men's Rally, music by male choir; address by Mr. Smith; 6:45 p. m., Epworth League rally; 7:30 p. m., Everybody's rally. Special music.

Rev. A. L. Whittaker will hold service in White Mills Sunday, Feb. 18, at 3:15 p. m. All are invited.

Grace Episcopal church, Sunday, Feb. 18. Services at 10:30 and 7:30 p. m. All are invited.

At the first Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, Rev. W. H. Swift will speak on "Washington." The other services as usual.

## WATER POWER FOR WAYNE COUNTY?

### Great Force of Undeveloped Power in Streams

#### THE COUNTY IS RICH IN STREAMS AND LAKES THAT ARE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING POWER FOR ALL NEEDS—A FEW STATISTICS ON ANTHRACITE COAL.

The most evident resource of Wayne county, although realized by very few of the business men, of this place, is the undeveloped water power of its many streams, falls and lakes, which infest the hills of the county. In fact the hills are rich in this dormant power, which has been here through the centuries waiting for the hand of man to release it so that it may do the work it was meant to do. There is enough undeveloped power in Wayne county to produce 30,000 H. P., enough energy to run all the mills and factories in the county. This natural power is going to waste. It was put here for a use and as soon as manufacturers realize the magnitude of its value as a power producer, dams and reservoirs will be built, sluggish streams will become little torrents and the county will prosper as never before. Wayne has the resources to become the industrial center of eastern Pennsylvania. It is safe to say that within ten miles of Honesdale there are streams which will produce the 30,000 H. P. The dam across the Wallen-Pappas in Hawley is by no means an experiment. It is a proven success and substantiates our statements that the other streams of the county could be made to do the same work. The Dexter Lambert Co., developer 750 H. P., sufficient power for all their needs. There the full dept of the dam is not used because it is not necessary for their use. Many other mills and factories in that vicinity and even here in Honesdale could be furnished with the necessary power in this way and thus cut down their operating expenses by paying less for the power produced by water than they are compelled to pay for steam coal. It would be well for manufacturers to investigate the undeveloped water power resources of Wayne county for the advantages of waterpower over steam is not only the cheaper cost but the efficiency and perpetually when once established. The cost of production in furnishing water power has been estimated to be about \$100.00 for electrical and hydraulic equipment per horse power.

The 30,000 H. P. that could be developed in Wayne county is equivalent to 60 tons of steam coal per hour or 600 tons of coal used per day of ten hours. And 187,200 tons per year of 312 productive days. The present price of steam coal is \$2.50 per ton, therefore the 30,000 horse power is equivalent to \$468,000 per year for coal. If the present price of coal was perpetual a different argument would be necessary but on account of the limited supply of anthracite coal, the price is necessarily higher every year. In 1824 it was estimated that there were 400 square miles of coal fields in Pennsylvania. With the passing of the years between that and the present time, with no new fields discovered, the supply has diminished rapidly. In 1909 the amount of anthracite coal mined decreased 3,319,410 tons from that mined in the previous year. It is estimated by the United States Geological Survey that the amount of anthracite still remaining in the ground is 17,000,000,000 tons and as one ton is lost for every ton mined there is enough coal in the ground to last for approximately 90 years, a comparatively short time. In half that length of time the price of steam coal will have advanced to an enormous figure and it will be impossible for the manufacturer to use coal for power. He will have to substitute something else and why not turn back to the hidden powers of nature to the rivulets, falls and lakes of this county for that power at a cheaper cost than it is possible to furnish any other kind of power. The time will eventually come when this dormant power that remains in its natural state will be developed to its full capacity. Then, and only then, will Wayne realize her vast resources and become the industrial center of eastern Pennsylvania.

Coal at Wilsonville Denied. We were startled by a report Thursday morning that a four-foot vein of anthracite coal was discovered at Wilsonville on the site of the proposed dam. Further investigation, however, revealed that nothing but sandstone had been found so far. Bores have gone down to the depth of 80 feet in some places but not anything in the nature of coal has been brought to the surface, according to a statement made by engineers in charge of the drilling.

Frost Five Feet Deep. The matter of frozen watermains in different towns and cities is a serious question. In many places people are compelled to carry water from their neighbors. The frost, it is claimed, is five feet deep in Honesdale and still going down. On East street several families are suffering the inconvenience of no water. Carbonade is handicapped by a scarcity of water owing to the work of Jack Frost. It is growing to be a serious condition with that city.

C. E. Moylan of Waymart, was a business caller in town Thursday afternoon.

## SINGING EVANGELIST AT M. E. CHURCH

### For Three Weeks Beginning Sunday

#### REV. M. J. SMITH AND WIFE TO ASSIST PASTOR HILLER IN SAVING SOULS—SERVICES BEGIN ON SUNDAY—DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT MURDOCK WILL PREACH.

Rev. Will H. Hiller has secured Rev. and Mrs. Myron J. Smith of Elmira, N. Y., to assist him in holding revival meetings in the Methodist church, which begin on Sunday next. Rev. and Mrs. Smith are devout workers and sweet singers and they will undoubtedly be received by large audiences at all of the services of the three weeks to come. Rev.



MYRON J. SMITH.

Smith needs no introduction in Honesdale, having been here a few years ago during evangelistic meetings.

Pastor Hiller exhorts every person who can to attend these services. Sunday, the opening day, will be "any day." Everybody is requested to be present at as many services as possible and take an active part in same.

Dr. Murdock, district superintendent, will preach on Sunday.

The meetings will continue for at least three weeks. The pastor asks the members of his congregation to earnestly strive to avoid engagements which will interfere with their attendance.

## Fell Down Mine Shaft.

(Special to The Citizen.) Scranton, Feb. 15.—John Schrotawsky, aged 18 years, was killed here this morning by falling off a carriage and down a mine shaft 150 feet. He was instantly killed. The lad had been in this country only five weeks.

—One of The Citizen's subscribers upon not receiving her last issue of the paper telephoned to this office that it was as lonesome as if half the house was away.

—The board of directors of the White Haven sanitarium, has appointed Dr. James J. Walsh, of Scranton, examining physician for the institution in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

## YUAN FOR PRESIDENT.

### Chinese Republican Expected to Elect Ex-Premier.

Shanghai, Feb. 15.—The republican party at Nanking has not yet accepted the edict of abdication. There is some objection to Yuan Shih Kai's proposed assumption of the presidency.

The chief difficulty is over the site of the new capital. The republicans insist on either Nanking or Wuchang, which is opposite Hankow.

It is understood that Yuan Shih Kai favors Tientsin as the capital.

The Nanking national assembly (republican) will meet this afternoon, when Yuan Shih Kai will be proposed as the president of the republic. He will probably be elected, although there is some opposition to placing him in the executive position.

## TALE OF THE WEATHER.

Observations of the United States weather bureau taken at 8 p. m. yesterday follow:

	Temp.	Weather.
New York	28	Clear
Albany	18	Cloudy
Atlantic City	30	Clear
Boston	28	Clear
Buffalo	26	Clear
Chicago	52	Clear
St. Louis	36	Cloudy
New Orleans	52	Clear
Washington	30	Clear

## Baron de Ri Branco's Successor.

Washington, Feb. 15.—It is reported to the state department from Brazil that Laure Miller of the state of Santa Catarina will be appointed minister of foreign affairs, succeeding the late Baron de Ri Branco.

## BOLD ROBBERY AT NEW YORK.

### \$25,000 Taken From Messenger This Afternoon—Robbers Escape in Automobile.

(Special to The Citizen.) New York, Feb. 15.—Two messengers of the East Side National Bank were carrying between \$20,000 and \$25,000 in a taxicab when they were held up by three men. The robbers grabbed the satchels into a automobile and got away with the money before the police could make any arrests. The robbery occurred about 2 o'clock this afternoon.

## Missing Boy Honesdale Bound.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Taylor, Feb. 15.—Archbald Hood, missing son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hood of this place, who left his home a few days ago, is believed by the police to be on his way to Honesdale. The mother of the boy received a letter from him yesterday postmarked Peckville. The lad said he was going up the line to convert sinners and that he intended to convert the world.

Archbald is 16 years of age and is a member of the High school at this place. After school hours he would preach to his playmates. He has never been away from home and his parents would welcome any information concerning him.

When he left home he wore a light colored overcoat, a brown striped suit, short trousers, blue cap and black shoes and stockings. He is about five feet, six inches tall and weighs 130 pounds. He is a very bright boy.

## BOY KILLED UNDER WAGON.

Jessup, Feb. 15.—John Rhonon, while returning from work yesterday afternoon was killed by having the wheel of a coal wagon pass over his head. He and other boys attempted to get on the wagon, which contained two tons of coal. Rhonon grabbed a shovel and in some manner it gave way and he was thrown under the wagon wheel.

## Bishie Sentenced.

William Peter Bishie, found guilty of the murder of Express Messenger Irvan Berger, was Wednesday sentenced to pay the penalty for his crime by Judge E. C. Newcomb. As is the custom, the Governor will fix the date of execution.

When the sentence of death by hanging was pronounced, Bishie showed little concern, and walked stolidly back to the prisoners' dock.

The boy's lawyers made no pleas for leniency, realizing that such pleas could have no weight with the court, as the law provides but the one punishment—death. Commutation of sentence to life imprisonment will be asked from the board of pardons, which meets March 20.

—A New York man wants a wealthy wife who is deaf. Probably would insist upon wealth condition if she was also dumb.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The Commencement honors of the graduating class of the Honesdale High school were announced Thursday. The Valedictorian, Miss Lulu Rickard, daughter of Fred G. Rickard, of 812 Church street. The salutatorian, Miss Bertha Flora, daughter of Ferdinand Flora of 114 Fourth street.

These persons obtained the highest average scholarship throughout the entire course up to the middle of the senior year. This average is obtained by adding the standings of each study for the three and one-half years and dividing by the total number of studies.

The graduating class at the present time numbers thirty-seven, the largest in the history of the school. Miss Rickard is the youngest valedictorian in a number of years, being only sixteen years and four months of age.

The department of Agriculture has loaned the school colored slides of the Canadian Rockies for use in geography; also other plates illustrating dairying, agriculture and milk producing subjects. The slides are used in the Agriculture class of the High school.

A Parents'-Teachers' Association will soon be organized in Honesdale. It will be in the interest of the pupil.

Junior night on Friday of this week.

Orders are being taken for seeds in the schools of Honesdale and Texas township. The packages sell for one cent each. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the season by the Honesdale Improvement Association for the best flowers and vegetables raised. Last year 3,500 packets were sold.

The Junior class, in a series of essays, will discuss the seven wonders of the world in a program on Friday evening at 8 o'clock sharp, in the High School Auditorium:

- Oration—"The Telephone," Ralph Transue.
- Essay—"The Automobile," Ethel Bunell.
- Oration—"Electric Street Cars," John Riefler.
- Essay—"The Modern Office Building," Louise Kraft.
- Oration—"Uses of Concrete," John Loxo.
- Recitation—"Aunt Tabitha," Esther Knorr.
- Oration—"The Incandescent Light," Earl Transue.
- Essay—"The Thermos Bottle," Margaret Charlesworth.
- Declamation—"Washington's Foreign Policy," Raymond Short.

## ISAAC R. KIMBLE A CALIFORNIA 49'ER

### Last Survivor of Gold Seekers

#### TELLS THE CITIZEN THE EXPERIENCE OF A HONSDALE PARTY ENROUTE WHILE IN QUEST OF THE GLITTERING ORE—HARDSHIPS ENCOUNTERED—HAS ALSO SAVED MILLIONS OF FEET OF LUMBER—AS FATHER OF SHERIFF KIMBLE, WITH WHOM HE LIVES.

Isaac Rosa Kimble, father of our genial and obliging Sheriff, Frank C. Kimble, is the last survivor of a party of gold seekers, who went from Honesdale to California in 1849. The discovery of gold had shortly been made and thinking perhaps that money was more easily obtained in the West than in the East, a party of Honesdale prospectors decided to leave this place and go where the



ISAAC R. KIMBLE.

glittering gold was claimed to be found in abundance. The day for starting arrived. The party comprised the subject of our sketch, Isaac R. Kimble, Jacob Schooner, William Miller, Dickey Buckingham and Robert and John Beardshaw. From Honesdale they went to New York and there boarded a steamer for the Isthmus of Panama. There was no railroad running across the isthmus then, and those who would not ride astride a jack could walk. It was up to the man, which he preferred doing. All members of the party, however, secured a jack but William Miller. He started to walk. After waiting a reasonable time, it was necessary to go back after him, and Mr. Kimble, kind-hearted as he has always been through life, volunteered to go back after him. It required them three days to make the trip, the distance being about 60 miles.

After the party reached the Pacific ocean they took another steamer and sailed to San Francisco and from thence went to Stockton. They went inland several miles to the central part of California and staked out their claims. Mr. Kimble's story in his own words is very interesting and we herewith reproduce the same:

"The boys staked out their claims and commenced to dig sluiceways to wash the gold so as to free the dirt from it. We received on good claims from \$8 to \$10 per day in gold ore, while other days our work would not average over \$5. We could get the gold anywhere, but for any reason we left our claim one day and went somewhere else, another man coming along could lay claim to it. I have seen a number of squabblers over this and sometimes men would shoot others. Our diggings were confined chiefly to the low grounds. We experienced a freshet a little while after we were mining, which did considerable damage and disheartened several miners. I did not stay with the boys long, but went out in the woods and lumbered and hunted. I got a job in a saw mill that paid me \$100 per month. We remained out there until 1853. While in the mining camp I saw two gamblers strung up for shooting men. The government soon put a stop to that."

"When we returned a railroad was in operation on the isthmus, and we came across by rail, thence by boat to New York and home. I have a son, Calvin P. Kimble, now employed as an engineer for the government in the construction of the Panama canal.

"I am a sawyer by trade, having worked in the mill practically all my life, and most of the time at Dyberry for my brother "Bill." He owned the mill. I sawed the lumber and he raffed it. I undoubtedly have sawed millions of feet of lumber in my day, and in all my experience I never met with an accident. Since working in a mill I have broken my hip and a finger. One day I sawed 40,048 feet, it being the largest number of feet of lumber ever cut out of one saw in day-light. It was hemlock lumber and was taken by the Delaware and Hudson Canal company.

"I was 84 years old last New Year's and was born in the Middle Creek valley. My father, Asa Kimble, was one of the pioneer settlers of Wayne county. I was named after John Rosa, father of the late eminent physician of New York City."

Mr. Kimble is one of Honesdale's most highly esteemed citizens and has many friends and relatives who will wish him and his family continued prosperity and happiness during their stay among us.