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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1912.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Pleasure comes through toil and not by self-indulgence and idolence. When one gets to love work, his life is a happy one.—Ruskin.

There will be 372 delegates in the next Republican state convention according to the table compiled by Secretary W. Harry Baker of the state committee and sent to the commissioners of the various counties giving the apportionment of delegates by legislative districts.

Have you paid your corporation tax? If not you have until March 1 to do so. Every corporation that fails to file the required statement of business done during the last calendar year is liable to a specific penalty of from one thousand to five thousand dollars. Failure to file the return in case the tax is due also subjects the company to an assessment of fifty per cent. of the additional tax. Corporations whose net income does not exceed five thousand dollars are not exempted from filing the returns. Four hundred corporations were delinquent in making their returns in this district last year. Of this number all but twenty-three made acceptable offers in compromise, and those who did not settle with the Internal Revenue department will be prosecuted at the United States court March 11, which convenes in Scranton.

When a town pays one-fifth of all the taxes in Wayne county, like Honesdale is doing, it is worthy of some recognition. There is no reason why she should not enjoy sme of the improvements in return. To what better advantage could a few hundred dollars be placed than by putting it into a footbridge? The temporary structure, which Nature has provided during the past few weeks, will soon have passed away and then pedestrians will be compelled to walk several blocks farther to and from work. The ice bridge will be missed in the vicinity of Court street, but those who now find it a great convenience and time-saver feel confident that with the large balance in the county's treasury and the good board of commissioners who direct its uses, that the Court street footbridge will replace the ice bridge next season. It is not as though nothing had been done toward securing the bridge, but to the contrary—everything has been accomplished that is necessary, with the exception of advertising for bids. A fine, reinforced concrete structure has been selected. It is simple in design and its absolute necessity has been heralded in these columns. We hope that at the next regular meeting of the Wayne county commissioners some action will be taken to assure the public that the bridge will be erected.

"THE POOR YE HAVE WITH YOU ALWAYS."

A story which must arouse the indignation of all civilized people or all people of human instincts whether civilized or savage, is that of Henry Thomas as told in the Scranton papers on Saturday last. The barbarity of pagan Rome towards its unfortunate and afflicted poor falls into insignificance when compared with the inhuman treatment given to this man and his family. It appears that Thomas and his family consisting of the parents and eleven children at sometime were obliged to apply to the poor board of some poor district in Pennsylvania for temporary relief, and from that time they have been driven from pillar to post; from one poor district to another until they were finally obliged to live for one whole month in a HEN HOUSE in Lemon township, Wyoming county, Pennsylvania.

Four years ago the family lived in Scranton, Lackawanna county, but finding it difficult to provide for so large a family, Thomas concluded that he might have better advantages in the country. From that time to this he has not been permitted to remain in any poor district long enough to gain a residence there, but has been driven by the poor authorities to avoid the possibility of the family becoming a town charge. The case was reported to the Scranton Poor Board on Frday of last week by Mr. Beemer, Superintendent of the Hillside Home, and immediately the family was offered relief and a home furnished them; this Mr. Thomas declined, saying that all he needed, was to be let alone by the authorities of the district, so that he could keep a job when he got one. He stated that he had lost several jobs as soon as the poor authorities of the district learned that himself and family had been at some time a town charge. He secured work at Overfield, Wyoming county, cutting ties, but worked only a few days when he was discharged, being told by the foreman, that the poor authorities did not want him in the district through fear that he may become a burden upon the poor district. He moved from there to Lemon where he got work, digging a ditch; while here he saved enough money to buy a cow, when he suddenly lost his job through the alleged activities of the Lemon Township poor authorities, who saw in the distance the possibility that Thomas and his family may possibly need relief from the district. The cow had to be sold in order to furnish food for the children. It was here that the family was driven in the HEN HOUSE, as no person in the district would dare furnish him a house, lest they be held responsible by the poor district. Finally a charitably inclined woman, Mrs. Emeline Billings, who is the mother-in-law of The Citizen's Linotype operator, F. A. Thompson, gave them a house in which to live. It seems inconceivable that such savagery should exist in Pennsylvania and among officers selected by the people to dispense the funds legally collected for the purpose of caring for those unable to care for themselves. The Lemon district (the name is suggestive) furnished the family temporary relief at one time and forwarded the bill to the Poor District of Scranton where it was paid. The bill consisted of $28.00 of relief furnished to Thomas and $23.00 attorneys fee, undoubtedly all the legal talent of the county must have been employed to advise the poor board how to economize. If the Lemon district was the only one where the poor board feels called upon to practice economy to an extreme which becomes criminal, the affair would be worthy of slight consideration.

There are other districts nearer home where relief is given to the poor only after the applicant has been humble in the dust, given to understand that he and his family brought poverty upon themselves and are a burden upon the honest taxpayers of the district, and generally no good any way, that if he had not been extravagant and improvident he could care for himself. These guardians of the poor, in defense of their position say they are willing to help the "worthy poor" but not the "unworthy poor" who are poor by their own acts, and still no place in the gospel of Christ is any reference made to the worthy or unworthy poor; neither does it seem to be reasonable that innocent children should suffer for the necessaries of life which the law entitled them to, because some officious overseer actuated probably by his own penurious disposition feels that the child's father was improvident. Is it possible that the taxpayers of Lemon poor district are so niggerdly or penurious as to approve of the action of the Poor Board in bringing such odium upon a district before the civilized people of the State?

RECEIVE SIXTY-FIVE IN SODALITY.

Sodality of St. John's R. C. Church Receive 65 Members—Rev. J. J. Griffin, Former Honesdale Boy, Preached Impressive Sermon.

The Blessed Virgin Sodality of St. John's R. C. church held a reception on Sunday evening in the church at 7:30. The reception was in charge of Rev. Father John O'Toole, assisted by Father J. J. Griffin and Father Burke. There were sixty-five candidates for membership in the Blessed Virgin Sodality and they were received into the order. The Blessed Virgin Mary's Altar was beautifully decorated with potted plants, carnations and roses, a profusion of candles and colored lights making a very beautiful scene. The Altar was also decorated with ropes of smilax. The music consisted of special hymns for the occasion. The service was opened by Rev. Father J. J. Griffin, a former Honesdale boy, with a sermon on the Virgin Mother of God, which was perhaps the best and most impressive sermon ever delivered in St. John's church. Father Griffin is an eloquent speaker and has charge of a parish in Wilkes-Barre. The Benediction of the Holy Sacrament was given by Father Griffin, assisted by Father O'Toole and Father Burke. At the close of the service Father O'Toole spoke a few words of congratulation to the Sodality. After the services were over the congregation greeted Father Griffin, who has a host of friends and former acquaintances here, having been educated in the Honesdale High school and spent most of his life in this parish.

The Blessed Virgin Sodality has a membership of three hundred and fifty members and is composed of the young ladies of the church.

TYLER HILL.

(Special to The Citizen)

Tyler Hill, Pa., Feb. 20.

During the past few days of extreme cold, frost accumulated in nearly all barns and outbuildings. The present warm weather, although death to the sleighing, is a relief is many ways.

Rev. R. D. Minch held services in the school house Sunday evening.

Miss Gussie White, of Abrahamsville, spent the week-end with friends at this place.

G. D. Fortnam was a caller at the home of Dr. Kemp of Callicoon Sunday.

Mrs. F. E. Moyer is getting along nicely.

Eloise Alfast, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Alfast, was badly injured while riding on her handsleigh the other day. Two bones of her wrist were broken. Dr. Appley of Cochecton was called.

Mrs. T. A. Olver is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Olver, of Tyler Hill.

The Damascus High school basket ball team played two games last week—one on Monday night with Long Eddy in which the home team came off best and on Friday evening with the Honesdale High school. The latter game was lost to the invaders by the score of 18 to 21. The county seat boys were gentlemen and we hope to see them again. The home team expect to play at Long Eddy again Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Appley Mitchell are visiting relatives in Binghamton, N. Y.

Rev. R. D. Minch has been making several horse deals lately. He sold a horse to Malcolm Page of Cochecton who mated it at Braman's livery. Then he bought another at Honesdale and purchased a colt at Burcher's sale Saturday.

Mrs. H. S. Marks of Callicoon, spent several days with relatives at Damascus recently.

Rev. Frank E. Moyer is holding revival services at Galilee.

William McKnight dislocated a shoulder blade last week.

A baptismal service at the Baptist church Sunday morning next. There will also be a report of the committee on finances.

The Valentine social at Damascus last Wednesday evening was a great success. Over $40 was taken in.

F. E. Brown and R. D. Minch made a trip to Honesdale last week.

Porter Ross and Lee Mitchell are preparing to open up a meat market in Cochecton in the Spring.

Frank Olver injured himself quite badly with an axe while engaged in ice harvesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rutledge of West Damascus are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Alfast.

Frank Welsh had the misfortune to calk a horse last week.

It is said that unless we get water soon that the Milanville acid factory will be compelled to close down.

A number of Galilee young people gave Ralph Tegeler a surprise party on Wednesday of last week.

Miss Elsie Brown, the popular local school teacher, has a new grand piano in her home.

Elmer Keesler of Galilee spent part of last week with Orville Welsh.

Several men in this section were well acquainted with the late William Kimble of Honesdale. The days of his life were days of achievement and he had a record to be proud of.

FALLSDALE.

(Special to The Citizen)

FALLSDALE, Feb. 14.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Fallsdale Creamery, was held the 13th. The following officers were elected: President, S. D. Noble; treasurer, C. W. Lovelass; secretary, G. J. Knorr; directors, A. E. Sisson, M. L. Snavely, L. A. Lybolt, E. B. Sheard, Fred Erhardt. The ice house is filled and business will open up early in March with C. D. Stoddard as superintendent. A successful year is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Kimble, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sisson, E. L. Crocker and family and A. Blaine Sterling of Pleasant Mount, spent a pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dennis last week. Music and games with a tempting luncheon were enjoyed by all.

Misses Alma and Laverne Noble, Lilly Sheard and Helene Yerkes spent the week end at Scranton last week.

Miss Gertrude Lovelass is visiting relatives at New York City and Long Branch, N. J.

J. L. Sheard and family enjoyed a sleigh ride to Lookout Sunday.

Everyone glad to hear of the rapid improvement of Charles E. Boyd who lately submitted to an operation at Honesdale.

A. E. Sisson sold a fine pair of black colts to Laurence Weidner, of Honesdale, last week.

BETHANY.

(Special to The Citizen)

Bethany, Feb. 20.

Mrs. D. W. Manning, Jr., is suffering from a very sore hand and arm.

A sleigh load of Haines people gave Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Faatz a surprise party Tuesday evening.

Mr. William Hauser met with an accident Wednesday evening while at the coal yards in Honesdale. A horse fell on his foot and bruised it severely so he has to walk with a cane.

Amos Ward was able to go to Honesdale, Wednesday. Grant Collins went to his home in Aldenville Wednesday and returned Sunday.

There was a large gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Blake on Thursday and all had a most delightful time. Nearly 60 pounds of rags were sewed for the manse carpet. Proceeds from the lunch, $5.30.

Irah Ballou is spending several days in Prompton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Starnes and children of Carbondale spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Starnes.

Miss Laura Slayton, of Portland, Me., came Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. M. L. Slayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Paynter and children of Carbondale spent Sunday with relatives here.

Rev. John E. Pritchard during his stay here for a few days will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Faatz.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gammell, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hauser, Charles Arthur and Frank Brooks attended the funeral of William Kimble, Sunday.

Next Sunday morning Rev. Bierly will preach at Aldenville, in the afternoon at three at Pleasant Valley and here in the evening. Dr. Murdock will be at Pleasant Valley next Sunday afternoon and celebrate Holy Communion. The Fourth Quarterly Conference will be held at Aldenville Monday afternoon, Feb. 26.

The Presbyterian L. A. S. will meet at Mrs. John R. Lippert's home, Whites Valley, Thursday, Feb. 29, for dinner and sewing.

Mrs. Wilcox, of Pleasant Mount, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Avery.

Miss Jennie Moase of Pleasant Mount, spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. A. O. Blake.

Mrs. I. J. Many is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Judson Noble, in Scranton.

GOULDSBORO.

(Special to The Citizen)

Gouldsboro, Pa., Feb. 20.

The Old Maids' Convention, said to be the funniest thing that ever happened, will be presented on Thursday evening, Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church. A high class and very interesting program is promised. The play is under the direction of Anna Leigan Dunkel. After the entertainment there will be a box social, and it is requested that each box be wrapped in a Scranton Times.

Last week A. L. Rhodes, E. C. Shinnerling, E. F. and Guy Sebring visited the Masonic lodge at Binghamton, N. Y.

John Fairless, who has been quite sick for some time, is again able to be out doors.

Mrs. S. S. DeLang, of Stroudsburg, who has been spending several weeks with friends here, returned home Thursday.

A. L. Rhodes has returned from Binghamton where he spent several days with relatives and friends.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gress, Saturday, Feb. 17, a son.

Mrs. Albert Ulbrich and son of Stroudsburg, were the guests of Mrs. S. A. Adams at Hillcrest on Saturday. They spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Spiegel at Thornhurst.

Mrs. John Lohman, of Scranton, who has been visiting her mother at Lehigh Glen, returned home on Saturday.

Miss Ruth Kurtz is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kurtz, at Clifton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Decker spent Friday in Scranton.

WORDS FOR THE
SPELLING CONTEST
OF THE
Wayne County Schools.

LESSON XIII.

arrange	accumulate
absurd	bridle
bridal	baptize
baptism	coupon
camphor	cellar
ceiling	committee
citron	capitol
capital	develop
dividend	dynamo
eighth	eulogy
employee	farewell
fourteen	genuine
	Grecian