



One Million For Good Roads.

At a meeting of the Highway Commission Superintendent C. Gordon Reel offered a resolution, which was adopted, appropriating the \$1,200,000 made available by the laws of 1911 for the construction of portions of Route 4 in Broome, Delaware, Orange and Sullivan counties.

In building State Highway Route 4, Commissioner Reel will make a direct route from New York city via West Point through Middletown, Monticello, Hancock, Deposit and Windsor to Binghamton, opening up with a first class road a large section in the southern part of the state, where property holders and producers have been at a heavy loss from poor transportation facilities. The direct route to the west will bring its necessary quota of tourists, advertising these counties, raising land values, and putting them in immediate touch with the Hudson River Valley and large cities east. Broome county will get \$167,000 Delaware county 261,000 Orange county will get 203,000 Sullivan county will get 469,000

Has Leased Hotel.

On Monday next B. F. Westbrook leaves Equinunk for Long Eddy, where he has leased the Arlington Hotel. Wm. Emrich, former proprietor of the hotel, conducted at Equinunk by Mr. Westbrook, will again resume the management.—Hancock Herald.

Hon. J. E. Woodmansee Buys Farm.

Tuesday last Frank Bonnefond sold the cleared land of the farm known as the Busfield place to Hon. J. E. Woodmansee. Consideration \$3,000. It is located a short distance below Hancock on the road to Stockport and is considered one of the best river flat farms in that section. The sale was made through E. S. LaBarr, the hustling real estate agent.

More Postal Savings Banks.

The Roxbury postoffice has been designated to receive postal savings deposits, to take effect on April 10. The Jefferson postoffice, is to be made a savings depository soon.

To Complete Joint-County Bridge.

The Scott Construction company which has the contract for the erection of the Wayne-Susquehanna county bridge, at this place, has completed the erection of the D. & H. round house, in Carbondale, and the force of engineers are preparing to return to Pittsburg. W. C. Saladin, who has charge of the Forest City job, will remain here until it is completed.—Forest City News.

Inspector Maxey Complimented.

Mine Inspector Benjamin Maxey, of this district, who recently made a suggestion to Chief Roderick of the Department of Mines for an improvement in the regulations regarding falls of rock and top coal in the mines, has received a letter from the chief complimenting him on the suggestion and advising that he take it up with the inspectors appointed to appear before the commission appointed to amend the Anthracite law.

Popular Judge.

Hon. R. B. Little returned to Montrose to-day from Philadelphia, where he has been conducting criminal court the past fortnight. Judge Little has gained considerable popularity on the Philadelphia bench, and an attorney speaking of the recent dinner given by Philadelphia lawyers in his honor at the Bellevue-Stratford, said it was the first of its kind ever given to a resident or visiting judge, and plainly indicates the regard they have for Susquehanna county's jurist.—Susquehanna Ledger.

Like Dear Old Dad.

Down in Scranton a young married woman just out of her teens is asking for a divorce all because hubby stuck his feet up on the stove and whistled. "I Want a Girl Like the Girl that Married Dear Old Dad." And now it may be that if the young man had been more like "Dear Old Dad" the girl would have been more like that other "best friend" the boy ever had.

Heard in a Newspaper Office.

"Honesty is the best policy." "I wish I could believe it, but I have in mind the woman who sent in an advertisement reading like this: 'Wanted—A husband with money; object alimony.' Did she get an answer to her advertisement? Not one."

Places Blame on Palmer.

The chairman of the old guard Democratic committee includes in his plan of conciliation the demand that Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer make no attempt to be elected national committeeman. Since the whole rumpus was started because Mr. Palmer wanted the job, what hope is there of conciliating on such a basis?—Wilkes-Barre Record.

Many Violations of Game Laws.

According to the report of State Game Commissioner Kalfbus more arrests have been made this year for violating the game laws than ever in the history of the State. In the northwestern part of Pennsylvania nearly \$4000 was collected in fines and cases awaiting trial will probably end in the collection of nearly as much more. Most of the offenses were those of using ferrets and killing grouse.

Makes Fortune in Jail.

Levi H. Kleckner, who has just been serving a sentence in jail at Allentown, after being convicted for embezzlement, was released Thursday, richer by \$36,000 than when he was locked up fifteen months ago. Kleckner is a real estate dealer,

and while in prison he put through a real estate deal which netted him a fortune.

Bishie's Petition.

The appeal of William Peter Bishie, in jail at Scranton, under sentence of death for the killing of United States Express Messenger Irvan G. Berger, on a Lackawanna train the night of November 17 last, was not argued Wednesday before the board of pardons in Harrisburg. Bishie's counsel did not have their petition for commutation of the sentence in shape and the case will not be argued until the April sitting of the board.

Pupils Must Shine Shoes.

Professor Charles Reagle, of the Belvidere Public School, has requested that all pupils must come to school with their shoes cleaned and shined.—Belvidere Note, Phillipsburg Press.

When grandma was a girl she wore red flannel and turpentine as protection for her chest. The girl of to-day wears talcum and a bangle on her's.

PENNSYLVANIA IS GREAT SILK STATE.

The marvelous development of the silk industry in Pennsylvania is shown in the annual report of State Factory Inspector John C. Delaney. In 1885 there were in the state seven silk mills employing 1,344 persons. The reports to the department for last year showed 228 mills, employing 34,579 persons. Pennsylvania is now in the forefront of the silk manufacturing states. The development of this great industry in Pennsylvania is traced by Captain Delaney to a series of damaging strikes in the New Jersey silk mills, which opened the eyes of the operators in that state to the fact that just across the line they could establish factories with little or no danger of strike troubles. Land and fuel were cheap and abundant in Pennsylvania and there were thousands of women and children awaiting remunerative employment. In the anthracite region especially, though boys did obtain employment in the mines and breakers, there was very little wage-paying work for women and girls.

Dauphin Well Up.

To-day in the seven anthracite counties of Carbon, Columbia, Dauphin, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northumberland and Schuylkill there are ninety-one silk mills, employing 15,255 operatives. In the one county of Lackawanna there are six times as many silk mills and six times as many persons employed as in the entire state in 1884. Other counties in which the silk industry has become well established are Lehigh, Northampton, Berks, Bucks, Bradford, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Philadelphia, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, York, Cambria, Blair, Crawford, McKean, Lawrence and Lycoming.

Of the present day employees in Pennsylvania silk mills, 11,042 are males and 23,527 females. Of the males 1,448 are under 16 years and of the females 2,996. Another textile industry that has seen rapid development in Pennsylvania is that of lace-making. In 1884 there were but two establishments of that character in the state, both being in Philadelphia and employing 75 persons. The returns for last year give 13 lace-making establishments, employing 2,691 persons, of whom 1,081 were males and 1,610 females. These establishments are found in Philadelphia, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Berks, Carbon, Delaware, Montgomery, Northampton and York counties. The entire textile industry in Pennsylvania, including the manufacture of all manner of woven and spun goods, comprised last year 2,542 establishments, employing 193,847 persons, of whom 78,209 were males and 115,638 females. These included 5,100 boys and 10,322 girls under 16.

WIFE SACRIFICED FOR HUSBAND

Small Fortune Found in Old Furniture.

Out in an old tumble down shack on Ant Hill, Sibletown, lives a weather-beaten, time-worn, work scarred old man with a small fortune. Frederick Harp is his name, but "Fritz" is what his friends call him. Little he knew when he married his wife, Christiana, who died several weeks ago, that she was laying the foundation of a fortune to keep him in his old age, but a few days ago he found \$1,670 in the lining of an old couch, and an old rusty kettle. On her death bed, Mrs. Harp called to her husband and asked him to "listen well." "Fritz, dear," she was just able to whisper, "look in the old kettle under the sink, and then go to the old," then, exhausted, she fell back on her pillow. Again she raised herself and muttered, "Don't sell the furniture—" and then again she sank back, and said no more. A few minutes later she died.

The Rusty Kettle Produces Gold.

Several days later the old man, remembering that his wife had said, got an old rusty kettle out from under the sink. When he took off the lid, he found \$165 in gold pieces. Intending to go with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Dubbs, 1221 North Cameron street to live, Mr. Harp decided to break up housekeeping several days ago. He called in a second hand furniture dealer, but only being offered 75 cents for what he had, he decided to chop up the furniture for kindling wood. He started on a broken down couch. When he tore open the head, a package, carefully tied with newspapers, fell out on the ground. Tearing the bundle open, Mr. Harp found \$1,505 in five and two dollar bills.

Saved It From Living Money.

"Well, well," sighed the old man, "that wife of mine must have saved the money out of what I gave her each week for the living." "I never gave her so much, either, because I never had much to give." Tears gathered in the eyes of the speaker, "but Christiana always was a good wife, as kind to me as my own mother, and bless her heart, she saved it all unknown to me." Mr. Harp decided the bank was the place for the money, for according to him, threats were made on his life by several of his step-children, because he would not give up some of the fortune. Mr. Harp said further, that he believed these same step-children dug a hole four feet deep in search of money in a cellar of an old house along Paxton creek, where he used to live with his wife, since the discovery of the money in the old couch.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

MADE HANGMAN'S ROPES.

Philadelphia Man Supplied This and Several Other States.

A gentle mannered and delicately featured man named Godfrey Boger, who has just died in Philadelphia, while not widely known during his life, certainly enjoyed a unique distinction, if such it could be called. At least he was rather proud of his record, which was unmatched of its kind in the country. For fifty-seven years he had made all the ropes used in legal executions in his own state and had met like demands in a number of others.

A fresh execution always meant a new rope. The same one never did duty twice. They are not kept in stock but made to order, and he was the specialist in the employ of a certain cordage company who was always employed upon the task through that long period.

He had known the history of every criminal who had suffered the extreme penalty of the law by means of his handiwork during all that time and until a few days ago he kept a piece of each biggest rope labeled with the name of the man upon whom it had done duty, until finally the greswome collection got on his nerves and he destroyed it.

He took pride in the fact that of all the ropes made by him in his long service only one had ever broken, and that due to a cut from a sharp edged pulley. There has always been more or less superstition connected with the service of Jack Ketch and those who have furnished the ropes, if they have not themselves shared it, have yet been subject of pitying observation from others who did.

Disaster and early death were the fates popularly assigned for the ropemakers of the hangman, but Boger was never troubled by these obsessions and as he began his record when nineteen and continued it through many placid years until he was seventy-five, he might have triumphed over the prophets of evil, only most of them died before he did.

Perhaps it has been because of some vague superstition, also that the company which he has served has never charged for a hangman's rope. In every case it has been gratuitously contributed, possibly because back of the service, there was a feeling of reluctance to make gain out of the instrumentality that was responsible for the death of a fellowman, even though recognizing it as a public duty.—Boston Transcript.

Complete History of Scranton Diocese.

The most complete and authentic history of the diocese of Scranton yet published appears in the thirteenth volume of the Catholic Encyclopedia which has just come from the press.

The early history of Catholicism in Pennsylvania is graphically told and the rise of the diocese from its humble beginning to its present influential position in the community treated at length. Interesting statistics, hitherto unpublished, have been compiled by the author, Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Brennan, chancellor of the diocese, showing the full extent of the ecclesiastical, educational and charitable work of the diocese.

The diocese of Scranton, a suffragan of Philadelphia, U. S. A., established on March 3, 1868, comprises the counties of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wayne, Tioga, Sullivan, Wyoming, Lycoming, Pike and Monroe, all in the north-eastern part of Pennsylvania; area, 8,587 square miles. Scranton, the Episcopal see, is in the heart of the anthracite region and is a progressive city of 100,000 inhabitants (1900). Other large cities are Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, Hazleton, Carbondale and Pittston. The pioneer Catholic settlers were principally of Irish and German descent, but in recent years the coal mining industry has attracted numerous European laborers, mostly of the Slav and Italian races, until these number almost one-half of the Catholic population.

The earliest permanent Catholic settlements were at Friendsville and Silver Lake, Susquehanna county. These, as well as other Catholic settlers scattered throughout the district, were attended occasionally by a priest sent from Philadelphia. In 1825, largely through the solicitation of Mr. Patrick Griffin, father of Gerald Griffin, the Irish novelist, dramatist and poet, then a resident of Susquehanna county, Bishop Kendrick of Philadelphia, sent Rev. John O'Reilly as the first resident pastor, his work, however, was rather that of a missionary, as his field of labor comprised thirteen counties in North-eastern Pennsylvania and five counties in New York State.

The first church was built in 1825 near Silver Lake. Father O'Reilly died at Danville in 1829, and was succeeded by Father Clancey. On February 1, 1836, Rev. Henry Fitzsimmons was sent to take his place in Carbondale, where a church had been built in 1832, Silver Lake being attended from Carbondale as a mission. In 1838 Rev. John Vincent O'Reilly was sent by Bishop Kendrick to assist in administering to the Catholics of this extensive territory. He took up his residence at Silver Lake and his charge comprised the counties of Susquehanna, Bradford, Tioga, Potter, and Sullivan in Pennsylvania, and the five adjoining counties in New York state. The early history of the diocese is intimately bound up with the truly heroic labors of Father O'Reilly, and the foundations of many of the present parishes were the results of his missionary zeal. His fruitful career was brought to an untimely end at the railway station at Susquehanna, Oct. 4, 1875. He was killed while rescuing a friend from the path of an approaching train.

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