

PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN WAYNE COUNTY

Wayne County Primaries Bring Out Only Small Per Cent. of Total Voting Strength of County, Causing One to Ask if the People Are as Yet Educated up to the Primary Law.

Since the recent primary election there has been some talk concerning the small vote polled by the voters of Wayne county. It has been stated that the primary election does not bring out as large a number of the voters of the county as it should, and that the people are not educated up to the real value of the primary law. There is, to be sure, some grounds for this accusation. The primary election is almost as important as the general election and should bring out as strong a vote, but when one compares the recent primary election to the one four years ago it can readily be seen that the voters are being educated up to the importance of the primary election. In 1880 Wayne county Democrats cast 2138 votes for the delegate to the National convention, while the Republicans cast 3924 votes and the Prohibitionists cast 2. In comparing this with the recent vote cast where Democrats cast 963 votes, Republicans 4048 votes and Prohibitionists 4 votes, it can be seen that while the Democratic element of the county took little interest in the primaries and considerably less than four years ago yet the Republicans polled a much larger vote, notwithstanding the fact that a large number of Democrats voted the Republican ticket and helped to swell its returns. In the recent election there is a decrease in the Democratic vote and an increase in the Republican vote, probably for the same reason. The Democratic delegate to the state convention four years ago brought out 2431 votes while the Republican received 3691 votes and 5 were polled for Prohibition. The spring primaries this year the Democratic delegate to the State convention received 562, the Republican delegate, 1185 and the Prohibition delegate 11.

Methodists in Minneapolis. Minneapolis, Minn., May 1.—With numerous delegates present and scores arriving on every train, preparations practically are complete for the opening of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church here to-morrow to last for one month. Probably the principal thing to come before the session during the month is the election of bishops, the exact number of which is yet to be determined. Another question which will be discussed, say church men, is the so-called amusement question and the alteration of the church discipline which now forbids dancing, card playing, theatre going and similar forms of amusement.

ENTERPRISING INSTITUTION

Wayne County Savings Bank Doubles Capital Stock. The shareholders of the Wayne County Savings Bank have increased its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000. It was the unanimous desire of the representatives of 970 shares out of 1,000 that the stock be doubled. The stockholders met in special session in the parlors of that institution Tuesday afternoon between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock to discuss and vote upon the matter. There was not a dissenting vote. By the action of the stockholders it gives the Wayne County Savings Bank the largest capital of any banking institution in this section of the country, outside of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Pittston. The total capitalization and surplus of the Wayne County Savings Bank now amount to \$550,000; its deposits, \$2,448,000, and total assets, \$3,014,000.

Criticises Ismay. Rear Admiral Manan, retired, celebrated naval authority, severely criticises J. Bruce Ismay for saving himself in the Titanic disaster. He says: "For all the loss of life the company is responsible, individually and collectively; Mr. Ismay personally, not only as one of the members, but also as the consequence of their mistakes as well as their faults. I hold that, under the condition, so long as there was a soul that could be saved, the obligation lay upon Mr. Ismay that that one person, and not he, should have been in the boat. More than 1500 perished."

Auto License Fund is at \$400,000 Mark. With the issuing of the 40,000th automobile license tag at the State Highway Department, Saturday, the automobile license fund reached \$400,000. This will be added to the fund of \$1,400,000 received for past registrations and by the end of the year there will probably be \$2,000,000 in the treasury to the account of the automobile division. At the next session of the Legislature, it is probable, that a bill will be introduced providing for the expenditure of this sum and all other funds received from the licensing of automobiles on the roads of the state.

FREAK OF NATURE A calf with two heads, two tails and six legs was brought into Honestdale Thursday morning by Julius Martin, a German, living below White Mills. The freak of nature was born last Saturday and lived only two minutes after birth.

COMRADES ATTENTION!

Right Forward March to Captain James Ham Post Quarters, Where Company Will Camp for a Little While This Friday Evening.

All members of Captain James Ham Post, G. A. R., are most earnestly requested to be in attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Post this Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Every Civil War veteran, to the man, who is not physically unable to attend this meeting, is urgently asked to report to roll call. Preparations for Memorial Day, which falls upon Thursday, May 30, are being made and as it is expected to make this the most interesting and successful celebration ever observed, a good attendance is earnestly desired.

Rev. C. C. Miller, pastor of the German Lutheran church of this place, will preach the Memorial sermon on Sunday preceding Memorial Day. The Post will attend in a body.

The High school will hold exercises appropriate to the day in the auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, May 29.

Rev. A. L. Whittaker will deliver the Memorial address in Glen Dyberry cemetery.

ENGLAND CONDUCTING PROBE

Twenty-Foot Ship Used as Model—Wreck May Be Due to Criminal Neglect.

London, May 2.—The British Court of Inquiry to-day began its investigation into the sinking of the Titanic. Lord Mersey was in charge of the committee and will try to find out if the wreck of the ship is due to criminal neglect. A 20-foot model of the ship has been placed in the room where the hearing is held. It will be used as an illustration.

Weaver Gets Stroudsburg Theatre.

Architect Harry Weaver has secured the contract for a new and up-to-date theatre in Stroudsburg. There was a great deal of competition for the job but evidently the Stroudsburg people recognized the ability of the local man, and if our theatre and school house are any criterion, Stroudsburg will get a thoroughly satisfactory job.

Wind Blows Tree Down Hill.

On Tuesday during the heavy wind John Dermody, of Lookout, was cutting a tree down and had it partly cut in two when the wind blew it down and it tumbled end over end down a hill, tearing the fences and other trees in its path. It is reported that the wind blew about 90 miles an hour that day and did considerable damage in Northern Wayne.—Calliocon Democrat.

Comments on Board of Trade's Offer to Farmers.

A very interesting plan suggested by the Honorable Board of Trade is of great concern to all the farmers of Wayne county. It would greatly help our agriculturists who make Honestdale their shipping point. The suggestion is that the Board of Trade employ an experienced buyer whose business it will be to guarantee the sale of all apples, rutabagas and other farm products of the county. It is explained that this plan would take away a great strain from the farmer and enable him to dispose of all of his crops, it matters not how large they are. In the past there has been complaint that the farmers of that section have been unable to convert their fruits, vegetables and cereals into cash.—Scranton Truth in Afternoon Echoes.



MRS. FRANCES D. WOODWARD.

Mrs. Woodward, of Hoadleys, mention of whose birthday was made in the last issue of The Citizen, celebrated her 91st natal day April 28. She is the mother of Frank P. Woodward, the venerable Scranton Tribune-Republican representative of this place. The Citizen extends heartiest birthday greetings to Mrs. Woodward and sincerely hopes that she will enjoy many like occasions.

NIART WILL.

The last will and testament of the late Nicholas Niart, of Texas, was filed for probate April 30. After just debts are paid he bequeathed \$5 each to the following children: Henry, of Toledo, Ohio; Anna Ritter, Honestdale; Lena Stenzhorn, Philadelphia; William Niart, Toledo. To Mary Jeitz, Honestdale, daughter, all real estate, house and property now occupied by her. Whatever cash money to be divided equally among the children. Mary Jeitz was appointed executrix. M. J. Hanlan and E. W. Gammell were witnesses of the will.

Nicholson Sells Property.

H. F. Nicholson, of Hamlin, sold his hotel property to Otto Dolmetsch, of Dunmore, on Tuesday, consideration \$4,000. Mr. Dolmetsch will take immediate possession.

RINK FIVE---TRI-COUNTY CHAMPIONS



Top row, reading left to right—L. BADER, guard; R. O'CONNELL, center; W. POLT, forward. Bottom row—J. POLT, utility; L. BRADER, guard; L. ROSS, forward.

The Rink Five last week closed a remarkably successful season of basketball by defeating the German Catholic Club on their own floor, having previously easily defeated them on the Rink floor and in winning this game crushed the hopes of the last aspirant for the title of "Champions of Wayne County."

This title meant something this year because there was so much interest taken in the game and so many teams aspiring to the title that it meant a strenuous schedule of games for the winner, and the Rink Five have decisively proven that they are entitled to be called "champions" by defeating all comers not only on the Rink floor but also on their own floor. Probably no other athletic team who have won honors in Wayne county ever had so many rivals and such a hard fight for the title.

The opening game of the season was played against the Hawley team who yielded with Seelyville for last year's championship and they were easily defeated. Then started a seven-game series with the previous season's champions, Seelyville. At the beginning no one thought that the Rink team had much chance against these seasoned Seelyvillers, as they (the Rink Five) had never played together previous to this season, and Seelyville closed their last season with the wonderful record of only one defeat; so that when the opening game of the series was played at the Rink about one-half of Seelyville came down to see their boys show the Honestdalers how to play the game and many of those who saw the game will no doubt remember that they started off with a rush and had caged three baskets before the Rink team got started, but—well, the score ended, as we now know, 35 to 17 in favor of the Rink Five, and the Seelyville people went home in a dazed condition and wondered for several weeks how it happened. The series went to six games, the Rink Five winning the 6th game on the Seelyville floor.

In the meantime "Eddie Murphy," the White Mills noted athletic, had organized a basket ball team in White Mills which many thought would be a winner, and they did prove to be much stronger than Seelyville. This series also went to six games, the Rink Five winning the sixth game on the White Mills floor in a hard fight thus defeating two aspirants for the title by winning four of six games played with each.

The hardest fight was yet to come. A team representing the Alert Fire Company, who called themselves the Alerts, had been organized from the best players obtainable in the town and after playing a few preliminary games challenged the Rink Five to a series of five games. These two teams showed themselves to be the most evenly matched of any, the series being undecided until the very last game which was decisively won by the Rink team by superior team work and staying qualities. Score 20 to 12.

Co. E—"The Beef Trust"—was the next Wayne county team to challenge the Rink boys for the championship but were outclassed in every way, the Rink Five winning three straight games. At intervals between these local games the Rink Five had been playing many different teams from other counties and by defeating Milford two games on Thanksgiving Day, and Susquehanna two games New Year's Day, these two teams being the champions respectively of Pike and Susquehanna counties, have the right to be called "Tri-County Champions." The Taylor team, who claims to be champions of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties by defeating Wilkes-Barre Ninth Regiment, were also defeated once, but the Taylorites returned the compliment, so that that series stands a tie. This Taylor team has been playing together eleven years, and the fact that the Rink Five tied them in their series, is quite an accomplishment, as this is the Rink Five's first season. In all the Rink Five played forty-one games and lost but eleven. The only teams which were able to take games from them without being defeated later by the Rink Five were

Wyoming Seminary and the B. I. A. All Stars of Scranton. The game with Wyoming was played just after the local boys had lost the services of Capt. Brader, who left the team on January 1, and his place had not been satisfactorily filled; as it was, they were only beaten by two points, 17 to 15. The B. I. A. All Stars of Scranton twice defeated the locals, the last two weeks of the season, but the Rink Five were not in the condition of paying the game they did the first part.

The regular members of the champions are: Louis Bader, Capt., Leon Ross, Manager, Munson McDermott, Reginald O'Connell, William Polt and Julius Polt. Leslie Brader was captain of the team until Jan. 1st when he was obliged to leave, as his work called him to New York City to live.

Brader's equal as a guard would be hard to find, combining his good floor work with his ability to "shoot" when the opportunity came and for a time after he left, the team sadly missed him.

To O'Connell's work at center the team owes many points, as "Tim" was usually able to get the jump on his man even though he was alert, and besides is naturally a good shot.

At forwards the two regulars, W. Polt and Ross, worked the best together, the former being the only member of the team who participated in every game. He scored the most points of any man on the team, and was always a hard worker, while Ross was more for floor and team work, being quick and fast on his feet. At guards, after the retirement of Brader, Capt. Bader and J. Polt and later McDermott made names for themselves in this department of the game. J. Polt was frequently used at forward as well as guard and showing equal ability in this position. Bader was the "old reliable" and saved many a game by his careful guarding and ability to get ahead of his man. Munson McDermott is the oldest man on the team in experience and the latter part of the season was a big help to it through his fine floor and "head" work. Although not having played for four years previous to this season he fully demonstrated that he could "come back" and at the end of the season was one of the most valuable men on the team.

Taken all in all the Rink Five has a record to be proud of and should do still better next year if they can hold the same team together, as team work and "getting used to one another" counts for a whole lot in basket ball.

The team has certainly been a good advertisement for the Rink this year and perhaps will be a good advertisement for the town next season.

SPORTING NOTES.

John Tuman, of White Mills, who has played good baseball on the local athletic field, will be retained by Manager Freeman for Scranton's team. He will be played at short.

The Scranton Times says that those who have seen Tuman and Starr (second baseman) play, believe that they will do well. One thing that they will do is plant a pepper factory right in the middle of the diamond and that's one thing that a winning club must have. The Times says further: "Manager Freeman never did intend to let Tuman get away from Scranton this season. He is a big fellow and can do one hundred yards in eleven seconds. The one thing that has kept him out of the short position so long is that he hits left handed and there were too many left side clouters on the team. With Freeman out of the game, it will simply be putting another left hander in his place. He played in all the exhibition games and nobody could make a kick on his work for he showed his speed even though the grounds were a little heavy all the time. Tuman played third for two years at St. Bonaventure and for the same length of time at Phillipsburg in the Inter-Mountain league and last season hit .335 for that team. He has plenty of confidence, is always talking and at touching a runner, the thing that makes a shortstop good or bad, he is clever."

TO DEVELOP WAYNE COUNTY

Cauliflowers Grow Fine in Wayne County—There is Big Money in Growing Them.

Did it ever occur to you, Mr. Farmer, that there is good profit in raising the cauliflower? It can be raised upon your farm and the variety is much sweeter than the kind grown near the Metropolis. It can also be raised at times of the summer when the Long Island product is unfit for market. Then is the time when you will get fancy prices for the crystal heads. You need not go into it so extensive at first, but that would be the only way for profit. Say you had under cultivation from 15 to 30 acres, allowing each acre to yield an average of 200 barrels per year, we shall have a yearly output of between 15,000 and 16,000 barrels to be sold in the city at prices ranging from \$2 to \$12 per barrel—quite a nice bunch of money each fall to come back up here among the hills and dales of dear old Wayne to keep things going.

Wayne county is fortunately blessed with one of the largest and best cooperages in this section of the country, McKenna Bros., located at Honestdale, which can furnish barrels for the grower of the cauliflower in any quantity. This is good for both raiser and manufacturer. The barrelmaker gets a market for his factory product and the farmers are saved the bother of hunting packages for the fruit of their fields.

It takes both labor and skill to grow cauliflower and a goodly quantity of each. From preparing the soil with fertilizers, all through the plowing, harrowing, planting, up to the tending of the heads and cutting and packing there is a lot of back-aching toil for whoever embarks in the industry. No one who wishes an easy summer should go into the cauliflower business. If you live near a railroad you can ship direct to the market. Otherwise drive to Honestdale. By the way what do you think of the suggestion offered by the Greater Honestdale Board of Trade of appointing a good honest, conscientious buyer for the farmer without one cent of cost to you to sell your product in the city? The service would be absolutely free and you could dispose of apples, rutabagas, cauliflower, cabbage, etc., whereas now it might remain upon the farm and be a dead loss to you. Fertilize and realize something from your farm. You will never regret the effort put forth.

CARNEGIE OFFERS ASSISTANCE

Help Lutherans Get New Church Organ.

Through the persistent and untiring efforts of Rev. C. C. Miller, the energetic pastor of St. John's Lutheran church a promise of \$750 was secured from Andrew Carnegie to apply toward the purchase of a new church organ, providing the members of his congregation raise a like amount. Pastor Miller has been in correspondence with this philanthropist for some time and having secured a satisfactory promise from Mr. Carnegie, he presented the matter before the trustees of the church at a meeting held last Wednesday evening. The board will accept the offer. Too much credit cannot be given Pastor Miller for his efforts. We have been informed that a \$2,000 organ will be installed.

FELL ON PICKET FENCE

Scranton Young Man Seriously Injured.

(Special to The Citizen.) Scranton, May 2.—Alfred Wilson, aged 24 years, of 331 Phelps street, was seriously injured at 11 o'clock this morning. He was at work on a tree cutting down the branches, when one branch fell on a telephone wire. He reached out to pull it out, and in so doing grabbed a live wire. He let go, and fell, landing on his stomach on an iron picket fence. His hands and face were burned from the wire, and he was badly bruised. He was taken to the State Hospital, and is in a critical condition.

Rev. W. H. Hiller Makes Three Couples Happy.

Married at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday evening, April 30, Chas. L. Williams and Edna M. Signor, both of Downsville, N. Y. Married at the Methodist parsonage, Honestdale, Wednesday, May 1, Fred Hinaman of Huguenot, N. Y., and Addie S. Rauner of Braman, Pa. Married Wednesday evening, May 1, at the residence of the bride, Honestdale, Ernest Jordan, of Honestdale, and Ethel Walker.

OIL BARGE BLOWS UP.

100,000 Gallons of Gasoline and Naphtha Explode.

Cleveland, O., May 2.—Five men were burned to death when six successive explosions of a total of 100,000 gallons of gasoline and naphtha in the compartments of the Standard Oil company barge No. 88, lying in a slip south of the Jefferson street bridge, covered everything in the vicinity with the blazing fluid. Five men were slightly burned. Fully a hundred were working in the yard of the Great Lakes Towing company's repair plant, where the five men who were killed were employed. The total property damage, it is estimated will amount to between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

19 MARRIAGE LICENSES IN APRIL

Despite the Fact That April Was a Stormy Month The Little Love God Did Good Work.

Some one has said that "Of all actions of a man's life his marriage does least concern other people, yet of all the actions of our life 'tis most meddled with by other people." This can truthfully be said in the present instance and Marriage License Book Number 4 bears all scrutiny without a murmur. During the month of April there were recorded in this faithful book some nineteen marriage licenses, the analyzing of which is no light task, for there one may find many interesting facts hidden away from the unobservant eye.

The season is approaching for the forming of "two souls with but a single thought" and so far the month of April holds the record in number. In March there were only six licenses issued, probably due to the fact that the weather was too stormy and unpleasant, as that is the month when the frost king is supposed to lay down and give up the ghost, but is always reluctant to do so. April was also a stormy month but not too stormy to dishearten nineteen brave youths and as many maidens.

The occupations owned up to by the brides of April were few beside the conventional "at home." Three confessed to be silk workers; four gave their occupations as housekeepers while two acknowledged themselves to be "homekeepers." Beside these there was one stenographer, one domestic, one teacher, and one dressmaker.

The occupations of the grooms were six as farmers, of which there were two. Two gave their trade as blacksmiths, and two as laborers. There was one car service clerk, one insurance agent, one car inspector, one railroad, one glass cutter, one glass blower, one plumber, one lamberman and one tracer.

CHICAGO PRESSMEN ON STRIKE

All Papers Tied Up—Believe None Will Be Printed Until After Difficulty is Settled.

(Special to The Citizen.) Chicago, May 2.—All the union pressmen went out on strike at 9:30 this morning. It is believed that all the big papers will be tied up until the strike is ended. The morning papers are on the street, but it is not known whether or not any evening papers will be issued. The trouble is due to the fact that the publishers of the papers and the union officials couldn't agree on a wage scale.

PHILANTHROPIST TOO LIBERAL.

Gave All Away—Lacked Funds For Funeral.

Chicago, May 2.—Search among the effects of the late Dr. D. K. Pearson, the aged philanthropist, thus far has failed to reveal any will. "The family wishes to say that so far as it appears there will be hardly sufficient funds left to cover the expenses of Dr. Pearson's burial and late sickness," said H. A. Pearson. The two nephews have guaranteed the expense of the funeral of their uncle, who gave away about six million dollars. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon.

Purchases Interest in Voigt House.

Mrs. Charles J. Weaver is again proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, and took charge of same on Wednesday, May 1. Chas. McDonald, who had leased the hotel property of Mrs. Weaver, has purchased a partnership with Frederick Michaels in the Voigt House and he will take an active part in the business of that place. Mrs. Weaver conducted the Commercial last year before leasing it to Mr. McDonald and now that the management is again with her and her sons, she intends to conduct same herself until she can find a proper lessee for the place.

Anti-Fly Club Formed.

Wilkes-Barre, May 1.—"Death to the fly" was pronounced tonight when an anti-fly club was organized by boys of the Calvary Episcopal church, Rev. H. G. Hartman, pastor. The club received its first lesson in fly extermination, and the fly as a disease bearing pest was exposed by different speakers.

As a result an active crusade will be launched as soon as the fly makes his annual debut and for the greatest number slain the boys will receive prizes.—Scranton Tribune-Republican.

The Rev. Mr. Hartman made many friends during his recent visit in Honestdale.

TAFI IN GEORGIA

To Do Honor to Late Major Butte, President's Former Aide.

Augusta, Ga., May 2.—President Taft arrived here to-day to join the people of Augusta to do honor to the late Major R. C. Butte, the President's former military aide who lost his life in the Titanic disaster. President Taft attended the services at the opera house. There was a very large attendance. Business was suspended from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

ISMAY SAILS FOR ENGLAND.

(Special to The Citizen.) New York, May 2.—J. Bruce Ismay, manager of the White Star Line company, sailed today for England.