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FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1912.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can.—Emerson.

Everybody welcomes the glorious sunlight after so many days of rain and cloudy weather.

It is said that the Egyptians knew about appendicitis 7,000 years ago. Which may afford a clue to how they got the money with which to build the pyramids.

How many persons over one hundred years of age in the United States? Bet you miss it by a mile. There are 4,000 and 2,500 of 'em are women who admit it. There may be others who don't.

THE WAR ON THE TYPHOID FLY.

In any campaign for sanitation and healthful conditions in the city or the country, getting rid of the fly is absolutely necessary. At best the fly is a nasty insect, carrying filth from the filthiest sources and depositing it on our food—a habit that alone warrants its extermination—and at its worst it is a carrier of germs of disease.

Honesdale is still without coal and the prospects for that much-needed fuel are dubious. The suspension order has not been lifted and the men are not yet back to work. During the past month nearly all the coal supply in Honesdale has been consumed and many families have been reduced to the necessity of burning wood when that article can be had.

What's the matter with the Penrose leadership which nominated such excellent men as Governor Edwin S. Stuart, Governor John K. Tener, Auditor General Robert K. Young, Auditor General A. E. Sisson, State Treasurer John O. Sheatz, State Treasurer C. F. Wright, Secretary of Internal Affairs Henry Houck, Lieutenant Governor Reynolds and many others who have had and now have the confidence of the voters?

Railway peace is now assured. The much threatened strike of the engineers on fifty roads east of Chicago has been averted by the signing of an arbitration agreement between committees representing the railroads and the engineers.

The executive committee of the three anthracite districts of the United Mine Workers of America met in New York yesterday to consider the agreement on the demands of the Miners' union. It is expected that much opposition to the ratification of the agreement will be reached for some of the members believe that the miners should receive more concessions embodied in the agreement.

THE CITIZEN INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENT OF WAYNE COUNTY.

More than half of the readers of The Citizen are on the farms and in the villages of Wayne county. All of these people are interested in things agricultural. They are interested in the production of food, but they want to produce it at a profit. They want to reduce drudgery on the farm. They want to enjoy more comforts. That is why this paper is interested in them and publishes agricultural articles that will be of a benefit to the rural subscriber.

FOR CLEANLINESS AND HEALTH—SLOGAN FOR NEXT WEEK.

Rain or shine next week we should not only make it a real clean-up week but the first of a succession of clean-up weeks and days to which there shall be no end.

By killing flies and destroying their breeding places, which consists of every accumulation of offal and filth, we can prevent the hatching of quintillions of other flies between now and the middle of September, when the breeding season is practically over.

The paving of Main street would reduce more than fifty per cent. of our quota of flies, now recognized by the medical profession as the most dangerous enemy of the human race. A systematic war on the extermination of the fly as advocated by The Citizen would reduce that pest here. As the result of this war the successful boy or girl bringing the greatest number of dead flies to this office between May 1 and September 1 will receive \$10 as the first prize and \$5 as the second premium.

Mosquitoes are still more annoying and almost as dangerous as flies, but they are more easily exterminated. Indeed the prevention of mosquitoes is so simple a matter that the health authorities of some cities hold accountable all property owners who permit mosquito breeding places on their premises.

These are some of the precautions against mosquitoes that some wide-awake cities admonish their people that they must take: Pick up all empty cans and bottles; turn up-side down every pail, tub or other vessel that may hold water, drain or fill every depression; clean up the edges of ponds and brooks; keep the roof gutters open and see that they have a proper fall; kill all weeds and keep the grass cut and if your neighbor violates the anti-mosquito laws and ordinances, report him.

If every citizen will do his and her part we needn't have any mosquitoes or flies in Honesdale to sting us and inoculate us with the germs of deadly diseases.

Commencement in Wayne County Schools.

The commencement exercises of the Ariel High school were held at that place on Wednesday evening of this week. Judge A. T. Searle delivered the commencement address and County Superintendent J. J. Koehler presented diplomas to twelve graduates.

The Sterling High school will graduate its class on Tuesday evening, May 7. Superintendent Koehler will be in attendance and present the diplomas.

Dreher Township High school will close this term of school on Wednesday evening next, May 8, by graduating 16 pupils. The county superintendent will be present and take part in the exercises.

The Clinton Township High school commencement exercises will be held on Thursday evening, May 30, Memorial Day. The address will be made by Superintendent Koehler who will also present the diplomas to the class members.

Waymart High school will observe the graduation exercises of its 1912 class, Friday evening, May 31, at which time County Superintendent Koehler will also deliver the commencement address and present the diplomas.

ASTOR'S WILL.

Believed His Share Will be About \$60,000,000, While Muriel Astor May Get \$7,500,000—How Women Are Provided For.

HOW ASTOR'S FORTUNE MAY BE DIVIDED
Vincent Astor \$60,000,000
Muriel Astor (if there is no posthumous child) 15,000,000
Muriel Astor (if there is a posthumous child) 7,500,000
The expected child of Mrs. John Jacob Astor 7,500,000
Mrs. John Jacob Astor Nothing
Mrs. Ava Willing Astor Nothing

New York, May 2.—One of the great dramas of present day social life is fast drawing to a climax in that austere Fifth avenue mansion and its various personages are priming themselves for a final struggle that involves many millions, says Richard Barry in the New York American.

In spite of many rumors, two facts in my possession through a reliable source, stand out supreme: First, Colonel Astor made no will which is known of in this country since his second marriage; second, whatever will he did leave and the terms of that are known to only one person, Lewis Cass Ledyard, will not make any appreciable difference in the final standing of any of the persons concerned.

The outstanding fact that in the question of the Astor inheritance is this: Eighty per cent. of the Astor estate is left as it was left to John Jacob Astor by his father, William Astor, goes to Vincent Astor.

The remaining 20 per cent. goes to the other children. At present there is but one other child, Muriel, ten years old. Should there be issue from the second wife, this child will share the 20 per cent. with Muriel. If the issue is a girl each will have 10 per cent.; if the issue is a boy, Muriel will receive less and the boy more.

William Astor's Will. With the terms of this bequeathal John Jacob Astor had nothing to do. They were made by his father, William, and have been on file in the surrogate's office for over forty years but have never before been published.

The terms of this will of William Astor are such that the only property John Jacob, his son, could bequeath, would be such as he might have acquired by purchase and help separate from the entailed Astor estate, which had come down from father to son in lineal succession from the first John Jacob Astor. This may be a relatively small amount; possibly it is larger than any one suspects.

When William Astor died the estate amounted to approximately \$30,000,000. At the present time it amounts to not more than \$80,000,000, and is probably about \$75,000,000.

These figures I have secured from a representative of the family who will not permit the use of his name, but who is in a position to know the facts.

Vincent Gets \$60,000,000. Of this seventy-five or eighty millions all but a few millions is in the entailed estate. Thus, Vincent Astor's inheritance will be approximately \$60,000,000. If there is no issue from the second marriage, Muriel Astor will receive approximately \$15,000,000. If there is issue from the second marriage, she will be obliged to share her fifth equally if the child is a girl and unequally if a boy.

There, the unborn Astor child is worth, if we reduce the startling situation to cold figures, at least seven and a half millions. Vincent Astor is not of age. In

five months he will be twenty-one years old. And he is the first man in the lineal descent of the family who will hold his fortune in fee simple, to do with as he pleases. There will be trustees to watch over him, as there were to watch over his father, and if he chooses to make a will or to make any disposition of his property in his own life he will be in a position to do with it as he pleases.

It is believed that the only important business which induced his father to sail on the Titanic was to arrange papers which he should sign on the attainment of his majority, which would maintain the estate in trust through his lifetime and for his heirs, as it had been held through four generations of Astors.

The tragic, unforeseen death of the father thus thrust upon the son a burden that no Astor since the first has borne. The only personal home of his own which Colonel Astor was in a position to will is Ferneliffe, the country estate up the Hudson. Its disposition and of such floating moneys as he might have possessed was the only volitional resource he had.

The revelation of his testament in this regard is all that remains for the contemplation of the two families united to him by marriage, the Williams and the Astor.

He possessed none of the celebrated Astor family jewels. They were willed by Mrs. William Astor to her daughters and their children, and in part to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor.

First Mrs. Astor.

At the time of Ava Willing Astor's marriage, (the first wife), in accordance with the custom of the Astor family, inaugurated by the original John Jacob Astor, she signed over her dower rights in the estate for a settlement. This settlement was the income on \$2,000,000, which she was to have only after the death of Colonel Astor, and then only for her own lifetime.

At the time of her divorce Mrs. Ava Willing Astor relinquished her rights in this settlement and received in place of it, for life, the income on the property known as the Knickerbocker Hotel. The Knickerbocker Hotel is worth about \$2,400,000. This income she will continue to receive as long as she lives, but upon her death it will revert to the Astor estate, which will then be possessed by her son, Vincent. This is all she ever has or will receive from the Astor estate.

At the same time it must be remembered that her daughter, now only ten years old, will have from four millions to seven millions, and her son approximately sixty millions.

Second Mrs. Astor.

Another remarkable fact concerning the Astor fortune must be revealed at this time, in contradiction of many rumors and published statements which have been prevalent for the past six months. This is the true terms of the settlement on the second Mrs. Astor, which have been variously stated as being at least two millions and probably five millions.

When Miss Madeline Force married Colonel Astor she signed away all claims to any dower rights in the estate for a cash settlement of \$200,000.

Therefore, herself or his family or her friends will have no opportunity to contest the will, and she has but one chance to increase her fortune. That will be in the presentation of a posthumous heir. The arrival of this heir has been confidently predicted as due at any time after the first of June.

Of the celebrated Astor jewels, Mrs. Madeline Force Astor received none. At the time of her engagement Colonel Astor presented her with a ring containing a solitaire for which he paid a leading jeweler \$25,000. She received from him as a wedding present a sapphire and ruby pendant, and during their trip in Europe he made some additional presents. These will probably be the extent of the mementos, of her husband.

However, in value, they appraise at approximately \$250,000. Also, it must be remembered, that should a child be born to her within the coming few months and should that heir live but five minutes Mrs. Astor (the second) would inherit the dead child's share of the Astor estate.

BEACH LAKE.

(Special to The Citizen)

Beachlake, May 1. The Good Book tells us that seed time and harvest shall never fail, but if seed time does not fail it can't help being late. It looks dubious to our boarding house people who are so anxious to have early vegetables and all hands are interested in potato planting and are hoping to have a plentiful and early crop.

A very large concourse of people met at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon to pay the last tribute of respect to Virgil Case of Welcome Lake. Our pastor preached a very appropriate and sympathetic sermon, taking for his text, "If a man die, will he live again?" Mrs. L. Barnes and daughter, Minnie, returned home Saturday after spending the winter at White Mills. Mrs. Newton Bunting visited her

cousin, Mrs. Bradley, last week.

Mrs. Shepherd Garrett is visiting at the home of Lyman Garrett. Carlton Brooks is spending some time with his father in New York city.

Philip Knoll is a great sufferer with rheumatism. Miss Lizzie Hiller returned from Scranton after an absence of several months.

Miss Ella Crosby returned from visiting her cousin, Ora, on Smith Hill. It is rumored the wedding bells will ring next month.

Miss Mabel Oliver, who is studying for a trained nurse in Scranton, spent a few days recently with her parents at this place.

The W. C. T. U. ladies spent a very pleasant afternoon with their president last Tuesday.

We are thankful to say we have no licensed liquor houses in our quiet hamlet, but one theory we have got that we wish we didn't have and that is men who are obliging enough to their neighbors to bring from Honesdale for them the stuff that will ruin their body and soul. We wish that all that are guilty could realize the enormity of their dreadful sin.

C. A. Budd has a gang of men digging and laying pipes to bring water to his house and barn.

"Who's Who and Why?"

A complete short story appearing in the Friday (May 10th) issue of The Citizen. Don't miss it. 35c13

LAUNDRY.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Thomas P. Keleher of Port Jervis, to Frank P. Bea et ux, of Hawley, lands in Hawley borough, for a consideration of \$1200.

T. J. McCarty, of Coal Port, Ky., transfers to Margaret McCarty of South Canaan, 35 acres in South Canaan, Consideration \$1.

Heirs of James McCarty, late of Canaan township, deceased, transfers to Margaret McCarty of South Canaan, 62 acres in Canaan township, Consideration \$1.

Heirs of Theresa McCarty, deceased, transfers to Margaret McCarty, South Canaan, 35 acres of land in South Canaan, Consideration \$1.

Sarah B. Peck, of Clinton, released her rights to a certain tract of land in Clinton township to Jos. E. Peck of Scranton; consideration \$1.

Joseph E. Peck et ux, of Scranton, transfers to G. Edward Sherwood, of Clinton, 22 acres of land in Clinton township; consideration \$1.

Executor of George Abraham, deceased, of Damascus, transfers to Henry Whitmore, Damascus, 309 acres of land in Damascus township for a consideration of \$4000.

Tracy H. Smith et ux, of Damascus, transfers to Claud Martin, same place, 163 acres of land in Damascus township for a consideration of \$1900.

Jacob F. Katz et ux, of Honesdale transfers to Lillie Freeman, also of Honesdale, property in Honesdale for \$1 and other consideration. The property mentioned in the deed that is now occupied by Freeman Bros., clothiers.

Anna Marie Lawrenson, widow of Jas. Lawrenson, deceased, late of Canaan, transfers to Thomas Cole, of Waymart, 2.12 acres of land in borough of Waymart for a consideration of \$2000.

George Shearer et ux, of Palmyra, transfers to George Botler, of Moosic, 30 acres of land along the Paupack river. Consideration \$824.

Charley Van Sickle et ux, of So. Canaan, transfers to William Platt of So. Canaan, lands in So. Canaan township. Consideration \$1875.00.

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BUSINESS IS GOOD and THERE'S A REASON

CERTAINLY—There must be a reason.

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Rowland Jeweler and Optician

WORDS FOR THE SPELLING CONTEST OF THE WAYNE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Table with 2 columns: Word and Spelling. Includes words like Iowa, jerk, knack, lively, liberty, mercy, menagerie, Niagara, overwhelm, orange, Palestine, pyramid.

HONESDALE MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Cucumbers, Wayne County potatoes, Scotch potatoes, Asparagus, Tomatoes, Strawberries, Celery, New Cabbage, Lettuce, Parsley, Radishes, Sweet Potatoes, Bermuda Onions, New Potatoes, Onions, Parsnips, Hickory Nuts, Oranges, Bananas, Lemons, Fish (Roe Shad, Buck Shad, Cut Shad, St. Cod, Haddock, Herrings, Clams, No. 1 Norway Mackerel, No. 2 Norway Mackerel, Salmon, Butterfish, Halibut, Sp. Mackerel, Bluefish).

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