

TO ERADICATE CHESTNUT BLIGHT

Effort Being Made by State to Check Disease Now Destroying Millions of Dollars' Worth of Timber in Pennsylvania.

The chestnut tree blight, which is fast deforesting this section of the country of its best and most promising timber, has reached Wayne county. Realizing what a loss it will become and what already it is to the State, Pennsylvania has appropriated \$275,000 to fight what now appears to be an incurable disease.

The blight commission, whose headquarters are in Philadelphia, has a corps of instructors on the road going from place to place telling of the devastation of the blight and giving advice how to check it from spreading over a greater territory.

This disease was first discovered in New York state in 1904. It was never seen before and was unknown to scientists and at first it was thought a foreign production. It is, however, a parasite rather than a saprophyte. It spread from the Bronx, up the Hudson in New York state, to Pennsylvania, showing itself in Susquehanna, Wayne, Pike and Luzerne counties; through Williamsport to Bedford. It has also done great damage in Delaware and Maryland.

The disease is working westward and the infection is found in nearly all parts of this county, the percentage, however, is not very large here. The last legislature of Pennsylvania appropriated \$275,000 to be used in the fight of the disease. The value of chestnut timber in this state is \$50,000,000. It is hoped that the efforts of the commission to prevent the spread of the blight beyond the area now affected may materialize in stamping it out.

Property owners are urged to become familiar with the symptoms and work of the chestnut blight and keep themselves posted on the subject. They are asked to cut down infected trees for two reasons. First, it is their duty; and secondly to prevent the spread of the disease. The infected trees, if the diseased limbs are not cut out, die and lumber rapidly deteriorates. This way one can utilize the infected trees and limit the spread of the disease to surrounding healthy chestnut. Every tree that is infected should be cut down and the infected portions burned.

The method of determining and the treatment of the disease is described in the several publications issued by the Chestnut Blight Commission, 1112 Morris building, Philadelphia. It is hoped by the co-operation of the land owners and Boy Scouts in Wayne county that the blight can be eradicated. The blight commission has 100 scout masters and several troops in the state endeavoring to stamp out the disease.

Scout Master Edward G. Jenkins of Honesdale troop of Boy Scouts, has been appointed as an unsalaried field agent of the Blight Commission. He was the first agent of the kind to be appointed in the State of Pennsylvania. Scout Master Jenkins will be glad to give any advice on the subject. The scouts have become familiar with the disease and will do what they can to aid in the successful campaign.

The disease is carried by birds, insects, leaves and dust. On Saturday Mr. Rocky accompanied Scout Master Jenkins and a local troop of boy scouts to Irving Cliff where a field inspection was made. After examining several trees Mr. Rocky found that more trees were fire-killed than were suffering from the blight. He is confident that the work of exterminating the blight will be successful in Wayne county, owing to the chestnut trees being more scattered than they are in most sections.

After the troop arrived on Irving's brow two flags were erected on the crown of the cliff, which floated until the camp broke in the afternoon. The scouts thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Dinner was prepared in regular scout fashion. Potatoes were roasted in a fire which also broiled fine cuts of steak. It was the writer's privilege to dine with the boys and to say that we had an excellent time is putting it in a mild way. If you want to have a good time, take a trip with the scouts. You will not only have a good social time, but the outing will be of an educational value to you.

Instructor Rocky speaks in words of highest praise concerning Scout Master Jenkins. He said he never met a more energetic scout master and that the boys are to be congratulated in having a leader of the calibre of Mr. Jenkins.

DISGRACED FLAG OF OUR NATION

Father O'Toole Speaks on the Recent Pulling Down of the Nation's Emblem by Industrial Workers—All Respect Due Our Flag.

In an eloquent and patriotic sermon on Sunday Father John O'Toole, of St. John's R. C. church spoke on the recent mass meeting of the Industrial Workers of the World, held in Union Square, New York, where the flag of the nation was pulled down and trampled in the dust in the presence of thousands of people. The subject of his sermon was—"Thou art the glory of Jerusalem; Thou art the joy of Israel; Thou art the honor of our people."—Book of Judith.

In part we take the following extracts from the sermon: "These words can be fittingly applied to Mary, Mother of God, whom we are honoring this month, for May is the month of Mary. We honor Mary because she is the mother of God. God could not, with all his omnipotence, create a purer, holier person than Mary. God himself honored Mary. Why should we not honor her? The Blessed Virgin Mary is justly called the chosen daughter of the heavenly Father, the true mother of the Divine Son, and the Emaculate Spouse of the Holy Ghost.

Some people who do not correctly understand our religion, call us idolaters. An idolater, the dictionary tells us, is one who gives divine honor to images or statues. We do not give divine honor to statues. When we adorn the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary or when we pray before that statue, we only honor her, whom the statue represents. We ask Mary to pray for us and to intercede for us with her Divine Son. We offer sacrifices to God alone. When one looks at Mary's statue one is more forcibly reminded of her, whom the statue represents. When one admires a great bronzed statue of a soldier erected in a park one is forcibly reminded of the soldier, whom the statue represents. If one stood looking admiringly at that soldier's statue or if one adorned it with wreaths of flowers we could not be called idolaters, but only honoring the soldiers, who are represented by that statue. We all adore the soldiers who fought, bled and died for the proudest flag that ever waivered over land or sea. The flag represents the nation, a republican form of government, "a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

We Catholics both admire the soldier, and love the flag of our nation, and now as ever we should be ready and willing to protect that flag and to prevent desecrating hands from stretching out and dragging it into the dust. We regret very much that some American citizens on the first day of May in Union Square, New York city, permitted the desecrating hands of the Industrial Workers of the World, to pull down the flag and trample upon it in the presence of thousands, who were there attending the mass meeting of Socialists, assembled there.

We admire the patriotic citizens of San Diego, California, who protected a flag on the fourth of last April and forced one hundred Industrial Workers of the World, all of whom admitted they were anarchists, to kneel on the ground and kiss the folds of an American flag. In the early dawn of that day near San Onofre, a small settlement, a short distance this side of the Orange county line. The ceremony, which was most unwillingly performed, was witnessed by forty-five deputy constables and a large body of armed citizens of San Diego. The men, who were forced to show respect to the National emblem, composed a party that left Santa Ana on a freight train the night before and whose coming was waited by the deputies and armed citizens, who had gone out in automobiles to meet them and drive them back. The Industrial Workers were stopped at San Onofre and detained there until they had finished the flag kissing. They were divided into squads of five and placed in command of a detail of deputies. The march to the county line was started and the procession moved to the tune of the "Star Spangled Banner" in which they were compelled at least to make a show of joining. At the Orange county line the men were given a parting caution to keep out of Orange county. They gladly set out towards the north on the railroad tracks. All honor and glory to the patriotic citizens of San Diego, who forced those undesirable citizens to respect the flag that represents our nation.

The press of the country that furnished us with this San Diego incident informs us of a remarkable incident at the encampment of the 13th regiment at Mt. Gretna in 1900. We read then that a civilian refused to salute the flag as he was passing. A sentinel called his attention to it. The newspaper account further says: "The civilian haughtily asked the sentinel, 'Must I salute that flag?' The sentinel replied, 'Yes, if you want to pass here.' 'Where is the Colonel?' indignantly asked the civilian.

At this point Colonel Watres, of Scranton came upon the scene and told him if he wished to pass that way he was obliged to salute the flag but if he refused he could walk out of camp another way by which he would not be forced to pass by this flag. The civilian turned, stepped over ropes and headed for the exit gate by a way not passing the flag. Some of the soldiers heard of the incident and got the band together. Others got a blanket intending to toss him before the band drummed him out of camp. But Col.

Wire Cutters Getting Active. Wire cutters have been very active in Wayne county the past few days to the sorrow of the Paupack Telephone company. Several miles of wire have been cut in the vicinity of Lake Ariel and Pink, effectually crippling the service.

Watres intercepted them and allowed the man to go in peace. And endless honor and glory to the brave boys of the 13th Regiment in camp at Mt. Gretna on that occasion. Another incident where the flag of our country played an important part in the Civil war is given here. When the United States flag was fired upon at Fort Sumpter at the beginning of the Civil war, Father Malone, of Williamsburg, raised a flag with his own hands to the top of the steeple of his church and later that flag was taken down and carried to the front by the volunteer soldiers of that town. When the news of Lee's surrender to Grant had reached Williamsburg, Father Malone raised another flag on the steeple of his church. All during that war this patriotic clergyman preached constantly to his people that they should respect the cross as well as to revere the flag."

SPORTING NOTES. A few of the base ball team got together last Thursday night and talked over the possibilities of a team for this summer. Several names were mentioned as possible candidates for manager but no definite step was taken. The meeting was adjourned until Tuesday night (to-night) when definite steps would be taken. The prospects of a good team are bright.

COUNCIL FAVORS CITY HALL FOR POST OFFICE

Will Remodel Building Providing the Fixtures and Improvements Will Not Exceed \$3,000

The town council will remodel the city hall for a postoffice providing, when equipped, it will not exceed \$3,000. This statement was made at their last Thursday night's regular monthly meeting after the matter had been discussed. The entire council favors converting that part of the building now used as living apartments for J. Canivan and the Council Chambers, located in the front part of the south side of the building.

The committee appointed to ascertain what it would cost to make the needed changes stated that they could be made for about \$1,500. The partitions from front to the rear of the building would necessarily have to be removed and the brick wall between the hall and the council room would also have to be taken out. A partition would have to be placed near the entrance at the foot of the stairs and steel girders be installed to uphold the second floor.

Postoffice authorities claim it would make an ideal place for their office, and in regard to room there would be more there than where the office is now located. Since the first time The Citizen suggested the City Hall as a place for the postoffice, we have heard many express themselves in the affirmative. Of course, like everything else, when a change is made in the location of any public office or building, some oppose and they have a perfect right to express their opposition. On the other hand the majority is to be considered and what they think is best to do will in all probability be done.

The City Hall, as was formerly stated in an article in The Citizen on the removal of the postoffice, is a "White Elephant" on the hands of

the town. In other words, there is no revenue coming in and unless this proposition is taken up by the council, in all probability, will remain a white elephant.

The council discussed converting the part mentioned into private offices but it was suggested that perhaps after the offices were fitted up they might not be rented and at the most only about \$750 could be secured from them, while if the government accepted the room that the rent would be several hundred dollars more a year and besides a ten-year contract would be signed, which would probably pay them for making the investment. Whatever is done the borough fathers want to do what they deem best for the town, as was expressed by the president of the council.

There are some people who would like to see the postoffice down town, nearer their respective places of business, but should the change be made it would be less than a block farther uptown than where it is now. If there is a serious objection to locating the postoffice in the City Hall the columns of The Citizen are open for expressing views for or against. We would like to hear from the business men and merchants upon the matter.

One merchant expressed his opinion in a very candid and frank way to the writer, saying that it was "boy play suggesting the City Hall for a postoffice. Why don't you advocate building down by the Wayne County Savings Bank?" We want to hear from the people. If it is expressed through the columns of The Citizen more persons will see it. Send in your views and they will be printed, no matter which side of the fence you stand.

HAWLEY SCHOOL BOARD ADJOURN IN HARMONY.

The Never-Failing Smile of President McAndrew Remained Unchanged—No Teachers Hired or Vacancies Filled—Many Citizens at Meeting.

Contrary to general expectancy and much to the chagrin of sensationalists, the Hawley school board convened Monday night at 8:40, transacted its routine business and adjourned in harmony at 9:30; there being not the slightest thing done or said to even mar that everlasting and never failing smile of President McAndrew. And Mike's smile, by the way, was above the most commonest and loudest thing there. All members were present, except Dr. Volk, who was unavoidably detained. Dr. Catterall also retired at 9:15, in answer to a hasty professional call. There were quite a number of citizens present, who were doomed to disappointment if they came to see a good scrap, as none was pulled off. Some awfully knowing one, however, seemed to think that the board put one over on them and this tranquility was sham, but the writer believes it was sincere. Let us hope so at least. Secretary Pennell volunteered the information to the scribe that he had nothing personally against Prof. Creasy, but that he was persuaded a change in principle was really necessary at this time; that Mr. Creasy dethroned himself when he insisted upon paying teachers full pay when they were absent a whole week at a time of their own volition, and also broke his school law. He seemed to deplore the whole squabble, and trusted it was at an end. To this Michael said a very fervent "Amen." There were no teachers hired and no vacancies filled, although quite a number of applications were in evidence. The only two remaining old teachers are Miss Lawler and Miss Daniels. The majority of the grades' teachers seemed to have gone on a sympathetic strike owing to Mr. Creasy's dismissal. It is hoped that ere the board assembles again, its members will all have digested the venom of their spleen and beat their swords into pruning hooks, and that some at least of the old corps of most efficient teachers will do likewise and all be satisfied to eat a little crow for the general good and maintenance and continuation of that most estimable High school.

STATE HOSPITAL REPORT. At the Scranton State hospital during April 313 in-patients were treated, making 3,511 hospital days, or an average of 117 patients treated each day. The dispensary treated 493 new patients, who made a total of 524 visits. The ambulance responded to 84 calls. The births at the hospital numbered six.

ARIEL COMMENCEMENT. The annual commencement exercises of the Ariel High school were held last Wednesday evening in the Methodist Episcopal church at that place. Principal John D. Storm prepared an excellent program which was well rendered. The class consisted of nine graduates. The motto was "Aim at a Certain End" and the class flower, blue violet. Judge A. T. Searle, of Honesdale, delivered a fine address, which did credit to himself and the town he represents.

The following interesting program was carried out: Invocation, Rev. W. E. Harkness. Address of Welcome, George Millard Bronson. Musical Selection, Anthracite Quartette. Oration—"Aim in Life," Myrtle L. Millar. Class Prophecy, Cora Alice Bidwell. Musical Selection, Anthracite Selection. Salutatory, "True Success and How to Gain It," Abbie Zoe Brink. Valedictory, "Our Country Tomorrow," Frances Mabel Rumble. Piano Solo, Miss Mildred White. PART II. Musical Selection, Anthracite Quartette. Presentation of Diplomas, Supt. J. J. Koehler. Address, Hon. A. T. Searle.

Praise For Ainey. The Eastern Bradford Times has this to say about Congressman Ainey and the farmer: "One of the best speeches ever made in Congress in favor of country life and country people was published in full in the Daily Review of Monday. Everybody should read it. He is working for our interests."

To Build State Road This Spring. Supervisor Ray Brown, of Texas township, received a long distance telephone message from E. A. Jones, second deputy commissioner of the State Highway Department, that bids will be advertised soon for the construction of a state road from Carbondale to Honesdale. Work will be commenced June 1.

SCRANTON MAN MURDERED

Found Near Wilkes-Barre With Head Battered—Money Was Gone—Well Known in Scranton.

(Special to The Citizen.) Scranton, May 7.—The body of Constant Gryso, aged 35 years, a former miner of this place, was found this morning on a culm pile, murdered. Gryso left Scranton ten years ago to go to Denver and returned a short time ago. He then went to Wilkes-Barre. It is stated that he had become well-to-do and on one occasion recently displayed a large roll of bills and some diamonds. When found Gryso's head was badly battered, his pockets were inside-out and only 58 cents was found on his person. The police have no clue to the murderer.

Roosevelt Wins Out in Maryland. Baltimore May 7.—Returns from all parts of the state give the victory in the presidential preference primary to Roosevelt and Clark.

While Clark's victory apparently assures him the Maryland delegation in the national convention, the vote between Taft and his predecessor is close. The signs point to sixty-six delegates for Roosevelt and sixty-three for Taft on the preferential vote. Sixty-five are necessary to nominate. In one of the districts in Baltimore city, while Roosevelt got the preferential vote, four Taft delegates were elected to the state convention.

This is Clean Up Week! We ask all citizens who own or occupy property adjacent to the railroad tracks to remove rubbish and ashes and make it neat and clean. Strangers coming in on trains may gain a good impression of the town at first sight. Honesdale Improvement Ass'n.

COMMON SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

The following pupils passed the common school examination given April 13:

- BERLIN—Frances Downing, Henrietta Budd, Hazel Lozo, Harriet Barnes, Leon Toms, Clarence Gevert, Lois Richards, Mildred Oliver, Anna Reining, Horace Oliver, Merritt Oliver, Alice Warwick, Ella Crosby, Gould Orchard, John Rickett. BUCKINGHAM—Mary Fisher, Edward Finnigan, Iva Menhennett, Eva Menhennett. BETHANY—Myer Bierly, Irene Yerkes. CHERRY RIDGE—Ruth Prince, Kerber Kathryn, Veronica Burke, Regina Crockenberg, Fred Richard, Regina Bauman, William Buckley, Austin Bauman. CLINTON—Florence Carpenter, Helen Cole, Verna Curtis. DAMASCUS—David Boyd, Samuel Noble, Addie Ross, Paul Griffith, Leslie Petlick, Luella Lovelass, Florence Price, Verna Hill, Anna Kahrs, Harold Gager, Floyd Schweighofer, Augusta Drumm, George Gregg. DREHER—Grace Weinreb, Lura Beehn, Leona Fowler, Edith Robacker, George Brown, Ruth Kerr, Grace Smith, Kenneth Seig, Elgin Kern, Russell Hause, Fred Brown, John Whittaker, Vernon Hause, Myron Klegler, Oscar Carlton, Carroll Krauter, Stanley Ehrhardt. DYBERRY—Carrie F. Benney. LEBANON—Mary Burke, Hazel Knapp, Merton Gager, Lloyd Douglas. MANCHESTER—Meyer Weitzer, Mary Ryan, Leslie Rauner, Elizabeth Osborne. MT. PLEASANT—Linda Standford, Leo O'Neill, Mary O'Neill, Velma Wilcox, Anna Onofrey, Vane Wilcox, Iva Deming, Llewellyn Deming, Loretta O'Neill. OREGON—Ethel Brill, Russell J. Mills, Lester J. Colwill. PALMYRA—Alice Doherty, Loreto Flynn, Hermann Hauf, James O'Connor, Anna Richardson, Harry Rose, Maude Swingle. PAUPACK—Mary Chamberlain, Vincent E. Kelly, Dorothy Rohrbucher. PRESTON—Howard Westgate, Orson Mosher, Lillian Marold, Marie Tulley, Deucie Simpson, Edith Niles, Mary Monaghan, Beatrice Caffery, Elizabeth McLean, Vivian Watson. PROMPTON—Blanche Koop, Laura Robinson, Cathryn Wood, Florence Wood. SALEM—Clara Chapman, Ralph Rozell, Arthur Curtis, Martha Heneforth, Lloyd Lawrence, Nettie Neville, Helen Walker, Russell Burrus, Butler Hamlin. SCOTT—Anna Ramey, Myrtle Evans, Wayne Fox, Hazel Warner, Laura Parsons. STERLING—Carl Ammerman, Myrtle Ammerman, Russell Butler, Milton Cross, Leola Hartford, Clyde Luchs, Alice Ziegler. SOUTH CANAAN—Mildred Bryant, Leland Mergargel, Henry Swingle, Frank Bauman, Leroy Bortree, Adam Wagner. STARRUCCA—Chas. Caden, Winfield Haynes, Julian Callanter, Albert Glover, Tracey Brown, Alta Penn, Clementine Woodmansee, Marion Barnes, Gladys Stearns, Grace Stearns. TEXAS—Irene LaTourrette.

A star (*) indicates that the pupil has been conditioned in a branch. If the pupil makes up the condition before Sept. 1st a common school diploma or high school permit will be granted to him. If a pupil wishes to have his full name on the diploma, he is requested to send the same on a post card at once. The diplomas will be sent to the examiner and must be obtained from him or her. Pupils are to apply to the examiners in person for their diplomas the last week of May. I wish to thank the examiners for their faithful and efficient work. J. J. KOEHLER, Co. Supt. of Schools.

WOMEN LEAD RIOT. Three Hundred Men and Women Attacked Three Men This Morning in Scranton—Women Wait on Mayor in Body.

(Special to The Citizen.) Scranton, May 7.—A serious strike riot started this morning at the Dickson colliery, East End Market street. Three hundred men and women, led by an unknown woman, attacked three employees of the Delaware and Hudson construction gang. They were stoned and beaten with clubs. The men got refuge in the colliery and then turned the fire hose upon their assailants. A fire alarm was turned in which brought firemen and two patrols of men. The three workmen are in bad shape, but they will recover.

During the morning a demonstration never before witnessed in Scranton, in which 25 women participated, marched through the principal streets of the city and then made a bee line for the city hall. They asked for Mayor Van Hergen, but owing to his absence the mayor's secretary directed them to Director O'Malley. They told him that they wanted work for their husbands and that they were without food and money.

ROOSEVELT WINS TEXAS. Austin, Tex., May 7.—It is shown by the returns of the precinct Republican conventions held last Saturday that Roosevelt has a majority of fifteen votes. There are a number of counties in which no precinct primaries were held and these will select delegates by Massachusetts conventions. It is claimed by Colonel Cecil Lyons, the Roosevelt leader, that Roosevelt will receive a majority of the instructed votes at these conventions and that there is no doubt about a solid Roosevelt delegation being sent to the national convention from Texas.

Of the 628 delegates in the state elected to the Democratic convention Wilson will have 421, according to the latest returns. The remainder are divided between Harrison and Clark.

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEET

The May meeting of the borough officials was held last Thursday evening in the council rooms. T. J. Canivan being the only absentee. The session was a lengthy one, time of adjournment being 11:30. S. A. McMullen and William Katz, representing the Street and Highway committee of the Greater Honesdale Board of Trade, were present and presented a petition recommending the paving of Main street with brick from the south side of the State bridge to Fifth street. The matter was discussed at length, the committee going into details upon the subject. The committee's petition was accepted by the board and the council told the committee that it would have a special meeting a week from Thursday evening, May 2, for the purpose of discussing the subject at length. Under the report of standing committees the street committee recommended that the secretary be instructed to notify the property owners on Seventeenth street to lay sidewalks. Street Commissioner L. Weidner was notified to fill in the rut at the south approach to the State bridge; also to remove the stone from the street near the Strongman property on Park street. The street committee further reported that it had made a contract with Seaman & Brennenman to get 1,000 tons of crushed stone to be used on Main and other streets. The steam roller will be furnished the town at \$10 per nine-hour day, the town to furnish coal and take care of all breakages that might occur. The street committee was instructed to purchase as many square feet of cross walk stone as needed at 18 cents per square foot from Walter Randall, Hancock, N. Y. The stone that is desired cannot be secured in Honesdale. On motion of S. T. Ham, seconded by W. H. Kreitner, the street gang will hereafter be paid twice a month instead of monthly as heretofore. The time of the laborers should be filed with the secretary no later than Thursday. The burgess was instructed to notify billboard owners to care for their boards and not allow them to fall upon the sidewalks and block the way for pedestrians. The following bills, amounting to \$778.72, were ordered paid: Levi Degroat, patrol \$50.00 Philip Mang, assisting in arrest 1.00 Bell Telephone Co., service 3.40 Clark & Bullock, dynamite 12.00 John Canivan, meals and patrol 12.00 Kraft & Conger, coal 11.82 R. Erk, Menner case 17.50 R. Erk, Menner case 17.50 Electric Light Co. 260.00 Ferber Bros. 6.72 Wm. Donnelly, street labor 26.62 John Fisher, labor 24.68 Fred Maupey 17.14 M. Stapleton 25.66 Samuel Wedge 37.76 Lawrence Weidner 49.11 Fred Rickard 48.44 H. Knohr 28.28 Lee Braman 52.44 John Symons 25.66 M. Knohr 3.00 Mr. Bone, lowering walk 12.20 L. Regnor 25.00 Hall and Fleming are the names of two machinists from Carbondale recently employed by the Garney Elevator Co. Wm. Norton and daughter of Clinton, were business callers in town on Saturday.