

COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR CELEBRATION

There Will be a Firemen's Day, a Civic and Grange Day and Floral and Automobile Parades.

The Wayne County Celebration is the name decided upon by the executive committee in charge of a three days' carnival which will be held in Honesdale August 27, 28 and 29. The occasion promises to be the largest event of its kind ever to have been held in dear old Wayne.

Arrangements were made last Tuesday evening whereby the executive committee of the Old Home Week celebration voted to appropriate the balance now in the treasury to the Wayne County Celebration committee. It is in the neighborhood of \$400 and gives a good boost in starting the project.

One big feature of the celebration will be Firemen's Day, Wednesday, August 28, is the day set apart for the valiant fire fighters. It is expected that twelve companies will be in line. The parade will be composed of visiting and local fire companies.

President W. W. Wood appointed chairmen for committees as follows: Advertising, H. G. Rowland, Music, Edward Short, Soliciting, John Erk, Finance, W. A. Sluman, Transportation, Daniel Maloney, Entertainment of Firemen, E. E. Williams.

Privileges, N. B. Spencer, Automobile parade, C. L. Dunning, Civic and Grange, C. E. Bates. The chairmen of the above named committees were empowered to select their own assistants.

The officers in general charge of the celebration are as follows: President, W. W. Wood, Vice-President, S. T. Ham, Secretary, N. B. Spencer, Assistant Secretary, F. W. Schuerholz.

Treasurer, John Erk. The events selected for the different days will be sure to attract the larger part of Wayne county's population to Honesdale upon the dates mentioned. An effort will be made to secure reduced rates on both the Erie and Delaware and Hudson railroads, which with the good service these roads are giving, will have a tendency to bring record-breaking crowds into the county seat to witness the grand civic and grange parade on Tuesday, the 27th, the firemen's parade the following day, the 28th, and the beautiful floral and automobile parades on Thursday, the 29th.

The different committees are working assiduously and all are filled to the brim with enthusiasm. The advertising committee has posters hung and all chairmen and assistants will endeavor to make the affair a success. Live, hustling chairmen have been selected and if work counts for anything these men will certainly demonstrate to the public what can be accomplished. The people of Honesdale and Wayne county will be surprised in the results—"take it from us."

There will be prizes offered for the best and most artistically trimmed automobile and carriages in line. Awards will also be presented to participants in the Civic, Grange and Floral parades. Nearly 200 owners of automobiles have given their consent and promised to do all in their power to make the parade the finest in the three-day celebration.

The music and entertainment committees were instructed to secure as good music as possible for the occasion. Undoubtedly some of the best bands obtainable will be here and discourse music for the entertainment of the thousands of visitors that will be in Honesdale during the celebration.

The committees in charge hope to make the celebration the talk of Wayne and adjoining counties and if printer's ink will talk The Citizen intends to do its share, remembering that "A drop of ink will make a million think." We, as announced in our last issue, propose to give all space necessary to present reading matter of the celebration intelligently before the people of Wayne county. The event will be a Wayne county affair.

[To our exchanges: Kindly make an extract of the above article and give it as much publicity as possible. You will not only confer a favor upon the committee in charge of the celebration, but we consider it a fraternal courtesy.]—Ed.

Mrs. John Cliff Dead.
Mrs. John Cliff for many years a resident of Prompton, died at her home there at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, at the age of seventy-four years. She was born in Lewanick, Cornwall, England, on May 3, 1835, and was a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Prout) Harris, who were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and never left England.

Miss Eliza (Harris) Hine married John Cliff in Honesdale on Sept. 16, 1856. She was a kind mother and a good neighbor and a devout Christian. Her husband preceded her in death many years ago. She is survived by several children. The funeral services will be held at the home on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and at the Presbyterian church at two-thirty o'clock, Rev. Burch, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dwight Price of Pittsburgh, arrived here on Tuesday for a visit at the latter's mother, Mrs. Julia Helfferich, on West street. Mrs. Helfferich returned recently from a visit with her daughter in Pittsburgh.

EIGHT MEN INJURED IN GAS EXPLOSION.

One Man May Die as a Result of an Explosion in the Langcliff Mine at Avoca To-day.

(Special to The Citizen.)
Scranton, Pa., July 18.—Eight men, seven of whom were severely burned, were injured in a gas explosion at the Langcliff mine at Avoca at 9:30 this morning. They were all taken to the hospital where their injuries were cared for. Many suffered serious burns on the body and head. One man may die as a result of his injuries.

HAMLIN CHURCH 65 YEARS OLD.

The sixty-fifth anniversary of St. John's Episcopal church was observed at Hamlin on Sunday, July 14, when Rev. R. Dexter Fay filled the pulpit. The altar was tastefully decorated with cut flowers and in the chancel were two quaintly fashioned chairs which were placed there by the first rector of the church, Rev. Edwin Mendenhall, 65 years ago. The corner stone of St. John's was laid by a Rev. Potter—probably the late Bishop Potter of New York, July 14, 1847, and was built under the auspices of Rev. E. Mendenhall, who served the parish as rector for many years. Rev. Dexter Fay's anniversary address was well delivered and interesting.

EFFICIENCY OF COMMON SCHOOLS

It is Shown by Statistics of the United States Bureau of Education.

Washington, D. C., July 18.—The fewer children born? Do larger numbers die per million of population now than twenty years ago? Or is the average length of human life materially increased?

These questions are questions suggested in the introduction of the statistical report of the United States Bureau of Education for 1911, following the statement that the percentage of the total population enrolled in the schools in 1910 was less than in 1890.

It is pointed out that important methods of gathering statistics account for a part of the loss, but on the other hand other authorities note that compulsory education laws and like social agencies are bringing a greater and greater proportion of children to the schoolhouse door. The introductory statement to the Education Bureau's document says in part:

"There was an apparent decrease in the percentage of the total population enrolled in the schools as a whole from 22.54 in 1890 to 21.54 in 1910. The loss may be given in numbers as 919,723. In other words, the grand total of school enrollment in 1910 would have been 20,731,645 if the percentage of 1890 had been maintained, in place of the 19,811,922 grand total.

"All this loss and more is suffered by the elementary schools, for the higher institutions made substantial gains and the secondary schools show marked increase in enrollment as compared with the total population.

"There is no reason for the belief that the schools have lost ground in reality. This comparison is with total population, but school population, and it is probable that there are relatively fewer children now than formerly.

"If there are not so many children proportionately, there will naturally be proportionately fewer pupils. Furthermore, it is well known that the constant improvement in statistical methods has resulted in the elimination to an increasing extent of duplicate enrollments. The decrease that results is apparent only and causes no concern."

In further support of this contention, figures are cited which show that had the apparent relative decrease of 919,723 in enrollment been real, the loss would have been more than made up in the increased efficiency of the common schools, for the per cent. of average daily attendance increased from 63.91 in 1890 to 71.30 in 1910; the average length of school term increased from 137.7 days to 157.5 days between the same dates. At the same time the average number of days, schooling received by each child of school age increased from 59.2 in 1890 to 80.5 in 1910, while the average number of days attended by each pupil enrolled increased from 86.3 in 1890 to 113.0 in 1910.

HINE WILL VOTE FOR TAFT.
"I shall vote for William T. Taft for president, if I am elected a presidential elector," said E. M. Rine, general superintendent of the Lackawanna, when asked Wednesday if he would allow his name to be used as a candidate for elector by the proposed third party, which is anxious to nominate Theodore Roosevelt.

"It wouldn't be fair for me to allow my name to be used, and I won't. I'm for Taft."
"I was a Roosevelt man and if he had been nominated at Chicago, I should have voted for him, but Taft was nominated, and I shall vote for him, if elected."

"As I understand it, five of our fellows voted one way and five the other at the state convention, and it wouldn't be fair for me to vote against the decision of the national convention."
"First of all, I am a Republican and I shall support the nominee of the Republican national convention."

WASHING MACHINE FOR ORANGES

Mr. Wood is Interested in a Washing Machine for Oranges—Former Baseball Player in Orange Business.

The Florida Citrons Society, with headquarters at Tampa, Florida, have purchased the rights of an orange washing machine to be used on the orange farms of Florida, Cuba and the West Indies, for the purpose of washing the fruit before it is shipped to all parts of the world. James Wood, cousin of W. W. Wood, of this place, is employed in the interest of the Florida Citrons Society to perfect this washer for their use here in the east.

Formerly the oranges were washed by hand, and on many of the independent farms in Florida this method is still used but the results are not as good as with the machine.

In California the machine has been in use for many years and successfully and the Florida Citrons Society prevailed upon Mr. Wood, who is a mechanic, to remodel the California machine and construct one that would meet all the requirements of the Florida grown fruit. The society then purchased the rights to manufacture the machine for their own use, in Florida, Cuba and the West Indies. The Citrons Association comprises all the leading orange growers in Florida and they have brought the orange to its highest state of perfection. Every caution is taken to destroy insects that are injurious to the growing of the fruit. At present there is a white fly that is causing the growers much anxiety. It is not a destructive insect, but covers the orange with a black sediment, which must be washed off before the fruit is allowed to go on the market. An appropriation of \$10,000 has been made by the society to send experts throughout the eastern countries to ascertain the home of the white fly and if possible to find an enemy to this natural enemy of the orange. The society have been perfecting this washing machine for the past three years and at the present time have made many improvements upon it. Throughout the state the growers, who belong to the association are very careful in handling the fruit they ship. All packers wear white gloves and the oranges from the time they are picked to the time they are packed for shipment do not come in contact with the hands. The association ships in the neighborhood of 5,000,000 boxes of oranges a year.

Mr. Wood is now arranging to establish a select colony of about thirty heads of families in one of the best known sections in Florida, the Indian River section, which is noted for its fine fruit. His plan is to provide a home and a small tract of land for the colonists at a low expense to them.

W. C. Temple, of "Temple Cup" fame, formerly of the Pittsburgh base ball club, is general manager of the Citrons Fruit Exchange of Florida. Mr. Wood is an old base ball man, having organized and managed the Chicago White Sox and brought them the pennant their first year. That was in 1879. In 1875 he lost a limb and has been out of the game but is still an enthusiastic fan.

FINED \$5 AND COSTS
George Southerton Arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Boisterous Language.

On information sworn to by Henry J. Cook, before Squire R. A. Smith, George Southerton was arrested for disorderly conduct and threats made against Cook on Sunday night in front of his home on River street. It is alleged that while Cook, his wife and son were standing on the sidewalk near their home about 7:30 Sunday evening George Southerton came along the road on his bicycle. He passed between Cook and his wife and then jumped off his wheel and came up to them using profane and abusive language and talking in a loud voice so as to disturb the neighbors.

Cook testified that he did not see Southerton coming and that he was riding on the walk and ordered him (Cook) to get off the walk to let Southerton pass. Cook testified that Southerton said that he needed to have his head broken but did not touch him.

George Southerton swore that Cook would not get off the walk to let him pass; that he was next to a shed on the side of the road and could not get off. When Attorney F. P. Kimble asked him if he worked at the Irving, he said that he did but was not on picket duty and did not go up this road with the intention of calling out Cook. Mrs. Barnes testified that boisterous language and profane threats were used by both Cook and Southerton.

Squire Smith settled the matter by placing a fine of \$5 and costs upon the defendant. R. M. Salmon represented the defendant and F. P. Kimble the plaintiff. Both participants live in the Plains township.

CAUGHT BIG TROUT.

Andrew Dingman, who resides near Silver Thread Falls, Dingman's Ferry, caught a beautiful trout at the foot of the falls one day last week. The trout weighed 25 ounces, and was seventeen inches long. It is the largest that has been landed in that section in many years. Photographer Williams Allerton, who is spending the summer at that place, took a picture of the beauty, and it will be sent broadcast on postcards.

GIRL'S MURDERER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Nathan Swartz's Body Found in Rooming House—Left Note Explaining Act.

(Special to The Citizen.)
New York, July 18.—Nathan Swartz, the murderer of poor Julia Connors in the tenement district of this city a few days ago, was to-day found dead in a rooming house on Christy street, near a police station. He had committed suicide by turning the gas on in the room. A note, written by him, that he had killed Julia Connors and that he felt sorry but couldn't help it, was found.

FROST IN VERMONT.

Thermometer Drops 58 Degrees in Twenty-Four Hours.

(Special to The Citizen.)
Montpelier, Vt., July 17.—Following three weeks of intense heat, with the thermometer twice touching 100 degrees, the temperature dropped 58 degrees in twenty-four hours, bringing frost. Much damage was done on truck farms.

CADETS LAWN FETE A BIG SUCCESS

The Music and Recitations Were Well Received and Many From Scranton Helped Entertain the Company.

The St. John's Cadets lawn social festival at St. John's rectory on Tuesday evening, turned out to be a success, financially and socially. Ice cream, cake and soft drinks were sold and there were both vocal and instrumental music and the assembled company were well entertained. Tables were set on the lawn surrounding the rectory.

Mr. Carr, the Misses Hovey, Higgins and Regina Caulfield, the committee on music and entertainment, had a very fine program. The singing was of a good, catchy nature, while the instrumental music of Messrs. Carr, Wagner and Short, was very much praised. Miss Catherine Finnerty's recitation with piano accompaniment by her sister, Miss Angela, was a rare treat. Miss Ward recited a few fine selections. Miss Elizabeth Caulfield and her brother, Edward, played sweetly. Mr. Kallighan sang two very beautiful songs. The song by Miss Regina Caulfield was very much enjoyed.

Mrs. M. J. Gordon, a cousin of Father O'Toole, and Miss Kate Reardon, the organist and musical director of St. John's church, Scranton, delighted everyone by their singing and piano playing.

Miss Reardon is the young lady who staged and instructed the choruses of the Ladies' Minstrels recently given in Scranton. Mrs. Gordon and Miss Reardon have consented to render a few selections next Sunday morning and evening in St. John's church. The piano presented by a half dozen Scranton friends to Father O'Toole had a very strenuous tryout Tuesday evening, and gave abundant satisfaction.

How New Express Rates Will Benefit Shippers.

Average reduction in rates will amount to fifteen per cent., while drastic reforms in regulations and practices are prescribed. Small packages, or those of less than twelve pounds, will feel the effect of the reduction in charges more than the larger ones.

New rates are expected to create business in transporting parcels from the farm to the home and be a factor in reducing the high cost of living. Country is divided into blocks or zones practically fifty miles square, and rates will be quoted between zones—instead of between towns, rates between any two towns in the same zones being identical.

Identify of interest between the various express companies, the commission says, makes the express business almost a family affair.

GRASSHOPPERS BOTHER PARTS OF STATE.

Harrisburg, July 17.—Pennsylvania is beset this summer by a plague of grasshoppers, according to information which has been received by State Zoologist Surface, from farmers in agricultural counties. Some counties report serious loss in crops, and P. S. Fenstermacher and others in Bucks and Berks counties say that the dry weather and grasshoppers are shortening the crops.

"People should use the remedies afforded by sprays and poison feeds, as well as hopper catchers," says Dr. Surface. "I do not think that the grasshoppers will be around in such numbers next year, but there will be an outbreak of blister beetles or old-fashioned potato bugs, which feed on the eggs of the hoppers and follow up the grasshoppers."

KUHN HELD FOR WRECK.

Washington, July 17.—In holding conductor Kuhn responsible for the accident on the Ligonier Valley railroad, July 5, resulting in the death of nineteen persons and the injury of twenty-eight, Chief Inspector R. W. Helnap in his report to the Interstate Commerce Commission, made public to-day, said in part: "No record is kept of train orders, no train register is maintained, and the road has no printed rules of any kind governing train operation."

MARTIN HESSLER KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Lakeville Man Struck by Bolt on Way to Visit Son in Swamp Brook.

Martin Hessler, of Lakeville, was struck and almost instantly killed by lightning about half past six o'clock on Wednesday evening during the storm. He had walked from Lakeville, where he lived, to visit his son, George Hessler, who lives at Swamp Brook, near White Mills. He had just reached the yard of his son's home and after talking to Clarence Gregory, who lives across the road, for a moment, he started to walk toward the house, when a bolt descended and killed him. His son was in the house shaving at the time and when he heard the report of the thunder he looked out just in time to see his father fall to the ground. Hessler was not killed instantly and his son asked him on reaching the spot if he had been struck and on replying that he had the father fell back, dead. He was carried to the house where, upon examination, it was found that there were many small burns on the body.

Mr. Hessler was about seventy-three years of age and was born in Germany in 1839. He came to America in 1892 and the same year was united in marriage to Mrs. Sacks, of Lakeville, where they have lived for the past few years. He is survived by his wife, who resides in Lakeville, and the following children: George, of Swamp Brook; Christopher, of Lansing, Michigan; Phillip, of San Francisco, Cal.; Mrs. Hahn, of Iona, Michigan. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral as they are waiting for Mrs. Hessler to arrive in Swamp Brook to-day.

ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION.

Alleged discrimination in the furnishing of electric service by the Murray Electric Light & Power company in Monticello, is complained of to the public service commission by Frank H. Osborne, of that village. He claims that his repeated applications to the company for current for his garage to operate his vulcanizing plant and other machinery have not been acted upon, while for some time past the company has supplied like service to two other garages in Monticello. Last year it is stated the company wired complainant's garage, but has since that time refused to supply him with energy, notwithstanding his willingness to bear part of the cost of connecting his plant with the company's power line. This complaint has been served upon the company and an answer will be filed within 20 days.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Executors of William Penwarden, late of Oregon to Ophelia J. Doloway, of Texas, lands in Oregon township; consideration, \$800.

Howard A. Swingle et ux. of Lake to Horace L. Butler, same, land in Lake township; consideration, \$182-25.

Colvin E. Woodmansee et ux. of Equinunk, to Frank Thurston, same place, land in Buckingham township; consideration \$600.

Henry Bried et ux. of Hawley, to Thomas Stout, same place, land in Lackawanna township and Hawley borough; consideration, \$400.

Azor E. Kellogg et ux. of Preston, to George A. Flynn et ux. of New York City, lands in Preston township; consideration, \$2900.

LIGHTNING PLAYS HAVOC WITH PROPERTY

House and Barn Near Carley Brook Struck, the Former Burning to Ground—One Horse Killed Near Beachlake.

On Wednesday evening about 5:30 the lightning struck the house, occupied by Amazon Butler and family near Kellow's Pond, and did much damage to the roof and broke many of the windows. The lightning seemed to have entered through the screen on the lower floor and went up through the roof. There was no fire but the house was badly shattered. Mrs. Butler was shocked as was her father, William Pratt, who were in the room where the lightning is supposed to have entered. Mr. Butler carries insurance in the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company.

A large ash tree near the Butler home was struck at about the same time and completely shattered.

The large barn on the farm of William Watts, north-west of Carley Brook, was struck by lightning on Wednesday evening about 5:30 and burned to the ground together with its contents. There was a quantity of farming implements and about 15 tons of new hay in the barn. All were burned. The barn was 50x30. A chicken coop attached containing about ten chickens, was also burned to the ground. One horse, which was in the barn when it was struck, was taken out. Mr. Watts had \$1000 insurance in the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company.

A valuable horse owned by Amos Gregory, near Beachlake was killed by the lightning on Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock. The horse was in the stable at the time and there were no marks on the remains. The horse was valued at about \$400.

Preparations are being made for the Masonic jubilee to be held in Masonic Hall, Jeffersonville, the week of July 22 for six days. The Masonic society has received a large list of all kinds of merchandise, donated for the occasion.

HAWLEY.

(Special to The Citizen.)
Hawley, July 18.

Our most busy man is the ice man as Hawley has been just ailing with the heat for the past week. A lower temperature this afternoon has brought relief. Closed blinds and drawn shades denote that many have went to their warm weather retreat at Big Pond.

Dr. G. T. Rodman and family have closed their town house and are comfortably settled in their summer home at the above resort. The doctor has one of the finest locations there is on the shore of that beautiful sheet of water. The shore being of the hard sort and underneath the water is the gravel bottom so well suited as a bathing place.

Mrs. H. V. Wickham and son, Joseph, Mrs. Jos. Wickham and little son, Vance, and Mr. Voors comprised a Scranton automobile party who called on Mrs. Joseph Pennell Monday afternoon on their way home from a trip to Atco near Narrowsburg.

The Philathea class of the Baptist Sunday school will hold an ice cream social on the church lawn Saturday evening, July 29. All are cordially invited.

Miss Jessie Branning has returned to her home in New York City after a vacation spent with relatives at White Mills, Honesdale and this place, being the guest here of her brother, D. J. Branning.

Bernice Dunn, of Beach Lake, was a guest at the M. E. parsonage from Saturday until Sunday afternoon. Miss Dunn has been enjoying a vacation trip through the rural districts, spending some time enroute at Ariel and Hamlin.

Mrs. Artemas Simons and daughter Nancy, are sojourning with relatives in the Electric City.

Wm. Schardt had charge of the tonorial parlors of Adolf Oeschman during the latter's absence on a business trip to New York city. Mr. Schardt was the right man in the right place as he is an old hand at the business, having successfully conducted a barber shop on Main avenue for many years.

A man by the name of Halleck, employed by the Erie company as a painter, was prostrated with the heat Monday afternoon. Dr. Rodman gave the case attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walker of Honesdale, were among other friends who were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. Oeschman at their home on Chestnut avenue Sunday afternoon.

Thomas Dunn, of Meriden, Conn., has been visiting his parents, Geo. Dunn and wife. He enjoyed several days fishing at Beach Lake, bringing home a fine mess of fish.

S. Miller and Sons have purchased an automobile with which to transport their summer guests, having about 20 at present and more coming. Their boarding house is at Lakeville.

Mr. and Mrs. David Finkelstein of this place are among the twenty who are recreating there at present.

Although these are dog days they are also snake days and before closing my letter I must relate my first snake story. As Pearl and Mabel Shook were walking along the tramway between here and their home at Wilsonville on Saturday afternoon, the 6th, they discovered a huge rattler. One of the girls thought best to give his snakeship the right of way and proceed onward but her sister thought that too tame, and always ready for an adventure bravely attacked the reptile and killed it, taking her trophy home with her.

The snake measured nearly five feet. Clarence Pennell has finished his term of school at Washingtonville, N. Y., and is now spending his vacation at his home at Lakeville. He has been elected as principal of that school for another year.

C. D. Clugston, of East Waterford, agent for S. D. of J., is taking in our town.

The marriage of John A. Lyons and Myrtle E. Skinner, both of Hawley, will take place in the near future. Mr. Lyons is an employe of the Keystone Cutting shop.

Dr. Russell Wall, Scranton, passed Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wall on Penn avenue.

A considerable damage was done in this vicinity by lightning during the unusual hard shower that passed over this place on Saturday. The house and also a shed owned by Wall & Murphy on the Gardner farm was struck but neither being set on fire. The heaviest loss reported was the killing of a fine 3-year-old colt belonging to William D. Rowe, Winding Hill.

Mrs. D. G. Purdy, of Schneckady, is visiting relatives here and at her old home, Lakeville.

Mrs. Howard Killam and Mrs. Chester Pennell, Ariel, were in town on Saturday.

Edward Tuthill has been engaged gravelling and fixing up in fine shape the school campus preparatory to opening a school there on Sept. 3, 1912. Geo. Sinburg has also given the roof a good overhauling so there can possibly be no leakage.

COMING EVENTS.

Thursday evening, July 18, at foot of Fifteenth street, the ladies of the Sodality of St. Mary Magdalen's church will serve ice cream, cake, sandwiches and coffee. Home-made candy and Japanese articles for sale.

Mrs. Woodward will entertain the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church at the home of Mrs. E. W. Burns on Thursday afternoon.

The Maple City Drum Corps will hold an ice cream social near the Baptist church on Twelfth street on Thursday evening, July 25. The Buckingham family will hold a reunion in Hamlin on Saturday, July 27, at the George F. Chapman home in East Hamlin. It will be a basket picnic. All relatives are invited.