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CHARGED WITH FORGING NAME TO CHECK

Ben Michaels Apprehended in Carbondale—Waived Hearing Tuesday Morning—Held Under \$200 Bail—Was Second Offense.

Benjamin Michaels, of Honesdale, was arrested in Carbondale Monday night by Carbondale authorities on information received by them from Honesdale to the effect that Michaels had forged the name of Edward Pierce, the contractor, to a check for the amount of \$10.75.

The check was cashed by Thos. D. O'Connell who conducts a restaurant here. The check was No. 1829 and was made payable on the Wayne County Savings Bank. It was dated January 4 and signed by Ed. Pierce. It was indorsed by Ben Michaels. Benjamin Michaels had worked for Edward Pierce in the spring and some during the past summer and O'Connell evidently thought that the check was good at the time. Mr. O'Connell was told soon after that the check was a forgery and his fears were confirmed at the bank Monday afternoon.

It was then learned that Michaels had left town and a search was instituted for him with the result that he was apprehended at Carbondale. Michaels had evidently walked out of Honesdale as far as Waymart where he boarded the 4:40 D. & H. train for Carbondale.

County Detective N. B. Spencer went to Carbondale as soon as Michaels was reported to have been found and brought him to Honesdale Tuesday morning on the 9:55 train. Michaels was arranged before Squire R. A. Smith in the court house, where he pled "not guilty" and waived a hearing. He was held for court under \$200 bond.

Three years ago Michaels was tried and convicted of forgery before Judge Searle in the Wayne county courts on two offenses. One was the forging of the name of John Kuhbach to two checks of \$15 and \$18. They were cashed by J. P. Dunn and Michael Galvin, respectively.

On January 17, 1910, he was sentenced to the Eastern Penitentiary at Philadelphia for a term of not less than one and one half years or more than ten years for each offense. He was released on parole last April, his sentence having been suspended on good behavior.

NATIVE OF WAYNE COUNTY DIES IN DETROIT

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 5.—Eben Smith Wheeler, chief United States engineer in this district, and chairman of the Nicaragua Canal commission, died at his home here today. He was seventy-four years old and was born in Wayne county, Pa. Death was due to heart disease.

Mr. Wheeler was born Aug. 27, 1839. He was the son of Ransom and Adeline Wheeler. In 1867 he graduated from the University of Michigan with the degree of civil engineer. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1897.

Mr. Wheeler was married to Miss Clara P. Fuller of Detroit, Mich., in that city. He was engineer in charge of the construction of the Saut Ste. Marie locks and was chief engineer of the Nicaragua Canal Commission in 1897.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Honesdale district Sunday School convention will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church, White Mills, on Thursday, January 16. There will be three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening.

Miss Martha E. Robinson, of Bloomsburg, one of the Sabbath School State field workers, will be in attendance. She is desirous of meeting all of the officers of the Wayne County Sunday School Association at that time.

The officers of the association is anxious that delegates elected attend the convention, as a most interesting program is being prepared. A special invitation is extended to all Sunday school workers to be present.

Death of Martin Dymond.

Martin Dymond, formerly of Hawley, died at 1004 Simpson street, New York City, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gaffney on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1913. He is survived by two sisters, Mary and Helen, of Scranton. He was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Gaffney of Hawley, and for many years made his home with them on the East Side. When the family removed to New York he accompanied them and has since resided at that place. He was a young man of excellent habits and was highly regarded by those who knew him here. The body was taken to Scranton to the home of an aunt and the funeral was held from St. John's Catholic church, South Side, Saturday morning.

Columbian Cases to Be Tried.

Warren, Knapp & O'Malley, attorneys of Scranton, were reached by phone Tuesday morning, and say that the cases against the Columbian Protective Association will be tried at the Wayne county January Term of Court, notwithstanding any action taken by any person to the contrary. The four cases are on trial against the Columbian Protective Association on their contract of re-insurance, and there is no way of avoiding trial by either the Columbian Protective Association or any of their supporters.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Edward W. Schilling, Honesdale
Ella M. Frey, Beach Lake
Rupert Geary, Carbondale
Orra Bidwell, Hawley

HAS \$4,700,000 INSURANCE IN FORCE.

The Wayne County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company held its regular annual election at the office of the secretary, P. A. Clark, on Monday afternoon. The following directors were unanimously elected: James Moylan, Waymart R. D.; H. C. Jackson, Tyler Hill; E. T. Tiffany, Pleasant Mount; Robt. Whitaker, South Sterling; S. R. Crane, Uewick; J. L. Noble, Arlington; J. I. Bates, Dyberry; Perry A. Clark, Honesdale; J. B. Megivern, Cold Spring; Walter Vetterlein, Paupack.

The directors then elected the officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Hon. H. C. Jackson; vice-president, E. T. Tiffany; secretary, Perry A. Clark; treasurer, J. I. Bates.

The company has over \$4,700,000 insurance in force and during the last year has written over \$200,000 of insurance.

FIRE DAMAGES RICHMOND-BAUMANN HOUSE.

Spontaneous combustion in a bedroom of the home of John Ashby, Kimble Place, resulted in a fire Saturday morning that did considerable damage to the tenement house owned by J. E. Richmond and Miss Charlotte Baumann.

Mrs. Ashby was entertaining Mrs. John Baumann Saturday morning and during her conversation the visitor asked Mrs. Ashby if the children were up stairs playing, that she heard noises similar to that of a child falling on the floor. Mrs. Ashby told her neighbor that there was nobody upstairs. Mrs. Baumann then stepped to the door, looked up, when she discovered flames on the second floor. An alarm of fire was sent in to which all the fire companies responded. At first two streams were turned on the burning building, which, however, was confined to one bedroom. Water was secured from the hydrant at Industry point. The stream was soon shut off as the conflagration was small. A few of the firemen then entered the room and threw out the contents, which consisted chiefly of small pieces of cloth, cotton rags, clothing, bed quilts, etc.

Mr. Ashby's loss is about \$50. The building was damaged to the extent of \$200. Insurance covered the loss.

DEATH OF DAVID FRENCH.

David French, who since 1873 has been a resident of Wayne county, died Saturday at midnight at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frederick Brooks, East Honesdale. Mr. French was born in Mollington, England, December 15, 1832, and was therefore 80 years old last month. On coming to Honesdale he received employment with the late E. T. Beers. Later he went to Indian Orchard, where he lived over 30 years. During the past three years he has lived at East Honesdale. Mr. French was married in England over a half century ago and besides his faithful and devoted wife with whom he has lived so many years, Mr. French is survived by the following sons and daughters: George, of Long Island City, N. Y.; Albert and John, of Ottawa, Canada; William, of Indian Orchard; Reuben and Mrs. Frederick Brooks, of East Honesdale and Mrs. George Goodman, of East Cherry Ridge. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the deceased's late home, Rev. Will H. Hiller officiating. Interment will be made at Indian Orchard. For many years Mr. French was a member of the Honesdale Central Methodist Episcopal church and was a consistent Christian. He leaves a number of relatives who have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. Mr. French was a highly respected citizen. He will be missed by a large circle of friends.

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Now, therefore, at a regular meeting of the said Council of the Borough of Honesdale, it was Resolved, that the following resolution regarding the matter be adopted, viz: The Town Council of the Borough of Honesdale is in full sympathy with the Wayne County Railway Company, in its efforts to construct and operate a street railway through the streets of the borough of Honesdale as now proposed by the said company and the council wish to give expression to its willingness to grant a franchise for the same through the borough at such time as application may be made therefore by the said company. Conditions for the best interests of the citizens of the Borough being favorably and carefully guarded.

John Stapleton appeared before the council with a petition asking for the appointment of street commissioner for the ensuing year. Mr. Stapleton was informed by President Caulfield that no such vacancy existed as the organization last year was for two years, expiring with the first Monday in January, 1914.

The following bills were then ordered paid: Dr. H. B. Ely, \$ 4.55
Canivan & McGinnis, 12.30
Electric Light Co., 373.74
Dr. L. B. Neilsen, 3.90
Bell Telephone Co., 3.40
Water Company, 325.00
John Carroll, 12.50
Chas. Truscott, 6.25
Kraft & Conger, 36.05
Consolidated Telephone Co., 30.00
John Canivan, 60.00
Levi DeGroat, 50.00
M. B. Allen, 15.00
L. Weidner, Roadman, 11.00
H. Knorr, 5.84
L. Weidner (team), 14.88
L. Weidner (labor), 12.00
Fred Castle, 5.84
Fred Maurer, 15.20
W. J. Barnes, 15.20
John Gibbons, 10.00

Water Company Elect Officers.

The Honesdale Consolidated Water company elected officers Tuesday afternoon as follows: S. A. McMullen, president; J. D. Weston, vice-president; E. C. Mumford, treasurer; C. J. Smith, secretary. S. A. McMullen, Jr., was re-elected superintendent. A number of improvements are contemplated for the ensuing year.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZE.

The Wayne county commissioners met on Tuesday at their office in the court house and organized for the ensuing year by electing John Male, president of the board; Thomas Y. Boyd, clerk and Homer Greene solicitor.

The tax levy was fixed at four mills, being the same as last year.

Death of Norris Brown.

Norris Brown, an aged and respected citizen of Preston township, died at his home at Poyntelle on Wednesday evening of last week from pneumonia. The funeral was held on Sunday at 11 o'clock, Rev. Lehman officiating. Interment in the Brookings cemetery. The Saturday before he died he was in the village, seeming in the best of health, walking from his home one mile and back. He leaves, beside his wife, two sons and one daughter. Mrs. C. K. Schoonover of this place, is a sister of the deceased.

Mrs. Edward Hattler Dies in Hawley.

Mrs. Edward Hattler died on Friday last after a prolonged illness in Hawley. She is survived by a husband and several children. The funeral was held on Sunday, Rev. Rudolf Lucas officiating.

BOROUGH COUNCIL IN SESSION

Balance in Treasury \$2,552.62—Paul McGranaghan Asks Who Is To Pay—Opinion Given—Street Railway Asks Expression of Council About Franchise.

The borough council met on Thursday last at 8 p. m. All members were present including Burgess C. A. McCarty and Street Commissioner Lawrence Weidner. President Martin Caulfield called the session to order and Secretary John Erk read the minutes of the last regular meeting which were approved.

The report of the treasurer, G. W. Penwarden, was approved. It was as follows:

Balance on hand last meeting, \$4,241.46
Received from C. K. Schoonover, 4.00
Received from F. J. Varcoe, .50
Received from H. Schuerholz, 302.84
Total, \$4,548.80
Paid out, \$1,996.18
Balance, \$2,552.62
Received from H. Schuerholz, script:
1910—1922.90
1911—249.05
1912—227.94
Total—\$669.89

William Dodge appeared before the council and stated that there were three private sewers north of the town sewer on Main street. The owners, he stated, would like to connect with the borough line. President Martin Caulfield told Mr. Dodge that each property owner could connect with the town sewer by paying \$40 for the privilege of tapping. A committee of three was appointed by President Caulfield to take over the private sewer.

Paul McGranaghan was present and asked the council if some definite arrangements could not be brought about or made for the payment of the care, and maintenance of the smallpox patient, also the inconvenience to his boarders and the expense to his hotel while under quarantine. A written opinion of the borough solicitor was read by the secretary as to the liability of the borough for the expense incurred by reason of the quarantine. In substance:—The borough of Honesdale is not liable for any expense incurred by reason of the quarantine, but if liability exists at all the poor district of Honesdale and Texas township is liable for the payment of all the expenses of the quarantine except the guards outside. They were paid for by the town.

Postmaster M. B. Allen, representing the Wayne County Street Railway company, presented a written request that the council give an expression regarding the granting of a franchise through the streets of the borough of Honesdale for the proposed street railway. No franchise was asked for but an expression of the council towards the granting of a franchise. After the incorporation of the company the State requires such an expression in order to have assurance that the company would receive such a franchise after the granting of the charter. The following resolution was then adopted by the council:

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ROSSELL MILLER FOUND DEAD

Was Head of St. Paul Railroad—Died in New York on Friday—Has Three Sisters Living in Honesdale.

Roswell Miller, chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, was found dead in bed at his home, 19 East Sixty-second street, early Friday morning.

He had suffered from apoplexy for several years, and it is thought he had a stroke in the night, dying without being able to call for assistance.

Mr. Miller has been in good health lately. He spent the holidays in his summer home at Millbrook, N. Y., and went to his office, 42 Broadway, on Thursday last as usual.

Mr. Miller, who as chairman of the board of directors of the St. Paul took a large part in raising millions which that road required for its Pacific coast extension, was born in Harford, Pa., October 28, 1843. He was educated in the public schools and academy of that town, and when he left school he entered the service of the Cairo and Vincennes Railroad. His rise was rapid in that service, and he soon became secretary. Then he was appointed superintendent, and held that position until 1882, when he changed to the Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad, becoming second vice-president and treasurer.

The next year he became assistant to the general manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad; a year later he became general manager. In 1885 he was appointed general manager, and held this position for three years.

Then he was appointed president and general manager of the St. Paul. He did double duty for two years, and in 1890 was relieved of the work as manager. As president Mr. Miller directed the affairs of the railroad for nine years. In 1899, he became chairman of the board of directors, being head of the New York office, the duty of which is to direct the finances of the road.

The growth of the St. Paul to its present importance occurred in the years that Mr. Miller was connected with it. The largest work which the road undertook with him in charge of the finances was the extension from St. Paul to Seattle.

His wife, who was Miss Mary L. Roberts, of New York, whom he married in 1893, survives him.

Mr. Miller is survived by three sisters, all of whom live in Honesdale, namely, Mrs. E. F. Torrey, Mrs. J. F. Edgar and Miss Sarah Miller.

SPEAKERSHIP TO BE FOUGHT OUT.

Republicans Hold Caucus and Nominate Scott, But Not a Majority in Attendance—Alter Likely to be Speaker.

Harrisburg, Jan. 6.—Fifty-seven Republican members of the House of Representatives held a Republican caucus tonight or rather failed at holding it. Fifty-six Democrats did hold a caucus. Gathered in the Republican caucus were the Allegheny and Philadelphia County representatives and a few others, while ninety-three Republicans and Washingtonians stayed away.

One hundred and four are required to elect and it is taken for granted here that George E. Alter, of Allegheny county has the ninety-three votes pledged. That number doesn't represent his main strength however, for five of the fifty-seven at the "Regular caucus" voted for Mr. Alter after declaring that they would not be bound by the caucus result. Four others, one of whom did not vote and two of whom voted for G. W. Allen, of Allegheny, and one for John R. K. Scott, of Philadelphia, announced that they would not be bound by the result of the caucus. That gives Alter 102 votes two short of the number necessary to elect.

The only thing missing at the caucus of the regulars was the votes. John R. K. Scott was made the caucus nominee for speaker. He made a speech and so did George Richards, of Allegheny, who placed Mr. Allen's name before the caucus and W. H. Wilson, of Philadelphia, who nominated Mr. Scott.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

Fred Pohle is on a business trip to New York.

H. F. Gurney spent Monday and Tuesday in town.

Jacob Doetch spent Sunday with relatives at Callicoon.

Mrs. Michael F. Fritz is visiting relatives in Middletown.

John Martin is confined to his home with an attack of grip.

Frances Hafney spent last week with her parents at Lake Como.

Wm. Mengel recently spent a few days with his parents of Scranton.

Mrs. G. T. Rodman and four daughters, of Hawley, are in Honesdale.

Miss Anna Abrams, of Scranton, spent the past week with Honesdale friends.

Mrs. C. Pichel returned to New York on Sunday after spending a few days in town.

Miss Helen Oakes returned from New York Sunday where she had been visiting.

Mrs. Nicholas Loris and daughter Miss Margaret, were Honesdale visitors this week.

Clarence Helstern has returned after spending a week with friends in Binghamton.

Hon. F. P. Kimble is steadily improving, much to the gratification of his many friends.

Mrs. Elbert Lillie, of Clinton, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Geo. P. Ross.

Fred Reichenbaker of New York city, spent last week renewing old acquaintances here.

F. S. Merritt returned on Saturday after spending the holidays in Boston and New York.

Miss Anna M. Bail, of West Pittston, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ewain, of Equinunk, were calling on friends here Thursday of last week.

Miss Margaret Greene returned to her studies at Wells College, Aurora, N. Y., on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Arthur B. Hull returned to New York Tuesday after making a short stay at her former home here.

Misses Anna and Clara Ripple were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. James, Carbondale.

William Riefler returned to Lawrenceville, N. J., Monday, after spending a few days with relatives here.

Father Charles Canivan, of Coney Island, N. Y., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ann J. Canivan, on Ridge street.

Mrs. G. W. Decker returned Saturday from a few days' stay with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Coon at Clarks Green.

Mrs. Eva Burkett has returned to Mansfield State Normal school after spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. Frank Evans and daughter, Edith, returned from Wilkes-Barre Saturday after spending two weeks with her mother there.

Mrs. C. E. Sandercock and son, Charles, have returned home after a few days' sojourn at the home of her father in Scranton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, of Uniondale, entertained at dinner on New Year's day about twenty-five of their friends at dinner.

Miss Addie Tucker, of Thompson, and Fred Pickering, of Gibson, were married on New Year's Day by Rev. A. C. Oliver, of Damascus.

Miss Anna Frederic has returned to her home in Newark, N. J., after spending some months with her brother, Paul Frederic, here.

Miss Amy E. Clark returned to Paultz, N. Y., Monday, after spending the past two weeks with her parents, Hon. and Mrs. P. A. Clark.

William Heft, Jr., of Deposit, N. Y., has returned home after spending several weeks at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Heft.

Charles Gerry returned Saturday to New York after spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. John Gerry, and brother, Chester, at this place.

Franklin, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Miller, returned Monday after spending the holidays with his grandfather, F. B. Eberhardt, in Allentown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson, of Scranton, returned on Friday last after a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Varcoe on Dyberry Place.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hand and Mrs. Pflume returned to their home in Sag Harbor, N. Y., Tuesday after spending a few days with relatives in Honesdale.

Attorney and Mrs. Chester H. Garratt returned home Monday night from their wedding trip which included points of interest in and about New York City.