

July 13

FIRE LOSS LIKELY TO REACH \$10,000

Early Morning Fire Does Much Damage—Started in Myers Shoe Store—Reilly Family Narrowly Escape Suffocation—Property Damaged by Water.

A disastrous fire occurred on South Main street early Friday morning of last week and resulted in a total loss of about \$10,000 for the occupants of three buildings. The fire started in the basement of Frank J. Myers' shoe store a little before two o'clock, but did not break into flames till some time later. Mrs. Reilly, who occupies the second floor of the adjoining building was awakened by the dense smoke which poured into her room. The Reilly family consists of the mother and son William, and daughters, Olive Anna and Isabelle, all who had a narrow escape from suffocation. They escaped from the building in scant attire and one of the family aroused Ben Loris, foreman of Hoke Company No. 1 who gave the alarm. Mrs. Reilly had to be carried out of the building by her son. She was taken to the home of her son, M. J. Reilly.

The fire was mainly in Myers' store when the fire companies arrived on the scene and after several streams were turned on and by the use of chemicals, it was thought the fire had been extinguished but very soon it again broke out in the second floor of the Reilly building. The second floor of the Myers building is unoccupied.

The interior of the Myers building was badly burned but the second floor which was a mass of debris, held. The roof was burned off. The Reilly building was badly damaged on the interior of the second floor, occupied by Mrs. Reilly and family. They were unable to save any of their effects.

The T. D. O'Connell building on the north, used on the first floor by Michael Galvin, wholesale liquor dealer, and Harry A. Deck, plumber, and on the second floor O'Connell's hall were considerably damaged by water and slightly by fire as the latter only broke through into the hall and was quickly extinguished. Harry Deck suffered considerable loss by water. Loss covered by insurance.

South and adjoining the Reilly building was Galvin & Theobald's hardware store and over them the rooms were occupied by Frank Wasman and family. The latter's goods were damaged to some extent by water. The water stood many feet deep in the cellars of all the buildings. At one time it looked as though the whole block was doomed to destruction as smoke could be seen issuing from the eaves of all the buildings. The thorough work of all the fire companies undoubtedly saved the entire block. About three o'clock the fire was thought to be under control but there was plenty of smoke. About this time the flames again leaped up and it was all the fire fighters could do to check its rush upward and outward. A second alarm was turned in just before 3 o'clock. Taking into consideration that the thermometer hovered around zero all the time the work of checking the flames was difficult. Several streams were kept constantly playing on the buildings in front and rear until the fire was at last under control. The recall sounded a few seconds before six o'clock Friday morning.

The origin of the fire is unknown. There is a steam heating plant in the basement of the Myers building but Mr. Myers says everything there was in good condition when he left for the night. He carried \$3,000 insurance on the building and \$2,700 on the stock and fixtures. T. D. O'Connell's loss to his building was covered by insurance. Mrs. Reilly carried \$1500 insurance on her building and furniture. Galvin & Theobald carried \$1500 insurance on stock and building. Frank Wasman's loss was covered by insurance. Michael Galvin suffered some loss by water. The insurance adjusters are expected to arrive to-day.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB FORMED AT ATCO

To Work for Free Bridges—Improvement of Roads and Better Mail Service and School Conditions

On Tuesday of last week the 20th Century Club of Atco was formed, when about seventeen persons met there for that purpose. Officers were elected as follows: George Heller, president; H. C. Muller, secretary; T. Barkley, treasurer. The purpose of the club is to work for free bridges, the improvement of roads, better mail service and better school conditions.

A committee on by-laws was appointed also a committee of investigation. Resolutions were adopted to petition the representatives and senators of this district to urge passage of Free Bridge and State Road measures in congress.

A committee from the Young People's social club, were received and given substantial aid in their endeavor to secure money for their flag fund. The meeting adjourned until February 15, when all citizens are urgently requested to attend on that date, as matters of great importance will be discussed. Bring your grievances for united work. We can obtain results.

H. C. MULLER, Sec'y.

SCOUTS AT THE FIRE.

The Boy Scouts did good work at the fire Friday morning. They were out with hot coffee soon after the firemen got to work and remained until the fire was out. They were called on to lend a hand here and there and as one fireman put it, "were on the job every minute."

This is the third fire at which the Scouts have worked to advantage. Their work is definitely laid out and constantly directed and supervised. Only as many Scouts as are needed are put to work by the Scout Master. Those present Friday morning were Philip Sommer, Raymond Short, Sumner Crossley, Edward Leine. They were aided also by Quinton Murray and Edward Bergman.

BOROUGH COUNCIL HOLD A MEETING

Street Railway Franchise To Be Taken Up at Adjourned Meeting—W. H. Lee Appointed Solicitor—Bills Paid.

The borough council met at their regular monthly meeting Thursday evening with the following councilmen present: Martin Caulfield, president; G. W. Penwarden, treasurer; John Erk, secretary; C. H. Rettew, S. T. Ham, Wm. Kreitner and Thos. Canivan.

The minutes of the last meeting and special meetings were read and approved.

W. H. Lee, at a recent meeting was authorized to draw up an ordinance to repeal the franchise rights given to the Lackawanna Valley Railway company, which was later taken over by the Wayne County Traction company. The ordinance was drawn up and passed by the council repealing all rights of the above companies to the use of the borough streets. An ordinance was drawn up by Atty. Lee for the Wayne County Railway company, the present venture, for the granting of a franchise. The matter was discussed at length by the council but it was finally deferred for two weeks to be taken up at an adjourned meeting, at which time each article in the proposed franchise will be gone over and discussed.

It is likely that if the railway company is given the franchise at the next meeting of the council they will be obliged to pave the street inside the rails and two feet on each side as the track is laid. If this is done the borough will in all likelihood pave the remainder of the main street at the same time. A meeting will be held some evening this week to discuss the matter.

The report of the treasurer, G. W. Penwarden, showed cash on hand at last meeting, \$2,552.62.

Received from B. H. Dittich, license for January, February and March, \$15.00.

Received from H. Schuerholz, 1909 duplicate; balance, \$2,619.45.

Paid out during month, \$1,089.79; balance on hand, \$1,529.66.

A communication was received from Dr. Balta for permission to erect two street lights in front of St. Mary Magdalene's church. The permission was granted.

The superintendent of the Electric Light company was authorized to put in a new whistle valve, the cost not to exceed \$58.15.

A contract was signed between Protection Engine Company No. 3 and the Torrey estate whereby permission was granted by the latter to place the hose cart building on the lot at the corner of East Extension and Seventeenth streets. The secretary was authorized to attend to the moving of the building at once.

G. W. Penwarden and John Lyons reported that they had inspected all the fire plugs in the borough and had found them all in good condition.

Harry Rettew was authorized to go to Scranton to consult with the city engineer there in regard to how rails of street railways are laid and other matters pertaining to the granting of a franchise.

W. H. Lee, Esq., was appointed borough solicitor at the meeting Thursday evening, his term of office to begin January 1, 1913, at the salary of \$50 a year. The Burgess, C. A. McCarty, has been doing the work of solicitor for the borough for some time but now finds that the two offices conflict and for some months the borough has been without a solicitor.

The Firemen's Relief Association was paid \$255.84 out of their fund held by the borough.

It was decided to borrow \$2,073 to pay for the fixtures used in the new postoffice. It was also decided to have the borough statement published in the three papers of Honesdale.

The following bills were ordered paid:

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| Kraft & Conger | \$ 40.70 |
| Bell Telephone | 3.40 |
| Electric Light Co. | 276.05 |
| Window guards for postoffice | 97.25 |
| O. T. Chambers | 1.00 |
| Erk Bros., sewer pipe | 235.08 |
| F. W. Clauson | 60.00 |
| John Canivan | 1.00 |
| Levi DeGroat | 50.000 |
| L. Weidner, labor | 24.21 |
| L. Weidner, team work | 8.54 |
| L. Roegner, carting | .50 |
| John Caulfield, moving safe | 25.00 |
| C. H. Rettew | 27.85 |
| Wm. F. Igo, painting flag pole | 10.00 |
| F. M. Fuller, auditing | 2.00 |
| Firemen's Relief | 255.84 |
| Postoffice fixtures | 2,073.00 |
| George Foster, sale | 175.00 |
| Total | \$3383.42 |

ARGUMENT COURT FRIDAY

James O. Mumford Admitted to Wayne County Bar—Motions and Other Business.

James O. Mumford, son of Attorney E. C. Mumford of Honesdale, had his petition for admission to the bar presented Friday in court. The petition was granted. Mr. Mumford passed the preliminary examination of the state board of law examiners at Harrisburg in July, 1908. Since that time he has studied law under the direction of his father. In December last he took the final examination and passed successfully. H. Wilson and W. H. Lee composed the county examining committee and approved his credentials. This is the second new member of the Wayne county bar in less than a week.

An application was presented for the appointment of a guardian for the estate of Sarah L. Angle, a feeble minded person. Wallace J. Barnes was appointed guardian. His bond was approved.

Fred A. Tiffany was appointed guardian of Ralph Haynes and Mildred Haynes, minor children of Geo. Haynes.

In re petition of Maggie Compton, administratrix of William S. Compton, deceased, to sell real estate. Petition granted.

Lunacy commission composed of E. W. Burns, M. D., R. M. Stocker and C. M. Betz, found Henry Wayne Blockberger, a person of unsound mind. Court directed Friday that he be sent to Rittersville to the hospital for the insane.

Rule granted on petition of A. M. Leine to strike off appeal on defendant insurance companies to show cause why appeal from the award of arbitrators should not be stricken off. Returnable March 3, at 2 p. m.

The argument on Wassman demurrer which was to have been held Saturday morning was continued until March 1 at 10 a. m. F. W. Fleitz, attorney for Thomas P. Donaldson, special deputy insurance commissioner, being unable to be present Saturday afternoon, court was held in the Chambers.

A decree was handed down by the Court Friday granting Mrs. Pierce permission to keep Albert Toms, son of Warren A. Toms and directing that the latter pay to Mrs. Pierce \$2.50 a week, payable every two weeks.

Petition of James O. Mumford, administrator of James M. Horwath, deceased, for sale of real estate granted.

AUDITORS FINISHED WORK SATURDAY.

Healthy Balance in Treasury of \$22,146.70—Larger Than Last Year.

County Auditors W. C. Avery, F. L. Gilpin and E. R. Bodle finished their task Friday of last week and filed their report with Prothonotary Barnes Saturday, February 8. The account shows that the claims in favor of the county amount to \$32,185.70, while the claims against the county are \$11,880.95. This leaves a balance of \$493.75 in favor of the county. The disputed claims amount to \$6,344.04.

On January 6, the close of the fiscal year 1912, the books of county treasurer W. W. Wood claimed a balance of \$22,146.74 as against a balance of \$15,168.79 at the close of 1911. This means that the officers of the court house have been good managers during the year and have economized to the greatest extent.

During the year \$481.35 was spent in appropriations. \$7,541.05 went for building bridges. The court costs for the year were \$5,799.45 and the commonwealth costs were \$1,911.53. During the twelve months \$975 was paid to insane asylums, while \$600 went for the burial of indigent soldiers. County buildings cost \$828.95. The election expenses for the year were \$2,574.70, while the uniform primaries cost the county \$1,561.77. The full statement of the finances of the county will be published in an early issue.

MARTHA WASHINGTON SUPPER.

The twenty-fifth Martha Washington Supper will be served in the Presbyterian Chapel on Friday, Feb. 21st. All efforts are being made to make this event one of great pleasure. The decorating committee are sparing no pains in beautifying the place and thus add pleasure to the scene. You are all acquainted with the quality of "Dan Brown's" turkeys, four hundred and forty pounds having been secured which needs no other comment. Price of supper, 50 cents.

G. A. R. INSTALL OFFICERS

Captain James Ham Post Have Big Time Friday Night—Supper Served by Ladies.

Captain James Ham Post No. 198, Grand Army of the Republic held their annual banquet and installation of officers in Freedom Hall Friday evening. There were about two hundred guests present. Addresses were made by Father John O'Poole, Dr. J. W. Balta, Rev. A. L. Whitaker, Attorney M. J. Hanlan, Registrar and Recorder W. B. Lesher. A letter from Homer Greene was read, he being unable to be present at the installation. Sonner's orchestra and the Maple City Drum Corps furnished the music. The Ladies' Circle furnished a delightful supper to the many guests and veterans. The following officers were installed by Robert A. Brady, installing officer: Henry Wilson, commander; Edward Cook, senior vice commander; Isaac Ball, junior vice commander; W. W. Wood, officer of the day; Earl Sherwood, adjutant; Graham Watts, quartermaster; Peter Collum, chaplain; Michael Webber, officer of the guard; Henry Parish, outside guard.

The Ladies' Circle also installed officers as follows: Mrs. George Baker, of Waymart, was the installing officer; Mrs. Wm. Clark, president; Mrs. Isaac Ball, senior vice commander; Mrs. Barnes, junior vice commander; Mrs. David Mantle, treasurer; Jennie M. Ball, secretary; Mrs. Mary Thorpe, chaplain; Mrs. U. G. Ridgeway, conductress; Miss Nellie Cook, assistant conductress; Mrs. Cyrus Wooden, guard; Mrs. Clarence Bond, assistant guard.

SCOTT, SOUTH POLE EXPLORER, DEAD

Report States That He and His Party Were Found Frozen to Death. (Special to The Citizen.)

London, Feb. 10.—The Central News Agency today published a dispatch from Wellington, New Zealand, said to be authentic, that Captain Robert F. Scott, the antarctic explorer, and all his party perished in a blizzard near McMurdo Bay. Scott did not die until after accomplishing the object of his perilous trip.

From records found with the bodies of the party it was shown that Scott reached the South Pole on January 18, 1912. The Central News had a contract with Scott, when he started out, for the exclusive publication of this account of his expedition, and the agency, therefore, was in close touch with the relief expedition, which set out December 14 from Christ Church in the steamer Terra Nova to look for Scott.

Explorer's Record.

The explorer, from records found at McMurdo's Bay, reached the south pole on January 18, 1912, and it was on the return to their base of supplies that they were overtaken by a fierce blizzard and frozen to death before they could prepare sufficient shelter.

Captain Scott was an officer of the Royal navy. He was born in Outland, Devonport, England, June 8, 1868, and entered the navy in 1882. He was torpedo lieutenant of the Majestic, flagship of the Channel squadron, in 1898-1899; was made commander in 1900 and captain in 1904. He commanded the British Antarctic expedition in 1900-1904.

Polar Achievements.

Captain Scott's first antarctic expedition sailed on the ship Discoverer in 1901. He established winter quarters in the ice barrier and led a sledge expedition to 82 degrees, 17 minutes, the most southerly point reached up to that time. He was brought back by a relief expedition on the steamer Morning, in January, 1903.

PLAN WORKSHOP FOR FARVIEW

Aside from the usual routine business transacted at the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Farview Hospital for the Criminal Insane Saturday morning, arrangements were made for the erection of a workshop for the use of the inmates. The building is to be of brick, and an appropriation of \$3,000 will be asked for its construction. Shoemaking, carpet and basket weaving will be three of the industries inaugurated.

It was also announced that a visit to the institution will be made during the first week in March by Gov. Tener, and the members of the committee on appropriations of both the house and the senate. With the officials in charge, they will go over the amount needed for the maintenance of the asylum for the year.

SPECIAL REVIVAL SERVICES.

The special revival meetings at the Central Methodist Episcopal church are demonstrating that the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation and that an old time revival is possible in Honesdale.

Last Friday evening Attorneys R. M. Stocker and M. E. Simons in masterly addresses held the undivided attention of the audience and a stirring altar service followed.

Sunday morning and evening Pastor Hiller preached to large congregations and the meetings were marked by the evident presence of Divine power. The workers are confident of "victory through Christ," and send forth to all the people of Honesdale an invitation to attend the meetings, which are held every evening, except Saturday.

HONSDALE BANKERS GUESTS AT BANQUET

Honesdale Man a Member of Executive Committee—Many Present—Officers Elected.

Many presidents, directors and cashiers from the majority of the banking houses in this part of the state attended Thursday night as delegates or guests the eighteenth annual meeting and banquet of Group 3, Pennsylvania Bankers' association, in Hotel Casey, Scranton. There were 224 men at the banquet and they represented institutions whose money resources approach well toward the one hundred million dollar mark. The affair was larger than any previous annual dinner of the group, and was marked by the cordiality and friendship between the members and by the number of distinguished banker guests. Frederic W. Fleitz, president of the Anthracite Trust company of Scranton, presided as toastmaster.

The speakers were: Former Judge Charles F. Moore, of New York, general counsel for the West Virginia Pulp and Paper company and editor of the trade journal, Paper; Willard F. Bunnell, vice-president and trust officer of the Anthracite Trust company, and Robt. D. Towne.

The following were elected members of executive committee: J. C. Bell, cashier of the First National bank of Freeland; Rodger Williams, cashier of the South Side bank of Wilkes-Barre; John F. Wenner, cashier of the Allentown National bank of Allentown; W. E. Lane, cashier of the First National bank of Towanda; J. A. Fisch, cashier of the Honesdale Dime bank of Honesdale; J. H. Neumeier, cashier of the Northampton National bank of Easton; member of the council of administration of the Pennsylvania Bankers' association, D. G. Rombach, of Graham & Co., Scranton.

Among those present from Wayne county were: C. A. Emery, cashier of the Farmers & Mechanics bank, Honesdale; J. A. Fisch, cashier of the Honesdale Dime bank; H. Z. Russell, president of the Honesdale National bank; H. S. Salmon, cashier of the Wayne County Savings bank; W. B. Holmes, president of the Wayne County Savings bank; Lewis A. Howell, cashier of Honesdale National bank; M. J. Emery, cashier of the First National bank of Ariel; Roy Howe, Ariel; R. W. Murphy, vice-president First National bank of Hawley.

Death of Mrs. I. N. Shipman.

Mrs. I. N. Shipman died at her home on Church street, Montrose, Tuesday morning, Feb. 4, 1913, at about 4 o'clock a. m. She had been an invalid several years, falling rapidly the last few months, being partially paralyzed. Mrs. Shipman was beloved by all who knew her and many mourn her death. She and her husband, a superannuated Methodist clergyman, have resided in Montrose about two years. He was a former pastor of the Methodist church at Montrose and also charges at Susquehanna, Hawley and Chenango street church, Binghamton. Services were held at the house Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. Carl Councilman officiating. The body was taken to New York city Thursday morning, leaving Montrose on the 8:30 Lackawanna train. Rev. and Mrs. Shipman were at Hawley from 1891-4.

Death of Mrs. Peter Presser.

Mrs. Margaret Presser, wife of Peter Presser, died at her home on Ridge street Thursday evening about 8 o'clock. She was sixty-eight years of age. She suffered a stroke of paralysis about two months ago. She is survived by her husband and eight children, as follows: Catherine, Florence and Dena, at home; Mrs. Albert Schumaker, Mrs. Louis Ritter, and Carl Presser of Schneckstadt, N. Y.; Henry and Christopher, of Toledo, Ohio.

The funeral services were held in St. John's Lutheran church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. C. C. Miller officiating. Interment was made in the German Lutheran cemetery.

WAYNE COUNTY HERALD TO BECOME A WEEKLY

At a meeting of the directors of the Herald Press Association, held on Saturday last, resolutions were adopted changing the publication of The Herald from a semi-weekly to a weekly. Friday was fixed as publication day. The Herald for the past few years has been a semi-weekly coming out on Tuesdays and Fridays. We will miss our sister paper at the first of the week, but hope the editor and publisher, by using his combined efforts, will give the people of Wayne county a rattling good weekly.

CHAUTAQUA MEETING HELD AT HIGH SCHOOL

Interesting Talk By Dr. A. E. Turner on the Aims of the Chautauqua—Hope to Organize Here—Later Meeting to be Held Feb. 25.

Dr. A. E. Turner, associate director of the Chautauqua Association of Pennsylvania, came to Honesdale last week to organize a chautauqua to be held here this summer. He spoke to a small number in the library room of the High school Friday night. Although the number present was small the meeting was a very interesting and enthusiastic one. Plans for a Chautauqua were discussed, but no definite steps were taken other than to appoint a time for a later meeting at which it is hoped a larger and more representative gathering will be present. The date chosen for the meeting was Tuesday evening, February 25th in the High school. Dr. Turner has consented to be present and address the meeting.

Notwithstanding the small attendance Dr. Turner was prevailed upon to talk on the Chautauqua, its methods, aims and progress. He is a forceful talker and converted his audience at once. He named the six reasons why Honesdale should have a Chautauqua. They are given briefly:

The Chautauqua will confer unique distinction upon the town. It will advertise the town by giving prominence to its best element—its intellectual, religious and moral strength and progressiveness. No dead town will have a Chautauqua.

Chautauqua will be held right in the town, not in the country away from it. It will, therefore, not disturb business, but will rather increase it, by bringing here people from the country and nearby towns.

It will unify the best people and the best interests. It is the most democratic institution in America. All workers for the common good, however divided into different churches, groups, and organizations, are united here under conditions insuring a permanent inspiration to all.

It is an efficient instrument for arousing and directing public opinion along useful and definite lines. The Chautauqua platform is unbiased and non-sectarian. It affords stimulating discussion. There is no question of importance. The great problems of the day are brought home to the community.

It does not destroy ideals nor lead to waste of money, as almost every other form of summer festival does. It costs less than a good Fourth of July celebration. There is no "morning after." It leaves behind a lasting inspiration. Business men feel the changed atmosphere and in-dorse it everywhere.

It is a "no profit corporation."

Over a thousand Chautauquas were held throughout the west last year, but only a few of them were located east of the Allegheny Mountains. Most of them have carried out in spirit the purpose of the parent Chautauqua in New York and the programs seek to combine instruction, entertainment and amusement. Out of the forty-one towns where Chautauquas were held last season forty have asked to have them repeated this year. This is the best argument for the Chautauqua. Dr. Turner interspersed his remarks with witty phrases and told many stories to illustrate his points.

For next season the program includes such attractions as Frank Dixon, Newell Dwight Hillis, Reno B. Weibhouse, William Sterling Batts, Rosani, the Juggler, The Florence Concert Band, The Commonwealth Quartet, and more than twenty other features, including a speaker of national reputation in political life. Gov. Hadley of Missouri is under engagement and each community will have the pleasure of listening to a man who is widely known. President Taft and William Jennings Bryan are on the list, the latter with the proviso that he is not chosen Secretary of State.

The entertainments are held in a large tent specially constructed for the purpose, with a maximum seating capacity of two thousand. It is seated with folding chairs and all the arrangements are in charge of an experienced platform manager assisted by a tent crew of college students, who look after the comfort of the people in every way possible.

"The Chautauqua towns," said Dr. Turner, "are distinctive." A traveler in the west comes to know a Chautauqua town as soon as he gets into one. They have a different air—an atmosphere of community thinking and community progress."

The Association is not in any sense a money making concern. For the permanency of the work it is hoped to make it self-sustaining but there will be no such thing as profits. If the receipts exceed the expenditures, the excess will go back into the work in the way of better and more extended programs for the next season.

The Chautauqua circuit plan is applied to the smaller towns, in which high class entertainments or famous lectures are ordinarily not heard. It buys high class entertainment and gives famous lecturers wholesale, and pays the benefit to the town by presenting them at wholesale prices.

There are over thirty features on the program for the proposed Chautauqua to be held here and it will only cost about seven cents a feature. Dr. Turner concluded by saying that Honesdale was an ideal town and in the line of progress and he hoped the people would get together at the next meeting and decide to have one.



Everybody should wear a W. W. W. Guaranteed Birthstone Ring. It doesn't make any difference what month you were born in, we can show you an assortment of Birthstone Rings representing your month. For yourself or for a gift we suggest a W. W. W. BIRTHSTONE RING—those wonderful rings "In Which the Stones Do Stay." Our window contains an attractive display of Rings. It also explains full particulars regarding the ring contest.

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