

## FISH COMMISSIONER BULLER SPEAKS TO PAPER MAKERS

In New York City at Waldorf Thursday Evening Before Members of the American Paper and Pulp Association.

Commissioner of Fisheries, N. R. Buller, of Pleasant Mount, delivered an address before the members of the American Paper and Pulp Association Thursday evening at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. The following is taken from the address:

When a Commissioner of Fisheries stands before an audience like this he feels in the company exemplified by the poet:

Two minds with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one."

because the entire success of both parties lies in one thing and that is pure water. Without pure water the Commissioner of Fisheries is as helpless in the raising of fish as the paper maker is in producing white paper. Some one has said "let me write the songs of my country and I care not who makes the laws," but in these days the advocates of law would largely urge in favor of paper on which to print the laws rather than the method pursued in the old days of Assyria and other ancient Kingdoms, when the laws were printed on clay and baked into bricks. What grand weapons those bricks would make these days over in England where the Suffragettes are defying all the laws and would like nothing better than to cast the law covered brick hats through the windows of unoffending trades people.

The first paper makers in this country used rags, and even the Mummies of Ancient Egypt were robbed to help keep up the supply, but the supply of rags is no longer equal to the demand, in spite of the cry of so many persons that the poor are growing poorer and there are more of them, which would seem to increase the supply of rags.

Then the paper men turned to other sources and took lessons from the first paper maker who used wood pulp. A gentleman who used his paper to build a home, and while he did not pollute the streams with any refuse, the hornet carried a sting in his tail, which many a small boy found out when he thoughtlessly fired stones at the papermaker's abode.

It is the tall race of the pulp and paper manufacturer to-day that carries the sting that annoys the Commissioner of Fisheries who desires pure water.

No one appreciates more than the Commissioner of Fisheries the value of the paper industry and the importance of its not being crippled, but nevertheless, as I said at first, pure water is as necessary to him for his business, as it is for the pulp and papermaker. When the paper maker first located on the stream he was probably the only manufacturer upon it, and the pure water was as cheap to him as the air which he breathed. When, however, some other manufacturer located above him and began to run refuse in the stream in the stream which spoiled its pureness and brought trouble and expense to the manufacturer, there was another exemplification of the case of whose ox was gored. To purify the water defiled by the man above, the papermaker was compelled to put in purification plants, and this is a factor with which the fishery interest hopes to impress upon you. If the manufacturer above can be compelled to purify his water then the money expended by the paperman for getting that formerly dirty water purified can be expended in seeing that his refuse no longer pollutes the stream. A regard for the rights of one's neighbors should be inherent in every human mind, because every one should do unto his neighbor as his neighbor should do unto him.

But back of all this is the question of economy. In the workings of nature there is no waste. When a giant of the forest falls before the storm, it lies on the ground and gradually wastes away. Not an atom of it is lost in the economy of nature and the remnants of that tree go to make up the food for a successor.

Eons ago when the world was younger by some millions of years the world bore a luxuriant crop of vegetation—trees and plants. In one of those mysterious cataclysms of nature, this vegetation was shrouded in what is known as the carboniferous age, and these trees and this vegetation became what we to-day call coal. This coal has become one of the most important factors of life, but with its use men are learning that every part of that coal has a value, and all that is not saved is so much of a waste and a loss of capital.

Among the most important uses to which coal is put is in the form of gas and coke and the manufacturers of these products use coal by the millions of tons. The coal represents in another form the tree that lived at the carboniferous age, which tree is almost identical with the tree that is used by the papermaker to-day. The gas and coke maker were the first to recognize the fact that in the workings of nature there is no loss, everything being utilized.

The first ovens used to make coke from this coal sent all the gas to foul the air, while the waste products ran to defile the streams. In this latter they came in contact with the fishery interests, and loud were the demands that the pollution should be stopped. But self interest is greater even than regard for the public welfare, and the makers of coke began to take steps to save every particle of product. At the Bethlehem Steel Works they have erected a series of coke ovens from which not a particle of anything escapes, but every part of the coal is made a source of revenue. The gas that was allowed to escape from the primitive ovens is now used in helping heat the furnaces while the tar and other products are found to be of a value that surprises the makers.

The same was true with the first makers of gas. They saved at first merely the gas and allowed to run to waste the substances which were the foulest kind of pollution for the

waters. So foul was this pollution that the public revolted and the gas makers were compelled to take measures to dispose otherwise of their refuse than by running it into the streams. At San Francisco the gas companies have put in a plant which takes care of its refuse, and to the astonishment of the makers, they have discovered a source of revenue in lamp black and other products, that add to their revenues in a way that makes the makers wonder they had never gathered that money before.

Such being the experience and work of the men who handle coal it should be a lesson that one who runs may easily read, and it seems that the pulp and paper maker ought to ponder over this lesson as he looks upon the tree which is to go into his crucible. Why should he not evolve some means to use every particle of that tree, for every particle of it has value.

Even the fibre that escapes and pollutes the streams could be utilized into making wood alcohol. Somebody has defined dirt as being matter out of place, and pollution is merely only another name for matter that ought to be turned into something of value by being put in its right place. Such being the case, there is no reason that the paper and pulp maker today should not so far consult his own interests and a benefit to the Commissioner of Fisheries by following the teachings of nature, and the lessons taught by the coke and gas man, and instead of polluting the streams with the waste from his mill, turn that waste into pecuniary profit.

No State in the Union has lovelier streams and lakes than the Keystone State of Pennsylvania. The streams meander through the valleys and should be kept so pure that they would not only be a Paradise for fish, but a source of water supply for the inhabitants who people the banks and the stock that graze upon the fields. The lakes of Pennsylvania lie like jewels nestling among the hills and their pollution would be a crime. Speaking of the water supply, this is one of the greatest questions that the people of modern times have to meet. New York city alone is spending hundreds of millions of dollars to secure an adequate supply of pure water for the use of its inhabitants and to clear up the pollution of the harbor.

The child learns to read by beginning with the letter A of the alphabet, and the clarification of the water supply should have its first step in stopping all pollution at its source. You, gentlemen, have been among the most flagrant violators in the past, and yet it is to be hoped that from your well known public spirit, backed by the economics to which I have alluded to above, you will be among the first to take the most stringent steps to bring about the stoppage of pollution and cooperate in every way with the fishery authorities in securing purer water in which the fish can thrive and multiply. You need, as I said above, as pure water to secure perfection of your manufactured product as the Commissioner of Fisheries does for the growth of his special wards, and this being the case, it is hoped that from this time forward the co-operation between us both will be, as I said in the beginning:

"Two minds with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one."

Good examples are contagious, and if the pulp and paper makers follow the example of the makers of coke and gas, it will make such a profound impression upon other manufacturers that the day of pollution will be banished to the caves of the past and the era of pure water and good feeling be fully established.

### NEWS SUMMARY.

A wad of gum which stuck to the shoe of R. H. Walker, in New York City, resulted in picking up a \$100 note on Saturday. The money was returned to its owner.

### Bribe to Free Thaw.

Albany.—Dr. John B. Russell, superintendent of the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminally Insane, testified Friday at a hearing before the Sulzer commission of inquiry into State departments and institutions that a bribe of \$20,000 in cash had been offered him last November to consent to the release of Harry K. Thaw from the State hospital.

### U. S. Treasury Deficit.

Washington.—The House Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department has after several months investigation of the Government's fiscal operations, submitted a report in which it was asserted that interest amounting to \$36,600,923 had been lost by the Treasury in the last twenty-six years. The report calls for the handling by the Treasury of the general surplus fund "crude, unbusinesslike, unprofitable and discriminatory."

### Doesn't Want Bryan in Cabinet.

Washington.—Very tactfully but nevertheless firmly it has been intimated to President-elect Wilson that the appointment of William Jennings Bryan may create an embarrassing situation as between the State Department and Congress.

This may be due to the chance that Mr. Bryan as Secretary might have to deal with a Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and a House Committee of Foreign Affairs, both of which will be dominated by men who are unalterably opposed to Mr. Bryan. Just how strongly this intimation has been made cannot be learned, but that it has been made is not denied. There has been no comment on it by the President-elect.

"If I didn't have such a large family I could save a little money." "Don't be too sure of it. If you didn't have a large family you might have an auto."—Houston Post.

She—Why do you wish to know my age? He—I merely wish to know at what age woman is really the most fascinating.—Life.

### GOULDSBORO.

Gouldsboro, Feb. 22.

Washington birthday exercises were held Friday afternoon by the pupils of the primary and intermediate rooms. Fifty visitors were present. The following is the program:

"Washington Song" . . . . . School Exercise—"George and Martha Washington" . . . . .

Melvin Graser and Doris Sebring Dialogue—"Washington and Lincoln" . . . . .

Lewis Keesler and Lytle Ellensberger Flag Exercise . . . . . Eight Children Song—"My Country's Flag" . . . . . School Exercise—"Washington the True and Brave" . . . . . Five Boys Recitation—"The Doll's Lesson" . . . . . Ellen Marsh Exercise—"Our Nation's Colors" . . . . . Four Girls Song—"Story of the Hatchet" . . . . .

Twelve Children Exercise—"What Should Have Happened" . . . . . Seven Girls Flag Drill—"We Maids Are Patriots Too" . . . . . Six Girls Song—"Little George Washington" . . . . . School Recitation—"Truth and Grammar" . . . . . Madeline Matthews Drill—"Young Soldiers" . . . . . Five Boys Song—"Washington Our Example" . . . . . Isabel Watters Exercise—"Story of the Hatchet" . . . . . Seven Boys Recitation—"Our Flag" . . . . . Theodore Meyers Song—"Star Spangled Banner" . . . . . School Exercise—"February Twenty-Second" . . . . . Three Girls Recitation—"The Little Red Stamp" . . . . . Alberta Adams Song—"America" . . . . . School With only a few hours' preparation a delightful and unique concert was given for the employees at the ice plants in I. O. O. F. Hall on Friday evening. A most delightful program was exceedingly well rendered, consisting of selections by the Gouldsboro Cornet band, S. D. Adams leader. Piano solos by Mrs. John P. Aiken and Raymond Crooks, vocal solo by Miss Helen Crooks, selections by the Gouldsboro Male Quartette composed of Dennis Shay, LeRoy Crooks, Seldon Sebring and Harry Sebring. The entertainment was free and for the ice men only. The hall was crowded and much praise was given those who so kindly assisted.

W. G. Tiger was taken to the State hospital at Scranton and underwent an operation on Tuesday from which he rallied in good shape and is doing well.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Boyce, Friday, Feb. 21, a daughter.

Mrs. G. A. Kerling went to Scranton on Friday intending to attend a luncheon to have been given by the Scranton Chapter of the D. A. R., at the Hotel Casey Saturday, and instead attended the funeral of Dr. Barton who died suddenly while attending a patient at her home on Adams Avenue Thursday afternoon. The doctor was to have been the toastmaster at the luncheon which was indefinitely postponed.

An invitation is extended to all to attend the literary exercises to be given by the pupils of the Grammar room at the High school next Friday.

The many friends of W. J. Fisher, who recently moved to Scranton, will grieve to learn that at a consultation of physicians his condition was pronounced incurable.

Miss Grace Smith was delightfully surprised by a surprise birthday Sunshine party given by the Moscow members of Chaplain T. D. Swartz W. R. C., No. 17, of which order she is a member. She is slowly convalescing from a long illness. The many gifts that she received are to be opened at different hours and days.

HOLLISTERVILLE.

Hollisterville, Feb. 24.

Charles Brown, who was hurt some time ago while working in the lumber camp, is recovering slowly.

Rev. A. R. Reichert officiated at the funeral services of Wm. A. Hazelton, of Pike county, on Tuesday of last week.

Herbert Reichert, who was home for the last eight weeks nursing a felon, will open a barber shop on the first of March at 1310 Capouse Avenue, Scranton.

The Alpha Adult Bible class of the M. P. church held a hot sugar social at the parsonage last Wednesday evening. Mrs. A. R. Reichert is the teacher. They expect to have an oyster supper before long.

Miss Louise Mehne, of Scranton, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mehne.

Miss Mildred Brown is home on few weeks' vacation.

Patrons' Day was observed in the public school last Friday. A good patriotic program was rendered. The Revs. Thomas and Reichert made short addresses.

Charles Fessenden moved his household goods to New York state where he is engaged in the lumber business.

Mrs. Walter Frey was a Scranton shopper last week.

There were regular services in the M. P. church on Sunday at 11 a. m.

The pastor had for his subject, "Are Our Young People Safe, Under Existing Conditions?" He also conducted services at East Sterling at 3 p. m.

STERLING.

Sterling, Feb. 21.

While unloading logs one day last week one rolled upon the foot of William Lee, injuring it quite badly.

R. B. and I. G. Simons are running their steam saw mill at Freyton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Twigg and children, of Seal's Island, Md., are guests of L. J. Glipin.

The Ladies' Aid society was recently entertained at the home of Mrs. A. J. Cross.

Patrons' Day was duly observed at the High school last Friday afternoon, there being about 25 visitors present.

Washington and Lincoln were eulogized and the exercises passed off very nicely. Remarks were made by Rev. F. L. Hartford and others. The teachers are all doing commendable work.

Professor Savage, Mrs. R. B. Si-

mons and daughter, Ethel, attended an entertainment at Bloomsburg last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lesser and children were recent visitors of relatives here.

STALKER AND BRAMAN.

Orio Beach spent last week with his sister, Mrs. Maurice Kellam.

Mrs. Ada Young passed away Feb. 17th after a week's illness of pneumonia. The funeral was held Wednesday at the Braman church and was largely attended. The sermon by our pastor, Rev. F. Bowen, was from the text, "Be ye also ready for such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

The next meeting of the L. A. S. at Stalker will be March 13th with Mrs. Charles Cargin.

Mrs. D. M. Stalker visited at Harry Cole's at Braman last Wednesday.

Lizzie Minckler, who has been confined to her bed, is better.

The L. A. S. of Braman, met last Thursday with Mrs. Grant Caffery. There were thirty-eight present and \$6.55 of the proceeds.

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