

MOTHER MAY NOT GET CHILD; HEARING CONTINUED

"NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE," SAYS JUDGE SEARLE. "TO WARRANT DECISION."

The Stories Told by Mother and Man, Who Has Child, Do Not Agree—Girl Reluctant to go Home.

A habeas corpus proceeding was heard before Judge Searle, sitting in court Saturday morning. The proceedings were started by Mrs. Mary Wingenter, of Renova, Pa., who claimed that her daughter, Ethel May Shields, aged sixteen, was being illegally and unjustly detained by one William Myers, a resident of Poyntelle, this county.

Mrs. Wingenter was placed upon the witness stand and told a story of how her daughter came to go into the Myers family to live. She said that her present home was in Renova, Pa., where she kept a boarding house and did other work for a living. "After my first husband died," said Mrs. Wingenter, "I could not support all my children. We lived in Johnsonburg, Pa. I have four children, Ethel May, aged 16; Hazel Marie, aged 14, who lives at home with me; John, aged 19, of Jamestown, and Silas, aged 22, in the U. S. army, located at Galveston, Texas. I knew of the Myers family who lived at Starlight Creek and Mrs. Myers wanted my daughter to come and live with them. They wanted to adopt the child but I did not want them to do that. My daughter went there, with the understanding that they were to return her to me whenever I wanted her. Sometime after that I decided I wanted the child back so I wrote to them at Starlight Creek. The letter was returned, with an inscription across the face of 'No such person living here.' I learned soon after from Mr. Myers's sister that they had moved to Batavia, N. Y., taking my daughter with them. I wrote several times asking them to send the child back but they ignored the letters and some of the letters were returned unanswered. Sometime after they moved to Batavia, Mrs. Myers died. Mr. Myers and my daughter remained there about four years. My daughter lived at the home of Henry Myers while in Batavia. After they left Batavia they moved to Poyntelle, where Mrs. Myers now resides. Ethel May Shields has been working in the home of Charles Smith at Rock Lake. She went to work in the Myers home in the fall of 1907."

When Mrs. Wingenter was asked if her daughter had not been with Mr. Myers since 1903 she declared that the girl had only been with them six years. She said that she had sent money to Myers. One time she said she sent \$10.00.

Ethel Shields was called on the stand. She said she was living in the Smith home at Rock Lake, doing chores and milking cows. She said she never received any letters from her mother. She was asked if she wanted to go home with her mother, and she said "Yes," but afterwards said that her mother had told her to say that. She said she would rather stay and work at Smith's, where she had a good home, and where she was able to attend school and church, "but," she added, "I would like to go home for a visit once in a while."

William Myers was called. He said he intended keeping the child at Smith's until he had a place ready for her at Poyntelle, when he intended to take legal steps toward adopting her. He said he wanted to adopt the child all the time. He said he was a married man and had property.

"I have had her 10 years. I have bought all her clothes and kept her in school. I have paid out about \$250 for clothes and paid \$3.00 a week board for her when she staid at my brother's in Batavia, N. Y. Mrs. Wingenter never sent a penny to me for the support of her child or never came to see her. I did not send the child back because I wanted to keep her and adopt her."

Mr. Myers' attorney, Charles P. Searle, then presented a petition for adoption but it was deferred by the Court until a later date.

Judge Searle declined to make any decision in the matter at that time for he said there was not sufficient evidence on either side. He desired more time to look up the character of Mrs. Wingenter and find out if she was a proper person to look after this child. A date for a further hearing was set for May 13th when more evidence will be submitted. Ethel May Shields is to remain in the custody of Charles Smith at Rock Lake until the final hearing takes place. Mrs. Wingenter has been staying at Mrs. Briggs while in town.

NEW 150-HORSEPOWER BOILER FOR ACID FACTORY. A large ten-ton boiler from the Riefler acid factory was brought to Honedale by three teams of horses on Saturday. The teamsters stated that they left Tanners Falls between the hours of 9 and 10 that morning. They arrived in Honedale at about 4 o'clock. The roads were extremely heavy which made it very difficult to travel. In some places the wheel sank down in the mud to the axles of the wagon. The boiler will be replaced with a new one of a certain capacity.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN AT TYLER HILL.

Barn on Farview Stock Farm, Belonging to Clarence D. Fortnam, Totally Destroyed Saturday Evening.

A large barn belonging to Clarence D. Fortnam, proprietor of Farview Stock Farm near Tyler Hill, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday evening at about ten o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown and when the blaze was first discovered by Floyd Rolstern, a neighbor, it was in the northeast corner of the hay loft. Mr. Fortnam sent a general alarm and many of the neighbors came to aid in fighting the fire. With the help of this volunteer fire company the flames were kept from spreading to the surrounding buildings. The flames had such a good start that it was not long in burning to the ground. All the contents of the barn were burned with the exception of a team of work horses and one buggy. The barn was one of the best structures in that neighborhood and its dimensions were about 40 by 42 feet. Mr. Fortnam carried \$600 insurance in the Farmers' Insurance Company of Wayne county but the actual loss sustained will be considerably more than that amount.

It is a well known fact that trouble never comes single handed, for not over a week ago, Mr. Fortnam lost a valuable bull valued at about \$300.

MR. AND MRS. G. C. TALLMAN'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING SPENT AT THIS HOSPITABLE HOME—75 GUESTS PRESENT.

Musical Program and Wedding Feast—Many Elegant and Costly Presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant C. Tallman entertained about 75 of their relatives and friends at their home at 1237 North Main street, Saturday evening, March 15, 1913. The delightful social function was in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. As the guests entered the large reception hall their first pleasure was to congratulate the bride and groom of 25 years ago, and then they were welcomed by Dr. Wm. H. Swift and other members of the social committee.

The rooms contained large vases of American Beauty roses and carnations with smilax and potted plants used with dainty effect to serve in its share of the decorative part of the program.

The program for the evening was as follows:

- Piano and Violin.....Clara and William Reif
Piano Solo.....Elsa Jacob
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. C. H. Rockwell
Piano Solo.....Virginia Brown
Piano Duet.....
Recitation.....Blanche and Alice Sluman
Piano and Violin.....Alice Vandervort
Piano and Violin.....Clara and William Reif
Piano Solo.....Alice Sluman
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. C. H. Rockwell
Piano Solo.....Elsa Jacob
The wedding feast was served in a most appetizing manner by a number of young ladies. The bridal table was prettily decorated appropriate for the occasion and was occupied by relatives and Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Swift, while the other guests were served in adjoining rooms. The napkins were printed in the corners bearing the dates 1888-1913.

The following young lady friends of Miss Alice Tallman acted as waitresses: Gladys Weaver, Ethel Lee, Florence Hiller, Ada Hiller, Reva Tallman and Laura Cortright. Mr. and Mrs. Tallman received many useful and costly presents appropriate for the occasion and were bid pleasant adieu by their guests who wished them at least another quarter century of happy married life. All in all the affair was a success in every detail and much credit is due Miss Ida Barnes, who had the arrangements in charge.

COURT NOTES.

Argument court was held Saturday afternoon with Judge Searle presiding. The petition for guardianship of Rebecca Spangenberg, a person of weak mind, was presented. Witnesses were heard. Frank S. Decker and Carrie D. Bistol were appointed guardians.

Mary A. Pierce made application for a rule on Warren A. Toms to pay for the support of his son, Albert Toms, and she said nothing had been paid. Court ordered writ to be issued to the sheriff commanding him to commit Warren Toms to county jail to be held until he complies with decree.

Hearing of argument on demurrer of Joseph H. Wassman and John G. L. Wassman, was continued until Saturday, May 10.

An order has been issued by Judge Searle for making up the trial list for the June term of court on the second Monday in May.

Report of viewers of road in Oregon township, confirmed absolutely. The North Towanda Musical Instrument Works vs. the Herbeck-Demmer Co., an action in replevin to recover a military band organ. The opinion of the court is that the rule for judgment is discharged for want of a sufficient affidavit of defense.

A rule to open the judgment entered by George Van Ausdale of Brook Road, against Mrs. Rosa Blain, was argued before Judge Searle Saturday afternoon. A rule was granted to open the judgment.

STAR ROUTE DISCONTINUED.

Part of the West Damascus star route, extending from Girdland postoffice to West Damascus, was discontinued on Saturday last. Mail Carrier Baldwin now covers the territory from Girdland to Honedale and return daily.

FATHER'S EASTER OUTFIT by WILBUR D. NESBIT

Father's had the grumbles lately; he's been fussing at the bills— Oh, if he but knew the worry that a woman's bosom fills! Mother's been at the dressmaker's half a dozen times this week, And they've got her so bewildered that she's positively meek. Sister Alice begs her tailor—and she really almost weeps— To be sure her suit is ready. Why, she scarcely eats or sleeps!



Sister Gladys is a shadow of her bonny former self, But her lovely frock for Easter is upon the wardrobe shelf. My! The way she bluffed and bullied till the woman worked at night Though she said her eyes were failing and she needed better light. Father looked at Gladys' outfit, then his brows knit in a frown And he went around all morning with his lips drawn grimly down.



And the hats—O, they are beauties! Mother has the dearest thing With a bunch of apple blossoms and a cunning sea gull's wing. She thinks that it is too youthful, but my goodness! Nowadays Women wear hats that are girlish till they're eighty, anyhow. Sister Alice—she was lucky! Hers is just a week from France— But when father saw the price mark there was anger in his glance.



Sister Gladys got a model that's exclusive, and brand new; It is just a simple bonnet with a trimming of pale blue. Ninety dollars—and it's charming and it is simply rich and grand, But dear father kicked about it, for he couldn't understand. You would think he'd be proud of us—for there isn't a design That's as costly and as splendid as this hat and dress of mine.



Mother took his silk hat Thursday, and has had it troned now, And the cleaner says his clothing can be furnished up somehow— So he hasn't any bother, and we'll all be out at church— Though he says he'll give the heathen all they find if they will search Through his pockets for a penny! Father grumbles like a brute. Why, a man is always stylish if he has a Sunday suit!



BASKET BALL NOTES.

Thursday evening the Rink Five defeated the G. C. club at the Rink by a score of 23 to 9 in one of the fastest, rough and tumble games of the season. The line-up was as follows:

- Rink Five.....G. C. C.
Hessling.....G.....Tarket
Keigler.....G.....McDermott
W. Polt.....G.....
Rose.....C.....Mangan
J. Polt.....F.....Bader
Arrandale.....F.....Brader
Hessling.....
Goals: Tarket 2; McDermott 4; Mangan 1; Brader 2; Hessling 1; W. Polt 1; Rose 1; J. Polt 1.

The Maple City Five will play the Seelyville five at the Rink on Thursday evening, March 27. Dancing will follow the game instead of skating. A good game is expected as Seelyville has been undergoing a strengthening process since the last defeat at the hands of the Maple City boys.

Louis Bader expects to move into the house on Thirteenth street now occupied by John Boyd's family on or about April 1st.

SPORTING NOTES.

Connie Mack is having a hard time to determine who will be the regular right fielder for the Philadelphia Athletics. The choice lays between Eddie Murphy of White Mills and Pete Daley of California. Connie says that either man will strengthen his team.

Reports from Marlin, Texas, are not very favorable to the World's most famous athlete, Jim Thorpe, the Indian whom John McGraw of the New York Giants signed for the season at a salary exceeding what the majority of major league get, after having proven their ability.

MURRAY LOSES LEG.

James Murray, of this place, whose presence of mind prevented a wreck at Lake Lodore last Saturday, had his right leg amputated at Emergency hospital, Carbondale, on Thursday.

Murray's leg was badly squeezed while performing the heroic act, and amputation was found necessary. It was thought at first that the leg could be saved and just the toes amputated, but gangrene set in and it was necessary to cut off the member.

TON DOORS HURLED 100 FEET.

The explosion at Tanners Falls, which occurred in Riefler's acid factory last Thursday, an account of which appeared in our entire edition, was greater than at first reported. The accident occurred about 4 o'clock and endangered the lives of about 20 men who were working about the premises when the explosion happened.

The oven which was used in charring off acid wood was idle at the time. Gas in some manner collected in the oven. The explosion expanded the oven, blew off ton doors, carrying them a distance of from fifty to one hundred feet and did damage to the factory amounting to about \$1,000.

About 20 men were working near where the explosion occurred, but fortunately none were injured.

Jacob Haumann, one of the children standing nearby, received a fracture of the right arm as the result of the explosion.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Honedale postoffice, week ending March 15: James Eggleton, M. C. Fuller, J. B. McGrath, C. A. Moore, Miss Maude Samson, Mrs. Wm. Shumen, Jacob Switzer, Peter White. Persons calling for above will say "Advertised." M. B. Allen Postmaster.

ONE OLD LICENSE FALLS BY WAYSIDE

APPLICATION OF OTTO DOLMETSCH FOR HOTEL LICENSE IN SALEM REFUSED.

Two Applications Refused. The Woodside, of Dyberry, and One in Lehigh—License Granted for Warehouse in Browntown.

The decisions in all the license cases were handed down in open court Saturday afternoon. Concerning those which were held up last week, the licenses were granted, but in every case the Court stated that next year an affidavit must be furnished with the application. The decisions in the case of Horace Hoyle for a license in Dyberry township, against which two separate petitions were presented, along with remonstrances, the license was not granted, the Court stating that a licensed house was not necessary at this point. This was one of two new applications for licenses presented. The other was made by John Callahan and W. E. Callahan of Gouldsboro, Lehigh township. This one was also refused on the ground that it was not necessary.

The only application for license for an old house, refused at this term of license court, was that presented by Otto Dolmetsch. The license was refused on the ground that evidence was submitted, showing that liquor had been sold to minors and on Sunday. A very forceful opposition against the granting of this license for Salem, presented itself at the hearing last week when the Salem W. C. T. U. attended in a body. The remonstrance was conducted by Rev. Russell and they produced a number of witnesses who stated that they had secured beer and porter at Dolmetsch's place on Sunday. Several young men, under the age of twenty-one also testified that they had obtained beer and porter there.

Upon refusing the license the court said that, inasmuch as Dolmetsch had the reputation of keeping a good hotel, where excellent accommodations and good food could be had, if application for a license was made next year, it would not be refused. The action of the court in not granting any new licenses in the county, can surely be commended in the highest terms. Wayne county now has something like eighty licensed places not including the bottlers, brewers and wholesale places. This makes an average of one licensed place to every 356 persons.

The Fell Brewing company was granted a warehouse license. The warehouse is to be located in Browntown and the license covers only the sale of not less than one dozen pints of beer, ale and porter to dealers.

CHURCH NOTES.

Holy week program at St. John's R. C. church will be as follows: Wednesday, confessions, afternoon and evening. Holy Thursday, high mass and procession to repository at 8 o'clock. Boys' choir. Good Friday services at 8 a. m. Holy Saturday, high mass, at 8 a. m., confessions afternoon and evening. Distribution of Easter water during mass. Easter Sunday, high mass at 8 a. m., with boys' choir and at 10:30 a. m., with mass with regular choir, assisted by Violinist K. O'Brien. Special Easter services at 7:30 in the evening. Father O'Toole, Rector.

In St. John's Lutheran church, every evening services at 7:45, subject for each evening as follows: Monday, "Jesus and Judas"; Tuesday, "Jesus and Peter"; Wednesday, "Jesus and Pilate"; Thursday, "Jesus and Barabbas"; Friday after-noon at 2:30 o'clock, "Memorial service"; Friday evening, "Three Groups"; Easter Day services as follows: Matin service at 7 a. m., "The Resurrection." Chief service at 10:30 a. m., "Selige Osterfreude." Reception of new members, Holy communion. Evening service at 7:30, cantata. Rev. C. C. Miller, pastor.

HONEDALE TOUCHED BY SUNDAY MEETINGS.

The influence of the Sunday evangelistic meetings being held in Wilkes-Barre, is felt in Honedale. Two of the pastors of the local churches received cards from persons who attended the meetings, expressing a desire to become affiliated with the Honedale churches.

TWO DAMAGE SUITS STARTED IN COURT

MRS. DEITZER STARTS SUIT AGAINST HAWLEY COAL COMPANY FOR LOSS OF SON.

John Shannon Brings Action Against F. A. Havens Co. for Injuries Received—Both Allege Negligence and Claim Damages of \$10,000.

Two damage suits have been started in the Wayne county court for the recovery of \$10,000 in each case. Mary Ditzer, of Hawley, has started suit, through her attorneys, Searle & Salmon, against Thomas F. Farrell, M. R. Hellibut, J. D. Stone and William C. Moulton, copartners, doing business under the name of The Hawley Coal Company, to recover \$10,000 damages for the death of her son, Peter Ditzer, who was killed in June of last year, while performing his duties in the employ of The Hawley Coal Company. It will be remembered that Peter Ditzer was engaged in running the "dinky engine," which was used to operate the large steam shovel. The shovel was being used at the works of the coal company about a mile from Hawley in Palmyra township. About noon on June 20th last, the cable broke and the big shovel toppled over into the ditch, along the side of the track. The steam from the big boilers rushed out and before Ditzer could be gotten out he was burned so badly that death resulted.

Mrs. Ditzer, the mother of Peter Ditzer, through her attorneys, claims that the coal company was negligent in not maintaining a reasonably safe place for him to work. They also maintain that the cable was old and weak and that the track was improperly guarded to support the steam shovel. A similar suit was started last week by John W. Shannon through his attorneys, Searle & Salmon, against the Frederick A. Havens Co., of Philadelphia, who are at present engaged in constructing the new Guernsey Electric Elevator Works at the foot of Main street. Frederick A. Havens and John C. Emgable are named as defendants. Shannon claims \$10,000 damages, for injuries received when a brick fell on his head while in the employ of that company on January 14. He alleges that he was working as a laborer, near a wall being laid by masons, who were handling bricks. A brick fell on him from a height of about 20 feet incapacitating him for a length of time. It is claimed that the construction company were negligent in not maintaining a reasonably safe place for him to work. The defendants in both these actions have fifteen days in which to answer.

PROF. H. A. SURFACE COMING HERE

WILL ORGANIZE WAYNE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ON FRIDAY, MARCH 21.

Interesting Program Has Been Prepared—The Public is Invited—Meeting in the Court House.

The organization of the Wayne County Horticultural Society will take place on Friday, March 21st of this week in the court house, Honedale. The meeting will be honored by the presence of Professor H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, of Harrisburg, and W. J. Lewis, of Pittston. The session will open at 10 o'clock by an address by Hon. C. A. McCarty, burgess of Honedale. The response will be made by Prof. Surface. The following interesting program will then be observed: Organization: "How to Grow Better Fruit at Less Cost," is Professor Surface's subject and the address undoubtedly will be an interesting and instructive one. "The Advantages of a County Horticultural Society," by W. J. Lewis, Pittston. Testimonials will then be given from orchard owners. Address, J. J. Koehler, superintendent of Wayne county schools. Paper, "Inspection Work," W. H. Bullock, district state inspector. R. M. Stocker is expected to have something to say upon this subject, as will also several others from different parts of Wayne county. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Ladies as well as gentlemen are invited to attend.

WAYMART WOMAN IS AMONG THE MISSING.

Waymart is in a whirl of excitement over the sudden disappearance about three weeks ago of Mrs. Alyn Rockwell, wife of a prosperous Waymart farmer. Mrs. Rockwell left behind her two small children of three and five years.

It is thought that the monotony of the quiet life of a farmer's wife had gotten on Mrs. Rockwell's nerves and she departed to seek excitement in the whirl and stir of the city life. Mr. Rockwell believes that his wife is in Binghamton, N. Y.—Scranton Tribune-Republican.

Wayne County Men Indirectly Responsible for Wilson's Election.

In an editorial in the Montrose Democrat of March 13, under the head of "All Honor to Whom Due," appeared the names of Hon. Joel G. Hill, of Lookout, and Attorney C. A. McCarty of this place, and Hon. Mitchell Palmer and others. The editorial says, "To these men may be attributed indirectly Woodrow Wilson's nomination and ultimate election. All honor to these gentlemen."

Levi Degroot was a Scranton visitor the latter part of last week.

WATCH OUT FOR THE Citizen's Easter Number FRIDAY, MARCH 21 To-day's number of The Citizen contains a little foretaste of what our readers may expect in our regular Easter Number which will be put to press on Thursday. The illustrations, the articles, and the entire paper will be a Message of Joy to all of its army of readers. Tell your friends about what they may expect, and send an extra copy to your absent friend. The Citizen's original Business Department will not be the least of its Easter Number's many attractions. It will be brimming over with seasonable announcements. If a Citizen man fails to reach you soon, call us up on either 'phone. To make sure, why not DO IT NOW?