

## WAYNE COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN HONESDALE ON FRIDAY

### Society Proposes to Make Known to the World That Wayne County is the Home of the Baldwin Apple.

PROFESSOR H. A. SURFACE, STATE ZOOLOGIST, AND W. J. LEWIS, OF PITTSBURGH, DISTINGUISHED VISITORS—WAYNE COUNTY TO COME TO THE FRONT AS AN APPLE CENTRE.

**T**HE Fruit Growers' Association of Wayne county was organized on Friday. Professor H. A. Surface, State Zoologist of Pennsylvania who is considered an authority upon the growing of fruit, and W. J. Lewis, of Pittston, known all over the United States for the fine quality of apples that he raises and sells, were the distinguished out-of-town guests present. The association starts out with a membership of 100 active, earnest and enthusiastic farmers and others who are interested in the development of Wayne county. It is their purpose to make Wayne county known to the world as the home of the Baldwin, one of the best flavored apples grown in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, at the present time. Wayne county is considered the best place for raising apples.

After the arrival of the 10 o'clock Delaware and Hudson train the visiting gentlemen proceeded to the court house where morning and afternoon sessions were held. The meeting was called to order by District State Horticulturist W. H. Bullock. Daniel W. Hull was chosen temporary chairman and Professor A. W. Howell, both of Waymart, temporary secretary. Mr. Hull thanked the assemblage for bestowing this honor upon him, stating that he would do his best in filling the office elected to. He then called upon Burgess C. A. McCarty to make the address of welcome. Burgess McCarty said:

**Burgess McCarty's Address of Welcome.**

Ladies and Gentlemen: An address of welcome on occasions of this kind is often looked upon as a formality, something to fill up the order of business, something to occupy time in the carrying out of the program, but in this particular instance, I wish to assure you that it means all that the words imply in their broadest significance, not only the persons present here to-day, but the occasion which brings them together adds such importance to the gathering that Honesdale and the entire community will profit by the discussions and exchange of ideas which will take place here.

"Great achievements are being accomplished in modern times. In every avenue of human endeavor by concentrated effort, by concentrated or united effort of a large number of people, working along the same lines, will accomplish vastly more than the same number of people working independently, no matter how strenuously the efforts they put forth, it is for this reason that every interest finds it to its advantage to concentrate its efforts towards the accomplishment of a single end. The state representing all the people has unusual opportunities of carrying out the idea of united action. A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of extending welcome to the Farmers' Institute. This body of intelligent men, met for the purpose of advancing the agricultural interests of a community, of making two blades of grass grow where only one had grown before, and thus become public benefactors.

Two Apples Grow Where There is One.

And now we have a number of men with similar aims to advance the interest of HORTICULTURE to make two apples grow where only one had grown before, and not only make two apples grow, but better apples than had grown before.

"It is not often the Executive Officer of any town is called upon to welcome within the boundaries of its territory, a number of men actuated by such high motives and for the accomplishment of so much good as those assembled here to-day. You are here for the purpose of enlisting in the cause of HORTICULTURE, and I am pleased to know that back of your efforts in this line of endeavor is the great State of Pennsylvania. The state has so interested itself in your behalf that you have here as its representative, one of the most skilled and scientific men within the borders of our State, Professor Surface of the Department of Zoology, and in extending a welcome to those who are about to become members of this association, we must include this representative of the sovereign power of the Commonwealth. It is particularly for this reason that I feel so much pleasure in extending to you in behalf of the Borough of Honesdale, a welcome and a greeting to our town, in the name and in behalf of the municipality, I extend to you such a welcome and such a greeting, in the name of every man and woman, in the name of every boy and girl within the limits of our town, I extend to you this welcome and greet you upon your meeting here. There are many things of interest in our town to which we would gladly call your attention, but we have so often spoken of those things, that we sometimes feel we may be accused of vanity in parading before strangers what we consider our most important and interesting history, and still, I can hardly afford to lose the opportunity now presented without referring to at least some of the historical and literary facts connected with our town.

"Your association meets for organization under happy omens, it speaks well for a continuous and prosperous

career, which will do much for the advancement and prosperity for the community and we feel doubly grateful to you and trust the efforts being put forth may bear fruit in abundance along the lines of your united effort. We trust that you will enjoy your visit here, and when you leave our town, carry with you pleasant memories of your visit here, and a desire to return at some future time when the opportunity might present itself to you."

**Prof. H. A. Surface Responds.**

Prof. H. A. Surface, of Harrisburg, gave the response, saying in part: "It indeed affords me a great pleasure to respond to this welcome address delivered by your chief Burgess. I am well informed through my efficient representative, W. H. Bullock, and H. C. Jackson, of your county, who is now down at Harrisburg and who is also on the Agriculture committee, which division of the State is doing good work to mankind. I have been about ten years in this kind of work and must say that it is to one of your townsmen, Hon. E. B. Hardenburg, that I am greatly obligated. He did more for me while down at Harrisburg than any man I know of. I am very sorry that I left it so late before coming to this place, but as my time is almost entirely taken up, except Sunday, I found it impossible to come. I have received many letters from individuals but I could not come only upon invitation from an organization; that's why I am here. Hull Bros. of Waymart, who have become famous as growers and are known all over, know what you are doing. I was especially impressed with that part of horticulture in the address of your Burgess when he said it was the purpose to make two roses grow where one had formerly grown. My running mate, Mr. Lewis, is the greatest fruit grower in the world. He sold last year at the greatest profit of any grower in the world. We hear about the Western fruit as may be crowded out. Western fruit is no comparison whatever with Eastern grown fruit. Eastern fruit will bring \$8 per bushel in the West. Compare that with even \$3 per bushel. The Western fruit is magnificent in size and color, but when eaten they have no flavor. We have the flavor in Wayne county apples, also color, size and beauty. The Western man can never compare his product with the Eastern grown fruit. Out there they spray seven times a year for the codling moth. Many Eastern orchardists spray once or twice and others don't spray at all. Get together, organize, co-operate. I will be pleased to give what information I can to assist you. I take special pleasure in answering this address of welcome."

**Lewis Big Apple Raiser.**

Temporary Chairman Daniel Hull, in a few appropriate words then introduced his friend and co-worker in the fruit growing business, W. J. Lewis, of Pittston. Mr. Lewis gave an interesting talk upon the "Value of Organization." He said he was not a speaker, but an ordinary fruit grower. He welcomed the ladies, stating we would have never succeeded like we have but for the women. He said he wished to speak of two things connected with the business and they are, buying and selling. We know in order to produce good fruit that we must get down and dig and study and secure our information from every source possible. All information differs, it depends largely upon the soil, climatic conditions and altitude. An association of this kind can be greatly benefitted. Two farmers sitting down and discussing subjects can't help but receive some benefit from their conversation. You can learn better business methods in a society like this. Have an annual show. Choose a place where you can bring in your best grown fruit and compare it with the other fellow's. If the other fellow wins out ahead of you, you will necessarily brush up in another year. It will be good for both of you. Buyers of apples are just as anxious to buy fruit raised in Wayne county as you are to sell it. In starting an association someone has inquired as to who shall become members. If you have such men as your Burgess, the judge that presides over this court, and others equally as good, take them in by all means. You can increase the product of acreage from \$30 to \$40 per acre to \$4,000. Man is consuming fruit more extensively now than ever before. The man who eats apples is never a hard drinker. Consumers are just beginning to realize that fruit is a good food. It is healthful. The more apples that are eaten the healthier the community. We have a successful fruit growers' association in Luzerne county and hope you will have one in Wayne county. They have organizations of this kind in Columbia, Luzerne, Susquehanna, Wyoming and Lackawanna counties, and now Wayne county is interested. I hope that these countries will get together and organize the Northeastern Pennsylvania Fruit Growers' Association.

**Surface Urges Co-Operation.**

The chairman then introduced Professor Surface, who gave an address of welcome.

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## SAD EASTER AT TYLER HILL.

Mrs. Helen Fortnam's Lifeless Body is Found by Her Son, Clarence—The Unfortunate Woman Took Her Own Life in a Period of Despondency.

Shadows of sorrow and sadness instead of brightness and glory hovered over Tyler Hill, in Wayne county, on Easter morn when the startling news spread through the community that Mrs. Thomas Fortnam had taken her own life while in a temporary condition of despondency. Her death occurred some time between 8 o'clock Saturday night and 7 o'clock Sunday morning, when her son, Clarence D. Fortnam, discovered her lifeless body.

The news reached Honesdale on Sunday morning, and Dr. P. B. Peterson, the County Coroner, hastened to the scene. A jury composed of the following persons: W. L. Jackson, E. T. Oliver, Joseph Abraham, Thos. Griffith, Selah Oliver and F. S. Prines, investigated the case and returned a verdict of suicide in accordance with the evidence as outlined above.

Mrs. Fortnam is survived by one son, Clarence D., previously mentioned. Mrs. Fortnam, whose maiden name was Helen Bushnell, was a daughter of the late Sydney Bushnell, of Bethany, who was a former commissioner of Wayne county. Her grandfather was Pope Bushnell, who was a noted politician and a well educated man. He was also a veteran of the war of 1812. Mrs. Fortnam was 62 years old. Besides her son, one brother, Attorney C. M. Bushnell, of Buffalo, N. Y., also survives. She had many friends, and was quite well known in Honesdale. She had just completed arrangements to spend some little time at the county seat, having spoken for rooms and accommodations at one of our town's boarding houses.

Probably never in its history has Tyler Hill received so great a shock as came on Easter morning, and expressions of regret and sorrow are heard on every hand from sympathetic acquaintances of the deceased.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock, from her late home, Rev. R. D. Minch officiating.

## EASTER MUSIC.

Beautiful choruses, anthems, solos and duets marked a feature in Easter services which always thrills the soul and brings "good tidings of great joy" to the listener. The different programs reproduced in Friday's Citizen were observed in a most pleasing manner. Their rendition gratified large congregations in all of the churches, reflecting an unusual amount of credit upon the reinforced choirs and their respective leaders.

## BRYAN HAS NAUGHT BUT PRAISE FOR BOY SCOUTS.

"Teaches the Boys an Ideal," He Declared.

William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, who has been watching the activities of the Boy Scouts of America in Miami, Florida, is a hearty endorser of the scout movement. "I believe in the scout movement," he says, "because it teaches the boys an ideal—and an ideal is everything. It gives him the highest ideal possible—and you have no ideal higher than Christ Himself. Service is the meaning of greatness. It is true that he who is the greatest is he who is of the most service. The Boy Scouts in service measure the days by their contribution to others. If we do everything for self we don't count for much, and we should measure life, not by what we get out of it, but by what we put in it. So this scout movement teaches the boy of the importance of doing something for others.

"No, you cannot avoid a deep interest in the boy. I am interested in the scout movement because it gives the boy something to do. The best thing that you can do for the boy is to give him something to do. I believe that we must recognize the desire of the boy to do something, therefore the movement deserves our support.

"I believe in the movement because it teaches the boys co-operation. Some say that co-operation measures a man's sanity. Co-operation multiplies the efficiency of the individual. So these boys are brought together and taught the important lesson of working together."

A refining company in Pennsylvania announces that it will shortly put upon the market an automobile fuel called "gasone" which will take the place of gasoline and cost less than four cents a gallon. Its only fault is said to be that it makes a great deal of smoke when the engine first starts up.

## CHICKEN THIEVES HELD OVER TO JUNE COURT

WILLIS DILMARTH AND FRED SHERWOOD OF BEACH GROVE IN TOILS FOR TAKING FOWLS.

Charles Webb, Prosecutor, Had Warrant Sworn Out Monday and Thursday Officers Canivan and Spencer Brought Them Here.

Willis Dilmarth and Fred Sherwood, aged twenty and seventeen, respectively, pled guilty Friday afternoon before Squire Smith to the charge of stealing chickens and were held under \$300 bail for the June term of court.

Charles Webb of Beach Grove is the prosecutor and he has been missing numbers of his feathered tribe for some time. The last time there was a raid on his hen house was Monday when twenty-four Wyandotts were taken. He did not know who the thieves were but decided to play detective and investigate. He knew that Charles W. Dein, the meat man, occasionally bought chickens, so he started his investigations there. Mr. Dein told him, when asked, that he had bought a number of chickens that morning and had paid out \$9.90 for them. The chickens were still alive so they went to see them. They were the kind Mr. Webb had lost so he decided to put it to a test. Five of the birds were taken to his place and set down in the yard. They went at once into the hen house and flew up on the perch, and acted as if they were very glad to get back home. Mr. Webb had witnesses present to see how the test turned out. Dilmarth and Sherwood had sold the chickens to Mr. Dein the week before but only delivered them last week.

When Mr. Webb proved to his own satisfaction who had been molesting his hen house he came to Honesdale and had two warrants drawn. Officers Canivan and N. B. Spencer started out Thursday for Beach Grove and they located the young men on the road near Bethany. They experienced no trouble in bringing them back with them that afternoon.

It is rumored that the young men told the authorities of two more young men who were in the gang, but no action has been taken against them yet, but Saturday morning, it is said, one of the neighbors saw one of the suspects start for Prompton where he probably boarded the early D. & H. train for Carbondale.

## AWFUL WORK OF TORNADO.

The Death List Will Reach Into the Hundreds.

Omaha, March 24.—The full horror of last night's storm broke upon grief-stricken Omaha at noon today, when it was authoritatively stated that the death list would reach two hundred in Omaha alone, exclusive of Ralston and Council Bluffs.

Late reports from Council Bluffs stated that four more bodies have been taken from the ruins of homes in the path of the storm. It is now believed that the twister went on further east and more fatalities are expected.

The property loss is estimated now at \$10,000,000. One hundred thousand and grief-stricken, sobbing people assailed every source of information for some assurance that relatives or friends had not perished in the storm.

State and federal troops have arrived in Omaha and have checked the looting that began immediately after the storm.

## FIRM BELIEVER IN ADVERTISING.

Professor H. A. Surface, of Harrisburg, who was in Honesdale last Friday and gave addresses during the day in the interest of the Wayne County Fruit Growers' Association, thoroughly believes in advertising. In his spirited and helpful talks the professor on several occasions remarked that in order to bring Wayne county fruit to the front the association must advertise. "You can make known to the whole world that Wayne county is the home of the Baldwin apple," quoted Professor Surface.

## Mail Bag Chopped in Pieces.

A mail bag thrown from the fast south-bound train at Worcester on Saturday night recently bounded under the car wheels and was chopped in pieces. Letters in tattered condition and well soaked by water and snow, were scattered along the track for several rods. They were gathered up, however, and carried to the postoffice, where the addresses were found legible enough to make possible the delivery of each letter.

## HOSE COMPANY EXPECT LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Post-Lenten Concert and Ball To Be One of the Biggest Social Events of the Season.

To-night at the Park street armory, Hose Company No. 1 will be the host at their annual concert and ball. The special program which has been arranged for this occasion will commence at 8:15 promptly. The following program will entertain the large assemblage expected:

- Opening Overture
- Jenkins' Boy Band
- Address, Dr. J. W. Balta, Chaplain of Hose Co. No. 1.
- Sailors' Chorus
- Central Glee Club
- Buck & Wing Dancing, M. J. Aron-dale, Some Stepper.
- Vocal Solo, Silver Voiced Toner.
- Mr. Robert Lees
- Popular Airs
- Central Glee Club
- Baritone Solo, The Mulateur of Taragona, "Henriore"
- Mr. R. Rubin.
- Address H. A. Oday, Chief of Greater Honesdale Fire Department.
- Selection
- Boy Band

The committee in charge of this affair have done all in their power to make the evening a grand success and it is expected that everyone will turn out and give the boys a good showing at the first ball to be held after Lent.

## LAD RESCUED FROM PARK LAKE.

Douglas Thompson, who with his parents live in the Dr. R. W. Brady house, Church street, had a narrow escape from drowning Monday noon in Park Lake. The little fellow was on the river with a raft and in some manner the paddle accidentally slipped from his hand and he commenced to drift. He evidently became frightened and plunged into the river. He endeavored to swim, but could not and consequently went down a couple of times before being rescued by Mr. Roberts of East Honesdale, who was standing near by. The boy went home apparently none the worse for his impromptu bath.

## Marriage of Former Wayne Countean

Miss Louise Lebzelter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lebzelter, of Brown-ton, Pa., was united in marriage to Floyd M. Hiller, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Decker, of Seelyville at the German Lutheran parsonage at Butler recently. A farewell reception was tendered Miss Lebzelter at her home where relatives and friends assembled. Among the party was the Rev. Carl Stolz, pastor of the St. Paul's German Lutheran church, who congratulated the bride and gave his blessing. Miss Lebzelter was one of the most popular members of the Young People's society and took an active part in social affairs, being an elocutionist of some ability. At the reception she recited, "The Last Night in My Parents' Home." Mr. Hiller is well known in Butler, where he holds a responsible position with the Dairy Co. at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Hiller are housekeeping in Butler, Pa.

## OBITUARY.

### Death of Hawley Young Man.

Word was received in Hawley on Sunday announcing the sudden death of John Thielke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thielke of that place. Death is supposed to have been caused by typhoid fever, particulars were not received as we went to press. The deceased was taken to the New Brunswick, N. J., hospital in that city on Saturday. He has been employed by the Simplex Automobile company of that city, but formerly had been working in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The remains arrived at his home Monday evening. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thielke, two brothers and four sisters survive, namely: Frank, of Denver, Col., Mrs. Lafayette Kellam, of Brooklyn, Mrs. George Miller, Reinhard, Elizabeth and Mary, all of Hawley.

### Benjamin Woodney Passes Away.

Benjamin Woodney, late of North Scranton, but formerly of Wayne county, died at his home in that city on Friday last, aged 69 years. Mr. Woodney was a veteran of the Civil War, being a member of Company D, 159th Pennsylvania Volunteers. The deceased is survived by a widow, a half sister, Mrs. Harris Titus, of Elmira, N. Y., and also a half brother, Frank Sterling, of Carbondale. The funeral was held last Saturday evening from the Providence Presbyterian church, Rev. Mr. Fox officiating. The deceased was a member of Era Griffin Post, No. 139, G. A. R., of Scranton. A firing squad and drum corps accompanied the remains to Honesdale and gave a parting salute to their late comrade at the grave, which was in Riverdale cemetery.

### Death of Mrs. Peter Cole.

The remains of Mrs. Rebecca J. Cole, widow of the late Peter J. Cole, formerly of Honesdale, will arrive here this Tuesday morning on the 10 o'clock Delaware and Hudson train from Carbondale and short services will be held from the Baptist church.

Mrs. Cole had been a resident of the Pioneer City since leaving Honesdale about 20 years ago. She died at the home of her daughter in Carbondale on Friday last. She is survived by one son, Frank E. Cole, of Dunmore; three daughters, Mrs. R. W. Pethick and Mrs. Cyrus Pierson of Carbondale; and Mrs. Warren Kimble, of Scranton; also one step-daughter, Mrs. D. J. Gager, of Honesdale. Twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive.

Interment will be made in Riverdale cemetery, Rev. G. S. Wendell officiating. The late Peter Cole was a deacon in this church.

## GOVERNOR SIGNS FALSE "AD" BILL

MEASURE BACKED BY MERCHANTS OF STATE IS APPROVED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

The Jones Township Road Bill Was Reported to the House by the Public Roads Committee.

Governor Tener has approved the Bigger bill, prohibiting the making of false statements or advertisements concerning merchandise, securities or services. The act affects all publications within the state.

The provisions of the new law, the seventh bill to be signed this year, are that "whoever in a newspaper, periodical circular form, letter or other publication published, distributed or circulated in this commonwealth in any advertisement in this commonwealth, knowingly makes or disseminates or causes to be made or disseminated any statement or assertion concerning the quantity, quality, the merit, the use, the present or former price, the cost, the reason for the price or the motive or purpose of a sale of any merchandise securities or services, or concerning the method or cost of production or manufacture of such merchandise or the possession of rewards, prizes or distinctions conferred on account of such securities which is untrue or calculated to mislead shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

The Jones township road bill was reported to the house by the public roads committee last week. This is the bill which creates the state bureau of township highways and provides for the election of county road superintendents for supervisors' conventions. State aid to the extent of fifty per cent. of cost of work on roads not to exceed \$20 per mile is provided.

The state water supply commission last week granted permission to the commissioner of Luzerne county to construct a bridge across the Susquehanna at Pittston and the commissioners of Westmoreland county to build a bridge over Loyalhanna creek at Latrobe. The charter application of the Boiling Spring Water company of Boiling Springs, Cumberland county, was approved.

Approval was given by the governor to the resolution requesting the Gettysburg semi-centennial commission to broaden the scope of the provisions made for the attendance of guests of the state so as to include all Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil war who enlisted as from Pennsylvania or who are now living in this state and those who served in emergency regiments of the Union army and all soldiers who served in the Confederate army and now living in Pennsylvania.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

### A Tragedy of Bird Life.

(Original Narrative).

A few summers ago I was spending some time in the country. One beautiful day when all nature was at its best, and birds and bees were flitting about in the sunshine, I passed through an orchard or young apple trees, on my way to a nearby spring. As I had passed that way many times I had noticed a robin and her mate.

The robins were singing and seemed to be so happy this morning, that I decided they must have a nest somewhere in the boughs of the tree. Putting down my pail I neared the tree. The robins flew away, and alighted on another tree nearby, keeping watch of all my movements. After looking for a long time, and about ready to give up the search, I discovered right near my hand a nest with three small blue eggs in it. Although it was covered over with leaves and small branches, it was so near the ground I feared for its safety.

Morning after morning as I passed and took a peep into the nest, the mother robin would fly away in fright, as I came near. Finally one morning the mother bird did not fly out at my approach, and I feared the nest had been discovered by a cat, but upon looking closely I saw three little birds with their mouth wide open waiting for the mother to return with food. The next day as I approached the nest I saw a big black cat watching the mother bird, as she flew back and forth with food. I drove the cat away, and continued my walk to the spring, but upon my return I saw the cat spring at the mother bird and would have caught her had I not frightened the cat by throwing a stone.

In a week the young birds had outgrown the nest. One sturdy fellow more ambitious than the rest, decided to see what the world looked like outside of the apple tree and half flying, half dropping, fell to the ground. My attention was called to the orchard by the robin fluttering about and making a peculiar calling noise. Going to the tree I saw the bird on the ground. Knowing the cat would surely catch it, I put it back in the nest, as it was late in the day. The next day I went to look for the little robin, but before I reached the tree, I saw two red squirrels playing around the tree, and heard the cries of the mother bird. When I had reached the tree the nest was partly destroyed and the birds gone. The squirrels had had a feast.

LEWIS SPRUKS,  
II English.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Nelson Skinner ..... Torrey  
Josephine Gregory ..... Beachlake  
Charles H. Brown ..... Moscow  
Helen Haser ..... Gouldsboro

**If it's anything in Jewelry or Optics**

we have it—  
can get it or—  
it isn't made—

**ROWLAND**  
Jeweler and Optician of Honesdale.