

BRIDGE CONTRACT WAS LET TO CHAMBERSBURG MAN

EACH COMPANY BID ON OWN SPECIFICATIONS AND BEST ACCEPTED.

Price was \$1,786—Building of Abutments Given to Chatman & Bell, Ariel—Work to Be Completed by October 1.

The county commissioners met in regular monthly session at their office in the court house Tuesday afternoon and the routine business of the county was taken up and disposed of. Bills that have accumulated during the month of March were ordered paid. The principal business of this session of the commissioners, however, was the matter of the foot bridge to span the Lackawaxen river at the head of Court street, connecting that street with Park street.

The bids for the building of the bridge were opened and the contracts were let. The Nelson Merydith company, of Chambersburg, was awarded the contract for building the bridge, their price being \$1,786. Chatman & Bell, of Ariel, were awarded the contract for putting in the abutments. Their bid was \$585. The bridge is to be 120 feet in length with an eight foot walk between the rails and concrete floor. The rails and span work are to be of structural steel. The abutments will be of concrete, and they are to be completed on or before September 1. The bridge will have to be completed on or before October 1.

There were five bids presented for the building of the bridge and each concern put in their price according to their own plans and specifications. No two bids were made on the same plan, therefore there was considerable difference in the amount of each bid. The abutments, however, were bid on by specification.

The companies putting in bids for the building of the bridge, were: Nelson Merydith, Chambersburg, \$1786; plan B, and \$1748 on plan A; Owego Bridge Company, \$2068; Lay & Walpole, Owego, N. Y., \$2,740; Penn Bridge Company, Beaver Falls, Pa., \$2285; York Bridge Co., York, Pa., \$1896.

MARCH WEATHER.

Parts Compared With Past Half Century.

Total rainfall with melted snow, measured on eleven days—there was traces ten other days—5.28 inches, which is nearly two inches more than March average of 3.32 inches for 45 years; from .43 inch in 1910, to 5.78 inches in 1871; last year it was 5.40 inches on eight days. Snow measured second and sixth, one inch; traces seven other days. Total for the winter 32 inches, last year same time 38 inches. Average snow for March 13 inches for 59 years; from a trace in 1903 and March 1875, to 1910, to 38 inches in March 1875.

March Temperature, 1913, highest was ten degrees seventh, up to 75 degrees 25th; average 46.7 degs., last year 36.3 degrees. My highest record in March for 54 years is 80 degrees 30th, 1910; and 79 degrees 29th, 1905, and same date 1907 and 1910. Lowest temperature varied from 54 degrees 27th, down to two degrees below zero eighth; average 27.7 degrees. Last year lowest was eight below zero sixth; and lowest record in March is 23.5 below zero 18th, 1900. Range this year was two degrees 27th, to forty degrees ninth and 18th; average 19 degrees, the same as last year. Warmest day 25th, mean 62 degrees—twenty degrees higher than warmest day last year; and coldest day seventh, mean five degrees—two colder than sixth last year. Daily mean for the month 37.2 degrees; last year 26.3 degrees. Average 30.3 degrees for 49 years; from 19.5 degrees in 1885, to 41.2 degrees in 1903.

GETTING READY FOR A SUBSTANTIAL MAIN STREET

As the result of the visit of the chief burgess and a representative of the Greater Honesdale Board of Trade to Harrisburg last week where Street Highway Commissioner Edward M. Bigelow was interviewed, a corps of surveyors came to Honesdale on Monday. These gentlemen are working under Superintendent Krieger of Scranton. The corps is composed of C. D. Price, W. G. Nichols, Evan Thomas, H. Craig, V. Truethers, H. R. James, Fay Craig, B. W. Mitchell, all of Scranton. The corps arrived here Monday afternoon bright and early Tuesday morning were upon Main street with their different instruments getting the grade, width and elevation of same. The preliminary work has to be accomplished before further steps can be taken. The improved street condition will be heralded by the business men as one of the best things that has been done in Honesdale in many years. The material to be used has not been decided upon. Before any road building is done new water and gas mains will have to be laid. A sewer system will also have to be installed.

Six days were clear, seven fair and 18 cloudy; average thirty per cent. of sunshine; last year 53 per cent. Prevailing winds southwest, northwest and west.

Spring Notes—First bluebird seen near my station on the fifth, last year 17th. First snowdrop flower on the tenth. First robin on the 18th, and first phebe bird 20th, came near the same time last year.

First Hepatica wild woods flowers 22d, and plenty of them on the 25th. They are rarely found here before the last two days of March. Many years ago I found first one on March 25th, and winter weather came on next day, and kept second one from opening until tenth day of April.

THEODORE DAY, Dyberry, Pa., April 1st, 1913.

HONESDALE'S FREE LIBRARY

The importance of the High School Free Library may be somewhat appreciated by the following statement that Professor Oday kindly has furnished The Citizen for publication:

Number of books loaned during the month of March 1277

Number of new cards issued for month of March 61

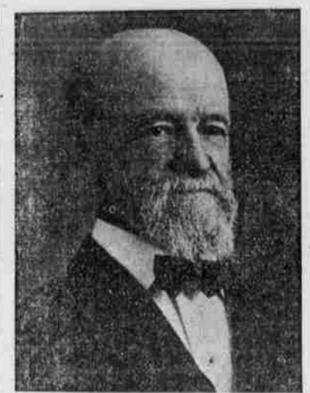
Total number of borrowers to date 650

Largest number of books issued any month previous to the month of March was February, when the number amounted to 1132. The library is being well patronized, and the interest shown by the increasing number of books loaned shows that Honesdale people know a really good thing when they see it.

VETERAN EDITOR IS 77 YEARS OLD.

Edward A. Penniman Receives Congratulations at His Beautiful Up-Town Home.

GOOD morning, Mr. Penniman! So the Honesdale National Bank and the celebrated affair of the Alamo were not all there was to the year 1836, after all. Something happened in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 4, 1836. That little happening, by the way, was the birth of Edward A. Penniman. His father, Francis B. Penniman, removed from the "Buckeye" State to Binghamton, N. Y., and in 1844 he removed from the city where Lester Mebs were made



E. A. PENNIMAN.

to Honesdale. His father began publishing a local newspaper in Honesdale. He called it The Honesdale Democrat, and it was the organ of the Whig party. The first number was published on September 17 of that year. When Edward became old enough to vote he acquired a half interest in the Democrat, in which office he had learned his trade. One year later he became sole proprietor. Mr. Penniman remained as a proprietor of the paper that was started in 1844, since 1870 as co-partner with the late Hon. Henry Wilson, until Sept. 24, 1908, when he sold out his interest and retired to spend the remainder of his days in his beautiful home in the upper part of Honesdale.

One of the valued possessions of Mr. Penniman are the bound volumes of the paper that was started in Honesdale in 1844 from the first number that was published to the time of his retirement. He has them in a room that is specially constructed for them; they are nicely and plainly labeled, and the volumes make a priceless collection of local history. Provision should be made at county expense for the preservation of the volumes in a fire-proof receptacle.

But these are only a part of the literary treasures that Mr. Penniman has in his library. He has taken special pains to gather every scrap of history pertaining to the people from Wayne County who served their country in the Civil war, and he has taken great pains also to gather and classify many other things of interest to the people of this county.

To-day is Edward A. Penniman's birthday, and he is spending it at home by receiving the congratulations of his fellow-townsmen. Every day he comes down from his home to the newspaper offices, where he is always a welcome visitor. We hope to greet him and shake his hand up to at least April 4, 1936.

WILLOW TREES ALONG PARK LAKE ADMIRABLE.

Everybody admires the willow trees that stand on the edge of Park Lake, just east of the Baptist church. These trees, about thirty in number, were set out by the late Francis B. Penniman, assisted by one of his employees, Joel Spettigue, over 60 years ago. When they were planted they were about the size of good-sized walking sticks, and every one of them grew to become mammoth trees.

JUST HOW A TORNADO LOOKS.

Read All About It in Next Tuesday's Citizen. The Citizen is in receipt of a vivid and graphic account of the tornado which recently visited Omaha, witnessed by a former Honesdale young man, who is now in that city. The article will appear in our next issue. Look for it.

POLT STARTS CROSS ACTION TO EVEN UP

HAS LEONARD MEBS ARRESTED ON ASSAULT AND BATTERY CHARGE, ALSO TO KILL.

Hearing Commenced Wednesday Afternoon, Continued Until This Morning—Many Witnesses Called Mebs Held For Court.

Peter Polt, who pled not guilty to a charge of assault and battery on the person of Leonard Mebs, before Squire R. A. Smith on Tuesday night and who was held under \$500 bail, although already held under a sheriff's capias, started to avenge his wrongs on Wednesday when he had Leonard Mebs arrested and charged him with assault and battery with attempt to kill on Saturday night. The hearing was begun yesterday before Squire R. A. Smith and Polt was allowed to testify. He stated that on Saturday night between eleven and twelve o'clock he left the Commercial Hotel and started home. Some distance down the street he came up with a bunch of fellows one of whom was Mebs. He said Mebs started toward him, calling him a vile name and at the same time asking his companion for his gun to shoot him. Polt then asserts that Mebs struck him and he struck back. He said that he had a stone ring on his finger and that probably made the cut on Mebs' nose. No witnesses were called and Justice Smith continued the hearing until 11 o'clock this morning when it was resumed.

This morning when the evidence was resumed, Polt's attorney, C. P. Searle, called three witnesses, who corroborated the story already told by Polt. They were with him Saturday night. C. A. Garratt defended Mebs and produced many witnesses all of whom denied that a blow was struck. Mebs said that he and five others were going up the street when they met Polt and his crowd. Polt came up to him and gave him a shove with his elbow. This was followed by a clinch, but no blows were struck. Mebs said that Polt then reached into his pocket and the next thing he knew he had been cut and he cried out for help.

Toward the end of the hearing the sister of Mebs was called as a witness and some very sensational evidence was given. She said that she was afraid of her life and that Polt had threatened to kill her if she did not go with him. She denied that she had told Polt that her brother was laying for him with a gun. Polt was then recalled and said that Miss Mebs had told him that her brother was going to kill him. Other evidence of a more sensational nature was produced.

Mebs was held for court under \$100 bail. The two cases will be aired out in the June term of court.

REV. TOLLEY GOES TO CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday afternoon Rev. Samuel Tolley came to Honesdale from Equinunk. He remained in town over night, and on Wednesday went forward to New York city to attend the sessions of the M. E. conference that includes the point at which he is stationed. The sessions of conference will be held in what used to be the Central church, but which is now known as the Metropolitan Temple. Bishop Wilson will be the presiding officer at the conference.

Minister Tolley finished his year's labor last Sunday. Just before starting for Conference he had the satisfaction of knowing that his congregation had completed the purchase of what is known as the Lester property, in Equinunk village, paying cash for it, which will be used as a parsonage.

BRAY—ROE.

Miss Nettie Roe, of Hoadleys, and William P. Bray, of Hazleton, were married Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Methodist parsonage, Honesdale, by Rev. Will H. Hiller.

NORTHERN WAYNE TELEPHONE MEN BANQUET

STOCKHOLDERS AND OFFICERS ENJOY DINNER AT LAKE COMO WEDNESDAY EVENING

Many Speeches Were Made—Progressive Telephone Company of Northern Wayne Proposes to Extend to All Small Towns in That Territory.

The Progressive Telephone Company of Northern Wayne county gave a dinner Wednesday night at Lake Como to its stockholders and officers, which consisted of about twenty-five of northern Wayne's leading citizens. The dinner was held in the Healy Hotel.

The principal speakers of the evening were Attorney J. J. O'Malley of Olyphant and Scranton, toastmaster and E. G. Simons, district manager of the Scranton district, and T. A. Garvey, local manager, of Carbondale. Others speakers were: Rev. W. J. German, of Lake Como; Rev. D. W. McCarthy, of Pleasant Mount; John D. Brennan, of Pleasant Mount; Carey P. Williams, traffic supervisor, of Scranton; H. E. Ward, local manager, of Scranton; W. J. Healey, of Lake Como; Frank W. Stahlheber and Fred A. Tiffany, of Poyntelle, and others spoke of the prospects of becoming the beautiful highlands of northern Wayne county.

In the after dinner remarks it was very evident that the citizens of northern Wayne county are awakening to the great possibilities of developing their region with regard to summer business. The spirit shown was that they should develop their present telephone system and assist the various struggling small rural companies to rebuild and place their lines on a strong commercial basis.

The board of directors of the Progressive Telephone company met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of planning to extend the scope of their territory to take in the smaller towns in that locality that are clamoring for service. Through the efforts of these men an organization was effected and the necessary stock sold and the following towns have been opened up in that vicinity: Orson, Poyntelle, Lakewood, Lake Como, Preston Park, South Preston, Rock Lake, Starlight and Equinunk.

It is the intention of the men engaged in the work to develop that region as a summer resort. With its beautiful mountains and lakes it would make one of the most beautiful summer resorts in the east, and they realize that the making of better telephone facilities is the first important step in that direction.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OUT TO WIN.

Executive Session Met Thursday—To Exhibit Fruit at Fair—New Members Being Added.

The executive committee of the Fruit Growers Society of Wayne county met at the court house on Thursday morning for the purpose of making arrangements for an outline of business which the new organization will take up. Those present were President Daniel W. Hull, of Waymart; vice Presidents T. B. Clark, E. E. Avery, W. H. Bullock and Homer Bonear, also Secretary E. G. Schenck.

A fruit exhibition to be made at the coming Wayne county fair next fall was discussed. It is hoped that arrangements for awarding premiums may be made.

The following names were received for membership at Thursday morning's session: K. S. Van Sickle, Gravit, and R. E. Bates, Waymart. In addition to the list of names recently published should have appeared those of Prothonotary W. J. Barnes and Register and Recorder W. B. Leshar.

MANY ON UNEASY SEATS.

Expectants for Honesdale Post Office Wondering How Soon Before They Will (?) Be Appointed.

With the change of administration comes a change in the postmaster-ship. In Honesdale Postmaster M. B. Allen's term expires on the 19th of April. From the first day of the year and in some instances the next day after election prospective postoffice bees commenced to buzz. They continued to buzz and fly around, other political bees joining in the mad rush to get a taste of the honey that might be in store for them in the apilary or Honesdale postoffice. These bees swarm every day in the local beehive and it is with reluctance that they leave this political apilary.

Some, if one is able to understand bee language, it is stated have made a number beamy remarks that most can not hear. It is said all have made a beeline for a certain office in Honesdale, known in bee language as the queen bee, but in this instance it happens to be a king bee. The king bee is away and the postoffice bees are getting uneasy as the bees are waxing warm, the time for swarming being almost here. Becalm would undoubtedly be the king bee's becoming reply.

FLAG RAISINGS BECOMING VERY POPULAR

Many Schools Throughout County Have Adopted This Means of Showing Loyalty to the Stars and Stripes.

A flag raising was held at the Carley Brook school house Tuesday, Apr. 1, and appropriate exercises were held. County Superintendent of Schools J. J. Koehler delivered an appropriate address to the large attendance.

On Thursday, April 10, the Abramsville school of which Miss Bessie Welsh is teacher, will have a flag raising with appropriate exercises. The Stars and Stripes will be hoisted over the school building. Addresses will be made by County Supt. J. J. Koehler and County Treasurer W. W. Wood.

The St. Tammany school in Damascus township, opposite from Callicoon, will have a flag raising on Friday, April 18. The exercises will be conducted by Miss Sadie F. Welsh, teacher. The principal address of the day will be made by Attorney M. J. Hanlan of Honesdale.

CHURCH NOTES.

Grace Episcopal church, Sunday, April 6, 10:30 a. m., Holy Communion and Sermon; 7:30 p. m., Evening Prayer and Sermon; 12 M., Sunday school.

The first meeting of the confirmation class will be on Thursday evening at 7:30.

There will be a communion service with sermon at Christ church, Indian Orchard, Sunday, April 6, at 2:30 p. m.

The Easter cantata will be repeated at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening.

There will be special musical programs at the Methodist church next Sunday, both morning and evening, consisting of anthems, quartettes and solos. The solos will be by Messrs. Dibble and Lees. Reception of members at the morning service. Pastor Hiller will preach morning and evening.

Sunday services in St. John's Lutheran church as follows: 10:30 a. m. "Der gute Hirte und die Seinen"; 11:45 a. m., Bible school; 7:30 p. m., "Who is a Liar?" Services will be held at White Mills at 3 p. m.

AS TO WOODEN PAVEMENTS.

Main street is soon to be paved. There is no doubt about that. And it certainly is high time. Right now, before decisions are reached as to the kind of material that will be used, The Citizen again urges the committee having the supervision of details of selection to consider carefully the merits of wooden blocks as a desirable paving material when PROPERLY LAID.

WAYNE COUNTY BEING ADVERTISED.

Professor Surface said in Honesdale that Wayne county could make known to the whole world that she is the home of the Baldwin apple. Pike county could likewise claim that she can produce just as good Baldwins as Wayne, or any other county. Now let her proceed to do so.—Pike County Press.

SPORTING NOTES.

The G. C. club won the last game of the series with the Maple City Five on Tuesday evening. Score 14 to 4. The "Champs" were badly crippled, three of their regular men being in their lineup, which was D. Faatz and McDermott, forwards, Jacobs, center, Brader and Bader, guards. The G. C. lineup was W. Polt and Hessling, forwards, Rose, center, Keigler and J. Polt, guards.

RIVERDALE.

Riverdale, April 3. Charles Hilefeldt has returned to his home at Belmont, after being employed at Henry Wildenstein's for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gustin and little son Donald, recently visited relatives at Wilkes-Barre and attended the "Sunday" meetings while there.

Will Hauenstein, who has been suffering with an attack of rheumatism, is much improved.

Mrs. R. Rosenbaum is quite ill. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gustin spent Friday evening with Rev. and Mrs. Hunter, Pleasant Mt.

H. G. Wildenstein and family spent Sunday at Aldenville. Miss Edith Rosener of Aldenville, was a recent visitor at Frank Wildenstein's.

LER HILL MAN CRUSHED BY FALLING TREE

DID NOT HEAR WARNING OF COMPANION WHEN TREE STARTED TO FALL.

Accident Happened on Yerkes Tract Near the Ralston Saw Mill, Tyler Hill—Sad Death Was Witnessed By Floyd Ralston.

Samuel Pethick, of Tyler Hill, was instantly killed while at work chopping wood in the Yerkes tract near the Dodson saw mill in Damascus township shortly after twelve o'clock Tuesday afternoon when a heavy tree fell on him, crushing life out of him instantly.

Pethick was at work in the woods with Floyd Rolston. Rolston was engaged in chopping a roadway and Pethick was standing near by. There was a heavy wind blowing and an old tree which was standing near was blown over by the wind. Rolston saw the danger and called out to Pethick to get away but the latter being hard of hearing did not heed the warning and the tree came down with a crash directly upon him, pinning him to the ground. He was dead before the tree could be removed. Pethick had been employed at the saw mill for some time, and had been a resident of that locality many years. He was about 55 years of age and is survived by his bereaved wife and three sons, Russell, Leslie and Cecil, all at home. He is also survived by three brothers, Judson, of Windsor, N. Y., Tobias and Raymond of Tyler Hill. The funeral will probably be held today.

CRAZY MAN GETS BEATING WHEN HE LETS COWS OUT.

Clause Greenwalt of Cherry Ridge Does Not Hesitate To Take Law in Own Hands.

A man who gave an unpronounceable name and who said he came from Scranton, was brought to Honesdale today shortly before noon by Clause Greenwalt, a farmer living on the Murray farm in Cherry Ridge township, and was placed in the county jail.

Greenwalt stated that the man came along the road this morning having stopped at the house of a neighbor during the night. He came to the place and began letting the cattle out into the road. Miss Gusie Greenwalt, a daughter, tried to have the man stop, but he became angry and told her he would beat her if she did not let him alone. He then chased her. Greenwalt came along just then and took after the man and after a short run down the road caught up to the Polander and used a club on him. He then brought his man to Honesdale and this afternoon preferred charges against him. A hearing will probably be held tomorrow.

HONESDALE IS THE PLACE FOR YOU.

Honesdale is the best place to live in.

If you are undecided where to spend the remainder of your life, come to Honesdale.

The air is pure and light, water sparkling and bright, people congenial and business prosperous in Honesdale. Come here and dwell.

COMMON SCHOOL EXAMS.

Average of 75 Required—Common School Diploma Required of Non-Resident Tuition Pupils for High School Examination.

Common school examinations will be held Saturday, April 19, beginning at 8:30 a. m. in the school building located at the following places: Newfoundland, Sterling, Hamlin, Hawley, Ariel, South Canaan, Waymart, Prompton, Aldenville, Pleasant Mount, Lakewood, Starrucca, Scott Centre, Lake Como, Equinunk, Rileyville, Galilee, Tyler Hill, Torrey, Bethany, Beachlake, and Clark's Corners.

Eighth grade pupils only are allowed to take this examination. Each applicant should furnish himself with foolscap, legalcap or essay paper. The work in all the branches except Grammar and Arithmetic should be done with pen and ink. An average of 75 per cent. is required.

Common school diplomas will be granted to the successful applicants. This diploma is required of non-resident tuition pupils for high school entrance.

J. J. KOEHLER, Co. Supt. of Schools.

MRS. FRIEDEWALD'S READING.

Mrs. Salo Friedewald will make up the reading omitted some two or three weeks ago on account of her illness, this Saturday afternoon, April 5, at 3:15 o'clock. This reading will be very interesting and is entitled, "The Singing Man," by Josephine Preston Peabody. A large attendance is desired.

TONIGHT AT LYRIC.

The attraction at the Lyric tonight will be "The Shepherd of the Hill." It is a forceful play, full of pure humor.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Lillian M. Polley, of Seelyville, to W. N. Alberty, Honesdale, a certain piece of property in Seelyville for the consideration of \$1200.

Floyd L. Miller, of Scranton, to W. C. Rahn of Lake, land in Lake township; \$1.

Geary H. Gaylord et ux. of Mt. Pleasant, to Erwin L. Thomas, of same, land in same township; \$1,000.

Julia Isadore Bryant, of Waymart, to A. O. Blake, of Bethany, land in Canaan township; \$2,000.

Help Us Move On or about May 1st we expect to occupy our new quarters in the Schuerholz building, opposite the New Post Office. You can help us move by taking advantage of the reduced prices we offer: 10 per cent. discount on all goods with the exception of Waterman's Ideal Fountain pens, Equity watches and repairs. These prices are in effect now and will continue until we occupy our new store. Note the discount sales are for cash only. ROWLAND Jeweler and Optician of Honesdale.