



During the recent high water many bottles containing names and addresses were cast off the Suspension bridge into the raging Allegheny. So far as known none have yet been heard from by local residents. The following account from the Oil City Herald, shows that a bottle traveled from Oil City to Wheeling, W. Va., in two days: "When the Allegheny river was at flood stage last Tuesday, a young man employed in the National Transit company building placed a note bearing his name and address in a bottle and tossed it in the stream. He requested the finder to notify him when and where the bottle was picked up. A letter was received yesterday from Wheeling, W. Va., and it stated the writer, George Niess, had picked the bottle up in the Pennsylvania railroad yards at the foot of Seventh street in Wheeling, on the afternoon of March 27, two days following the date it was sent forth upon its journey. Niess stated the river was at the 48 1/2 foot stage when he found the bottle. Some estimate of the speed at which the river was running Tuesday and Wednesday can be formed by the long trip the bottle made and it is not known how long it was marooned in the railway yards at Wheeling before picked up by Niess."

Mr. and Mrs. John Lee, of Waymart, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Courtright of Wayne street.—Mrs. Ray H. Oliver has returned home after a two week's visit with friends in Hawley and Honesdale.—Van Allen Histed of Waymart spent the week-end with friends in Brooklyn, N. Y.—Carbondale Leader.

Death of Mrs. Writer.

Mrs. Elizabeth Writer, wife of Nesbit Shaffer, of Gravitv, Pa., died Tuesday, April 8, 1913, aged 64 years, five months. She was the daughter of the late Isaac V. Writer and Phoebe Sherwood Writer, of Clark's Corners. She is survived by her husband and one son, E. W. Shaffer, of Carbondale, also her sister, Mrs. Henry Shaffer, of Gravitv, and one brother, George Writer, of Otisville, N. Y. The funeral was held at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. Burial was at East Canaan.

The present weather is most favorable for the operation of log drags on the country roads, and persons who have occasion to travel the highways in the rural districts have expressed the hope that the township road supervisors will find time to take up this work. The roads at present are in a deplorable condition, as they usually are with the breaking up of winter, but a little levelling and smoothing with the log drag will fill up the holes and put the roads in good shape for the heavier travel to which they will now be subjected to. The ground is now soft but will soon get too hard for the drag to have the desired effect. A little dragging now will save the township many dollars in the summer and also smooth the roads in such a way that the spring rains will easily run off instead of filling the ruts and making impassable pools of mud.

In the nearby fields from 25 to 50 persons may be seen every day picking dandelions, some of which they use in their own families while others make a business of selling the succulent vegetable. A well known physician is authority for the statement that dandelions are among the most healthful of all vegetables. Since it possesses certain very beneficial medicinal virtues it is used considerably in the practice of medicine. Being plentiful and within the reach of all it finds favor in the average family at the present time.

According to the year book of Swift & Co., there were slaughtered during 1911, 8,000,000 calves averaging 70 pounds in weight. Had they been allowed to live one year they would have averaged 600 pounds and would have given the country 4,800,000,000 pounds of beef instead of only 560,000,000 pounds of veal. This, it is estimated, would be sufficient to furnish a city of 350,000 people with its total meat supply for over fifty years. Reducing this to a one year basis, it would do the same thing for a country of 17,500,000 inhabitants for one year. In other words the young calves slaughtered in 1911 to satisfy the call for veal, would have furnished, had they been allowed to live one year, sufficient beef for over one-

fifth of our population for a whole year.—Leslie's Weekly.

Lackawanna railroad officials at Scranton announced recently that extensive track improvements will be made this season as soon as continued open weather permits. The principal improvement on the Scranton division will be the completion of a fourth track over the Pocono Mountains, which will permit the running of freight and passenger trains on an uninterrupted schedule.

Mrs. Lavina Bartleson, aged 56, of Gouldsboro, who has been a patient at the State hospital since January 20, suffering from gangrene poisoning of the right foot, was discharged one day last week. Mrs. Bartleson was relieved but had not recovered sufficiently to warrant her removal from the institution. Her discharge was procured by her husband who assumed the responsibility of her removal and relieved the hospital officials from all blame if Mrs. Bartleson does not recover.

Mr. George A. Owen received word on Monday of the death of Mr. Rehbein at his home in Brooklyn. He was for many years connected with the Shoe Company of Honesdale and frequently came to our village. He was a man of most excellent character. He was well posted on sleight-of-hand tricks, and several times when here gave entertainments without charge for the benefit of some organization. A few years ago he severed his connection with the Honesdale Company and opened a shoe store in Brooklyn.—Washingtonville correspondent in Newburgh Journal.

At the supreme court in Binghamton on Tuesday Justice Sewell refused to dismiss the four indictments pending against Charles June Knapp formerly president of the Binghamton Trust company, and ordered that Mr. Knapp plead to the indictments on Monday.

A year ago last week Henry Nichols of Burlington Flats lost his pocket book containing \$30. Last week while looking over the contents of a pair of bobs he had not used this winter he found his lost pocketbook and money intact.

Clarence Dann and Ralph Decker, formerly of Wallsville, are wanted for chicken stealing. They rented a farm of John Gardner near Tiffany and moved their household effects thereon. An execution was served on the property by Sheriff Reynolds who made the sale of 350 chickens and a number of guinea hens. Edward Decker, a brother of Ralph was arrested and held under \$500 bail for his appearance at court, charged with being implicated in the theft of the chickens. Ralph Decker and Dann fled the coop and their whereabouts are unknown. The state police are in search of them.—Forest City News.

WEST PRESTON.

West Preston, April 14. Mr. and Mrs. Seward Carpenter, of West Thompson, recently visited the latter's brother, J. Stevens, and wife, Miss Ella Corey, who is attending school at Cortland, has returned home to spend a ten-day Easter vacation with her parents here. F. Hubbard and wife were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ogden. Victor Bartleson is on the sick list. Zara Lee returned home from New York state Wednesday. Eva and Mildred Dix, of South Thompson, were recent callers at C. N. Hubbard's. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hubbard are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Manly Wallace. Thomas Gulley has recently equipped his residence and barn with new gas lights. Mrs. E. L. Vincent is spending some time at the home of her father, Will Sanford, who is critically ill. Miss Esther Lloyd and brother, Glenn, were recent callers at G. W. Ogden's. Joe Wall and Thomas Caffery were recent callers at J. Stevens. We are glad to report the condition of Chas. Lee, who has recently had the third cancer removed from his face, as much improved.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

John Hostenstein of Mt. Pleasant to William F. Hostenstein, same, land in Mount Pleasant township; \$1. Caroline Mebs (Wulff) and husband of Seelyville, to Gustave J. Diener, of Texas, a house and lot on River street, Texas; \$1,450. George Fersch, of Berlin, to Jos. Billard, Jr., same, land in Berlin, \$1. H. T. Wright et ux. of Thompson, to Leon Bills, of Scranton, land in Mount Pleasant, \$1300.

SAYS ARSON GANG IS NATION WIDE

Chicago Prosecutor Explains Its Crimes.

INCENDIARIES GET MILLIONS

Startling Evidence at Hand of How Conspirators Operate on Great Scale in Many Cities, Sending Agents Back and Forth, Setting Fires and Collecting Insurance Money.

The workings of a so called national arson syndicate were explained recently by Charles Furthman, deputy state's attorney of Cook county, Ill., while in New York with extradition papers for John Danies, a roadhouse keeper in the Bronx, against whom six indictments for arson are standing in Chicago.

Danies was arrested Feb. 28 by Detective Flood of District Attorney Whitman's staff upon representations from Chicago.

Mr. Furthman said he had evidence that Danies was one of the leaders of a gang of incendiaries who have been operating throughout the country. It is asserted Danies is known in other cities as John Kabizak, "the chief" and "the captain." He has been arrested three times in New York, but succeeded every time in convincing a jury he was innocent.

Furthman said he could prove that every time Danies left New York on a trip a trail of fires followed him. Big blazes in Seattle, Chicago, St. Louis, Buffalo, San Francisco and Minneapolis were coincident with Danies' presence in those cities, the prosecutor said.

New York "Bugs" Look Cheap.

As described by Furthman the methods of the nation wide ring of firebugs and the amount of their earnings make Isidor Stein and the other members of the arson ring in New York look cheap. Where Stein set a fire in a closet for a few hundred dollars' insurance it is said the so called Danies crowd would fire a store or factory and enable the owner to collect thousands.

"In every town where the gang operated," said Mr. Furthman, "a representative looked out for likely cases. He would go to a manufacturer or large storekeeper who was losing money. A fire would be suggested as an easy method of escaping bankruptcy. If the storekeeper followed the suggestion he would lay in a big stock of almost worthless goods.

"Then he would give the key to the local agent of the fire gang. The 'worker' who might live in a city a thousand miles away, would be notified. He would slip into the town, get the key to the store or factory, do the job in an hour and get out on the next train."

Millions Have Been Reaped.

Furthman said that if the testimony of the informers could be believed, the arson syndicate had got millions of dollars from the insurance companies. Mr. Furthman and Detective Sheehan started with Danies for Chicago.

Henry C. Freeman, known as "Wireless" Freeman because of the rapidity with which he learned of fires of which he later became the adjuster, was placed on trial before Judge Swann in general sessions charged with arson in the second degree.

Assistant District Attorney Weller said he would prove that Freeman had entered into a conspiracy with Isidore Stein and a broker named Goldman, now a fugitive from justice, to go into the business of incendiarism. Goldman was to sell the policies, Stein was to build the fires and Freeman was to adjust the losses.

Stein testified that on Dec. 7, 1911, at the suggestion of Freeman he built a fire in the flat of a man named Abraham Schlieten in New York.

MAN IN MOON DISAPPEARING.

English Astronomer Says Contour of Planet is Changing.

Professor J. B. Hale, who fills the chair of astronomy in King's college, London, in an interview with a New York newspaper correspondent recently said there is a change in the formation of the mountains and rocks in the moon which is discernible with the naked eye. This, he said, is due to the gradual decay of the mountain's chemical formation.

Probably it is only a question of time when nature will so alter the planet that we will be unable to distinguish the face of the moon. Professor Hale added:

"Even today certain people declare the man in the moon has taken his departure, and in his place they can make out a man with a bundle of sticks on his back."

New Pilgrim Movement.

A memorial monument commemorating the first trip of the Mayflower to America is in course of construction at Southampton, England. It will be unveiled on Aug. 15 next and will mark the spot in Southampton water where the pilgrims stopped and re-embarked in 1620 on their historic voyage. An appropriate tablet will also be placed at the entrance of the river Dart to commemorate the pilgrims' brief stay at Dartmouth.

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CHESTNUT BLIGHT SPREADS RAPIDLY.

It is not known to many that the chestnut tree blight fungus spread unusually rapidly the past summer, apparently on account of the unusually wet season in those portions of the State where the spread of the disease has been greatest. At the same time, recent investigations made by the scientific force of the Pennsylvania Chestnut Tree Blight Commission have produced almost any month in the winter and are in condition to germinate at temperatures, at least, as low as 40 degrees. In spite of these conditions greatly favoring the growth of the fungus, it should be encouraging to remember the progress that has been made by the Commission in its field work during the year, much more than one-third of the State having been entirely cleared of the blight and a number of reinspections, showing that the blight has, on the average, reappeared in only about one-third of the total number of original infections.

LAKE COMO.

Lake Como, April 12. Mrs. Thomas McDermott, of Binghamton, attended the funeral of her brother's baby which was held in the M. E. church Friday. Miss Erk, of Binghamton, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Pool. Clayton Decker visited friends at Orson Sunday. Louisa Todd, who is teaching school at Cold Spring, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home here.

DR. WILLIAM POWELL GETS HIS SON.

The Jeffersonian and Press of Stroudsburg states that in the habeas corpus case of Mary Heft vs. Pearl E. Powell, the child in dispute was given into the custody of William Powell, his father, and the case discontinued.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Mary R. Slattery, of Brooklyn, to Gottlieb Matter, of Hawley, a certain lot in Hawley borough; consideration private. Harriet A. Mosher, of Damascus, to John T. Walker, et ux. of same, land in Damascus township; \$1.

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NOTICE OF INCORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made by C. C. Lozier, L. E. Richardson and William Pentecost to the Governor of Pennsylvania on the 19th day of April, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m., under the provisions of an Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Certain Corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the several supplements thereto, for a charter for an intended corporation to be called the **PENN CUT GLASS COMPANY**, the character and object of which is to manufacture cut glass and articles used in making cut glass, and for these purposes to have and possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

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