

## SOLICITOR SAYS ORDINANCE IS NECESSARY

### FOR MAKING EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS OF MONEY AND INCREASING TAX LEVY.

#### Heretofore Matters Have Been Passed by Vote of Council—Monthly Meeting Held Thursday Night—Bills Paid.

Saying that "not one cent of the 1913 tax levy could be collected if the people of the borough refused to pay," Solicitor Lee, caused the borough council to sit up and take notice at the regular monthly meeting in the city hall Thursday evening. Mr. Lee said that a mere motion to the effect that the tax levy should be raised to six mills for 1913 was not sufficient and would not hold. He declared that the people of the borough would not have to pay one cent of the tax unless an ordinance, authorizing the increase in the tax levy, be formally passed by the borough council and advertised in the local newspapers or posted in conspicuous places about the borough. He said that Judge Fuller of Luzerne county, had made a ruling to the effect that an ordinance made by the borough council was necessary for making a tax levy and that all extraordinary bills paid by the council must also be done formally by passing an ordinance. Ordinary bills and debts can be ordered paid by a vote of the council but such expenditures as the purchasing of fixtures for the new postoffice should have been done by ordinance and the same should have been published in the newspapers or posted around the borough. The members present were, President Caulfield; Treasurer Penwarden; Thos. Canivan, S. T. Ham, F. W. Kreitner and C. H. Retew. The treasurer's report submitted and approved was as follows: Amount on hand at last meeting, \$2,621.94; received during the month, \$261.50; paid out during month, \$1,310.61; balance on hand, \$1,572.83.

Some of the business transacted was the decision to notify property owners, on Seventeenth street, east of Main street, to lay their walks within thirty days or the council would lay them and collect the amount from the property holders.

The street committee were authorized to buy crushed stone for repairing the crossings on Main street.

Street Commissioner Weidner reported that the pipes leading to the fountain in the park were corroded and obstructed the flow of the water. He was authorized to put in new pipe leading to the fountain.

The secretary was ordered to notify the property owners on Sixth street to take out the cobblestones over the walk between Church and Main streets.

Property owners along Main street will be notified to have their sewer pipes and water pipes laid at once in order that the paving can be started as soon as possible. The following bills were ordered paid:

- Kraft & Conger, coal, \$19.30; B. F. Haines, printing statement, \$20.00; Herald Press Association, printing statement, \$20.00; Citizen Publishing Co., same, \$20.00; F. Rickert, team and labor, \$34.20; J. Goodline, 16.16; Patrick McClemons, \$4.50; J. Buckley, \$4.50; Wm. Donnelly, \$11.25; L. Weidner, \$22; C. Hartung, \$2.25; H. Knorr, \$16.50; B. McGarry, \$8.75; C. Rabbitt, \$3.00; T. Castle, \$16.00; L. Weidner, team, \$53.30; J. Decker, \$36; M. L. Braman, \$22.20; F. Varcoe, \$1.76; John Canivan, \$60; Levi DeGroot, \$59.00; H. C. L. H. & P. Co. \$260.16; Bell Telephone Co., \$34.00. Total, \$695.23.

## KIMBLE—ROWLAND.

Miss Helen B. Rowland, of Rowland, Pa., and William Kimble, of Camden, N. J., were married at the home of Dr. George C. Brown, of Elm street, Dunmore, Thursday morning by Rev. James Leishman, of the Dunmore Presbyterian church.

The bride is a cousin of Mrs. Brown. The couple were unattended. Mrs. Kimble comes of one of the most prominent families in Wayne county, and is well known in Honesdale, having attended the Honesdale High school and graduated there-from.

## CRIMINAL INSANE EXPERT WORKMEN.

Messrs. Walton, Ashmead and Fox of Philadelphia, members of the board of trustees for the state hospital for the Criminal Insane at Fairview, remained at the institution until Sunday afternoon after attending the regular meeting of the board on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Walton, chairman of the board was at the institution since Friday in order to attend to matters of especial importance. A landscape artist has been going over the state property at Fairview preparatory to beautifying the grounds.

Superintendent Dr. T. C. Fitzsimons stated that Mr. Spangenburg, the outside superintendent of grounds is making preparations for extensive farming during the summer and also states that the inmates are proving themselves to be expert workmen. For the past several weeks Mr. Spangenburg has had two teams of oxen and two horse teams working on the grounds and tomorrow one hundred apple trees will be planted.

Miss Hyla Ames, of Waymart, who is taking a course in elocution at the Emerson college, Boston, will be a member of the graduating class of 1913, having completed her course to the satisfaction of the instructors in one year. The graduation exercises will be held on May 9th and her father, E. F. Ames, of Waymart, expects to be present and afterwards bring his daughter home.

## ERIE SETTLES HITTINGER DAMAGE CLAIM.

### Asked \$5,000 Damages For Injuries Received in 1911 When Train Was Frightened by Escaping Steam.

The Erie Railroad Company has made settlement of the suit for damages pending in the court here brought by George Hittinger, of Long Ridge, as the result of an accident on April 26, 1911, in which he was injured. By the terms of the settlement, Mr. Hittinger receives \$800 from the railroad company in payment of his claim. The case has been pending here for several years and was to have come up for trial again at the June term of court. The law firm of Kimble & Hanlan, and Homer Greene, Esq., handled the case for Mr. Hittinger and the Erie Railroad Co. was represented by Warren, Knapp & O'Malley of Scranton. It will be remembered that on April 26, 1911, Mr. Hittinger was driving over the Erie crossing near West Hawley, when a locomotive standing on a spur track whistled suddenly and let out a large quantity of steam. This frightened the horse and it ran away, throwing Mr. Hittinger violently to the ground from which fall he received severe bodily injury. He asked through his attorneys the sum of \$5,000.

## CHAUTAQUA TO BE HELD HERE AUGUST 21-27

### EMINENT MEN ON PROGRAM—FLORENTINE CONCERT BAND AND SCIENTIFIC SPEAKERS.

#### Noted Entertainers in Music and Features—Affair will be Best of Its Kind Ever Given in Honesdale.

A. E. Turner, associate director of the Chautauqua association and platform manager of the same, was in Honesdale on Monday to make arrangements for the local Chautauqua which will be held August 21-27 inclusive. The place for holding the Chautauqua was not decided upon at the time of going to press Monday afternoon, but it is quite probable that the green near the State armory will be chosen.

Among the prominent speakers who will honor Honesdale by their presence Chautauqua week will be Dr. Frank Dixon, of Washington, D. C., a national lecturer; Dr. N. McGee Waters, of Brooklyn, pastor of the largest Congregational church in the world; Reno B. Welbourne, of Indianapolis, Ind., scientific lecturer; A. E. Turner, psychologist; Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver, Col.

Musical numbers—First day of the Chautauqua the Florentine Concert band, with Miss Melbourne, dramatic soprano, will give two concerts afternoon and evening; Tyrolean Alpine Yodlers, Swiss singers in native costumes; Commonwealth Quartette, of Rochester, N. Y.; National Opera Quartette of New York City.

Entertainment Features—Rosani, famous juggler; William Sterling Battis, Dickens' impersonator. A Junior Chautauqua will be organized by a member of the staff. It will provide entertainment for the children during the forenoon, concluding with a public entertainment on the last day of the Chautauqua.

Dr. Turner gave a short address in the High school Monday morning in the interest of the Chautauqua.

The entertainments by the greatest talent in the country, will be given under a large tent. The course tickets will be \$2. It is expected that the demand for season tickets will be so great that the required number will be sold long before the Chautauqua opens.

## HONESDALE'S BASEBALL TEAM.

Honesdale needs a ball team. The money is here, the people are here, and the players are here, each one waiting for someone to ask them to do their part in giving the town good base ball. No one doubts that there is money here to support a good ball team; we all know that the people are here waiting and wishing to patronize a good ball team, and we are sure that the players can be secured to give us a very good ball team at little expense.

We have heard two excuses offered for the lack of enthusiasm: The first is the fact that no one has stepped forward to the invitation to become manager. There is a man whom we believe would take the job, who is as well qualified as any one we know, that is N. B. Spencer. Of course the people and the players would have to show a proper spirit of enthusiasm.

The second excuse is the lack of a pitcher. There are several who are willing and want to try out and there are two who look pretty good in Rose and Youngblood. The latter is a young man from Scranton who is employed as a machinist in the Gurney Elevator works. He claims to have had quite some experience in pitching and he certainly has the build. In addition to this our old friend, Ben Hessling, still has some good games coked up in his good right arm. Come on, let's get busy!

## SUDDEN DEATH AT USWICK.

Ernest Slezzer, of Uswick, died very suddenly on Sunday afternoon last, after quite a lengthy illness. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Slezzer had been sick for some time his death was sudden and unexpected, as he was walking around the house just previous to the time of his death. The funeral will be held on Wednesday at 1 o'clock p. m., at the house and at 2 o'clock at the Lakeville church. The interment will be made in the Lakeville cemetery.

Ernest Slezzer was 32 years of age, unmarried, and is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

## BEFORE THOMAS DIXON BECAME AN AUTHOR

### A REMINISCENCE OF SOUTHERN PINES, NORTH CAROLINA.

**I**n view of the fact that The Citizen will in a few days begin the publication of that most popular and remarkable story, "The Root of Evil," something about the author must surely be appreciated. You may not be impressed with this sketch today, but after you have read the tale from opening chapter to the thrilling climax and peaceful ending, you will possibly want to read it over again and take another look at the pictured face of the genius who told so charming and powerful a story.

Thomas Dixon came from the western part of North Carolina, which State, by the way, has of recent years turned out a lot of geniuses and noted men. For instance, there was O. Henry, declared to be the best short story writer in the United States; Secretary Daniels, of President Wilson's cabinet, is a North Carolinian; Walter H.

ten the event. His letter in reply follows:

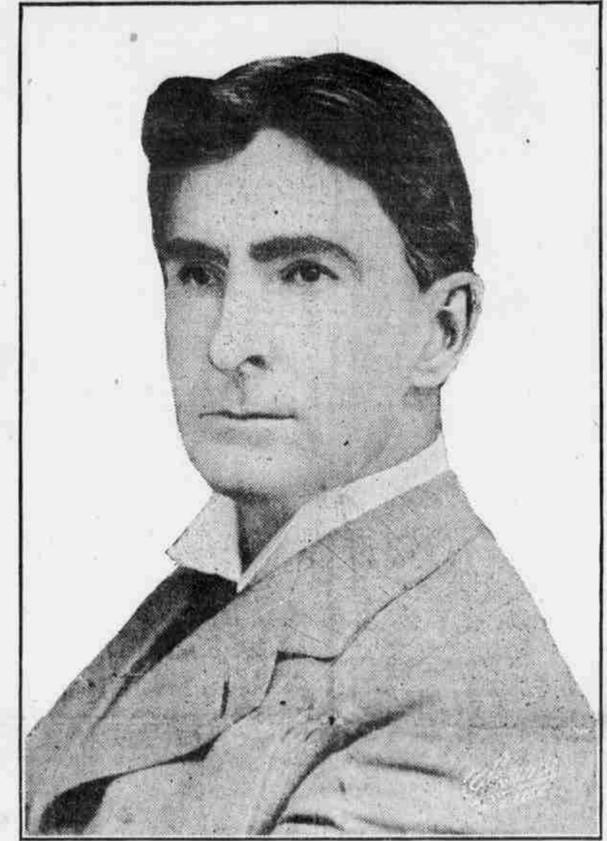
New York, April 21, 1913.  
My Dear Mr. Woodward:—  
I am delighted to know that you are to run "The Root of Evil" as a serial.

I remember with pleasure your tribute to my ambitious dreams in the old days at home in North Carolina. I also recall with pleasant memories my association with your kinsman, Jno. E. Woodward, in the Legislature of North Carolina. He was one of my best friends. Good luck.

Sincerely,  
THOMAS DIXON.

Of course the reader wants to know more about Mr. Dixon, and he shall not be disappointed.

From North Carolina Thomas Dixon went to New York City. Whether he "got religion" after going there, or always had it, cannot be definitely stated by the writer; anyway, he



THOMAS DIXON.

A Recent Picture of the Author of the Famous Story, "The Root of Evil," Soon to be Published in The Citizen.

Page, our Minister to Great Britain in place of Whitelaw Reid, deceased, is a North Carolina man, a son of Frank A. Page, and who lived at what is now the town of Aberdeen, but which twenty-five years ago was known along the Raleigh & Augusta railroad, as Blue's Crossing, and it was the first (flag) station south of Southern Pines. Mr. Page's brother, Robert, is a member of Congress from that Congressional district.

The first trip I made to the "Old North State" was in January, 1885. The train on the Raleigh & Gaston road, after it left Weldon, began gathering in North Carolina statesmen, for the Legislature was about to convene at the State capitol. What seemed strange to me was that I saw so many local statesmen who had their vests unbuttoned excepting the extreme top button and the last button down towards China. Those gaping vests were quite noticeable and unique.

In the early summer, right there in the pine woods, was started a paper called "The Southern Colonist," the bulk of the circulation going into Northern homes. "The Southern Colonist" attracted considerable attention, even Governor Alfred Scales declaring in an autograph letter that it was a good State publication. Of course "The Colonist" wanted business, and of course business wasn't going to wait right around into that long-leaf pine back woods print shop; somebody had to go out after it, and that "somebody" was Prof. B. A. Goodridge, of Massachusetts. One of his trips was away out in the western part of the Old North State, and while there he met one of the members of the State Legislature, Thomas Dixon, then known as Thomas Dixon, Jr. The result of the little visit was the publication in "The Southern Colonist" shortly afterward of a sketch of the bright young legislator accompanied with a fine wood cut of that gentleman, the same being made by an engraving firm in Reading, Pennsylvania. That picture did not look like Mr. Dixon's portrait as printed herewith. He wore a mustache at that time.

Therefore, the writer takes the credit for having published the first newspaper portrait of Thomas Dixon, who was destined to leave his native State and become famous. Now, this incident alone will make the reader want to read "The Root of Evil." Mr. Dixon's last story; but there are other reasons that will intensify the "want."

When The Citizen decided to run "The Root of Evil" as a serial, I decided to tell the above incident, and also thought I would write to Mr. Dixon and find out if he had forgot-

ten and soon had to hire a great big hall to accommodate his audiences, they grew so large. His style was vigorous, and his language was plain. According to all published reports, "the common people heard him gladly." That was in the days when the late Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage was ending his wonderful ministerial career.

Although he was successful as a preacher, Thomas Dixon decided that he wanted to enter the literary field as an author, believing that he could do effective preaching by writing the right kind of stories. His first story, "The Leopard's Spots," attracted national attention. It is a Southern story, and proves that negro blood in a white person's veins, sooner or later is sure to make itself known. The story was dramatized and placed on the stage, and negroes have protested against its production. Undoubtedly Jack Johnson, the pugilist, would not like that story.

Mr. Dixon's next story, "The Clansman," is also a Southern story along similar lines to "Leopard's Spots," and is equally as popular. The author in all his writing brings out boldly some truth he wants to fasten on the reader's mind, and he surely does the trick, and does it so entertainingly that he grips the attention and holds it steadily until, with a sigh, you regretfully reach the two words, "The End."

"The Root of Evil," Mr. Dixon's last story, the first installment of which will be published in The Citizen on Tuesday, May 13, is certainly one of his strongest works. It will make the reader "sit right up and take notice." It will keep you guessing, too, as to the outcome, and you'll find yourself trying to solve the problem that the author puts right up to the reader. It will cause you to talk over the situations with others, and if you haven't plenty of ambition along the talking and thinking line perhaps you better not read the story at all. It is up to YOU. You know yourself better than we know you.

Now, I don't dare give you any inkling about "The Root of Evil," for if I should do so it might have the effect of taking the "tang" out of it so far as you are concerned; and that is something farthest from the thought of.

Yours for a literary treat,  
FRANK P. WOODWARD.

The Pleasant Valley W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Minnie Arthur, Dyberry, on Thursday afternoon, May 1. They were especially favored by having Rev. and Mrs. Pritchard of Bethany and Rev. Chas. White among the visitors.

## SKULL FRACTURED BY FLYING BOARD.

### South Canaan Man Badly Injured in Saw Mill—Remained Unconscious Almost Forty-eight Hours—Will Recover.

Leslie Cease, one of the owners of Cease Brothers saw mill, which is located about four miles south of Waymart in South Canaan township, was almost fatally injured at the mill on Friday evening before six o'clock when he was struck on the forehead by a flying board.

Mr. Cease was engaged in cutting timber and one of the pieces he was shoving through the saw flew up and hit him above the eyes and knocked him down. He was rendered unconscious. Dr. Bangs of South Canaan was called and attended to the wounded man. The forehead was severely cut and the skull was fractured. The man remained in an unconscious condition when he rallied and is now well on the road to recovery. It was thought for a time that the man would die. He is much better today.

Mr. Cease and his brother own and operate a saw mill on the old Tom Cole property. He is 35 years of age and has a wife and two small children, Ruth and James. The many friends of Mr. Cease congratulate him on his recovery.

## THE COE—ROLSTON WEDDING.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Rolston was the scene of a most delightful gathering last Wednesday evening, April 30, 1913, when their daughter, Laura, was united in marriage with Fred Coe, a companion of her youth and one of the choice young men of Fallsdale, Rev. A. C. Oliver officiating.

Laura is a charming young lady of 22 years, slightly the junior of her husband, who is a young man of excellent name, and is therefore respected by all who know him. The future home of the young couple will be at Fallsdale in a pleasant cottage which the groom has recently purchased and furnished. They will begin housekeeping there at once. The bride, a young lady of much natural beauty and sweetness, was elegantly gowned in pink silk messaline, trimmed with oriental lace. The happy pair were married in the presence of about forty guests at 8:30 p. m., attended by Arthur Rolston and Miss Ida Coe. The wedding march was played by Miss Effie Rolston, sister of the bride. The presents, each a token of love for the wedded pair, were both useful and beautiful. The most in evidence was silver, cut glass, chinaware, linen and furniture. Bennie Rolston of Newark, N. J., called our attention to some of the artistic features of the cut glass pieces, being himself skilled in the art. The commodious parlors of this palatial home are very finely adapted to social occasions and much care had been taken in arranging appropriate draperies for the happy event. But the large dining room was perhaps the most beautifully draped of all and it was here that the forty guests did justice to the most excellent feast prepared for them by their very competent hostess, Mrs. Rolston. It is seldom that at any social function whatever a happier evening is spent. The music, mostly vocal, was inspiring because of the parts being so nicely blended, and it was much indulged in throughout the evening. Our best wishes are for the young couple in their new sphere of life and we congratulate the parents on both sides for the splendid additions which they have secured to their respective families.

## TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION AT PLEASANT MOUNT.

Friday, May 9, 8 P. M.  
Address—Dr. George H. Becht, secretary of the State Board of Education.

Saturday, May 10, 9:30 A. M.  
Devotional Exercises.  
Appointment of Committees.  
Address—Dr. Becht.  
"The Teachers' League Convention," Mrs. Alma Dix.  
Address—Prof. E. L. Blakeslee.  
"Primary Arithmetic,"—Gertrude Stone.  
Election of Officers.

A three-minute Round Table. Discussion of questions concerning the teaching of Language and Grammar. Supt. Koehler will conduct the Round Table and the following will discuss assigned subjects: J. H. Kennedy, Mary E. Branneman, H. A. Oday, A. H. Howell, A. S. Shaplin, Ida Coleman, W. W. Menhennett, Kathryn Drake, Joe McCloskey, Edna Hauenstein, Vera Murray, Alice Gregory.

## THE WEEK AT THE LYRIC.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week, with a matinee on Saturday afternoon, Joe Eckl will offer five new all-star vaudeville acts and four reels of new motion pictures, changed daily. Mr. Eckl has been giving the patrons of the Lyric some very good shows. The bill to be presented on the last three days of this week will be the most expensive program that he has ever brought to Honesdale.

The big feature will be Stanley George's Wrestling Bear. The only wrestling bear in the world. He weighs 600 pounds.

The champion Bone Soloist, Ned Bennett, will be next in an act that is unique and clever.

The Grotesque Randolphs, comedy trapeze performers, will introduce "Fun in a Chinese Laundry," a very funny act.

The Great Crowley. Is it a he or a she? Come and find out.

Mr. Joe Eckl (himself) and Minnie Du Pree will appear in a refined comedy sketch featuring Minnie Du Pree, lady champion buck and wing dancer of the world. This act has played all the big time vaudeville theatres, and it ought to be a great treat for those who are fond of seeing clever dancing.

## THE CALIFORNIA EXHIBIT CARS HERE

### TWO CARS LOADED WITH THE PRODUCTS OF THAT WESTERN STATE.

Many Curios Also Shown—Display is Well Worth the Seeing and Will be in Honesdale Three Days—Monster Shark is a Wonder.

The North of Bay Exhibit cars of California arrived in Honesdale via Erie Sunday night to exhibit the curiosities of that western state here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The cars are located on the spur track near the city hall.

It is a veritable "fair on wheels," with exhibits that are wonderful, with specimens of fruits, natural history and curios from the North of Bay Counties of California.

The exhibit is being shown all over the United States and is presented for the purpose of proving the wonderful features and possibilities of the seven counties which lie north of the Bay of San Francisco, namely, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte.

The first car, by which one enters the fair, is for the most part laden with fruit and vegetables, pears and peaches of most incredible sizes, perfect in shape and without spot or speck; figs and dates that come to us dried and boxed are shown in the natural state and as perfect as when taken from the trees. It is said by men who have seen these fruits grow in their native land, that the fruit of the north of the Bay Counties is even superior to that of the warm Asiatic lands.

Pears, peaches, grapes, figs of almost unbelievable sizes with the most luscious looking exteriors are a rather tantalizing sight to see when the said fruits are placed before one in tightly sealed bottles and in state of perfect preservation. But if one is in the least interested in the agricultural products of the land he is bound to be interested in the mammoth specimens of fruit and vegetables that show the wonders that are accomplished in the five counties north of the Bay of San Francisco in California.

In order to further enlist the interest of the sightseers of the cars a remarkable museum of oddities and curios is shown in the second car. Queer fish, shells of all descriptions, skeletons of reptiles, a live octopus, commonly known as the devil fish; live monkeys and a lazy, ugly and disinterested alligator are shown in lavish profusion, all of which are of great educational interest, to school children, in particular.

In a huge case there is a mammoth shark. The mouth is spread wide open and is of such width that a good sized child might stand upright in it. The shark when caught was 70 feet long. In the same case are shown the ribs of a whale, each easily five feet in length while in still another part is shown the vertebrae of the shark, of which there were 92. If science is correct it requires five years to develop one of these vertebrae; a simple multiplying process reveals the startling fact that this shark was about 400 years old when it was captured.

The fair on wheels will remain in town until Wednesday evening and will be open to the public every day and evening. Mr. Leak is accompanied by his wife and a corps of polite and painstaking assistants who ably take care of the crowds who visit the exhibition.

## GAVE \$3,000 FOR CALF.

What is believed to be the largest price ever paid for a calf in this state and possibly in the United States has just been received by John Arfman of Fairmont Farm, Middletown, who sold King Pontiac Alcartra Pietje, a six week-old Holstein bull calf, to Dr. B. B. Hand of Scranton, Pa., for \$3,000. Dr. Hand formerly lived in Honesdale.

The sire of the calf is the \$10,000 bull King Segris Pontiac Alcartra, whose dam, E. K. Alcartra, has a record of over twenty pounds of butter in seven days and produced over 15,000 pounds of milk in a year. The dam of the calf is Fairmont Zerma Segris Pietje. She produced 35.61 pounds of butter in seven days, the junior four-year-old world's record.

## AGED WOMAN KILLED TWO BIG BLACK SNAKES IN KITCHEN.

Mrs. Christian Uhl had a unique and rather terrifying experience at her home in German Valley, Greene township, last Saturday afternoon, April 26. She was sitting in a rocking chair in the kitchen reading, all the rest of the household being out, when she was startled by a peculiar noise. Looking up, Mrs. Uhl saw two huge blacksnakes gliding over the kitchen floor only about three feet from her chair. Keeping her presence of mind, she grabbed the wood out of the woodbox, which happened to be handy, at her right and hurled stick after stick at the snakes in an effort to kill them but without success; the supply of wood was not large enough. She then ran into her bedroom with the intention of shutting herself in until help should arrive, when her eyes fell on a repeating rifle which stood at the head of the bed. She seized it and immediately hurried again into the kitchen to give battle to the snakes, attacking them by using her weapon as a club. It was not long before she had succeeded in clubbing them to death. The gun was not loaded and Mrs. Uhl, having had no experience with firearms, could not load or fire the rifle.

The snakes were big fellows; one measuring 4 feet, 6 inches, and the other being one inch shorter.

A large number of people called at the Uhl home to see the snakes and congratulate Mrs. Uhl on her remarkable courage and pluck. The heroine will be 74 years old on July 30, 1913.—Milford Dispatch.