

AGED 76 AND 89, THEY WALK 32 MILES

HAD NO MONEY TO BUY FOOD AND WERE 3 DAYS REACHING HONESDALE.

and Offices of Burgess McCarty Secured Them Food and Lodging; Then They Trudged on to Wilsonville, 10 Miles Further.

Ten miles to Wilsonville! The distance is not so great when one considers the journey on the train in a high powered automobile; not very far even to one, who in the vigor and strength of youth, sets out to make the journey on foot; but the little settlement on the banks of the Wallen-Paupack, must have seemed many times as far to the aged couple who left Honesdale on foot Wednesday morning intending to make the trip in the only manner open to their means, because they had no money.

The story told by Mr. and Mrs. Conklin when they arrived in Honesdale Tuesday afternoon is a pitiable one. The husband is about 76 years of age and the wife is 89. They had walked from Scranton to Honesdale, covering the 32 miles in three days, during which they slept wherever they could find a shelter and ate what they could beg along the way. Many times they were forced to go without food and shelter, and Monday night they were turned away from a farm house after asking for a bed and were forced to sleep in the woods on the mountains.

The account of the weary days of the old over the mountains was graphically told by Mr. Conklin. Footsore and hungry they trudged on, resting at intervals, and then getting up to resume the journey. The man, despite his age, does not bear many of the inevitable marks of time. The woman, however, was not used to the hardships they endured on the trip and had to be helped along by the husband. At one country store they did find them a few crackers but their request was refused. Tuesday night they said they stopped at a farm house and asked for shelter during the night. They were allowed to spend the night in the barn.

The aged couple were in a dejected state when they reached this place Tuesday afternoon about three o'clock. When they reached the station, in the central part of town, the private car of the officials of the Delaware & Hudson company stood on the siding ready to be hooked on the train that would carry it to Carbondale. A passerby was approached by the two old people and asked for the city jail as a place to spend the night. The man directed them to Burgess Chas. A. McCarty. The man had heard their story and when he saw the private car of the president of the road standing on the siding he could not help but compare the two extremes.

Mr. and Mrs. Conklin found Burgess McCarty in his office and told him their story. While the man told the story of their misfortune, the woman sat in a chair in a corner of the room and a dejected look stole over her care-worn face. According to the story told they had no relatives in this part of the state except a brother-in-law living in Scranton. They had been former residents of Wilsonville, a settlement two miles above Hawley, but had moved to New Jersey several years ago. Their home in that state had burned down and about the same time Mrs. Conklin's sister had died in Scranton. They came to Scranton and attended the funeral. Their sole relative in that city was the brother-in-law who could not or would not support them, they made up their minds to go back to their old home in this county, hoping to find help among friends.

When they left Scranton on foot they were told that to get to Hawley the best way for them to go would be by way of Honesdale. The distance by way of Honesdale is 32 miles. The distance by way of Lake Ariel is only about half that distance. They took them three days to make the trip, walking in the day time and resting at night. They left Scranton Sunday.

RAIN WIRELESS USED FOR PATRONS' BENEFIT

Wireless as a benefit to the passengers on a train in transit, was proven the other afternoon, when C. Bangart, of Bath, N. Y., a bond salesman for a New York banking house and a passenger on No. 3, the Lackawanna express, sent an aereogram to the manager of the banking firm for whom he works. The aereogram was received at the Lackawanna station by L. Davis, who relayed it to the Western Union office in Scranton, and that office sent it to New York.

JUDGES HAVE NARROW ESCAPE.

Former Commerce Court Judge R. W. Archibald of Scranton, and Judge C. B. Witmer, of the United States District Court, had to crawl out of an elevator in the Federal Building in Harrisburg after the machine stalled between the second and third floors. They were held prisoners for some minutes before a way was devised to liberate them.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION CALENDAR FOR 1914.

The publishers of The Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription is paid for 1914, a calendar for the new year. It is a gem of calendar-making. The decorative mounting is rich, but it is subordinated to the main purpose to produce a calendar that is useful.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Henry Smith Lakeville
Inerva E. Lemfert Lakeville
E. Douglass Uniondale
Anna M. Lockwood White Mills

TO FARMERS OF WAYNE COUNTY

An interesting program has been prepared for the Wayne County Farmers' Institute, which will be held in Honesdale next Monday and Tuesday, December 8 and 9, in the court house. The exercises are public, there will be no collections taken and everybody is invited. The Citizen printed the program a few weeks ago, and we deem it unnecessary to reproduce it now.

Men of reputation will address the Honesdale audiences. Among them are Fred W. Card of Sylvania; L. W. Lighty, of East Berlin, (not Wayne county), and J. Stuart Groupe of Jersey Shore. The closing address will be made by County Superintendent of Schools J. J. Koehler.

The morning session opens at 9 o'clock, afternoon at 1:30 and evening at 7:30.

BOY SHOT IN HIP CLIMBING STONE WALL

RUSSELL WILLIAMS INJURED WHEN RIFLE WAS ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED.

Russell Williams, aged 14 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of Tanners Falls, was brought to Honesdale Wednesday evening with a rifle bullet in his hip. Dr. P. B. Peterson dressed the wound but could not locate the bullet. The wound is not considered serious, therefore no dangerous results are anticipated.

On Wednesday afternoon the boy went out hunting in the woods. About three miles from his home he attempted to climb over a stone wall. In doing so the rifle was accidentally discharged and the bullet lodged in his hip. Despite the pain, the boy was able to walk the three miles to his home and was later brought here. The rifle was a low calibre.

COMMISSIONER JACKSON URGES EARLY CLOSING.

The Department of Labor and Industry urges the merchants in the various communities of this State to get together and arrange for early closing during the weeks preceding Christmas. The stores in Philadelphia and some other cities close at six o'clock without loss of business or inconvenience.

The department earnestly urges Christmas buyers to do their shopping as soon as possible, and during daylight. The proper result can be accomplished by the associations of merchants in a community getting together, and agreeing upon early closing, and by the people taking in hand their Christmas shopping without delay. Action should be taken at once.

Commissioner Jackson earnestly hopes that this Department will have this kind of co-operation by the merchants and the people of the State, in putting into effect the spirit as well as the wording of the legislation passed last winter.

IS ERIE SOLD?

Reported That Northern Pacific Has Bought Road.

The report is current that the Erie Railroad has been sold to the Northern Pacific, so that that road will have a direct line from ocean to ocean.

Orders have been given at terminals of the road to change the name on all the coaches from Erie to Northern Pacific. The order went into effect Sunday night.

MRS. SKINNER SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Asks Separation From Husband on Grounds of Cruel and Barbarous Treatment.

Mrs. Eberly Skinner has brought suit for divorce from her husband. The libel in divorce was filed with the clerk of courts on Tuesday. The couple have been married less than a year and during that time their matrimonial ship was grounded on the rocks and they separated. Recent trouble in the household is said to have caused the open breach.

RAILROAD MEN TO REMOVE LABEL INITIALS.

Effective on Wednesday, November 26th, an order was issued by the Erie Railroad company to all uniformed employes that the use of the word "Erie" and the initials "N. Y. N. J." (the latter for the New York and New Jersey road) would be discontinued on the coat lapels of the uniforms. Employes were directed to remove the initials and word from the uniforms. No reason is assigned for this unusual procedure.—Port Jervis Union.

Go Home for Christmas

STOP at this busy Christmas season and think for a moment of the folks back home. Consider how much happier they will be if you are with them on this Christmas day. Perhaps your parents are getting very old now—perhaps they have only a few more Christmases to spend here. Certainly your presence at the old home place would add greatly to their joy. Think of the days when you were a child—of the Christmases, now gone forever, when your father and mother did so much to make you happy. A man's mother is the best friend he ever had or ever can have. One owes it to her to spend Christmas at her side and to devote the day to making her happy. But if we have no mother what would be prettier, what sentiment or act could be more beautiful, than to visit her grave and make it green with wreaths and flowers on Christmas day?

PEOPLE OF STROUDSBURG NOT SATISFIED WITH VERDICT IN THE KOTZ CASE

There are several points relative to the death of Attorney Henry Kotz, of Stroudsburg, that will have to be cleared up before a great many people in that place will be satisfied. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict that death was due to accidental drowning. This verdict has only added to the talk that is going the rounds.

People now want to know how the body could have lain in two feet of water for weeks without being discovered. Miss Elsie Strunk adds a new story by the statement that on Thanksgiving eve she saw a man carrying what looked like a log, on the road to the mill stream, where the body of Kotz was found the next day.

DELAWARE AND HUDSON OFFICIALS IN HONESDALE

A special train bearing officials of the Delaware and Hudson railroad system steamed into Honesdale Tuesday afternoon. The train consisted of a private coach and combination dining car.

The party consisted of Chief Engineer James MacMartin, of Albany, N. Y.; Superintendent C. E. Burr of the Pennsylvania division, Carbondale; Trainmaster C. A. Morgan, Carbondale; George Burrell, master bridge builder, Carbondale; Frank C. Timmons, lineman of Pennsylvania division of the Delaware and Hudson road.

The object of the distinguished men's visit to Honesdale was to inspect the company's property. It is understood that the officials left orders for lengthening the west freight switch in the local yard. The track will be built to connect with the weigh scales track in the yard south of the freight depot. At present if a certain car is desired on the switch, the whole train necessarily has to be drawn up to the head of the siding to get to it. When the new switch will have been completed it will save

a great deal of time and unnecessary switching.

The officials also inspected the railroad crossing leading to the coal pockets. A gate may be placed at this point. Although this is private property, parties desiring to load freight in car-load lots or get coal from the shutes have to go over several tracks at this point. It certainly is a dangerous crossing, many narrow escapes having occurred at this place in the past. Fortunately no one has been killed.

The crossing at the foot of Terrace street is also unguarded. A few days since at the last fall of snow, a lad was coasting down the hill. Engineer James Lindsay, who was in charge of the yard engine, was about to cross the foot of the street at the time. It was certain that the boy and the engine could not occupy the track at the same time. The careful engineer was on his guard and as the lad did not steer out, but came straight for the big iron horse, Engineer Lindsay applied the emergency brakes, and stopped the locomotive thus avoiding a collision. The boy experienced a close call, but was pushed a little to one side before the engine came to a standstill. It will be recalled by Honesdale people that John Kellar, father of the late Geo. Kellar, was struck and killed at this crossing some years ago.

CASHIER M. J. EMERY OF ARIEL AND PARTY IN AUTO MISHAP.

Merton J. Emery, cashier of the Lake Ariel National bank, and brother of Cashier Charles A. Emery of the Farmers and Mechanics bank, Honesdale, met with quite a serious accident at Wimmers a few days ago.

With Mr. Emery were his cousin, Mildred Huff, and his niece, Esther Beppler and Wendell Emery, his son. The party received quite a shaking up when the steering gear of the automobile broke. Mr. Emery then lost control of his machine and the car crashed into a telephone pole.

Emery and the other occupants of the car were on their way to Scranton when the accident happened. The car after it struck the pole threw Miss Huff from the car and she received slight contusions and lacerations of the face and head. The two children and Mr. Emery were buried under the car. Mr. Emery succeeded in extricating himself and then got the two children out from under the car. It was feared that Mr. Emery's collarbone was broken, but it was not.

COURT OF CLAIMS RULES AGAINST HONESDALE MAN

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., under date of December 1st, says: "Frank G. Farnham, who claimed \$1,000,000 from the government on the contention that he was the inventor of the little waxed page book in which the post office department sells stamps, lost his case in the court of claims. The government denied the validity of his patents and contended that the book which has become so popular was not entirely the one Farnham invented."

The Frank G. Farnham referred to in the above dispatch is a Honesdale citizen.

The hearing on motion for new trial, Frank G. Farnham vs. U. S., was argued before the Court of Claims Oct. 27 and 28 at Washington, D. C.

Frank G. Farnham, claimant's motion for new trial overruled; claimant's motion and defendant's motion to amend findings allowed in part and overruled in part; former findings and opinions withdrawn and amended findings and opinion by Judge Atkinson, this day filed; petition dismissed.

An appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States.

WASHINGTON PARTY MAN TO HOLD RALLY.

Arrangements are being made to hold a Washington party rally in the court house on Saturday evening December 13. Chairman W. J. Barnes is unable to announce the entire list of speakers but it is likely that several men of state and national importance will be present and make addresses. Among those mentioned to come here are Hon. Joseph Kelly, representative from Mifflin county and Hon. Gifford Pinchot, who recently visited Scranton at the house-warming of the Daily News.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

A typewriter expert gave a demonstration on an Underwood machine at the school house on Tuesday. The expert, Mr. Taylor, wrote 150 words per minute upon the machine, making but two mistakes.

During a solemn and serious period in the opening exercises Tuesday morning, the little bantam rooster, owned by Herman Schuerholz, gave a morning salute that created a contagious smile in the High school. The chickens are in the basement for aid in studying poultry in the agriculture class.

Hon. A. T. Searle and brother, Attorney C. P. Searle, one of the best lawyers in Boston, visited the High school on Wednesday.

The pupils of the lower grades are elated over the chickens that are in the basement. They were allowed to visit the pens this week.

CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday, Dec. 7th, in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, Rev. C. C. Miller pastor; 10:30 a. m., "Host Du Mich Lieb"; 11:45 a. m., Bible school; 7:30 p. m., "The Tragedy of a Man's Soul."

A. F. Ballenger, the author-evangelist, of Riverside, California, will spend ten days with F. P. Woodward (a personal friend for many years), at Hoadleys and vicinity. Mr. Woodward will open his home evenings for public service beginning Friday, Dec. 5. There will also be a service on Saturday evening. On Sunday, Dec. 7, Mr. Ballenger will hold service at 2 p. m. at the home of George McKinley, at Simon. There will be services at the same place that evening, also on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Services will be held the remaining evenings of the week at F. P. Woodward's. The little series of meetings will conclude with two all-day services on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14. Mr. Ballenger is strictly undenominational, and is one of the most pleasing and forceful of speakers.

Grace Episcopal church, Sunday, Dec. 7, services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 M. Rev. A. L. Whittaker will hold service at White Mills, Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p. m.

Central Methodist Episcopal church, Will H. Hiller pastor. Services Sunday, Dec. 6th, 9:30 a. m., Love Feast, 10:30 a. m., Holy Communion, 12 M., Sunday school; 6:45 p. m., Epworth League; 7:30 p. m., evening worship, sermon by pastor, subject, "On the Sea Shore."

The Business Men's Christmas Edition of The Citizen will appear December 12.

EXCHANGE 24th ANNUAL BANQUET

LYRIC HALL USED TO ACCOMMODATE 106 MEMBERS AND GUESTS WHO ATTENDED

L. A. Howell was Toastmaster—Short Talks Were Given By Franz Von Voltier of Philadelphia, C. P. Searle of Boston, and Others.

The twenty-fourth annual banquet of the Honesdale Exchange and Literary Club was held in the Lyric theatre Wednesday evening, December 3. One hundred and six members and out-of-town guests were present.

The banquet took place in the Lyric hall. Tables decorated in smilax and ferns bearing bouquets of chrysanthemums and carnations, were arranged in the form of the letter E.

Mrs. Hochreiter of Wilkes-Barre, catered. She was assisted by a corps of waiters. The following was the menu:

- Oyster Cocktail
- Wafers
- Soup Cream of Celery
- Rolls
- Spring Chicken Braised
- Potato Croquettes
- Peas
- Olives
- Pickles
- Cream and Brown Bread
- Shrimp Salad on Lettuce
- Cheese
- Roulettes
- Crackers
- Salted Nuts
- Neapolitan Ice Cream
- Fancy Cakes
- Nuts
- Bon Bons
- Coffee.

An address of welcome was delivered by the president of the club, Thos. A. Fuller. Toastmaster L. A. Howell responded and took active charge of the ceremonies. Short speeches were given by Judge A. T. Searle, of Honesdale; C. P. Searle, of Boston; Carl F. Prosch, of Honesdale; Franz Von Voltier, of Philadelphia; C. P. Searle of Honesdale.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the banquet were the following: James O. Mumford, chairman; Jos. A. Bodie, Jr. and Edward Katz.

The list of guests included: C. P. Searle, of Boston; Dr. L. P. Cook, V. A. Decker, Richard Phillips, J. D. Ames, Fred White, Burgess R. W. Murphy, of Hawley; C. H. Dordlinger, Eugene Dordlinger and John D. Dordlinger of White Mills; E. C. Ely, Phillips Feltz, of Carbondale; ex-Senator Miles Rowland of Kimbles. The Electric City Quartette of Scranton, furnished music and entertainment for the members and guests during the evening.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES BEGIN NEXT MONDAY

Something that will be of interest to every farmer in Wayne county and every person in Honesdale will begin in the court house Monday of next week. The annual Farmers' Institutes offer a liberal education to the farmers. The exercises and speaking will begin Monday afternoon at half-past one o'clock when Fred W. Card, of Sylvania, will speak on "Soil Management." "The Breeding and Culture of Corn" will be an interesting topic of the afternoon by J. Stuart Groupe of Jersey Shore Pa. In the evening the program will commence at half-past seven o'clock.

Tuesday afternoon and evening's program will be full of valuable information. A question box will be kept on the secretary's desk and all are invited to place therein such questions as they may wish to have discussed during the session.

LIBEL IN DIVORCE FILED.

A libel in divorce has been filed by Bert Reynolds as libellant, against his wife, Clara Reynolds, respondent, charging desertion for more than two years. The couple were married on December 24, 1892, and separated February 25, 1911. A subpoena has been awarded returnable next term of court.

Talks to Honesdale Advertisers

No 2.

A valued exchange, the Searchlight, recently contained an article right along the particular line of ONENESS we have been talking about. Here it is:

The Chicago Tribune, in its swash-buckling way, recently called attention to the fact that in a certain issue it published almost as much advertising as four of its competitors. Whereupon The Inter-Ocean called attention editorially to the short-sighted policy of advertisers, who bunch their business in one paper to the exclusion of others.

The Inter-Ocean hits the nail fairly on the head. It will go one farther than the Inter-Ocean by declaring that advertisers who "bunch their business" are blind to their own interest, not merely short-sighted; and as to "policy," why there is no policy about their course whatever.

Every newspaper has its friends, and those friends are not going out of their way to patronize those who refuse to advertise in the publication they like. Further than that, no publisher is going to "break his neck" trying to induce people to patronize people who refuse to patronize him. It is a clear case of human nature, human interest and selfishness, I suppose, but it is so, and there is no getting around the fact.

FRANK P. WOODWARD.

JEWELRY IS THE THING FOR XMAS GIFTS



DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE TO BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS. IN THE RUSH AND CROWDS YOU CANNOT ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU DESIRE. RIGHT NOW OUR STOCK OF XMAS THINGS IS COMPLETE, AND WE CAN GIVE YOU THE GREATEST CARE AND ATTENTION. OUR STORE IS THE PLACE WHERE THE QUESTION "WHAT SHALL I GIVE" IS BEST ANSWERED. OUR NAME ON A BOX IS A GUARANTEE OF QUALITY.

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