

## DR. F. A. COOK PETITIONS CONGRESS FOR JUSTICE

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., states that Dr. Frederick A. Cook of the North Pole fame, asks Congress for an investigation during the December session. Dr. Cook says a resolution will be introduced in the lower house soon providing for an investigation, and that he will be glad to submit his claims to a committee of either house.

"I am ready to submit my proofs at any time to a committee of congress and let them judge between my



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proofs and those of Admiral Peary," said Dr. Cook. "I am even willing that the naval affairs committee of either house be the judges, notwithstanding their natural leaning toward a naval officer."

"I have never attacked Admiral Peary's claim that he reached the North Pole, but I have criticized the method in which he laid claim to the honor. I want no money from congress, but I do feel as though I had been treated unjustly, and I want the wrong righted."

Dr. Cook says he will sail for Europe in December.

## COUNCIL TO APPOINT NEW MEMBER.

Borough Fathers Empowered to Fill Vacancy of S. T. Ham on the Board After Reorganization.

The death of S. T. Ham has created a vacancy upon the borough council board. The present body of the town's representatives will remain the same until after reorganization, which will be on Monday, January 4, 1914. At that time the council will be empowered to select a citizen of Honesdale in place of S. T. Ham, deceased.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT LAKE COMO.

Saturday morning, December 9, the local institute of the townships of Preston, Buckingham and Manchester was held in the high school building at Lake Como. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Prof. Winfield W. Menhennett, principal of the Preston high school. Roll call showed that there were 19 teachers representing the three named townships and one teacher from Scott township. A short but interesting and instructive program was given. Mr. Bauersox, a representative of Ginn and Co., was there and entered into some of the discussions. Several visitors from the town were in attendance at the meeting. The following teachers were present: Prof. Stephens, Prof. Brotzman, Mayme K. Carey, Loretta B. Carey, Sabra Holbert, Loretta Spatt, Clayton Decker, Agnes Chapman, Mildred Woodmansee, C. R. Gillow, Mae Flynn, Hilary Osborne, Prof. W. W. Menhennett, Prof. S. B. Downs, Rebecca Fitzsimmons, Guy Bennett, Ralph Reynolds, Edna Bortree, Elmer Hine, Felix Menhennett. Program: "Punishment," C. R. Gillow; "The Function of the School in Education," S. B. Downs; "The Blood," Elmer Hine; "Spelling," Edna Bortree; "Writing," Everett Stephens.

## JUDGE SEARLE SENTENCES MURDERER TO 16 YEARS.

The Tribune-Republican of Monday says: Escaping the electric chair because of the scruples of two jurors who later caused the others to compromise their views, Alphonso Giordano, the slayer of Pasquale Valdano, was sentenced to not more than twenty years nor less than sixteen years in the Eastern Penitentiary by Judge Searle Saturday. He was immediately taken back to the county jail and will be removed to the penitentiary by Sheriff Connor some day this week.

Judge Searle stated to the jury in his charge that they could legally find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree. He reiterated that just previous to imposing sentence. But it was evident to the district attorney and others when the jury was being selected that if there were no men with scruples on the list it would be strange in view of the fact that nearly all of the men examined in the case were dismissed by Judge Newcomb because of their scruples against capital punishment and it became necessary to call a new list of jurors before the Giordano jury was half selected.

District Attorney Reedy was asked by Judge Searle if he wanted to make any remarks before sentence would be imposed. He said he had no comments to make. Attorney John P. Quinan plead for clemency.

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## STOURBRIDGE LION FOR INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Over the Moosic Railway Employees Choose First Locomotive for Name of Their Organization.

The fourth meeting of the D. & H. instruction school was held last evening and it was decided that it would hereafter be held every Wednesday night and would be known as "The Stourbridge Lion School of Employees Instruction of the D. & H. Co."

As the Stourbridge Lion was the first steam engine run in America and on the D. & H. road, the school being the result of the first endeavor of its kind ever started for employees' instruction, it was likewise decided that the above name would be used.

After the regular class study the school was addressed by Thomas Champion on the Instruction Department; W. J. Sullivan, on Mechanical Department; L. F. Loree, on Train Rules, and J. J. Reid, on General Instruction.

## ALLEGES THAT LIFE WAS ENDANGERED.

An assault and battery case in which William Bassney, of Swamp Brook, was prosecutor and Charles Mezyler was the defendant, was settled before Justice Robert A. Smith on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Bassney claimed that on Sunday, December 7th, Mezyler assaulted him on the public road and threatened to do him bodily harm.

The prosecution called the following witnesses, who testified: Herman Bassney, George Hessler, William Weist and Eddie Mezyler. Kimble & Hanlan represented the defendant and C. A. Garratt was counsel for the prosecution.

The case was settled by Mr. Mezyler paying the costs in the case which amounted to \$11.35.

## BASKET BALL.

What's the matter with Honesdale and all of her basket ball teams this winter?

Pittston, Taylor, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton all have teams and are playing regularly. Our old friends from Taylor are playing again with the same team that they have had for the past twelve years. Pittston and Wilkes-Barre have started a series of games to determine the championship of Luzerne. Both of these teams have the same line-up as in previous years. It will indeed seem odd not to see some of these familiar faces here on one of our basket ball floors this season.

White Mills, too, under the management of "Eddie" Murphy, is organized, and it is rumored is planning a week's trip, taking in towns from Wilkes-Barre to Freeland.

The only rumor of basket ball in Honesdale thus far is from the camp of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, who are practicing Monday nights in the High school gymnasium. We understand that they have challenged the White Mills team to a game or a series of games, but as yet have received no reply.

What is the reason Co. E don't get busy? With the advantages they have in their fine new armory, success in the basket ball field ought to be assured.

## G. A. R. OFFICERS ELECTED IN HAWLEY.

The following officers of the James M. Thorp Post, No. 195, were elected Friday evening, December 5th: J. A. Collum, commander; Jas. Baschon, senior vice commander; Horace Hazen, junior vice commander; D. James Colgate, quarter-master; William Cruse, sergeant; Edwin A. Marshall, chaplain; Randall Kelley, officer of the hour; David Cooper, officer of the hour; David Cooper, Post on Friday afternoon, January 2nd, at 2 p. m.

## F. & A. ELECT OFFICERS.

Election of officers of Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, Free and Accepted Masons, occurred last Thursday evening when the following were elected to their respective chairs: Worshipful Master, Edward A. Lindsay; Senior Warden, Charles H. Fletcher; Junior Warden, James Mumford; Treasurer, J. D. Weston; secretary, Irving B. Brown. Dr. L. B. Nielsen was elected delegate to Grand Lodge.

## WAYNE COUNTY FISH HATCHERY ENLARGED.

The Wayne county fish hatchery, which is under the supervision of the State, is being enlarged. A fish run 80 feet long, 35 feet high and seven feet wide has just been completed at the Pleasant Mount hatchery. The new addition is built entirely of concrete at a cost of \$8,000. The contract was awarded to a Scranton concern, which just completed the job.

## GOULDSBORO RESIDENT DIES IN HOSPITAL.

Fred Stephens, of Gouldsboro, died in the Moses Taylor hospital on Friday, following an illness of two weeks. Mr. Stephens was for a number of years a railroad conductor on the Lackawanna railroad. He was well known and very popular. Mr. Stephens was 67 years old. He leaves a sister and three brothers. The funeral was held on Sunday.

## ORSON.

Orson, Dec. 13.—Edwin W. Hine, Orson, and Miss Mary E. Hughes, of 618 Adams avenue, Scranton, were married last Wednesday at noon at the home of Mrs. Dora Simons, of 618 Adams avenue, Scranton. Rev. Joseph Stephens, of Pittston, performed the ceremony. The ceremony was witnessed by the closest friends and relatives. The bride was attired in a gown of champagne silk covered with lace and fur. Following the ceremony a reception was held, after which the newly wedded couple left on a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

## Share Your fortune

**A**MID all the happiness and joys of the merry Christmas season think of those less fortunate—of those on whom the sun of plenty has failed to shine during the past twelve months. Think of the heart-aches that will be theirs on Christmas morning; think of the tear stained eyes of the little children weeping because Santa Claus could not call at their homes. Half of your pleasure at Christmas will be derived from making others happy, from sharing your good fortune and sowing seeds of kindness wherever you happen to be on Christmas day. Give something, be it ever so trifling, to the little child to whom Christmas otherwise would mean nothing. You can keep tears of sorrow from those eyes and brighten the day a hundredfold for yourself. Try it.

## DEBATE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Question—Resolved That The Secretary of State, W. J. Bryan, Was Justified in Lecturing—Able Handled by Seniors.

An interesting debate was conducted in the High school auditorium last Friday by members of the senior class. The question—"Resolved that the Secretary of State, William J. Bryan, was justified in lecturing," was ably argued by both sides.

The affirmative was represented by Earl Herbert, Florence Rose and Jeannette Reif; negative, Quintin Murray, Agnes Smith and Eliza Burke. Professor H. A. Oday acted as chairman of the debate and W. H. Dimmick, Mrs. Alma J. G. Dix and Grace Hanlan were judges. They unanimously rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Professor Russell T. Davies, vice principal of the Honesdale High school, broke out with a rash on Friday, but it disappeared on Saturday. The professor did not return to school on Monday for fear of communicating the rash to someone else. Miss Marie Freund is substitute teacher at the High school.

The Christmas vacation will commence on Friday. School will be closed for two weeks.

On Friday afternoon of this week a Christmas program will be rendered in the High school at 3 o'clock.

Friday evening, December 19, from 7:30 until 8:30, the pupils of the different grades in the schools

## LEDGEDALE MAN SEVERELY INJURED.

While assisting in razing a large smoke stack in a lumber camp at Ledgedale, Wayne county, Friday, Aden Conklin, forty, of Ledgedale, received severe injuries when the stack fell on him. He is now at the State hospital, Scranton, in a critical condition suffering from injuries that may prove fatal.

Conklin received severe contusions of the back, chest and lacerations of the scalp. It is thought that he is also suffering from internal injuries.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO IN HONESDALE.

The Scranton Tribune-Republican of Saturday reproduced from the files of Scranton papers of thirty years ago the following news items which are of interest to Wayne county people:

"Hay is selling in Honesdale for \$9 a ton.

"The Wayne County Development company has quit boring for oil. The last well hole is down 2037 feet."

Hay is now bringing \$18 and \$20 per ton and our faith in Wayne county oil is just as strong as it was in 1883.

## WALKED FROM PHILADELPHIA TO CARBONDALE.

Thomas F. Gallagher, an inspector of the Consolidated Telephone company, and assistant, completed a tour of inspection on Friday last which covered a trunk line of that company's line from Philadelphia to Carbondale. Inspector Gallagher and employe started their overland walk November 6 and on Friday, the 12th, of December had finished their work. Every pole, guy wire, cross arms and service wires were examined.



Place Red Cross Seals on Your Holiday Gifts.

## FUNERAL OF COUNCILMAN S. T. HAM.

The funeral of the late Samuel T. Ham was largely attended from his late home on West street Saturday afternoon. One feature particularly noticeable was the large attendance of men present. The town council, of which the deceased was one of the most active, attended in a body. The services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Whittaker, rector of Grace Episcopal church. Rev. Mr. Whittaker's remarks about the departed were very impressive, giving consolation and comfort to the bereft relatives and friends.

The floral pieces were many and beautiful, giving evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by his many admiring friends.

Mr. Ham's remains were tenderly laid to rest in a slate vault in Glen Dyberry cemetery.

The following relatives and friends to attend the obsequies from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pethick, of Scranton; Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Seaman, of Carbondale; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Knapp, of Passaic, N. J.; Conductor George W. Knapp of Elmira, N. Y.

## HYMENEAL.

Bunting—Gumble.

Miss Gertrude A. Gumble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gumble, of Gumble's, Pa., and Clarence E. Bunting, of Cambridge, Wis., were united in marriage on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Baumann, uncle and aunt of the bride, of Milford, with whom the latter has made her home for many years, by Rev. L. B. McMickle, pastor of the Methodist church.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Bunting came in an auto to Port Jervis, where they took a train for the west. Their home address is "Cambridge, Wis., Route 4."—Port Jervis Union.

## NEW BOOKS IN HONESDALE LIBRARY.

Mrs. William J. Van Keuren presented the Honesdale Free Library with the following books of fiction on Friday last:

- "Anne of Avonlea," L. M. Montgomery.
- "Raffles," E. W. Hornung.
- "A Modern Chronicle," Winton Churchill.
- "Marietta," Crawford.
- "Old Rose and Silver," Myrtle Reed.
- "Caleb West—Master Diver," F. Hopkinson Smith.
- "The Powers of Maxine," C. N. and A. M. Williamson.
- "Sharrow," Von Hutten.
- "She—That Hesitates," Harris Dickson.
- "The Woodcarver of Lympus," M. E. Waller.
- "The Sign of the Fox," Barbara.
- "Lady Betty Across the Water," Williamson.
- "The Testing of Diana Mallory," Mrs. Humphry Ward.
- "The Woman Haters," Joseph C. Lincoln.
- "Lit Kennedy Country Boy," S. R. Crockett.
- "The Tides of Barmgat," F. H. Smith.
- "The Heart of Hyacinth," Watanna.
- "Pennsylvania at Antietam."

## PENNSYLVANIA DINNER IN NEW YORK.

The fifteenth annual dinner of the Pennsylvania society was held in the Waldorf Astoria, New York city, on Saturday evening, in commemoration of the one hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution of the United States, by the Pennsylvania Convention.

The principal guests of honor were former President William Howard Taft who made an able response to the following toast, "The United States"; the Honorable George Southland, Senator of the United States from Utah, who replied to the toast, "The Law and the People"; and the Honorable Robert C. Smith, who responded to the toast, "Our Kindred: At Home and Abroad."

President Henry P. Davison, the president of the society, sounded a note of warning, and in his speech called attention to the changes that are taking place in this country.

"It is certain," he said, "that the results of this evolution have potentialities for good or for evil of immeasurable importance. Is it true, can it be true, that we are living at a time when plain, straightforward facts and merit are to be disregarded when right and honor go at a discount and prejudice and misrepresentation command a premium? On all sides, almost every day, we see new committees of inquiry and investigation.

In the midst of the festivities 160 splendidly gowned women, the Society of Pennsylvania Women in New York, marched into the grand ballroom of the hotel, preceded by four buglers and all the flags that Pennsylvania ever made, owned or captured, and accompanied by the best efforts of all the florists of this vicinity. It pleased the male Pennsylvanians so much that they rose to the occasion and from the tops of their chairs cheered most vigorously. The noise was easily audible in the Adirondacks, and completely drowned out the sound of Pittsburgh's steel mills.

## FIRE IN WATER TANK.

Strange though it may seem fire partially destroyed the water tank of Dwight Dorringer at White Mills about 11 o'clock Saturday night. Plumbers were called on Saturday to thaw out frozen pipes and it is presumed that the torch ignited some of the saw dust that surrounded the pipes in a wooden enclosure.

The tank is located a short distance from the house, but it was far enough away so as to not do any damage to Mr. Dorringer's home.

## WHITE MILLS RESIDENT FRACTURES TWO RIBS

Douglas-Lockwood Nuptial—Western Visitors Here—Other Newsy Items.

White Mills, Dec. 15.—On Wednesday afternoon, December 3, at 4 o'clock, a pretty wedding was solemnized by the Rev. Walter Walker, when he joined in holy wedlock Mrs. Lena Lockwood and Gilbert E. Douglas, of Uniondale, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Joseph Stephens, of this place.

Mrs. Charles Burger met with quite a painful and serious accident on Wednesday evening. While stepping from her back porch her feet slipped and she fell, striking the edge of the porch on her side, fracturing two ribs.

Mrs. Kelsor, formerly Miss Florence Suydam, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and her friend, Miss Sappington, of the same city, were the guests of the Misses Dorringer. They left for Paterson, N. J., and New York city, by way of Scranton, on Thursday.

Misses Nellie and Kathryn Dorringer spent Thursday in Scranton.

Mrs. John Boyle and nephew, Robert Bellman, spent Wednesday in Honesdale.

## DYBERRY LOSES ESTEEMED CITIZEN.

William Paynter, aged 77, for many years a respected resident of Dyberry, died at his home on Dec. 12, at 9:30 a. m. His death was due to palsy. He had been troubled with this ailment for several years and lately it so affected him that he was unable to speak.

William Paynter was born on March 7th, 1836, in North Patherwin, Devonshire, England. He came to this country in 1861 at the age of twenty-five and settled at Beachlake. He was employed by William Tamblin and held this position for three years. After residing at Beachlake two years, he married Melissa Olver, the eldest daughter of John Olver, on November 14, 1863. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Paynter lived at Beachlake for one year. They then came to Dyberry and settled on John Olver's farm where they have since resided. Mr. Paynter was a farmer by occupation and also a sincere and faithful church worker. He was converted in England and upon his arrival here joined the M. E. church of Beachlake. He was also a Sunday school teacher for many years.

The funeral services were held on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. J. E. Pritchard of the Bethany Presbyterian church officiating. Interment was made in the Bethany cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Melissa (Olver) Paynter, and the following sons and daughters: Otis Paynter, of Binghamton, N. Y.; John Wesley Paynter, Ernest Paynter and Mrs. Robert Miller of Carbondale; Leo Paynter, of Bethany; Albert Paynter of Tanners Falls, and Mrs. Ira Bryant, at home.

In a recent conversation with his brother-in-law, the Rev. A. C. Olver, of the M. E. church, he asked him if he remembered an old hymn that they used to sing very often together. It was the following: When peace like a river attendeth my way,

When sorrow like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say

It is well, it is well, with my soul. He told him that this would be the spirit in which he would pass away.

The following relatives of the late William Paynter of Dyberry attended his funeral on Sunday: Otis W. Paynter, of Hooper, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. John W. Paynter and daughter Isabel, Ernest Paynter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller and daughter, Mildred, Ernest Paynter, all of Carbondale; Mark N. Robinson of Scranton.

## BURNETT FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF MIDDLE DISTRICT

Among the nominations sent to the United States Senate on Saturday by President Wilson was that of Hon. Rogers L. Burnett, of Stroudsburg, to be United States District Attorney for the Middle Pennsylvania District, vice A. B. Dunsmore. A report from Washington states that his confirmation will not be opposed.

Mr. Burnett owes his appointment to Congressman A. M. Palmer, and thereby Mr. Palmer is paying a political debt, one that was expected. It is claimed that Mr. Burnett became a candidate for State Senator and for President Judge of the 43rd Judicial District to please Mr. Palmer and was defeated in both instances. It cannot be taken then, that the appointment came because of any political strength of the gentleman, but as a reward made personally by Mr. Palmer for support given him.

## DEEDS RECORDED.

Rockwell Brigham et ux. of Damascus, to James Dolson, of same, 18 acres in Damascus township; \$350.

Jennie Dolson of Damascus, to Rockwell Brigham, same, land in Damascus; consideration \$550.

Pennsylvania Coal Company, to Alexander Barrett of Hawley, land in Palmyra township; consideration, \$75.

John Stahl of Bronx, N. Y., to Jos. Licceroni of Mt. Vernon, 21 vacant lots in Bronx; \$1.

H. W. Brown et ux. of Forest City, to A. G. Stiles of same, land in Browntown; consideration \$200.

J. S. Welsh et ux. of Hawley, to Peter J. Bower of same; land in Palmyra township; consideration \$1500.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Benj. F. Sampson . . . . . Honesdale  
Oliver B. Lee . . . . . Carbondale  
Daniel O. Vail . . . . . New York City  
Elizabeth A. Thielke . . . . . Hawley

## Don't Go Up In the Air!

**DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY**

And Then You Will Be Suited DOWN TO THE GROUND!

**SO WILL THE POOR, TIRED SHOPGIRLS!**