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Notes.

Any person or persons in Milford desiring telephone connections will call on or address J. P. Van Etten, Conasaugh, Pa., or at this office.

It May Be Mr. Hart.

Rev. Sam Small, who spoke at the Democratic meeting, at Easton, Saturday, started Howard Mutchler's boom for Congress rolling by a brilliant oration containing these words: "Bryan in the Presidential chair, Sewall in the Senate, and Mutchler back on the floor of Congress again, peace and prosperity will return to our beautiful land."

Small will be smaller if he comes up to Pike and talks that way. Every one here is for Hart.

10,000 feet well-seasoned good whitepine boards for sale. Price reasonable. Enquire of Wm. Angle at blacksmith shop. aug12th.

POLITICAL NOTES.

If the Democratic party will work to keep the prices of the farmers' crops at a parity with his taxes and debts, it will be in more profitable business than trying to explain how it can keep silver at a parity with gold.

The Democrats claim to have carried Arkansas by 60,000 majority. Well, why not? They have all the election machinery, and it is not the votes that count but the way they are counted. If there could be any moral weight in the result they might as well have counted the majority greater.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Week Ending Monday September 8, 1896—General Conditions.

The temperature during the past week was below normal, with a large percentage of sunshine. In most sections the rainfall was slightly above the average. Cool nights prevailed, and frosts occurred on the 2d and 4th which were damaging to unripened crops in some localities in the northern counties. The late rains will prove beneficial to late growths, but a shortage will result from the recent drought, as it caused premature ripening and drying up of many products. Considerable corn and buckwheat have been cut, both of which are good crops, but buckwheat has not filled quite as expected. Fall seeding is well advanced, but in some sections it has been delayed by dry weather. But little tobacco is left standing; the crop was very good but there was not as much raised as last year. Pasturage is fair and should improve with the late rains. The potato crop is a large one. The apple yield is large and grapes promising. Vegetables are plentiful and of good quality.

Bridge Building and Repair.

Luzerne county is building stone instead of iron bridges. They are not much more expensive originally and where properly constructed with slight repairs will last for ages.

The Conasaugh stone bridge built in May 1858 by Solon Chapin cost \$300 and the repairs in 38 years have cost \$88.60 or about \$2.33 per year. A wooden bridge crossing the Shohola creek in Blooming Grove township at Lords Valley built in 1856 was rebuilt in 1872 and the repairs since have cost \$82.57. The combination bridge across the Wilkesport in Greene built in 1883 was rebuilt in 1895. The iron bridges vary in cost of repairs depending on amount of travel, etc. but the average cost of repairs per year on seven iron bridges built in 1888 and 1890 and costing \$4,347.95 was \$58.61 or an average of about \$7.88 per year. In other words the iron bridges cost over 1 1/4 per cent per year for repairs on the original cost, and the stone bridge cost less than 1/4 per cent per year, and the iron will eventually wear out while stone will not.

A New Invention.

John C. Wallace, of this Borough has invented, and made application for a patent on a device to prevent a cow during the process of milking from stepping in the pail. While it has been considered a trait of a good cow to give a full pail of milk and then kick it over the design of this arrangement is to avoid the latter part of the test and preserve the profits. The device is an attachment of a piece of tin fastened to the ears of the pail, and projecting several inches above it, in short an extension upward of the vessel so that bossy cannot lift her foot over it. There is no apparent reason why it would not work successfully in a practical test, and be of great benefit. It is simple, cheap and easily attached to any pail.

The Snyder Will Sustained.

Surrogate Howell, of Orange county rendered a decision last week sustaining the will of Frances Snyder, who it will be remembered died from the effect of poison last March. This will disinherits Martha Whittaker, her daughter, and gives the bulk of the property to a niece. Mrs. Snyder it is presumed suspected the daughter of having administered the poison and acting under this belief disinherited her. The will was contested on the ground of undue influence and that the testatrix was not of sound mind when it was made. The amount of her estate was three policies of life insurance of \$1000 each.

Fresh Kils of Lime For Sale.

George Cole has a fresh kiln of lime now ready at his place in Montagu, N. J.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—At Conasaugh House, three experienced girls to iron and wait on table.

OBITUARY.

COL. JOSEPH T. RIDGEWAY.

Col Joseph T. Ridgeway a leading citizen of Trenton, New Jersey committed suicide last Thursday Sept. 8 at his home in that city by shooting himself through the head. He was, it is said, temporarily insane from long and severe physical suffering, and was alone in his bed-room where he fired the fatal shot. He was a brother-in-law of the late George Malven of Port Jervis having married Elizabeth Malven, who with one son a recent graduate of Rutgers College survives him.

PROF. L. S. FOWLER.

Prof. L. S. Fowler the celebrated phrenologist died at the home of his sister at West Orange, N. J., Sept. 5 aged 85 years. For over thirty years he has resided in England and only returned to this country two weeks ago. He was born at Cochecton, Steuben county, N. Y., graduated from Amherst, where he was a classmate of Henry Ward Beecher, and afterwards in conjunction with his brother published the Phrenological Journal the first paper in this country devoted to that subject. He also traveled through the United States and Canada lecturing and examining heads, and his wife who was one of the first women to receive a medical degree in this country wrote several works on physiology.

HON. HIRAM G. CLARK.

The sad intelligence comes to us of the death of this estimable and highly respected citizen of Newton, New Jersey.

Judge Clark on Saturday last in company with some others went out squirrel hunting, and in taking his gun, which was a muzzle loader from the wagon it was in some manner accidentally discharged, the contents entering his arm near the wrist and passing up to the elbow, severely lacerating and tearing the arteries. He was speedily conveyed home and every attention given, but the shock accompanied by great loss of blood was too great and he died Monday morning at 6 o'clock a. m. He was born in Sandyston some sixty-five years ago and grew up there, removing in his early manhood to Newton where he has since resided.

His sterling qualities as an upright, intelligent, honorable man soon won for him a conspicuous place among the citizens of his adopted town and he has held many offices of honor and trust. Mr. Clark a number of years ago was a member of the assembly, was appointed judge and latterly was one of the three commissioners selected to place a water system in Newton. He was at one time also a member of the Board of Supervisors of Morris Plains Asylum and at the time of his death a director in the Sussex National Bank.

As an official he was scrupulously honest in management and conservative in judgment. A kind and devoted husband, whole-souled and generous in his associations, affable and courteous in manner, and interesting and eloquent as a public speaker.

His death will be greatly deplored in that community, and his wise and judicious counsels greatly missed. He is survived by his widow who was a daughter of Dr. Roe, of Sandyston, by a brother, William, of Sandyston, and two sisters, Lydia, wife of Wm. Hart, of Newton, and Lannah, wife of Joseph W. Fisher, of Iowa.

The funeral took place yesterday, Thursday from his late residence.

Fire Hill Farm.

G. E. Hush, proprietor. Root comb white leghorns, eggs for hatching, broilers in season and dealer in poultry supplies, incubator, brooders, wire netting, roofing felt, etc., trees, plants and vines, furnished to order. Office at farm, Layton, N. J.

Caught a Big Bass.

Randal D. Sayre caught at the Milford bridge on Friday last one of the largest bass taken from the Delaware river this season. It measured 22 inches in length and weighed 5 1/2 lbs.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Oscar Raser visited Milford Tuesday.

Mrs. A. W. Mott is seeking rest with relatives in Blooming Grove.

County Superintendent Sawyer visited schools in Milford on Tuesday.

Howard De Mott has returned home after a vacation spent in Milford.

Clarence Angle who has been seriously afflicted with ivy poisoning is improving.

J. Frank Mastin and wife, of New York glided through the town Monday on a tandem.

Julius W. Keiser was elected delegate to the Republican Convention from Dingman township.

Lant Armstrong now has a vacation and he is spending it making this town gay and happier.

Miss Noyes entertained the Milford Golf Club at a progressive euchre party Monday evening.

Hy. T. Baker, Esq., and wife visited the family of M. C. Westbrook at Blooming Grove last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Parsell, of New York are spending a few days with friends and relatives this week.

A. R. Brittain, Esq., of East Stroudsburg, has been for some days confined to his room by illness.

Mr. T. Sangster, of Brooklyn visited at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Philip Steele a few days last week.

Carl and Will Mayo, after spending a pleasant summer here, have returned to their avocations in the city.

Wade Buckley and wife and Miss Libbie Whittaker, of Port Jervis visited Mrs. J. H. Van Etten last Saturday.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Gordon, of Middletown, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage, Monday evening.

Mark Brodhead, of Washington, D. C., is spending a two weeks vacation with his sisters, Mrs. Van Wyck and Mary Brodhead.

George E. Smith and Sarah E. Mann of Newton, N. J., were married at the Parsonage in Milford Sept. 5 by Rev. W. R. Neff.

Miss Josephine Haser and Miss Friend who have been guests at the Jarlon House for some weeks will return to New York to-morrow.

Mrs. A. M. Kanoser left Monday for Hillboro, North Carolina where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Jones.

Emma Emerson, of Delaware who has been spending some time in Milford visiting her brother, Dr. H. E. Emerson departed Thursday for her home.

Mrs. M. C. Beach who has been a guest at "The Homestead" for some time returned to New York this week, and later will go to Washington for the winter.

Miss Reilly, a guest at the Criseman House for several seasons, rendered a beautiful solo to a large audience at the Presbyterian church last Sabbath evening.

Mr. C. O. Armstrong our enterprising druggist has gone to Asbury Park for a few days respite from business cares. He was accompanied by his family.

Mrs. Hiram Westbrook and son, of Ridgewood, N. J., are visiting the family of John C. Westbrook and will before returning spend a few days at Nicheconk pond.

Ira B. Case, of Dingman township has been granted a pension. He was a private in Co., B. 151st Pa. Volunteers and served from Oct. 18 1862 to July 27, 1863.

R. C. Stewart Esq., A. Goldsmith Esq., Morris Kirkpatrick Esq., and F. Green of Easton registered at the Fauchere Hotel one night last week. They came up on bicycles and evidently enjoyed the trip.

George R. Bull and Bonnie Cross returned to school at Blair Hall this week. Fred Klac entered Anshurst College. Theo. F. Baker will go to Montclair and John Van Etten to the Port Jervis High school.

Dr. H. B. Reed and family left for their New York home this week after a summer spent at Overbrook. Society here will miss the lively presence of these pleasant people, who add much to the gaiety of the town.

Success to Mr. Wallace.

A. Q. Wallace has gone into the carpet renovating business at 244 West 14th street, New York under the firm name of Wallace and Company. The firm has a process by which the cleaning is done without taking up the goods. A sort of lather is put over the carpet which takes up the dust completely, leaving it bright and imparting to it a really new appearance. A piece exhibited here showed both before and after the process, one end having been cleaned and the other not, and the effect produced was quite wonderful.

Joseph F. Turvilliger the Dispatch manager accompanied a party to

Stroudsburg Thursday. It comprised Mrs. C. H. Wood and daughter Blanche, Mrs. G. A. Frick, Mrs. J. A. Royce, Mrs. Jas. H. Heller, Mrs. A. Luhn, Miss Katie Klein and Mrs. Geo. Deunmann.

Col. A. E. Lewis who was a delegate to the Indianapolis Convention returned home last Saturday. He reports that great enthusiasm was manifested for the ticket, and it was generally predicted that it would receive a hearty support among men who place country before party.

Mrs. Mary Beach, of Birmingham Ala., is in town and stopping at Mrs. Denton's, on Broome street. Mrs. Beach is a descendant of Anthony Van Etten's, the ancestor of the Dearpark Van Etten's, and also of Daniel Ennis, a large land-owner in Sussex county, N. J. Mrs. Beach takes considerable interest in her ancestry, and is gathering particulars concerning the Van Etten branch of her family.—Gazette.

Milford.

I love the little town that lies, In peaceful bliss north sunny skies And rolling hills and mountains round, Here nature's choicest works abound.

Fertile fields are spread abroad, Charming drives are quickly found, Full, clear, glass and lovely views, Life, joy and health abound.

Her people of all classes are, The pure proud rich and lovely poor, Brilliant sons and beautiful girls, Here nature's choicest works abound.

Not here is heard the rush of trains, Nor shriek of whistles or cries for aims, But in contented peaceful life, We live in peace away from strife.

In summer when the city people come, Seeking rest and a pleasant home, We feel the lively townish air, With pretty girls, oh there we're blest, With rest up with a brilliant glare.

But soon the scene is changed again, The summer girl begins to wane, The autumn leaves begin to fall, Shedding a glory over all.

The landscape with its charming tints, The silvery river with its lovely glints, Framed in the hills a glorious picture, Such as artists vain would capture.

Soon winter looks up every stream; O! then the skating, boyhood dream, You really soon take on their gleam, With pretty girls, oh there we're blest.

Vacation comes at Christmas time, And wanderers return to dance and dine, The happy days glide swiftly by, Too fast like the moments fly.

The spring returns a change takes place, Milford resumes her sunny grace, The maple soon takes on their green, Arbutus blooms, the fields are green.

Her roads are paved with nature's hand, Her streets the finest in the land, The wheelman never found paradise; The anglers dream of trout that rise.

Oh Milford "loveliest of the vale," Your joys abound and never fail, All who come here with loud proclaim Assure that they'll return again.

W. M. D.

Brodhead Homestead Improvements.

The interior arrangement of the old Broadhead homestead at the head of Broad street is a model in the way of changing an old into a new house. The stairway starting in the parlor is modern and of handsome hard wood. The large dining room with butler's pantry attached is in the part newly built and from the bow window commands a beautiful view down the street. A driveway around the house is in contemplation and when all the designs for convenience are completed this home will be one of the most charming, both as to location and appearance, of any in the valley.

Roanoke Team.

Tuesday morning the Branchville stage driver after hitching up his team at the barn on Water street, preparatory to starting on his trip, allowed them to stand for a moment at the blacksmith shop when they suddenly concluded to have their own way about it, and ran away. They successfully accomplished the feat and in turning the corner near John Beck's Hotel upset the wagon which was badly broken. The horses were caught at the Post Office corner none the worse for their morning spin.

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BRIEF MENTION.

—It requires more than mere words to be a successful leader of the American people.

—It costs about \$50 per mile per year to take care of the 80,000 miles of dirt roads in this State.

—Old folks say that rag weed is superabundant this year and that this promises an unusually cold winter.

—Men are bribed or bulldozed to aid in carrying out the corrupt schemes of rotten, ring-cursed politicians.

—The Public school opened with a good attendance. The Grammar department had 24 Intermediate 50 Primary 50.

—If the day is fair, service may be expected at the Sawkill school house next Sunday, Sept. 13th, at 2.30 p. m.

—'Uncle Joe' Lattimore says he will bet \$100 that Bryan will be elected. Now here is a chance for a McKinley man.

—Alvan Van Etten caught a striped bass in an eel weir in the Delaware river last Tuesday which weighed thirteen pounds.

—The last issue of the L. A. W. bulletin contains a letter which says that the road from Port Jervis to Bu-hill is one of the best in the county.

—The Odd Fellows held their annual picnic Wednesday at Raymond-kill concluding with a dance in the evening. The day was fine and the attendance large.

—An Indian skeleton was exhumed Tuesday near an old burying ground at Levi Van Etten's place above Port Jervis. Beads and other relics were also found.

—At the Republican caucus held in Milford Tuesday evening John C. Warner and Chas. Lattimore were elected delegates to the County Convention which meets Sept. 15.

—The Hudson River Baptist Association held its annual session in Port Jervis this week. Many prominent ministers of that denomination were present in addition to the lay delegates.

—Members of the Milford Chautauque Circle, and others who may wish to join for the coming year, are requested to meet at the Presbyterian parsonage, Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 8 o'clock p. m. for reorganization.

—The Eagle House at Lackwaxen was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday night, Sept. 1st. But a small amount of the furniture was saved. The building was owned by Herman Kanoser and was insured.

—The Drunkards have not voted since 1860 when they joined the Republican party, but this fall they will again vote and for McKinley. They have about 20,000 votes in this State, Maryland, Ohio and Illinois.

—A. D. Brown and Frank Rudolph caught a fine lot of pickerel Saturday last at Porter's Lake, all they wanted, in fact, and few fishermen are either successful enough for that, or willing to quit when their baskets are full.

—A colored man named Joseph Siglar, of Bloomfield, N. J., was committed to the County jail Wednesday, in default of \$500 bail, charged with breaking into the house of Mary Cole on Water street, and attempting to assault her.

—Johnson the shoe man of Port Jervis is out with an attractive new "ad" this week. He has bargains and his large and increasing trade from this section is evidence of his popularity and ability to give satisfaction to his customers. Give him a trial.

—The Normal at East Stroudsburg promises to be better patronized than ever this year. Already large numbers of students have registered and new applications are being constantly received, and the outlook is one of continued and deserved success and popularity.

—Wilton Bennett, Esq., of Port Jervis, addressed a large and enthusiastic gathering of Republicans at Honesdale Tuesday evening. He will take the stump this fall as a regular campaign speaker. He has the talents as an orator and will be effective and convincing.

—The Monroe County Fair opened under auspicious skies this week, with a larger exhibition than ever before, and a greater manifestation of interest in the way of attendance than there has been heretofore shown. There were many fine displays of speed and five entries in the 2.15 class.

—Ira Rife, of Palmyra township who has been confined in the County jail for some time charged with non support of his family was taken before associate Judge Mitchell last Monday on a writ of habeas corpus and released on entering in bail in \$300 for his appearance at October Term.

—An exchange says the month of August is a great month for church

picnics, and the woodchuck will gnaw the alabaster limb of the Sunday school teacher, and a green worm will fall down the back of the organist, and the first minister will sit down on a rotten stump and ask for a sweet pickle and another leg of chicken, please, and the fenshish yellow jacket will back up to him and puncture his tire, and the busy little ants will play around in the jelly and get it all over their clothes and one of the infant class will fall out of the swing and break its collar bone, and they will have a lovely time.

SOCIETY EVENTS.

A hop was held at the residence of Philip Steele, last Monday evening, in honor of Mrs. Sangster, who is visiting there. The house was in a burst of gaiety, lights flashed forth from the numerous windows and Chinese lanterns around the piazza. Erie orchestra furnished music for those who tripped the light fantastic toe. They broke up at an early hour and reported an enjoyable time.

The climax of social gaiety in Milford was reached on Labor Day evening when the young ladies of the town gave a leap year hop in the apartments of Mrs. Biddis on Broad street. These rooms so well adapted for social functions were very artistically decorated. From the ceiling of the ball room hung a large number of bright Japanese lanterns, while the walls were literally covered with brilliant flowers, corn stalks, and wild grapes, in such a manner as to make one think on entering that he had struck a miniature garden of Eden or dropped into fairy land.

The music was truly inspiring so much so that the lawyers, editors and other dignified personages of the town joined with their voices and laughter in a good old-fashioned quadrille, which was conceded by all to be most graceful and inspiring dance of the evening. The affair was one of those rare occasions in which the spirit of rivalry did not enter. All were the best of friends, and each one gloried in the pleasure and success of his neighbor. The young ladies acting as hostesses were Misses Lila and Bessie Van Etten, Biddis, Nichols and Kleinhaus.

Owing to the late hour at which invitations were extended a number of Port Jervis gentlemen, were obliged to send regrets. Those present from out of town were Messrs. Kirkman, Collins, Denton.

For souvenirs of the occasion Mrs. Hart took several photographs of the room and the young ladies.

It will long be remembered by the Milford girls as a happy and fitting ending to the gaiety of the summer season.

Mount Retirement Alumni.

The annual reunion of the Alumni of this seminary took place last Monday on the old school grounds. The gathering was in the nature of a basket picnic and was attended by about two hundred of the former pupils and their friends and families.

James Bennett the secretary rung the old dinner bell to call the meeting to order, and Messrs. Dewitt, Esq., of Newark made an address referring to those who had died during the year among whom was Emma Lawrence Van Etten. An address was also made by Joseph P. Osborne Esq., of Newark, N. J., and remarks by Rev. M. Jordan of the Clove Church, George B. Sanford of Newark, Prof. Seelye of Deckertown, Luther Hill and others. The same place and Labor Day as the time was selected for the next reunion.

Made a Century Run on a Tandem.

Ephraim Babcock, of the New York Post Office, and F. C. Bond, of Port Jervis, passed through Milford Thursday morning on their way to the Delaware Water Gap on a century run with a Ramlar tandem. Mr. Babcock is enthusiastic over our roads as the finest he has ever seen.

WANTED—By September 1st, in a first-class small hotel, a neat girl for chambermaid and waiting, good wages, must have references. Address at this office or Box 18, Milford.