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MILFORD. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Milford, Pa. Sabbath services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

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Secret Societies. MILFORD LODGE, No. 844, F. & A. M. Lodge meets Wednesdays on or before Full Moon at the Sawkill House, Milford, Pa.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Porter, Harvey Ellenberger to Beaver Run Hunting and Fishing Club, dated Sept. 19, 75 acres, con. \$121, ent'd Sept. 21.

Porter, Harvey Ellenberger, trustee, to Beaver Run Hunting and Fishing Club, dated Sept. 19, 749 acres, con. \$2,400, ent'd Sept. 21.

Matamoras. William Whysall, et al., to Maria Whysall, dated Sept. 1, 4 lots, con. \$1, ent'd Sept. 21.

Matamoras. Elizabeth Whysall, et al., to Horace J. Van Gilder, dated Sept. 1, lots of land, con. \$1, ent'd Sept. 21.

Matamoras. Maria Whysall to William Whysall, et al., dated Sept. 1, lots of land, con. \$1, ent'd Sept. 21.

Matamoras. R. Willard Ware to Frederick Dreyer, dated Sept. 15, lots 549 and 551, con.—ent'd Sept. 21.

10,000 feet well-seasoned good whitepine boards for sale. Price reasonable. Enquire of Wm. Angell at blacksmith shop. ang2124

Ripans Tablets. Ripans Tablets cure nausea. Ripans Tablets: at druggists. Ripans Tablets cure dizziness. Ripans Tablets cure headache. Ripans Tablets cure flatulence. Ripans Tablets cure dyspepsia. Ripans Tablets assist digestion. Ripans Tablets cure bad breath. Ripans Tablets cure torpid liver. Ripans Tablets cure biliousness. Ripans Tablets: give relief. Ripans Tablets cure indigestion. Ripans Tablets: gentle cathartic. Ripans Tablets cure constipation. Ripans Tablets: for sour stomach. Ripans Tablets: pleasant laxative. Ripans Tablets cure liver troubles.

IS IT MURDER OR SUICIDE?

Mysterious Death at Shohola Sunday Night.

Agatha Smith Found Dead in Her Room. The Other Occupant a Man Who Claims He was to Marry Her Next Day.

Something of a sensation was aroused in the town Monday by the report that parties from Shohola were here seeking the offices of the coroner to hold an inquest on a body of a woman dead from a pistol shot. Coroner Geiger immediately repaired to the scene of the tragedy and summoned a jury to investigate the cause of death which subsequently found a verdict as follows: "That Lydia Smith came to her death from a pistol shot by unknown hands at the house of John Wohlfarth between the hours of 8 o'clock p. m. Sunday evening and 7 a. m. Monday."

Signed, LORENZ GEIGER, Coroner. GEORGE HAAS, Foreman. JOHN WOHLFARTH. W. J. SADLER. WILLIAM SADLER. L. J. SWEZEY. GEORGE P. HAAS.

The coroner from statements made by different ones deemed it his duty to bring the man down and lodge him in jail, which was done Monday night. From the somewhat chaotic utterances of that official we glean the following as to the facts of the case. Early in July the woman came to Wohlfarth, who lives some three miles from Shohola and keeps a boarding house, to work as a domestic, claiming to be a widow with three children, two of whom remained in New York and one boy some 9 or 10 years old was with her. Matters ran smoothly until about a week prior to her death when a man appeared, whose relations to her seem to have been of an intimate nature for they occupied the same room.

Sunday night it is stated they did not retire until very late, and Monday morning when called did not respond until repeated efforts were made when the man came to the door and said the woman had shot herself. She was found lying on the bed with a pistol grasped in her right hand and a bullet hole in her right temple. Her companion stated that he heard no shot and was unaware of her condition until awakened by the rappings on the door of the room.

He further stated that he had given her \$250 specifying the kind of money, and that they were to be married that day. The boy above alluded to, seemed to corroborate a part of this statement by saying that he saw the man have a large sum of money, the day previous. Careful search however failed to reveal any trace of any sum whatever, in possession of either the man or woman. Both seemed to be penniless. The man whose name was not definitely learned, as he was called Smith and Shultz, and Herman was released from confinement Tuesday afternoon by the Sheriff, who had no warrant, or commitment or authority to detain him. It seems passing strange that a jury composed of six presumably intelligent men, aided even by a Pike County Coroner, should, after learning the naked fact that the man was alone in the room with her when she was shot, and as he stated with his pistol, accept the statement that he heard no shot fired and that she had killed herself, and render a verdict as above recorded. What may be the true inwardness of the matter may never be known. It may be presumed that the verdict, which is in the handwriting of one utterly incompetent to draw a paper of such moment, expresses the real sentiment of the jury, but it is also incomprehensible how a jury with ordinary intelligence and unbiased judgment could so stultify the situation as to render a verdict which entirely exculpated a man who certainly was in a position demanding a searching scrutiny before a competent tribunal. We have spoken

elsewhere of excessiveness which makes the body politic sick, and, if the above recital which we assume to be true, coming as it does from an official of the County, is not sufficient warrant for our assertion, and ample evidence that we need some change in the administration of our affairs to save us from the scorn and contempt of law regarding communities, then we acknowledge ourselves to be ignorant of what constitutes good local government.

The libel, still going the rounds of the press that recently in the case of the negro Sigler, our townsmen were with difficulty restrained from tramping on law and justice by lynching him, emanated from the brain of a callow youth who cares more for the cheap sensations he can create than he does for the reputation of our citizens, and the statement, if true, would be in striking contrast to the apparent utter lack of desire on the part of those invested with authority, to properly investigate what may be a heinous crime.

OBITUARY.

HERBERT LE ROY. Herbert Le Roy aged 43 years died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 14 and was brought here for interment. Deceased is survived by his widow, Carrie who was a daughter of Wm. C. Broome formerly of this place.

BARNABAS COLEMAN HORTON.

The death of this estimable man at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Abram D. Brown on Broad street Monday evening Sept. 21 removes another one of the very few aged persons in our community. He was born in Randolph township Morris county, New Jersey, May 15 1811 where he continued to reside until 1860. During this period he married Ruth Cramer and to them three children were born, all of whom survive him, George E. and Hannah B. wife of A. D. Brown, residing in Milford and Mary C. wife of George W. Howell, of Chester, N. J. After the death of his wife some twenty years ago, he removed to Chester and resided with his daughter, until about a year since when he came to Milford. He was a farmer by occupation of a quiet unobtrusive nature, upright in his dealings, and highly respected in the community where he was so long known. For some time his health has been declining, he having suffered at intervals paralytic strokes, which greatly affected his voice and locomotion.

Brief services were held here Tuesday Sept. 22, and the remains taken to Chester N. J. the next day at which place funeral services were held Thursday and the body laid at rest beside those dear ones who have gone before.

Church Improvements.

The Methodist Church people of this place are making some useful improvements to their edifice, the principal one being enlarging remodeling, and beautifying the Sunday school room. The school under the assiduity of Mr. Neff and his fervent assistants required more room to comfortably accommodate the increased number, hence it becomes necessary to take out a partition and add a room, which will be connected with the larger room by means of folding doors. New windows, columns, and steps will also be added, and when completed according to design the room will be a comfortable pleasant, and attractive home for their Sabbath school.

Pine Hill Farm.

G. E. Harsh, proprietor. Rose 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.

It is Not a Strange Face.

While the Republicans were holding a meeting last Friday night, the handsome Bryan face of a certain young ice dealer was seen at the window making havoc with his nose leaving a cold icy spot on the glass

Republicans, Attention!

An important meeting will be held this Friday evening, Sept. 25th, at 8 o'clock sharp, at the rooms formerly occupied by Chol & Wheeler, bicycle agents. A full attendance is requested.

A PLEASANT EVENT.

An Informal Pot-Pie Supper Held in Layton Last Thursday, Sept. 17.

The Press had no inclination to decline an invitation extended by Mr. Geo. E. Hurst and his pleasant wife, of Layton, to be present with feminine assistants at an informal pot-pie supper given by that gentleman Thursday evening. The grounds were handsomely illuminated, the company charming, and the "raised pot-pie" with its concomitant chicken and endless variety of too tempting adjuncts, made all feel that however free silver might affect the country the "unlimited coinage" of pot-pie was wholly free from any objectionable results, and moreover indispensable to satisfy an inward longing, which editors are not presumed to gratify at will, and only when some pitying friends bring in a woodchuck and a peck of turnips in payment of two yearly subscriptions.

After the supper those who could indulge in dancing but such frivolity was incompatible with the condition of the elder contingent who found more comfort aiding the Cuban revenue by the consumption of Havanas, and mildly wondering whether the host in anticipation of a cold winter had not been moved to supply all the needy families in Sandyston with a feather bed apiece. They are not satisfied over there with moderation for we found on starting home our wagon had been loaded with luscious grapes, and we have since been living in a wonder if we were not after all a premeditated scheme to reduce the Republican majority in Pennsylvania by one.

A Fine service.

The Antiphonal service held in the Presbyterian church last Sabbath evening which was due mainly to the work of the Y. P. S. C. E. attracted a large audience. Great interest was manifested both in the service and its impressive lessons.

It was rendered by two choirs one at the organ and the other in the gallery in the opposite end of the Church, which engaged in responsive song. The singing reflected great credit, on the respective choirs, each of which rendered their parts with fine expression in a very correct manner, and with an effect that was plainly visible. The subjects selected in the responsive readings were well adapted to arouse a religious feeling, and the heartiness with which the large congregation entered into the spirit of the occasion showed an appreciation of the effort to stimulate the thoughts, and infuse a new life and energy in the hearts of the people. Such a service undoubtedly conduces to a devotional feeling and when followed by an effective address, cannot fail to be productive of an awakening interest in religious matters.

Gold in Carbon.

Gold is said to have been discovered in Carbon county in Penn Forest township. Assays have been made of the gold quartz taken from a shaft and slope sunk by the Penn Mining Company which show from \$5 to \$44 to the ton ore. There is a well defined vein along the slope which has been followed to the depth of 60 feet, and it is intended to sink the slope 20 feet more. The company expects it will then show very rich ore sufficiently so to warrant the erection of a proper plant for treating it.

He Didn't Want Any Hams.

One day Will entered a store to see one of the clerks. The looked for clerk was absent, but the Professor was hard at work putting the store in order.

"Say, Professor, where is Helms?" For answer the genial Professor took Will to the back of the store and showed him a barrel of hams.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Britton Thomas returned home Monday from Jersey City. Thomas Sykes of Philadelphia is spending this week in Milford.

Mr. James W. Pinchot and family returned to Grey towers last Saturday.

The keeper of the Stone Hotel is wearing a broad grin. It is a little girl.

Miss Kittie Broadhead will return to her home in Washington to-morrow.

Rev. Thomas Nichols attended the meeting of the Presbytery at Amity on Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Ludwig, of Montauco visited her sister, Mrs. William Boyd Sunday last.

Mr. W. H. Leisley, of New York is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fletcher.

W. V. Burcher, of Rowland and G. W. Hart, of Shohola Falls were in town Wednesday.

The Dispatch "trio of type-setters" crawled in and made the Press office a pleasant visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Neff have gone on a two weeks vacation to Passaic. There will be no services in the Methodist Episcopal Church next Sunday.

Mr. Hoagland and wife of Blairtown, N. J. have been taking a little pleasure trip driving through the country and stopped over a day in Milford last week.

General Reeder according to the returns received from the Republican caucuses held Sept. 22 in Northampton, has carried the County by a large majority, and the convention to be held to-morrow at Easton promises to be a very peaceable affair.

Miss Edie Struthers returned Wednesday to the New York Institute for the blind where she will pursue her studies during the coming winter devoting her time especially to music. She passed the regents examination with great credit averaging over 95 in the different branches.

L. W. Armstrong, wife and daughter, Carrie, attended the funeral of Thomas Armstrong, of Belmont, N. Y. last Saturday. Mr. Armstrong formerly resided here and for several years had a drug store, and was also Post master of Milford. While absent Mr. L. W. Armstrong concluded to see if Canadian soil differed from ours, and said for the first time in his life he was out of the United States for a few moments.

Bryan in Sussex.

Mr. Bryan will visit the 4th Congressional District of New Jersey, as that is the only part of the State the Popocrats expect to carry. This district is the favorite stamping ground of the Populists and Farmers' Alliance, and they claim all the Republicans have gone over to free silver. No doubt desperate efforts will be made to carry it for A. W. Cutler, who is a Farmers' Alliance Democrat and has been a perennial and persistent office-seeker, on all sides of the many political issues. A strong gold sentiment is developed in the district and sound money clubs are being established. To prevent a stampede in this direction which is strongly in evidence, and to avert a Waterloo in the district it has been decided that Mr. Bryan shall make several speeches. Mahlon Pitney, the Republican candidate is not at all discouraged and has strong hopes of being elected. He will make a fight with full knowledge of the situation, and his confidence has been strengthened by the inducement of doubt which prevailed at the convention which nominated Mr. Cutler.

Hill is in the Saddle.

The latest information concerning the rather peculiar situation in New York State is, that the State Committee will not depose Thacher from the ticket. Hill seems to have carried the committee, but there may be trouble yet. Thacher says he will vote Bryan on the ground of "regularity," but he does not endorse the Chicago platform, now the question is who will vote him, the gold Democrats because he does not believe in the platform or the silver votes because he does believe in Bryan, or both, or neither.

The American Agriculturist states two propositions as follows: Sugar is a better proposition than silver. There is more money for American farmers in protected beet sugar than in free silver, and it says if those who differ with it on those points will investigate them as thoroughly as they have free silver, they will agree to them.

BRIEF MENTION.

Forty persons from Milford took advantage of the cheap excursion Wednesday.

It takes 130 people to "teach the young idea" in Sussex county, of whom 87 are females and 43 are males.

John Bardsley who for over five years has been an inmate of the Eastern penitentiary was pardoned Tuesday.

With Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick as our candidate for Congress this fall, Pike will not remain the "one green spot."

Large numbers are attending the Allentown Fair and the belief is that seventy-five thousand people visited it yesterday.

Hon. Mahlon Pitney addressed a large audience of constituents at the Brick House last evening. His speech was an able presentation of the political questions.

Mr. Bryan addressed large audiences in Philadelphia Tuesday. Great curiosity was manifested to see and hear him but not much enthusiasm developed.

Some new light through chinks which time has made may soon be let in on the Democratic Congressional convention held here in 1894, to explain the position of certain gentlemen in 1896.

Hon. J. J. Hart accompanied by J. C. Westbrook, Jr., Jas. H. Heller, G. A. Sweptizer, A. L. Rowland and Jacob B. Westbrook, the three latter being his Conferees, went to Stroudsburg Wednesday to attend the conference held there yesterday.

If dire intentions could be classed as concealed weapons and the law against carrying them enforced, a search of the Democratic statesmen assembled at Stroudsburg yesterday would have resulted in the great majority of them being locked up to await the action of a Grand Jury.

The news is that an improvement has been discovered in the telephone by the use of which distance has no effect on the hearing. In a test of 850 miles, talking, music and singing were heard with perfect distinctness. Experiments will soon be made on the Atlantic Cables between London and New York.

A horseless wagon will be on exhibition daily at the Inter-State Fair to be held at Trenton, Sept. 24 to Oct. 2. The inventor claims that with this all the work done by horses can be successfully accomplished with greater speed and much less cost, besides furnishing power with economy for many other purposes.

The assets of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company were sold Wednesday at auction for \$4,500,000 to a representative of J. P. Morgan and Company who represent the reorganization committee. The road itself subject to a general mortgage was sold to the same party for twenty one million dollars. It has been in a receivers hands for some time.

19th Century Cautions.

- If you are— A lover, don't be too fond. A husband, don't be miserly, nor flirt with liberty. A wife, don't be extravagant, nor too exacting nor unkindly censorious. A mother, don't be too lenient. A father, don't be too harsh. A son or daughter, don't be ashamed of your parentage. A pastor, don't be too dignified nor too coldly reserved. A church member, don't be hypercritical of the pulpit. An employer, don't be afraid of overpaying. A dressmaker, don't delay your work. A customer, don't delay your pay. As a salesman, don't overrate your goods. As a purchaser, don't underrate your purchases. As a friend, don't be captious. As a foe, don't be unmerciful. If a neighbor, don't be too intimate. As a lender, be patient; if a borrower, prompt. If you are smart, don't be vain; if dull, don't talk too incessantly. If poor, don't be envious or suspicious; if rich, don't be heartless. As a giver, don't parade; as a recipient, don't be ungrateful. As a teacher, avoid indifference, if a pupil, be obedient. If a critic, don't be unjust. If anything, don't be hypo critical.

A Mexican Veteran Mustered Out.

Jesse Blaine, aged 75, a veteran and pensioner of the Mexican War, was found dead in the bed at his residence in Honesdale last Sunday morning. He has been connected with the passenger and freight office of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company for over fifty years.

DISTRICT POLITICS.

The Democratic primaries were held in Carbon and Northampton counties last Saturday and the conventions on Monday. Full tickets were nominated as follows: In Carbon, for Congress, Laird H. Barber representative, Jerry N. Weder; register and recorder, Harry S. Swartz; treasurer, Dr. J. C. Cramer; county commissioners, John O'Donnell and George Englin. In Northampton, for representatives, Dr. J. S. Hunt, Dr. Alfred Brown and W. H. Leh; prothonotary, L. F. Giering; recorder, W. H. West, register, Jacob F. Spoor; treasurer, Charles W. Groman; commissioners, W. R. Engle and David Solt.

The latter county elected delegates to the Congressional Convention, which met at Stroudsburg Thursday Sept. 24, at one o'clock, and they are said to be for Mr. Mutchler but he evidently has no use for the Congressional nomination this year, thinking perhaps that it will be a more agreeable possession at some future time. From the fact that Laird H. Barber was successful in Carbon and as he is well known to be a strong supporter of the Northampton Statesman, it would seem that Mr. Harts chances for the per-stimmon are not bright. That fruit is very stringent until after a frost and this year even the Barber pole may freeze before it can be used to secure the prize. Mr. Mutchler is on top and the nomination will go at his bidding which fact also presages no good for Mr. Hart.

If the nomination comes to this county it will not be because Mutchler has forgotten or forgiven the alleged wrong perpetrated two years ago in depriving him of it, but because the chances for an election are so remote, or the opportunity to defeat Pike's candidate too tempting, and so put her on the shelf for a generation to come.

By all the rules of party usage Pike is entitled to two terms and if she is not accorded her rights, somebody should feel the weight of her righteous indignation.

Meeting of State Committee.

A fully attended meeting of the Republican State Committee was held in Philadelphia Tuesday. Reports were received from every county in the State and the tenor of them was that there are sixteen Democrats for McKinley to each silver Republican. Promises were made of largely increased majorities in all Republican counties, and Philadelphia was put down for one hundred thousand. In the few usually Democratic counties the majorities it was claimed would be reduced below those of 1894. Chairman Elkin in his address said the committee desired to eclipse the highest water mark of all the great majorities given by the party in this State.

A Fine Display of Stuffed Birds.

James Cummings a professional taxidermist, whose place of business is in Chicago has recently brought on a large collection of stuffed birds and animals to his father's home in Westfall. There are over one hundred specimens all beautifully and naturally mounted. Three large eagles killed last week near his residence were added to the interesting and attractive display. He has also several deer heads, and skins of different animals as evidences of his skill in the art. It will amply repay to visit and examine his work.

Golf on the Milford Links.

The Golf tournament of the season took place Sept. 16 in the presence of a large and fashionable crowd of Golf enthusiasts and their friends. The links were in good condition and the day fine. The contestants were Mr. Frederick Beadel president of the Milford Golf Club, Miss Noyes, Mr. Bronson, Miss Newbold, Mr. Norman Harwell, Miss Lewis, Mr. D. L. Harwell, Miss Smith. The winners were Mr. D. L. Harwell and Miss Smith, who carried off sterling silver prizes. Both Mr. Harwell and Miss Smith made an excellent score.