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Editorial.

THE MILFORD LYCEUM.

Last week's PRESS contained an article by a director of the Association giving an outline of the present situation of its affairs. We can all join heartily in the wish that the severe blow it has received in the destruction of its books, papers and abode will only stir the people to greater activity in putting it on a solid basis of prosperity again. While not intending to "rake over any ashes" we think such an institution should be run on a business basis and governed by just as rigid laws as any corporation for profit. To effectually accomplish this end the Association should be incorporated under our laws, and its constitution and by-laws provide for the election to office only of those who are "bona fide" members,and made so by holding paid-up shares of stock.

We intend no reflection on the present board of direction, but experience has taught that the Lyceum was subjected to considerable annoyance, criticism and possible great loss by reason of the fact that an irresponsible, designing and as we view it dishonest party was urged for chief officer, and tacitly allowed under the guise of obtaining funds for its aid to materially swell his own private account.

While this may not have brought the Lyceum any ill repute yet it probably did deter those who were sincere in its welfare from taking active interest in its affairs, when they saw those urged as its managers who neither had or deserved the confidence or respect of the community. An incorporation would remedy any such opportunity in the future, and people could with confidence enter into the spirit of building up a worthy object.

REPORT OF DR. ROTHROCK.

The Commissioner of Forestry presents an able review. In March last the report of the Commissioner was presented to the Legislature, and it has just been printed in a separate volume comprising Part II of the report of the State Department of Agriculture for 1895. The volume is mainly comprised of the report of Dr. Rothrock the learned botanist of the commission and the active Commissioner. For years it has been apparent that the massive forests which once covered the hills and valleys of our State were rapidly disappearing, and year by year we have seen the amount of lumber floated down the Delaware diminish until now it is so inconsiderable as to hardly be worth mention. The small streams have gradually run dry, and those which at one time furnished a home for the lusty trout, now barely trickle over the stones and moss covering their beds. This wasting away has been almost imperceptible, but it has been constant and sure and people are awakening to day to the solemn fact. Our ridges on which the oak, pine and chestnut formerly grew are now covered with the blackened and charred twigs of scrub oaks, and are nearly barrens One can ride for miles along the roads traversing the interior of the county and not see a stick which will make any kind of timber. Nothing but a waste, destruction, and devastation, of the sprouting shoots on all sides, with occasionally a glimpse of a pine standing in blackened loneliness. Many causes have combined to produce this result, and while at one time there may have been a feigned motive, evil no doubt, such as firing the woods to conceal depredations, or protect bark peeled, or some other doubtful reason, yet at this time none can possibly exist. There is nothing to burn, and no earthly excuse for burning it, yet the same annual fires occur wherever there is sufficient accumulation of leaves or weeds to feed them. Had there been moderate care exercised, or could the fires be kept out for a few years our county would present a vastly different appearance, both to the eye and to the desire of the settler and the lumberman. The humus is actually burned off, and even with the best efforts man and nature in conjunction could put forth, many years would elapse before the forests or a tithe of the original fertility could be regained.

The people of the State are awakening under the persistent teachings of men who fully realize the state of the matter, and are becoming aroused to the necessity of some action to restore and preserve the wealth of timber of which the hills have been denuded. To do this will require vigorous measures and our Legislature at its coming session should provide them. In 1893 a temporary commission was authorized to investigate the subject but the succeeding session refused to carry out the reccommendations as to forestry legislation, but did provide for a continuation of the work by creating a Forestry commissioner, and Governor Hastings appointed Dr. Rothrock to the position. His report eloquently depicts the waste caused by want of State protection of our forests and shows how the forests have been destroyed by lumbermen and that too without the slightest regard or apparent care for the succeeding growth, and how this ruthless destruction has been reinforced by the fires carelessly or wantonly started and wilfully allowed to burn. The hillsides robbed of protection have been torn, washed and gullied. The streams have disappeared or become insignificent threads of water at the dry season and torrents of soil in the rainy. Our own county furnishes the most practical and startling evidence of these facts, and men yet young can recall magnificent forests of pine, hemlock and hard wood which have now disappeared with nothing but tangled briers, blackened stumps, and a bed of stones in their places. Acres of land now under so called cultivation would be far more profitable to their owners if covered with a good growth of oak and chestnut. It would pay to plant them out with trees. This generation might not reap the reward, but the next would in ten fold measure. It is hoped that the coming legislature has learned the lesson and will provide some means by which the deforestation may be checked, and that great adjunct to the wealth of any state, timber,may be protected and its increase properly stimulated. The report deals largely with the question of what forest trees can be profitably raised in the state and the best means to make them grow. There are forty-seven photographs which toll a truthful tale and they are used to illustrate the text. The report is written in a clear and easily comprehended style, and treats the subject in an interesting and exhaustive manner. It should be widely circulated among and read by the people.

PLEASE GIVE US A REST.

Mr. Bryan apparently not satisfied with the view the people took of him his parti colored parties, and free silver notions, threatens to keep his mouth working for the next four years. We hope he will reflect, think better of it, as it were, and give the counrtry a rest. Most newspaper editors have now consigned to the waste basket all the odds and ends of the 16 to 1 business, and it only lives as a sort of nightmare in their minds. The people thoroughly understood it and they have condemned it. Won't Mr. Bryan please let them alone while they go on and make the country prosperons and happy? He was an issue but died as such Nov. 3. Why can't he be decent about it and stay dead, and not squeak and gibber about the country any more. If he does insist on another funeral there won't be any remains next time to even hold an inquest over. Even our "crower" here in Pike would not get a piece la rge enough to smell of much less to sit upon.

GOOD ROADS.

At the coming Farmers' Institute, good roads will be a prominent subject for discussion. There is no section of country where they can be so easily and cheaply made as this valley, and with the reputation we now have for them among the wheelmen, it behooves our people to add as much as possible to their attractiveness. This valley is a great thoroughfare, its renown has spread far and wide and every year will more widely diffuse the good impression, if the people will keep pace with the requirements. The roads should be widened in many places, overhanging branches cut away, the swells on the hills taken out and drain tile substituted, and the roads kept well rounded so as to prevent washing. Loose stones are easily removed and with a little care could be kept out the roads. We could have an ideal thoroughfare for bicyclists and it would pay in more ways than one. We will give a year's subscription to the PRESS to that supervisor next year who will evince the most care, and exercise the greatest diligence in keeping his section of the roads in the best repair.

A SCANT majority in Old Pike for the Demopopanarchistic candidate for Congress ! ! ! Well, if some of the spooks of the old departed Wellses, Dimmicks, Brodheads, Van Aukens, Van Gordons and other old time Democrats of that rocky county can look down on this terrestrial ball, they must think things in Pike are all topsy-turvy indeed! In the old days there were not 245 Republican votes in all Pike, but things are changed. The forests have gone, the rattlers are fewer, the copperheads have retreated to the forest fastnesses, the wildcats and bears live mostly in the yarns in certain New York and Philadelphia dailies, the people are drinking less applejack and more of the pure water that gushes from the mountain springs, school houses have increased in number, industrial progress has been made, and there has been a general mental, moral, social, industrial and political uplifting in that rocky corner of the Keystone State, all of which is reflected in the increased Republican vote and in the correspondingly decreased Democratic vote !—Coal Gazette.

He Was Cured.

The advisability of again establishing the old time whipping post, as a means of punishment, has of late years been much discussed. A group of men recently were relating some boyhood experiences long before the war. One gray haired veteran recalled the time, when his father as sheriff of the Country was called upon to administer punishment to a negro, charged with some petty theft. The punishment being forty whip lashes. The negro was brought before him,tied to the post, his back bared, and eight short switches secured. Near by stood a magistrate who after each stroke slowly repeated these words "God save the State."

According to Bible customs forty lashes save one were given. At the end of this impressive ceremony,the negro returned home a wiser and sadder man, and it was related, never appeared again for another dose.

An Unseemly Wrangle.

That was an unseemly, not to say ghoulish, wrangle between county officials about the burial of an unknown dead man found in Williams township on Friday last. The Burgess of South Easton saved the reputation of the borough officials by ordering the remains removed and interred, making himself responsible. But it will now take strong action in the direction of decency and propriety to remove the disgrace which certain county officials brought upon themselves in not promptly performing their duties in this grave matter.

SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an alias writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Pike County, to me directed I will expose to Public Sale, by vendue or outcry, at the Sheriff's Office in the Borough of Milford, on

Monday, December 14, A.D.,1896,

At ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day: All the following described pieces, parcels and part tracts of land: First of that certain tract situate in the Township of Lackawaxen, in said county,an orgal on a warrant granted from the Land Office of Pennsylvania to George Kitts and numbered on the Commissioners' Books of said county one hundred and twenty-seven, the part hereby conveyed containing one hundred and eighty-seven acres. Also another tract situate in said Township of Lackawaxen and surveyed on a warrant granted as aforesaid to William Barber and numbered as aforesaid one hundred and fifty-five,and containing four hundred and thirty-six acres and eighty perches. Also another tract in said Township of Lackawaxen,and surveyed on a warrant granted to Mordecai Roberts and numbered seventy-one,and containing one hundred and eighty acres. Also, another tract in said Township of Lackawaxen, and surveyed on a warrant granted to John Chambers and numbered seventy-two, and containing four hundred and twenty-one acres and one hundred and twenty perches, excepting and reserving lands heretofore deeded to Pennsylvania Coal Company, rights of way to Hawley Branch and also lands lying between said Hawley Branch and the Lackawaxen river near and above Grassy Island conveyed to a party by the name of Dyer, containing three acres more or less. Also, another tract in said Township of Lackawaxen,and surveyed on a warrant to Henry Toland and numbered seventy-three, and containing four hundred and thirty-eight acres and ninety-six perches. Also another tract situate in the Township of Shohola, and surveyed on a warrant granted to Michael Hillegas, and numbered one hundred and sixty-seven and containing fifty acres and sixty perches. Also, another tract situate in said Township of Shohola,and surveyed on a warrant granted to William Harrison and numbered two, and containing four hundred and forty-seven acres and one hundred and forty-five perches. Also, another tract situate in said Township of Shohola, and surveyed on a warrant granted to Charles R.Biddis and numbered eighteen (18), and containing eighty-two acres and fifty-one perches. Also, another tract situate in the Township of Westfall in said County of Pike, and surveyed on a warrant granted to John Barrow, Jr., and numbered thirty-seven, and containing four hundred and twenty-nine acres and twenty perches, excepting therefrom four acres and eighty-two hundredths conveyed to the New York and Erie Railway Company. Also, another trace situate in said Township of Westfall, and surveyed on a warrant granted to William K. Stone, and numbered thirty-nine, and containing three hundred and twenty-one acres and fifty-five perches, excepting out of same twelve acres or thereabouts conveyed to said New York and Erie Railway Company. Also another tract situate in said Township of Westfall, and surveyed on a warrant granted to Susannah Reed, and numbered forty-two, and containing four hundred and thirty-seven acres and one hundred and forty-four perches. Also, another tract situate in the said Township of Westfall, and surveyed on a warrant granted to Robert Smock, and numbered forty-one and containing three hundred and eleven acres more or less. Also, another tract situate in said Township of Westfall, and surveyed on a warrant granted to Elizabeth Smith,and numbered forty-three, and containing two hundred and forty-four acres, being the northeast part of said lot. Also,another tract situate in said Township of Westfall, and surveyed on a warrant granted to James W. Quick, and numbered one hundred and eighty-two, and containing nineteen acres and one hundred and fifty-five perches. Also,one other piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Westfall aforesaid, containing about one acre more or less—near Mill Rift station—upon which is erected a good two-story frame house and outbuildings and a good stable—a stream of running water passes through said land, being the same property purchased of Wm. Sawyer by deed dated July 25, 1894, by the Kilgour Blue Stone Company (Limited). Also, all the following described pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Township of Shohola, County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania, and numbered on the Commissioners' Books of Pike county respectively as hereinafter mentioned, the first mentioned being part of lot number one (1) surveyed in the warrantee name of Thomas Ruston, bounded by land heretofore surveyed to George Hess, William Harrison, William Quick, Charles Quick and Calvin Crane and by the Delaware river, containing one hundred and ninety-eight acres more or less, with allowance of six per cent. for roads, etc., (excepting and reserving so much of said lot as in the possession and occupancy of the New York and Erie Railway Company). Also, one other lot number seven (7) in the name of Henry Brink, bounded by lands surveyed to William Harrison, C. R. Biddis, Francis J. Smith and others, containing two hundred one and three-quarters acres, with allowance for roads, etc., be the same more or less; excepting out of the last above mentioned piece of land about fifteen acres more or less, conveyed to John Wolforth by deed dated November 19, 1885, recorded in Deed Book No. 42, page 484. Also, one other part of a lot in the name of Charlotte Ruston and numbered thirty-one (31) bounded by lands surveyed to Francis J. Smith,Henry Brink, Jane Kain and Allen Courson, containing in the part of said lot intended to be conveyed by these presents two hundred and thirty-one acres and eighteen perches and allowance for roads, etc., be the same more or less, excepting out of the same one acre heretofore given for the Walker Pond school house where the same now stands.

Also, all those five pieces and parcels of land described as follows: One piece or tract of land situate in the Township of Shohola and County of Pike aforesaid surveyed on a warrant granted from the Land Office of Pennsylvanka to Jane Kain, and numbered on the Commissioners' Books of said county as number thirty (30), and the part conveyed containing three hundred and fifty-two acres (352) acres). Also all that piece or part tract of land situate in said Township of Shohola and surveyed on a warrant granted as aforesaid to Blackall W. Ball and numbered nine on the Commissioners' Books of said county, the part conveyed containing two hundred and thirty-four acres. Also another tract or piece of land situate in the Township of Shohola aforesaid and surveyed on a warrant granted to John Bullen and numbered as aforesaid as twenty-eight, and the part conveyed containing three hundred and ninety acres. Also that tract or piece of land situate in said Township of Shohola, and surveyed on a warrant granted to William Denny and numbered ninety-three, and the part conveyed containing two hundred acres. Also one other piece or tract of land situate in the Township of Milford in said County of Pike, and surveyed on a warrant granted to Ebenezer Branham and numbered one hundred and eleven, and the part conveyed containing two hundred and thirty-five acres. Also all the following described pieces or parcels of land to wit: All that certain piece, parcel and tract of land situate in the Township of Shohola, County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania, and numbered on the Commissioners' Books of said county as No. 94 and containing three hundred and seventy-three acres and one hundred and fifty perches. Also all those two certain tracts, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Township of Shohola, County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania, described as follows to wit: The first tract being part of a larger tract of land in the warrantee name of Jacob Walker and numbered on the Commissioners' Books and map of said County of Pike number eleven (No. 11) being divided by survey and draft bearing date June 19, 1867, by John Layton, county surveyor, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone corner, being on the division line of said Jacob Walker lot from lot No. 9 in warrantee name of B. W. Ball and running south fifty-five degrees east seventy-nine and one-quarter perches to stones, thence south thirty-six degrees west two hundred and eleven perches to stones, thence north fifty-five degrees west seventy-nine and one-quarter perches to stone, thence north thirty-six degrees east two hundred and eleven perches to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and four acres and eighty perches of land more or less. The other tract situate as aforesaid and adjoining the first described surveyed in the warrantee name of Henry Brink and numbered as aforesaid number twenty-four (No. 24) containing fifty-five acres and seventy perches.

IMPROVEMENTS:

Upon the above several tracts of land are the following improvements to wit: On tracts numbered respectively Nos. 2 and 167 in Shohola township, there is a good saw mill with turbine water wheel, also a stone saw, rubbing and planing mill with all the necessary machinery and appurtenances, one frame building used as a stone shed, a two-story frame dwelling house and outbuildings,also a store house,freight house and boarding house erected on lands adjoining said tracts and used in connection with the other buildings and business managed by Jno. F. Kilgour; also a large stable,one blacksmithing and wagon shop, nineteen small one and one-half story frame dwelling houses, one board shanty, one ice house and one powder cave, a good stone dock and railroad switch. The said tract are well watered, having a living stream passing through same and being a good water power; and in the use of said water power certain privileges and releases for damages, etc., by reason of overflow of land, etc., and right of repairing dam, etc., said property is benefitted and protected by certain leases or releases and agreements relating thereto. And of above decribed lands about three acres more or less are improved.

On tracts numbered respectively Nos. 18 and 36 in Shohola township there is a blacksmith shop and a one-story frame shanty, and good stone quarries are on each of said lots.

On tracts numbered respectively Nos. 39 and 41 in Westfall township there are erected fifteen one and one-half story board houses or shanties, one blacksmith shop, one stable, also a store house,and of which said tracts about five acres more or less are improved land, with stone quarries opened on said tracts with stone docks, adjacent to Erie Railroad.

On tracts numbered respectively Nos. 71, 72 and 73 in Lackawaxen township there are erected a one and one-half story frame house, a good barn, a blacksmith shop and a small office; also a good stone quarry on said land.

Also, all that certain place, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the Township of Shohola, in the County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania being in the warrantee name of William Nyce, and numbered on the Commissioners' Books of Pike county No. 13 and bounded on the west by lands in the warrantee name of Francis J. Smith, on the north by lands in the warrantee names of William Harrison and Michael Hillegas, on the east by lands in the warrantee names of Charles Cooper and Samuel Depui, on the south by lands in the warrantee names of John Barrow and Jacob Utt, and containing one hundred and eighty-seven acres and three-fourths of an acre be the same more or less.

Improvements—Upon the above lands are good stone quarries; balance timbered.

Also, the free and uninterrupted use, liberty and privilege to keep and hold back the water in Brink Pond by dam or other structure to at least one foot above the present high water mark, as held and flowed back by the present dam built across the outlet of Big Brink Pond on all that certain piece, parcel and tract of land situate in the Township of Shohola,County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania, being part of a larger tract of land surveyed on a warrant from the Land Office of Pennsylvania granted to Emanuel Brink and numbered on the Commissioners' Books of Pike county (79) seventy-nine, bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a heap of stones a corner of Benjamin Bartholomew survey, thence by same south fifty-seven degrees west seven perches to stones, then into Big Brink Pond and by line of Robert Erwin survey south thirty-one degrees east twenty-four and a quarter perches to line of land conveyed to Richard W. Merrington by John Whitehead, then by same north fifty-nine degrees east three hundred and thirty-four perches to line of said Emanuel Brink survey, then by same and land surveyed to John Barrow, Jr., north thirty-one degrees west seventy-nine perches to stake, then in a direct line to place of beginning, containing one hundred and eight acres strict measure, be the same more or less. Being the same rights and privileges conveyed to the said John F. Kilgour by Bradner Wood by deed recorded in Deed Book No 45, page 414, etc.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of William B. Gourley and John Kennell and will be sold by me for cash.

H. I. COURTRIGHT,
SHERIFF.

Sheriff's Offibe, Milford, Pa., November 18, 1896.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Elizabeth Linley, deceased.	In the Orphan's Court of Pike County.

The undersigned having been appointed auditor by the Orphan's Court of the County of Pike to make distribution of funds in hands of B. C. Totten, administrator, as shown by his account to the parties entitled and make report at next term of Court will attend to the duties of said appointment at his office in the Borough of Milford, the

Eleventh of December A. D., 1896,

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon at which time and place all persons interested are required to attend and present their claims or be forever debarred from coming in upon said fund.

D. M. VAN AUKEN,
AUDITOR.

Milford, Nov. 17, 1896. 3w

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JURORS. FOR DECEMBER TERM.

List of persons drawn to serve at the Court December 21 next:

GRAND JURORS.

Albright, A. A., Delaware.
Andregg, Joseph, Lackawaxen.
Bennett, Thomas F., Lehman.
Carlin, William, Greene.
Chamberlain, J. C., Milford Borough
Dewitt, Alva, Westfall.
Detrick, Samuel, Dingman.
Dodon, Joseph, Lackawaxen.
Gregory, Dunham, Milford Borough.
Kipp, Horace E., Palmyra.
Kelly, John, Dingman.
Maier, John G., Milford Township.
Madden, Thomas, Greene.
Morgan, Reeder, Delaware.
Peters, Samuel G., Lehman.
Rowland, Albert, Lackawaxen.
Rake, William, Porter.
Snyder, Andrew C., Delaware.
Simpson, John, Westfall.
Totten, B. C., "
Van Akin, J. M., Westfall.
Vennie, Samuel, Blooming Grove
Watson, George H., Shohola.
Wallace, John C., Milford Borough.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

Beck, William F., Milford Borough.
Bridge, Charles, Dingman.
Bennett, Frederick, Blooming Grove.
Broadhead, Garrett B., Delaware.
Brink, Adolph, Lackawaxen.
Beisher, Peter, Greene.
Bowen, Henry C., Lehman.
Carlin, Martin, Lackawaxen.
Calkin, L. E., "
Courtright, William, Westfall.
Chattillon, Alfred, Dingman.
Decker, Floyd, Lackawaxen.
Doty, Marion A., Delaware.
Daumann, Geo. Jr., Milford Borough.
Drake, Daniel V., Dingman.
Emery, Nathan, Jr., Milford Borough.
Gavolile, Louis, Dingman.
Greening, Jeremiah W., Dingman.
Huff, A. V., Westfall.
Hornbeck, William B., Delaware.
Hames, John B., Greene.
Higby, Edwin, Shohola.
Hopps, Samuel, Greene.
Hendrickson, Clark, Shohola.
Keuling, Otto, Blooming Grove.
Labar, Jacob, Lehman.
Lynn, Michael J., Palmyra.
Moreaux, Alfred, Dingman.
McBride, George, Westfall.
Miller, George, Blooming Grove.
Nelson, John, Westfall.
Nyce, J. Et., Lehman.
Perry, John, Lackawaxen.
Rigney, Ernest, Milford Township.
Rose, James C., Westfall.
Reilly, Charles, Delaware.
Smith, Harvey E., Porter.
Schoonover, B. F., Lehman.
Skellinger, Isaac, Westfall.
Shields, Joseph, Shohola.
Struble, William T., Milford Borough.
Van Noy, Robert, Westfall.
Vetterlein, Walter, Palmyra.
Von Frank, Henry "
Vogt, John, Jr., Shohola.
Wacker, Jacob, Milford Borough.
Wohlscheidt, George, Westfall.
Whittaker, John. D., Delaware.

The above is a correct list of all the persons drawn to serve.

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NOTICE.

All persons are hereby notified that throwing or burning papers or refuse of any kind in the streets of the Borough is prohibited.

By order of the town council,
J. C. CHAMBERLAIN,
President, pro tem.

Attest, D. H. HORNBECK, Sec'y.
Milford, May 5, 1896.

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