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**EDITORIAL.**

**GOOD ROADS.**

This subject is much like the ghost of Banquo. Almost every paper has an article on it, and all agree that they will come. There seems to be a diversity of opinion as to the method which will prevail, but we think it may be pretty safely assumed that when the matter crystallizes finally in the shape of a bill, its provisions will bear heavily on the sparsely settled counties, where, as a rule, the roads are poorest and most expensive to build. The wheelmen and manufacturers of wheels are urging action. It is stated that the high grade wheels will be no cheaper in price next than last year, and this means a large profit and a margin which can be spent in road agitation.

The wheelmen are asking for good roads over which to ride, and the makers are urging the matter because better roads induce buying of wheels. The farmer and others will be incidentally benefited. Good roads are an advertisement to a country and an advantage in several ways, but it may well be questioned whether the great outlay to build them in a manner to satisfy the wheelmen will be fully compensated. Bicycle paths along the road side have been suggested as affording a cheaper means of satisfying the desire. These would also afford pedestrians a more pleasant way of going about. They would be less expensive to build, and would not be constantly cut up with heavy wagons. It might not be practicable to build them in all parts, but where the country is quite well settled they would have their advantages. The agriculturists should be awake in this matter. The day of agitation is nearly over, and the interested ones will push for action in the near future. Those on whom the burden of building and maintaining the roads will fall should prepare as far as possible for the time, by beginning to permanently improve the roads in the best and cheapest manner, and one of the first methods is to elect men to office as supervisors who will carefully, judiciously and honestly expend every dollar of the money raised for that purpose. The spring elections will soon be at hand when these men are to be selected. No policy or party should govern the action of the voters but that of putting up the very best men in the township. It is of very little or no moment what a man's views may be on the money question if he is sound on having every dollar of tax efficiently expended, or how he may be on the tariff if he only believes that every man who comes to work out his road tax shall pay full duty in honest labor.

Farmers, if you neglect these suggestions you may awaken some fine morning before you are many years older to find that an injunction is laid on you to be up and doing in good roads and you will then impotently mourn your last opportunities.

**PLANTING OUT TREES.**

On almost every farm there are more or less acres which cannot be cultivated at a profit. The soil is worn out, or in some instances the ground too stony to work. This

land lies unprofitable, does not earn the taxes paid on it, and where it is hilly is every year being washed bare of soil. Would it not be wise to attempt some improvements such as planting it out to trees? You might not live to reap any direct profit, but a future generation would be greatly benefited. The trees would be growing, retaining the fertility in the soil and by their leaves adding to it, considerable grass would grow affording some pasturage, the supply of water would be more equally maintained, and in case nut-bearing trees were planted there would be profit after a few years from that source. You are probably making the mistake of trying to farm too much land that does not pay for the labor. In that case it would be wise to curtail, make a few acres do the work of many, save labor, intensify and concentrate your farming operations, and plant your waste, stony and poor land with trees. Suppose you try an acre or so now. This year will never return to you.

**THE LYCEUM.**

It is gratifying that the remarks in the Press in regard to incorporating the Lyceum Association elicited a response from "Director." A healthy discussion of the ways and means to best provide for the perpetuation of that worthy object cannot fail to be productive of benefit. When a matter evokes public attention, keeps itself in mind, by reason of its merits, and provokes discussion as to the best methods of bringing about a good result, it is a sign of a healthy sentiment in its favor.

We hope others will be induced to give their views in a public manner. The directors may better obtain opinions in this wise which will enable them to act in accordance with the views of those who would be supporters of the association. The columns of the Press are open for the spread of information.

**A TRESPASS LAW.**

In his annual report Dr. Warren suggests as one means of preserving game, a trespass law, giving landowners rights which they do not now possess. It seems impracticable to attempt to preserve or perpetuate game simply by passing laws, so long as hunters have the privilege of roaming at will over the farmers lands. The trespass laws are wholly inadequate to prevent this. Why should not a farmer or landowner have the right, and the authority to enforce it by adequate means, of preventing any and all persons if he so wishes from roaming over his lands, shooting at will, and fishing ad libitum? If he has a few birds in some corner of woods, or a stream with trout on his land, before he can find the time to enjoy a day off the birds and fish will grace the table of some gentleman who has hunted them at so much per pound. If the farmer sees the poacher remonstrates he will have and a bad half hour swearing at himself for his inability to do anything, for his pains. We fail to see how a trespass law which will simply give the owner of the lands ample authority to use and occupy them as he pleases, for his own pleasure and profit, can be inimical to any interest but that of the professional pot hunter and snarer of game. Our Representative might take this matter in consideration.

**WILL WRITE ON FORESTRY.**

Among a list containing such well known writers as Thos. B. Reed, Henry C. Lodge, Inn McLaren, Andrew Carnegie, C. D. Wright and Mrs. Burton Harrison who will contribute to the Youths Companion during the coming year the name of Gifford Pinchot appears, who will write on Forestry as a profession. This interesting subject is being brought more prominently in view, and the necessity for some prompt action to preserve our forests from destruction is rapidly growing into appreciation. Mr. Pinchot has the advantage of a thorough education in this important matter, having studied the best methods employed not only in this but in foreign countries, and is therefore well equipped to impart valuable information. His style is simple and

direct and admirably calculated to attract the minds of those for whom his articles are especially intended, the ambitious boys.

**PLANTS IN ROOMS.**

On another page will be found an article written by a gentleman eminent in New York medical circles, on the effect of plants and the soil in which they grow on the health of people, where the plants occupy living rooms. This subject merits attention, and it is a pleasure to have it discussed in the Press. Children are frequently closely confined in such rooms and it is quite possible that many diseases might be traced to this source, and much harm brought to tender constitutions. The solicitous mother will reflect seriously before allowing too much latitude to her inclinations in the way of house plants in the rooms in which her children live.

**FREE SILVER CANNOT WIN.**

If the result of the late election is carefully studied it will be seen that there are enough states which cannot possibly be classed as doubtful to elect a sound money President. There is therefore absolutely no hope for free silver, as a party measure in the future.

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SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a 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 SATURDAY, DEC. 19, A. D., 1896

At two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, the following described pieces, parcels, tracts and part tracts of land, to wit: All that tract of land containing fifty-eight acres unimproved, adjoining lands of Jona H. Wallace and Samuel Doty, situate in Milford township in the County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania assessed as a parcel of land in the name of Walter Mitchell, N. E., which said land became vested in Terence Farley by deed dated the first day of December, 1894, from the Commissioners of Pike county, recorded in Deed Book No. 50, page 338. Also, all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the townships of Lackawanna and Risington Free in the county of Pike and State of Pennsylvania, being part of a larger tract in the warrantee name of William Musgrove and bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a post and stones corner the northeasterly corner of said lot in the warrantee name of William Musgrove and corner of lot in the warrantee name of Aaron Dunham and Isaac Debow, thence south sixty degrees west along the southerly line of said lot in the warrantee name of Isaac Debow and the northerly line of said lot in the warrantee name of William Musgrove sixty-four perches to stone corner on said line, thence south ten and three-quarter degrees west two hundred and eighty-five perches to post corner on the southerly line of said lot in the warrantee name of William Musgrove and northerly line of lot in the warrantee name of Eleanor Dupre, the north sixty degrees east along the said line across said line and northerly line of lot in the warrantee name of John Dackery two hundred and forty-eight perches to stones corner being the southeasterly corner of said lot in the warrantee name of William Musgrove and southwesterly corner of said lot in the warrantee name of Aaron Dunham thence north thirty degrees west along the easterly line of said lot in the warrantee name of William Musgrove and the westerly line of lot in the warrantee name of Aaron Dunham two hundred and eighty-two perches to stones corner, the place of Beginning, containing two hundred acres and allowance of six per cent. Also, all that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Lackawanna in the county and State aforesaid surveyed on a warrant granted from the land office of Pennsylvania in the name of Nathaniel Jones and numbered on the Commissioners' Books of said county No. 108 containing four hundred and one acre and sixty perches be the same more or less excepting and reserving out of the last above mentioned lot eighty-two acres and one hundred and twenty perches sold to William Roberts (see Deed Book No. 21, page 144) also seventy acres sold to John Seewandke et al. (see Deed Book No. 28, page 53) also one hundred acres sold to Lewis Jones (see Deed Book No. 41, page 95). The land above described contains in all about three hundred and fifty acres more or less, which said lands became vested in Terence Farley by deed from Ursula Roberts et ux, dated 15 August, 1891, recorded in Deed Book No. 47, page 327.

IMPROVEMENTS.

On the premises are a large fourteen room house, good barn, stables and out-buildings; an excellent fruit orchard and fine shade trees. Sisset and taken in execution as the property of Miranda H. Schimmel and will be sold by me for cash.

H. I. Courtright, SHERIFF. Sheriff's Office, Milford, Pa., November 24, 1896.

WIDOW'S APPRAISEMENT

The following appraisements set apart for the widow have been filed with the Clerk of the Orphan's Court and will be presented to the Court for approval on the Twenty-first Day of December, 1896:

Estate of Frank Mueller, deceased, widow's appraisement of personal property.

Estate of Harlow P. James, deceased, widow's appraisement of personal property.

John C. Westbrook, CLERK OF ORPHAN'S COURT. Milford, Nov. 24, 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 H. C. Totten, administrator, as shown by his account to the parties entitled and make report at next term of Court will attend in the office 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 delinquent from coming in upon said fund.

D. M. VAN AUKEN, AUDITOR. Milford, Nov. 17, 1896.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.

The following account has been filed in the Register's Office of Pike County and the same will be presented to the Orphan's Court of said county for confirmation and allowance on the Twenty-first Day of December next:

Estate of Joel Shannon, deceased. Account of C. C. Shannon, executor, &c.

John C. Westbrook, REGISTER. Register's Office, Nov. 24, 1896.

NOTICE.

All persons are hereby notified that showing 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.