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PERSONAL.

William Transus, of Walpack Centre, N. J., visited his sister, Mrs. Chas. Lattimore, in Milford last week.

John W. Kilsby, of Delaware, who has been visiting friends in New York for several weeks returned home Tuesday. He was accompanied by his nephew Norman Andrews who took the holiday occasion for an outing.

Arthur Notman, of Brooklyn visited with the family of Dr. Reed this week.

C. W. Bull, Esq., has been in attendance at the sitting of the Supreme court in Philadelphia this week.

Jas. D. Brooks the affable constant of Delaware visited Milford Tuesday.

Dr. W. D. Kenworthy has been somewhat indisposed for several days, but has faithfully kept at his work neglecting his own comfort to minister to the wants of others.

Miss Susan Nichols returned home Wednesday after visiting friends in Philadelphia for several weeks.

David Angle is quite seriously ill at the home of his brother on Broad street.

Miss Mamie Ludwig of Montague is visiting relatives in this village.

Aaron Cortright, of Matamoras briefly visited the Capitol of Pike Monday.

Hon. J. A. Kipp was in Milford Monday attending to legal business.

An infant child of M. T. Doty, of Delaware aged about three months died last Wednesday and was buried Saturday.

Miss Nellie Van Ness, of Stanhope N. J., visited her cousin Miss Hattie Horton on Harford street the past week.

Hy. T. Baker, Esq., and wife have been visiting in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. Mabel Humbert, of Brooklyn inadvertently mentioned last week as Mabel Struthers is still visiting with relatives here.

Reuben Raser caught a carp out of the river Monday weighing seven pounds, another weighing five was also caught the same day.

The Milford fireman with their wives and best girls enjoyed a dance at Brown's Hall Monday. With inspiring music and delectable refreshments a pleasant evening passed quickly away.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Reed gave a party to a select number of young guests last Saturday evening.

John L. Gourlay visited on Tuesday his brother, Robert who is sick in a New York Hospital.

Mrs. H. G. Williamson and daughter, Bertha and Miss Lila Van Etten attended a piano recital given by Prof. Ed Westbrook at Paterson last Saturday.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Commissioners give notice elsewhere of the times and places for holding Courts of Appeal in the several townships.

The Forum says J. I. Van Sickle, of Unionville, N. Y., has leased the Millott Hotel, at Matamoras, and will take possession April 1st.

Where there is much smoke there must be a little fire. Does this hold good of all the present talk of railroads in the valley.

Howard, the only son of Dr. F. C. Walton, of Stroudsburg, died last week of pneumonia, aged nine years. The family has our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

The Commissioners invite proposals for bonds notice of which appears elsewhere. There should be no difficulty in selling them at a good price. Pike is perfectly solvent, and the rate of interest 5% semi-annually makes a good investment.

On another page will be found a table showing valuations last year and this. It will be seen that there is a slight increase in real estate valuation. The number and value of horses and cattle have diminished and the number of taxables increased 55.

The bill, introduced by Senator Martin, of Sussex, to incorporate Branchville has become a law. Now if the voters of that Borough will consider the qualifications of men for office rather than their political professions, it will tend to have both parties put up their best men, and then may the best man win.

F. A. Beasish, of Wilke barre, committed suicide last Friday night in his office by asphyxiation.

Cottage Prayer meeting was held Tuesday evening at the home of the Misses Bull on Broad street.

Sacrament of the Lord Supper will be administered in the Presbyterian church Sunday March 6th.

A collection will be taken next Sabbath morning in the Presbyterian church for the Board of Freedmen's Aid and Church erection.

Ladies Aid Society met this week at the home of Mrs. Jacob Klac.

President McKinley delivered an address at the University celebration of Washington's Birthday Tuesday.

Sheriff Cortright returning from a trip to Greene Tuesday, reports that the roads were nearly impassable by reason of trees lodging from their weight of ice.

Explanation from the Republican county committee are in order as to why the certificates of nominations from Greene and Palmyra were not filed with the commissioners in time.

M. Zola the French Author who has been on trial at Paris for asserting that Dreyfus was improperly punished and the evidence against him suppressed has been convicted and sentenced to an imprisonment of one year and a fine of \$600.

The Colonial supper given at the attractive home of Mrs. Thos. Armstrong on Catharine street by the M. E. Society Tuesday was a grand success both socially and financially. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity with delighted guests and the proceeds were highly satisfactory.

Miss Francis E. Will rd, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union died last Thursday, Jan. 17. She was a great organizer of temperance movements and has been effective in the work for a quarter of a century. Through her efforts mainly public opinion was aroused until in nearly all the States physiology with especial reference to the effect of alcohol and tobacco on the system is now taught children. She was also an ardent advocate of Woman Suffrage. The work she largely directed will go on but an able and unselfish leader has gone to her reward.

DINGMAN'S FERRY.

Broad tires seem to be a failure on the hills here. Those who have tried them have returned to the use of the narrow. The wide may do well on good roads, but in the woods and among ruts and stones, they do not.

Many were disappointed by the stormy weather election day. Farmers who intended attending the farmers institute were compelled to return home without enjoying that pleasure.

Election day here was the most pleasant in the way of political freedom enjoyed for many years, every one felt like a free man, and could vote just as he pleased, and so they did. The candidates have no cause to complain only about five among the twenty-one were defeated.

It would be a good thing either to have a rest from railroad talk or to leave the railroad. If we had good level roads some one might start a stage line immediately.

People here will patronize any railroad built, but they will not build one themselves nor help to do so. The talk of what the people should do is worn to this.

While our office holders are quarreling among themselves and cutting each others salaries, and threatening law, the people, as Cleveland used to say are having an object lesson, not gratuitously of course, for if the matters go before the court the people must pay the fidlers. It might be well in future for taxpayers to see that officials are elected who will bring about retrenchment without the aid of law suits at their expense.

Eggs have tumbled to 16 cents a dozen and in general the hens are refusing to "bear" the markets with their merchandise. CENTRE.

(FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.)

Mrs. Jane Angle who has for some time been very ill with pneumonia is slowly recovering.

Mrs. John Smith is visiting her daughter near Deckertown, N. J.

Mrs. Susie Bandy, of Branchville N. J., spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Garret Brodhead of Centre.

Mrs. John Shinnott is confined to her bed with la grippe.

The home of Floyd Bevas was gladdened last week by the arrival of a little daughter.

Isaac Smith has been suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism, but is now able to be out again.

Mrs. Della Crone who has been in New York for some months is home visiting with her father.

John Smith of Ardenborough is a sufferer from rheumatism.

Miss Lucy Lattimore is spending a few days with her sister at Centre.

Miss Cecelia North who has for some time been confined to the house with lumbago is recovering. A READER.

The Klondyke Situation.

For the benefit of those who are contemplating joining the army of argonauts to the Klondyke, it is well to note the warning of the Mining Bulletin of the Pennsylvania State College which says that the total length of all the gulches in the British Klondyke fields which can probably be expected to contain gold in sufficient quantities, to be even minable, is at the very utmost 2,800 miles. The aggregate length of the creeks in which any gold at all has been found is only 600 miles. Assuming then that this distance be apportioned to the prospector and miners at 200 feet of length, the average length which is allowed by the government for the mine, there will then be accommodations for less than 10,000 claims; neglecting those which have already been appropriated by the pioneers and those to be taken up by the men who are now wintering in Juneau, it is evident that there is not much room for the new comers of this Spring. It is well, therefore, for those who contemplate starting that they weigh carefully all considerations. At this same rate, the total length of all gulches tributary to the Yukon in the United States and British possessions would accommodate only 200,000 claims. Of the latter number more than 70,000 are now known to have been located.

Register's Ancient History.

January 8, 1856, Westbrook's grist mill at Blooming Grove, Pike county, Pa., destroyed by fire. Another \$2,000 loss for Sussex mutual.

January 21, track of the Lackawanna Railroad had been laid to the Delaware river, five miles below the Water Gap and the first locomotive crossed the bridge on this date.

February 25, a contract had been made to rebuild the Milford bridge by December 1st next at a cost of \$10,000.

Intense cold weather prevailed and it was said to be the coldest January in 70 years.

The death of Walter L. Shoe is noted February 21 at Washington, D. C. He was a native of Philadelphia and a son of Col. John Shoe who served in the Revolution army and was collector of Port of Philadelphia under Thomas Jefferson. (Possibly John Shoe may have been the person who patented land in this county in Westfall township.)

March 29th, snow still covered the fields and was so solid that the sun made little impression upon it. There had been continuous sleighing for eleven weeks.

What Light Next.

Judging from the article on the present condition of the petroleum industry in the Mining Bulletin of Pennsylvania State College, there seems to be some occasion for alarm as to the prospects for our oil industry during the coming decade. Following the statistics of the past year, there seems to be a decline in the producing capacity of our wells, and unless new territory is opening to a very great extent, we will be compelled by 1903 to look elsewhere for our kerosene.

List of Unclaimed letters.

Unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office at Milford, Pa. for the week ending Feb. 19, 1898:

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

LADIES—Mrs. S. P. Graves, Miss Emma Brown.

GENTLEMEN—John Atchinson, Jasper Holt, Milton J. Wye, J. H. Powers.

JAS. S. GALE, P. M.

Fifteen Cents.

Will buy information worth hundreds of dollars to any farmer in the land who desires to bring his farm up to a condition which will insure the largest cash profits. See advertisement of "Fifty years improvements in farming."

Brown & Armstrong would like to know if you have bought your winter footwear.

Brown & Armstrong are selling 75 cent underwear for 50cents.

"Catarrh"

was my great affliction for a number of years. Doctors did not help me. My friend's advice began using your medicines, and was perfectly cured after taking three bottles of

Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

J. MURPHY, 178 Mulberry St., Newark, N. J.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Under this head we will insert communications on current and political topics without being responsible for the sentiments expressed, and in the same discretion as may be proper and of general interest to the people.—EDITORS' PAGE.

GREEN TOWN.

The township election is over and the Township office are filled for another term. Some for one year, some for three, and some for five years. There is a certain factor in this township, and by the way, not very strong numerically, that could control the same. After the census last fall, held for the election of delegates to the county Convention they seemed evidently to not as though they could run matters to suit themselves, and so commenced to lay plans for the township caucus and election. But to lay plans and to execute them are two different things. The plan was chiefly to defeat the present incumbent, the Peace whose term of office expires on the first Monday of May, 1898. It seems they were disappointed in getting the person to be a candidate for said office that they wanted which seemed to thwart their plans. They didn't know whether to make a fight in the caucus and try to endorse the Democratic nominee or give the Republican candidate the unanimous nomination and then defeat him at the election, which evidently they thought would be an easy thing to do, as the Republican column on the ballot was blank. However, the Republican candidate was nominated at the caucus, the papers were duly made out and properly signed, and instead of sending them to the County Commissioners they were intrusted in the hands of the town clerk, who directed them to the Chairman of the County Committee, contrary to all rules and customs. Consequently the nomination of the Republican candidate never reached the County Commissioners' office. However, after the 15th of February, when the votes were counted, it was evidently shown that there were level heads enough among the voters of Greene Township to not be governed by a few reckless voters, and they are compelled to take up the doleful lamentation. The election is the voice of the county, and the peace they made the hardest fight against was elected.

MONTAGUE, FEB. 21, 1898.

SOME CORRECTIONS.

A Montague tale published in last week's Press knocked the stuffing out of everything heard of here before. It is good, too good, as it kicked both ways, although it does contain some grave errors. So far as the first part of the epistle is concerned, I have nothing to say, not having the confidence of the lady in question, but as a little poet, Heaven preserve us, is second too tough on a poor man. I infer the Crox spoken of is Martin Crox, and I'd like to know to show a harder working man than him. He has a family, but not eight children, neither does he own a baby farm. The house he occupies is not a palace, but the best he can afford to rent, keep his family and pay his debts. Surely he has never asked the town to assist his family. Mrs. Crox did the best she could under the circumstances.

The local press is not muzzled through the pull of any one, but its correspondent knows better than to meddle with what is no concern of the public, especially when the facts are in dispute.

Has the sensational writer of this tale ever spoken to any of the parties named over the coals in order to obtain facts? If so he forgot to leave his card. "Nuff sed." But when a man is run on over here simply because he is poor you kick over the

MONTAGUE NAIL KEG.

DINGMAN'S FERRY.

There are a few rules which the leaders of the Republican party might follow with profit in the expenses in this County:

Never to allow a person known to be a thief or drunkard, or those who want the office, or are Republicans simply for what there is in it; nor any person who has or will split the ticket because he cannot have his own way; nor any one who will turn his coat when the opposite party gives him a bribe to be nominated for office.

RULES FOR VOTERS.

If any of the would-be leaders should be afflicted with one or more of the above specified defects, he should not be allowed a vote at the caucus, and should be first clear in to the Democratic party, if it will take him.

As relating to the above there must be something rather stale in the Republican party in Lehman, and we hope some level headed Republican from that township will stir up the matter and make an effort to purify the party by exposing the diseases which exist there.

From what we hear and judging from the result at the last election we are led to think that a few of the would be great leaders in that township should be kept out of all Republican caucuses, for the benefit of the party and the good of the citizens of that township especially.

CHEERO.

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP.

"Dick," of Montague, did not want "16" to see his article on the baby farm. Well, every community has its keep of putrefaction, which

it is well perhaps to keep partially concealed.

We note that a complaint was made by a teacher to the Montague school trustees that children were sent to school in an untidy condition. We have sometimes the same misfortune over here and prescription might not be out of place. Take road precipitate and rub it over a fine comb thinly, then use the comb on the child's head thoroughly a couple of times, washing after a couple of days the child with soap and borax. Repeat the treatment in a few days, if necessary. For grey locks the same remedy applied to other parts of the body will be efficacious. Carrying camphor in the pockets is a good preventative. Horni soit que mal y pense.—BYRON. CHEERO.

MATAMORAS.

Miss Mamie Engolhart of Matamoras was tendered a masquerade surprise at her home on Wednesday evening by about twenty-five of her young friends. Mamie was surprised of course, but was equal to the occasion and did the honors to perfection. Games were played and there was good music for dancing, which was much enjoyed. Choice refreshments were served. Every one enjoyed the party very much. Mamie is to be congratulated upon being such a successful entertainer and her friends trust they may spend a pleasant evening with her again at some future time.

The gentlemen connected with Epworth church gave their annual supper at the church on Thursday evening. It was the best ever given in that place of worship, and well paid to adequately describe it. The gentlemen in their white aprons and caps did the honors at the tables, and every guest was waited upon in first class style. The proceeds from the supper amounted to \$25.50. The gentlemen desire to thank their many friends who so liberally patronized them upon this occasion.

The gentlemen connected with Epworth church gave a 15 cent tea at the church last Friday night. The tables were filled from 5 to 9 o'clock. The proceeds amounted to \$19 and for both evening tea a amount realized was \$29. They are very much elated over their success, and wish to tender thanks to their many friends, who patronized their supper.

Mrs. Irvin Young entertained the citizens of Matamoras, and Port Jervis, with one of her musical entertainments at Deerport Hall last Friday evening under the auspices of Highpoint Lodge L. O. O. F. Miss Mary Squires played a piano solo, and was encored and responded again with another pretty selection. Mrs. Young has no equal in getting up entertainments. She always has her pupils well drilled for the occasion. Her two gifted children, Miss Lella and Master Willard took a very important part and acquitted themselves nicely. Mrs. Young has the heart felt thanks from her friends for her very nice entertainment last Friday evening.

Prof. Blizard who has charge of the Matamoras singing class will close the term with a concert at the Epworth church on Friday evening. A very pleasing programme will be rendered. The Prof. has been very successful with his class this season. We trust he will continue to succeed and that he will have another class at Matamoras another season.

Miss Lizzie Hartz daughter of Mr. Jacob Hartz of this village was united in marriage several weeks ago with Mr. Edward Bliker son of engineer Frank Bliker of this village. We tender congratulations. S.

Do They Really Mean It?

In asking for the right to extend the trolley road in Port Jervis so as to run to the river at Germantown and over the street running down the river and several streets south of the Erie tracks the Vice-President of the company stated that it was their intention to build a line to Milford, and that a grant of the rights asked of the village Trustees would enable them to carry out this intention, as they now had the privilege of using Pike street south of the Erie, but could not cross their tracks. He urged that an electric road would be of greater benefit to Port Jervis than a steam road down the valley, for the reason that the latter would simply land all passengers at the depot, while the former would distribute them at any points in town they wish to reach.

The franchise was granted conditioned on the facts being as stated in the application for the grant.

There is good logic in the statement made by Mr. Field as to the advantages of an electric road to Port Jervis, but would it be so desirable for the Milford and down river people as a steam road. Unless they could devise some means by which freight could be hauled it would not. The fact is we are important enough here both in the way of freight and passengers to warrant a steam road, having that we would also like all the modern frills in the way of a trolley. Both roads would do a good business, and the present would only be a beginning. Give us a show and then note what a rapid building up there would be in this unsurpassed valley.

Buy your loaded shells and all kinds of ammunition at Brown & Armstrong.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Compendium of Important News of the Past Week.

Our Special Correspondent at Harrisburg Writes on Matters of Vital Importance to Every Citizen of the Keystone State.

HARRISBURG, FEB. 21.—At the State Convention of bituminous and anthracite coal miners, held last week at Altoona, considerable excitement was created by the announcement that on April 1st next the miners will demand an eight-hour working day and an increase in their wages as well, thus following the example of Ohio and several other states. It was also decided to thoroughly organize and strengthen the United Mine Workers' Association so as to make it compulsory for the operators to confer with their workers as a unit, instead of dealing with each person individually as heretofore. Nothing resolutions were passed, in which Sheriff Martin and the deputies who participated in the Lattimore shooting, were denounced in emphatic terms. Delegates representing more than 130,000 miners of this State were present and manifested unusual interest in the proceedings. National President Ratchford appealed to them in eloquent terms, advising them to bring every miner into the organization, and said that if this was done there will be no way for the operators to escape, and as a consequence the eight-hour day will go in force, with more pay for their services than they are now receiving for ten hours' work. He also stated that coal is a necessity—not a luxury—and that it cannot be bought for \$1.00 per ton the consumer will pay \$1.50 for it. The company of "pluck-me" store system was also discussed and it was unanimously decided to report each case, with complete and satisfactory evidence, to Attorney General McCormick for prosecution.

There is scarcely a person who disputes the fact that the miner is greatly imposed upon and does not receive sufficient pay for his services, and again there are very few people who approve of the long drawn out strikes, which invariably result in much hardship, destruction of property and the loss of life. Take, for instance, the recent trouble at Hazelton. The injured miners of that section, not considering the number that were killed, is an example that should prove a barrier to strikers. Surely some other method can be employed to settle differences between operators and miners, and the results will be more satisfactory to all parties concerned than if a strike was indulged in. Look at the loss incurred by idleness, sickness caused by idleness and eviction from property, strained relations between employer and employee, and then decide which would have been the most profitable—to strike or settle the difficulty by arbitration. There is no question about it—the latter method would prove more beneficial to both parties and would do away with the possibility of human lives being sacrificed as was the case a few months ago. I do not approve of the course pursued by Sheriff Martin and his deputies, but at the same time we should all remember that the law must be respected. A deplorable feature of the Altoona Convention was the inflammatory speech of President Ratchford, and if he had suggested a method to the miners by which they could obtain beneficial results instead that they go on a strike, he would be considered a public benefactor, but instead he shows conclusively that he is a narrow-minded man from appearances has not the best interests of the workingman at heart. Miners, review the situation and then lend your assistance in avoiding a strike.

The company store is a great evil that must be eradicated before the miner can enjoy the fruit of his labor. Attorney General McCormick is doing all in his power to break up the practice and evidence submitted against persons engaged in this unlawful business will be promptly investigated by the department. The hearing in the case of the Old Bangor slate company, charged with violating the act, will be held March 9.

William Ray died at the home of his sister, Laura, on Mott street Tuesday p. m., of pneumonia, aged about 45 years. Deceased was of a happy disposition and a favorite with his boon companions. His face will be missed from our streets, and his hearty greeting no longer heard. His habits were his most insidious enemy, but underneath all dwelt a kindly spirit. He is survived by his widow, Susan and two children Laura and Milton.

There are no new developments in regard to the causes which sent the battleship Maine with her human freight to the bottom of the bay of Havana.

Divers have been, and are, at work but they are not allowed to make public the result of their investigations. The papers are filled with rumors, reports and speculations as to the cause of the disaster but so far nothing has been made public, if known, which fixes the origin of the terrible explosion. The country must and should await calmly the results of investigation now being made by the proper authorities. That this will be complete and searching there is no doubt, and the nation can well trust those engaged in it, assured that when completed all the facts so far as ascertainable by careful research will be disclosed, and such action taken as the wisdom of the government may decide.

Birthdays.

Mrs. Jennie Shearer entertained a small party of ladies Tuesday in honor of the birthday of two of them, and incidentally of the immortal George who happened to have the honor of being born into this world of misery on the same day of the month. The table was simply beautiful in its appointments, the menu card was a miniature hat-shot neatly hand painted and lettered, and to make the effect more realistic and suggestive candied red cherries were served with the other delicacies. The nuts to crack, each contained a conundrum which aided the feast of reason and there is never a lack of flow of soul when a congenial party of ladies assembled around such an elegant repast as was placed before the assembled guests on this occasion.

The M. V. N. Society.

The society held its annual dinner Tuesday at the Fowler House Port Jervis. The speakers were Ed Mott the author, who related how the Erie came to Port Jervis half a century ago, and ex-Senator Richardson and Rev. Herman Berg of Ellenville, N. Y.

Notice!

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Milford, Matamoras, and New York R. R. Company, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at Milford, Pike County, Pa., at 2 P. M. on the 12th day of March, 1898.

P. Q. DREVO, Secretary.

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