

BRIEF MENTION.

Pillsbury's vites at Mitchell's.

The Seventy-first N. Y. Regiment is back from the war and was given a grand reception in that city Monday. The men marched from the battery to their Armory on Thirty-fourth Street.

It is a good time to advertise in the Press now.

George Henderson and an Italian were injured Monday on the M., M. & N. Y. R. R., the former by being caught and squeezed between the dump cars, and the latter by being hit on the foot with a sledge hammer.

LOST—Enamelled Hungarian coin pin about size of silver dollar. Cent of arms cut out. Suitable reward on return to Hotel Fanchere, Milford, Pa.

Apropos of the universal peace proposition broached by the Czar of all the Russias, it may be said that it costs to maintain the armaments of the European powers over one billion dollars annually, and takes about two million, eight hundred thousand men out of the list of producers.

Take your bicycle to Rufan, the bicycle repairer, for quick and reliable work. He has the reputation of a good repairer, and is well up in the business.

The fire department has purchased a bell weighing about 1200 pounds for alarm purposes. No suitable tower is erected in town in which to place it, and we suggest a neat steel tower fifty or more feet high, located on Centre Square.

If your watch needs any repairs go to Rudolph, the jeweler, Milford, Pa.

T. R. Watson, who was an intimate friend of John Findlay, died at his residence, Granite House, Aberdeen, Scotland, of paralysis, a few days ago, aged 68 years. He was a very public spirited man, but held no office, except being an office bearer in St. Paul Street E. U. Church at his home. During the Chicago exposition he made a tour of this country and Canada and visited friends in Milford.

If your watch needs a main spring Rudolph, the jeweler at Milford will put one in.

Wm. Connell has been renominated for Congress by the Republicans of the 11, district and F. W. Gunster the Democratic candidate for Judge was endorsed. The primaries of Lackawanna will hereafter be held according to the Crawford County plan.

If your watch needs cleaning take it to John Rudolph, the jeweler, Milford Pa.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Chauncey F. Black will soon retire from the Presidency of the Democratic Club of Pennsylvania. His eyes are so afflicted with cataracts that he sees with difficulty.

The American postal system will soon be introduced at Santiago. The schools there opened Sept. 1, and English will be taught in all grades. This will have an Americanizing effect.

The Milford base-ball team went to Dingmans last Saturday to play the nine at that place and after a close game the Milford boys won with the score 5-4 in their favor.

August Knoedler, of Lackawanna, and James Calkins, of Burryville, N. Y., were arrested last week for ticket scalping at Shohola. The former gave bail before Justice Shannon for a hearing Sept. 6th.

The M., M. & N. Y. R. R. last Thursday and during the night laid the rails through the street in Mifamoras from the bridge out to the turn of the road. The track is now nearly completed down to the Van Isvegen place. The little engine has been put in running condition and is being used for construction purposes.

J. A. Young, a colored man committed suicide at Bedford, Pa., Saturday evening and no other reason is assigned for his rash act than that his mind had become affected from worrying over the fact that he was not white.

A. D. Brown and son secured the contract for building the new church at Montague for the sum of \$1095. The building is to be plastered by Nov. 15, and completed by Jan. 1, '99.

The Borough schools opened Monday with a fair attendance, considering the distressing weather.

PERSONAL.

Next Monday, Sept. 5th, is Labor Day, and a legal holiday.

The Honesdale team beat the P. J. nine Monday by a score of 10 to 5.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 10:30.

Ladies' fine shoes 99 cents; men's shoes reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.50 at T. Armstrong & Co's.

Mrs. L. R. Mott maintains one policeman during the week, and four on Sundays in the Glen, to prevent trespassing.

Mrs. George Jefferies, wife of a Lutheran minister, of Philadelphia and her eight-year-old child died last Sunday at Chambersburg from the effects of eating toad stools, supposing them to be mushrooms. The husband was in a critical condition.

You want some of the fall trade. Let the people know through the Press what you have to sell.

Lorenzo Wood secured the contract for building the new Church street school house in P. J. his bid being the lowest \$16,983.95 and the lowest of the twelve bidders.

Miss Annie Moran, of N. Y. a boarder at L. F. Hafners fell from her wheel Tuesday near Schannons and was quite badly injured. Dr. Hughes, of Brooklyn, who was fortunately present dressed her injuries and she was brought to Milford and is now being treated by Dr. Barclay.

C. T. Wright, of Susquehanna, has been nominated by the Republicans in the fifteenth district, in which Wayne county is, for Congress.

Service may be expected at the Sawkill School-house, the weather permitting, on Sunday, Sept. 4th, at 2:30 p. m.

STAMP TAX DECISIONS.

Releases of mortgages and trust deeds should be stamped; if the releases are simply certificates of the removal of the lien, a ten cent stamp is required, but if they reconvey the title to the mortgagor, they must be stamped in accordance with the amount released. Where the satisfaction is made by entry on the record, and the mortgage is thus cancelled, no stamp is required; but if a power of attorney is required a stamp is necessary.

Deeds of conveyance must be stamped according to the true value of the property conveyed. Where a certain interest in partition or otherwise in real estate is conveyed, it should be stamped only in accordance with that interest, and though the conveyance is a gift, as from husband to wife, it must be stamped in accordance with the true value, and where land is first transferred to a third party, and then to the wife, both deeds require a stamp.

Deeds of release, quit claim or to cure defects, must also be stamped according to the true value of the property, and certificates on the back of a mortgage showing it has been satisfied, require a stamp; but where the entry of satisfaction is upon the record, no stamp is required.

Petitions for the appointment of and the letters of administration, testamentary or of guardianship, do not require a stamp, but bonds for administrators, executors and guardians must be stamped.

Where a receipt is given for money received as rent, and there are no other recitals in the receipt, it does not require a stamp. If the receipt contains any phrase or clause that can be construed as a contract for the hire, use or rent, then in such cases the receipt becomes something more than a bare receipt, and should be stamped according to its tenor and effect.

Exhibitions in elocution, given for money by persons for their own benefit, whosoever the same may be given, are taxed at the rate of \$10.

A PLEASANT EVENT.

Mrs. Robert Neeson entertained a large number of friends at her pleasant home on Harford St. last Thursday, from four till seven. She was assisted by her niece, Miss Elizabeth Harrison, of Elizabeth, N. J., and the Misses Betty Cornelius and Ann Baker, of Milford. The dining room was elaborately decorated with flowers and the refreshments were of the choicest.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

The following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office at Milford for the week ending Aug. 27: Mrs. Lillian Mann, Kate McDono, Amelia Trowbridge, Flora Severn, Nellie A. McConnell, Wm. Severson, I. Wolfshen, Richard Lee Colby, Mr. Murphy.

PERSONAL.

County Superintendent George Sawyer was at Milford Monday at the opening of the Borough schools.

Franck C. Hanners a conductor on the 4th Avenue trolley line N. Y. and a former resident of the county who has been spending several days in this vicinity returned this week to his business.

A number from Milford enjoyed the Eric excursion to Carbondale last Monday. It was a delightful trip.

David Cron, of Delaware, is over in Jersey on his annual threshing tour.

While engaging in a game of catch with some of his companions Clyde Kipp, the young boot black, had his nose broken by being accidentally hit on that member.

Andrew, the six-year-old son of John T. Armstrong, who has been critically ill with dysentery, is slowly recovering under the treatment of Dr. H. E. Emerson.

Andrew Snyder, of Delaware was at Milford Monday on business matters.

Rev. C. S. Ryman, of Summit, N. J., arrived in town Monday to visit his family, which has been spending several days with H. B. Wells.

Mrs. H. G. Williamson last Sunday attended a reunion of the members who composed the choir of the Branchville Presbyterian church 20 years ago. Each one took the place then occupied by them. It was a highly interesting meeting.

H. C. Cunningham, of P. J., the oldest living merchant in that village having been in business there 52 years is about to retire.

Ernest Wood has finished painting the Mott St. bridge and it seems like an excellent job.

Congressman Kirkpatrick is sojourning for a few days with his family at the Delaware Water Gap.

A young daughter recently arrived at the home of Mrs. Deshler who resides with her father W. H. Eno on Foster Hill.

Mrs. Martha Thrall recently fell down a flight of stairs and was badly bruised.

Col. John Baldwin and wife, after spending the Summer at various northern resorts, arrived in Milford this week for a few weeks' stay.

A SPLIT IN CARBON.

The Democrats of Carbon had a lively meeting on Monday, and as a result two sets of conferees will contest for admission to the Congressional Conference, and two tickets will be in the field at the November election.

The Convention met and there were three contested seats out of the seventy-five. Dr. Fern, of Lehigh, was named by the Barber faction for Chairman and J. W. Maloy by Laner's friends. A motion to adjourn before electing the Chairman was declared carried by County Chairman Mulhearn, who refused to call for a division. The Laner delegates then withdrew, and Fern was elected Chairman by the Barber Convention. A roll call showed 37% unopposed votes present, or a majority of one and a half, and three more Barber delegates were then seated. L. H. Barber was nominated for Congress with power to name his own conferees, and Dr. Fern was nominated for State Senator, with the same privilege, and a full County ticket was nominated.

The Laner party elected Maloy Chairman and nominated J. E. Laner for Congress, with power to choose his conferees. Uninstructed Senatorial conferees were then named, and likewise a complete County ticket.

In Monroe the successful ones were: For Congress, Jos. H. Shull; Senator, D. S. Lee; Representative, R. L. Barnett; Sheriff, James S. Fisher; County Chairman, B. Mansfield.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT G. A. B.

On account of the National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Cincinnati, O., the Erie will sell special continuous passage excursion tickets from Port Jervis to Cincinnati, Ohio, on Sept. 3d and 4th, at \$15 for the round trip. These tickets are good for return passage from Cincinnati from Sept. 6th to 13th, except that original purchaser may deposit ticket with Joint Agent at Cincinnati not later than Sept. 9th, and pay a fee of 25 cents when an extension of return limit may be had to October 3d, 1898.

OBITUARY.

ABRAHAM A. VAN AUKEN.

Milford residents were shocked Wednesday to learn of the sudden death of one of the oldest citizens in the valley. Mr. Van Auker, who resided in town, but passed most of his time on his farm in Sandyston, N. J., which included the fertile Namanock Island, lying just below Cave Bank, went to his work on the island about 7 o'clock in the morning. He had just arrived and was about to begin cutting brush, when he immediately expired. He had not been especially complaining of ill health, but it has been noted for some time that his appearance indicated decline. He was born about seventy-three years ago in Delaware Township, nearly opposite the place of his death, and was a son of Aaron and Catharine McCarty Van Auker. He resided for several years on his New Jersey farm, but for some ten years has been a resident of the Borough. He was regarded as an upright, industrious man and commanded the respect and confidence of the community. He has held the office of Borough Councilman and was an Overseer of the Poor at the time of his death. Several years ago he married Catharine, who survives him, a daughter of Rev. John Reattlie, a prominent Methodist minister, who died in 1896 at the advanced age of 95 years. He is also survived by one sister, Elizabeth Jane, unmarried, living in Delaware and one brother Jacob, residing in Michigan.

The funeral services were held at his late residence to-day (Friday) and the remains were interred in the Milford Cemetery.

TO OVERHAUL THE SHIPS.

Orders have been sent to the N. Y. Navy Yard to clear the way for the six big ships that paraded up the North river Saturday, and for the transfer of all employees on other work to the vessels immediately after they reach the cobdock. Each of the six will be docked and thoroughly overhauled and again have their bunkers filled and be sent to Hampton Roads probably for orders. Many of the vessels require extensive overhauling and may be at the yard a month or more. The Iowa and Indiana are said to be in need of more work than the other ships, owing to the long time they have been out of dry dock. The new dry dock, No. 3 will be tried by one of the ships the civil engineers having full confidence now in its safety, after over three years of repairs. The pay roll of the yard which now exceeds \$300,000 a month will be considerably increased after the arrival of the vessels.

A LUCKY DECISION.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cahill who have recently returned from a trip across the water, for the benefit of the former's health, came near being on the ill-fated French liner, La Bourgogne which was sunk, on which they had engaged passage, and on whose list their names appeared in a French paper. A friend meeting them in N. Y. urged, that inasmuch as they were ready to make the trip and had fully determined so to do, there was no advantage in delay and persuaded them to take the steamer then ready to sail. By this lucky decision they doubtless saved their lives, and they with many friends rejoice in the Providence which preserved them from that ocean calamity.

DAMAGE AT THE GAP.

The sudden rise in the river last week swept away the steamer Kitatanny, and all the row boats at the Delaware Water Gap. The steambot was carried down to an island near Foul Rift, where it was found bottom up, with its boiler and engine gone, and the boat badly injured by contact with bridge piers. The small boats have been mostly recovered at various points along the river.

The bridge leading to the Park on the island was partly washed away and the boat landing is half gone. The ferry boat at Martin's Creek was also floated away and many logs and trees were among the debris carried down the stream.

A FAMILY UNITED.

Mention was made last week of the reunion of the Thornton family. The wife was requested by her husband to meet him in N. Y. which she did and a satisfactory explanation being made by him for his absence and neglect for 16 years, she in a short time with Harold, Gertrude and Mable, will remove to Philadelphia, where he is engaged in the hardware business. The two sons, Charles and James, will remain here.

Hon. John B. Storm who is at a Sanatorium for his health is reported improving.

FROG CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the uninitiated it may be necessary to briefly explain this enticing game and the manner of playing it.

Fancy a chest standing on up rights some four feet high, the top a platform on which the frog, that is, an iron with a mouth about the size of one of the genus Rana, is affixed, and from the frog several passages leading to differently numbered chambers. The chips or flies are fed by the player standing some thirty feet away, who pitches small discs of iron about the size of a Bland dollar at the frog's mouth, and the game is to get the greatest number in it, and to have them slide down a passage showing the largest numbers. It is 16 to 1 that an amateur will score a blank nearly every time, but an expert will feed the frog for several hundred's worth.

Messrs. Joly and Gray, guests at the Hotel Fanchere, have for some time debated their skill in the game and last Saturday concluded to settle by a trial of their respective abilities to successfully feed the frog. The contest was skillfully conducted on both sides, but the former gentleman proved the most adept and as shown by the score which ran up in the hundreds, a most formidable competitor, carrying off the honors and the champion ship.

A SOLDIER HERE.

Geo. W. Nyce, a member of the Third Montana Cavalry, Grigby's Rough Riders, arrived in town Monday, on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Martha A. Nyce. He states that there is comparatively little sickness at Camp Thomas, Ga., where his regiment is and that most of it arose from the bad water, made so by the excessive rainfall. There had been twelve deaths in his regiment, all of them occurring since Aug. 1. The camp supplies and everything connected with the Commissary Department was in good condition and the discipline and sanitary regulations stringent. The camp, he states, is perfectly clean and every precaution is taken to prevent disease, but for the reason above given it was impossible. His furlough expires in thirty days, when he will rejoin his command.

JAIL DELIVERY.

Ten prisoners confined in Goshen jail escaped early last Monday morning. Two had sawed off the bars of the doors of the cells opening on the corridor, in which they hid, until, as the keeper was giving another prisoner a drink they seized, gagged and locked him in a cell, and then freed their companions. Twelve men were thus liberated but two returned and notified the authorities. Sixteen prisoners have escaped from Goshen jail in about six weeks. Orange County certainly cannot cast any reflections on Pike on that score, although we did recently have a complete jail delivery.

WOMAN INJURED.

The deplorable condition of the road in Centre district Delaware was the cause of an accident in which an old lady named Dickenson, from Lehman Twp., was thrown out of a cart striking on her shoulder which was badly bruised and her hip was also injured by being struck by the cart wheel. A small child which she held in her arms was saved by her presence of mind in retaining hold of it. The cause of the accident was too large swells in the road which made the occupants of the cart lose their balance.

A NEW FUEL.

John A. Kipp has invented and patented a contrivance for burning gas made from kerosene in any ordinary stove. He has the machine now in operation in his cook stove and its cap city for giving out heat is attested by the amount of baking and other work recently done on the stove. It appears like a successful utilization of kerosene oil for heating purposes without the use of wicks.

T. R. J. Klein has purchased the right for Pike and will soon have the apparatus on sale.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

D. D. Newman to Maria L. Peters, dated June 5, '93 land in Westfall; consideration \$800.

J. A. Kipp et ux to John Martin, dated Dec. 10, 1896, land in Greene 100 acres; consideration \$1.

Elizabeth B. Cunningham to Horace Bicknell, dated July 30 '97 land in Westfall lot 10; consideration \$50

J. B. Westbrook and wife to Heester Ellen Harbeck, dated Aug. 29, lots in Dingmans; consideration \$2150.

THE ACT OF 1878.

Special Game Law For Pike.

That no misapprehension may arise as to the open season for game in this County, we summarize for the benefit of honest sportsmen the Act which should govern all in their pursuit of game in Pike.

Deer may be killed only in October and November, and shall not be pursued with dogs or killed in the water when driven thereto by dogs. Dogs pursuing deer may be killed by any person, and if so killed the owner has no legal redress.

Grey and black squirrel, Sept. 1 to Dec. 15.

Rabbits, Oct. 15 to Dec. 15.

Wood duck, Oct. 1 to Jan. 1.

Woodcock, July 4 to Dec. 15.

Quail, Oct. 15 to Dec. 1.

Pheasant, Sept. 15 to Dec. 15.

All insectivorous and song birds are wholly protected, and it is unlawful to destroy the eggs or nest of any wild bird, except such as are predatory and destructive to game.

It is unlawful to take with snare, trap, net or device whatever or have in possession after it is so taken any of the game above mentioned.

Pickering may be taken from June 1 to Feb. 15, and fishing with nets or baskets or placing explosives in the waters is at all times prohibited. A person may have game in his possession for a period of ninety days after the time limit but he must prove that it was lawfully killed.

Violations of the Act are made a misdemeanor and carry a penalty of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50, or imprisonment not less than one or more than six months or both or either at the discretion of the court.

So long as game laws are on the statute books, we believe in their rigid and impartial enforcement. That they are openly and notoriously violated is asserted, and is no doubt true. Not a season passes, for instance, that the woods are not full of hunters hounding deer, and this without any apparent regard whatever for the law.

We believe that the most effectual way to protect game in any section would be to enact a trespass law giving the land owner the right to arrest any person found on his premises without permission, and to make the penalty sufficiently severe to deter any one from assuming the risk.

There is no reason why a farmer owning a few acres of wood land, or a stretch of trout stream, should not be able to protect his premises. He pays the tax, and yet is utterly powerless to prevent marauders in search of game from wandering and shooting or fishing at their own sweet will over his land.

If our representative this winter wishes to confer a genuine benefit on his constituents he can do no better than to expend his time and talents in securing for the farmers and land owners of the county the same protection for their lands as is now enjoyed by the Blooming Grove Park Association.

Let him waste no energy in attempts to modify or change our present laws regarding the manner of taking fish. They may be wrong and eels may be destructive of spawn but he can make little headway against the combined strength of Pennsylvania and New Jersey fish commissioners. A good trespass law, however, might be passed and such would be operative to protect game against irresponsible pot hunters, and also afford farmers and others a right which they should enjoy that of exercising control over their landed possessions.

A. R. E. PINCHOT RECOVERING.

A. R. E. Pinchot, who has been ill at Ponce, Porto Rico, has been heard from and is now much improved in health. His brother Gifford who is with him cables: "Danger past. Has every attention. We expect to return on the hospital ship Relief."

During Gen. Miles' excursion into the interior of Porto Rico just at the close of hostilities, cavalry troop A, N. Y. Volunteers, in which Pinchot is enrolled, was his escort. The great exposure during the march brought on the low fever which is common in that country.

Pinchot is now in the hospital at Ponce awaiting the return of the "Relief," which is expected to reach Boston about the 8, of Sept. A large number of the soldiers who are now ill at Ponce will be brought home on the same hospital ship which is well supplied with nurses and doctors.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.

The School Directors of Dingman Township will receive bids on Saturday, Sept. 3, at 3 P. M., on the grounds, for rebuilding the school house at Germantown. Plans may be seen on the day of sale. By order of THE BOARD.

Dingman Twp., Aug. 15. Sw

LAYTON.

Newton will do herself proud in the Soldiers and Sailors parade in that town on Sept. 14. A clam bake several bands, speaking and other attractions too numerous to mention will be rounded up at night by a grand show of fireworks. It will be a great day in Newton.

The Sussex Courts convene on Tuesday, Sept. 13. The jail has an unusual number of inmates, and it is probable the term will be longer than usual.

While attending the picnic in Emman's Grove last Saturday W. Major was kicked by a horse, and had 3 ribs broken. He is doing nicely, and if no complications arise will probably be around in a short time.

Evi Brink is canvassing the Delaware tier of Townships for a work on the diseases and care of farm animals; and also a history of the Yank-Spanko war. Both are excellent books and must have an extensive sale.

B. D. Hursh made a flying trip to Sandyston last week on business of the Hudson River Telephone Company.

Miss Harriet Petty, of Madison, N. J. is visiting for a brief season among friends in the Flat Brook valley.

The Town Committee meets next Tuesday at Layton to receive sheep bills and fly the dog tax.

Many people feel that the peddlers who roam up and down the land are unfair competitors of our merchants and that they should pay for a license. Will others kindly give their views on the subject.

The Sandyston Board of Education met last Thursday night and sold the hauling of coal to Mark Utter for \$1.75 per ton of 2240 lbs. The six schools using coal are expected to need from 16 to 20 tons. At the living of teachers some time ago Miss A. E. Hursh applied for the Tuttle's Corners School at \$28, a month an advance of \$3. The resident trustee led the board to believe there was but half as many pupils as there proves to be, and under this impression the board accepted Miss Hursh's application but at \$25. Refusing to accept \$25, the patrons of the school at the next meeting presented a petition signed by the parents of 29 out of the 31 pupils in the district, asking that her services be retained and making up the difference in cash. The board therefore raised the salary to \$26.50 per month. If a district has to make a fight against a resident trustee nearly every year to get the teacher they want seems to me it is about time to fire him out.

Mr. Thos Kyrto, an aged and respected citizen of Sandyston died in Newark on the 23. The interment took place in the Hainesville cemetery. His wife Anna and son Ford survive him.

The Sussex County board of assessors meet in Newton on the second Tuesday of Sept. to fix the per centage and as a board of equalization to correct such errors of assessment as may appear necessary.

Miss Eliza Snook is an agent for a history of the war just closed and is canvassing this town at present. The book is in large clear type of nearly one thousand pages and appears to be a very comprehensive work.

No more picnics, but the parade at Newton is nicely sandwiched between the picnic and fairs. Everybody is going.

The Union Sunday School Picnic in Bevans Grove on the 25, had a nice day, and attendance. Six schools participated and there was speaking and singing galore. The receipts were no doubt satisfactory and every body pleased.

The picnic in Emman's Grove near Swartswood last Saturday was the first one held there in several years but the people had not forgotten the place and there was an attendance of perhaps 5 or 6 thousand people. All the accompaniments of a first class picnic were there the grounds were ample, with a fine shade the lake along two sides with a plenty of boats and if any one failed to enjoy themselves it must have been for reasons that I was unable to discern.