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## THE NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS.

The new board of County Commissioners, W. F. Beck, H. S. Albright and Pierre M. Nills met Monday and organized by electing H. S. Albright president of the board, and George A. Sweptizer clerk at a salary of \$450 a year.

R. F. Seeb was appointed janitor at a salary of \$175 a year.

The County Auditors, W. H. Warner, C. C. Shannon and J. P. Terwilliger met and organized by electing W. H. Warner president, and C. P. Mott clerk, and proceeded to audit the accounts of the several officials.

Jury Commissioners E. A. Greening and B. C. Smith with Sheriff Vandenberg met Tuesday and after appointing Jos. H. Heller clerk, proceeded to fill the wheel with 350 names and to draw the jury for March term a list of which will appear next week.

## Week of Prayer.

The meetings now in progress at the Presbyterian church will be continued during next week—the week of prayer—every evening except Saturday. A short gospel sermon may be expected each evening, and the program provided by the Evangelical Alliance has been condensed and transposed as follows.

MONDAY, January 8th—Prayer, that God will bless the church through his providence.

TUESDAY, January 9th—Prayer, that God will fill the church with his Spirit.

WEDNESDAY, January 10th—Prayer, that God will bring the children of the church into full communion, and will bless all children and young people.

THURSDAY, January 11th—Prayer, that God will give to the ministry and membership of the church increase in consecration, prayer, activity, holiness and liberality.

FRIDAY, January 12th—Prayer, that both in our own and in other lands God will add to the church daily such as shall be saved.

Sermons to correspond on the sabbaths January 7th and 14th.

The evening services will commence at 7:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

## Officers Elected.

The Presbyterian Sunday school last Sabbath elected the following officers:

Superintendent, Dr. R. G. Barclay; Asst., Wm. Mitchell; Secretary, Bertha Williamson; Treasurer, Geo. Mitchell; Librarian, John C. Warner; Asst., Frank Cross; Organist, Katie Beck; Asst., Nettie Terwilliger.

## Spain's Greatest Need.

Dr. R. P. Oliva, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Alkon, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pain in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says his grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by C. O. Armstrong, druggist.

## THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Prof. Harry Hayward and Gabriel Biester, the former of State College and the latter a large fruit grower in Dauphin Co. were present at the institute held last Friday. Though the attendance was not large much interest was manifested in the talks which were mainly on dairying fruit culture and treatment of worn-out soils such as abound in this county. It was urged that the dairy interest here ought to be cultivated and that silos be built to supplement grass and feeds. Worn out land may be brought to productivity by green manuring, plowing in or even brushing down buckwheat on the land. Apples are a good crop and the planting of apple and pear trees was strongly advocated. Native stock should be planted and then grafted to some fruit that thrives in the locality. Observe the kinds which do best here and procure grafts from such trees. Red apples are profitable because they sell better in foreign markets.

Lewis Dennis, Salem, Ind., says, "Kodol dyspepsia cure did me more good than anything I ever took." It digests what you eat and can not help but cure dyspepsia and stomach troubles.

## PERSONALS.

G. W. Hulslander and wife were guests in Milford Jan. 1st.

Jas. R. Ball and wife, of N. Y. city, were visitors at Milford New Years.

Nat Detrick is at present sojourning in Florida the land of flowers and blossoms.

Dr. and Mrs. Von der Hyde returned to Milford after an absence of several days duration.

Almer Terwilliger after visiting his family a couple of weeks will return to Chicago to-morrow.

George Armstrong, Harry Reed, John Van Etten and Theodore Baker visited over Jan. 1st in town.

J. Irving Hornbeck, who is well known in this town, has been quite ill at his mothers home in Port Jervis.

Prothy J. C. Westbrook, Jr., went to Honesdale Thursday as a witness in the railroad injunction cases.

Major Chas. Royce and daughters Misses Lillian and Winnie were the guests of Mrs. K. B. Van Wyck and daughter Christmas Day.

## Real Estate Transfers.

Mary E. Fisher and husband to Henry Faust, dated Dec. 25, lot No. 1, Con. \$1200.

Albert T. Porter and wife to Daniel D. Everett, dated Dec. 19, lot 824, Matamoras, Con. \$900.

## List of Unclaimed Letters.

Remaining in the post office at Milford for week ending Jan. 6, 1900:

Gentlemen—Bell Doctor, Excelsior Mfg. Co., S. F. Gardner, John Rading, Edward T. Adell.

Foreign—R. V. Carey.

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

CHARLES LATTIMORE.

## THE JERSEY SCHOOL LAW.

EDITOR PRESS:—

In your news column, headed "Sandyston in General", appears a short item in reference to a bill offered in the last session of the New Jersey Legislature which did not pass, but is again to be introduced in the coming session, for the purpose of revising the school law.

The item seems to be full of errors. It says: "The bill if made a law, will deprive all school Boards of their powers to appoint or suspend teachers, repair or build school houses appropriate money, and in fact deprives them of their powers."

This is what Senate bill No. 197 does say: Section 100. "The boards of education shall have power: 1. To employ and dismiss principals, teachers, janitors, mechanics and laborers, and to fix, alter and order paid their salaries and compensations."

"III. To purchase and improve school grounds, to erect, lease, enlarge, improve, repair or furnish school buildings, to borrow money therefor, and to raise money by taxation for any such purpose or to pay debts incurred therefor, or for current expenses of the school; provided, that for any such act it shall have the previous authority of a vote of the legal voters of the district."

Their powers are further defined under twelve different sub sections giving them all the powers now possessed with many additional and important ones. The item says: "The official appointed by this law can remove any local Board of Education, teacher or principal."

The writer has not been able to discover this *bete noire*.

The item says the "Superintendent in a county is supreme." No more than under the present law.

The bill contains many new and desirable changes, the powers of local boards have not been curtailed but largely increased and the changes will greatly aid school officers in their work.

The newspaper criticism of this bill has been largely of this indefinite and unreliable kind. Apparently many of the critics have not taken trouble to read this bill before relating its obnoxious features.

Yours, N. J.

J. I. Berry, Loganton, Pa. writes, "I am willing to take my oath that I was cured of pneumonia entirely by the use of one minute cough cure after doctors failed." It also cured my children of whooping cough." Quickly relieves and cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Children all like it. Mothers endorse it.

## BRIEF MENTION.

Albert Q. Wallace, of Milford Borough was appointed mercantile appraiser Dec. 30th.

Rev. G. W. Gillespie, of Port Jervis, preached a stirring sermon in the Presbyterian church last evening.

Geo. Dammann has rented his Montague farm, just across the river, to Walden Ayers for the ensuing year.

A wagon in which L. Geiger and Fritz Gerhards were riding was run into Wednesday by another vehicle and both were thrown out and quite badly injured.

Francis Xavier Friebe, of Boston, a brother of the late George A. Friebe, died at that city Tuesday Dec. 26, 1899, aged about 45 years. His death was due to pneumonia.

The stockholders of the Milford Cemetery Association Monday re-elected the former managers, H. B. Wells, C. W. Bull, Moses Detrick, William Mitchell and William Angie.

A large party which had been spending New Year's days with Mrs. Goldsmith at Silver Lake dined at the Centre Square Hotel Tuesday on their way home to Philadelphia.

Married, at the M. E. church, Aldenville, Wayne Co., Dec. 27, 1899, by Rev. F. C. Smith pastor, assisted by Rev. Smith of the Baptist church, Lillie May Drake, youngest daughter of S. S. Drake, and Frank C. Van Denburgh of the same place.

Ebenezer Warner entertained at his cosy home on Broad street January 1st Robert Warner Reid and wife and George Warner and family. John C. Warner and wife are at St. Augustine, Florida, at present and may visit Cuba in the near future.

Being a Democrat down in Monroe Co. involves both courage and self-denial. The commissioners, all of whom are Democrats, reduced the salary of the clerk from \$600 to \$400 and S. L. Mosier had the self-denial to accept. There were sixteen applicants.

We are in receipt, through the courtesy of A. R. Sherman Superintendent, of a very neat and handy calendar of C. C. Smoot & Sons Co., of North Wilkesboro, N. C. Their buildings cover considerable ground and it would look for their size as if "Ap" must be a pretty busy man.

The commissioners and auditors have fixed the compensation of the newly installed county treasurer at the same rate paid last year on money received on county duplicates 2 per cent, and on money paid out 2 per cent, except on personal property taxes received from the Commonwealth 1.4 per cent. No per cent for payment of temporary loans.

Joseph A. Buckley, of Delaware township, having sold his farm, as is reported to Jared Dundas, will, Jan. 23rd sell at public sale on the premises his live stock, farming implements and household goods, and the same week will leave for his new home in Washington where his sons are engaged in business. Delaware will lose, and the community a most estimable and worthy citizen. Our best wishes go with him for prosperity, happiness and a long life in which to enjoy them.

William R. Smith, of Parker's Glen, was arrested by a postal inspector last Friday and taken to Philadelphia charged with having used unlawful means to secure for himself an increase in salary. His method, as set forth in the affidavit for which the warrant was issued, was to return a larger number of stamps cancelled than were in fact cancelled. His returns for July, August and September showed the total amount of cancellations in his office to be \$121.44 where in fact it should have been \$95.37. U. S. Commissioner Craig held him in \$500 bail.

C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Lawyers, opposite the United States Patent Office, Washington D. C., who have actual clients in every city and town of the United States and Canada, report that never before in their 25 years practice has the work of the Office been so well up to date. They claim that patents can now be procured in less than half the time formerly required. Feb 1

Pickered hooks, lines and tip-ups at Wallace's.

## BEAUTIFUL SILVER LAKE.

Silver Lake, once known as Schaff's Pond, has become quite famous as a resort for city people, particularly Philadelphians. It is one of the most beautiful sheets of water in the county and the shore on the north and west is bold and rises to considerable height. The view from the cottages erected is wide extended and covers the range of Jersey hills miles away on the eastern horizon. Several snug summer homes have been built and land there has reached an almost fabulous sum. One person, a Mr. Bronley, recently paid at the rate of \$200 an acre and will, the coming summer, build a cottage. Jacob J. Seeds, prominent in Philadelphia politics and a councilman in that city, with a party of friends spent a few days there recently, and E. F. Hoffman, Esq., one of the ornaments of the bar of that now somewhat celebrated town, who has for many years been a cottage owner and regular visitor comes up to enjoy the bracing winter air. Mrs. Goldsmith also of the same city entertained a large party on New Years there. P. M. Nills, who is superintendent of the Edgemere Club and has general supervision of its interests, is active in promoting the welfare of the Club and is a busy man the year round attending to the numerous duties of his position and entertaining, at his house, the guests of the cottages.

## Additional Matter.

"Poor as a church mouse" is proverbial, but it can hardly be said to be a true proverb any more for evidently the Presbyterian church mice here are so fat and heavy that they can ring the church bell New Year eve on the top of 12 m. Funny, too how they know the time so well for it has been a custom with them for several years past and they never make a mistake in the date.

Miss Allie H. Doughty and Chandler Smith, of New York were married in St. George's Church in that city at 4 p. m. Tuesday of this week. After the ceremony a reception was held at the brides home, 250 W. 57 street from 5 to 7 to which some 150 invitations were extended. The bride, who spends her summers at her mothers cottage at Conasaugh, is a very pleasant young lady and has numerous friends in this vicinity who will all join in extending best wishes for a happy wedded life.

L. E. Goldsmith, the defaulting assistant cashier of the National Bank of Port Jervis, accompanied by his counsel, W. H. Crane, Esq., surrendered himself to U. S. Commissioner Henkel in N. Y. last Thursday, and in default of \$10,000 bail was locked up in Ludlow Street Jail. His case will go before the Grand Jury this week, and he will be arraigned Jan 10th. Goldsmith had been hiding in Philadelphia and it is said his whereabouts were unknown to the officers. His collar bone was broken, the result of an accident near Bushkill when he was going away about Dec. 8.

The New York dispatches that "more gold is going to Europe," which three or four years ago would have caused alarm and depression in the minds of those watching the finances of the country, disturbs no one now. The gold in the United States has increased since 1896 about \$400,000,000, and will generally continue to increase under Republican management, even though there may be an outgo for a few weeks or months to meet the present exigency.

Senator Kyle's reasons for determining to vote for the gold standard are simply an example of the conditions which are causing many of our leaders to abandon the silver cause. He says, "Though I am a bimetalist and have been so from conscientious convictions for twenty-five years, I would rather take the most adulterated gold standard than accept bimetalism with the ingredients of radical socialism that are now associated with it. We have been practically operating under the gold standard for thirty years, and having brought ourselves into harmony with the monetary systems of the world, it is a doubtful proposition whether it is right to again disturb values in the world when by such action we do injustice to the creditor class and at the same time put ourselves out of joint with the rest of the world."

## THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE.

The wedding of Miss Willoughby Mack, of Montague, N. J., and Jerry, better known as "Sonny" Greening, of Rattlesnake, was announced last week, and it appears created some disturbance in the bride's family.

Her mother came here, on learning of the fact, and securing the services of Officer Wood went back in the night to the abode of the newly wedded couple and attempted to persuade her daughter to go home with her, but was not successful.

One day this week word was sent the bride that her mother was very sick and wished to see her. She accordingly accompanied the messenger home, her husband also going across the river, but as some disquieting remarks had been made by members of her family as to what might happen him should he presume to visit the Black residence he prudently kept away and vainly awaited her return.

Wednesday evening he recrossed the bridge brideless, for the dear one had evidently changed her mind as to longer sharing his bed and board, and with her mother who seems to have rapidly recovered she left Jersey and it is reported that even now she may be on the briny seas on her way to Bonnie Scotland, the girlhood home of Mrs. Beck.

This is a rather forlorn outlook for "Sonny," but he may console himself with the old adage about "just as good fish in the sea as we've ever caught."

## One Hundred Thousand Fruit Trees In One Orchard.

There is in the State of North Carolina an interesting settlement that has grown up almost without notice. Amid the long leaf pines not far from the capital of the Old North State is a territory of about six hundred square miles of what is known as the high sand hills. The hills are as high as the hilly lands of the North, but they are made up of pure white sand and on them grow sparingly and far between the tall long leaved pines that tower a height of sixty to a hundred feet. It was thought until the past few years that these lands were worthless. The remarks used to be "they were made just to hold the world together, a crew will take his rations with him in flying over the sand hills, it will sprout cow peas only and when sprouting you can hear them for miles grunting it is hard for them to sprout," and like expressions. But there has come a wonderful change on that section, and that change has been brought about by the hand of the Northern man and his money. The section has been for many years recognized by physicians to be the best winter resort in American and they began to send their patients down there and many who were suffering from chronic diseases became well and commenced experimenting with the soil, some of them put out fruit trees, some vines, some vegetables and it soon became evident that on account of the warm general climate that was planted and fertilized began to thrive and as they came into bearing it showed a quality that was exceedingly fine. And from year to year the people have gone in and bought land until there are thousands of acres in fruit, and during the season from May until middle of August hundreds of thousands of tons of fruit is shipped North. One orchard alone contains over one hundred thousand fruit bearing trees, vines and shrubs. All this work has been done by the Northern people who were attracted to this section on account of their health, and if one will stand at the ticket window of the Old Dominion Steamship Company in New York any day from November until April, they will see people from every Northern State buying tickets to what is known as the Yankee Settlement, Southern Pines.

## A Night of Terror.

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## NATIONAL BANK AFFAIRS.

The committee, appointed by the stockholders of the National Bank of Port Jervis to formulate a plan for reorganizing reported last Saturday and recommended an assessment of 75% on the par value of the capital stock and that shareholders unable to pay surrender that per cent, and accept in lieu of the 25 per cent, balance new certificates or if unable or unwilling so to do that they sell their stock to those who are able or willing. 985 of the 1300 shares were represented. The report shows that there is a balance of good assets over liabilities of \$40,661, and that the banks capital of \$130,000, is impaired to the amount of about \$95,000.

The problem of reorganization ought not to be of great difficulty, and there is ample business in that town for two banks. Probably, in order to fully reestablish confidence in the community, it may be necessary to inject considerable new blood in the official personnel of the institution, not because people question the integrity of the former officials but because of the fact that they failed to securely safeguard the interest of the bank, and it might be difficult to satisfy the general public as to why they did not. Those not expert in banking and book keeping are prone to wonder how it was possible, with the checks usually presumed to exist in such institutions, on the acts of the several officials and clerks, that one man could, for so long a time, completely conceal depredations to so large an amount. It seems how to have been done, whether through fault in the system of bookkeeping or want of care on the part of those whose duties it may seem to have been to exercise due caution, are problems to be solved only by an assurance to the public and patrons that a closer watch of the cash will in future be maintained.

## THE COST OF OUR BRIDGES.

The retiring board of county commissioners during the six years of incumbency have let contracts for twenty-three iron bridges, including four county line bridges. The cost of bridges and masonry to the county, exclusive of expense of views and commissioners' time and expenses, is shown by the following statement, which also shows the townships in which the bridges were built:

	No.	Sup.	Masonry.
Bl'g Grove	4	\$1228	\$463
Delaware	2	625	379.32
Dingman	1	484.87	173
Greene	3	931	684.50
Lackawaxen	5	1974	1241.50
Lohan	4	1616.50	1018.95
Milford Twp.	1	354	250
Polmyra	2	1107	392.50
Westfall	1	695	85
Totals	23	\$9015.37	\$4687.77

Total for bridges and masonry \$13703.14. Average cost of bridges \$595.79; average amount expended yearly \$2283.55 which is approximately one-fifth of the amount raised by taxation for county purposes. To the above may be added the cost of stone work on the Mott street bridge which was \$1112.84.

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## SANDYSTON IN GENERAL.

The last of the Christmas Tree exercises was held in the Universalist church at Bevans on Tuesday night. The weather was very cold which deterred many from attending, still the house was quite filled. The little folks did remarkably well, and many were surprised how the little ones acquitted themselves in the pieces. A purse was presented to the Rev. Mr. Smalley, and from its jingling I should judge that it contained a snug sum of money.

The young men attending school elsewhere than at home are all enjoying the holiday vacation. Among them I notice Thos. Lantz, from Normal at Stroudsburg; Blace Cole, from Princeton College; James Stoll, Blair Hall and Everett Hursh select school at Newton.

I am sorry to say that the condition of Thomas Layton has not improved, and it is now only a question of time and constitution as to how long he may last.

New Years was a very quiet day, and everybody was attending to their business as usual. Usually there is a "shoot", raffle or a dance, but this time all had enough to do to keep warm sitting around the stove.

The weather despite the predictions of weather sharps has been pretty severe for the past week. Several mornings the thermometer marked zero and as I wrote my thermometer stands 8 degrees above the zero mark. There will be no trouble about filling ice-houses, as the ice is nearly thick enough now.

The hunting season is over at last and those wishing for more sport in that line can turn their attention to the hunting of foxes. They ought to be quite numerous as our hunters do not bother with them much.

The holiday season that is just passed has been the quietest I ever knew. Beyond a little raffling here and there for fowls and a little rattling of the dice everything has been very quiet.

I hear nothing concerning the building of the creamery at Bevans. The building committee were to have the lumber on the ground last week, and the building to go up forthwith. The trouble has probably been the severe cold weather, for with the mercury down to zero nearly all the week, little could be done. As soon as the weather permits work on the building will commence.

The Boers, thus far, holding their own in resisting the aggression of England, but when it comes to having English men-of-war patrolling the American coast to prevent anything contraband of war to leave our ports, that is going too far. Americans will remember that "unpleasantness," she allowed rebel cruisers to seek shelter, food and ammunition in her ports, to the destruction of our commerce, and we should not aid the English in stopping anything intended for Boer ports.

At the session of the Layton Sunday school on Sunday last, each member was presented with a beautiful booklet souvenir. While other schools have their Christmas tree loaded with candy, peanuts etc., really to the detriment of the children, these pretty souvenirs will keep in kindly remembrance the donors.

Pick up what paper you will, you will see reports of prosperity in all lines of business, thus showing that our country is advancing to the front rank of nations. This prosperity boom has even entered into matrimonial lines. This winter will be noted as one of many marriages, for many are going into the marriage state, and there are many more hoping to reach that state of blessedness, and there is probably a good many wishing they were out of it so goes the world.

The Sussex Co. Alms House investigating committee are at work, and in due time the people of this county will know whether Mrs. Williamson told the truth or not. If not, she may wish that she had, and if she did somebody else may hear something drop.

The people along the line of the mail route from Flashbrook to the Layton were greatly excited over the story told by the mail-carrier to the effect that a silver mine had been opened on lands of a Mr. Browning in Walpole township. Nary a detail was lacking in the story and nearly every listener swallowed the story in its entirety. But