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MILFORD, PIKE COUNTY, PA., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1900.

NO. 6.

DECEMBER COURTS.

The term was presided at by Hon. G. S. Purdy, President Judge, and Associates Honck and Klaer.

Constables as follows made returns: Blooming Grove—E. W. Pleson, Delaware—Charles Person, Dingman—Theodore Basler, Greene—Eugene Butler, Laekawaxen—Frank Kelly, Lehman—W. S. Van Auker, Milford Boro.—George Smith, Palmyra—J. N. De Groat, Westfall—B. C. Totten.

A report of viewers favorable to a road from Egypt to Promised Land road was filed and confirmed n. l.

Accounts of Administration on the following estates filed, confirmed n. l., Estate Henry Long, dec'd, Estate Geo. A. Frick, dec'd, Estate Henry Worsel, dec'd.

Auditors report estate Jas. Frick, dec'd, confirmed n. l.

Return to order sale real estate D. D. Newman, dec'd, confirmed n. l.

Petition for partition estate Ruth S. Hill, dec'd, Westfall. Writ awarded.

Methodist Episcopal Church La Anna charter granted.

Clara Lates Felden vs. Eugene Felden divorce. G. R. Bull, Esq., appointed commissioner to take evidence.

Petition of J. B. Westbrook for discharge as trustee estate Hannah Wilson, dec'd, granted and Lucy Lattimore appointed in his stead.

Petition of Charles Hazen for appeal from conviction before Justice Billings for trespass lands of Blooming Grove Park Association. Court continues appeal without prejudice to rights of appellant to take other legal steps or action, etc.

Estate Catharine Eckhardt return of inquest and rule on heirs to accept or refuse at valuation.

Estate Gottlieb Mulheisen, return of inquest and rule on heirs to accept or refuse.

Petition of Sidney K. Lindley, Harvey and Jacob Kleinhaus, minor children of Henry Kleinhaus, dec'd, for guardian. Reinhard F. Warg, of Hawley, appointed to give bond in \$400, in each case.

Report of viewers on road in Shohola from German Lutheran church to Gardiners store confirmed n. l.

At 3 o'clock p. m. Hy. T. Baker, Esq., announced the death of Hon. Edgar Pinchot, formerly one of the Associate Judges of this court, and in a few appropriate remarks moved as a mark of respect to his memory that the several courts adjourn. This motion was seconded by A. T. Searle Esq., and it was ordered that the courts adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Felden vs. Felden, divorce. Evidence filed and divorce decreed.

Sheriff acknowledges deeds for lands sold as follows to Kate Van Auker for 45 acres Delaware township sold as the property of Elizabeth J. Van Auker, dec'd, con. \$1,075., to David McKean for 298 acres Dingman township sold as the property of Jesse and Eliza Traverser, con. \$500.

Phillip Walters naturalized.

Petition of Laf Rowland for rule on Paul Shorlock to show cause why an issue shall not be framed to settle rights to lands in Laekawaxen granted.

Petition of G. F. Rowland, Treas., to execute new deeds for A. V. Coolbaugh tract No. 185, on account of error in former deed.

Commonwealth vs. W. H. Lee nolle prosequi entered by leave of court.

Commonwealth vs. Pelton continued.

Com. vs. Brink, bail forfeited and respited.

Com. vs. Chas. Hazen, continued.

Com. vs. Geo. Borgau, bail forfeited and respited.

Com. vs. W. Steinhilf, continued.

Com. vs. Stephen Drake, bail forfeited and respited.

Report of viewers on county line bridge at Cromwelltown. Bridge approved except abutment on Wayne county side which is defective at base and \$25. deducted from contract price.

Accounts of J. W. Frazier and J. T. Smith, executors of Benj. White, dec'd, of John Carney, Adm'r, of Elizabeth Carney, dec'd, of Charles Heller, adm'r, of Charles L. Heller, dec'd, of A. J. Simons, ex'r, of C. Heller, dec'd, confirmed absolutely.

Overseers Poor of Shohola vs. Voghts, continued.

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OBITUARY.

EDGAR PINCHOT.

Probably no one in this section was better known than Ed-Judge Pinchot who died at his home in Milford early Saturday morning, Dec. 15, after an illness of some months.

He was born here April 1, 1826 and was a son of Cyrille C. D. and Eliza Cross, Pinchot. His father was a Bonapartist and desired to enlist under the great general but was too young. After the battle of Waterloo in 1815, Constantine Pinchot father of Cyrille deemed it politic to leave France with his son and family. They departed in 1815 sailing for New York and bringing with them a stock of merchandise. After remaining there some three years, they came to this town and engaged in the mercantile business which was until within a few years been conducted by the family. After receiving a common school education Ex-Judge Pinchot read law but finding an active business life more congenial he became associated with his father with whom he remained three years when he went to New York and embarked in the grocery trade. Soon after the firm sold out and he became senior partner in the wholesale drug house of Pinchot and Brauer. This business he continued sixteen years when having amassed a comfortable fortune he spent two years in foreign travel and then returned to his native town and erected a substantial and commodious house on Ann street which has since been his residence.

He was appointed Associate Judge in 1880 by Governor Hoyt which office he resigned the same year to qualify as Presidential elector for James A. Garfield. He also served in the same capacity in 1888 for Gen. Harrison. He was for several years a member of the Republican State Committee and also a member and Chairman of the county committee. In July 1861 he married at Canonsville Marie A. a daughter of Darius and Lucy Maples of Delaware county, N. Y., by whom he is survived. One daughter Lucy, wife of Dr. H. M. King, of Grand Rapids, Mich., one brother James W., of New York, and one sister Mary A., wife of Geo. W. Warner, of Bridgeport, Ct., also survive. He was a nephew of Mrs. John I. Westbrook, of Port Jervis, and an uncle of Clifford Port Jervis, U. S. Forester. The funeral was held from the church of the Good Shepherd last Monday afternoon Rev. C. B. Carpenter officiating and was largely attended. The active bearers were H. S. Augie, Alonzo Kline, Ed. Kline, J. E. Boyd, Dingman Gregory and Otto Quick.

The honorary pall bearers were Hon. G. S. Purdy, Hon. John D. Honck, Hon. Jacob Klaer, Hon. Chas. DeKay Townsend, Hon. J. J. Hart, C. W. Bull and Hy. T. Baker, Esqs., Dr. H. E. Emerson, Dr. H. B. Reed, Dr. W. B. Kenworthy, Ex-Prothonotary J. C. Westbrook, C. O. Armstrong, Chas. Lattimore and E. T. Rivers.

The ushers were W. K. Chol and Geo. Armstrong.

The remains were temporarily placed in the receiving vault of the Milford cemetery.

Cleveland on Party Reform.

Mr. Cleveland is quoted as saying in an interview that in his opinion the great need of the Democratic party is a return to first principles. The Democratic party has not been fatally disorganized, but it sadly needs rehabilitation on purely Democratic lines. It has in his humble judgment simply wandered off after strange gods. A large mass of Democratic voters saw this before last election and remained quiet, but when the time came to vote they said this is not Democracy and refused to support it. He thinks it the duty of Democrats everywhere to aid in the rehabilitation of the party and with a sincere return to its old time doctrine the old time victories of the party will be won.

Atlantic.

Members of the Hatchet Society are requested to meet in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church Friday evening December 21, 1900 at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

F. B. TRIBALL, Secretary.

Annual Election.

The annual election for managers of the Milford Cemetery Association will be held at the office of C. W. Bull in the Borough of Milford on Monday Jan. 7th, 1901, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, Dec. 5, 1900. Sec'y.

BRIEF MENTION.

No votes were issued for March Term so there will be no jury court at least before June, 1901.

Dominick Caveney was killed and John Dowd injured by a run-a-way horse Monday at Port Jervis.

Oswald Ottendorfer, of New York, Editor of the Staats Zeitung, died last Saturday aged about 74 years.

The fire departments will meet Tuesday January 1st, 1901, at the Borough rooms to elect a chief and two foremen.

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan will start a newspaper at Lincoln, Neb., called "The Commoner," which will advocate the principles of the Kansas City platform.

Real estate agent Moses Detrick has sold the property of Kinzler, corner of Ann and 5th streets, to Nelson G. Palmer, of Passaic, N. J., for the sum of \$4,150.

Christmas exercises will be held in the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening and in the M. E. church the same night. The Episcopal church will hold its services Monday night.

The remains of J. F. Pinchot, which have rested in the vault of the Milford cemetery, were removed on Tuesday and buried in a lot in the upper part of the same cemetery.

James Hazen, of Edgemere, Delaware township, while skating on Silver Lake last Sunday, broke through the ice and but for timely aid rendered by his companions would have drowned.

In a suit in Orange Co., N. Y., brought by a peach grower against a bee keeper for damage done his fruit. A jury has just rendered a verdict in favor of the bees. They can't bite a peach.

Invitations are issued by the venerable ex-Prothonotary John C. Westbrook and his estimable wife to an "At Home" on Monday evening Dec. 31st, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

The usual crop of drownings by skating on thin ice is being recorded by the papers. Three boys this week went through the ice near Finesville, N. J., and were lost. Such sport is about as fatal as thawing out dynamite.

Last week was one of the most disastrous to the British yet experienced in the South African War. The number of casualties was nearly 1,000 besides suffering several severe repulses, and a loss of many men taken prisoners.

A military board of inquiry has been this week investigating the cause of death of Oscar L. Booz, a former West Point cadet, whose recent death is alleged to have resulted from the effects of hazing while he was a student at the Academy.

Pierre M. Nills has closed the contract for the Crisman House, in this Borough, and will take possession about March 1st, 1901. He is an enterprising and active man with wide acquaintance and will undoubtedly make a success of his new venture.

A correspondent in the Hawley Times says the Constitution is the "Bulwark" of American liberties, etc. This is interesting information and presumably should add to our reverence for that document, though we don't know just how the animal got his foot in it.

Frank Seitz and wife gave a reception to their numerous friends last evening at "Villa Seitz," on upper Water street. It was an elaborate affair, very handsomely gotten up and largely attended by the elite of the town. The couple expect soon to go on a tour which will embrace several Southern cities.

George Armstrong, who is home from the Klondike for the winter, and expects to return next spring, brought home several nuggets of gold from the claims he has staked. He says the rock is good and shows \$10. lars to a pan, which is considered pay gravel. His hopes of winning a fortune are high and in this his friends heartily wish he will suffer no disappointment.

Port Jervis, it is said, will have a plant for the storage of compressed air for the air brake freight cars. Pipes will be laid from a storage reservoir, into which the air will be pumped by a stationary engine, through the yard so that trains can be immediately supplied in any part of it thus avoiding the delay caused by the locomotive pumping air into the pipes of the train before it can proceed.

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17, 1900.

President McKinley's attitude toward the amended Hay-Poinsett treaty has been so persistently misrepresented that the assumption is fair that much of it has been intentional. The U. S. Constitution gives the Senate equal power with the President in the making of treaties. Therefore, when the Senate in its wisdom saw fit to amend the treaty with Great Britain that had been negotiated by the Executive branch of the Government, it was only exercising its constitutional right and it is ridiculous to say it thereby furnished any legitimate cause for objection, either on the part of President McKinley or of the government of Great Britain and it was an insult to the intelligence and patriotism of Secretary Hay, who was the President's personal representative in the negotiation of the treaty, to circulate stories of his having threatened to resign because the treaty was amended. Why, the author of a bill passed by the Senate which is amended by the House which is amended by the Senate would have as much justification for resigning. The large majority of the Senate, which adopted the Davis amendment to the treaty, by which this government reserves the right to control and defend the Nicaragua Canal in its own way spoke for itself, and the other proposed amendments, including the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty will doubtless get as large a vote in the Senate. President McKinley does not regard this as any reflection either on himself or Secretary Hay, and when the amended treaty is ratified, which which it is hoped it will be before the Christmas recess, he will at once forward it to the British government. If the British Government rejects it that will be its own affair. Opinion differs as to whether the rejection of the treaty by Great Britain would delay the Nicaragua Canal. It might, at the beginning of that Canal, but it is very certain that the delay would only be temporary, as it would arouse public opinion in this country to a pitch that would make the speedy completion of the Nicaragua Canal a certainty.

Secretary Root made a statement before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, which is considering the Army Reorganization bill, recently passed by the House showing the necessity for speedy action on the bill, in order that adjustments may be started under the new law in time to get men in condition to take the places of the volunteers whose time will expire the first of next July. The Committee decided that no further hearings would be granted, and Senator Hawley, Chairman, says no time will be lost in getting the bill before the Senate. Already many applications are being made to the President for the smaller commissions in the reorganized army, the general understanding being that the appointments of outsiders, will, as a rule be confined to second lieutenancies and that all of that grade in the regular army will be promoted.

Needs Chlorin.

Monticello N. Y. is a nest for church rows and scandals. That town needs a thorough moral fumigation and disinfecting with something stronger than ordinary sulphuric acid. A divorce case was recently on in its courts between Mrs. Jennie Greene against her husband who terminated in a verdict in favor of defendant. Rev. David T. Howell formerly rector of St. John's church was mixed up in the divorce suit in a discreditable manner, and last Friday night at the Russell House, Middletown, had a bout with his fists with Hobart Tremaine an uncle of Mrs. Greene in which he displayed considerable skill.

Pennsylvania, one of the most important Agricultural States in the Union, stands eighth down on the list in the value of her agricultural school equipment, the value not including farms being \$27,000. An effort will be made this winter to have an appropriation of \$147,000. made to the Pennsylvania State College for the purpose of erecting buildings for carrying on more effectually its work. Massachusetts heads the list in this respect the value of her equipment being \$337,000.

See the new flower pots and jardiniere at W. & G. Mitchell.

THE RAMBLERS PICKINGS.

Ice is growing in thickness.

Warren was mad when some son of a gun swiped the game he expected to use for supper.

The Christmas number of the "Sussex Register" does credit to the proprietor, Captain Goodman.

Fifty cents for a burial is a big price.

Randolph Travis Montague's crack shot took a shy shot at some sparrows Monday. The first load brought down twenty eight birds.

Jako Van Tassel lost a horse the other day.

It is easier to pay four dollars than four cents at least so a Jersey man found after being sued for his toll.

Dingman township road machine is frozen fast in the gutter.

For sensation and bare faced newspaper lies the New York World takes the lead.

James Black, of Montague, has purchased the E. Hursh farm at Hainesville for 25 dollars per acre. James is to be congratulated, as this is one of the best located farms I know of.

Some of our merchants are making a good display of goods for Christmas. The store of Ryman & Wells is making the finest display.

So some Sunday hunters have caught—not game—but trouble.

Don't ask Manning H., of Sandyston how the prisoner got away. He may resent it.

Sandyston's Collector informs us that taxes have come in this year better than ever before. In New Jersey the collector sends a notice to all taxpayers, that notice tells you the amount of taxes due and for what purpose. The notice is issued about Nov. 2 and taxes due by Dec. 15. The middle of November the Commissioners of Appeal meet to correct any errors of assessors or collectors. The law does not allow to raise more money than necessary for the purposes intended and can't for the life of me see how the amounts to be raised can be any more when near what they should be if every one paid his tax here with five per cent off. Can the Editor of the Press tell us?

When a man offers his tax to the collector and is informed there is none against him has the collector a right to dun him in a public place two months afterward?

Skating is the order of the day.

William Struble took a day off and went fishing but as he has not shown his string I presume his luck was not extra.

I wish the readers of the Press all a merry Christmas, and hope the Press devil will have his stocking filled.

Letters to a Pastor.

The Stroubrug Times in its issue of Dec. 13th prints three letters which it intimates were handed to its reporter by a divine in that town, as having been sent to him, and were handed over under a pledge of secrecy as to names, etc. THE PIKE COUNTY PRESS of Nov. 9th contained these same letters, verbatim, et literatim, and gave credit as having been received by a pastor of a city church in the tenant house district. Funny things happen sometimes, especially in some newspaper offices where the editor has his scissors handy. But then there was no copyright and we are glad to know the Press is read and pleased that it contributes to the interest of our contemporaries. The Times is a cheerful newspaper.

Unclaimed Letters.

Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for week ending Dec. 22, 1900.

Gents—Geo. Humphrey, Claud Ryman.

Ladies—Mrs. Mary Long.

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

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Notice!

A meeting of the Milford Fire Department will be held in the Council rooms on Tuesday, January 1st, 1901, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a chief and a 1st and 2d assistant chief.

Wm. AGLER, Chief.

Dress making in all branches. Will go to the house or do the work at home. Address MARY LUDWIG, opposite Sawkill Mill, Milford, Pa.