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A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all our readers.

The comments on our present game laws, made by old residents from Lords Valley, are pertinent and they show good judgment. If we had a few men of such practical knowledge in the legislature to deal with the game and fish laws there would not be so many incongruities in them. Our correspondent points out how deer are run by dogs. Men who go out ostensibly to hunt small game with dogs, once in the woods, turn those same dogs into deer chasers, pull a Winchester from under their coats and are ready for business. The law as it now is permits the dogs in the woods and who can prevent them running deer. Make the open season for game which may be hunted with dogs and the deer season different so that they do not overlap. Then a man would have no business in the woods with a dog during the deer season and if so found with a gun it would be prima facie evidence that he was intending to violate the law. Let us hear from others on this subject.

It is understood that the companies carrying risks on the new school building have given notice that they will cancel the policies within five days. Possibly this may not affect the interests of the people for it is to be presumed, though we don't know, that the builder must carry the risk until the building is completed and accepted by the directors. The fact, however, that insurance companies refuse to carry the risk because of what is reported, a defect in the architecture, in that the chimneys are of terra cotta and hence not safe, is a matter of interest, for the reason that there is no assurance that school directors who have accepted and paid for plans which seem to be now condemned, will not in the future as in the past go on and without change accept the work and so fasten on the community a non insurable building. It is a great misfortune that has been a new school house was to be built, and one was sadly needed, that its construction as to plans and details could not have been in the hands of men competent for the work.

SCHOOL HOUSE INSURANCE

Notice: The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Darret Bridge Company will be held at the Office of the company in the Foxsum Building in Fort Jervis on Tuesday, January 5th proximo, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of choosing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. FRANK M. BERRY, Secy. Fort Jervis, Dec. 15, 1902.

Unclaimed Letters

Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Jan. 2, 1903: Miss Theda McClain. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list. CHARLES LATTINOR, P. M.

William Merrill of Glen Eyre was lodged in jail here Tuesday charged with an attempt to shoot one William Woollen with whom he was on good Christmas day.

833 people were buried, suffocated or trampled to death in a fire party in New Irongate Theater, Chicago, Wednesday night.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Well Attended and Highly Interesting Sessions—Practical Discussions of Profitable Topics

Both the afternoon and evening sessions of the Institute here were well attended and marked interest was manifested by the farmers. The speakers were men who thoroughly understood the details of the branches on which they talked and were all greatly pleased with the attendance and attention of their audience. They paid a very high compliment to the farmers here, saying that the Milford Institute was the best in respect to the interest manifested, intelligence developed in discussion and desire for practical information of any they had so far attended this year, and they have been in several large and wealthy counties. They left with a high appreciation of the spirit and desire to progress evinced by Pike county farmers and were warm in their commendations of the manner in which their remarks were received by Pike at headquarters at their hands. A brief resume, such as we can give, would do the speakers injustice. They were not only instructive but they presented their facts in a highly entertaining manner, imparting practical knowledge they made the details clear and attractive and left no points in doubt. They advocated no expensive methods, but gave facts within their experience and means especially adapted to the circumstances of moderate farmers to accomplish desirable results. It is safe to assume that those farmers who availed themselves of the opportunity to hear these men went away with ideas which, if practically followed, will increase their prosperity many fold. Dr. Thayer spoke on worn out soils and said that in the western states the secret of the large and abundant crops was the top soil full of humus but that it was now fading away and the plow there now begins to touch the clay. Our forefathers had the rich soil here, but they gradually depleted it and now we must restore what they took out. No state is richer in mineral wealth than ours. There is not a solitary acre of arable land in this county which has not within 16 inches of the top of the ground \$5,000 worth of phosphoric acid and potash but they are insoluble and must be made available for plant food. This is fortunately a slow process or it would soon be all gone. Mineral elements must be exposed to the air and vegetable matter must be turned under the soil so the minerals can get at it. He illustrated by a hedgerow cleared off between two old fields, showing difference in productiveness of the soil where the row was and the worn out soil. Clover opens up the soil. It has the power to take nitrogen from the air, and nitrogen is a most valuable element and one plants must have. The atmosphere is 64 miles deep and 2/3 nitrogen, a vast storehouse of wealth. Leguminous plants feed on it and experiments at Cornell station showed that an acre of common clover took 155 pounds from the air. Mammoth clover 145 pounds, common red 103 pounds in 3 or 4 months growth. This substance is worth commercially 15 cents a pound, hence the common clover got \$23 25 out of the air or the value of several tons of manure in less than four months. Clover roots go down and pump up potash and make it available for plant food. To raise clover first get rid of stagnant water, if any. 2, plow under burdock, some green crops or vetches. 3, lime the soil to sweeten it. The soil is filled with bacteria which will not work unless acid is present. Lime is an indirect fertilizer and should be used little at a time and often. 4, give clover a fair chance, the same as any other crop raised for profit. Plant in July on well prepared soil and not with any other crop. The speaker was often witty and interspersed his remarks with apt illustrations and stories to accustom his points. W. H. Stout, an experienced orchardist, talked on fruit growing particularly apples. He advised planting trees 40 feet apart, way to plant carefully, trim thoroughly and fertilize liberally. Corn, potatoes cabbage may be raised in orchards. Varieties for this section, Baldwin, Northern Spy, Ben Davis and Greenings. Spray with bordeaux mixture, six pounds lime sixed to hot water, 4 lbs sulphate copper put in small bag and dissolved in a barrel. Fill line barrel 1/2 full water and pour in the copper solution, 1/2 lbs paris green may be added. For peach trees reduce one half. (We have tables for making bordeaux mixture, London purple karosene emulsion, copper sulphate solution, etc., showing methods and time to apply and kinds to be used for all diseases of fruits which any one may have by calling—55) Passes

L. W. Lighty talked on barnyard manure, its value, composition, care and waste. Nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid are all valuable fertilizers and in addition manure is a mulch. It should not be allowed to be uncovered to leach out with rain. He gave his method of making a good, lasting floor for stables and also told how by use of litmus paper any one could detect the escape of ammonia. He used South Carolina rock to catch it, common plaster will answer. Bacteria of decomposition are in soils and the manure pile is a breeding place for them. The evening session was devoted to talks on dairying, feeding and kindred topics all of which were most thorough and exhaustively discussed in detail. The institute was a marked success and the speakers were all men thoroughly competent to instruct. The audience was of good size and especially interested. It is hoped that this session will give a decided impetus to farmers and be the beginning of more manifest general interest in these meetings and also be the means of inducing a much more general attendance. The farmers present have the thanks of the speakers besides being highly complimented by them for their intelligence and keen interest in the sessions.

All Stuffed Up

That's the condition of many sufferers from catarrh, especially in the morning. Great difficulty is experienced in clearing the head and throat. No wonder catarrh causes headache, impairs the taste, small and hearing, pollutes the breath, deranges the stomach and affects the appetite. To cure catarrh, treatment must be constitutional—alterative and tonic. "I was afflicted with catarrh. I took medicines of different kinds, giving such a fair trial; but gradually grew worse until I could hardly breathe, taste or smell. I then concluded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after taking five bottles I was cured and have not had any return of the disease since."—EUGENE FOSBER, Lebanon, Kan.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cures catarrh—it soothes and strengthens the mucous membranes and builds up the whole system.

Methodist Church Jottings.

Subject for Sunday morning, Jan. 3, "A Forward Look." In the evening a Union Service at our church in which Brother Smead and the pastor will both take part. This will be the first meeting of the Week of Prayer of which Mr. Smead's calendar gives a complete program. Announcement of this program will be given at the Sunday services. Let us begin the New Year right by attending as many of these services as possible. We have had a very busy Christmas time and from such comments as we have heard should judge that our efforts have not been in vain to bring good cheer to small and great. Our Santa Claus and his followers seemed to be quite a surprise to some. He certainly was a jolly chap and kept the little folks wide awake. The pastor and wife were very kindly remembered by a number of parishioners, and by the Sunday school. Many thanks to these good friends for their kind encouragement. The fourth Quarterly Conference will be held Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th, in the church basement after a prayer service conducted by Elder Wright. Those who are to make reports please put this meeting down as one not to be missed. It is the most important conference of all. Any of our church people desiring extra copies of the Church Calendar to send to their friends may have them for five cents per copy. The agreement with advertisers in the Calendar was that every family in town should have a copy. If any have been overlooked please notify the pastor. In distributing the booklets we asked for a small donation in order that bookwracks might be provided for the pews in the church. The ready response granted us has nearly netted \$10, which, with part of the income from the booklets will furnish this much needed improvement. Kentucky is up against it. Eggnog time is at hand and eggs 70 cents a dozen. President Cleveland has written a fat story for the Saturday Evening Post. This has nothing to do with politics. It is strange since Senator Hoar's anti-Panama administration speech how really much all the democrats think of him. The Hon. Jerry Simpson of Wilton seeks leave in congress has come out unreservedly for Judge Parker for president. This settles it. The Jacksonville "Times-Union" announces that "whiskey is going up." The Washington-Post announces that at the Capital it is going down. It is believed that the American people will be more interested in what Count Tolstol thinks of Bryan than in what Colonel Bryan thinks of Tolstol. We learn with gladness that the California strawberry crop is ripening up. The Southern possum crop is also reaching the proper degree of maturity for harvesting. Some of the candidates who are announcing that they are not candidates are in hopes that they are mistaken and that a loving people will rise up and call them favorite sons. The Kansas City Journal wants the country to bear in mind that it was Croker not Grover who encouraged Mr. Bryan to again be a candidate. The Journal does not want the names to become confused. The Chicago Chronicle, esteemed for its democratic simplicity and its large circulation, continue to demand that President Roosevelt resign. What does the president mean by not heeding the voice of the People? To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. H. Selts, of Detroit, Mich., says, "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels." There are people in this community who need just such a medicine. For sale by Holch & Son, Malvernora, all general stores in Pike Co. Every box warranted.

PAUPAC.

Our items last week were pretty late for a Merry Christmas, but we hope they will appear in time for a Happy New Year to all. On the 23rd a few of our young people attended the entertainment at school No. 2. All that noise X-mas night wasn't made by Santa returning to his home for the summer. It was merely the young folks out for a good time. They gathered at the home of C. A. Pellett where a good supply of oysters and a floor waxed for dancing was furnished them. At the house of C. E. Williams Christmas was spent as usual, the family circle being completed by the presence of Mrs. Frank Gilpin and her husband from Hawley. Yolande and Francis Killam went to Scranton last week to spend a short time with their sister, Mrs. Edson Green. Gertrude Pellett is making a visit at her parents, C. A. Pellett and wife. The city of New York was visited last week by G. N. Killam. Other visitors from Hawley during X-mas week were Olive Ansley and Helen Singer, at their parents. We were pleased to have Henry Bennett spend his X-mas with us as it shows he don't forget the old folks. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Adams. Sunday school was intended to close at No. 3 on the 27th but owing to the snow no one ventured out, thereby causing it to close for the winter three weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Pellett are making a short visit with relatives in Dalton. Although the bells were too late for the 25th, we hope to hear them ringing in the new year from schools 3 and 4.

Consumption

Salt pork is a famous old-fashioned remedy for consumption. "Eat plenty of pork," was the advice to the consumptive 50 and 100 years ago. Salt pork is good if a man can stomach it. The idea behind it is that fat is the food the consumptive needs most. Scott's Emulsion is the modern method of feeding fat to the consumptive. Pork is too rough for sensitive stomachs. Scott's Emulsion is the most refined of fats, especially prepared for easy digestion. Feeding him fat in this way, which is often the only way, is half the battle, but Scott's Emulsion does more than that. There is something about the combination of cod liver oil and hypophosphites in Scott's Emulsion that puts new life into the weak parts and has a special action on the diseased lungs. A sample will be sent free upon request. Be sure that the picture in the form of a fish is on the wrapper of every bottle of Scott's Emulsion. SCOTT & BOWNE, CHEMISTS, 409 Pearl St., N. Y. See and try all druggists.

A Trinity of Evils.

Wickedness, Drunkenness, Slothfulness. These three evils lead to poverty, misery and death. The only remedy is a sincere conversion to God.

SILVER LAKE

A number of club members are enjoying their holiday vacation at the club house. They enjoyed a moonlight sleighride to Porters Lake Tuesday evening. The school children are having a vacation this week. Miss Millie Snyder of Centro is spending this week with Mrs. Mercier. Miss Ernestine Rigney of Milford is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John D. Hanna. Abram Bradley of Coles passed here on route to Hunters Range on Tuesday. El and George Darrago of Dingmans purchased Chas. Courtright's planing mill. The recent cold weather has frozen the lake, and the young people are enjoying the skating. Thomas Shepherd spent Monday with friends near Coles. The Christmas entertainment passed off very pleasantly and great credit is due both teacher and pupils. The schoolroom was artistically decorated with evergreens. Prof Layton thanked the audience for their attention, and the parents and patrons for their kindness and cooperation in helping to make it a success. The presents were then distributed. The teacher and pupils received handsome and useful gifts. After the program was rendered a social was held, the refreshments served were oranges, cake and lemonade. The Christmas tree was brilliantly decorated. Fred Bosler of near Dingmans is now in the employ of August Mercier. Wm. Mink of Minks Pond called here Sunday. Levi Jagger spent Sunday in Dingmans. NOTICE TO BRIDGE BUILDERS. The Commissioners of Pike county will receive sealed bids at their office in the Court House, Milford, Pa., Saturday, January 9th, 1903, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the construction of a steel bridge across the Lackawaxen Creek, at Rowland, Pa. Bidders to submit plan and specifications. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the Board. T. H. BAKER, Commissioners' Clerk, Milford, Pa., Dec. 23, 1902.

It has been suggested that that new and improved incubator recently put upon the market be applied to the Parker presidential boom.

Wyckoff's New York Store Weekly News

A Great Price Reduction Sale in the Garment Section. This entire stock has been carefully gone through, the price reductions are radical. We don't wait until the season is over, but begin now while there are months before you of wearing time. Women's Jackets & Coats of Every Description. Separate Skirts Bunched into Bargain Lots. All Our Fine Tailor-Made Suits.

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