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BRIEF MENTION

Miss Fannie Pollon of New York visited in town this week.

We wish you a happy New Year. The extent of the earthquake horror at Sicily is not yet known and perhaps the total number of lives lost never will be determined. The list of killed grows and is now estimated at probably 200,000. Towns have been obliterated, the strait of Messina changed, hundreds of people are homeless, devastation, desolation, want and all the adjuncts of the awful calamity, possibly the greatest in the history of the world, are being told.

Now write it 1909. Harry Dewitt of Fitchburg, Mass. visited relatives here over Xmas.

Bert Beatty of Middle Falls, N. J. who frequently visits town in summer was here recently for a few days.

Dr. David Chapin and wife of Soranton are spending a few days with the family of Hon. Jacob Kliser.

E. S. Wolfe and family recently were guests with Sullivan Co. N. Y. friends.

A slight fire among some wood shaves in the shed of James P. Van Ethen called out the fire department Tuesday morning. The fire was extinguished before the arrival of the fireman and no damage was done.

The United States leads the world in lead production in 1907, the output being over 33 per cent of all produced. Spain, its nearest rival, produced 18 per cent.

Madame L. Russell Garnier, of The Castle, Tarrytown, is spending a few days in town.

Abraham Roof, who was convicted of bribery at San Francisco, has been sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary. Good and plenty but not too much. Such sentences may tend to make that species of obliquity unpopular.

Benjamin W. Decker, a prominent citizen of Sussex, N. J. is dead at the age of 75 years.

Anna, wife of Fred Peavial, died at her home in Matamoras Monday aged 43 years. Her husband, three daughters and a son survive.

Nathan Emery, jr., visited his son in New York over Christmas.

People here sometimes are inclined to complain of the Board of Health, some because they act in certain matters and others because in others they do not. Those who find fault may compare the action of the board in Port Jervis, where it has ordered that Town's horses be moved out and his stables closed up and that two properties of R. E. Schofield be condemned and the tenants moved out.

A free 96 page diary for our readers.

We take pleasure in announcing that any of our readers can secure a fine 96 page diary for 1909, by sending 2 cents postage, to D. SWIFT & CO., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C. This diary is worth 25 cents, and contains 20 pages of valuable information, such as the crop production of 1908, by states; Brief but valuable points of every-day law and patent laws; Business forms, and population of all cities and states, etc., and 75 blank pages.

A terrible earthquake shock visited lower Italy and Sicily last week. Towns were destroyed and the number of lives lost is appalling, running it is estimated from 25 to 175,000.

Miss Charlotte White has gone to New York for a two weeks visit.

Durant Drake, who married Miss Anna White last year and who has been very ill, is reported as improving. It is sincerely hoped that this condition may be permanent.

New Jersey's health department is making a careful investigation of the sources of pollution of the Delaware river from which Trenton obtains her water supply. The result is abhorrent to the idea of using the water for any domestic purpose even bathing, and it is quite likely a determined effort will be made to prevent town sewerage into the stream. It is just as well to take a look ahead and make preparations to abide by the old maxim if you use your own as not to injure your neighbors. It may be more expensive at first but when once properly done it will not be necessary to do it over, and things are moving in the direction of compelling such action.

J. E. Boyd was kicked by his horse Tuesday on the chin bone causing a painful bruise.

Miss Nancy Olmsted is seriously ill.

John Howe is reported to have been stricken with blindness, which it is hoped may be only temporary.

When it is not convenient to apply heat to frozen pipes to thaw them, spread a cloth thickly, with unslacked lime, fasten it around the frozen pipe and throw water on it. The heat produced as the lime slakes is great enough to thaw the ice.

An officer for the prevention of cruelty to animals would have an occasional job here. There are some men who will abuse a good horse and when this happens the two-legged brute should be punished in a corresponding manner. How would a man for instance, like being tied to a post for several hours on a cold day without food and covered with only a thin blanket, while his horse metaphorically speaking was in some barn, cursing, drinking and making a confused nuisance and fool of himself generally. Of course such a thing could not really happen because a horse, even if he had the opportunity would be too sensible to "fill up" on such stuff as humans delight to drink.

Peter R. Piekello of Milford contributed five hundred dollars Christmas to the United Charities of New York. It was the largest single contribution.

Milford ladies gave a Leap Year dance last evening in Brown Hall which was well attended.

Because the court at Easton made some remarks condemning boys smoking cigarettes, dealers there have agreed not to sell tobacco in any form to minors.

Business will be brisk around the Court House next week. The new board of Commissioners will organize by electing a president and clerk.

Treasurer Chol will assume office with probably James H. Heller as deputy, and the county auditors will begin the labor of going over the county finances for the past year. As part of their labors they should prepare a statement showing the actual condition of the county as to indebtedness and resources up to Jan 1, 1909.

The new county bridge at Lackawaxen is completed and crossing has commenced.

After a rain Wednesday the weather grew much colder yesterday, thus checking whatever water fell, so that streams were not affected. It is a heap dryer in the country generally than in some prohibition sections.

"Ambitious young men and ladies should learn Telegraphy; for, since the now 8-hour law became effective there is a shortage of many thousands and telegraphers positions pay from \$50 to \$70 per month to beginners. The National Telegraph Institute of Philadelphia, Pa. and five other cities is operated under supervision of R. R. Officials and all students are placed when qualified. Write them for particulars." 1109

Bertha Wells against Frank H. Wells, Divorce. The court filed a decree Dec. 30th granting an absolute divorce in this case.

George Hubbard of Port Jervis who sought to restrain the city from removing the wooden sheds over the sidewalks in front of his houses was refused a permanent injunction by the court and now they will likely come down.

The Pennsylvania Legislature will meet next Monday when the contest for Senator will fairly begin.

Samuel Alman Esq., proprietor of the Delaware House at Lackawaxen, joyfully a visit with his children in New York over Xmas.

The week of prayer will be observed in the churches here beginning Sunday evening when Rev. Gorisse will preach in the Presbyterian church.

Gustave Gorisse Jr. and wife are spending the holiday week with the former's parents here. The boys remembered them Tuesday evening with a delightful melody of music.

The Thrice a week World is a good paper for the fireside this winter. You can secure it for a year in connection with the Press for \$2. That will give you 208 papers certainly cheap reading matter. If you want a sample copy send on your name on a postal.

Bessie Armstrong is visiting in New Brunswick, N. J.

The bond of Treasurer elect W. F. Chol for \$5000 with J. F. Myer of Lackawaxen, Percy Lyman and Geo. Green of Milford sureties, was approved by the court last Saturday.

W. L. Mathers ex State Treasurer who was convicted of conspiracy in the New Capitol cases and recently sentenced died at his Media home Wednesday of heart failure induced by pneumonia.

The will of Mrs. K. E. Petry of Matamoras probated devises \$1000 to her daughter Wilhelmina Zohlsacker and \$500 to her daughter Mrs. K. Schumacker, balance to her husband for life, who is named as executor.

Miss Jennie Struthers of Philadelphia, Miss Tillie Wood of New York, Miss Anna Kleer of Stroudsburg, Stuart Buchanan of New York, B. F. Larue and wife of Rossville, N. J., Miss Gertrude Gumbel of Philadelphia, W. J. Rudolph of Riverdale, N. J., Lancelot Wilson of New York, B. D. Blythe and wife of Staten Island and H. M. Potts and wife of Brooklyn were recent guests with friends here.

Wil Armstrong of New York has been in town for several days.

James Molineaux will pass the winter in Newark, N. J.

Brewers it is said are buying buck wheat to make a non-alcoholic beer for temperance states. What is the good of drinking it if it will not make drunk come. Might as well use soda water.

Mrs. Erb and her sister Mrs. Beisel are on trial at Media, Pa. for killing Capt. J. Clayton Erb at their home Red Gables last October. He was shot to death by some one.

Hains is on trial in New York for killing Annis at Bayside last summer. He was shot when coming ashore in his boat. Two devilish, bad women are mixed up in these cases.

THE PENNSYLVANIA MOTOR FEDERATION

Stands for

GOOD ROADS, and a sane and reasonable use of them by every one.

A SQUARE DEAL for every user of the highways—whether horse drawn or motor propelled vehicles.

THE "ELIMINATION" of every form of "road hog," and especially the man who wants to use the public highway as a private race course.

THE DOCTRINE that the State should build and maintain at its own expense all main highways and liberally aid townships in the construction and maintenance of local roads.

IT IS AFFILIATED with the A. A. A., and is working thru that organization with the National Grange for these objects.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Nursing the Best Paid Occupation

The Philadelphia School for Nurses, 2219 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. offers Free Scholarships in Trained Nursing to young women in every State in the Union. The Scholarships cover the full Two Years' course, with room, board, uniforms, laundering, etc. included and railroad fare paid to home town or district upon the completion of the course.

A home study course and a short residence course are also provided, which quickly open the door to opportunity and enable progressive students to render a noble service to humanity and at the same time acquire for themselves a substantial income from the best paid occupation now open to women; besides qualifying every student to deal with emergencies in the home that may mean the saving of a loved one's life. Far-seeing philanthropists are adding to the resources of this School, with the view of ultimately extending these benefits to earnest, energetic young women in all country districts and in all the smaller towns and cities.

The Institution is approved and endorsed by leading physicians and educators of the entire country. Some of the leading men of this State are its strong supporters and endorsers, as will be seen by the catalogue which will be sent to any one who writes to the School for it.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. ELIZABETH BRISCO

Elizabeth Van Gorden, widow of the late James D. Brisco died at the home of her son in Lehman township Monday, Dec. 29th. She was born in that township May 12, 1832 and was a daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (Van Ethen) Van Gorden who were among the pioneer settlers in Delaware, now Lehman township. Moses father Jacobus probably to date there prior to 1775.

With the exception of a few years after her marriage she has always resided in Lehman.

She was a woman of excellent attainments, amiable disposition and in her quiet life won the highest regards of her social circle. Her husband died in 1895. She is survived by two sons, Moses V. with whom she lived, Harry L. of Dingmans Ferry, and one daughter Mary O. Horntwick. A brother Thomas of Jakeshok, Wis., and a half brother James Easton of Otaville, N. Y. The funeral was held to day.

MARKED FOR DEATH

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at both drug stores 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

The Philadelphia Press to tell of Asia's Awakening

Beginning Sunday, January 3rd, "The Philadelphia Press" will begin publishing Frank G. Carpenter's letters on "Asia's Awakening" and the mighty changes that are taking place in the far East. Since Russia's defeat by Japan, the other side of the globe has become the world's chief news center. In order to give "The Philadelphia Press" readers all the news from the other side of the world, they have sent Mr. Carpenter to investigate all these matters in the Eastern countries, and his complete and truthful reports will appear from week to week. He will travel thru Japan, from there into Korea, and then overland thru Manchuria, into China, and may later go thru Siam, Palestine and Turkey. His letters will be very interesting and should be read by everybody. Make sure you will get a copy every Sunday and order your copy in advance from your newsdealer or send direct to "The Philadelphia Press," Seventh and Chestnut Streets, Phila.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Milford and Log Tavern Pond Railroad Company will be held at the residence of W. V. Hilliard, Milford, Pike Co. Pa., Saturday, January 9, 1909 at 8 p. m.

FRANKLIN J. MYERS, Milford, Dec. 30, 1908. Secretary.

THIS IS WORTH READING! Leo F. Zellinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Backlen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at both drug stores, 25c.

Dividend Notice

The First National Bank of Milford, Pa.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent payable January 2nd, 1909, to stockholders of Record. Transfer books will be closed from Dec. 30 to Jan. 2.

JOHN C. WARNER, December 23, 1908. Cashier.

Notice of Election

The Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the Barrett Bridge Company, will be held at Room 4 Farmington Building in the city of Port Jervis, N. Y., Friday, January 1st, 1909, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The polls will be open from 9:30 until 10:30 o'clock A. M.

W. L. CUDDEBACK, Treasurer. Port Jervis, N. Y. Dec 15, 1908.

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State Road Improvement

In a letter to this paper commending its arguments in favor of a constructive policy of highway improvement by the State, Mr. J. H. Weeks, the chairman of the Good Roads Committee of the Pennsylvania Motor Federation, which has instituted a campaign to secure favorable action by the Legislature, thus definitely outlines its purpose:—

Our Main Highway Bill provides for a commission to be appointed by the Governor who shall prepare a complete plan of all the roads in the State which they believe should be converted into State roads, not alone those that the first appropriation of \$5,000,000 will cover. In other words, we are advocating the planning of a complete system. It is unquestioned that such a system will embrace at least three across-the-State highways and a number of north and south highways with branches running into every section of the State.

The difficulty today lies in the fact that our "State aid" roads only go into such sections as can afford to pay one fourth of the cost. The poorer sections get no roads for the reason that they cannot afford to pay their share. In certain localities important highways pass thru these poorer sections, with the result that an immediate amount of traffic is compelled to go over roads that are almost impassable.

The present plan has resulted in nothing but patchwork, mostly roads leading from nowhere to nowhere, and has practically frozen out the poorer townships. We maintain that the main highways should be constructed and maintained at the expense of the State. They are for general use, and should be supported by the general fund. We naturally have a selfish interest in advancing the cause of good roads in Pennsylvania, but our bills have been worked out not solely in the interest of the automobilists, as many seem to think but according to the motto we have adopted, "Good roads for the farmer means good roads for the automobilist." Our bills provide for no boulevards, but for common-sense roads treated with a preservative which shall make them waterproof and dustproof.

It is obvious that what is here indicated is the sensible treatment of the State's highway problem. If there is to be substantial progress in road improvement there must be a system by which each stretch of work accomplished shall be part of a contemplated whole. The entire scheme of betterment should be lodged in the State authorities, and the funds acquired by general taxation. It is as unjust to deny good roads to the poorer sections of the Commonwealth as to deny paved streets to the poorer sections of a city.

Annual Elections

Managers of the Milford Cemetery Association will be elected next Monday afternoon at the office of C. W. Ball Esq.

First National Bank stockholders will on the same date elect officers.

Milford Fire Department will elect officers Tuesday evening Jan 5.

Stockholders of the Milford, Matamoras and N. Y. R. R. Co and of the Milford and Log Tavern Pond R. R. Co. will elect directors at the residence of W. V. Hilliard Jan 9.

NOTES FROM SANDYSTON

The Grand Jury of this County has been in session for some days and flying reports are circulated that certain parties have been indicted.

One complaint went before that body, supported by affidavit, as to alleged bribery at the last election. There are no flying reports about that complaint.

The schools of this town I believe without exception adjourned over Holiday time or until Jan 4th.

The Sandyston Committee met on Thursday at Hainesville for setting up the year's business.

The new Committee will meet at the same place on Saturday Jan 2.

Miss Mabel Smith of Newark is spending her Holiday vacation with her parents at Layton.

Miss Fanny Fuller of the State Normal school is enjoying her vacation with her parents near Layton.

Mackly Van Ethen, a life long resident of this town passed away at an early hour on the morning of the 21st. He was quiet and unassuming and of genial disposition and had many friends.

He is survived by his widow and five children; Oscar and Daniel at home, Lyman at Newton, Mrs. Elmer Gariss of Flatbrookville and Mrs. Emma Myers of Milford.

Deceased was about 72 years of age. John I. Vansickle brought along with him from Ohio a stylish fine bay mare.

Extra meetings will commence in the Layton church on Sunday evening and continue until further notice. The minister in charge will be assisted by the Rev. Mr. Jamieson.

The chicken supper in the Hainesville church on Christmas Eve was largely attended, and the sum of fifty dollars was added to their treasury.

Bids are being put in for the various mail routes in this section, and if the patrons along the route from Milford to Branchville could have the say, the present carrier, Mr. Hoffman, would receive a unanimous vote for his retention, for he certainly fills the bill.

CAUTION!

Whereas my wife Mary E. Gould has left my bed and board without any just cause or provocation this is to warn, and forbid, all persons from trusting her on my account as I will not be responsible for any debts of her contracting.

J. HENRY GOULD, Lehman Twp. Dec. 23, 1908.

Election of Managers

The annual election of managers of the Milford Cemetery Association will be held at the office of C. W. Ball in the Borough of Milford on Monday, January 4, 1909 between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, Milford, Pa. Dec. 8, 1908. Sec'y

Notice of Election

The First National Bank of Milford, Pa.

Dec. 12, 1908

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking rooms on Tuesday, January 12, 1909, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock P. M.

JOHN C. WARNER, Cashier.

Annual Meeting

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FRANKLIN J. MYERS, Milford, Dec. 30, 1908. Secretary.

Wanted Oak Plank

Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary of the Milford Bridge Company for 12,000 feet oak plank 3 in. thick 12 feet long, delivered at bridge up to Saturday Jan. 2nd, 1909 at 2 p. m.

J. H. VAN ETTEN, Milford, Pa. Secretary.

A DANGEROUS OPERATION is the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria. 25c at both drug stores.

Good Roads—What They Mean

The Penna. Motor Federation has initiated a campaign for a constructive policy of State Road improvement. The condition of these highways, as a whole, is deplorable. They are a hundred years behind Twentieth Century civilization, and put Pennsylvania to shame in comparison with the enlightened policies of other commonwealths. It is gratifying to note that this particular Federation, with its special interest in highway betterment, now organizes a movement that is of the greatest benefit to all the people. It does not minimize the importance of the effort of these motorists that they are actuated by a personal consideration, for if they can secure one new good road at any point in the State, that road will be a substantial blessing to every man, woman and child that is compelled to use it.

What enhances the value of property more than the fact that that property is situated in a community where good roads abound; where access is made easy, and where the horse as well as the automobile may go its way in peace? Who more than the farmer benefits when the roads are hard, smooth and dustless? The prejudices—experienced thru all the history of the world's progress—against innovations of whatever sort succumb, as it always does, to an intelligent recognition of modern necessities; and it subsides the more readily in the case of the automobile, because the man who needs highway betterments recognizes that it is the most potent instrumentality in crystallizing public opinion for a generous policy of road reconstruction.

The members of this Motor Federation are to be commended for their patriotic efforts to speedily secure such legislation as will better existing conditions. They have in readiness for presentation to the coming Legislature three separate and distinct measures dealing with the highway problem. One of these calls for a \$50,000,000 loan for the improvement of all roads in the State. For constitutional reasons, this cannot under any circumstances become law in less than five years, or until the year 1913, even if it be favorably acted upon at the coming session.

The second provides for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for immediate use while the last of the three has to do with the preservation of stone roads already constructed or which may be hereafter constructed by the State aid plan. All these measures should receive popular support, because their whole purpose is to benefit every interest concerned in highway transportation.

The Good Roads Committee of this Federation has taken upon itself the responsibility of asking all the township commissioners, burgesses and mayors in the State to lend their moral and physical support to the campaign to the extent of procuring signatures to certain specific petitions addressed to the various members of the Legislature. Thus far the returns from this appeal have been most gratifying.

MEDICINE THAT IS MEDICINE

"I have suffered a good deal with malaric and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters; a medicine that is medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and far from down conditions," says W. C. Kessler, of Hildray, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c at both drug stores.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

In spite of the fact that the word dyspepsia means literally bad cook, it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas Dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—let us hope so for the sake of the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a bad stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach rigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

FOR SALE!!

One pony, cart and harness; Two carriages and one sleigh.

Wm. METZ, Milford, Pa.