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BRIEF MENTION

Hiram Maxim recently gave a demonstration of a gun silencer, an invention to make noiseless the discharge of rifle cartridges. It is a simple device consisting a little cylinder containing rolls attached to the muzzle of the gun, and reduces the noise made by firing a standard rifle of the Army to a degree less than the snapping of a finger.

Born Feb. 8th to Mark Ryder and wife of this Boro a son.

The South has Jim Crowed the negroes and now some of the far western States California, Nevada and Oregon want to do the same kind of act for the Japs. The President protests that it is against treaty regulations with that country and is trying to prevent it.

The School Directors Convention at Harrisburg last week did not commit itself on the proposed new school law which makes radical changes in the States educational system. If school management could be divorced from politics and only men capable, qualified and interested were elected as directors a long step would be taken toward advancing the cause of education, and until people generally awake to that fact and carry it into execution, new laws will not greatly avail to remedy some existing evils.

Miss Florence Lattimore has gone on a visit of several weeks with relatives in Hartford, Conn. She was accompanied to New York by her brother Joseph.

It is expected that within the next year the total number of acres in the State's forest reserves will reach one million. The average cost of the land to date is $2.25 per acre.

Speaker Cox wants $4000 appropriated to pay expenses of Members and Senators to attend the inauguration March 4th. Would they do the state credit to that extent? Better let all who want to attend cough up the same as common mortals who do not draw pay from the state.

C. O. Armstrang recently visited Philadelphia for several days.

Governor Stuart, introducing Gifford Pinchot last week when he made an address in the House said: He was one of the most useful citizens in the country—and about the same time when the Forestry bill was before Congress one of the western members declared that Pinchot was doing his work only to obtain the position of Secretary of Agriculture. The West because the Forestry Department has largely curtailed the unlawful use of Government lands is not friendly to its operations They want liberty out there and not law in their business with the public domains.

Mrs. A. M Mettler has gone to Pittston to visit her brother Floyd Jennings, who is seriously ill. He taught a select school in this place some 40 yeary ago.

Andrew J. Brink of Montague died last Monday.

After next July the new stations of the Erie in New York will be open and passengers then may go to either the up or down town through the Hudson tube, connections with which are now being made in Jersey City.

"The crop of the farmer matures every year and is taxed once; the crop of the forester matures once about every fifty years and is taxed every year. The crop of the farmer is taxed when mature; the crop of the forester is taxed even while it is growing. Is it just, is it fair? Can we expect the farmers to take up woodlot forestry under those conditions? A radical change in existing tax laws must be made before we can make woodlot forestry appeal to the farmer and encourage the growing of trees in the State."

Forest Leaves.

Governor Stuart says the annual floods in Pennsylvania, especially in the Pittsburg district, causing loss of life and enormous destruction of property, could be controlled in large degree, and probably prevented by proper forestation of non agricultural lands in the various watersheds.

"Denudation leaves naked soil; then gullying cuts down to the bare rock; then meanwhile the rock waste buries the bottom lands. When the soil is gone, men must go; and the process does not take long."

President Roosevelt.

William Gehrig was arrested this week charged with unlawfully having a deer in his possession after the closed season. He gave bail for his appearance at court.

The new battleship Delaware, just launched, is the largest fighting machine afloat It is 20,000 tons displacement, 584 feet long carries a main battery of 12 twelve inch guns, besides a number of smaller calibre, and has a speed of over 20 knots an hour. It is larger than the famous British ship Dreadnought.

The Government will not stand for intoxication while on duty. Last week Captain Qualtrough of the battleship Georgia, was convicted of the offense while attending a reception at Tangiers and suspended for six months, besides being set back ten numbers.

The ladies of Hope church, Matamoras, will have an old fashioned spelling match at Prescotts Hall this Friday evening. They should have one at least every month and other towns might follow such an example with profit as well as pleasure.

George Lattimore of Lakewood, N. J., visited his mother here this week.

Miss Florence Lattimore is not in good health and her many friends would be glad to learn that she is not affected with any serious malady.

February, the shortest month in the year, has four Sundays and three holidays; Lincoln's birthday, to-day, Election day, next Tuesday, and Washingtons birthday the 22nd.

The Comptroller of currency has called for statements of business of National Banks at the close of business Feb 6.

A thunder shower passed over town Wednesday That in February is said to indicate cold weather and it came quite promptly.

Opposition has arisen to the proposed new school code notably from Philadelphia. It changes the entire educational system and makes many innovations. Until it passes finally, as it may be greatly amended, it would be difficult to outline its general effect.

A Noble Lifework for Women

A hundred thousand trained nurses would not be too large an army to meet the universal need for their services, which is so great that the Philadelphia School for Nurses, of 2219 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., in trying to meet a small part of the demand, has grown to be the largest school for nurses in the world.

The School is working for a vastly larger number of nurses, greater efficiency and greater victories in the national conflict against disease and death. It desires to help physicians in villages and country districts, where hospital service and scientific nursing are lacking. It wants to bring to the School hundreds and thousands of bright girls from country towns and districts, give them a thorough training, and send them back to be a blessing—the right hand and main reliance of the physician.

It wants women everywhere—every mother, wife and daughter to learn the great essentials of scientific nursing, not only for use and protection in their own homes, but so that they too can share in this great humanitarian work, this is to save hundreds of thousands of lives from preventable disease and suffering.

For many women the School has opened the way to a life work of usefulness, blessing and self support. The School holds that the trained nurse is called to a high mission, to be fulfilled in a spirit of devotion; it also holds that she is entitled to a comfortable income from her work The idea of self support is as legitimate as the idea of fulfilling a noble mission, and it may be safely affirmed that scientific nursing commands a far larger return than most of the callings open to women.

A large number of vacancies will soon be available in the various courses of the School, some of which are entirely free, and young women who desire to enter upon this great work should take prompt advantage of this golden opportunity. The School is situated in a pleasant quarter of Philadelphia, and is one of the noted institutions of that city.

This is Worth Reading

Leo F. Zelinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen'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.

OBITUARY

Henry M. Courtright

Mr. Courtright, a life long resident of Delaware, in which township he was born Jan. 24, 1831, died at his home near Conashaugh Wednesday evening. His health has been declining for some time and since the death of his wife, who was Amanda Van Etten, which occured last April, his failure has been marked He was a quiet citizen esteemed by his neighbors and the community in which he so long lived and had held several local offices. A brother Henry Anson of Delaware survives him. The funeral will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. and interment in Delaware Cemetery.

The Lumber Industry

So far this has been a dull winter for lumbermen in the valley. No one has bot ties and but few have been made, tho recently Geo. Nyce of Bushkill has been offering to buy. It is said he intends erecting a carrier at Delaware Water Gap to take ties, mine props, etc, out of the river by which the labor can be performed much easier, quicker and cheaper than by the former method of doing with teams. Should this prove true it may open a market for these products here, as they can then be rafted. Heretofore the expense of rafting and taking out has been too great to make getting them profitable. Lumber in the vicinity of Bushkill and within carting distance is practically gone, especially mine ties, and the distance from here is too great to any railroad to warrant cutting them with profit. Should Mr. Nyce devise a means by which they can be handled with less expense it would probably develop a new industry in this vicinity. There is yet considerable timber within a radius of a few miles of Milford, especially such as is suitable for mine ties and could the cutting be made profitable many no doubt would be got out. If farmers and owners of timber lands would see that the work was done with care so as not to destroy the very young growth their timber lots would be the most profitable parts of their farms, for the new growth would quickly develop and enable them, if judiciously thinned out, to make a cutting every year or two. Keep the fires out of the woods. Use good judgment in cutting and you will have a yearly source of revenue which will put more money to your bank account than some methods of farming.

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.

Proposed New Acts

Among the Acts of general interest introduced in the legislature are the following:

An act relating to deeds for conveying lands and prescribing a form of deed which may be used.

An act providing that the real estate of all railroad, street railway, water, gas, telegraph, telephone, electric light, heat and power companies etc., shall be subject to taxation for county, city, borough and all other local purposes.

An act to prohibit furnishing cigarettes or cigarette paper to any person under twenty-one years.

An act to authorize a brief form for mortgages, providing for their validity and recording.

An act to prohibit in divorce cases the remarriage of both libelant and respondent for five years after date of divorce.

An act to amend the automobile act of 1905.

An act amending the election of road supervisors so as to allow them a per diem while attending their duties.

An act to relieve homes, farms and real estate in the state from taxation for school purposes.

If interested in any of the above acts write Mr. Marvin at Harrisburg for a copy.

Advertise in the Press.

A COMPARISON

Editor Pike County Press.

Dear Sir:—

Are comparisons odious? If not please compare the traveling expense account and salaries of the Board of County Commissioners of 1908 as now being published in the Auditors Statement, with that of the Board of Commissioners of 1904, the year the Rowland bridge was built—which you will find shows up about as follows:

Year 1904 Bridge building and repairing $16564, not all paid during year. Traveling expenses and livery $462.70. Salaries $2072

Year 1908 Bridge building and repairing $15850, not all paid during year. Traveling expenses and livery $66.25. Delivering ballots $70. Total $136 25. Salaries $900.

A difference in expenses of $326.45 and in salaries of $1172, or a total of $1498.45.

Notwithstanding the above showing the Board of Auditors of 1908, as well as their Accountant saw at a glance that there was "an African in the fence" in the matter of traveling expense account, and they immediately employed counsel at a cost to the county of $10, and wisely summoned the Commissioners by telephone from their respective homes to appear before them at their morning session, which convened as usual at 10 a. m The two commissioners with the smaller bills appeared at the stated hour, were sworn and put thru the thirty-third degree, which resulted it is said in some "astounding disclosures"—but mark you for all that, they were dismissed after receiving a gentle admonition from the chairman and the expert accountant, (who by the way is a master hand in this respect.) at which time it was in order to adjourn until 2 p. m.

On reassembling at the stated hour, an out going official higher up in politics, who had also been summoned to appear before the Board was put on the grill,—a very few interrogations had been made when the chairman who is also an ex-county treasurer, carelessly tread on a sleeping dog, and in the commotion that followed the back bone of the the Board of Auditors was almost broken,—at this juncture the commissioner with the larger bill entered, and was almost immediately dismissed unsworn and unshorn, thus ended a days session of the Board of Auditors.

Now why were those matters disposed of thus—the commissioners, if not the higher official, were at least caught red handed,— the bills were before the auditors in black and white showing that they had received out of the county treasury $66 25 as traveling expenses, in the matter of bridge work, and yet they were dismissed after a gentle admonition had been administered to but two of them.

Does not the whole affair plainly indicate that either the members of the Board of Auditors are derelict in their duties, or that they too have been "reached."

Yours very truly,

An Observer of County Affairs.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

The best known street of Washington, Pennsylvania Avenue, is beginning to assume an inaugural appearance. Seats and grand stands have been built in front the White House where the President, after his inauguration on the 4th of March, the diplomatic corps, and high government officials will sit to observe the grand parade Thousands of others will here occupy seats on both sides of the Avenue at prices varying probably from one to two dollars. As usual the mile stretch of avenue from the Treasury Department to the Capitol grounds on the south side will be lined with seats or bleachers very much after the manner of those used in baseball, football or athletic spectacles. Windows all along the avenue on both sides are rented at exhorbitant prices and from these thousands will gaze at the militiary, political and civic processions as they pass to and from the Capitol on the 4th of March.

As has been already observed President Roosevelt will be seen in the carriage only as it proceeds to the Capitol. He will not return with his successor to the White House but will go direct to the Union Station from the Capitol, and there take a train for his home at Oyster Bay. This is an innovation; but by no means, as the public well knows, unusual for Theodore Roosevelt.

His personal household goods are already in process of shipment to his New York home and after President elect Taft shall have taken the oath of office, Theodore Roosevelt will become a private citizen. There is good sense and propriety in his effacing himself and turning his back on the White House and the Capitol, and leaving the glory and the burden, without diversion of his conspicuous presence, entirely to his successor.

Congress is, to all appearances wasting its time discussing nonessentials and having furious debates as to whether an appropriation of twelve thousand dollars shall be made for automobiles for the coming big president, involving a question as to whether the machine shall supercede the horse or whether the horse shall stand pat and defy the machine. These questions seem frivolous in view of the fact that the appropriation bills have not been passed and that conservation of the natural resources, the reorganization of the naval establishment, and other great questions equally as important are awaiting the action of the legislative body. But it must be remembered that Congress is talking to the galleries—the galleries being their constituents in far off states and Congressional districts. In Congressional committees work on appropriation bills is going on and the appropriation bills, complete or half complete will be rushed thru on the last days of the session.

Important differences have developed among the members of the Committee on Ways and Means that are expected to involve a bitter fight over the tariff bill when it comes up before the House at the special session to be called for the tenth of March. The Republican standpatters on the committee are in the minority. It appears that Sereno Payne leader of the House, and John Dalzell, the leading standpatter are not working harmoniously on the new tariff bill. From latest information regarding the Ways and Means Committee, Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Bonynge of Colorado, Needham of California, Fordney of Michigan and Calderhead of Kansas are still as rigidly standpat as ever, but those in favor of revision downward and of a more liberal policy are Hayne of New York, McCall of Massachusetts, Hale of Maine, Boutelle of Illinois and Longworth of Ohio. The two remaining members, Crumpacker of Indiana and Gaines of West Virginia appear to be a doubtful element but it is that a majority is in favor of real revision. It is said that some of the differences between the two groups are irreconcilable and that they will not be settled except after a long debate and a bitter contest in the House.

The President, as was expected, has vetoed the Census Bill appointing three thousand clerks without civil service examination. His most remarkable words in the message vetoing the bill were: I do not believe in the doctrine that to the victor belong the spoils; but I think even less of the doctrine that the spoils shall be divided without a fight by the professional politicians on both sides; and this would be the result of permitting the bill in its present shape to become a law.

The message was received with the accompaniment of laughter which has been the recent fashion of receiving messages from the President by the House and Senate. It is believed, however, that Congress will not be able to muster the necessary two thirds vote to override the veto. It is thought probable that the bill will remain on the table, awaiting the action of the special Congress which, altho it will be called specifically for the purpose of considering a tariff bill, will nevertheless have plenary authority to enact other legislation. Even if Congress were able to pass the bill over the President's veto by a two thirds vote, it is doubtful if some members and some senators would dare to vote in favor of such a measure.

DIVORCE IS A HOME PRODUCT

Native-Born Whites Chief Offenders Against Marriage Laws

Increase of divorce in the United States cannot be attributed to the influence of aliens. It must be recognized as one of the developments of national life for which the native-born American must accept responsibility, if statistics are to be believed In the February Delineator, Charles Ellwood, professor of sociology, University of Missouri, says:

Divorce is not an evil which the foreign born and the negro have brot to us, for it especially characterizes the native white, that is, the prominently American element in the population It is about twice as high among the native whites as among the foreign born. This leads one to suspect that divorce has something to do with the individualism of the American people, the tendency among us for each one to do as he pleases, to be a law unto himself. This is borne out by the fact that in those sections of the country in which individualism is most highly developed, the divorce rate is highest namely, in New England and the Western States. It is borne out also by the fact that divorce is more than four times as common among Protestants as among Catholics. The Protestant element in the population is the element in which individualism is more highly developed; besides, the Roman Catholic Church refuses to sanction absolute divorce upon any ground.

Finally, two-thirds of all divorces are granted upon demand of the wife. This suggests that the standards of morality of the male element of the population are not what they should be, and that husbands too often give ground for divorce by immoral conduct. Higher standards of morality are necessary as civilization advances, and conduct which the wife overlooked in the husband a half century ago, or bore in silence, now becomes a ground for divorce.

This last statement suggests another cause for increasing divorce in this country, and that is the emancipation of woman. Woman has now almost equal rights with man, and has achieved her economic, intellectual and moral as well as legal independence of man. This has been a good thing in itself, but many women have used their freedom to emphasize their rights rather than their duties, and consequently have rendered the family life less stable. In so far as the movement for "woman's rights" has been simply an expression of growing individualism or selfishness on the part of our women, it has tended, like all individualism, to destroy the home.

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 vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

NOTES FROM SANDYSTON

We regret to announce the illness of Miss Fanny Fuller, now in attendance at the Trenton Normal School.

Miss Fuller will come home as soon as able to stand the journey.

John Aber has sold his place near Bevans to Edward Raser, who will occupy it April 1st.

Price not stated.

John Layton jr an aged resident of this town is critically ill at his home near Bevans.

He is in his 84th year.

Albert Knight, one of the most respected citizens of Walpack township, died on the 3rd inst aged 72 years.

Mr. Knight has been in ill health for a long time and his death was not unexpected.

Candlemas Day came and went, and there is no doubt, but that the groundhog saw his shadow About the other prophecy of having half your meat and half your hay, that is a question

The many friends of Willie Clark, youngest son of Whig Clark, formerly a resident of Sandyston will be glad to hear that he has been reelected Police Judge of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and only a few days ago was appointed Transfer Tax Appraiser at a salary of $2,500 per annum, and he will fill the bill.

John Wanklin, an aged blacksmith who has worked at different places in this valley died on Saturday last at the home of Daniel Bugsbee in Montague from an attack of paralysis.

A New England supper will be held in the church at Layton on the evening of the 23rd inst. The ladies here always provide lots of good things and all can be assured of a good time.

Some of our wise acres are putting up a howl because Governor Fort advises the using of moneys formerly given to the school fund for other purposes. If any one interested will read the article on New Jersey finances in last Sundays New York Herald, they will find that the Governor is in the right.

Roe Fuller, teacher of the Brookside school, resumed his school room duties Monday morning. He is just getting over an attack of measles.

Medicine That Is Medicine

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria 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 for run down conditions," says W. C. Kiestler, of Halliday, 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.

Letters From the Far East

The brilliant writer on travel Frank G. Carpenter, is now traveling thru the far Eastern countries. He tells his experiences in a fascinating, entertaining, as well as educating letter every week in "The Philadelphia Press" every Sunday. The series has just begun by Mr. Carpenter, and will surpass anything he has ever attempted. He is now in Japan, where he met the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, also the greatest General, Prince Yamagata, who is really the father of the great fighting machine, which brot Japan to the front. Mr. Carpenter will also travel thru China. Korea and Manchuria, and his letters will appear every Sunday exclusively in "The Philadelphia Press." Order your copy today from your newsdealer so you wont miss a letter of this great series.

The Trained Nurse

For a young woman who wishes a fine profession, well paid and in every way desirable, there is nothing that can compete with the profession of nursing. The brightest and most refined choose it as a life work. At the outset the duties may seem hard and distasteful but they are imposed only as a test of resolution and endurance and soon the work is made more agreeable. No labor is always easy and every profession has its irksome tasks and days when there seems no silver in the cloud but cheerfulness and a determination to overcome them and succeed will dispel the gloom and diligence and perseverence will receive their full rewards.