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## BRIEF MENTION

Judge Purdy of Honesdale was in town a day last week with a new six cylinder Winton car. He stopped at the Backhill House.

The Governor has signed the Murphy-Shields trolley bill which provides for connection of steam and street railway tracks which allows the transfer of both freight and passenger cars on such connected roads.

He also signed the bill which provides that the court may, in certain cases, suspend sentence of a convict and place the prisoner on parole in charge of a probation officer.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt, through the courtesy of A. Mitchell Palmer, of a copy of the proceedings of the conference of Governors held at the White House in May 1908.

Governor Stuart has signed a bill fixing the salaries of county commissioners in counties having less than 25,000 population at \$500 a year, together with such expenses as are allowed by law. Now watch for scramble in this county at the next election for those officials. The pay however, is not too large for men who fill the office with economy and good judgment.

Angela J. Evans, authoress of "St. Elmo," "Bath" and other novels which a generation ago were widely read, is dead.

A Massachusetts judge ruled on a \$1,000-word by hypothesis question in a murder trial recently on the ground that it was nonsense, pure and simple. This is an encouraging sign.

So little 'Jimmie' Hyde has managed to get in jail at last. It may do 'Jimmie' worlds of good.

There is just this about politics—it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: It is a fight between the down and outs and the up and ins.

A Rhode Island man has invented a money-counting machine. It is shocking to think how many people there are in this world who do not need such a machine.

"Niggers Falls will run dry in about 3000 years," says a scientist. Florida seems quite likely to make the trip within the next 4 months.

Of course its tough when a man with 400 wives is forced by cruel necessity to hunt a new job, but Ab Hamid will have to get busy.

The middle West hatchet may develop at any moment into a tariff axe.

In 1907 sugar paid \$60,000,000 in duties to the Government. In the same time it cost the consumers \$105,000,000 extra. Puzzle: Who got the \$45,000,000?

A number of self-sacrificing senators have enlisted for martyrdom on the wrong side of the income tax campaign.

The Port Jervis Union quoting from the Newburg News says that W. A. Parball, who has been missing from home for several weeks, is in a sanitarium in New Jersey, and his efforts are being made to settle up his affairs, with good prospect of success, so that he may return and eventually pay his creditors. The amount of his shortage in the Conklin estate is said to be considerably overestimated.

The expected importation of lion's skins will probably be sufficient to accommodate the asses who would nominate him for President in 1912.

Maybe the spring has really made up its mind at last.

Gifford Pinchot wants it understood that all is well in his neck of the woods.

Andrew J. Van Inwegen, for many years a resident of Matamoras, died in that Borough last Sunday morning aged seventy-seven years. He is survived by one sister Hannah, widow of Webb W. Corright residing in Port Jervis, and numerous nephews and nieces.

Nicholas Pfaffm, for many years a resident of Port Jervis, died in a Jewish Home at Pittsburg, Pa., last Sunday afternoon aged about 82 years.

Governor Stuart has vetoed the bill providing for increased pay of primary election officers, also the bill providing for a state association of county commissioners.

William Steele spent last Saturday and Sunday with his parents here. He is making good as a pitcher in the Tri-state League.

John W. Lyon Esq and family of Port Jervis attended the funeral of the late John D. Biddis held here yesterday.

A newly elected justice of the peace in Florida before whom a negro had been convicted of larceny called the prisoner up and said: "You have been convicted of a crime against the law in my court and now, 'col' emmy turning the pages of a large trade catalogue until he hit the price list of tinware." I fine you \$4.18. "Thank de Lawd," said the darkey. The justice asked him what he meant "O golly," judge said the negro. "I is shure glad you secher turned ober dat page. 'Beeose, judge, dere are automobiles ober on de next one."

President Taft has promised that a large fleet of battle ships will be in readiness to join in the Hudson celebration which takes place in October. The ships will undergo many changes and will be painted an invisible grey color.

Ordering goods of dealers by telephone is very convenient for house-holders, and having them delivered by merchants saves time and also adds to their comfort, but a lady in Honesdale recently was the victim of quite a job in that direction. She bought a spot of cotton and ordered it delivered. The merchant procured a dray and two men and they loaded on the spot and drove down to the residence of the purchaser, taking along a large skid. The spot was placed on the skid and rolled on the porch of her home in presence of a crowd of neighbors, who had been forewarned of the event. It is hoped she accepted the performance with good grace, and the lesson in a proper spirit.

A big bull 120 horse power auto belonging to Mr. Roebbing of Trenton, N. J. broke down last week up in Dingman top going to Blooming Grove, and was brought to DeBerber's shop for repairs. It is a powerful and speedy machine.

Hon. John A. Kipp, after spending several days here with his family, returned to New York Wednesday.

The Brennan family have rented the Schleicher home, near Van Der Mark bridge, and moved there this week.

Broad Street is now in excellent condition and Harford Street is also in good shape. The V. I. A. expects to oil the latter before Decoration Day to test the quality of Glorin, a highly recommended dust preservative.

Port Jervis Common Council has granted a franchise to the D. V. R. R. Co. Work must begin on or before January 1, 1910 and the road completed to Jersey Avenue before July 1, 1910.

Henry Brink of Montague, N. J. has been indicted for the murder of Jerome Coppersmith near Tri States last January.

Twenty-seven children have been run over by automobiles and killed in New York city since April first. That is a strong argument why speeding and careless running should be severely punished and if possible prevented. Children's lives are far too precious to be wasted to gratify the speed craze.

Mrs. J. de C. Van Eten and son of Tuckahoe, N. Y. will arrive tomorrow for a visit with the family of J. H. Van Eten.

Captain Peter C. Hotes has been convicted of manslaughter by a jury at Fleming, L. I. for shooting Wm. E. Ames at Bayside last August. The defense was insanity. While Hotes, who was an army officer was in the Philippines, Ames became too intimate with his wife.

William, a brother of Albert Cottrell of Dingman township died last week in New York aged about 58 years. The remains were brought to Delaware Cemetery for interment.

Mrs. P. M. Niles of Riverside, Lebanon, is visiting her daughter Mrs. Ellis Lewis.

Liverymen are now protected by an act which provides a penalty for any person who willfully or negligently abuses their conduct by driving or taking a team of horses any greater distance than named when the horse is hired, without promptly apprising the owner of the extended use. The fine is \$100 or imprisonment for thirty days or both.

A city in Ohio, the mother of Presidents, is planning to have time beginning May 10th, pushed back a couple of hours. That is start the day at 8 a. m. and leave it at 4 p. m. and continue thus until October 1. This might prove a very acceptable change to many who work in mills and factories. The good farmer now, however begins his day even earlier and leaves off when it is too dark to see.

Daniel G. Abers, who resided on Moss Street in this borough, died May 9th, after a long illness of consumption aged 59 years. He leaves a wife and several children to survive him. Interment was made at Shattown, N. J.

Mrs. Frank Schorr went to Hawley this week, called there by the illness of her sister in law.

G. W. Decker, a brother of Mrs. Biddis, and Oscar M. Wells of New York also were present.

Mrs. Justin Leuchstein and daughter of Nyack, N. Y. have returned here for the summer.

Levi Lord, the present incumbent of Blooming Grove, Emil Vuille Jr. of Greene, and E. A. Greening are Democratic candidates for Jury Commissioners. G. H. McCarty seeks reelection on the Republican ticket.

Rev. L. C. Muller D. D., Superintendent of the Paterson District of the Newark Conference will preach in the M. E. Church here Sunday both morning and evening.

Be careful how you expectorate in public places where signs are posted. The fine is \$1 and costs or a jail sentence of 5 days.

Autos and Motor Vehicles.

The new act of assembly regulating automobiles and motor vehicles is now in operation except the clauses fixing the amount of license and methods of registering vehicles which do not take effect until Dec. 31, 1909.

Some of its chief provisions are as follows:

No person under 18 years may now operate a machine without first obtaining a license, and that chauffeurs or paid operators must obtain a drivers license. Fee \$2. No person when intoxicated shall operate a motor vehicle. \$100 to \$200 or imprisonment for not more than one year.

No machine shall be operated under any number than its own registration, and no person may operate a machine without the consent of the owner.

Machines must be provided with brakes, horn, bell or other signal device, which shall be sounded when necessary to insure the safety of others of the highway, and on a motor before starting and one hour after sunset must show two white lights in front and red light in rear.

Horn must be sounded when overtaking another vehicle or person walking in the highway, or a horse or horse of draft or burden, being led or ridden or driven. Horns must be sounded when approaching a street or road crossing in boroughs or townships where signs are displayed. Bells and horns must not be unnecessarily sounded when passing other vehicles. Operators have the same right to use of streets or roads as drivers of other vehicles, but when signaled must stop his machine and if necessary his engine until the danger is over.

Machines must not be operated recklessly or at greater speed than is reasonable considering width and traffic of the highway, but rate of speed is limited to a mile in two and a half minutes. Where danger signals are placed the speed limit shall not exceed a mile in five minutes.

Constables and police officers may arrest on view any person violating the provisions of the act, but must forthwith file an affidavit with the magistrate or justice setting out the alleged violation of the section of the act complained of. All fines and penalties, except those for violation of speed limit shall be paid to state, for the other to the borough or township treasurer, to be used for highway purposes.

Lived 152 Years

Wm. Pas—England's oldest man—married the third time at 120, worked in the fields till 132 and lived 20 years longer. People should be youthful at 80. James Wright, of Spurluck, Ky shows how to remain young. "I feel just like a sixteen year old boy," he writes, "after taking six bottles of Electric Bitters. For thirty years kidney trouble made life a burden, but the first bottle of this wonderful medicine convinced me I had found the greatest care on earth." They're a godsend to weak, sickly run down or old people. Try them 50c at all druggists.

FOR RENT

Four houses in Milford, situated on principal streets, either furnished or unfurnished.

JOHN A. KIPP.

Advertise in the Press.

## Real Estate Transfers

Jacob Miller to William Weisla, lot 620 Matamoras \$400.

Clearence E. Willis and others to Edson D. Knapp, 414 acres Porter, James Abercrombie No 166, \$1200.

John H. Sievers to George R. Doty 4 1/2 acres Palmyra near Big Pond.

Leon Schanno to Charles Bengelen 32 acres Milford top \$100.

J. R. Westbrook Tress to Moses and Wilson Van Anken, 160 acres Leobman assessed to Eva Van Anken taxes.

Maurice Roemer to A. H. Roemer 105 acres Green and Dreher townships.

Mary A. Keller to William Eberlin, 5 acres Shohola.

Mary A. Keller to Charles Bushmeister, 3 acres Shohola.

John A. Blitz to Joseph W. Swales 171 acres Green, part of Howe and Elliot \$250.

## Jersey Game Laws

New Jersey now has a very stringent game law, and those who wish to hunt over there should carefully inquire into its provisions. No non-resident can hunt without taking out a \$10.50 license, and that means that a man is not a resident unless he actually resides in the state for one year. The deer law is as follows:

"It is unlawful to take any doe or fawn. It is unlawful when hunting for deer to use or carry a rifle of any kind or description, or any firearm of a smaller caliber than twelve gauge weto load any shotgun with missile larger than buckshot. Deer may only be hunted by daylight and it is unlawful to hunt deer with dogs. Penalty \$100 to \$500. The season for killing deer is each Wednesday in the month of November. Only one deer can be taken by a person in each year."

"When a hunting license has been lost a duplicate or certificate cannot be issued. A new license must be obtained at the original cost.

## Do Not Spray Blossoms

The owners of fruit trees who instead of spraying their trees to prevent blights and kill the coding moth larvae, are advised by Prof. Surface of the Division of Economic Zoology of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture not to spray the blossoms, but to wait until after the petals have dropped, or more than three fourths are down. Injury will be caused to the blossoms if they are sprayed when open, but the spraying should not be delayed after the blossoms have fallen. To secure the best results the spray must be applied within six days after the blossoms fall, and a second spraying should be done ten days or two weeks after the first application to prove effectual.

The proper spraying material is the Bordeaux Mixture to which an arsenical poison such as Paris green or arsenate of lead is added. There are two spraying strengths for this liquid according to the hardness of the tree or plant to be sprayed. Spray the apple, pear, quince and potato with the strongest formula which calls for 3 lbs bluestone and 4 lbs of quick lime in 50 gallons of water, with one or two lbs of arsenate of lead added to this. If Paris green is used, instead of the arsenate of lead, one third lb should be used to each 50 gallons.

The weak formula calls for about one half of the above quantities of bluestone, lime and arsenate of lead in 50 gallons of water. This is used on peach and plum trees on account of their tender bark, and on similar delicate plants. Peach and plum trees do not need to be sprayed immediately after blossoming, but these and the grapes should be sprayed for wormy fruit, making the application after the fruit reaches the size of buckshot.

The Boyles Sentenced

James Boyle, who was convicted at Mercer, Pa., for kidnaping Willie Whirls of Sharon, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life, and his wife who was also convicted for the same crime was sentenced to twenty five years in prison and a fine of \$5000. They had a fairly good time for a few weeks out in Ohio after they got the boy, and now they will have ample leisure to repent. The sentence though severe is not harsh considering the offense and may deter other evil minded persons who contemplate such schemes of getting money.

Kills to Stop the Fiend

The worst foe for 12 years of John Deye, of Gladwin, Mich., was a running ulcer. He paid doctors \$400.00 without benefit. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve killed the ulcer and cured him. Cures Fever Sores, Boils, Felons, Eczema, Salt Rheum. Infallible for Piles, Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Corus. 25c at all druggists.

## OBITUARY

### JOHN DAVID BIDDIS

Mr. Biddis, who had been suffering with rheumatism for several months died at his Eckington home in Washington, D. C., Monday May ninth. The disease, which was at first mild in form, constantly grew worse despite all treatment. Last year he went to Hot Springs, Ark., in hopes of relief but it failed to come. He remained at his desk in the Navy Department, though a great sufferer and hoped that he might be able to continue, but some months ago was compelled to relinquish his work. He was born in Milford about sixty four years ago and was the only son of the late Charles H. and Helen White Biddis. His father was prominent in county affairs holding such offices as Sheriff and Treasurer. Mr. Biddis received his education here, read law with the late L. F. Burns and was admitted to the bar in 1887.

Soon after he was elected District Attorney which position he filled for thirteen years with distinguished ability. He was engaged in several notable cases, among them the trial of Griffith for the West Hope disaster, in which he was pitted against some of the best legal talent in the state and acquitted himself with distinction. At the dedication of the Milford cemetery in 1888 he read a poem which displays literary ability of a high order, and breathes in every line his abiding faith in the recognition of friends in the great hereafter. In 1882 he was elected State Senator on the Democratic ticket for four years but resigned to accept a situation in the Internal Revenue Department at Washington, being finally transferred to the Navy Department where he was made Chief Clerk of a division. He entered largely in the fraternal life of Washington and was a leader in several societies, among them the Royal Arcanum. He was also a member of Milford Lodge No. 344 F. & A. M. Mr. Biddis was well known throughout the county, a ready and engaging speaker he was in demand in political campaigns and was noted for his entertaining addresses. As a friend he was warm and steadfast, as a companion genial and interesting. He was a member of Milford during his residence here he was a conspicuous figure and a leading spirit. He retained a great affection for his native town and his yearly return here on his vacations were the brightest days in his life, and always looked forward to with great pleasure. It was always his fond hope that he might be able to return and end his days amid the scenes of his youth and with the friends he so well loved.

Recently he became a member of the Presbyterian church here on profession of faith. He married Mary Decker of Port Jervis who with two daughters, Helen, wife of Frank Edgington of Washington, and Patty survive him.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. C. A. White was held yesterday from the Presbyterian church and he was laid to rest in Milford Cemetery where services were held by Milford Lodge F. & A. M.

The pallbearers were C. W. Ball, Hy T. Baker and J. H. Van Eten Esqrs, John C. Westbrook, Jr. Nathan Emery and Frank Crisman.

Stealing Flowers and Plants

Some person, or persons, in town have contracted a habit of stealing flowers from beds on private grounds. This is not only reprehensible but is a crime and can be punished by imprisonment. Is it worth while to take chances in jail for a few flowers no matter how fond you may be of them. Why not go openly and ask for them. No one would refuse the gift in cases where they would afford pleasure to the sick or others.

The beds of Mrs. Vye at Glenalde Cottage have been twice robbed this week and it is not encouraging strangers, who come here and spend money to beautify their premises, to feel that they are likely to be deprived of what they have been at pains and expense to create by some ruthless vandals.

Lucian Westbrook

Very respectfully,  
LUCIAN WESTBROOK,  
Matamoras, Pa., April 12, 1909.

Won't Slight a Good Friend

"If ever I used a medicine again I know what to get," declares Mrs. A. L. Alley of Beals, Me., "for, after using ten bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery, and seeing its excellent results in my own family and others, I am convinced it is the best medicine made for Coughs, Colds and lung trouble." Every one who tries it feels just that way. Relief is felt at once and its quick cure surprises you. For Bronchitis, Asthma, Hemorrhage, Croup, LaGrippe, Sore Throat, pain in chest or lungs its supreme. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

## NOTES FROM SANDYSTON

There is no doubt that a prompt effort will be made to strengthen the commodities clause of the railroad rate law. On Thursday of this week a bill was introduced by Representative Irving P. Wanger of Pennsylvania, to correct those defects in the law made clear by the recent decision of the Supreme court. Mr. Wanger is the ranking member of the Interstate Commerce Committee of the House, and is prominently mentioned as the successor of Representative Hepburn as chairman of the committee. He aided materially in framing the rate law. His bill provides specifically that railroads shall be prohibited from owning stock or securities or interest in any other business enterprise and from transporting any commodities, the property of such company, which are not intended for their own use. Mr. Wanger has little hope of action on his resolution at the present session, but it is believed that President Taft's next message to Congress will be so direct on this point that his bill, or a similar one, will be taken up immediately.

The sixteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet will leave the navy yards on June 15th radically changed in outward appearance and will be in a condition for action which has not heretofore prevailed in time of peace and when there was no prospect of war. These important changes are mainly the result of experience gained during the circumnavigating cruise of the fleet, which Secretary Meyer says cost the government \$1,500,000 above what would have been the cost of maintenance and operation had the ships remained in home waters. Naval strategists look upon this extra expense as a premium paid for the benefit of increased naval efficiency and as representing an investment most useful in improving the hitting power of the naval arm.

The most conspicuous change which the civilian observer will recognize is in the color of the vessels. The hull, small boats, and indeed, all of the exposed portions will be of a shade described as a dull gray, without the lustre to reflect the sun or otherwise add to the conspicuousness of the ship. It is the color decided upon by the experts as least likely to attract attention and as possessing the greatest degree of invisibility. In carrying out this idea all of the brass fittings, even to the door knobs have been removed and the bow or ornaments and gilt letters of the ships' names have been abandoned.

Teachers' Examinations

Teachers' examinations for 1909 will be held as follows:

DISTRICT SCHOOL HOUSE DATE  
Greene, Kiptown—April 27.  
Palmyra, Red, (No. 4.)—April 28.  
Blooming Grove, Westbrook's No 10—April 29.

Lackawaxen, Williamson—May 8.  
Dingman, Union—May 10.  
Lehman, Meadow Brook—May 12.  
Delaware, Academy—May 13.  
Shohola, Shohola—May 22.  
Milford, High School—May 29.  
Westfall and Matamoras, Matamoras High School—June 8.

An examination for Common School Diploma for the district of Greene will be held at Roemerville school, April 26th. Pupils in other districts desiring to take such examination may do so at the same time and place as arranged for the regular teachers' examination.

All candidates for examination, whether teachers or pupils, should provide themselves with plenty of foolscap, pencils, a scratch tablet, and a self addressed, stamped envelope.

All examinations will begin at 8.30 a. m. sharp.

Directors and other interested parties are cordially invited to attend.

Very respectfully,  
LUCIAN WESTBROOK,  
Matamoras, Pa., April 12, 1909.

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## BASEBALL FAN WILL FIND BIG TREAT IN SPECIAL N. A. ISSUE

Richer in information, more beautiful as to appearance and crammed fuller of entertainment. The North American's special annual baseball supplement, to be issued Sunday May 16, will eclipse all three of its predecessors.

The first page in colors is an attractive arrangement, containing photographs of every player of the Phillies and Athletics, an illustration well worth framing. The back page in colors shows the difficulties of making baseball's most dangerous play, tagging a runner.

James C. Inaminger, The North American's baseball humorist, contributes a story on the era of the silk stocking ball player. It is illustrated by Cartoonist Hoban.

Every player in the Tri-state League is photographed, there is a page devoted to the Atlantic League and all of the other leagues; New York State, North Penn, Delaware county Bucks county, etc., have representations.

School, college and independent baseball in state and city; the annual game as played by the youngsters on the lot and in the park come in for liberal attention, the rosters of 1000 teams being carried.

The batting and fielding averages of the big leagues will be found only one of many valuable features that will make this a reference guide for the whole season.

Orders should be placed at once, as last year's edition was quickly exhausted, and the demand for the present supplement will be even greater.

Treatment of Seed Potatoes to Prevent Scab

The subject of the treatment of seed potatoes to prevent scab was brought to the attention of the Division of Economic Zoology of the Department of Agriculture of Pennsylvania by Mr. R. J. Belt of Wells-ville, York Co., Pa., Treasurer of the Wells Co. Whip Company. Mr. Belt treated his potatoes of bichloride of mercury, having dissolved 2 ounces of corrosive sublimate in 16 gallons of water. Three times this quantity of the mixture was used on 40 bushels of potatoes.

State Zoologist H. A. Surface replied that he prefers formalin to corrosive sublimate for potato scab treatment. This is because the formalin, or formaldehyde, dissolves immediately in water, it being a liquid itself when in the commercial form, and it does not corrode any material by coming in contact with and drying upon it as the corrosive sublimate might do. After having killed the disease germs it evaporates and is gone, so that no evil after-effects can come from it. It is quickly and easily prepared, and its action upon one's hand will not be anywhere near as serious as the corrosive sublimate solution.

To prepare the mixture put thirty gallons of water into a barrel, to which add one pint of the formalin solution. This amounts equal one-half ounce to a gallon. This may appear weak, but it is strong enough to destroy the scab germs. Put the potatoes in bags and the bags into barrels, and pour enough of the foregoing solution of formalin and water into the barrel to cover the bags and let stand for an hour. After that take the potatoes out of the bags and let them drain. Other potatoes can be put in the bags and immersed for the treatment. The liquid can be used again and again as long as any remains. It should be kept covered to prevent escape of the fumes or evaporation, and it would be well to strengthen it occasionally by adding a little more of the solution. The potatoes can be treated either before or after cutting, but if they are not to be planted soon, dipping before cutting is best. They can be dried in crates or in barrels, or spread on the barn floor, after the scabs have been swept completely and scrubbed with a solution of the formalin or bichloride, whichever is being used.

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