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## BRIEF MENTION

A subscription dance is being promoted to be given in Forest Hall, Wednesday evening Nov. 24th. It is no doubt will be a very enjoyable affair.

The deer season opened last Monday and nearly all our Nimrod are in the woods hunting one with horns.

Deer prisoners have deprived Hon. Jacob Kiser and L. F. Hafner of the privilege of paying dog tax next year unless they replace the rock. Any one who will take this course to injure owners of dogs ought to be severely punished.

There was an area of 850,000 acres in Pennsylvania burned over by forest fires during the past year entailing a cost of \$125,000 for extinguishing the flames, while the damage by fires has not been computed.

The pleasant fall weather changed yesterday morning abruptly to cold and blustery. The rainfall preceding was insignificant, and unless a considerable precipitation comes soon there will be serious trouble for many to obtain water.

Frank H. Smith, a prominent East Stroudsburg business man and owner in chief of the Stroudsburg Passenger Railway died at his home last Saturday aged over 77 years.

Afforestation creates a new industry; it does not compete with private enterprise. The conversion of comparatively unprofitable lands into forests enhances the productivity of the adjacent areas and should promote the development of the small holdings movement.

The forests of this country, the products of centuries of growth, are fast disappearing. Our supply of some varieties will be practically exhausted in ten or twelve years. In the case of others, without reforestation, the present century will see the end. When will we take up in a practical and intelligent way the restoration of our forests?

There is at least one town in the world where no taxes are assessed—Freudenstadt, in the Black Forest of Germany. This city of 7,000 inhabitants and an annual governmental expense of \$25,000 pays the total cost of government from the revenue of 6,000 acres of pine forest. This forest is managed according to the latest forestry ideas and is increasing in value.

The American people use 700,000,000,000 matches yearly requiring 225,000,000 board feet of our best pine timber. We will soon have to economize in our use of matches if our timber supply is not more carefully guarded and managed as investments as in Germany and France. (Technical World.)

State democrats are so elated over the Munson vote that they feel quite sure they can elect the next Governor. Hon. A. M. Palmer, who was honorably mentioned as a candidate when they had in mind only a good looking and fluent individual as a figure head probably now will be dropped in favor of a man who can show state strength, one with whom they can make an effective campaign. If Mr. Palmer had the bee buzzing in his bonnet he would better get out his fly killer and squelch it. There are other places to which he might aspire with far better show of success. Governor is not likely now to be written in front of his name by the big democratic leaders.

In there a better example anywhere of the effects of forest destruction than can be found in the bare hills, decaying stumps and sapling woodlands of Pike county?

After years of stealing through under weights, apparently by connivance of custom house officials protected by city politicians, the sugar trust now seems in a fair way to be prosecuted. The government has been defrauded of millions of dollars and the facts have long been known but all efforts to expose these directly concerned in the frauds have been smothered. The New York custom house must have been a paradise for sugar thieves for years.

G. A. Swensperger has been selected to do the preliminary work in making the new indices to deeds in the Records office. Several to ten submitted specimens of their hand writing for consideration and all were excellent, but because of his long experience in various positions requiring care and neatness, Swensperger with his legible style of penmanship he was selected. There is no doubt the work will be well and satisfactorily done.

Port Jarvis is threatened with a good sized damage suit. Samuel Curry, administrator of Douglas Curry, who was injured so that death ensued, at the Pike street crossing Oct. 16th, claims \$10,000 damages because a pile of dirt was left without lights and Curry in stepping from a train fell over it and was run over by a car.

Forester Gifford Pinchot has written a letter to President Taft in which he states that he has enough of controversy and wants to know where he stands. He intimates that the President must choose between him and Ballinger and that if the latter stays he will find some other field for his activities.

Albert Leroy, the three months old son of Jessie Myers and wife of Milford township died last Saturday.

R. P. Nills of Lehman was in town Wednesday.

Albert Cotterill attended the funeral of his sister-in-law at Flanders, N. J. this week. Her husband died only a few days ago.

Mrs. W. H. Armstrong spent a few days in New York recently.

Drouth is very seriously affecting many sections of this and other states. The streams are very low and wells and springs heretofore supposed to be unfailing are dry. Water is being boiled in tank cars in places to supply manufacturers and some have been compelled to close. All predictions of rain seem to fail.

Hawley people will have to be content with a passenger depot only at the old station but freight may be hauled from there in car load lots. The State Railroad Commission has decided that it has no other legal authority.

Thanksgiving Day next week. Get your turkey ready, if you can. Get the bird and have the price. Nice fresh pork will make a good substitute if the other is not get at all.

Miss Bettie Cornelius was in New York part of this week.

F. T. Maguire of Philadelphia who has the contract for building the new house of the Blooming Grove Hunting and Fishing Club commenced work this week. It will be a large and commodious structure about 140 ft. square and will cost \$50,000.

It is very probable the Fish Commissioners will have an act introduced in the next legislature to repeal all laws allowing fish baskets or cod racks to be placed in streams. It is found that advantage is taken of the privilege and that they are placed in trout streams, and are usually so constructed as to catch every thing going down stream. The abuse of the law will be the reason for repeal.

Over three hundred miners lost their lives in the St. Paul coal mine near Cherry, Ill., last Saturday by a fire which started in a bale of hay in the stables in the mine. The little town has two hundred widows and one thousand orphans.

Philadelphia school children will be relieved of the worry caused by compound partnership and proportion in arithmetic as they will be dropped from the public schools, and the whole course in the lower grades will be simplified, more attention being paid to counting and less to abstract reasoning. Fractions are likely to be moved up along the line so that little folks will not be so much troubled with the things that make them mad. It is a sensible idea.

John Dagen has removed his barber shop to the place formerly occupied by him in rear of the post office.

Charles Schanno of Lakewood, N. J., is spending a few days at Hotel Schanno.

R. V. R. Stuyvesant, who has been visiting Milford for some weeks and has been coming here for 47 consecutive years, has gone to St. Augustine, Florida, to pass the winter.

The current number of Putnam's Magazine contains an excellent article by D. A. Willey called the Forests Guardian which outlines the history and work of Gifford Pinchot. It is illustrated by cuts of Grey Towers and the students quarters. It is a high testimonial to his work and worth in the department.

G. M. Carpenter of Glen Eyre caught a monster carp in the Delaware a few days ago. The fish weighed 21 pounds.

J. E. Boyd and family spent part of the week in New York.

President Taft has issued a proclamation appointing Thursday, Nov. 25th, Thanksgiving day.

James B. Duke, who owns a beautiful park near Somerville, N. J., in which are many foreign trees and much valuable statuary, has closed his grounds because of fire, presumed to be carelessly started which threatened great damage.

Two boys John Vandervort and Frank Sanford of Matamoras were put in jail here last Monday charged with robbing the house of Anna Miller.

Sarah M. Bevans died in Port Jarvis last Monday aged about 68 years. She was born in Sandyston N. J. and was a daughter of Abram and Elizabeth Bevans.

Miss Justine Roberts, the well known educationist, will give a recital on Thanksgiving evening at the Presbyterian church.

## Water Conservation

The controversy between Forester Pinchot and Secretary Ballinger over water site reservations has assumed large and national importance. Naturally those who know Pinchot and his sincerity of purpose and untiring labor to promote the best interests of the country in conserving our timber lands and water supply will favor his position. In fact we of the East generally know so little of the vast resources of the West in timber and water that we can hardly compass the magnitude of the problem and its importance to this and future generations. Knowing something of the land frauds, and not only those but many others which have been and are being perpetrated on the government by her agents and officials, we look with suspicion on those who by their acts seem to be favoring the greed of individuals and corporations. Pinchot is in the best possible position to know more of the details of such schemes and their ultimate consequences and effects than any other man, and when he says there is an inclination to allow these valuable rights to pass from the control of the people into the hands of monopolies he touches a responsive chord in the popular mind. People from their knowledge of what has been and is ready to believe what they say. He is the case, and they are not satisfied with the technical objections to his methods. The broad questions he is working along lines which will promote the greatest good to the greatest number as against those who are not in one which when answered affirmatively will draw the country to his side. Those who oppose will be viewed with suspicion as having some end in view for their own gain. People read and think and are beginning to vote their views and as that day comes to pass no party can afford, if it wishes to continue in power to ignore the rights and voice of the masses.

## Forced Into Exile.

Wm. Uphurch of Glen Oak, Okla. was an exile from home. Mountain air, he thought, would cure a frightful lung-racking cough that had defied all remedies for two years. After six months he returned, death dogging his steps. "Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery," he writes, "and after taking six bottles I am as well as ever." It saves thousands yearly from desperate lung diseases. Infallible for Coughs and Colds, it dispels Hoarseness and Sore throat. Cures Grip, Bronchitis, Hemorrhages, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free, guaranteed by All Druggists.

## Forest Fires in Pennsylvania.

"Forest fires have been frequent in Pennsylvania during the past years. They are not infrequent now, and each year that they continue there is lost to the State an economic value which must be estimated in millions of dollars. Property, life and productive capacity of soil are lost. It is unwise for the people of the State to allow this fire-flood to continue its destruction. Let the newspapers of the State enter actively into a campaign of education until the people realize that each forest fire, no matter how small, is a loss to them selves and to the State as a whole." —(G. H. V.)

## Young Girls Are Victims.

of Headache, as well as older women, but all get quick relief and prompt cure from Dr. King's New Life Pills, the world's best remedy for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood, and strong nerves and build up your health. Try them. 35c at all Druggists.

## NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

After a protracted absence during a long summer vacation, the personnel of the Government, with the exception of the Legislative Branch is back in Washington. An extensive and positive legislative and administrative program is in prospect. The President during his journey of several weeks, covering nearly every state, made numerous speeches and was not reticent as to his intentions. The mere fact that he is the executor of the Roosevelt Policies, a fact which he has again and again emphasized is sufficient to indicate that there will be something doing at the Capitol during the coming winter.

Perhaps the most important project, although the least sensational, will be an effort to remedy the laws delay in the Federal Courts, and to invent a plan for securing prompt and economical justice in the Federal Courts thereby setting an example to the State Courts.

It is a fact acknowledged by all except snide lawyers that the administration of justice in this country is more dilatory and slovenly than in any civilized country, with the exception of Russia, if indeed Russia can be called civilized.

It is expected that the President will recommend legislation suppressing the injunction process. There will be a recommendation to Congress imposing limitations upon the transfer of water power sites to individuals and corporations and fixing rentals and rates to be charged. He will also recommend reforms in the mineral land laws to the effect that coal, iron, and other minerals shall be treated under the royalty system, bringing the Government a perpetual revenue.

The question of ship subsidies will be urged upon Congress with the object of developing our Merchant Marine with of course the ulterior object of furnishing a large number of sea-unioned Americans to man the United States war ships in time of war.

The adoption of income tax amendment to the Constitution will be favored, this tax to be resorted to only in time of national stress.

The creation of a Central Bank of issue will be recommended, the object of which will be to guard against currency stringency.

The President will also urge that Interstate Commerce Commission shall have increased powers in the regulation of the issue of railroad securities on a sound basis. Also, to classify freight, to initiate complaints of discrimination in rates, to compel connecting railroads to form continuous routes, and to establish fixed rates among common carriers.

It may be inferred from statements in his speeches, that he will recommend the prohibition of holding stock in competing railroads, and probably a new Court of Appeals to hear cases carried up from the decisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission in fixing rates.

It will be seen at a glance that this is a heavy and very important program, and it is doubtless sufficient to keep Congress busy for the remainder of Mr. Taft's administration.

The President's official family, as his Cabinet is called, is back in Washington and busy in the preparation of the several reports for Congress. It is to be understood that there will be a rigid cutting down of expenses.

The postmaster-general has announced his intention to make the Post Office, as far as possible, non-expensive to the Government. He however, cannot do this without legislation. The Post Office is the greatest common carrier in the world, but in the United States, the cream of carrying profits is skimmed by the express companies, leaving the Post Office the skimmed milk. The Post Office department should be in this country, as it is in other countries, a source of profit to the Government. There are thousands of city carriers and rural carriers, who, if the United States had a parcel post law, like other civilized and even semi-civilized countries, could be used without additional expense to deliver small packages, and thus be of incalculable service to the people, and pay through the Post Office, a revenue to the Government.

The Secretary of the Navy has a program of economy, which it is hoped is not merely missionary, but he will certainly have opposition

from Senators Hale of Maine and McHenry of Louisiana and other in his efforts to wipe out utterly useless and expensive Navy Yards, in ports that the ships of the United States Navy cannot enter, and which have become useless since the discontinuance of shallow draft wooden war vessels.

## NOTES FROM SANDYSTON

Dr. W. Jones of Layton will take a vacation and pass a part of the time in hunting.

Dr. McAllister of Port Jarvis will take charge of the Doctor's patients while he is away.

Several parties of city hunters are booked for this vicinity this week, as on the 15th the law went off of rabbits.

The local hunters have been shooting rabbits all the past week.

The supper and play at the Hainesville church on Friday evening packed the basement to its utmost capacity. The play was fine and the supper as usual was all that could be desired.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Crane of Port Jarvis called on relatives at Layton on Thursday last.

A party was brutally beaten in this town and at once secured warrants for the arrest of his assailants. One party skipped and the other was arrested.

One settled for \$25 and a few days ago the other settled for ten dollars and then got the warrant from the constable. There is no use for a Grand Jury in this town. Had those parties a legal right to compound a criminal case?

Miss Hattie Trause of Walpack is spending a few days visiting relatives in Milford.

The Flatbush Fish Club is having the timber gotten out for a large barn on the Bevans farm. The barn will be 120 feet long 42 feet in width with cellar stables and be attached to the south end of the present barn, making a building nearly 200 feet long.

The drouth is still with us and hardly a well in the town but what is showing its effects. Wells that were not known to go dry heretofore are dry now, and if the drouth continues a couple of weeks more water will be a luxury.

Barton Litts of Chatham while here on a visit and hunting had an operation on one of his eyes which was entirely successful.

Superintendent Decker visited all the schools in this valley last week. On Wednesday of last week all hunters were in and along the mountain in quest of deer. One party consisting of eight shot one in Walpack, Elmer Ege. Bring the lucky shot. If there were as many deer as hunters want a flock there would be.

Kills Her Fox Of 20 Years.

"The most merciless enemy I had for 20 years," declares Mrs. James Duncan, of Hayesville, Me., "was Dyspepsia. I suffered intensely after eating or drinking and could scarcely sleep. After many remedies had failed and several doctors gave me up. I tried Electric Bitters, which cured me completely. Now I can eat anything. I am 70 years old and am overjoyed to get my health and strength back again." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Kidney trouble, Laue Back, Female Complaints, etc., unobtainable. Only 50c at All Druggists.

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## Scrub Pine For Pulp.

"Recent tests at the U. S. Forest Service laboratories at Washington show that the long neglected scrub pine can be advantageously used for wood pulp making. The paper obtained from this pulp makes news papers, wrapping and fine ledger papers."

## THE CHILD'S PRAYER TO HER MOTHER.

Listen to me mamma dear  
And hear my evening prayer;  
You told me God and you were near  
Always to have a care  
O'er me and watch me through the night  
As well as through the day,  
But mamma do you watch me still  
Since He took you away?

Papa and all are kind I know  
But mamma I loved you best,  
And every day oh, I cry so  
Since they left you down to rest  
And mamma I miss you, yes I do,  
Tell that to God and He  
Perhaps at night will send you  
In sweet dreams back to me.

I see you smile down at me now  
From your picture o'er my bed,  
And I almost think you touch my brow  
In your lap I lay my head;  
"God bless you child!" I hear you say  
As your good night kiss you give,  
Dear mamma I shall always pray  
That like you I may live.

CECILIA A. CULLER.

## Best Time For Planting Trees.

"When is the best time for planting fruit trees like the peach, apple and plum? If trees are planted in the fall is it necessary to hill them up over the bud?"

The above information was requested of Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist of Pennsylvania, by a man residing in Franklin county, near the Maryland line in a celebrated "fruit belt." It is a sample of hundreds of similar letters received with in a few weeks. The reply of Professor Surface was brief and to the point, as follows:

"I am well satisfied that apple, pear and quince trees can be planted in the fall with good advantage, and I would prefer fall planting for such kinds. However, in planting peach and plum I would as soon plant in the spring, as early as the ground can be put into proper order. Yet I believe that fall planting of peach and plum trees in your part of the State and over the warmer portions of Pennsylvania would be all right and successful. It will be best to cut them back well at planting, and I think it would be advisable to mound them up over the bud. If they were so mounded they would not be liable to be killed by every severe winter freezing, and if they were injured, only the upper and exposed part would be damaged, and the remainder could be left to grow a new top, which it would do very nicely. Cherry trees should be planted in the spring—the earlier the better.

## Real Estate Transfers

Max Bach to Harris Mendelson, lots in Hyde Park Porter.

George Gregory Sheriff sold as property of Isaac Eckert to Philip F. Palmer, land in Delaware.

E. L. Parks to O. H. Bruce, lot in Lincoln Park Westfall.

R. M. Young to Alpheus Bensley, 171 acres Delaware \$4500.

Emma M. Emerson to W. F. Chol, lot in Milford Boro \$250.

Anthony E. Smith to John L. D. Van Akin, lot in Lackawaxen \$1075.

C. W. Maxwell to A. H. Woodward Co., 3853 acres Shohola and Westfall \$60,000.

Margaret E. Ryder and others to Doro Dana Davis, Ardornish Farm, Delaware 278 acres.

Alto Triseman to Elmer E. Blackman, lot in Westfall \$350.

Alpheus Bensley to Geo. L. Njee, timber on lands in Delaware \$950.

## Cedar For Pencils.

"The lead pencil is one of the most common articles in everyday use, and since practically the only wood used in their manufacture is red cedar, and since the pencil industry is steadily growing (320,000,000 pencils are made annually in the United States) the supply of red cedar is becoming greatly depleted.

"Red cedar has a soft, straight grain and is very free from defects when properly grown. Because of its peculiar qualities no good substitute for it has ever been found and it is doubtful if any other industry is so dependent upon a single species as the pencil industry is dependent upon red cedar. It is the only wood the price of which is always quoted by the pound."—(Philadelphia Public Ledger, April 10th, 1909.)

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## Thanksgiving Proclamation

President Taft today officially proclaimed Thursday, November 25, as Thanksgiving Day. The President's proclamation was issued as usual from the State Department, where it received the official seal of the United States.

The following is the text of the proclamation:

"By the President of the United States of America:

"A PROCLAMATION.

"The season of the year has returned when, in accordance with the revered custom established by our forefathers, the people of the United States are wont to meet in their usual places of worship on a day of thanksgiving appointed by the civil magistrate to return thanks to God for the great mercies and benefits which they have enjoyed.

"During this past year we have been highly blessed. No great calamities or food or tempest or epidemic sickness have befallen us. We have lived in quietness, undisturbed by wars or rumors of wars. Peace and the plenty of bounteous crops and of great industrial production animate a cheerful and resolute people to all the renewed energies of beneficent industry and material and moral progress. It is altogether fitting that we should humbly and gratefully acknowledge the divine source of these blessings.

"Therefore, I hereby appoint Thursday, the 25th day of November, as a day of general thanksgiving and I call upon the people on that day, laying aside their usual vocations, to repair to their churches and unite in appropriate services of praise and thanks to Almighty God.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed."

"Done at the city of Washington this 15th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-fourth.

"WILLIAM H. TAFT,"

"By the President. P. C. Knox, secretary of state."

## Water Power.

"The day will come when our coal will be gone, when the mines will be emptied and when fuel for power production and for the generation of heat and light will be practically an end. On that day the people of this country will turn to water power for salvation. If we, the people of today, do not take steps, do not do all within the power of mortals to safeguard those water powers we and our children and our children's children will suffer for our criminal neglect and blind fatuity."

## Official Vote In State

Complete and official returns in the state give the following pluralities: Stober, Treasurer over Kipp plurality 142,867; Sisson Auditor General over Clark plurality 164,053; Von Moschleskor Supreme Court Judge over Munson 82,543. The amendments, except the 7th were carried by the following majorities:

Amendment No. 1—15 460
" " 2—21 967
" " 3—21 486
" " 4—15 623
" " 5—28 037
" " 6—21 876
" " 8—20 196
" " 9—19 637
" " 10—19 677

Schedule—5,811.

No. 7, relating to appointment of election boards, was defeated by a majority of 66,533.