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BRIEF MENTION

Demonstrating how difficult it is to locate a fire at night is shown by the flaming red cilia which appeared in the Southern sky last Thursday. It was conjectured to be a fire at Branchville or possibly Newton when in fact it was caused by burning damaged powder down near Dover.

Miss Florence Van Campen spent Sunday with friends at Barryville, N. Y.

Roy Shepherd has left the employ of F. Armstrong & Co and accepted a position with Cuddeback & Co.

Mrs. W. V. Hilliard, after spending a week in New York, returned home Tuesday.

Easter this year falls on March 27. The earliest date on which it may come according to the church method of reckoning is the 22. The law is that it must come on the first Sunday after the full moon which happens after the vernal equinox which comes the 21st.

Fred Keller of Barryville, N. Y., spent a few days with friends in town this week.

At the sheriff's sale of the real estate of Mrs. F. A. Rose, situated in Matamoras, held at the Court House last Saturday, George Ruggler bid \$275, W. L. Boyd lot no 8 for \$300, and the house and two lots went to W. L. Boyd for \$1700. The opinion was that the property sold cheap.

Miss Marion Poillon has gone for a two weeks visit to N. Y.

William Gregory of Hartford, Ct. visited his brothers here the past week. He is employed by the Hartford and Northern railroad and formerly resided in Dingman township.

James Donovan, the Muldoon of Milford people a season ago, had a lively experience in his cold ten room in the Delaware House at Port Jervis Monday. Fire was discovered in the room and he went in it and the door which fastened with a spring lock on the outside closed and he was a prisoner. He finally succeeded in bursting the door open and escaped and gave the alarm. His stock was somewhat damaged and the house slightly. Both are covered by insurance.

Part of this week was a March lion—now for the lamb.

Ex President Roosevelt no sooner reached Khartoum the border of civilization in Africa than he was in politics. Awaiting him there was a letter from Senator Root of New York, no doubt inspired by the administration, laying before him the situation as viewed from that side. His aid is wanted badly to help the cause. He will likely be careful to hear both sides before he pulls any chestnuts for anybody.

People who have undergone treatment for hookworm will be justly indignant if skeptics succeed in proving it a myth.

The County Commissioners elsewhere advertise for bids for painting the Court House.

The court in Berks county decides that the District Attorney has authority to agree with such expert witnesses as he deems necessary for reasonable compensation to be paid by the county. The expert was employed to give testimony in a murder case.

H. C. Rice, employed at Scholds by the Penna Coal Co., fell in the mill dam at that place last Saturday and was drowned. He went under the logs and his fellow workmen could not see him. His age was 36 years. The remains were taken to East Stroudsburg for interment.

"Hips are coming back," says a fashion item. Where have they been? Inquires the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. That is her business.

There is a growing suspicion abroad that not a few faces now in Congress are going to be somewhat conspicuous by their absence next year, especially those who serve the trusts instead of the people.

Congress, however, should exercise moderate discretion in seeing that it does not start so many investigations that they will get in each other's way.

An Iowa woman seeks divorce, basing her action on the claim that her husband snored. It takes a wise man to keep his mouth shut when asleep.

A conservationist can be a spend-thrift when it comes to opinions.

Some people won't be satisfied unless Rockefeller impoverishes himself.

1. Pennsylvania alone the coal trade is reported to employ 150 lawyers. This may explain the ever increasing price of coal.

The only thing that is as cheap as ever is talk.

The innocent bystander, as usual, furnishes most of the funerals in the Pennsylvania riots.

They're paying more for hogs in Chicago now than they do for votes on election day.

The Sugar Trust people seem to think it is good policy to put every possible obstacle in the way of getting at the facts. Are not the people losing patience with self-confessed corruptors who burn or hide their accounts and correspondence?

Congressman Palmer has signified that he will not be a candidate for Governor but will keep in the race for Congress. Should he fail of re-nomination he realizes that he would not be an available candidate for the higher office. His opponent will be Hon. J. Davis Broadhead. Some regard C. Larus Munson, who made a stirring campaign for the Supreme Court bench last fall as a receptive candidate for the nomination and he is likewise a liberal producer of the news of war.

Tomorrow will be "Good Roads Day" in this State and it is expected that several thousand good roads meetings will be held, and that the movement will receive a substantial impetus.

Reports say the crop of maple syrup will be more abundant this year than for several years past. Some cold storage combine may corner the market and boost the price.

Charles Milledaugh of Dingman's Ferry and Miss Lillian Mercer of this place were married at the Crisman House last Monday by Rev. C. A. White. It was a private affair, only a few immediate friends being present. The couple will soon begin housekeeping here, the bridegroom being a young business man just starting in town. The bride is a daughter of August Mercer and wife and a young lady with many attractive qualities and popular with her numerous friends.

The words "dwelling house" in the census questions is defined as a place in which, at the time of the census one or more persons regularly sleep. It may be a room in a factory, store, or office building, over a stable, a canal boat, a tent, or a wigwam, a hotel, boarding or lodging house. A family means a group who occupy jointly a dwelling place, or a place where they regularly sleep and have their regular place of abode.

Mrs. R. G. Barclay entertained a company of ladies Tuesday afternoon. F. P. Sawyer and family have concluded to pass the summer in Milford, instead of returning to their western home.

Harry T. Armstrong is negotiating with a party from the Bronx to sell his entire stock of merchandise.

During the absence of Dr. Kenworthy in the South his practice will be in charge of Dr. R. G. Barclay of Milford and Dr. E. Cuddeback of Port Jervis. The latter will be at the office of Dr. Kenworthy Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 6.30 p. m.

Mary Roberts Blinshart, the well known author and playwright, whose "Seven Days" is making the hit of the season in New York paid a visit to the State Sanitarium for Tuberculosis at Mont Alto this week. In speaking of her visit she said:

"I am deeply impressed with Mont Alto. I have just come from one of America's famous Health Resorts and comparing one with the other, I think Mont Alto more than holds its own."

"I went to stay an hour and stayed a whole day and a night."

"What impressed me? I think it was the restfulness of the place—that and the hope on the faces of some new arrivals who climbed the mountain just behind us, and the radiant happiness of those who were going home cured. There were plenty of other things—the air which must have been a surprise to my Pittsburgh lungs—the order and cleanliness of the place—its size for its looks and is a trim village—the cheerful faces of the attendants as well as the patients—the beautiful indolence of the convalescents—and oh yes, the deer. Imagine having wild deer that are not wild and that had the colossal audacity to come down and eat the new wheat under our very noses."

A PROCLAMATION

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEREAS by the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1909, the Thirteenth Decennial Census of the United States is to be taken, beginning on the fifteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and ten; and

WHEREAS a correct enumeration of the population every ten years is required by the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of determining the representation of the several States in the house of Representatives; and

WHEREAS it is of the utmost importance to the interests of all the people of the United States that this census should be a complete and accurate report of the population and resources of the country;

Now, therefore, I, WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that, under the act aforesaid, it is the duty of every person to answer all questions on the census schedules applying to him and the family to which he belongs and to the farm occupied by him or his family, and that any adult refusing to do so is subject to penalty.

The sole purpose of the census is to secure general statistical information regarding the population and resources of the country, and replies are required from individuals only in order to permit the compilation of such general statistics. The census has nothing to do with taxation, with army or jury service, with the compulsion of school attendance, with the regulation of immigration, or with the enforcement of any national, state, or local law or ordinance, nor can any person be harmed in any way by furnishing the information required. There need be no fear that any disclosure will be made regarding any individual person or his affairs. For the due protection of the rights and interests of the person furnishing information every employee of the Census Bureau is prohibited, under heavy penalty, from disclosing any information which may thus come to his knowledge.

I therefore earnestly urge upon all persons to answer promptly, completely, and accurately all inquiries addressed to them by the enumerators or other employees of the Census Bureau, and thereby to contribute their share toward making this great and necessary public undertaking a success.

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 fifteenth day of March A. D. one thousand nine hundred and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-fourth.

WM. H. TAFT,
By the President:
P. C. KNOX,
Secretary of State.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

A few intimate friends were invited to the home of Miss Mima Ball on Saturday evening March the twelfth, the occasion being her birthday and that of Miss Natalie Armstrong.

The guests were delightfully entertained and the happy event will long be remembered by those present.

Miss Marion Poillon a student of the High School left town Monday morning to visit friends in New York and Great Neck, Long Island.

At a meeting held some time ago the pupils of the high school chose as their school colors crimson and gray. A pennant has just been received embodying these colors, and is being generally admired by all.

The Junior Class of the High School organized last Thursday, and elected the following officers: Pres. Frank Crisman, Vice Pres. Ella Hanna; Sec. Vera Ryan, Treas. Carl Hunt.

The newly elected officers in a few well chosen words thanked their classmates for the confidence they had placed in them and promised to do their duties to the best of their ability.

The directors and teachers met in joint session Tuesday evening March 8th and discussed various school affairs of mutual benefit to both pupils and patrons.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

The Ballinger-Binchot investigation is exciting more interest at the national capital than is legislation in either house of Congress. Mr. Pinchot has completed his testimony and James B. Garfield, who was Secretary of the Interior, holding the cabinet portfolio now held by Mr. Ballinger, during President Roosevelt's administration, has been in the witness chair. Mr. Garfield has given the Senate committee some enlightening information relating to the involved history of this question. In the statements of Secretary Ballinger's connection with the Alaskan coal cases as a lawyer, Mr. Garfield charged that he had known of the Guggenheim deal and reiterated his opinion that the express authority of the law was not always necessary to enable the executive to act in the interest of the people.

There was a long controversy concerning Mr. Garfield's withdrawal of water power sites while he was Secretary of the Interior, and the Senate committee pressed more closely for a justification of his right to place a charge on their use by measuring the water resources which were impounded. It was plainly the sense of the Senate committee that such waters were controlled not by the federal government but by the states. Mr. Garfield replied that the states owned the waters and the government the lands surrounding them, and that each party could impose such restrictions as were deemed necessary. The witness strongly justified his large withdrawals of lands and said that his statement to President Taft that Mr. Ballinger had sought to return them to entry with out attracting too much public attention was based on an assertion of Reclamation Engineer Davis Mr. Davis, chief engineer of the Reclamation Service, succeeded Mr. Garfield on the witness stand, and said he preferred not to testify unless directed to do so by the committee. Senator Nelson, the chairman of the committee, did not hesitate to advise him to testify.

In this connection it is significant that although Mr. Ballinger, Secretary of the Interior, is to attend the Minnesota Conservation Congress to be held at St. Paul next week, he will not be invited to attend the banquet to be given by the St. Paul Roosevelt Club on March 19, in honor of Gifford Pinchot, former Chief Forester. This is a significant straw indicating the trend of public opinion and public feeling. Secretary Ballinger is undoing much that has been done by his predecessors, both ex-Secretary Garfield and ex-Secretary Hitchcock. A large part of the lands along the Grande River in Colorado and Utah withdrawn by Garfield, will be restored to entry by Ballinger. Also, coal lands in New Mexico withdrawn by Hitchcock and Garfield will be restored to entry.

Mr. S. J. Murphy of New York, representing John D. Rockefeller, appeared before the Senate committee on the District of Columbia yesterday morning to explain the plans for the incorporation of the Rockefeller Foundation in the bill recently introduced in the Senate. His explanation threw much additional light on the plan, which he said had advanced no further than has already been made public. He, however, cleared up some legal and technical details of the incorporation, and he confirmed the facts already published.

OBITUARY

AUGUSTA SEARINO
Augusta, wife of Edward C. Searino of Dover, N. J., died at her home Thursday evening March 10th of cancer from which she suffered for several months. Her husband and a daughter Jeannette survive her. She was a sister of Mrs. M. M. Van Etten of Palo Alto, Cal., who was with her at her death.

Millinery Opening

Miss Wood of Port Jervis wishes to announce that on the 17, 18 and 19th of March she will hold her Spring opening.

A remarkable, splendid showing of the very best Spring styles will be exhibited. Models that are the choicest productions of the best domestic and foreign artists and all most exquisitely becoming.

She cordially invites you to attend and see for yourselves the chic, dainty creations that she offers for Spring and Easter wear.

NOTES FROM SANDYSTON

Evan Bevan of this town will sell at vendue all of his household goods on the 29th inst, and will quit house-keeping for good.

Movings will be more numerous this spring than in many years. Among those recently reported are George Landy from Rutan house to new house of Mary Reaser. Lorenz Smith from Shavtown to Mary Rosser farm, Estill Vandermark from Layton to "Shaff" house, Bevans

I am sorry to announce that Miss Bessie Rosenkaans who returned home from school at Newton the week before she was fully recovered, was compelled to return home the past week.

It is reported that the Dupue fishery will be in operation before long. This is one of the best along the river, and the parties managing it will be purely local.

There will be a large deficiency in our school money next year, on account of nonattendance. The whooping cough is partly responsible, while some families do not send at all. As our school money is apportioned on the basis of attendance we must expect to make this deficiency out of our own pockets. Two or three of our schools are having from one to four in daily attendance. Consolidation is needed.

John J. Vansickle, Freeholder from this town announces that the Macadem road from Tuttle's Corner to Layton will surely be built this summer, but that this will be the only road built in this County this year.

The first piece of good road built is badly "ravelling" and is in need of extensive repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Jagger of Hainesville are rejoicing over the advent of a little son last week.

The play given at Hainesville on Thursday evening was a great success, and the church was filled to overflowing. Those engaged in the play were horse talent, and each part was finely rendered.

The large light appearing in our Southern sky a night or two ago was thought to be a fire somewhere near Newton, and many were surprised to find that it was caused by the burning of damaged powder near Dover.

"Bet Dalrymple of Tuttle's Corner came near being killed on Saturday last. When at Nottamock his horse backed his wagon off the bridge with him under it and the horse fell on top of the wagon. Had it not been for prompt help death would have ensued in a very few minutes. However he was gotten out with slight bruises.

Here we are within a few days of our school meeting and election of trustees, and not a word is heard as to who will run for the honors attached to the office of school trustee. It is hoped that the men elected will make it their duty to visit the schools.

Will Heater, who was operated upon for appendicitis, is feeling fine but has to stay indoors for the cat to heal.

Brittin A. Westbrook for many years resident of Montague died on Saturday morning last at his home in Branchville aged about 76 years.

Few men were more widely known than Mr. Westbrook or more respected. His knowledge of the ancestry of those living in this valley, and of the county generally exceeded that of any other person. Interment at Montague.

Real Estate Transfers

E. L. Parks to C. E. Lukens, 10 1/2 acres in Lincoln Park.

Charlotte Dingman to Dingman's Ferry Water Co., water right Delaware township.

Alva H. Quick to John C. Slattery, 8 acres Palmyra \$300.

Geo. L. Nyce to Egypt Mills Club, 28 acres Lehman \$1576.

Heirs of Michael Donlon to Mary Donlon, 2 acres Lackawaxen.

Gaston W. Ames Esq. of Jacob S. Ames to Willis Tushill, 12 acres Lackawaxen.

E. B. Labar Treas. to B. C. Smith, 41 acres Greene.

Valentine Fahrer to Kimble Lumber Co., 200 acres Lackawaxen, \$2650.

Max Garms to Frank T. Bishop, 9 acres Lackawaxen \$6000.

George M. Stevens to Florence C. Sanderson, lands in Delaware and Lehman.

SEASON'S CHANGES

SPRING.

I long for the pleasures of life,
I'll enjoy them while I may,
Youth will not always last
'Tis but as a Spring day.
All nature's bright and fair
No shadows are o'ercast,
With the season I shall share
Joys befitting while they last.

SUMMER.

Summer has set in,
Early youth is on the wane;
Change of pleasure I now seek
I'd not live the past again.
More mature my thoughts are now
To home, kindred, friends I cling,
Summer time has sweeter joys
And more lasting than the Spring.

AUTUMN.

Autumn now is here,
Ushered in by dreary days,
They are gliding fast
Somber, serious are my ways.
I long for peaceful rest
'Tis as I ponder, I'm alone
But I'm happy! Mellow age
Brings that boon to everyone.

WINTER.

Chilly winds presage the birth
Of Winter dark and drear.
The shadowy clouds of death
At this season hover near.
All is fleeting. Like a dream
Time is quickly passing through,
Ere the spring birds come again
I shall bid this life adieu.

CECILIA A. CULLEN.

ADVANCE FARM SCHEDULE

Farmers To Be Furnished Copies Before The Census Begins

A great increase in the accuracy of the census returns from the farmers, a considerable saving of the working time of the farm enumerators, and the removal of much of whatever misapprehensions and prejudices may exist among farmers with regard to the census are the important results expected by the United States Census Bureau to follow the use of the Advance Farm Schedule, which has been adopted and will be circulated, through the rural postmasters, among the farmers a short time before the actual census taking.

The employment of this advance schedule is a distinct innovation in census methods. It is the logical and practical outcome of the Census Bureau's persistent effort for some time past to give the farmers a clear and comprehensive preliminary knowledge of the Farm Census questions and to induce them to keep written records of their farm operations and equipment in readiness for the call of the enumerators, beginning April 15th next.

Four million copies of the schedule will be printed, and the distribution of them among farm owners and tenants will be entrusted to the farm enumerators soon after they are commissioned, about April 1.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has promised the assistance of his department in the effective distribution of the schedules, and he will issue instructions relative thereto to the rural postmasters. They will be required to address and forward to the farmers receiving mail at their offices the advance farm schedules supplied them by the enumerators.

In a note to farmers on the front page of the schedule, Census Director Durand states:

"In accordance with the act of Congress, the census of the population and farms of the United States will begin on April 15, 1910. On or soon after that date an enumerator will call at your house for the purpose of obtaining the required information concerning your farm.

"Many of the questions which will be asked you concerning the equipment and operations of your farm can not be accurately answered by you without considerable thought and the making of careful calculations or estimates. Therefore, this form has been sent to you in advance, so that you may study the questions at your convenience and have the answers written down before the enumerator comes.

"You are earnestly requested to read this form and instructions carefully, to write down the answers to

all questions that apply to your farm, and to keep it until the enumerator comes. By doing this you can save yourself much time and contribute greatly to the success of the agricultural census.

"Besides the information concerning your farm, the enumerator will also ask you the names, ages, and other facts concerning the members of your household."

Too Much Politics

New York State republicans are having trouble over the Allds investigation and appearances indicate that the organization rather than yield is willing to jeopardize prospects of party success. Root and Taft have both attempted to advise but their suggestions, and orders as well, have been disregarded. In Philadelphia the Rapid transit company refuses to arbitrate with its striking employees and the end of the strike trouble is not in sight.

Mayor Rayburn, who should intervene in behalf of the public gives his unending support to the company against arbitration. That city is so hopelessly in the control of the senatorial bosses, aided by the Democratic organization, that an earthquake there could not shake them out, but there is a large vote outside and the gang may manufacture sufficient repugnance to its methods to crown the ambition of Mr. Berry to become Governor of the state. He is like Burks "willin" to "make the 'on and his discovery and unmasking of the Capitol steal, for which he deserves, and receives at the hands

of all honest men, great credit, particularly after the whitewashing investigation made by Atty General Carson, and the famous letter of Governor Pennypacker in which he said "he knew of no graft and did not like the word," gives him substantial arguments to go before the people. The conduct of the administration at Washington in respect to the Ballinger matter is not establishing confidence in the party. The Cannon-Aldrich lead is becoming burdensome to the people and the attempt, not carefully vetted, to down congressmen who do not follow their lead may result in defeat. It is all the old story of hide bound politicians who will not yield one jot or tittle to the opinions of those who with a broader view and wider statesmanship disagree with them.

They do not seem to realize that the public mind has been educated to independence of thought and that voters are more in line with their own ideas than they are with thick and thin politicians, and their personal ambitions.

FOR RENT!

ONE of the finest store rooms in Milford, Corner Broad and Catharine Streets from April 1st. Also two cottages; one 6 rooms, water in both. Enquire of

A. D. BROWN