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BRIEF MENTION

Benjamin K. Bortles, who shot and killed Henry Shouse at Honesdale nearly thirty years ago, for which he was tried and convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary, recently visited that town to consult as to means to obtain admission to Hillside Home near Scranton. He is 88 years old and mentally infirm. He has been living with a daughter but felt a heavy burden on her family. On his return to her home he made threats for which he was arrested and lodged in Honesdale jail.

These interested in raising poultry might receive considerable information by writing the Pennsylvania State College for circular No. 6 which gives hints on how to build poultry houses. Plans have been prepared for the houses mentioned which may be obtained free on application.

A law should be passed in this state to compel drivers of vehicles to carry a lamp at night. This would give protection both to the vehicle and automobilist. We will ask Mr. Marvin to introduce such a bill in the next legislature and no doubt it will pass. New Jersey now has a law of this kind.

Dorant F. Drake and wife of Boston are visiting the family of Rev C. A. White at the Mass.

The state road in Green township has been accepted by the Highway Department. It is three and a half miles long and the contract price was \$28,800.65. The 65 cents possibly was for extra water pails.

Sheldon and Sockel gears for sale. Require at the PRESS office.

Harvey L. West is arranging to enter the Soldiers Home at Bath, N. Y. He is a veteran of the civil war. N. C. Detrick formerly of Milford, is now Assistant Manager of the New Dunlap Hotel at Atlantic City. He has been in the hotel business several years and has experience.

Dr. Buckingham, who has been practicing in Matamoras, has removed to Philadelphia.

A postal from R. D. Sayre, who was at Gettysburg attending the ceremonies of unveiling the State Monument, says, "The weather was hot and dry and over ten thousand old veterans were on the ground."

Chaves, a Peruvian aviator, flew over the Alps from Brig in Switzerland to Milan last week. He rose to a height of nearly 7,000 feet and followed over the road built by Napoleon in 1800 over the Simplon pass. The distance sailed by him was about 75 miles. An accident when he landed and only fell 30 feet so badly injured him and his machine that he was unable to finish the prescribed journey. Had he fallen while crossing the mountains it would have meant instant death.

At the recent primaries in New Jersey 85 per cent of the republicans voted against U. S. S. John Kean for reelection. The vote is not binding on the legislature it only expresses the sentiments of the party, but it very likely ensures his defeat.

A steamship arrived at Seattle last Saturday from Alaska with two tons of gold bullion valued at nearly one million dollars.

Born Monday September 26th to John C. Van Ertou and wife of Tuckahoe, N. Y. a son.

George Clark, colored, a track hand, accidentally fell from a rock led Friday into the Delaware river at Pond Edly and was drowned. The body was not recovered until Sunday.

An Irishman desired to become naturalized, and after the papers were signed the judge turned to him. "Now, Dennis," he said, "you can vote."

"Will this ceremony," inquired the new citizen, "help me to do any better than I have been doing in the last ten years?"

J. F. Terwilliger spent Saturday in New York.

Mrs. Noyes is planning to build a home this fall on her lots on upper Ann street, and T. H. Morse is considering building an addition to his residence on Fourth street.

Mrs. Matilda B. Mann of New Hampton met with quite a painful accident. Her horse became frightened and she was thrown out of the carriage breaking her shoulder.

Lewis Gregory has entered the employ of Graham Watts at Hawley Pa.

Best fishing in the river here is good and excellent catches have been made during the past week.

M. J. Lynn of Palmyra, Samuel Vennie, P. R. Cross and Miles Rowland are among the directors of the new state bank at Hawley.

Last week the New York State Fish Commissioner cleared the Delaware of eel racks along the border. Several were dynamited and the owners fined. It was found that a large quantity of fish had been caught and shipped away.

Last Saturday evening as one of the autos of the D. V. T. Co. attempted to come up the hill at the foot of Broad Street opposite Glen View Place, the driver was obliged to change the gear and for some reason the brake refused to work which allowed the machine to run back.

Harvey L. West, an old soldier, was just in the rear of the auto and seeing the trouble took refuge behind the stone wall but the machine struck the wall knocking down a section on West and badly bruising him.

John W. Merriam and family, who have occupied a cottage on lower Ann street the past summer returned to New York this week.

Samuel W. Finger, wife and daughter of Lambertville, N. J., who visited here a few days recently, have returned home.

FOREST FIRE PROTECTION AMONG PRIVATE OWNERS.

One of the seasons which will finally be drawn from the trying experience of the present forest fire season, in the belief of officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is the need of wider organization among private owners of timber to safeguard their holdings.

It is pointed out that already in the Northwest, both on the Pacific Coast and in Montana and Idaho, lumberland owners have formed themselves into associations which assess the members on an acreage basis and thus meet the cost of maintaining a regular patrol and fighting organization. Only by getting together can private owners actually assure themselves protection. Fire is no respecter of boundary lines and the man who undertakes to keep it out of his own timber will want it kept out of his neighbor's too. Wherever possible the Government's forest officers cooperate with the force put in the field by the associations, so that the employees of the Government and those of the private owners are handled practically as a unit in fighting the common enemy.

This cooperation is advantageous to both sides. Protection of the National Forest necessarily carries with it a good deal of protection of adjoining or interior holdings. If the private owners would everywhere shoulder their reasonable share of the burden, the public would gain both through more general forest conservation and through relief from the necessity of paying for the protection of private timbers in order to protect its own.

Game Laws for 1910

Bear—October 1 to January 1. Unlimited.

Black-birds, all kinds—September 1 to January 1. Unlimited.

Doves, (Mourning or Turtle)—September 1 to January 1. Unlimited.

Deer, male with viable horns—November 15 to December 1. One each season.

English, Mongolian or Chinese Pheasant—October 15 to December 1. Ten in one day, twenty in one week and fifty in one season.

Grouse, (Ruffed) commonly called Pheasant—October 15 to December 1. Five in one day, twenty in one week and fifty in one season.

Hare or Rabbit—November 1 to December 15. Ten in one day.

Quail, commonly called Virginia Partridge—October 15 to November 15. Ten in one day, forty in one week and seventy five in one season.

Hungarian Quail. Closed for two years.

Web-footed Wild fowl of all kinds—September 1 to April 10. Unlimited.

Wild Turkey—October 15 to November 15. One in a day, two in one season.

Woodcock—October 1 to December 1. Ten in one day, twenty in one week and fifty in one season.

Squirrel, Fox, Black or Grey—October 15 to December 1. Six of combined kinds in one day.

Shore Birds—September 1 to January 1. Unlimited.

Sole, Jack or Wilson—September 1 to May 1. Unlimited.

Plover—July 15 to December 1—Unlimited.

DISEASE OF CHESTNUT TREES

Within the past few years an entirely new disease of the common chestnut tree has appeared. It is evidently spreading in all directions from the neighborhood of New York City where it was first observed. On Long Island, Southern Connecticut and Northern New Jersey it has proved so virulent that nearly all the chestnut trees are affected, and many of them have already died.

In Pennsylvania it is quite abundant throughout the eastern counties, but in the central and western portions of the state it is still either lacking or but sparingly distributed. Like all other plant diseases it doubtless has its limitations and it is not likely that it will thrive in all sections where the chestnut tree grows. It is not unlikely that it may have already nearly reached the limit of its extension.

However, that may be, it is well worth the attention of all who have chestnut trees of timber. A strong effort should be made to arrest the progress of the disease so soon as it appears. This is not specially difficult, and now, before the leaves fall, is the time to do it. When a tree is attacked and becomes infested the fungus rapidly spreads in the bark and growing wood of twigs and branches. It progresses so fast that these parts in larger or smaller patches are soon disorganized, killed and somewhat shrunken. The leaves which depend upon these parts for their water and food supply wither and shrivel, but do not fall. These twigs or branches with their attached dead leaves are very plainly seen in contrast with the natural ones and mark the presence of this particular disease. Of course, branches may die from other causes particularly attacks of boring insects, and mechanical breakage, but the difference is not difficult to detect.

If during the next six weeks a careful examination is made for this disease, particularly west of the Susquehanna, and in sections not yet known to be infested, it is probable that it can be arrested or even entirely prevented.

Affected limbs should be cut off well below the dead wood and burned. Any trees, the trunks of which are diseased should be cut down and the bark and branches burned. The wood could be used for any purpose desired; it will not spread the disease.

While the State Forestry Department is personally directing work of this kind it behooves every individual to exert himself immediately, and co-operate for the common good. Within the sections named complete control or destruction of this chestnut disease seem assured if proper effort is made.

WANTED—COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE

requires the services of a representative in Pike County to look after subscription renewals and to extend circulation by special methods which have proved unusually successful. Salary and commission. Previous experience desirable but not essential. Whole time or spare time. Address with references, H. C. Campbell, Cosmopolitan Magazine, 1789 Broadway, New York City.

Eggs by the Pound.

By fixed tradition anything pertaining to the egg industry is a most amusing joke—the older the egg the more irresistible the joke. It is not surprising, therefore, that a New York official's proposal that eggs be sold by weight rather than number should be greeted with loud editorial laughter. Of course eggs vary in size, the editors admitted, but after all "eggs is eggs" and it is their nature to be sold by the dozen. The way mother bought eggs is good enough for us.

Hopeless, slavish conservatism this; the egg progress is slow and tortuous. We denounce doctored scales and short weights, fake bottles, strawberry boxes with high bottoms; we have a wholesome contempt for the grocer who puts all the big peaches on top and mixes sand in the sugar. But we buy eggs by the dozen regardless of size until the very hens have seemed to see the futility of laying large eggs and the omelet languishes and fades away. —[From "Success Magazine."]

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TO THE VOTERS OF PIKE COUNTY:

As the candidate for re-election, to represent Pike County another term in the Legislature at Harrisburg, it is my purpose in this, as well as in succeeding newspaper articles, to refresh your memories in what has been accomplished for the county during the past four years and to set forth what I would advocate if I am again elected, and, necessarily I shall explain or deny stories now being, or that may be, circulated, that seek to mislead the voter.

I do not take a personal credit for all that has been accomplished, neither do I admit that I was not instrumental, in a measure, to that success to which Pike County has attained.

I owe much to the many valuable suggestions made me by republicans and democrats, whose advice I have adopted, if as all feasible, for I have not drawn the line of demarcation politically, but, rather, as the representative of the whole people of Pike County irrespective of political affiliation, I have tried to do what would benefit the greater number and feeling that if it was in my power I should like to do something for each particular township.

This week I shall devote to deny for the story being circulated, originating I know not by whom, that news, but a few facts, and then every fair minded man must dismiss it from his mind as far as I am concerned, and that those who have not heard the story may be advised of its fallacy.

It is stated that I was instrumental in securing the passage of what is known as the "Cash Road Tax Law." The history of this law from its birth until its passage I quote below from the Legislative Record, the daily record, taken stenographically, of every word spoken during the Session in both the House and Senate. The record is as follows:

July 26, 1910. House of Representatives.

Road Tax, etc. An appropriation to carry out the provisions of an act relating to.—Amending an Act passed and Approved, April 12, 1905.

Bill introduced by Edward E. Jones, Member of the Legislature from Susquehanna County and referred by the Speaker to the committee on Public Roads.

Feb 3. Reported from Committee by Mr. Adams without amendment.

Feb 4. First reading.

Feb 8. On motion of Mr. Jones seconded by Mr. Dempsey, the bill was recommitted to committee on Public Roads.

March 2. Bill called up, by Mr. Jones on second reading and amendments offered by Mr. Jones and Mr. Reynolds.

March 29. Bill on Third reading and on motion of Mr. Crosby, seconded by committee of whole for amendment. Speaker placed Mr. Moyer in chair and amendments were offered by Crosby and Jones. On motion of Mr. Stradling, seconded by Mr. Clarence, that committee arose and reported to the chair.

March 30. Final passage, vote was, in favor 160, against none, absent and not voting 47.

April 13. Mr. Jones moves not to concur in Senate Amendment which was as follows: "Said road tax shall hereafter be collected in cash and no such taxes shall be paid in labor or worked out." Mr. Jones motion was seconded by Mr. Moyer.

April 13. Mr. Stradling seconded by Mr. Clarence, moves that the house insist upon its non concurrence in senate amendments and the speaker appointed Jones, McDowell, and Creny a committee on confidence with the senate.

April 14. Report of conference committee returned by Mr. Jones.

April 14. Vote as follows, in favor 140, against none.

IN THE SENATE

Apr. 1. Bill referred by Speaker to Committee on Public Roads and Highways.

Apr. 6. Reported from Committee by Mr. Thomson.

Apr. 6. First reading.

Apr. 7. On motion of Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Jamison it was recommitted to committee.

Apr. 8. Reported from committee with amendment.

Apr. 8. Second reading.

Apr. 13. Third reading and final passage vote was, in favor 35, against none, absent and not voting 15.

Apr. 13. Mr. Thomson insists upon amendments and conference committee asked for, motion seconded

NOTES FROM SANDYSTON

The old soldier is getting all that is coming to him in pensions and otherwise. Pennsylvania is doing a grand thing in sending her veterans to Gettysburg free of expense to the unveiling of a grand monument. The wife of the veteran is taxed 1% cents per mile. Our old comrade Randall D. Sayre and wife passed through here on Saturday on their way to Gettysburg.

Corn cutting is nearly over with in this section, and so far there has been no frost, but it has come pretty close to it.

It is amusing to see the owners of an old plug making the effort to do a mile in three minutes or less, on the new McAdam road, when in fact the best they can do is six minutes or more. I feel sorry for the horse.

Thomas Hilton took charge of the bar of the Layton hotel on Tuesday last. Tom is a jolly all-round fellow and the traveling public is assured of gentlemanly and courteous attention.

When elderly people are conversing, how annoying it is for youngsters of tender years to put in their ear and monopolize the conversation to the disgust of their elders. A little advice from papa or mamma might do some good.

An article in the Press regarding the cost of feeding prisoners in our jail reads the loss as being 10 to 15 to the county. A lot of that amount would not cause any comment, but the loss, I am informed, amounts to \$1000 to \$1,500 per year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shay Warner whose interment was made in the Layton Cemetery on the 31st was the last surviving member of the family of John Shay dec'd. She was in her 82nd year.

The good people of Tuttle's Corner will give a chicken supper in the school house at that place on Thursday evening the 29th inst. They always have plenty and everything is first class. Proceeds for benefit of Pastor.

The Italian who was accidentally run over and had a leg broken, has sued the contractor for damages. It was clearly the fault of the Italian, but some lawyer wanted a job on a contingent fee.

George Owen tenant on the R. H. Everett farm is very sick having been taken last Thursday. Mr. Owen is alone on his farm and his illness is unfortunate.

Build Good Roads.

The County Commissioners Association held at Wellsboro this week recommended that a bill be presented to the next Legislature creating the office of County Superintendent of Highways. If some one qualified to suggest practical and economical methods of road building could be elected to such an office it would probably be of benefit to the County. Under the present system each township acts independently of the others and roads are built or worked, after the fashion in which it is done, with no regard to system or connection so as to make eventually a completed piece of good road. Not that every taxpayer is not entitled to a good road for his use but that those which accommodate the greatest number of people should first be made permanently good. For years money in this, and perhaps every County in the State, has been wasted by careless or incompetent supervisors, and roads which should be good are little better than passable. The money is gone with no permanent results, to show for it. Let us have an end to this extravagance. Let us have intelligent management of road making and soon we can point to them as being as good or better than any in the states and without any increase in tax. In fact when roads are so made taxes will decrease. Let us have an era of good road making by whatever means that end can be brought about. Keep politics out of roads and schools and select men who are competent for the work and progress will be made, taxpayers benefitted, and the county vastly improved.

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Forest Lake Club will be held at the Club House, Mast Hope, Pike County, Pa., on Tuesday, October 11th, 1910 at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of election of Directors and the transaction of such business as may lawfully come before the meeting.

CLAUDE V. PALLISTER, Secretary.

ORCHARD DEMONSTRATION

W. H. Bullock of Wayne county and Dr. D. E. Murray of Liverpool, Pa. were at the farm of Robert Brodhead in Lehman Wednesday to give a demonstration of the results of spraying and also talks on methods of treating fruit trees. Trees were shown which had been treated with the lime-sulfur solution and also with Bordeaux mixture. Formulas were given for preparing them and directions as to how and when to spray. As the season is past for such work fruit growers should write the State Department and obtain bulletins giving the formulas for these preventives and methods of using them so as to be prepared when spring opens to treat their trees. Interest in the work is growing for whereas only a couple of years ago State inspectors had no offers from farmers of orchards to treat, last year there were eleven thousand inquiries from all parts of the State and one or more demonstration orchards have been established in every County. The talk of Dr. Murray took a wide range, from planting trees, preparation and cultivation of soil to the work of pruning and protecting the trees from scale and the fruit from the ravages of the insects which attack it. He urged on fruit growers the necessity of organization and forming an association so that their orchards could be properly advertised and buyers found without individual effort. He also advised that fruit be honestly packed and labeled with the producers name so that a satisfied customer would seek that brand. His talk was instructive as well as entertaining and his knowledge of his subject amply demonstrated by his lucid explanations, and ready manner of answering questions. The trees in Mr. Brodhead's orchard which had been sprayed gave ample evidence of the benefits resulting, and one tree which had been treated only on one side proved the fact by displaying a fair yield of fine healthy fruit on the side sprayed while the other side not sprayed was practically barren. Mr. Brodhead also stated that another treated tree which was well loaded with large healthy apples before treatment had borne but little fruit and that of inferior quality. Raising fruit is a science and only those who are willing to study and practice approved methods will succeed. Will it pay? This can be answered by asking if it pays to raise trees which occupy land and either bear no fruit and in a few days die from the effect of scale, or if they survive bear scrawny, wormy apples, which are not fit for the elder pig and which a discriminating pig almost would refuse to eat.

These are the alternatives and the wise man who wants results in dollars will not hesitate to decide between the two. Next time the State sends men to your community to instruct you in fruit culture, or for that matter in any line pertaining to your business of farming, go out and hear them. Spend half a day in listening and acquiring and then try to practice what they preach and you will die a happier and a richer man and your children will point to your example with both pride and profit. We will cheerfully publish any refutation of the above.

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RECONCILIATION

May we not be friends once more?
I'll take back my hasty word,
Your forgiveness I implore,
I know that I have erred;
I'll presume upon your kind
And gentle heart to say
That little word, forgive,
Dear one do not say nay.

If you only knew what I
Have suffered since that day
I heard your stifled sigh
And saw you turn away,
You'd have mercy on me now,
Let me not then plead in vain,
But forgive what I have said
And be friends once again.

You are silent but I know
You are not angry now,
Your blushes tell me so,
And I read from your fair brow
And see in your soft eyes
No not friendship, something more!
You've betrayed it—the old tale
So often told before.

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