

Neighboring Counties.

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Hazleton's flax mill is going full blast.

The lawn tennis season in Hazleton has opened.

The new Reformed church building at Eckley was dedicated on Sunday.

Hon. William R. Jeffries has removed from Upper Lehigh to Hazleton.

Edge Darte, of Wilkes-Barre, will be the Memorial Day speaker at Summit Hill, Carbon county.

Hazleton's crack singers, the Quary County Clee club, will sing in Stockton and Hazleton on Memorial Day.

An open air concert will be held in Hazle Park, Hazleton, on Labor Day.

The Home Dramatic company will produce the popular drama entitled "Nugget Nell" at the Sarsfield Opera house this evening for the benefit of the Hose company. Seats may be secured at Hollister & Bowman's store.

The children's choir for floral Sunday will meet tomorrow evening for rehearsal.

Miss Minnie Greene, of Moosic, left for Monday for New York where she will spend a few days with her brother, William, previous to her departure for England where she will be united in marriage to an English gentleman.

Miss Greene has visited friends in Europe several times. She was escorted to the station by a large circle of friends.

FACTORYVILLE.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will meet Wednesday afternoon at the Academy.

Everybody has a cordial invitation, as there is plenty of room. A good attendance and social time is expected. Supper at 6 o'clock.

Miss Sarah Watkins and Mr. Wilson spent Sunday in Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Zweisig and son, Bertie, visited relatives at East Lemon Saturday and Sunday.

Memorial services at the Baptist church on Sabbath were well attended.

The sermon by Rev. Watkins was full of spirit and patriotism.

The funeral of Mrs. Hattie Wells Vergason will be held at the Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Vergason was a lively Christian character and was much beloved by all who knew her.

She leaves beside her husband, an aged father and mother and two sisters.

Mr. E. L. Watkins is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Clara Biddleman, of Scranton, was in town Sunday. His father, Daniel Biddleman, is no better at this writing.

Red Jacket, No. 524, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, conferred the degree of Master on four candidates at last meeting.

At the next regular meeting, June 1, of Paulownia, Rebekah Lodge, No. 48, District Deputy Mrs. Phoebe Skillhorn, will install officers.

The degree staff will also initiate several candidates. After the completion of the regular lodge work the usual social will be held.

The most interesting contest of the year took place in Alumni hall last Friday evening when representatives from the Normal Literary and Philanthropic societies met to struggle for supremacy in oratory and recitation.

The programme was as follows: Orations: "Prespects of Our Government," Porter H. Michael; "The Final Goal," Arthur L. Mann; "The Influence of Surroundings," Austin H. Uptkey; "The Kingdom of God is Within You," James C. Dalton; "The New King," George Maxey; Recitations: "Decisive Integrity," W. Howard Patchen; "Under the Wheels," Julia L. Goodspeed; "The Rum Maniac," George Saxton; "Hagar," Edith Young; "The Charity Race," Helen A. Boland; "The Unknown Speaker," Leon Argetsinger. All the productions were worthy of high commendation, and the audience were very appreciative.

The judges were: Hon. David R. Cameron, C. C. Shaw, D. D. of Wellboro, and Dr. S. H. Albro, S. N. S. The judges retired after each contest, but withheld their decision until the close, when, having complimented the contestants in general, they awarded victory to George Maxey.

Miss Edith Lowensberry, both of the Normal Literary society. The prizes are gold medals to the contestants and \$10 to the successful society.

The following members of the board of instruction and discipline have resigned their positions: Professor and Mrs. H. E. Cogswell, Miss E. Coome, Miss Skeel, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Sucece, Miss Cass, Mr. Spencer and Mrs. Goodall. Resignations take effect at the beginning of next school year.

HER LEG BROKEN ELEVEN TIMES.

The Woman Now Sets All the Fractures Herself.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 25.—Mrs. George Root is now in bed suffering from a broken leg. This is the eleventh fracture which Mrs. Root has sustained in one or the other of her legs.

She says: "I always bandage a break myself as soon as possible; this prevents swelling and makes the setting less painful. It isn't much of a job to set a broken leg. I have Mr. Root pull gently at my foot and set any plain break."

DUPED THROUGH A WOMAN'S WILES.

Marrageable Men Fleeced by the "Injured Husband."

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 25.—On the charge of working a matrimonial swindle, Francis Watson, alias Francis Watson, and Violet Cleveland, alias Winnie Hunter, have been arrested.

While dupes and the women were conversing in out-of-way places, Robinson would appear in the role of the injured husband and would threaten to shoot the victim if he did not at once receive money.

WHITNEY'S WEEKLY BUDGET OF NEWS

A Squirrel is Chained by a Rattlesnake at Chaucade.

ALONG THE JEFFERSON BRANCH.

Susquehanna Shops Are in Operation But Six Hours Each Day--Preparations for Memorial Day Celebration--Various Notes of County News--Personal and Other Scraps of Information.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, May 25.—While he was feeding his stock on Sunday, Farmer Thompson, of Chaucade, had his attention called to a squirrel on the ground, whose strange actions interested him.

He approached near, and the squirrel was evidently unaware of his presence. He soon discovered a large rattlesnake in front of the little animal. Nearer and nearer the squirrel approached the reptile, continuing its strange actions, until the snake opened its mouth and seized the animal. After the rattler had partially swallowed its prey, Mr. Thompson grabbed a pole and attempted to kill the snake. The pole struck a limb, when the snake threw the squirrel from its mouth and jumped at Mr. Thompson, a distance of eight feet. The second blow killed the reptile, which was six feet in length.

ALONG THE JEFFERSON BRANCH.

Business in the several factories in pleasant little Brandt is not at all booming. The advance agent of prosperity appears to be loitering by the wayside.

The funeral of Mrs. G. K. La Monte, a highly esteemed resident of Thomson, occurred and was largely attended on Saturday afternoon.

Henry Center has a Woman's Christian Temperance union, organized last week by Susquehanna ladies.

In the Susquehanna railroad yard a few evenings since, a Stevens' Point man was "held up" and relieved of \$15 in cash.

Missionaries from Dundaff are said to be drifting towards Susquehanna.

THE ALMANAC SPRING.

Notwithstanding the backward season there is the very essence of spring in the following fugitive poem:

There's a kind of curious, lazy, lullin' feelin' in the breeze,

An' the early buds are bendin' 'neath the sunbeams' loving caress;

The downy dews are matrin' in the woodlands where the stream is clear an' shinin' mirror where the sunbeams' loving caress.

You can see the buds a-swellin' on the branches, once so bare,

An' the catties—they are graazin' where the tender blades appear;

You can hear the birds a-chirpin' in their nests or on the wing,

But—"Enclose please find a poem," 'tis the surest sign of spring!

ALONG THE RAILROADS.

To what base uses, etc! The coach in which Colonel Jim Plisk was whirled over the Erie, in its palmy days, is now utilized as a tool car in the Susquehanna yard.

It is expected that the coal output and traffic will be increased in June.

The Susquehanna shops are now in operation but six hours per day. The present rule is probably for the remainder of the present month only.

President E. B. Thomas and lesser lights of the Erie, paid the Susquehanna shops an official inspection on Saturday.

The miller rumor that the Boston, Catskill Mountain and Scranton road is to be commenced this year is again revived. The route has been surveyed nearly the entire distance.

The Erie's Wooten extension boilers are giving excellent satisfaction. The "old reliable" is endeavoring to find the perfect locomotive. Like perfect men—they are scarce.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Memorial Day will be appropriately observed in Susquehanna. After the parade and the ceremony of decorating the soldiers' graves in the several cemeteries, a public meeting will be held in Hogan opera house, to be addressed by District Attorney W. D. B. Ainey, of Montrose, an able and eloquent speaker. In the evening a musical and literary entertainment will be held in the opera house under the auspices of Moody Relief corps. The proceeds will be used to defray the necessary expenses of the day.

Sleep, comrades, sleep and rest On the field of glory, and your arms, Where foes no more molest Nor sentry's shot alarms.

Ye have slept on the ground before, And started to your feet At the cannon's sudden roar Or the drum's redoubting beat.

But in the Camp of Death No sound your slumber breaks; Here is no fevered breath, No word that bleeds and aches.

All is repose and peace— Untrampled lies the sod, The slits are in the sod, It is the truce of God.

Rest, comrades, rest and sleep! The thought of home shall be As sentinels to keep Your rest from danger free.

Your silent tents of green We deck with fragrant flowers; Yours has the suffering been— The memory shall be sure!

All honor to them! May the revolving years increase the greatness of the government, which they preserved, the security they won, the laws they established!

IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

The Susquehanna county Probitionists meet in convention in Montrose today.

Following is the new County Medical Pension Examining board: Dr. Charles Newton, of Montrose; Dr. D. C. Ainey, of New Milford; Dr. M. L. Miller, of Lanesboro.

It is reported that signs of seventeen-year locusts have been seen between Susquehanna and Hallstead.

A Montrose man desires the legislature to pass a bill prohibiting wheelmen from back pedaling while going up hill.

Two South Gibson business men, who were born on farms, a few days since visited the woods to secure a small maple tree. After several hours' hard work they placed a tree in the wagon and started for home. En route they met a woodman, who informed them that they had an ash. They threw it out of the wagon and rode home disconsolate.

The health of Luke Buck, the famous Great Bend auctioneer, is precarious.

Memorial Day will be generally observed throughout the county.

Montrose will have a business men's carnival.

A PECULIAR FACT.

Thousands of People Have Dyspepsia in its Worst Form and Do Not Know It.

A weak stomach is the cause of about nine-tenths of all disease of the system. It is reported that our genial old friend, W. J. Chappelle, the famous showman, has leased the Academy of Music, Scranton. What "Chapp" doesn't know about the show business can be written on the upper left hand corner of a postage stamp. He commenced his career as the advance agent of Jenny Lind, under Barnum. He headed "Washington's Last Sensation" for twenty years, and since then, for twenty-five years he has represented some of the best companies on the road. He has learned the secret of perpetual youth.

The little bird-like twitter that a talented young artist of Scranton, but formerly of Susquehanna, is about to lead a maiden fair to the altar. His name will be more Lyons in the path of the Electric Cityites.

Hon. James T. Du Bois, editor of the Washington (D. C.) "Inventive Age," will spend the summer in his cottage near Hallstead.

Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Wheaton, of Factoryville, spent Sunday with Susquehanna relatives.

Professor and Mrs. C. T. Thorpe, of Forest City, are guests of Susquehanna relatives. Their innumerable friends here are always delighted to see them.

Hon. Amos J. Cummings, of New York, is expected at Columbia Grove, on Monday next.

Wonderful fishing stories will appear later in the New York Sunday Sun.

Editor Birchard, of the Transcript, is a prominent candidate for United States consul to Timbuctoo. Being a fan of seventeen dead and half dead languages, he is remarkably well equipped for the position. He has the hearty endorsement of several influential statesmen, some of whom are not living.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Cards are out announcing the marriage, in Christ Episcopal church, on Tuesday evening, June 15, at 8 o'clock, of Miss Charlotte, eldest daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Rayford, of Grand street, to Wilmot Everett Buck, of New York.

Keystone Hook and Ladder company, No. 1, opened a five days' fair in Hogan on Monday morning.

John Olsen, an Erie shop machinist, was on Saturday taken to the State Asylum for the Insane, at Danville.

Memorial Day will be appropriately observed in Lanesboro. The addresses will be delivered by Rev. C. C. Vrooman, pastor of the First church, and Messrs. Harry McCannan and Arthur Moore on Saturday, for a trip through England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales—and possibly France.

SHE WAS DELIGHTED.

Chief McMahon stopped a lady of uncertain age who was riding a wheel on the Main street sidewalk the other evening. "I want you," said he authoritatively, "to go down with me before a justice of the peace."

"Do you really?" replied the maiden lady. "How perfectly lovely! I have been waiting now for thirty years for some man to come and invite me to do that. Have you got the marriage license?" But Mac had fled.

WHOLLY UNPREMEDITATED.

Having converted a portion of Carbondale, it is reported that the Mormon elders will hold a series of meetings in Susquehanna. Now is the accepted time to get vaccinated.

The Crystal lake correspondent of the Forest City News wrote: "The Dundaff missionaries will go to Susquehanna next Saturday. In the absence of Brother Whitney they hope to receive the attention and respect to which they are entitled." Ah—um! They have not yet arrived in Susquehanna. Bre'r Maxey, honor bright, who among your Forest City people, ate the missionaries?

Brother Whitney will on Saturday receive their lucre for the month of April. It will be a small pay, but half a loaf is better than no bread.

A Susquehanna sexton reports that since a plate has been used at the Sunday service, fewer car seals and permit licenses have been discovered in the collections. The man who adds a car seal or a tobacco tag to the church collection will never go where the good Elijah went.

A Broome county man entered a Susquehanna saloon on Sunday and was set upon, assaulted and robbed of \$15. Within a month, four men have been robbed in and about this particular saloon. At the next term of county court there is likely to be one saloon closed in Susquehanna.

Susquehanna needs a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Some terrible specimens of horseflesh are mauled and pushed through the streets nearly every day. Whitney.

DIAB NOT COMING TO SEE US.

Report Denied that He is to Visit Philadelphia.

Mexico City, Mex., May 25.—It having been stated in many American papers that President Diaz would visit the Philadelphia Commercial museum in June, it may be stated that General Diaz does not for the present contemplate making the journey to the United States.

Activity in the organization of the new native companies continues to be noted. Companies aggregating \$1,000, 500 and 250 were registered in this city in April and various large companies are announced for this month.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, May 25.—Flour—Dull and 5a 10c; lower to 10c; city millers, \$1.50; winter patents, \$1.55; city millers, \$1.55; winter straight, \$1.55; winter extra, \$1.55; winter low grades, \$1.50; winter soft—Steady. Cornmeal—Dull. Rye—Steady. No. 2 western, 77c; No. 1, 78c; No. 3, 79c; No. 4, 80c; No. 5, 81c; No. 6, 82c; No. 7, 83c; No. 8, 84c; No. 9, 85c; No. 10, 86c; No. 11, 87c; No. 12, 88c; No. 13, 89c; No. 14, 90c; No. 15, 91c; No. 16, 92c; No. 17, 93c; No. 18, 94c; No. 19, 95c; No. 20, 96c; No. 21, 97c; No. 22, 98c; No. 23, 99c; No. 24, 100c; No. 25, 101c; No. 26, 102c; No. 27, 103c; No. 28, 104c; No. 29, 105c; No. 30, 106c; No. 31, 107c; No. 32, 108c; No. 33, 109c; No. 34, 110c; No. 35, 111c; No. 36, 112c; No. 37, 113c; No. 38, 114c; No. 39, 115c; No. 40, 116c; No. 41, 117c; No. 42, 118c; No. 43, 119c; No. 44, 120c; No. 45, 121c; No. 46, 122c; No. 47, 123c; No. 48, 124c; No. 49, 125c; No. 50, 126c; No. 51, 127c; No. 52, 128c; No. 53, 129c; No. 54, 130c; No. 55, 131c; No. 56, 132c; No. 57, 133c; No. 58, 134c; No. 59, 135c; No. 60, 136c; No. 61, 137c; No. 62, 138c; No. 63, 139c; No. 64, 140c; No. 65, 141c; No. 66, 142c; No. 67, 143c; No. 68, 144c; No. 69, 145c; No. 70, 146c; No. 71, 147c; No. 72, 148c; No. 73, 149c; No. 74, 150c; 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