

NEWS OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA AND CITY'S SUBURBS

CONSIDER RAISE IN COAL VALUES

Northumberland Commissioners Meeting With Owners in Effort to Fix Amount

Sunbury, Pa., May 24.—Rather than submit to snap judgment Northumberland county coal barons in session with the county commissioners here to-day agreed to allow expert mining engineers to over their properties for the purposes of securing a physical valuation. Once that has been done, according to the commissioners, they will sit at a board of tax revision and fix the valuations for taxable purposes for the next three years.

According to the tax records of the county the coal mine owners pay taxes on an assessed valuation of \$17,000,000 for all coal property in Northumberland. This includes improved and unimproved properties. Much of the unimproved land is assessed nominally, some of it as low as \$200 an acre, while under it are thousands of tons of virgin unmined anthracite, worth at least \$5 a ton on top of the ground.

When the last assessment was made in 1915 there was approximately no raise from the previous valuations. Then the war came along and jumped the retail price of coal, the most universal size, from \$3.75 a ton to \$8 a ton. This, the consumers assert, put a different value on the coal mining properties in Northumberland, and experts agree to be the third best in America's anthracite basins. Northumberland county has an area of 460 square miles. Of this area 4,044,852 acres are in coal measures. T. Ellsworth Davies, Scranton coal mine expert, had been employed to make this valuation, and before the commissioners a statement of conditions in the anthracite section of the county. The coal deposits, he said, are controlled by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, the Susquehanna Collieries Company and the Girard Estate. They originally controlled 4,044,852 acres of coal, of which 241,141,035 tons have been removed, leaving 3,803,710,965 tons in the ground.

It is agreed by consumers and experts on taxes that if this property at this time be raised to any way near its real value an assessment of \$10,000,000 would be only half of what the mined coal would be worth on top of the ground.

Three Veterans Die During Year in Gettysburg Post

Gettysburg, Pa., May 25.—The annual memorial services for the veterans of the Civil War who died during the year were held in the hall of General Sibley Post No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic to-day. Three vacant chairs draped in black were the silent reminders of the passing of Comrades Franklin Kime, Alexander D. Oyster and Lieutenant Oscar D. McMillan. Commander Peter S. Iseberg had charge of the services and the memorial sermon was preached by the Rev. Frank H. Brunstetter, of the Methodist Church, the choir of that church, with a male quartet, furnished the music.

SENIOR HONORS AWARDED

Gettysburg, Pa., May 26.—The final examinations for the senior class at the High School are over and the honor of delivering the valedictory and the salutatory have been awarded to Miss Martha Major for the former and Harold Lady for the latter. Both are nonresident pupils. Miss Major lives in Straban township, and Mr. Lady in Cumberland township.

IN MEMORY OF SOLDIERS

Marketts, Pa., 25.—In memory of Private Harry H. Becker, of Caernarvon township, who was killed in battle in France, October 1918, a memorial service was held to-day in the Caernarvon Mennonite Church. He was 23 years old, and was among the first to answer the call.

TOMATO WEIGHS TWO POUNDS

Kinderhook, May 26.—A tomato, weighing over two pounds, raised by Mrs. L. O. Mayer, is attracting considerable attention, due to the early and large growth. It is the only one ripened on the stalk, and is of the Stone variety.

HAPPENINGS ON WEST SHORE

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE PLACED IN YOUNGER HANDS BY VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR

Membership in Grand Army Posts of Perry County Rapidly Dwindling and Several Are Unable to Continue the Work of Annual Decoration Ceremonies

Marysville, Pa., May 26.—Perry county, the county that proudly boasts of having furnished a larger percentage of men to the Union Army during the Civil War than any other in the North, now has remaining only a greatly thinned rank of those men who offered their all that the Union might be preserved. Not more than 125 Civil War veterans at the most survive in the county, it is believed.

So thinned have become the ranks of those gray-haired heroes of the "sixties" and so decrepit have become many of those who still survive that but three posts of G. A. R. men still continue active in all Perry county. And one of these trio of posts that still maintain an organization has found it necessary this year to give over to younger hands the duty of making preparations for honoring those who have departed that to bourne from which no traveler ever returns.

The past several years have witnessed the sad surrendering of charters by two G. A. R. posts in the county, those located at Marysville and New Bloomfield. Advancing age and decreasing vitality prevent the energy to the maintenance of an organization and the performance of the duties connected therewith. Veterans of the World War and Memorial Day services will have an important part in honoring the memory of the departed warriors of the past. In every borough and community in Perry county in which Memorial Day services have been arranged, prominent places have been assigned on the programs to the men who have already returned from service either on this side or on the other side of the Atlantic. In several instances they are taking leading parts in the preparations.

That their ranks will have to be replenished by other wars will have them think of relinquishing the duties of honoring the dead of the North and the South, is the sentiment expressed by the members of the Lieutenant Arnold Lobaugh Post No. 297, of Newport, and Lieutenant William Allen Post No. 196, of Duncannon. "We had with us the sentinels of the nation's latest war and I guess that eighteen of us ought to have sufficient stamina to do such a little thing as honor our dead comrades," one of the Duncannon veterans said when told of the preparations being made in some of the other boroughs.

Lieutenant William Allison Post, of Duncannon, is the most active in the county and includes on its membership roll eighteen names, being one of the largest surviving posts in the county. W. H. Pennell is the commander of his post. The other members are: John B. Boyer, David Coulter, Sempel Finkenbinder, Edgar Greybill, Frank Loper, William Leedy, Samuel Baker, John H. Nutzbaug, George Pennell, Jacob F. Sterner, Ira Stuckey, Robert E. Valentine, William H. Willis, Charles Kugler, David Sellers, John Benner, John B. Kugler.

During the past year, three deaths were recorded among post members. They were George W. Dill, John E. Pierce, George Sneath.

Suburban Notes

Hummelstown, W. K. Harrison, of Hummelstown, and H. A. Troutman, of Herndon, both of Company E, One Hundred and Third Engineers, spent Sunday with Lieutenant Russell Hummel.

Miss Yingst, of Lebanon, spent yesterday with Miss Miriam Wagner.

Philip Deimler spent yesterday at Philadelphia.

Leroy Shearer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shearer, who recently returned from France, arrived home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zellars, Mrs. Pearl Horn, Messrs. John and Harvey Horn, of Annville, spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horn.

Greover Booser and family, Mrs. Irvin Ruff and daughter Florence, and Miss Esther Walter spent yesterday at Washington, D. C.

Abram Cobough and family, of Middletown, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cassel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lenker, of Hanoverdale, were entertained yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher.

The Rev. Adam Book, of Renova, Kans., spent the weekend with the Rev. Samuel E. Brehm.

Mrs. George Fetrov, of Harrisburg, spent yesterday at the home of her father, George Cassel.

MERCERSBURG

Lieutenant Allen Swede, of Norristown, now a student at Princeton, N. J., and a former member of the Mercersburg Academy track team, took part in the Princeton meet held in the Academy oval Saturday. Swede holds several world championships.

Dr. and Mrs. David Frederick Unger have returned home after spending several weeks at Harrisburg, visiting relatives.

Marvin Trux, of Williamson, was a visitor here Saturday. Mr. Trux is a brother of Nathan Trux, of Fayette street.

Fraker Evers, retired railway mail clerk of Fort London, was a visitor here on Saturday.

James C. Byron spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Byron. He is a student at St. James school at St. James, Md.

Mrs. Joseph Doyle, of Harrisburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harvey Helman.

Henry L. Waidlick, who represented Marshall Lodge, No. 223, at the Grand Lodge meeting held at Johnstown last week, has returned home. Mr. Waidlick has been an Odd Fellow for fifty-three years, and is as active as the new class of candidates just initiated.

Paul Stenger has received notice that his brother, Melvin B. Stenger, has arrived in this country and was sent to Camp Merritt, N. J., and later transferred to Camp Meade, Md. Private Harry Trayer, who has been stationed at Camp Lee, Va., has received his discharge and has returned to his home here.

Personal and Social Items of Towns on West Shore

Mrs. John Stonifer, of Fifth street, New Cumberland, has returned from a visit to friends at Mont Alto and Pen Mar.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell, of Arkansas, are visiting Mrs. J. A. Coover's family at New Cumberland.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dierich, of New Market, returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shelley, at Harriman, Pa.

Howard Snyder, of Chicago, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Snyder, and his sister, Mrs. W. A. Clouser, at Shiremanstown.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kemper Bitner and daughter, Margaret Bitner, of Shiremanstown, are spending a month with Mrs. Bitner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williamson, at Lambertville, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bistline, of Mechanicsburg; Mrs. John Nones-maker and Mrs. King, of Wormleysburg, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bistline, Shiremanstown.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Faust and son, Cyril Faust, of Shiremanstown, were Harrisburg visitors on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrl Yohe, son, Ira Yohe, and daughters, Ruth Yohe and June Yohe, of Lemoyne, spent Sunday with Mrs. Yohe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nebinger, at Shiremanstown.

Miss Theetta Blosor, of Dillsburg, is spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. A. W. Bistline, at Shiremanstown.

Mrs. N. M. Spahr and daughter, Dorothy Spahr, of Harrisburg, visited the former's sister, Mrs. J. R. Nebinger, at Shiremanstown on Saturday.

Mrs. J. Henderson Stock, of Shiremanstown, spent Saturday with her sister in Mechanicsburg.

R. Nevin Hageman, of Greenacres, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smyser at Shiremanstown.

Ralph Sheely, of Carlisle, visited his parents and other relatives at Shiremanstown on Saturday.

Charles Eckert has returned to his home in Shiremanstown after spending sometime with his sister, Mrs. Charles Arnouli, in Lebanon.

SERMON TO GRADUATES

Enola, Pa., May 26.—The baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the local high school was preached last night by the Rev. H. M. Buck, pastor of the Grace United Evangelical Church. Class day exercises will be held on Tuesday night, while commencement will be held on Thursday. The members of the class are as follows: Margaret Hessler, Viola Knub, Martha Adams, Miriam Troup and Cynthia Boyer.

WILL ERECT PARSONAGE

Marysville, Pa., May 26.—Plans are being made by the Methodist Episcopal Church congregation for the erection of a new parsonage to be erected on a plot of ground adjoining the church in Maple avenue. This plot of ground was recently purchased from Mrs. Susan Gensinger and the residence thereon will soon be removed to make room for the proposed new structure.

TRIP TO GETTYSBURG

New Cumberland, Pa., May 26.—The class of the grammar school, accompanied by their teacher, W. H. Speck, went to Gettysburg on Saturday. They took the trip in W. A. Mathias' large motor truck and spent a delightful day sightseeing.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

Marysville, Pa., May 26.—A member of the committee on nursing activities of the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Red Cross will meet with the Marysville class in the Red Cross rooms on Wednesday evening from 6.45 to 7.45 o'clock.

GUILD TO-MORROW

New Cumberland, Pa., May 26.—The Sunshine Guild will meet to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Charles Leib, president of the organization.

Memorial Day Exercises of New Cumberland Post

New Cumberland, Pa., May 26.—E. F. Eisenberger Post, Grand Army of the Republic, will have charge of Memorial Day exercises. On Friday morning, May 30, a committee will go to Mt. Olivet Cemetery at 7 o'clock and decorate the graves of the comrades buried there. At 1.00 the parade will form at the G. A. R. hall in Bridge street and go to Mt. Olivet Cemetery in the following order:

E. F. Eisenberger Post No. 462, G. A. R.; drug corps; Sons of Veterans; Spanish-American Veterans; World War Veterans; Boys' Brigade; Girls' Military Corps; lodges and Sunday schools. After the strewing of flowers over the graves of eighty dead comrades, the Rev. V. T. Rue, pastor of Baughman Memorial Church, will make the address, and the Boys' Brigade will fire a salute over the graves.

MEMORIAL DAY AT ENOLA

Enola, Pa., May 26.—Memorial Day will be fittingly celebrated by members of Washington Camp No. 680, P. O. S. of A. The local camp will be assisted by the West Fairview camp. The Rev. Edwin S. Rupp, pastor of the Otterbein U. S. Church, of Harrisburg, will be the speaker of the day. The three Harrisburg posts of the G. A. R., as well as the Sons of Veterans, will participate in the parade.

MUSICAL BY U. B. CLASS

Enola, Pa., May 26.—A benefit musical will be given to-morrow night in the United Brethren Church by class members of the Sunday school, taught by Mrs. Edward Bachman.

The program follows: "America," audience; piano solo, Mrs. Harold Bussey; piano duet, Misses Marie Neidhamer and Margaret Doepeke; vocal solo, Miss Mildred Garman; selection, orchestra; duet, Robert Martha Dehner; piano duet, solo, F. Bard and James Penny; reading, Miss Violet Roland; vocal solo, Mrs. T. C. Griffith; piano duet, Joannette Johnson and Ethel Krober; selection, orchestra; benediction, the Rev. Stewart Glen.

LADIES' AID TO MEET

Shiremanstown, Pa., May 26.—The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the United Brethren Church will be held Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Wolfe in Railroad street.

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Paul L. Allen Chosen Principal Enola High

Enola, Pa., May 26.—Paul L. Allen will be principal of the Enola High School for next year, succeeding Miss Helen C. Markell, who will take a course at the University of Chicago. Mr. Allen was elected at a recent meeting of the board of directors. He is a son of the Rev. E. M. Allen, pastor of the Methodist Church. He is a graduate of Dickinson College and was recently discharged from the Army. Miss Markell, who resigned, has been connected with the local schools for the last six years, being supervising principal of the local schools for two years.

BIBLE CLASS TO MEET

Shiremanstown, Pa., May 26.—The monthly meeting of the men's organized Bible class of the Church of God will be held Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Souders in West Main street.

COMMUNION SERVICES

Shiremanstown, Pa., May 26.—Holy Communion services in the Bethel Church of God Sunday evening were largely attended.

ADDRESS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

New Cumberland, Pa., May 26.—Charles Zimmerman, of Lebanon, made an address at the Methodist Sunday school yesterday morning.

CENTENARY DRIVE A SUCCESS

Columbia, Pa., May 26.—The Methodist congregations of Columbia, have gone over the top in the centenary drive. The First Church secured subscriptions for the five-year term, amounting to more than \$14,000. The congregation of Cookman church raised the first year's quota of more than \$1,100 dollars. Victory services were held in the

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