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HOPE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Matamoras, Pa. Services next Sunday as follows: Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Junior C. E. before and C. E. prayer meeting after the evening service. Mid-week prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Seats free. A cordial welcome to all. REV. J. A. WIEGAND, Pastor.

Secret Societies.

MILFORD LODGE, No. 344, F. & A. M.; Ladies meet Wednesday, on or before Full Moon at the Sawkill House, Milford, Pa. N. Emery, Jr., Secretary, Milford, Pa. J. H. Van Etten, W. M., Milford, Pa.

YAN DER MARK LODGE, No. 288, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m., Brown's Building, Geo. Danman, Jr., Sec'y. John L. Gourlay, N. G.

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Advertise in the Press.

A Minister Will Have Rest. Rev. Charles Beattie, of the Second Presbyterian church of Middletown, who a few Sabbaths since suffered a lapse of memory when about to begin the evening service, has been voted a three weeks' vacation by the session of his church, and given a purse of over \$400. He needs rest and will go to the seaside.

PHILADELPHIA'S BIG FIRE

The Greatest That Occurred in Many Years.

Baptist Publication and Haseltine Buildings Completely Destroyed—Loss \$1,500,000—Eleven of the Fire Department Injured.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—(Chestnut street above Broad was visited by one of the fiercest fires this city has known for years. The big seven story building of Charles H. Haseltine, 1416 and 1418 Chestnut street, and the adjoining five story structure of the American Baptist Publication society, 1420, were totally destroyed. The buildings damaged by fire and water and falling walls were the four story dry goods house of Hunter, Leontillier & Co., 1413 and 1414; the dwelling house at 1422, owned by the Wistar estate, and the Hotel Lafayette, at Broad and Sanson streets.

On other side of the main entrance to the Haseltine building were the piano warehouses of Hallet & Davis, at 1416, and of Steinway & Co., at 1418. The two Baptist societies lost large and valuable collections of paintings, books and curios. An estimate of the losses places the aggregate at close to \$2,000,000. It is thought that this is almost fully covered by insurances.

There were about 250 guests in the Lafayette hotel, which is in the rear of the destroyed buildings. Among these were Foster King, mayor of Atlanta and the others of his party who escorted the Liberty bell home. They are Albert Howell, T. B. Neal, W. H. Block, John F. Ryan, W. L. Cullerson, W. A. Hemphill, A. D. Adams, W. H. Dunsmock, M. L. Tabart, J. Daniel and P. H. Harbison. Olga Nethercole, the actress, and Louis F. Nethercole and Madge Meadows and Maud Clayton of her company were also guests of the Lafayette. While there was considerable confusion in the hotel most of the guests, barring a few fainting women, kept cool heads, and all were removed in safety.

The Haseltine building was valued at \$800,000 and was fully insured. It was erected in 1888, and the first two floors were dropped. The loss on paintings on the second floor is between \$300,000 and \$400,000; uninsured. Among those destroyed were two by G. H. Selous, valued at \$30,000 each; one by Roberts Fleury, valued at \$10,000. There were 39 offices in the building, occupied mainly by artists, lawyers and dentists. Drs. Edwards and Curry, dentists, on the third floor, lost a collection of South American curios valued at \$10,000; partly insured. Other tenants lost sums ranging from \$50 to \$1,000.

The Baptist Publication building and stock were valued at \$400,000; insured. The Baptist Historical society lost 10,000 volumes, valued at \$200,000, which were insured for \$25,000. Dr. Wayland, the eminent divine, also lost a valuable private library on which there was no insurance, and Dr. T. C. Steinhilber lost \$4,000.

The loss on the Lafayette hotel is estimated at \$100,000. Hunter, Leontillier & Co.'s loss is \$75,000. The tenants of the Publication society's building loss about \$25,000. Eight or nine firemen were injured by falling bricks, but none of them were dangerously hurt. Frank Hines of Pittsburgh, a guest at the Lafayette hotel, in descending the stairs, tripped and fell and broke his arm and several ribs. These were the only casualties.

STATE NEWS.

The report on "Vital Statistics" for the state shows that the death rate for the past year was 21.20 per 1000, or one to each 47 living persons. The total number for twelve months was 23,632. The number of births for the same period was 30,737, and the number of marriages was 8,240.

There was one death of a person over 110, and ten of those who were over 100 years. The greatest mortality occurred during the month of May, 14,400 deaths were of children under ten years of age. Consumption of the lungs carried off the largest number.

The largest verdict ever given by a jury in Lackawanna county against a company for damages resulting from a railroad accident, was rendered Feb. 3. The plaintiff D. G. Jones sued the Delaware Hudson Company for injuries received while crossing its tracks, at a point where a train of cars on a siding prevented his seeing the approaching train. His companion Mr. Hughes was killed and he was injured for life. The jury gave him \$9750.

Governor Hastings and party arrived in Harrisburg last week from their trip. The governor has wholly regained his health.

—Rev. John Retallic is living in Delaware township hale and hearty at 95 years. For more than a generation he was accustomed to preach in the surrounding school houses, and there are few if any of the grown people in that section who have not heard the kindly and affectionate words of Dominic Retallic, calling to follow in the better way.

OUR NEIGHBOR THE GAZETTE.

It Published a Long Letter From a Pike County Democrat.

The Port Jervis Gazette, of this week publishes a long letter from "A Pike County Democrat" presumably in reply to, or in refutation of, statements made by a correspondent to that paper in a communication published on Jan. 24.

If we remember aright it was the Gazette which first began to unmercifully criticize the Pike County commissioners for their action in the "Twist case," and that paper, which through this correspondent puffs its circulation in this county, was the first to uncover the penury, and narrow mindedness of the Pike commissioners. A change seems to have come over the spirit of the dreams of its correspondents, and these same commissioners are now lauded for their economy, liberality and various other things, while incidentally condoling with that underpaid and hard worked official County Treasurer Westbrook. We have no desire to interfere in this matter at present. We hope the esteemed Gazette will keep these Kilkenny cats at it. If it is not a cleverly arranged scheme to aid the circulation of the Gazette in this county, then it may be that when rogues fall out honest men may get their dues.

MAIL FOR COUNTRY TOWNS.

Sperry's Bill to Provide Free Delivery to Be Reported with Amendments.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Post Office Committee of the House has agreed to report with some amendments Representative Sperry's bill to provide for delivery of letters in towns and other places where no free delivery exists.

Whenever not less than twenty persons who receive their mail matters through the same post office petition the postmaster at such office to do so, he is to appoint carriers to deliver to and collect the mail from such persons. The carriers are to receive from the persons to whom the mail is delivered a compensation agreed on, and, if no agreement is made, they may demand not exceeding one cent for each letter. They are to receive no other compensation.

Tom Quick's Sleeve Buttons.

Benjamin Yarnoy, Jacob Marsh and Joseph M. Beck are boring a big hole in the mountain in Westfall township back of Jas. Cummins. They think the rocks bear traces of silver, and that by doling they will find a vein. There has always been a rumor that Tom Quick were a pair of silver sleeve buttons which were supposed to be made from ore obtained somewhere in this vicinity. The silver sleeve buttons which Muskink the Indian whom Tom Quick killed, who had assisted in murdering Tom's father, and had the elder Quick's silver sleeve buttons in his possession were of English manufacture, and about as large as ten cent pieces.

East Stroudsburg Normal School.

The Normal School at East Stroudsburg, is a larger institution than many of our citizens realize. When the school is about full there are over four hundred and twenty five people in the building. To feed the entire lot during a school term it takes about twenty tons of beef, ten tons of flour, thirty thousand quarts of milk, two thousand pounds of butter, two thousand dozen of eggs, one thousand tons of coal and over one thousand bushels of potatoes. A large number of chickens and turkeys are also consumed during the term. The students are given the most careful attention.—Jeffersonian.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Mary Wolf and others to Alice Burrus, dated Jan. 26, 1896. Land in Greene township, 67 acres. con. \$1000; Ent'd Feb. 3rd. George L. Blitz, et. ux. to Christian F. Blitz, dated Dec. 20, 1895. Land in Greene 160 acres. Con. \$60 Ent'd Feb. 4. Edward A. Frazer, to John F. Henry, dated Jan. 18, 1889. Land in Porter 610 acres. Con. \$3000 Ent'd Feb. 4. William B. Henry, et. ux. et. al. to L. Delphine Henry, dated Dec. 20 1895. Land in Porter 611 acres. Con. \$1 etc. Ent'd Feb. 4.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT—REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

C. O. Armstrong, William S. Ryan. Auditor, 3 yrs.—A. T. Seeley. —Candlemas day was last Sunday Feb. 2. The groundhogs and bears could see their shadows, if they had sufficient ambition to come out, and according to the old saw, they would go back again for a six weeks snooze.

Funeral of Mr. Chattillon.

The funeral of Mr. Chattillon, who died last week was held from his late residence in Dingman township Jan. 31, and was largely attended by his neighbors. The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Lassiter, of this place. The pall bearers were John W. Kilsby, Ira B. Case, Jas. Conwell, Chas. D. Huffman, Louis Daloz and Geo. B. Quinn. Interment in the Milford Cemetery.

SHOT A WILD CAT.

Sequel of a Leap Year Party at Callicon.

A dispatch dated at Callicon states that Kittle Carr escorted Frank Lupton to a leap year party on Monday evening last. On the return a wild cat was heard. The brave girl drove to her home, secured her father's rifle and invited her companion to accompany her back to the ravine and kill the cat. He urged her not to attempt so rash an act, but Mr. Lupton's protestations were in vain. Presently the cries of the wild cat were heard louder than before, and then a pair of glassy eyes were visible between the rocks. Miss Carr, who had quietly crept down from the wagon, fired, and the animal rolled down the incline, dead.

The wild cat was one of the largest ever shot in Sullivan county, and Miss Carr will have the skin mounted and keep it as a memento.—Union.

THE COUNTY STATEMENT.

The Reason Why It Does Not Appear in the "Press" This Week is Explained by the Following Hint on the Book of the County Commissioners.

January 29, 1896, Commissioners met in full board. On motion of Wallace Newman it was decided to publish the annual county statement of receipts and expenditures in the Milford Dispatch. Newman and Heller in the affirmative. A. S. Dingman favored the printing of said statement in both the Milford Dispatch and PIKE COUNTY PRESS.

The readers of the Press, in the opinion of the two commissioners are not entitled to any consideration or information. If they want to know about the county matters they must take the Dispatch. The Republicans of this county, pay no share of the taxes and never have, and it is preposterous and absurd for them to presume that Democratic county officials will show them any consideration. The Democratic newspaper in this county for seventy years has had a monopoly of county patronage. There has never been a word of fault found with its charges or any intimation that the county advertising cost too much, until now that a Republican paper has started.

It has suddenly occurred to the commissioners that they can reduce expenses by refusing to publish the county statement in more than one newspaper which is a literal compliance with the act of 1834, and by refusing to pay for the publication of the Court proclamation, Trial or Jury list in either paper although the rules of court say the trial and argument lists shall be published for three successive weeks in two newspapers published at the county seat.

For seventy years they have been published and — or by the county why this strange in Democracy the assertion that is the only county in the state w. the Annual County statement, t. court proclamation, trial, argum. and jury lists are not published in at least two newspapers, but then to Pike is the only county in the state which has a Newman and a Heller for commissioners.

We shall in our next issue publish such a synopsis (free of charge) as will give all our readers a fair and comprehensive knowledge of the County statement.

Milford Borough.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

Town Council 3 yrs.—Frank Schorr, W. F. Chol., John C. Beck. Town Council 2 yrs.—N. Emery, Wm. Beck. Town Council 1 yr.—Geo. E. Horton, Wm. Almer. High Constables—Maurice Steele, Ben F. Bennett. Justice of Peace—Joseph C. Chamberlain. Judge of Election—Warren F. Chol. Inspector—Frank Radolph. Overseer of the Poor—A. A. Van Auker. Auditor—Jacob Klaer. School Directors—Dunham Gregory, Geo. A. Frick. School Auditor—Lafayette Lattimore.

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Unclaimed letters.

Unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice at Milford, Pike Co., Pa., for the month ending January 31, 1896: LADIES—Mary A. Flanigan, GENTLEMEN—John Herring, Wm. A. Watson, I. E. Toomey, Edward Thomas, W. B. Manstetter. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list. JAS. S. GALE, P. M.

PHONOGRAPH CONCERT.

Don't Fail to Attend the Phonograph Concert in Brown's Hall Tuesday Evening, Feb. 15th.

Under the auspices of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church, General admission, 25 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents; children under 12 years, 15 cents.

No car-fetes used. The sounds reproduced are loud enough to entertain an audience of over three thousand people at one time.

The programme will include Gilmore's Famous Band, selections played by the great United States Marine Band, of Washington, D. C., Baldwin's Cadet Band of Boston, Jules Levy and Walton Emerson, the world renowned cornetists. Also some of the greatest singers in the world.

Mr. Lyman H. Howe, the manager brings the most flattering testimonials of the success of this wonderful instrument, in pleasing the audience.

OBITUARY.

MRS. LYDIA KERR.

Lydia, wife of Mr. Comegys Kerr, died at her home on the Clove road Monday afternoon, at two o'clock, of heart failure.

She was 73 years of age. Her home for many years was in Port Jervis, but about fourteen years ago she removed with her family to the farm on the Clove road, where she has since resided. She was an excellent woman and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Fred at home and Frank, of Newark, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Susan Kimble, of Port Jervis; Mrs. Jane Kerr, of Alexander, Ark.; and Mary, Julia, and Andrew Hopkins, of Monroe, Sussex Co., N. J.

Her funeral took place Thursday, at 1:30 o'clock at her home.

PERSONAL.

Miss Bertha Kleinhaus has gone to New York for an extended visit among friends and relatives.

C. W. Bull, Esq., made a business trip to the metropolis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ryder, of Milford, visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Ryder, of Pond Eddy, last Sunday.

Mr. Nathan Emery received a few days ago a photograph, of his son Harry B. Emery from some place in Mexico. The post mark was not distinct and there was nothing by which his exact whereabouts could be determined. Accompanying the photograph were several cards containing specimens of feather work. They represent figures of girls, boys and men, and are beautifully finished, and really works of art.

Miss Mina Bull is making a lengthy visit among relatives in New Jersey.

Mrs. Hannah Steele, of this place, met with an accident at her home last Saturday. While in the act of stepping off the back piazza she slipped and fell, seriously spraining her knee. Her age is 75 years. Under Dr. Wenner's care she is improving.

Mrs. John C. Watson, of this place, who has been visiting her mother in Dover, N. J., returned home Monday.

Mr. Harry Come and sister, Miss Florence, of Jersey city, visited last week Mrs. Carrie W. Wilkes in Port Jervis.

Mrs. Conwell, died at her home in Dingman township, February 4th. She was the wife of James Conwell a retired policeman of the New York force.

Messrs George Geyer and ex-Sheriff F. A. Kessler, of Matamoras, were in town Wednesday.

A humorous remark by Dr. S. H. Talcott, of the Middletown Asylum, to the effect that "early rising produced insanity" has been widely copied, and it is astonishing how the idea agrees with the feelings of most people. The doctor said it as a joke, but it has been turned into an aphorism.

The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.—Carlyle.

HYMENEAL.

WILLIAM BENSHELL.

A large and fashionable wedding was celebrated last week at the St. Mary's Memorial Protestant Episcopal church in Wayne Pa. The bride was Miss Marion Gray Bessell, a niece of Mrs. Josephine Bessell, of this place, a reigning belle and a well-known leader in amateur theatricals among fashionable circles in the suburbs, and the only daughter of the late E. B. Bessell, a celebrated artist and engraver.

The groom was Henry Herbert Williams, of Denver Colorado. There were a number of invited guests present from England, Ireland and Australia.

BRIEF MENTION.

—An unknown man was run over by an Erie train last Thursday at Nobolia's, and his head completely severed from his body. It seems to be a question whether he was intoxicated, and fell across the rail, or whether it was a case of suicide. It is thought from later information that his name was James Huges.

—An old lady, reading an account of a distinguished old lawyer, who was said to be the father of the New York bar, exclaimed, "Poor man, he had a dreadful set of children."

—A copy of the "Northern Eagle and Milford Monitor" published by Francis A. L. Smith, Jan. 1, 1829, contains a court proclamation, signed by James Watson, sheriff.

—There is a man living in Branchville N. J., who claims to have fully obeyed the scripture injunction to multiply and replenish the earth. He has 14 children, 69 grand children, 35 great grand children and 1 great great grandchild. Who can beat this? Pike county can't begin to do it.

—The street commissioner could never be more useful than on such a day as Thursday, opening gutters so as to allow the water to run off. It was practically impossible to use several of the street crossings as they were completely flooded. Where was he at?

—Family needs and an arrival were recorded by a western chap who wrote his grocery. "Please send me by heron two pounds of shugor, a blackin' bench, five pounds of coffee, and some little nuts. My wife had a baby last night—and two padlocks and a monkey wrench.

—As announced the Rev. J. C. Hogan, of Forest City, Pa., addressed a series of meetings held in the M. E. Church here last Saturday and Sunday under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Good audiences were present. The speaker presented his views with clearness, and in a earnest manner. His illustrations were pertinent, and his statistics carefully selected. His arraignment of the clergy, and church members for indirectly aiding the liquor interests by voting with the two great parties which are not directly opposed to the license system, and also the use of wine containing alcohol for communion purposes, was particularly severe. He also took strong grounds against the protective system, claiming that it fostered trusts and monopolies and so directly aided the liquor interest which he classed as the greatest and worst of all monopolies.

—Pupil John L. Sullivan, while in a normal state of intoxication a few days ago, walked off the rear end of a train, and was so severely injured that he is likely to die. The morals of the country will not suffer if he does.

—President Carley, of Port Jervis, charges that gambling is carried on in one of the fire company's buildings in that place, which increases the gas bill. This, if true, is worse than a bear story.

—The Steamship St. Paul which tried to run over New Jersey some ten days ago was hauled off the beach by the wreckers on Tuesday and proceeded to New York under her own steam apparently uninjured. The salvage will be not less than \$100,000.

—Hogs are affected with a disease resembling hydrophobia over in Luzerne county.