

Pike County Press.

Post Office 1119

VOL. XV.

MILFORD, PIKE COUNTY, PA., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1910.

NO 14

BRIEF MENTION

A meeting of the Milford Fire Department will be held in the Boro Building TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9th, at 8 o'clock.

Aviators are always breaking things—either records or their bones.

A two column letter in our neighbor last week arraigns a demagogue county commissioner, and the charges are made by another democrat. It is not necessary for republicans to comment further than to say that when such internal accidents of democratic dereliction is given it seems wise for voters of a county to make a change. The question however will naturally arise how could the official charged draw so much salary not yet due, without a check signed by his fellows, and it is wrong for him to have the money is it not equally wrong for them to help him get it. This inference seems natural.

Tuesday was ground hog day and there is no doubt but that if the animals made the effort and came out they saw their shadows. Since Thanksgiving the winter has been all the most sanguine could wish for and it we are to have six weeks more there would be any doubt about its being quite old fashioned.

The Lackawanna railroad broke its record of ten years not killing a passenger last Sunday when a train ran over a man at New Milford just as he was being taken to school.

By agreement of the board of principals of State Normal Schools the course will be extended from three to four years. This would seem necessary in order to prepare students to meet the requirements imposed to teach high schools. It is not possible in a three year course to acquire sufficient skill in the studies directed to be taught to do so in a thorough manner, and it is a foregone conclusion that the time must be lengthened or some of the studies cut out.

Cement core reaction is not limited to sidewalks, foundations, steps or any of the other more common forms with which the public is most familiar, but is equally adaptable to public drinking fountains, ornamental lamp posts, monuments, street sign posts, statuary, garbage receptacles, and so on.

Wanamaker stores in Philadelphia and New York began this week delivering free anywhere in the United States all prepaid and charge purchases of \$5 or over. The limit of free delivery heretofore has been within a radius of one hundred miles. The store in Philadelphia just completed is 12 stories high and contains nearly 40 acres of floor space, and is the largest retail store in the world.

Last Saturday almost passed into the blizzard class. Snow fell and it was tossed around by a wild Northwest wind. Thornton's stage in crossing the Matamoras bridge in the afternoon was upset by the gale, but the three passengers were not injured.

Harry Morgan desires to give notice that in future he will not cash any checks or drafts or transport any money for the public.

Ernest Ishrig, who learned his trade in the Press office and who for several years has been foreman in a large printing establishment at Hyde Park, Vermont, is home for a vacation.

The river Seine, flowing thru Paris attained high water mark during the past week and a large part of the gay city was inundated. Great damage was done to buildings and the streets, and many sewers were burst. The money loss is estimated at over two hundred million dollars. At present the flood is subsiding and conditions are becoming normal.

The snow, the snow, the beautiful snow,
We'll be glad when we don't have to shovel you so.

Both the English lords and the liberals announce themselves "satisfied" with the results of the election "so far." From this we infer that it looks pretty equally all around.

It is Mr. Roosevelt ever is elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, they will have to be good on Capitol Hill or he will know why.

The kind of Prussia gets a tax upon amounting to something like \$24,000,000 per annum from its cultivated forests. We can well afford to keep President Taft's conservation policy.

Mrs. David Cuddeback of Elizabeth New Jersey spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Aldrich.

Another American actress has married her chauffeur. And yet there are pessimists who say a poor man has no chance nowadays.

The big financial interests care nothing about political parties; what they want is men. The people, in choosing their representatives, should be as independent and courageous in the selection of the best as the interests are sordid in choosing the worst.

Gifford Pinchot will cheer up when he learns that Milwaukee is going to plant 15,000 more trees.

If the Representative who has introduced into Congress that anti-tipping bill is not entitled to a Carnegie hero prize, we should like to know who is.

The sugar trust directors who never knew that the government was being cheated by their employees are really almost too innocent to do business in a naughty world.

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.

Concrete Bridges

Two County Boards of Road Commissioners had an argument about highway bridges, and the following was the result:

Both counties were running about even in expenses, and with excellent credit, and no indebtedness. One county borrowed \$1,000, and built a steel highway bridge with a wooden floor. The other borrowed \$1,350, and erected a permanent concrete bridge. Twenty-five years later the cost of the first bridge was as follows:

Interest on \$1,000 at 6% a year	\$1,500
Reflooring every five years, four times	400
Repairing every eight years, two times	100

This gives a total of \$2,000, which amounts to \$80.00 per year, and the \$1,000 originally borrowed, still unpaid, and must now be increased to \$2,000, or go without a bridge. For the next twenty-five years the cost per year runs \$60.00 more, by reason of the interest on the additional \$1,000, and the amount in debt is \$2,000. At the end of fifty years the amount will be paying at the rate of \$200 per year, and be in debt \$3,000. At the end of seventy-five years the amount will be paying at the rate of \$290 a year, and be in debt \$4,000. At the end of one hundred years it will be paying at the rate of \$320 a year and be in debt \$5,000. It takes no fancier to see that the building of temporary steel or wooden bridges will lead to bankruptcy or higher tax rates.

The county that erected the permanent concrete bridge, costing nothing for repair or repainting, but costing one-third more than the steel bridge in first cost, would have a charge of only \$81.00 for interest and indebtedness, which would never need to be increased for that bridge.

In most places a properly designed concrete bridge will compete in cost with a steel bridge, both of the same loading capacity, and the concrete bridge employs materials and labor from the county, while the greater part of the cost of the steel bridge is expended out of the county, thus the money paid for the concrete bridge is returned to the taxpayer, and the amount expended for the steel bridge is a constant drain on the taxpayers.

Concrete is equally applicable to building small culverts and drains across roads in townships and if properly put in permanent, and a great saving in cost of repair.

Postal Savings Banks

The opposition to the President's plan for the establishment of Postal Savings Banks is rapidly diminishing.

It is well known that the great Banks of this country are opposed to the Government going into the banking business.

It is well known that the great banking concerns of this country have in the past received favors at the hands of the Government and now President Taft proposes to make a banking move in the interest of the masses of the people which will be the effect of the establishment of Postal Savings Banks, that will enable the depositors, especially the working man and the farmer to secure 2 per cent interest on his money, and then to have the assurance that his money is as safe as the Government itself.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Katherine Gumbie, a member of the senior class, entertained a number of her friends at her home on Thursday evening.

A number of teachers and students attended the Box Party, Friday night, given in Forest Hall under the auspices of Rebecca Lodge.

America is naturally elated over the possession of the North Pole, the claim being based upon discovery by an American. "But can America or any other nation own either of the Poles? The American Journal of International Law says "No!" If the Pole is in an open sea, more than three miles away from any shore, then it is on high seas, and no nation can claim it, for the high seas, as all admiralty law declares, are the possession of no one power. In the case of the North Pole, it has been found to be on a mass of ice, probably grounded, yet still not forming land, even technically; as it is part of a polar sea which can belong to no nation, since the lands about it belong to different countries.

Uncle Sam, therefore, cannot own the North Pole, though he has discovered it.

A number of friends enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the home of Miss Natalie Armstrong on Friday.

Last Friday a number of young people spent a pleasant evening at the home of Miss May E. Porter.

The following Juniors were absent last week on account of illness: Ruth Armstrong, Vera Ryan and Frank B. Crisman.

One evening last week some of the pupils observed the 'Joannesburg' comet, in the western sky. This was a stray comet, and is known as Comet A, 1910.

It has been a cause of rejoicing to all who believe that the greatest work done by the public schools is to teach the children to read, or rather to become readers, to watch the gradual drawing into a close relationship of the public school and the public library.

"The libraries can only obtain readers of the better class of literature when the taste for good literature has been developed in the public schools. On the other hand, the schools alone cannot give pupils a taste for the best literature because the schoolrooms are not adequately supplied with the best books."

"The true university of these days is a collection of books."

CARLYLE

A Rural Route Note

Postmaster has received the following circular letter which the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General is mailing to all postmasters having rural routes.

The Postmaster,
Sir:—In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that commencing February 15, proximo rural letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes.

Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin holding receptacle, so they can be easily and quickly taken from boxes, and carriers will be required to fill such coins, and where accompanied and mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps.

This should be promptly announced to the rural patrons through whatever means you may employ, without expense to the department, and you are at liberty to give the information embodied herein to your local papers, for publication, if they so desire.

Respectfully,
P. V. DeGraw,
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General

WANTED!

SALEMEN to represent us in the sale of our High Grade Goods. Don't delay, apply at once. Steady employment; liberal terms. Experience not necessary.

ALLEN NURSERY CO.,
Rochester, N. Y.

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 bath. Enquire of
A. D. BROWN,
Milford, Pa.

Advertise in the PRESS.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

James J. Hill the great railroad magnate says "It is not the high cost of living that is bothering the country and creating anxiety in every community between the oceans, but the cost of high living." There is a great deal in his exclamation of expression and he is no doubt correct in assuming that the cost of high living is at the bottom of the difficulty. Mr. Hill has traveled; he has read and studied and he has heard the eloquent orators of all parties apothosias the overflowing dinner pail. He knows we feed our dogs more in this country than the working men of China and India get to eat. He knows that we are the most wasteful and prodigal people on the face of the planet.

The women of Washington are grappling with the subject and a society leader who has been distinguished for her entertainments without meat or strong drink, is very hopeful that the agitation against meat and the boycotts that are prevailing through out the country may result in a permanent change in the popular diet that will result in a beneficial hygienic condition. There is probably too much meat in the national diet and there would doubtless be less rheumatism, headache and other uric acid diseases if cereals, fruits, milk and butter, olive oil and nuts were substituted in a greater degree for beef, mutton or pork.

It is said that the postal bank bill will be passed by this Congress. The bill establishing such banks, presented by Senator Carter is the one most favorably considered and it is expected that it will pass with but slight amendment.

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, the wife of the famous Confederate general who was shot accidentally by his own men during the war, is now in Washington and was this week a dinner guest at the White House where she received a warm from President and Mrs. Taft. Mrs. Jackson is visiting Mrs. Leiter whose eldest daughter it will be remembered married Mr. Carzon then a member of the British Parliament and who was afterwards knighted as the Baron Keddleston; and was for a number of years Viceroy of India, an office of great state and importance. The Viceroy used a considerable portion of his wife's great fortune in renewing the ancient ruins of Indian temples, in excavations and the collection and preservation of Indian antiquities.

It is evident that the Republican party as represented in the House of Representatives and the Senate has great anxiety with regard to its political future. Senator Root, diplomat, statesman and jurist as he is without doubt, has attempted a new role as political manager and is calling to the Republican cohorts in the Empire State to stand firm and flee not. He realizes that Governor Hughes' administration, upholding ideals of purity and honesty in politics, has had a disintegrating effect on the party. The Republicans in Congress here realize that there is danger of losing the next House of Representatives and are doing every thing in their power to turn the tide so as to secure a Democratic defeat in the coming elections. But they have also to fight dissensions in their own ranks, for the insurgents are protesting against the present organization of the House. The Republicans are hoping that they may be able to make gains in the South. President Taft's evident popularity in some southern localities and the high tariff sentiment in some southern sections, they think, give promise of Republican success here and there, that may be to a degree offset Democratic gains in other parts of the country.

Tree Dentistry

In these times, when increased attention is being given to the rapid deterioration of the forest, it is of value to know that finally, after all ordinary methods of arresting the decay of trees have been tried without success, the solution has been changed upon in the proposition that trees be treated in the same way as decaying teeth. The cavities are thoroughly cleaned and treated with antiseptic wash, after which the holes are filled with Portland cement, making it impossible for the entrance of moisture or germs. This cannot "Tree Dentistry" is another application of that wonderful material, concrete.

An eastern firm is making a business of thus treating "sick" trees.

NOTES FROM SANDYSTON

Branchville Borough has taken advantage of the law authorizing the appointment of protectors, men whose duties are to notify landlords not to sell intoxicants to certain persons, who drink too much.

This is an excellent law, and should be enforced throughout the county, but the toppers in Branchville will have to go elsewhere to get their toddy now and hereafter.

The Club Fish Hatchery at Bevens has distributed a large number of small trout in the various streams and on Friday delivered a lot to Fish Warden Hendershot at Halsey near the streams in that vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Hotalen are happy over the advent of a baby daughter the past week.

Hazel Moutros the little daughter of Mrs. Moutros at Layton is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

The Grange dance on Thursday evening was one of the best of the series. The attendance was large, the oysters were excellent, and the best of order prevailed.

The Committee met on Saturday last and appointed road overseers and paid snowbills. The road orders were cut down 20% in anticipation of macadamizing of the road from Tuttle's Corner to Layton this summer, and snowbills should have had the same cut.

The whooping cough is prevalent in and about Layton, and in fact all over the town. The disease must run its course and our school rooms are pretty noisy at times.

The Fish Club farms at Bevens have again been rented by the Bevan brothers for a term of years.

The brothers are among our most enterprising farmers.

William Ellett of Normanock has purchased the farm of his father located at that place, and consisting of 120 acres for \$1,700.

Concrete And Its Uses

The first authentic record of the use of reinforced concrete was at the World's Fair in Paris, 1889. At that time, a small rowboat built by Mr. Lambot, about fourteen feet long and constructed of cement mortar, one half inch thick, reinforced by wire netting, was on exhibition. This boat is still in use at Merval, France.

Since that time the use of reinforced concrete has become so important in building operations that a national exposition of concrete and reinforced concrete products is held each year in the big Coliseum, Chicago.

The next exhibition will be held February 18-26, and it is expected that over one hundred thousand people will attend. The railroads have made reduced rates on account of the show.

Concrete is now used in the construction of bee-hives, hog houses, pipe organs, boats, silos, barn floors, baby cradles, burial vaults, in the Panama Canal, and in making collar buttons, to say nothing of street pavements, skyscrapers and hen coops.

With such an extraordinary scope, the Third Annual Concrete Show, Chicago, February 18-26, should have something of interest to every individual beneath the sun. There will be over three hundred exhibits of concrete products of various descriptions. At the show last year, there were over seventy-five thousand people in attendance, coming from all parts of the United States.

Concrete is displacing the barrel as a protection for springs on the farm. It never rots, it protects the spring, and keeps the water free from surface impurities.

A young farmer recently invented an ingenious device for making concrete water barrels. He took two wooden barrels of different sizes, knocked the heads out of both, put the smaller inside the larger, and filled the space between them with concrete, and a concrete barrel was the result.

Model Orchards

State Zoologist Surface has selected about a thousand orchards in the state, which are now far from being models, but which he intends making such.

The owners of these orchards agree to cultivate the trees according to the rules laid down by the Department.

AT THE INN

Two strangers at a table sat
In a little country inn.
It was a cold and bitter night,
But a hearth fire burned within.
The men were somewhat out of sorts
Having traveled far that day
And the suppers they had ordered
Were somewhat in delay.

They eyed each other stealthily
For a time but neither spoke,
At last the piping dishes came
Then one the silence broke:
"Walter bring me a pint stoup
Of mulled ale." - "Walter - two -
Stranger if you'll not object
I'll have a stoup with you."

"Certainly, I've come afar
And have fasted since the morn,
I'm hungry and quite thirsty so
The good ale I'll not scorn."
"I also traveled many league
And like yourself I've fasted too
Since breakfast time, "Well here's good luck!" -
"My friend the same to you."

Supper ended, they smoked awhile
And conversed until quite late,
Of general topics, each in turn
His adventure would narrate;
Then drifting into early years
One told of a brother lost at sea,
How he was shipwrecked long ago
On the coast of Africa.

"How long ago was this my friend?"
"Twas the year of seventy four."
"What was the name of the ship that sunk?"
"She was called the "Leonore."
"Your brother's name-tell me, quick,
They glared at one another.
"John Stanley?" - "Not shipwrecked! Alas!
My brother, O my brother!"

CECILIA A. CULLEN.

TOWNSHIP

NOMINATIONS

Lackawaxen Township

Republican
Judge—W. B. Cortright.
Inspector—L. E. James
School Director—M. H. Lassly, W. B. Shannon.
Supervisor—Wesley Griffin.
Assessor—W. C. Cortright.
Auditor—Warren Quick.
Poormaster—Jason Cortright.

Greene Township

Democratic
Judge—Geo Williams.
Inspector—Simeon Mains.
School director—M. J. Hansen, J. Knoeller.
Assessor—Edmund Dellart.
Supervisor—Gottlieb Hooker.
Auditor—Carl Neve.
Poormaster—Jason Cortright.

Blooming Grove Township

Democratic
Judge—Cyrus Corey.
Inspector—George Sieg.
School Director—Emil Vaille Peter Belcher.
School Director 2 yrs—Charles A. Augenstein.
Assessor—A. D. Frable.
Supervisor—George Blitt.
Poormaster—John Brink.
Auditor—Charles E. Brink.

Palmira Township

Democratic
Judge—Byron Robacker.
Inspector—George L. Borree.
School director—Peter Felton, R. R. Hazelton.
School Director 2 yrs—George Ro backer.
Assessor—Victor Corey.
Supervisor—John R. Gilpin.
Poormaster—Wm Able.
Auditor—John Haag.

Dingman Township

Democratic
Supervisor—Charles Stichler.
Auditor—Frank F. Seitz.
Assessor—Charles J. Bailean.
School directors—Henry Kleinstor, Charles Travis.
School director 1 yr.—J. E. Otsted.

Judge—Edson A. Travis.
Inspector—Wm M. Travis.
Poormaster—G. J. Gebhardt.

Shohola Township

Democratic
Assessor—Geo A. Koesling.
Supervisor—Geo C. McKean.
Poormaster—Edward Shadler.
School director—Chas W. Eckhart Gibson McKean.
Auditor—John R. Ridley.
Judge—Frank Keller.
Inspector—Edward Beisel.

Leban Township

Democratic
Judge—E. A. Schweitzer.
Inspector—Walter Stafford.
Assessor—George N. Smith.
Poormaster—Daniel Labar.
Justice—Clinton Guillot.
Auditor—John Cook.
Supervisor—William Cortright.
School directors—Frank Cortright John Little.

Palmyra Township

Democratic
Supervisor—John Singer.
Poormaster—Adolphus Bea.
School directors—Leonard Simons, John Selvers.
Auditor—Edwin Kellam.
Judge—Harry Deater.
Inspector—Theodore Schmied.
Justice—B. F. Kellam.
Assessor—Henry Eck.

Dingman Township

Republican
Supervisor—Wm Behrens.
Assessor—Fred Westbrook.
Poormaster—Geo W. Pierson.
Auditor—William Westbrook.

Blooming Grove Township

Democratic
Judge—Chas F. Howell.
Inspector—John W. Ploss.
Supervisor—Wm M. Behrens.
School Directors—John Eckweiler, Julius Maier.
Assessor—Fred L. Westbrook.
Poormaster—George W. Pierson.
Auditor—William Westbrook.

Palmira Township

Democratic
Supervisor—John Singer.
Poormaster—Adolphus Bea.
School directors—Leonard Simons, John Selvers.
Auditor—Edwin Kellam.
Judge—Harry Deater.
Inspector—Theodore Schmied.
Justice—B. F. Kellam.
Assessor—Henry Eck.

Dingman Township

Democratic
Supervisor—Charles Stichler.
Auditor—Frank F. Seitz.
Assessor—Charles J. Bailean.
School directors—Henry Kleinstor, Charles Travis.
School director 1 yr.—J. E. Otsted.

Mrs. Arthur N. Roe of Branchville has been visiting in town for the past week.