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BRIEF MENTION

By an explosion of gas and dynamite Monday in the yard of the New York Central Railroad at 60th Street and Park Avenue 14 persons were killed and 30 or more injured.

Max Armstrong and his sister Natalie are here from Blair Hall to spend Christmas.

Melville D. Landon, better known as "Ed Perkin," who some years ago lectured here, died last week. In his younger days he was reputed a great humorist and was widely known and in great demand, but his later years did not sustain the reputation he had acquired and for several years he has been little heard of.

Annie Williamson, wife of John F. Hall, died at her home in Sparrowbush, N. Y., last week and was buried last Sunday in Laurel Grove Cemetery. She was a daughter of Maria Williamson, who was a daughter of the late Edward Ferguson, of Delaware township, and was a cousin to Mrs. Dr. H. E. Emerson of Milford.

Hon. W. A. Erdman, of Stroudsburg, and L. A. Watres, Esq., of Scranton and Hon. John A. Kipp of N. Y. attended Court here Monday.

Mrs. Durant S. Drake of Boston is spending the holidays with her mother Rev. C. A. White at the Mansse.

The D. V. T. Co. has put on a fine new covered stage for carrying passengers. It was built at the Angle shops here and is a credit both to the company and its builder. It will carry 12 persons with comfort.

At the stated meeting of Milford Lodge No 844 F. & A. M. held last week the following were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: E. H. Klein, W. M.

H. S. Angle, S. W.
L. Westbrook, J. W.
John C. Westbrook Jr, Treas.
G. A. Sweepenser, Sec.

J. H. Van Etten and Geo. B. Bull, Trustees.

Rep. to G. L. Geo. A. Sweepenser.

The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania has purchased nearly 1000 acres of land near Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa., on which to build a masonic home for old masons and their wives and widows and orphans of Masons.

Educational facilities will be provided and it is intended to make this the most complete home in the world.

Millions of dollars will be spent on buildings and improving the land which has all the requirements necessary to make it independent.

The directors of the Delaware Valley Transportation Co have declared a dividend of five per cent on the capital stock. This would show good management and that the company is now on a sound financial basis. If the carrying of freight and coal are added to the business in due time, and it has been demonstrated that motor trucks can be run economically there is no reason why the company may not profitably supplement its passenger business, and deliver coal here cheaper than by team haul.

State Superintendent Schaeffer has appointed on the permanent certificate committee for Pike County: Charles D. Wildrick, Principal Milford High School, Miss Bertha Kiser of Milford and Miss Emily Lattimore of Dingmans Ferry. They will serve for three years.

Some Definitions.

People frequently ask the meaning of the terms of the form of government which has been adopted by Oregon and which seems to be satisfactory to her people. That they may be understood we append the succinct definitions as possible.

The INITIATIVE is a system whereby the people can, by petition propose legislation, have the people vote on it, and make it a law absolutely independent of the legislature.

The REFERENDUM is a system whereby legislation, objectionable to the people, can, through petition, be submitted to a vote of the people and repealed.

The RECALL is a system whereby through petition objectionable public officers can be voted upon at a special election and put out of office if the people so direct.

WANTED!

LADY or GENTLEMAN, canvasser to sell GUARANTEED goods of merit. Our new book "Pilling Dollars" explains everything. Its free. Rhoads & Seyfried, 6-9-11 Branch, Pa.

BASE BALL STATISTICS.

COMMUNICATED.

The schedule of base ball finances as published last week showed some rather startling facts. Of the \$383.50 subscribed \$200 was contributed by individuals not in business. These benefactors gave generously as it was not possible for them to benefit in any material way. An insignificant \$153.50 was given by business men of the town, those who reap the benefits of a successful season and should be willing to spend money to make money. Of all the boarding houses but two helped to defray expenses. Only two hotels were contributors. The merchants and tradespeople, who are legion, albeit prosperous, make a showing of \$38.00. Unnamed parties helped to the extent of twenty dollars. Great credit is due those who successfully conducted entertainments that netted \$263.40. The showing, as a whole, is a sad commentary on the enterprise of substantial citizens.

On account of the lack of public interest and support manifested last spring, some of the directors were in favor of placing no team in the field. Others argued that without ball games the summer visitors would be practically without entertainment, and the season a failure socially and financially. It was therefore decided to organize a team at as little expense as possible, and use every means to enlist support and collect funds. Notwithstanding the indifference of the public a really excellent team was put in the field. About four thousand persons, over four times the population of Milford, paid admission to the game, demonstrating beyond cavil that base ball is overwhelmingly popular, and not only popular but an absolute, undeniable necessity if Milford is going to remain in business as a summer resort.

Out of a town of nearly one thousand inhabitants only twenty six subscribed. Those who contributed were hotel men and boarding house keepers, merchants, summer visitors, etc. These few awake persons averaged a donation of nearly \$14.00 each, which is all that could be expected.

There exists an apparent deficit of \$241.25. If any who has neglected to subscribe should care to do so now, and thereby help to liquidate indebtedness, payment should be made to the Treasurer of the Milford Base Ball Club.

The ball games more than any other source of amusement augment prosperity. They are remarkably well patronized, attracting guests from all the hotels and boarding places. The team merits the honest and helpful support of every good citizen, whether an enthusiast or not. If no team is placed in the field next season on account of lack of support, every line of business in town will suffer and the sign "BOARDS WANTED" will, figuratively speaking, be hung out on many a front gate. And it is the fuel supplied by the hot weather visitor that keeps the pot boiling through the white frozen winter.

Notice of Meeting

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE WAYNE AND PIKE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY;

A meeting of the stockholders of the Wayne and Pike Independent Telephone Company will be held at the office of B. F. Killam, Esq., Piquette, Pike County, Pennsylvania, on the 28th day of December, 1910, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration, and voting for, or against the approval, adoption, ratification and confirmation of an agreement entered into by, and between the boards of directors of the Wayne and Pike Independent Telephone Company, the Wayne and Lackawanna Telephone Company, and the Warren Piquette Telephone Company, dated December 1, 1910, providing for the merger and consolidation of the Wayne and Pike Independent Telephone Company, Wayne and Lackawanna Telephone Company, and Warren Piquette Telephone Company, in accordance with the conditions and terms therein stated as provided by an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved May 29, 1901. (P. L. 349)

WALTER VETTERLEIN, Secretary.

T. N. CROSS, President.

Piquette, Dec. 15, 1910.

NOTES FROM SANDYSTON

Reading my Newark Evening on Tuesday I was saddened by reading of the suicide of Comrade Charles F. Crosselin, and of his attempt to murder his wife at the same time.

He was Secretary and Treasurer of the 1st New Jersey Veteran Cavalry Association ever since its organization, and was respected by every member. He served all through the Civil War, rising to Orderly Sergeant of Co. B, which he held until the close of the war. He had a kind word and smile for every one attending our annual reunion.

Some time ago I sent an item stating that Mrs. A. M. Metzler had sold her farm situated along the Delaware to some city parties.

The sale was not made because one of the heirs refused to sign off.

The Layton and Montague Grange have announced dances to take place on the same evening Dec. 29th, and it would seem that the attendance of both dances would be greater, if they were held on different evenings.

According to an article in the Newark Evening News of the 18th inst. there is a bill now before Congress and there is every reason to believe it will become a law, in regard to a raise in the pension laws as follows: Veterans of 62 raised from 12 to 15 dollars a month, of 70 years from 15 to 25 dollars and of 75 or over 20 to 35 dollars per month, causing a raise, if it becomes a law, of \$25,000,000. The soldiers of the War of 1861-5 are pretty well provided for as the law is at present, and it would look as if this raise was unnecessary.

Warren R. Thompson, of Woodridge, N. J., is spending a few days visiting friends at Layton.

Mr. Thompson was foreman of the Tuttle-Corner and Layton road and road.

Miss Mabel Rosenkrans of this town, who recently entered a Passaic hospital to become a trained nurse, is reported very ill at that place.

Tax time, the dreariest time of the whole year, has come and gone and everybody breathes easier, but the high rate of taxation caused a grumble.

When the macadam road was built through lands of the Flatbrook Fish Club the road was fenced with post and wire, while the lands of others had to fence their own, and this was done at the expense of the County. One thing is certain, the County has a nice bill to pay.

Saturday morning the Bureau instruments marked 14° below zero, and on Sunday morning 1° below. This is certainly good winter weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vanness, of Binghamton, N. Y., are visiting his sister in Montague.

It is not often that we have sleighing, wheeling and autos on the same day, and yet that was what I saw Sunday last, and that auto was doing some speed.

Corn From Old Seed.

At a corn growing exhibition in Indiana a great attraction was an ear sent by Mrs. Hardy which was said to be grown from seed taken from an Egyptian mummy.

The mummy was placed in a tomb 1000 years ago and the corn was placed with it. The corn raised from the seed resembles ordinary sweet corn, and the ear is about five inches long, a few grains of yellow and white corn mingling with the more numerous grains of sweet corn, due, it is said, to being grown among other varieties. This is astonishing, as maize or Indian corn has always been supposed to have been first found in this country.

Mrs. Hardy is a descendant of Chief Justice John Marshall, and is a woman of education and culture. She collects antiques. When she got her mummy only 1000 years old is puzzling the Egyptologists, who cannot find any of so recent date.

Some years ago Egyptian wheat was offered for sale which it was claimed was raised from grains found in the catacombs and were said to be 2000 years or more old. The wheat was plump, of rather a pale yellowish color and was said to be superior for making flour. It is possible it may have been a deception but if the above is authentic it is also possible it may have been genuine seed of the Pharaohs and the same kind of grain sold by Joseph to his brethren.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Lila Dewitt entertained a number of her friends at her home on Ann St. Friday evening.

Miss Rochette will have a Christmas tree Friday afternoon for the Primary School.

Miss Alice Scott had the misfortune to injure her hand this week.

Mr. Wildrick will open the Holidays at the home of his parents in Mosaic, Pa.

Miss Vera Ryman entertained a company of friends at her home on Catherine Street, Thursday evening.

Miss Edgie Emerson is anticipating a trip to Philadelphia during the Holidays.

Many of the High School pupils enjoyed the social at the Methodist Episcopal Church Friday evening.

School will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from December twenty-third to January third.

The following pupils were at the head of the class in the examinations: Senior Class Marlon Pollitt Middle Class Thomas Wolfe Junior Class Clara Wolfe, Lillian Myer.

Miss Annie Gumble expects to spend the Holidays at her home at Gumble.

The new books are labeled and are in use.

DECEMBER COURTS.

The regular term was held before President Judge C. B. Staples and Associates Englehart and Quirk.

Constables making returns were: Delaware D. C. Cron, Dingman Edwin D. R. Kackawaxen, C. Rose Rosenkrans, Matamoras L. B. Manwaring, Milford C. E. Thornton, Milford T. S. L. Hunt, Palmyra J. N. De Groat, Shohola Philip Kahn, Westfall Orrin S. Shay.

On opening Court Judge Staples made the following announcement. It is our sad duty to announce from the bench the sudden death of Cornelius W. Ball Esq., December 6th in the 66th year of his age. He was admitted to the bar of Pike County in 1867 and was also a member of the bar of Monroe and Wayne counties. He was a lawyer of ability, a man of honor and integrity, and a kindly gentleman. Ever faithful to the bench, the bar and his clients, his death was surely a loss to the whole community and he will be sadly missed. The Prothonotary is directed to inscribe this Announcement and Mention upon the Minutes of the Court.

Accounts as follows confirmed Est. Jacob Wacker, Sarah Westfall, John Degen Jr., Johanna C. Myer and widows appraisement, est Andrew A. Albright.

Road in Lackawaxen. Vacation of Report of Views confirmed. Bridge in Green at Promised Land. Report of Viewers laid over for Grand Jury.

Harry L. Briscoe viewing body of Joseph Canne, approved and ordered paid.

Lewis W. Healy vs. Charles Pemberton Fox, petition for satisfaction of mortgage.

Estate Paul Sobanno, petition for private sale of real estate to John E. Cook. Court takes papers.

Robert L. Deppoe vs. Eva Deppoe, Divorce, John A. Kipp appointed Master.

Esther Martin vs. Carl Martin, Divorce Report filed.

E. A. Oppelt vs. Alvin C. Oppelt, Divorce, Report filed.

Milvins Purcell (Hilmore vs. Louis W. Gilmors, Divorce. Master's report filed and in each of above Court takes papers.

Overseers Poor Middle Smithfield vs. Overseers Poor of Lebanon township. Petition for rule to show cause why Lehman shall not pay Smithfield costs and expenses of care of Andrew Smith a pauper, amount \$100.33. Returnable to next term.

Estate Claude B. Heeter, dec'd, petition for sale of real estate 18 acres, Delaware.

J. H. Van Etten appointed to aud it accounts of Prothy.

Order made to place 200 names in Jury Wheel.

Election of Managers.

The annual election for Managers of the Milford Cemetery Association will be held at the office of Geo. R. Bull in the borough of Milford on Monday, Jan. 2nd, 1911, between the hours of 2 and 3 P. M.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, Secretary.

Milford, Pa., Dec. 18th, 1910.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

The events of the week in Congress have been full of interest and there are indications pointing to what the national legislators may be able to accomplish during the present short session. Among the most interesting is an apparent agreement between the insurgents and the regulars in the Senate on the tariff question, relating particularly to the consideration of special subjects, as for example, the woolen schedule, the cotton schedule, lumber, coal, etc., separately and without consideration of the tariff question as a whole. There is also apparently a much closer agreement in Congress with reference to the support of a bona fide tariff commission for a thorough and honest investigation and report upon this question.

The Capitol of the United States is, as is usual during the Congressional session, the arena of conventions, or the stage from which great enterprises are launched. What could be grander than the proposed national park to extend from Baltimore to Washington and to include two hundred thousand acres of forest, hill and dale? It is estimated that this cost will be six millions of dollars.

The two cities are practically forty miles apart, but they are connected by two steam roads, two electric roads and by a boulevard almost completed, over which automobiles pass in less than an hour.

There is much lobbying in Congress by two provincial cities, New Orleans and San Francisco, to have Congress appropriate for an International Exposition in celebration of the completion of the Panama Canal. Both of these cities are, as it were, on the "jumping off" places of the country, one on the Gulf's edge and the other on the Pacific, both of them remote from centers of population; and while they claim that they do not want financial assistance, but only national recognition, everyone knows what that means in the beginning. The proper situation for a National Exposition in celebration of so great an event, should be at the capital of the country. There is now no city in this hemisphere better adapted to an International Exposition than Washington, D. C. The Potomac Park is practically within the center of the city, easily accessible to every part of it, and Washington is within five hours of New York, three hours of Philadelphia, forty-five minutes from Baltimore, and within twenty-four hours of Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Louisville, Atlanta and all intermediate places.

Andrew Carnegie, whose benefactions amount now to 180 millions of dollars, has just added a donation of ten millions of dollars for the promotion of peace throughout the world. The nations will continue to build battleships and levy armies, but it is impossible that a donation so munificent shall not have the influence of its inspiration. The Secretary of War has just returned from a trip around the world and has started Congress by a confidential document sent to the House of Representatives stating that this country, is unfit for war, lacking the right kind of men, guns, ammunition and fortifications. This confidential report is said to be sensational in its details. In view of Mr. Carnegie's ten million dollar donation to the cause of peace, this report from the Secretary of War is peculiarly flashing.

Representative Hobson, of Alabama, he who sank the old ship in the harbor entrance at Santiago, has introduced a bill in Congress for the appointment of a Board of National Defense, the object of which is to secure cooperation between the executive and legislative branches of the government with a view to harmony in a defensive policy. By the terms of the bill the War Secretary is to be President of the Council, and the other members the Secretary of the Navy, the Chairman of the House Military and Naval Affairs, and also the Senate and House Finance Committees.

Mr. Carnegie bravely continues his fight against dying rich but the odds are against him.

Mr. Rockefeller's proposed foundation gift of more than \$100,000,000 is again before Congress which seems to be appalled at the immensity of the benefaction and afraid it may have a flare back.

CHANGES IN SCHOOLS

Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Supt. of Public Instruction, has issued a pamphlet entitled "Historical Notes of Pennsylvania's School System," with suggestions as to needed changes. He recapitulates the facts as to the early history of the schools showing that since the passage of the act of 1836 the state has been a pioneer in elevating the public schools. He says politics and the schools do not mix. Whenever the two are joined together the child loses. Schools must have money and one reason why certain rural districts cannot get enough money to have good schools is found in the law acquisition of real estate. The law requires property to be assessed at its full value but because it is not directors are helpless against the assessors.

From 1834 to 1890 the total paid out of the State Treasury for common schools was 28 million dollars and since that time 120 million dollars have been appropriated. He says laws must be enacted to protect the children against the parsimony and short sightedness of local school boards. The schools can never be made better than the people want them to be, nor will the schools be permitted to lag far behind the demands of public opinion.

The world moves and the schools are apt to be too conservative. Courses of study must be modified and improved so as to adapt them to the changing needs of a progressive civilization. In Arithmetic, for instance, it is useless to waste the time and brain power of children upon problems which never occur in practical life, or which were needed in business transactions now antiquated by several hundred years. It is admitted that for purposes of mental discipline, algebra and geometry are far more valuable than number work. A revolution is taking place not merely in the teaching of arithmetic, but also in the methods of teaching language, history and the sciences. In medicine the practitioner who has not kept in touch with modern discoveries ever since he took his degree, is no longer fit to practice medicine. In education progress has been equally marked. Many a teacher whose work at one time elicited praise, finds himself out of touch with what is now demanded in the public schools, simply because he has failed to keep abreast of the times.

There was a time when any one could step from the gutter into a law school. All this has been changed, and the study of law now requires at least a high school training. There was a time when the young man who could not get a teacher's certificate went to the medical college, and at the end of two courses of lectures returned home with a diploma authorizing him to practice medicine. Today our law requires a preliminary education covering four years of high school work, or its equivalent, and a subsequent course of four years of professional study before the graduate of the medical school can be admitted to the State examination for license. There are at least twenty-five learned vocations, the doors to which are closed to the youth who quits school without getting the equivalent of a high school education.

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John C. Warner, Pres.

TO STOP ILLEGAL SALES.

At the term of Court held this week Judge Staples said that he was the recipient of a number of anonymous letters, and also of some signed, complaining that some landlords in the county were selling liquor to habitual drunkards, minors and on Sundays. He directed constables to go to the landlords in their several townships and notify them that this must cease. He instructed the constables that a man who frequently got drunk should not be sold liquor when he was sober. A very occasional intoxication like on a holiday, or on some extraordinary occasion did not constitute a man a habitual drunkard, but when a man spent money for liquor which should go to supply his family with necessities and thus did it an injury he should be refused. A man has no right to deprive his family of comforts to gratify his propensity to drink.

The judge did not say so, but landlords never know what information is being given the Court of the conduct of their places, and hence may at any time be compelled to face a rule to show cause why their licenses shall not be revoked, which rule the Court can enter of its own volition. Can any land lord afford to take such chances? The Court did say that if a landlord would not, or could not, conduct his business without violating the law he should quit.

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