

M'NICHOL RAPS BLANKENBURG

Unsparring Attack on City Administration Starts in Club Dinners—Predicts Tax Raise.

A direct and unsparring attack upon the Blankenburg administration by State Senator James P. McNichol amazed the diners at the Thanksgiving dinner of the Clover Club last Thursday night, and furnished the sensation of what had been anticipated as a political love feast.

"Sincerity and pledge-keeping are the tests of parties as well as of men," declared the Republican leader, while the rallyer subsided in response to his evident earnestness. "We had a test of these qualities when our party was defeated one year ago in this city. We Republicans can well afford to give thanks to-night that we are not criticised as are those who won in that fight.

"Consider what has happened. Philadelphia was branded and held up to national execration as a city that was wasting its money right and left; as a town reeking with graft and corruption.

"What do we find after a year of reform administration? We are told that the annual current receipts of \$28,000,000 are not enough for our rulers and that we are running in debt over that amount to the tune of \$6,000,000. This proves either that the new rulers are far more wasteful than the Republican administration of the past or that former Mayors administered the city's finances most economically.

"We find further that no one permanent improvement, not one big, constructive work, has been either achieved or commenced in this reform administration. We find that the plans for great municipal works have been abandoned.

"Let me make the prediction right here that the next eighteen months will bring upon the city a great addition to its taxation burdens. In those days, it will be the poor people, those who can least afford to shoulder the heavier load, who will be obliged to pay the piper for this sad dose of alleged reform.

"What is true of this city will be true also in the nation. We Republicans can well afford to await the proof of Democratic incapacity. I want to make an appeal at this time to all Republicans, no matter what their recent dissensions may have been. To Bull Moose, Keystone men and stalwarts, I say: watch the Democrats of this state.

"Flushed with victory in the nation, they are now reaching out hungry arms for the spoils of office in Pennsylvania. It will be our fault if they shall succeed. Let us get together and we will return to the confidence of the people when the sham of reform and the incapacity of Democracy shall have been demonstrated, as both surely will be.

A NEAR PANIC ON TRAIN

Oil From Car Lamps Caused Women to Become Hysterical—Necessary to Stop D. & H. Train to Avert Disaster.

The overboiling of burning oil from the lamps on the passenger train southbound from Ninevah to Carbondale on Thanksgiving Day caused the passengers to become hysterical and a panic was averted by the stopping of the train.

One or two of the lamps commenced to smoke and the brakeman turned them down. He then stepped into another car to attend to other lamps, which were also smoking and when he returned to the first car all the lamps were "acting up."

In some manner the oil was forced out of the lamp and appeared to be boiling from the bottom of the lamps. The oil had become ignited and great drops of liquid fire were falling to the car floor. Women commenced to scream and in order to prevent a panic it was necessary to pull the cord to stop the train. The incident occurred near Laneshoro.

LET'S GET BETTER ACQUAINTED

Wayne county newspaper publishers, just a word with you: Don't you think it is about time we became better acquainted? Don't you think we should become known as The Wayne Press Association, or some other name of meaning and dignity? How about a "gathering of the clans" at Thanksgiving, or Christmas, or New Year's? How about "eating salt" with each other, and incidentally discovering what a fine lot of fellows we really are? Hands up, all you who want to "jine in." In our humble opinion such a meeting WOULD PAY.—The Wayne Counteant.

RECEIVED UGLY FLESH WOUND.

While attempting to reach for some fruit, which was upon a shelf beyond her arm's length, Mrs. Edward Doney received an ugly flesh wound in her right arm Monday evening. Mrs. Doney was standing upon a box and in her effort to reach a can of fruit the box turned, which resulted in Mrs. Doney's arm coming in violent contact with a sharp corner of the shelf. The flesh was torn a few inches, which was closed by Dr. E. W. Burns taking five stitches. Mrs. Doney is improving nicely, but she has a very sore arm.

MURRAY COMPANY AWARDED BIG CONTRACT.

The enterprising hardware firm of Murray company, of this place, has been awarded the contract to furnish a complete line of Walter A. Wood farm machinery for the Criminal Insane hospital at Farview. Part of the order has been filed.

BROWN FOUND IN SCOTT TOWNSHIP.

Man Who Broke Quarantine at Hancock Again Under Quarantine But This Time in Wayne County.

George Brown, a smallpox patient of Hancock, N. Y., who broke quarantine at that place several weeks ago, and escaped across the river into Wayne county, was located in a house in Scott township Wednesday by County Health Officer N. B. Spencer of this place, and S. P. Woodmansee of Starrucca. The man was found in the cellar of the house where he was hiding from them. The house was fumigated and quarantined and a guard placed near it. It was decided to keep Brown there under quarantine until he was free from danger of giving the disease to others and later he may be taken back to New York state to answer for the offense which is a serious one. He will probably be compelled to stand trial.

The quarantine on the house of H. H. Wood at Twin Lake, in Berlin township, was raised to-day and the patient, James Ryder, was released. The place was fumigated.

Two new cases of smallpox were reported to County Medical Inspector Dr. H. B. Ely this week being in Damascus township. The patients are Misses Nellie and Vera Bush. George Smith of Scott township, was also reported as having the disease. Dr. Frisbie, who has charge of the smallpox situation in Scott and Buckingham townships, reported that Bert Strauss, who lives above Winterville, in Scott township, was down with the disease.

There are no new developments in and near Honesdale so no one here need be alarmed. County Medical Inspector Ely received a telegram from Dr. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, to have every person or persons exposed to the disease, quarantined at once.

Dr. O. J. Mullen, of Hamlin, is assisting Dr. Ely in the state work.

THE SPIRIT OF SPUNK.

People hesitate about going to a sanatorium because they think that they are gloomy places. They imagine rows of wan, sadfaced consumptives lying on rest chairs amid an atmosphere of melancholy.

If you feel this way and are advising consumptives not to go to a sanatorium, read "Spunk," a little magazine published by the patients at the State Sanatorium at Mont Alto; or better yet, visit the Sanatorium itself. Were it not for the occasional allusions to tuberculosis, you would think that "Spunk" was a boarding school or a college magazine. It is full of jokes and tales of Sanatorium life. Everything is goodhumored. There is no grumbling. It is the healthiest, most cheerful magazine imaginable.

Visit the Sanatorium and you will understand why. There is so much sunshine, the buildings are so attractive, and the nurses and doctors are so ready to enter into the life of the patients that no one can feel gloomy.

The patients are fighting for their lives, and they know it. Do not mistake that. But they have the spirit of Spunk, and though often they are facing death, they do it with a smile so that the patients beside them will not lose courage. The Sanatorium is your best friend. It is a good place to be. Show the spirit of Spunk and go there if it is necessary.—Karl de Schweinitz, Executive Secretary, Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

RED LETTER DAY COMING.

There was reference in this column a few days ago to the fact that it is somewhat surprising that something definite has not been done to date, in the matter of providing a street car system that would embrace Hawley, Honesdale and other towns of the vicinity. Mention of some plan of that kind was contained in a quotation from a Honesdale exchange. That borough has the ambition to get in touch by trolley with the towns of the Delaware valley, and secure the advantage of their trade. From Wayne comes a statement just now to the effect that the parties interested in the proposed line between Hawley and Seelyville agreed to take over the rights and privileges of the Hawley and Honesdale Street Railway company. One of the New York capitalists who visited Honesdale, is said to have remarked that if a satisfactory arrangement of the interests of these two companies could be made that work on the line would possibly start in the Spring. What a red letter day it will be for Honesdale and Hawley when such a trolley service is provided!—Afternoon Echoes in Scranton Truth.

DEAN—RICKERT NUPITAL.

Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dean, of White Mills, and Lewis Rickert, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rickert, of Indian Orchard, were married at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Balta in St. Mary Magdalene's church. The young couple were attended by Miss Charlotta Austin and Julius Rickert, the latter being a brother of the bridegroom. The young married couple left Wednesday afternoon on the 2:53 Erie train for a brief wedding tour. They will go to housekeeping at Great Bend, where Mr. Rickert is employed by Demer Bros., cut glass manufacturers. The Citizen extends congratulations.

THEOBALD—SWINGLE.

At the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. C. C. Miller on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Fred W. Theobald of Honesdale and Miss Eunice F. Swingle of Steene were married.

OBSERVE HOME MISSION IN PORT JERVIS

Rev. Dr. Guild, Well Known in Honesdale, Delivers Excellent Sermon on the Subject.

The following is taken from the Semi-Weekly Port Jervis Gazette: Sunday was the opening day of what is known as "home mission week," and Rev. Dr. Guild at the First Presbyterian church gave a discourse on "Home Mission Week. What It Means. What are Its Problems."

Home mission week aims to impress on every man and woman of every church of every evangelical denomination in this country the supreme importance of saving through the established agencies of America for the kingdom of God, through the established agencies of the church. The problems of the church were dealt with at some length separately, such as the problem of the Indian, who number 295,000; the Negro, who in 1910, number over nine million; the Asiatics of whom there are 142,000 in America; the immigrants, who are coming to America at the rate of a million a year; the saloon and temperance reform and Mormonism. Such are some of the problems of to-day in America, which American churches are facing.

Dr. Guild affirmed that if the church of America cannot work out a solution to those problems, surely no human institution can. If the church does not solve these problems for America, surely no human institution will, but the church of Christ can solve them. The church of Christ is the greatest factor in human history. It's the power of God encompassing the globe to sanctify and enable everything it can touch. In America, there are today 22,000,000 church members; church adherents, 60,000,000; Sunday school enrollment, 16,000,000; ordained ministers, 162,000; church organizations, 215,000; Church buildings, 210,000; seating capacity, 60,000,000; value of church property, \$1,000,000,000. Yes, the church of America is the mightiest army of America, and probably influences more or less directly the majority of the population of the country. "An ideal America free from every ill and devoted to every good cause awaits the reign of Christ in every heart in America."

The preacher concluded his discourse by three practical suggestions. First—It is the duty and privilege of church members to thoroughly inform themselves on the entire subject, namely the power of the church and the problem it faces. Second—To contribute in his measure to the expenses involved in the work of evangelizing America. Third—It is our privilege to pray for the evangelization of our country.

The discourse was concluded with a quotation of the order given by the admiral to his fleet in Manila Bay. When the flagship signaled the batteries of Cavite have opened fire, he commanded "Steam Ahead." The command was obeyed and into the heart of Manila Bay moved the American fleet flying the Stars and Stripes, facing the frowning warships and batteries of all sorts, the bands playing "The Star Spangled Banner." The conflict was on and the victory was won.

The Head of the church of today is issuing his order to the church of America. "Steam Ahead. Steam Ahead." Will she obey the command? The golden rule of Christ will bring the golden day of America.

CONCERNING POTATOES.

A most discouraging feature of the so-called bumper crops of the East this year has been the tremendous rot in potatoes. More or less of this late blight strikes our potatoes every year. However if the weather is dry the spores cannot develop and, therefore, little damage is caused. This year during the period in which the late blight usually strikes us, the weather was wet and hot and gave ideal conditions for the development of these little spores, and this accounts for the prevalence of rot in the crop. It not only decreases the yield but also decreases the confidence of the buyers in the crop and so holds down prices.

A regular and constant spraying would have partly, if not entirely, prevented this rot. Many farmers have raised the objection that it is hard to get on high land with a spraying machine because of the excessive moisture, and some have complained that it is absolutely impossible to get on muck land in the wet season, but some of our farmers have actually proven the practical side of spraying this year by keeping at it consistently even when the weather was wet.

Death of James W. Church.

The remains of James W. Church, aged 62 years, who died on November 25th, at his home at Lynn, Mass., were taken to Honesdale Wednesday evening on the 6:55 Erie train. The funeral took place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church, Bethany. Mr. Pard Braman of Indian Orchard, was a brother-in-law of the deceased.

Services will be as follows, in St. John's Lutheran church, Sunday, December 1st: 10:30 a. m., subject of sermon "Der Festzug des Advents Koening"; 11:45 Bible school; 2 p. m., service at White Mills; 7:30 "Am I My Brother's Keeper." The old pipe organ which served the congregation hitherto has been sold. The instrument has been removed to make room for the new organ.

\$1,000,000 GIVEN TO AID FARMERS

Harvester Company is Preparing to Compete With the United States Department of Agriculture.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 28.—The International Harvester Company is preparing to compete with the United States Department of Agriculture in the work of raising American standards of agriculture, says the Chicago Record-Herald.

After experimenting with seed improvement for two years, the company has now voted \$1,000,000 for the immediate use of a nation wide organization.

It also has brought Professor P. G. Holden, Iowa State director of agriculture extension for ten years, to Chicago to take charge of the service bureau.

Among the things the Harvester company intends to do are these:— To use its 42,000 agents throughout the United States for the distribution of improved seed, scientific farming literature, etc.

To broaden the corn belt and to raise the average production per acre.

To educate the corn belt farmers to the value of alfalfa and to furnish experts in its culture.

To run seed corn specials, alfalfa specials and diversified farming specials in every State of the Union.

To go from county to county in automobiles, lecturing and demonstrating wherever ten farmers sign a request for such service.

To offer farmers the services of an organizer to build up social and farm improvement societies.

To demonstrate the advantages of consolidating schools in place of the small country schools, making it possible to teach scientific farm methods.

To establish demonstration farms in addition to the three now in operation in the South.

To show "boll weeviled" cotton growers and "wheatened out" North Dakotans how to get started with other farm crops.

To help secure and maintain county crop experts to serve farmers.

To organize dairy and testing associations.

To furnish tested alfalfa, corn and other seed.

"The first seed corn 'gospel train' was run in 1894," said Professor Holden. "At that time farmers laughed at scientific farming and at agricultural schools. But those who know of the results of this work in Iowa do not laugh now.

"In the last eight years we have increased the average yield for the State three bushels an acre. The counties average 100,000 acres in corn, which means for the ninety-nine counties an added crop yearly of 29,700,000, all due to better seed and better methods."

The Harvester company, to quote one of its officials, intends "to give Professor Holden to the nation." The work in the past has been confined to telling the farmers how. Now it is proposed to show them.

IRISH WERE INVENTORS OF TELEGRAPHY, IS CLAIM.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The Morse code, by which messages are flashed over the vast network of wires throughout the civilized world, was not the invention of Samuel F. B. Morse, but was of Irish origin, being the old Gaelic dot and dash alphabet in use as early as 1150. This declaration by Prof. James Money before the Archaeological Society of Washington at its meeting in the National Museum has stirred up a heated controversy. Prof. Money declared that the Gaelic alphabet, or the Ogem system, as it was known, was actually the basis of the so-called Morse code. He insisted his contention was fully carried out by the records of the ancient Irish people as found in stone and wooden carvings.

"There were seventeen letters in the Gaelic alphabet," he declared, "and they began with one dash, went up to five dashes, then from five dashes down to one dash and then began the dots very much the same as the Morse alphabet used in telegraphy."

Death of Mrs. John Corbett.

On Wednesday morning, November 27th, at her home in Seelyville, occurred the death of Mrs. John Corbett, aged seventy-three years. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters and two sons, namely: Mrs. William Grove, Mrs. John Cunningham, Miss Anna Corbett, all of Honesdale, and Dennis Corbett, residing in Honesdale, and Patrick Corbett of Avoca.

The funeral took place Friday morning at 10 o'clock from St. John's Roman Catholic church. Interment was made in St. John's cemetery.

Miss Ethel Lee returned home Wednesday evening from a visit with her sister, Miss E. Louise Lee, of Jersey City. She was accompanied home by the latter, who is spending the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Lee.

Miss Betrice Havey was a Scranton caller on Thursday. Mrs. Archibald Fitch, of Wilkes-Barre, was the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Helen Ayers, the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. James Miller and daughter, Bernice, spent Thursday in Waymart.

MARK KOEHLER INJURED BY SHOT GUN.

Seven Shots Entered Face of Boy—Two Enter Hand—No Serious Injury, But Painful.

Mark Koehler, son of Superintendent and Mrs. J. J. Koehler, of North Main street, who makes his home in Seelyville, was accidentally shot in the face with a shot gun while hunting near Rinning's Pond in Cherry Ridge township on Thursday morning, but was not seriously injured.

Mark Koehler, with three other men, were hunting with shot guns at Rinning's Pond that morning. As they were walking along looking for game a pheasant arose from the ground suddenly and one of the men raised his gun and fired at it. Koehler was between the pheasant and the man who shot, and received part of the scattering load in his face and right hand. The shots were No. 7 1/2. The boy was not seriously injured but the effect was very painful. The shots were imbedded in his face and one went through the cheek and into the mouth of the boy. He was brought back to Honesdale where Dr. Powell attended him and dressed his injuries. Seven shot were found in the boy's face and two shots were found imbedded in his right hand. The shots were not removed. The boy luckily escaped serious injury and loss of sight for two of the small shots penetrated the flesh above the boy's eyes.

MRS. FRIEDEWALD'S LITERARY PROGRAM.

As a matter of interest to former Honesdale patrons of Mrs. Saio Friedewald, we give space to the following program which Mrs. Friedewald arranged for, and is giving to the Literary Department of the Scranton Century Club on Friday mornings. The readings embrace a study of the works of George Meredith as follows:

The Message of George Meredith October 16.

"Our life is but a little holding lent To do a mighty labor; we are one With heaven and the stars when it is spent,

To serve God's aim; else die we with the sun."

The Shaving of Shagpat November 6.

"Lo of hundreds who aspire Eighties perish—nineties tire— They who bear up in spite of wrecks and wracks Were seasoned by celestial hail of thwacks."

Discussion—Present Day Shagpats.

Richard Feverel November 20.

"It is difficult for those who think very earnestly for their children to know when their children are thinking on their own accounts."

Discussion—Sir Austin's Failure.

Evan Harrington December 4.

"The memoirs of a managed man have yet to be written; but if he be sincere he will tell you that he knew it all the time."

Discussion—Juliana and Rose.

Sandra Belloni December 18.

"May no dear woman I know ever marry the first man she loves."

Discussion—Emilia.

Victoria, January 15.

"Not to let her soul fly out among the twisting chances."

Discussion—Artist and Idealist.

Rhoda Flemming, February 5.

"A human act, once set in motion flows on forever to the great account— Our deathlessness is in what we do, not in what we are."

Discussion—Rhoda.

The Egoist, February 19.

"In the gratification of the egoistic instincts we may so beset ourselves as to deal a slaughtering wound upon Self, to whatever quarter we turn. Discussion—Letitia Dale.

HONESDALE TO HAVE PARCELS POST

New Service Expected to Be in Operation by First of Year—Department Busy Working Out Details.

A new law adding the parcels post feature to the postal service, was passed at the last session of congress and was approved by President Taft. Just how the new service will affect the Honesdale post-office cannot be stated just now but it is certain that Postmaster M. B. Allen will receive instructions any day now as to the establishing of the new delivery service the first of the year.

Under the parcels post delivery system persons can go to the post-office and receive and forward packages by mail instead of sending them by express. The weight of packages must not be over eleven pounds however and must be kept down to a certain size. The return card of the sender must also be placed in a conspicuous place on the package. One of the features of the new law is that a special parcels post stamp must be used on the packages and if the stamps now in use be placed on them they will be held for postage as the postoffice authorities insist that the special stamp be used.

The postal department at Washington will be busy from now until the first of the year in working out the details of the new service and special equipment such as scales, tapes and stamp seals must be secured and sent out to each of the 60,000 postoffices in the United States.

The new law provides for the re-closing of parcels at all postoffices and branch offices and also such stations as the postoffice department shall designate. This means that the service will be in use in Honesdale.

The steadily increasing business at the Honesdale office long ago taxed the capacity of their old quarters in the Foster building so that they were obliged to remove to the City Hall where the larger space greatly facilitates the handling of the mails and so that when the parcels post service is established in Honesdale there will undoubtedly be plenty of room for its proper handling.

HOW THANKSGIVING WAS OBSERVED.

Honesdale Gives Thanks—Union Services in Presbyterian Church—Special Services in German Lutheran and German Catholic Churches.

The people of Honesdale did their part in rendering thanks to the Almighty for the numerous blessings, both spiritual and material, that have been showered upon us the past year, and also for the bright prospects of the future, for Honesdale certainly has a bright future ahead. In the churches special services were held. There were Union Thanksgiving services in the Presbyterian church and a forceful sermon was preached by Rev. Will H. Hiller of the Methodist church. Four churches joined in the union services. They were the Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal and the Grace Episcopal. Rev. Whitaker of the latter denomination was unable to be present, being prevented by illness.

Rev. Hiller took for his first text "What Shall I Render Unto the Lord For All of His Benefits Toward Me, 116 Psalm, 6th verse. His second text was "Thanks Be to God For His Unspeakable Gifts," Second Corinthians, 9:15.

Rev. Hiller began by citing the national blessings and the abundant harvests all over the land as a great thing to be thankful for. He spoke of the gift of a home and the love of Christ as being the greatest blessing of all to be thankful for on that day. He closed his excellent sermon with an appeal to every one to be thankful for the blessings of Jesus Christ. In the German Lutheran church Rev. Miller preached a splendid Thanksgiving sermon at 10:30 in German. He took for his text, "Bless the Lord, O My Soul, and Forget Not His Benefits," 103rd Psalm. There was a large attendance. A special mass was held in St. Mary Magdalene's church at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. There was a large attendance and Dr. J. W. Balta delivered a splendid sermon.

There were no special services in St. John's R. C. church yesterday. Father John O'Toole preached a Thanksgiving sermon last Sunday.

MARRIAGE OF MARY DONNELLY

Miss Mary Donnelly, formerly of Honesdale, but of late residing in Scranton, was married Thanksgiving to Michael A. Cook of that city at 9 o'clock by Father Patrick.

Miss Elizabeth Donnelly, a sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid, and James Meehan was the groomsmen. The bride wore a traveling suit of brown, a Gainsboro hat, and carried white chrysanthemums. Her maid wore a tailor-made suit of blue, a Gainsboro hat, and carried yellow chrysanthemums.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home and a reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Cook afterward went to New York on a honeymoon trip. They will reside in West Scranton.

—Frank Epter, of Carbondale, will open a ladies' and misses' coat and suit department in the store building now occupied by Fred Gleher as a suit pressing shop, on December 1. He will handle all kinds of Ladies' and Misses' high grade apparel.