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Spawis from the Keystone.

John McCorkell, who died at Clearfield Sunday night, was reputed to be 99 years old.

John Alexander, a Pennsylvania railroad trackman, was killed at Newport on Monday. He was 55 years old.

Small-pox has been eradicated in Crescon and neighborhood. The prompt and efficient action of the Crescon school board is said to be responsible for this.

Burgess E. W. Blackburn, of Latrobe, on Monday evening directed the police to close up the fruit stands which have been accustomed to keep open on Sunday.

Evan Miller was arrested Friday night, about midnight, when trying to enter the residence of William T. Warburton, president of the Second National bank, of Elkton.

Albert Bixel, a woodman of Pine station, whose leg was crushed, died in the Williamsport hospital Saturday morning, from shock and loss of blood. He was 28 years old.

Lurgi Pantelli, an Italian employed at the quarries of the Conemaugh Stone company at Bloom's Run, Clearfield county, was caught by a large stone and crushed to death on Monday last.

Rev. James R. Lane, died at his home in Huntingdon, a few days since, aged over 83 years. He had been a minister in the Dunkard church for over forty years. He was born in Mifflin county.

Ezra Baney, employed on Kramer's saw mill in the east end of Nittany valley, had the first and second fingers of his right hand badly lacerated Friday by a saw. Dr. Dunn rendered the necessary surgical attention.

It is practically decided by officials of the State Agricultural Department that a State Laboratory shall be established in Harrisburg for the analysis of fertilizers and of dairy and food products for the detection of adulteration.

The Rev. H. B. Forner, for thirty-five years a preacher and one of the oldest divines in the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal conference, died of heart trouble after a short illness last Friday at Mount Pleasant, Columbia county.

A dispatch from Curwensville says that the Citizens National bank of Curwensville was organized there Saturday evening and Colonel A. E. Irvin was elected president and L. W. Spencer treasurer. The capital stock is \$100,000, all of which is paid up.

By disobeying one of the rules of the boys' industrial home, of Williamsport, of which he was an inmate, Chester Hing, aged about 13 years, went in bathing and found a water grave Thursday afternoon, at a point in the river opposite the Radix mill.

Mrs. Theodore Newcomer, of Waynesboro, Franklin county, tried to end her life on Sunday by swallowing an ounce and a half of laudanum. Doctors were summoned and saved her life. It was said she had been despondent for several weeks because of neglect by her husband.

Jose Dimario, the murderer of Pietro Casano, in Loyalsock township, Lycoming county, Sunday afternoon, was captured about 10:30 o'clock Monday morning, at Trout run, and has been held for the next term of the court of quarter sessions, in September, when he will be placed on trial for murder.

Judge Auten handed down a decision recently refusing a new trial to Farmer Hood, of Snyder county, convicted of offering for sale rabbits out of season in the Sunbury market. Hood will now have to pay a fine of \$10 for every rabbit, nineteen of them, or undergo a day's imprisonment for every dollar.

The river bank at Sunbury was lined with people Sunday and intense excitement prevailed, in consequence of the report that a body was floating down the stream. Row boats were secured and men with poles and grappling irons went after the object, and to their surprise found it to be nothing more than a dead calf.

Proctor's Fifty-eighth street theatre in New York City is producing this week "Three Wives to One Husband," a comedy by "Col. Jim" Milliken, of Hollidaysburg. This is the second piece by the same author they have played within a month, having produced the "Captain of the Nonsuch" during the week of July 6th.

During a storm a few days ago lightning struck a tree on the farm of W. C. Nell, near New Florence. From the tree it went to the spring nearby, tearing up the masonry, and then followed an iron pipe that conveyed the water to the barn, throwing up a great pile of earth near the barn. Mrs. Nell, who was on her way to the house, sustained a severe shock.

Thursday morning of last week Mrs. Nancy Mertz, aged 80 years, attempted to commit suicide at the home of her son, Samuel Mertz, near VanDyke, Juniata county, by cutting her throat with a razor. She severed the windpipe and lacerated her neck, but it is believed she will recover. When asked why she committed the rash act her reply was: "Evil spirits have been after me and I felt for two or three days that I must do something. I am sorry now."

Eleven men, who had been imported by the Harrison-Walker Refractories company from New York to work at Mill Hill and Flemington, were arrested for trespassing on the Pennsylvania railroad company's property, between Altoona and Tyrone Thursday morning. The men had been employed as strike breakers at the fire brick works in the towns named. They signed a contract to work for a certain time before they would demand their pay. After they had been at the plant for a short time, the strikers made it so unpleasant for them that they all decided to quit, which they did. In view of the contract, they could not ask for their pay. The county commissioners provided them with several meals and the strikers agreed to assist them out of town. The strikers placed them on freight trains, on which they rode to Tyrone. The men started for Altoona and were soon arrested. They were arranged before Alderman Dobyne, who, after hearing their story, discharged them, because they were evidently working men and not bums. Most of them will find work in Altoona.

The Philadelphia Record says "a pretty girl needs no intellect" and we rise to remark that very few of them show signs of having any.

With the bottom falling out of U. S. steel CHARLEY SCHWAB may yet be glad that the bottom fell out of his presidential chair just when it did.

It is cheaper to pay some one else five cents a quart for your huckleberries than to pay a doctor five hundred dollars for getting you over a snake bite.

There seems to be about as many politicians among the College of Cardinals of the Catholic church as might be found in any other body of distinguished men.

More of the Wall street gamblers went to the wall on Wednesday. They were like the others who have gone before; trying to haul stock too far on the water wagon.

ARTHUR P. GORMAN, of Maryland, is "looking up" as a presidential possibility. Let us hope that if he gets the nomination he will never have occasion to look down in the month.

Two government yachts are lying at Oyster bay at an expense of \$140 a day; merely for the pleasure of the President and his family. The present tax-payer will get his inning when he gets to be President.

The epidemic of eknaks at Salona has cut all the fragrant flowers of that place clear out of business. It is not the scent of the lovely sweet pea that is wanted on the evening air at Salona nowadays. It is another kind.

Kentucky has been disgraced. By gad, sah! One of her wealthiest sons blew out the gas in an Atlantic City hotel on Wednesday night and is dead as a result of it. The idea of anything so green coming from the blue grass country is startling, to say the least.

If the Grand Army of the Republic wants a real soldier at its head; one who has been an active soldier every day in his life since the blue coats of the sixties were dispersed to their homes, they could choose no better one than Gen. NELSON A. MILLS, as their commander-in-chief.

The anti-tobacco league will be happy because a bather in the Schuylkill at Reading choked on a quid he was chewing and drowned before his companions could get to him. What a horrible picture will be painted of his death and how terrible will the effects of chewing tobacco be made to appear.

The Oregon metallurgist who thinks he has discovered a process for making silver out of gold will scarcely find much demand for such reduction, unless our friend Mr. BRYAN employs him to convert all of "the yellow stuff" in the world into the white metal. And what a happy day it would be for the Nebraskan, the day the job would be finished.

Willamport's council has passed a curfew ordinance and it is now up to the mayor to approve or disapprove the measure that prohibits children of sixteen years or younger from being on the streets of that city, unaccompanied, after nine o'clock at night. If he should approve there will be a scramble for steady beaux among the "sweet sixteen" belles of the Lumber city.

"Birdie" WARREN is getting after the Philadelphia brewers for putting impure beer on the market. He says "pull" will be ignored and all offenders under the pure food laws brought to book. We would suggest that after he gets through with his work he might publish an illuminated beer book at the expense of the State. Certain it is that it would find more readers than his famous bird book.

In this democratic world of ours we regard it as no worse to swear at the President than any other man, but the fellow who swore at the President on Sunday, when Mrs. ROOSEVELT and the children were with him, ought to have had the gable end of his trousers kicked clean up into the shoulders of his coat. Swearing is such an useless, ill-mannered, depraved practice that we wonder why men indulge in it at all.

On June 9th the Doylestown National bank published an annual statement, showing that it was in splendid financial condition. The statement was sworn to by its cashier and attested by three of its directors. A little over a month from that date the institution closed its doors with liabilities of nearly a million dollars and assets of scarcely half that amount. Such occurrences shake the public confidence in the National banking system and lead us to wonder whether the National bank examiners really examine or merely look on for the purpose of drawing their salaries.

The Altoona Tribune is of the opinion that "there is far more virtue in public life than corruption, for if it were not so there would be fewer revelations of crooked conduct." While we have no desire to take a place among the iconoclasts of the period we are constrained to remind our Monmouth city contemporary that it is not virtue that hauls up the crooked official as often as it is the fellow on the other side, who is after the office. It is the workers of the party not in power trying to put those of the one in power "in a hole" that discovers mal-administration. Virtue is all right in some instances, but it is usually too weak-kneed to take the initiative in the battle with corruption.

Fine Legal Hair Splitting.

Attorney General CARSON delivered a rare legal opinion the other day. Some of the leaders of the party, it seems, are constantly striving to evade the provisions of the fundamental law of the State. Conspicuous among this number is Captain JOHN C. DELANEY, chief factory inspector. It appears that nearly everybody he wants to appoint to any office in his department is a member of the Legislature. The fact that after a great deal of lobbying last winter he got a bill through providing for a large increase in his force and he may have promised nearly all the Senators and Representatives something, probably has something to do with it. In any event he wanted to appoint one Representative to the position of deputy some time ago but the Governor discovered in some accidental way that the constitution forbids it, and he called DELANEY down. Now he wants to appoint another to another office and he got the Attorney General to help him out.

The new applicant for favor is a rather important fellow and possibly that fact has something to do with the Attorney General's getting into the game. The chief factory inspector thought his Department ought to have an attorney and the Hon. WARD R. BLISS, who has a wonderful appetite for spoils and a marvelous capacity for absorbing rake-offs, wanted the job. There is no law authorizing the appointment of an attorney for the Department but that was a trifling matter for there was no law forbidding the appointment, though the constitution in Section six of Article two prohibits the appointment of a Representative in the Legislature. "No Senator or Representative shall," is the language of the clause, "during the time for which he shall have been elected, shall be appointed to any civil office under the Commonwealth." This is explicit and because of it the Governor prevented the appointment of Representative RIPP as an inspector of the pure food bureau.

When DELANEY wanted to appoint WARD BLISS and BLISS wanted to be appointed, however, the Attorney General was called into the affair and as the late Captain CURTLE would say he "gave an opinion as was an opinion." That is to say he owned that the constitution forbids the appointment of a Representative in the Legislature as attorney for the factory inspector's department and therefore he can't make that appointment. But the constitution doesn't declare that a Representative in the Legislature mustn't practice law and therefore factory inspector DELANEY may employ Mr. BLISS as attorney for the department though he mustn't under any circumstances appoint him to be attorney for the department. That is probably as fine a specimen of hair splitting as ever was perpetrated in this broad land and in view of it it is small wonder QUAY consented to the appointment of CARSON to the office in which he is now making a donkey of himself.

Perry Health is Safe.

The Hon. PERRY S. HEATH, who was first assistant Postmaster General during the administration of President McKINLEY and the architect of the entire system of franchises in the Postoffice Department may now return to his native country and resume his duties as secretary of the Republican National committee without the least fear of the consequences. That is to say on Saturday last the limit within which a criminal charge would lie against him expired and as he wasn't indicted before that time he is absolutely secure now against prosecution until his criminal impulses bring him into danger again, which is only a question of time.

Mr. HEATH ought to have been indicted about all others in connection with the postal scandals. It was he who made the first illegal draft on the Washington post-office and when the payment was refused for the reason that it was "contrary to precedent," he declared "this is a new administration and a new crowd, and we will make our own precedents." In confirmation of that statement the cashier was soon afterward dismissed and the frauds which have so scandalized the country during the past two months were regularly set in motion. But Mr. HEATH has not been indicted because he is the secretary of the Republican National committee and the friend of MARK HANNA and Postmaster General FAYNE.

HEATH is a useful man in politics to leaders of the HANNA and QUAY variety. That is to say he is a man who will "go up against" any form of iniquity, and as Representative RIPP, of Philadelphia, states it, "takes chances of going to the penitentiary in order to serve the party." It was he who made the agreement between the Mormon church and the Republican National committee during the last presidential campaign by which the administration was pledged to protect the church and the church agreed to give the electoral vote of Utah to the Republican party. Maybe he was permitted to escape prosecution now because he is wanted for some such service next year.

Candidate Mathews' Reception.

The Republican candidate for State Treasurer returned from Europe last Saturday evening and the event was made the occasion for "a devil of a time," as BERTIE VAN ALSTINE, of the stage would put it. That is a large delegation of the political friends of Mr. MATHUES met him in Philadelphia and entertained him at dinner in one of the swell hotels. After dinner they took him to Chester, the metropolis of Delaware county, where they gave him a reception of which one feature was a torchlight procession. Later on he was escorted to Media, the county seat, and there was another torchlight procession, another reception and a lot of other things including a speech by Col. THOMAS VALENTINE COOPER.

Mr. MATHUES has been a political boss in Delaware county for some years. That county used to be more or less independent and now and then gave the machine considerable trouble. But since MATHUES assumed control nothing of that kind has happened and QUAY has been anxious to reward him for his fidelity and servility. He has been prophetic of the county for several terms but wanted something better. Last year when the ELKIN fight was on he came very nearly going back on the old man, however, and would have done so if QUAY hadn't promised to make him Secretary of the Commonwealth in the event of PENNYPACKER'S election. After the election he couldn't keep the promise for the reason that he had promised the same post to several others and one of them, at least, the present Secretary, wouldn't relinquish his claim.

Finally QUAY offered MATHUES the office of State Treasurer and pointed out to the possibilities of that office are simply enormous. But the salary was only \$5,000 a year and that wasn't enough to satisfy the Delaware county boss. He agreed, however, to be content with it if the salary were increased to \$10,000 and QUAY promised to fix it. He couldn't make good in that case, either, because the Governor declared positively that he would veto the bill. Thereupon they compromised on \$7,500 and MATHUES was content, though not quite satisfied. Finally it was agreed that he should have a trip to Europe thrown in and an elaborate reception on his return. Now the contract has been fulfilled.

The Real Food Crusade.

Dairy and Food Commissioner WARREN declares that under no circumstances will he be diverted from his purpose to prosecute those who are adulterating meat, milk, beer and other food stuffs or are selling such products that have been adulterated. Political "pulls" will be impotent to arrest prosecutions, he asserted most emphatically the other day and even when FRANCIS SHUNK BROWN, the machine lawyer of Philadelphia and friend of Mayor ASHBURDGE, appealed to him he was immovable. Nothing will stop him, he continued and we hope he is right. But we will never be entirely confident on the subject until we have heard how QUAY and DURHAM feel on the subject.

Food adulteration, when deleterious ingredients are used is one of the gravest crimes. It is responsible for more sickness than any other single agency. But hitherto no effort was made to stop it for the reason that nine out of ten of the movements in that direction encountered the opposition of politicians who had "pull" enough to stop them. We sincerely hope that Dr. WARREN has inaugurated a new era in this respect in the state administration. He has ability to conduct a crusade that would rid the State of adulterated foods. He has intelligence enough to pursue the work to a successful end. But we doubt if he has courage and fortitude enough to resist QUAY and that is necessary.

Still we would be the last person in the world to discourage the movement which Dr. WARREN says he has inaugurated. It is possible even that QUAY has given him the tip to go on with the work and that DURHAM will not interfere. In that event there would be a chance of success for Dr. WARREN is ambitious and he needs vindication. His last service to the State was not very creditable and diffused a rather poor opinion of the Doctor throughout the Commonwealth. If he would recover his good name, therefore, he must do something of value to the public and we can conceive of no service more certain to achieve the result than the banishment of adulterated foods.

They Might Have Done Worse.

The committee of the State Editorial association which assembled in Harrisburg on Tuesday to act on the GRADY-SALUS libel law in pursuance of the provisions of a resolution adopted by the association at its mid-summer meeting in Atlantic City didn't do much good, but it might have done more harm. That is to say it considered a scheme for the organization of a state press league and adjourned in order that other press clubs, associations or organizations in the State, interested in the subject may have an opportunity to discuss it and participate in the deliberations.

The New Pope.

The college of Cardinals selected a dark horse for the Papacy to succeed the lamented LEO XIII and on the seventh ballot, cast at the session on Tuesday morning last, Cardinal GIUSEPPE SARTEO, Patriarch of Venice was chosen. He was immediately invested with the insignia of office, white apparel and a Papal ring, and entered upon his duties with the usual ceremonial at once. He assumed the title of Pope PIUS X in accordance with the custom of each Pope selecting his own title and feelingly pronounced his apostolic benediction on his associates. The announcement of his election was received most enthusiastically by the people of Rome and it is said that it will bring the governments of the Vatican and the Quirinal closer together.

The new Pope was born at Riese, Province of Venice, on June 2nd, 1835, so that he is just turned sixty eight years of age. He was created Cardinal on June 12th, 1893, and was simultaneously appointed Patriarch of Venice, a quasi civil office. His appointment almost created a rupture between the Pope and the King who claimed the right to nominate the Patriarch. The King's friendship for the Cardinal averted the incident, however, and since that time the kindest relations have existed between Cardinal SARTEO and the King. On a recent visit of the present King, successor to HUMBERT who was on the throne at the time of the appointment, the Cardinal paid the greatest deference to His Majesty.

The new Pope, like his predecessor, has been distinguished among the dignitaries of the church for his learning and piety and unlike LEO was particularly eloquent in the pulpit. He is a patron of art and an authority in ecclesiastical law and affairs. In administrative ability he ranks high also and his civil rule was quite conspicuous for ability and justice. It is predicted that his policy will differ from LEO mainly in that he will not isolate himself to anything like the same extent and though nobody has any idea that his court will be as magnificent as that of some of his predecessors it is certain to be less austere than that of LEO XIII.

His Golden Jubilee.

The Rev. Dr. D. S. Monroe, who is now pastor of the First Methodist church at Shamokin, has reached the half century mark in his service in the ministry. The occasion has been a singularly glad one to the able prelate whose prominence in the ministry in Central Pennsylvania has been only a part of the usefulness of his life.

Dr. Monroe is a native of Virginia. At the age of 30 he entered the ministry. At the outbreak of the war he offered the first prayer in a camp of union soldiers. It was to the command of Col. Peter Lyle at Baltimore. In 1863 he was arraigned before the conference at Look Haven for "preaching politics," but the charge was refuted on the ground that it was "abolition" not "politics" he was preaching. For twenty-six years he was secretary of the Central Pennsylvania conference and is now secretary of the general conference of the church. He has been presiding elder of several districts and occupied the best appointments in the conference.

Dr. Monroe has always been recognized as one of the most powerful preachers in the church. He has been more of an orator and diplomat than a theologian, but the eminence he has attained has been merited by exceedingly fruitful work in the vineyard of the Master.

"SCHWAB feels relieved." So would you if you were just dropped out of a million dollar job.

New Pope Elected.

Giuseppe Sarato, Patriarch of Venice, Elected Successor to Leo XIII. Takes Title of Pius X. Election Took Place Tuesday Morning But Concluded Old Hat Adjourn Till Late in the Afternoon.

ROME, Aug. 4.—The conclave, after being in session for four days, elected Giuseppe Sarato, patriarch of Venice, as pope to succeed Leo XIII, and he now reigns at the Vatican and over the Catholic world as Pius X. Tonight all Rome is illuminated in his honor.

His election and the assumption of his holy office was marked by a striking demonstration and impressive ceremonies at the Vatican, which only ended this evening. Tomorrow the new pope, clad in his full pontifical robes and with all the ritualistic ceremony, will receive the members of the diplomatic corps, the cardinals and the bishops, who will then offer their official homage, this notwithstanding the fact that twice today the cardinals and many high officials of the Vatican went through a similar ceremony.

The date upon which the coronation of Pius X will occur has not yet been officially decided, but the impression prevails that it will occur August 9. Although the election was over at 11 o'clock this morning and was announced to the world forty-five minutes later by the appearance of the new pope at the window of St. Peter's, the conclave was not formally dissolved until 5:30 this afternoon. The cardinals then returned to their various apartments in Rome with the exception of Cardinals Rampoldi and Orsini, who temporarily retain their official duties in the Vatican, and Cardinal Herrero Espinoza, who is too ill to be moved for several days. It was the sick cardinal that the new pope paid his first visit after being formally proclaimed pontiff.

The cardinals will remain in Rome for tomorrow's ceremonies and should the election be fixed for next Sunday they are not likely to return to their respective homes until after that ceremony. With the exception of the Spanish cardinal, Herrero, all the others are now in fairly good health. The election of the Patriarch of Venice this morning was unanimous. After Monday's assembly it was a foregone conclusion that he was the only candidate sufficiently acceptable to all to secure the necessary two-thirds, which the laws of the church require. One of the cardinals said to the representative of the Associated Press tonight that he believed Pius X would follow the broad lines of Leo's policy, although not likely to accentuate it. This voice the general feeling here which is one of satisfaction.

The new pontiff is a man of simple origin, and although not a very prominent candidate, he had been frequently mentioned as one of the many cardinals who might be taken up as a compromise. In several respects he resembles his venerable predecessor, notably in his reputation for culture and piety. Having been associated with no factions this fact alone won him much favor from foreign cardinals, who were without an especial candidate.

Pius X was humorously described as "a country mouse, who could not possibly find his way about Rome." Venetians who know the new pope well say that he will soon be as much beloved as pontiff as he was yesterday as the beloved patriarch of the poor of the Adriatic. In appearance Pius X is a very handsome man. He has a fine, erect figure, despite his 68 years, his face greatly resembling that of the late Phillips Brooks, the eminent Boston divine.

When he pronounced his first benediction today at St. Peter's his voice rang out with splendid resonance. In every way he showed beyond a doubt that he has dignity and personality in keeping with the best traditions associated with the famous pontiffs who for centuries have ruled the Vatican.

Advice from Riese, the birthplace of Pius X and a village of 4,000 inhabitants, state that the pope's mother, now dead, when living therein occupied a small peasant's house, having in her humility always refused to live with her son Giuseppe, as even his modest establishment was considered by her to be too luxurious in comparison with what she was accustomed to. The elder brother of the pope, Angelo, lives in the village of Dellegrazie, province of Mantua, being the postman of the district and receiving \$80 a year for his duties.

He adds to his income by keeping a shop in which he sells tobacco and pork. His two daughters are the belles of the village, being known for miles around as the "handsome Sarato sisters."

THE NEW PONTIFF.

Giuseppe Sarato was born in Riese, diocese of Treviso, Italy, June 2nd, 1835. He began his education at a seminary at Treviso and continued it at Padua, the seat of the famous university, one of the best not only in Italy, but in the world.

Pius X was only 23 when he was consecrated a priest at Castel Franco, the birthplace of the greater Master Giorgione, acting afterwards for nine years as conductor to the parish priest of Tombolo, province of Padua, a small village of 2,950 people, who were the first to appreciate his virtue. His kindness was untiring. He sought to fill their wants and never a murmur was heard when he was called in the middle of a winter night to a death-bed, which proved to be nothing of the kind. He gave freely of his very small means until he often went without meals himself, but he kept many a poor family from starvation.

In 1867, he was appointed parish priest at Salzano, which was considered an important promotion, being a village of 3,341 souls. Still he was exceedingly sorry to leave Bombolo, having become attached to the people. The peasants, when he left, made a most enthusiastic demonstration, crying, "Vivi Don Giuseppe," while many women, whose children he had nursed, wept copiously. He distinguished himself so much at Salzano that he was only kept there two years which is remarkable in the career of an Italian parish priest.

In 1875 he was elected chancellor of the bishopric of Treviso, then spiritual director of that seminary, judge of the ecclesiastical tribunal and finally vicar general.

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