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Democratic County Committee for 1904.

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Whisky Men Riddle Wood Alcohol Story.

They Say Dr. Warren's Charges of General Adulteration is absurd. Watched too closely.

Rectifiers, wholesale and retail dealers in wines and liquors are united in saying that the charges of Dr. B. H. Warren, Dairy and Food Commissioner, concerning the adulteration of their wares are exaggerated and in the main untrue.

That there will be a concert of opposition to Dr. Warren and his chemists when the prosecutions begin is probable. This matter has been discussed and action will be taken within a few days.

Among the smaller houses there is a disposition to regard Dr. Warren's action as persecution. The statement that wood alcohol is and largely so, adulterated whisky is both ridiculous and untrue.

All this talk is sensational, and serves to keep the department before the public. Wood alcohol has a distinctive taste. It would be detected immediately in liquor of any kind.

The use of a moderate amount of salicylic acid in wine is a different matter. When used judiciously it does no harm, and keeps the wine clear.

The government is rigid in this matter of adulteration. It would mean disgrace and an end to the business career of any man who would do the things charged by Dr. Warren.

Members of the newly-formed "Liquor Dealers' Association" are disposed to concede honest but mistaken ideas to the commissioner. They declined to talk for publication yesterday.

Charles Weaver returned to Lewistown, Tuesday evening from a wedding tour in Virginia and joined his bride, who remained here since their marriage three weeks ago.

While Weaver courted Miss Daisy Long he often talked of the good time they would have on their honeymoon trip, but Miss Long always demurred, saying she had no taste for travel.

Weaver took his bride's view of the matter, and the night they were married he left on the Pennsylvania train, leaving here at 11.16 o'clock for the hill country of Virginia.

On his return Tuesday evening Mr. Weaver said he had enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the Old Dominion State, but of course his thoughts were always for his bride, who, alone, awaited his return to their pretty little Lewistown home.

Black's Forecasts Bad Weather for March.

The first storm period is central on the 1st, 2d and 3d. A very low barometer is apt to appear at this time, and should high temperature for the season attend the low barometer the chances are good for violent gales, especially over the south Atlantic and gulf regions.

Second storm period will express itself about the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. The opening will be unsettled and bleak at the opening of this period. It will grow warmer, progressively from the west, as the period advances, followed by falling barometer, cloudiness, rain and snow.

Third storm period is central on the 11th, 12th, and 13th. Disturbing earth currents, auroral illuminations, seismic shakes and volcanic activity are among the things, that as a rule, result about this time.

The new moon falls on the 16th, passing over the celestial equator on the 17th, hence marked change to warmer, with rapidly falling barometer, will begin about these days, followed quickly by wide reaching and violent storms of rain, wind and thunder.

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What Russia Gives Out.

No Japanese Warships Near Port Arthur and Fight at Ping Yang.

ST. PETERSBURG, MARCH 2.—In a dispatch to the Czar, Viceroy Alexieff says: "Admiral Stark, telegraphing from Port Arthur to-day, March 2, says the enemy did not appear off Port Arthur on either February 28, February 29, or March 1.

Major General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, sends in the following telegram dated March 2: "According to additional information which has reached me, our patrols, having passed the night 12 versts (3 miles) from Ping Yang, approached that town on the morning of February 29.

The presence of our patrols near Ping Yang caused great alarm and soon the enemy's sharpshooters manned the wall and towers and opened fire, expecting an attack.

There have been heavy snow falls at Port Arthur and in Manchuria recently. At Port Arthur there were ten degrees of frost, and Vladivostok had a heavy snow storm.

LONDON, MARCH 2.—According to a correspondent of the Times, General Dragomiroff, former Governor of Kieff, has been summoned to St. Petersburg. During the war deliberations he severely criticized Russia's war policy and insisted that both the fleet and army should evacuate Port Arthur in order to avoid greater disaster.

TOKIO, MARCH 2.—It has been learned here that the Russians have occupied the telegraph offices at Anju and Yung-Po, north of Ping Yang. They have imprisoned the district governor and have confiscated official papers.

ST. PETERSBURG, MARCH 2.—The volunteer fleet steamer Kazan, has been transferred to the Red Cross society. The Kazan was reported at Port Arthur February 17th, when she was said to have been slightly injured during a Japanese attack.

ENGLAND INCREASES GARRISONS. LONDON, MARCH 2.—Orders were issued to-day to dispatch 5,000 troops to reinforce the British garrison at Malta. It is believed that this movement is made to facilitate the reinforcing of the stations in China later, should necessity arise.

CHINESE SPIES AID TOGO. ST. PETERSBURG, MARCH 2.—According to a special despatch from Port Arthur, twenty Chinese have been arrested there for signaling to the Japanese ships from the shore with flashlights.

Furious Battle Fought. Russians Lose Three Fighting Boats. Japs Are in Order. Battleship Ashore Sinking, Torpedo Boat Sunk.

LONDON, MARCH 1.—2:30 A. M.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Yiu Kw, dated Feb. 29, says: "Fifteen Japanese warships furiously bombarded Port Arthur from 10 until 12 this morning. The Russian cruisers, Novik, Askold and Bayan, accompanied by four torpedo boats steamed out to meet the attack.

They were, however, forced to retire. The Askold was in a sinking condition. The Novik was badly damaged and a torpedo boat was sunk. The Russian battleship Reizwan was again damaged. The Japanese withdrew in good order.

Home to Deny He Was Dead in Morgue. PITTSBURG, PA. MARCH 2.—After traveling over China, Siberia and South Africa, Adolph Gerl, whose body was supposed to have been recognized in a New York morgue early in August, returned to his home in Allegheny to-day.

Two weeks ago a tramp steamer arrived in New Orleans, and landed Gerl. He is in perfect health, but his mind is blank as to his wanderings. He said to-night that he had been in China and Siberia.

Collapse of Unfinished Hotel Structure Was Without Any Warning. Woman in Adjoining House Killed as She Sat at Luncheon With a Friend.

NEW YORK MARCH 2.—Fourteen persons are believed to have been killed, of whom the bodies of only five have been recovered about a score injured and eight or ten are missing through the collapse to-day of a steel skeleton of the Hotel Darlington, a thirteen-story apartment house in course of erection at 57 West Forty-sixth street.

The steel frame work had been erected as far as the eleventh floor and the structure was strengthening with iron workers, masons and ironers, when, without an instant's warning, the upper floor sagged and collapsed and the whole structure fell with a crash that was heard for blocks, and shook all the buildings in the vicinity.

GIVEN MAXIMUM SENTENCE.

Postal Conspirators Get Two Years in Prison and Fine of \$10,000.

Washington, Feb. 29.—August W. Machen, formerly general superintendent of the free delivery postal service; Dr. George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, O., once postmaster of that city,



and Diller B. Groff, of this city, all of whom were convicted of conspiracy against the government in connection with the supply of the Groff fasteners to the postoffice department, were sentenced by Judge Pritchard to two years' imprisonment in the Moundsville, W. Va., penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000 each.

Samuel A. Groff, as to whom Special Counsel Conrad, for the government, said some days ago that there was not sufficient evidence to convict, was not sentenced, his motion for a new trial and for arrest of judgment being allowed further consideration.

The sentence imposed on Machen, Lorenz and Diller Groff is the maximum allowed under the law, although the court, contrary to the contentions of the prosecution, decided that the several counts in the indictment constituted but one offense.

FIERCE BATTLE WITH MOROS.

Refused to Surrender and All Were Killed or Captured.

Washington, March 1.—General Wade, in a cablegram from the war department, dated Manila, advises the department of a report of General Wood concerning an engagement at Jolo on the 14th instant with the remnants of Hassans Cotta Moros. The American expedition was in charge of Major Hugh L. Scott. During the fight General Wood states that firing was twice stopped to give the Moros a chance to surrender, but they declined. The entire body, he adds, with the exception of Hassan, is either dead or captured, and Hassan is located. Second Lieutenant Eugene R. West, 13th battery, field artillery, was seriously wounded in the thigh. A number of troopers also were wounded.

It is said at the war department that this destruction of Hassan's band is a case of retributive justice. Major Scott suffered at the hands of this fanatical Moros. The chief enticed the major off into the jungle, pretending to be friendly, and in ambush shot him. Since that time Major Scott has been on his trail and now has destroyed his band. Hassan, who was a priest, is one of the irreconcilables. When the navy was making some surveys a year ago off the coast of Jolo, Hassan construed the setting up of the survey marks as an act of hostility and attacked the troops. He came into General Sumner's headquarters under summons, but made his escape and ever since has been at war. His band is believed to have numbered about 600, and if entirely destroyed, as the cablegram reports, the battle must have been of some proportions.

Corbett Defeats Dave Sullivan. San Francisco, March 1.—Young Corbett again proved his right to the title of world's champion featherweight by defeating Dave Sullivan, of Boston, in the 11th round. It was a fast battle from start to finish, but at no time was Corbett in danger. Sullivan was knocked down twice in the fourth round and was nearly out when the bell sounded. He showed remarkable recuperative powers and was sent to the floor twice in the fifth, but before the round ended inflicted severe punishment on the champion. From the sixth round Corbett had things pretty nearly his own way, and punished Sullivan severely until the referee stopped the fight in the 11th round. Sullivan, while not knocked out, was hopelessly defeated when the decision was given against him.

Time Limit of Preachers Extended. Allentown, Pa., Feb. 27.—By a vote of 38 to 23 the East Pennsylvania Evangelical conference decided in favor of extending the time limit of preachers from four to five years. The conference also voted unanimously in favor of lay representatives in the general conference, each annual conference to have from one to three lay delegates, dependent upon the membership. The vote was also unanimous on the question of the general conference establishing a missionary conference, without lay representation and without restriction as to the pastoral term.

Gets Six Years For Theft. Washington, March 1.—Agnes French, the white maid, who recently stole a quantity of jewelry from the apartments of Postmaster General Payne, and who was later captured in Brooklyn, was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, February 24.

Rear Admiral G. A. Converse will succeed Rear Admiral O'Neil as chief of the bureau of ordnance when that officer retires next month. The Pacific Mail liner Mongolia, the largest American built ship afloat, sailed from Norfolk, Va., on her maiden voyage to San Francisco.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Nelson, of Philadelphia, has accepted his election as bishop coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Albany, N. Y. Admiral Dewey and staff and Assistant Secretary of State Loomis sailed on the dispatch boat Mayflower for the West Indies to witness the naval manoeuvres.

Thursday, February 25. Fire destroyed the principal business block at New Decatur, Ala., entailing a loss of \$175,000. Charles F. Mayer, formerly president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, died at Baltimore, aged 70 years. Admiral Evans, commander of the Pacific squadron, will sail for home March 26 on the battleship Kentucky.

Friday, February 26. John Conroy, convicted of wife murder in 1902, was hanged at Pittsburgh, Pa. The Evangelical Association of the East Pennsylvania conference held its 65th annual conference at Allentown. The body of a sailor of the wrecked schooner Benjamin C. Cromwell was picked up on the beach near Belport, Long Island.

Saturday, February 27. J. L. Caldwell, of West Virginia, has issued a statement withdrawing from the race for United States senator from that state. John Phillips, secretary of the National Organization of Hatters of North America, and a well-known labor leader, died at his home in Brooklyn.

Monday, February 29. Owing to the high price of wheat, Minneapolis mills have advanced the price of flour 10 cents. M. Bunau-Varilla, the minister from Panama, has cabled his resignation to the president of that republic. Thieves entered the postoffice at Tenafly, N. J., blew open the safe and stole \$1500 in stamps and money.

Tuesday, March 1. Secretary of State Hay is confined to his home by a slight attack of grip. The United States mint in San Francisco, Cal., turned out \$21,796,000 for the month of February. During a quarrel over a woman at Wilkesbarre, Pa., an unknown foreigner was shot and killed. The house committee on territories made a favorable report on a bill granting Alaska the right to send a delegate to congress.

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Monday, March 7. Secretary of State Hay is confined to his home by a slight attack of grip. The United States mint in San Francisco, Cal., turned out \$21,796,000 for the month of February. During a quarrel over a woman at Wilkesbarre, Pa., an unknown foreigner was shot and killed. The house committee on territories made a favorable report on a bill granting Alaska the right to send a delegate to congress.

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Wednesday, March 9. Secretary of State Hay is confined to his home by a slight attack of grip. The United States mint in San Francisco, Cal., turned out \$21,796,000 for the month of February. During a quarrel over a woman at Wilkesbarre, Pa., an unknown foreigner was shot and killed. The house committee on territories made a favorable report on a bill granting Alaska the right to send a delegate to congress.

Thursday, March 10. Secretary of State Hay is confined to his home by a slight attack of grip. The United States mint in San Francisco, Cal., turned out \$21,796,000 for the month of February. During a quarrel over a woman at Wilkesbarre, Pa., an unknown foreigner was shot and killed. The house committee on territories made a favorable report on a bill granting Alaska the right to send a delegate to congress.

Friday, March 11. Secretary of State Hay is confined to his home by a slight attack of grip. The United States mint in San Francisco, Cal., turned out \$21,796,000 for the month of February. During a quarrel over a woman at Wilkesbarre, Pa., an unknown foreigner was shot and killed. The house committee on territories made a favorable report on a bill granting Alaska the right to send a delegate to congress.

\$3,000,000 Fire at Rochester.

Retail Dry Goods District Was Practically Destroyed.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 27.—What was practically the retail dry goods district of this city is a mass of ruins, for three out of the five department stores were consumed in yesterday's disastrous fire, one of which, the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co., was by far the largest establishment of this kind in the city, and the oldest.

Insurance men place the loss at \$3,000,000. Of this \$750,000 represents the loss on buildings, and the remainder the loss on stocks of goods and to occupants of offices. It is estimated that 2500 people are thrown out of work temporarily, at least, because of the fire.

The burned district lies on the north side of Main street, between St. Paul street and Clinton avenue, north, running from St. Paul street almost the entire length of the block. The fire started in the store of the Rochester Dry Goods company and worked west, taking but one store east of this establishment, that of the Walkover Shoe company, before its progress was checked in that direction. Next west was the store of the Beadle, Sherburne company, which was destroyed; then the marble block, occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co., also destroyed, and finally the 13-story granite building, the lower part of which also was occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co., and the upper part by offices. Only the front wall of the marble building is standing. The shell of the granite building is intact and the floors are in place, but the building was gutted by the fire.

Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co.'s six-story wholesale building, together with the stables, in the rear, was destroyed, with all its valuable contents, this loss being placed at \$1,450,000. There was a lively stable and some frame dwellings on Division street, a narrow thoroughfare running in the rear of the burned stores, and these were damaged by water and falling walls.

There were no casualties and no one was injured except Assistant Chief Frank A. Jaynes, who was struck by a flying nozzle and received some bruises. The power on the trolley line running along Main street was cut off to avoid danger from electricity, and no cars were run through the block where the fire occurred all day. All other traffic was also stopped, and probably will not be resumed until Monday.

The fire was discovered by the night watchman in the employ of the Rochester Dry Goods company. He says it started from a fuse which blew out in the electric elevator connection. Almost simultaneously an explosion occurred in the basement of Beadle & Sherburne's, next door. Smoke and flames poured through the elevator grating in the sidewalk, and in an incredibly short time the buildings were a mass of flames.

The fire department did good work, but the apparatus was inadequate, and requests for assistance were sent to Buffalo and Syracuse. Each city responded, sending two engines and men to man them.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS. LICENSES GRANTED.—On Monday the regular sitting of license court was held in this place and out of forty-eight applicants only one was refused, though fifteen were held over until the 22nd of the month in order that testimony may be taken for and against the applicants.

The application of Weist & Baldenhofer for a brewer's license in Phillipsburg was held up because their brewery is not nearly completed and not because there will be any opposition to the license. The court held that there was no need for granting it just at this time.

The case of Harry Washburn is one that judge Love might find some embarrassment in explaining. Washburn had a license for the Mountain house at Osceola, but he became so notorious over there in the campaign for Judge Gordon that he sold out and did not apply again. It is said that it was at his house that the meeting of liquor men was called to levy an assessment for the Gordon campaign fund. His removal across the creek into Centre county and receiving license from judge Love looks suspicious of a deal, to say the least.

TAYLOR LICENSES. W. L. Daggert.....Bellefonte West Ward
Horton S. Ray.....Bellefonte South Ward
C. M. & C. R. Garman....." "
George L. Doll....." "
D. B. Newcomer....." "
Rappe & Grebe.....Phillipsburg 2nd Ward
Mary Walton....." "
Wm. B. Price....." "
Christopher North....." "
Thomas Barnes....." "
James Moore....." "
Dorsey Myers....." "
Joseph Peters Jr....." "
Frank Test....." "
Tempest Slinger....." "
Thomas F. Street....." "
Enoch Hugg....." "
J. L. DeHaas.....Howard Boro
James W. Runkle.....Centre Hall Boro.
George R. Uzzle....." "
John M. Reish.....Millheim Boro.
Simon R. King....." "
John G. Uzzle.....Snow Shoe Twp.
Lawrence Redding....." "
E. E. Shaffer.....Miles Twp.
James S. Reish.....Potter "
Isaac Shrum....." "
C. L. Beck.....Penn "
Philip Drummer.....Gregg "
J. Edward Miller.....Rush "
Wier Bloom....." "
Andrew Somerville....." "
Alois Kohlscheker.....Rogers "
A. F. Emerick.....Walker "

WHOLESALE LIQUORS AS BREWER AND MANUFACTURER. Weist & Baldenhofer, Phillipsburg 2nd Ward
WHOLESALE BEER. Jesse K. Cox.....Bellefonte West Ward
Matthew Davies.....Phillipsburg 2nd Ward
WHOLESALE LIQUOR. Andrew Rusnak.....Snow Shoe Twp.
David Chambers....." "
James Black.....Phillipsburg 2nd Ward
Samuel Rogers....." "
Orin Vall....." "
D. W. Schnarr.....Rush Twp.
Harry Washburn....." "
Garfield Boyce....." "
Lawrence Nugent....." "
Fred Eisenhauer....." "
*Indicates applicant held over.
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