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A New Legal Technicality.

In his defence of HARRY K. THAW charged with conspiracy to escape from a New York asylum for criminal insane, lawyer JOHN B. STANCHFIELD enunciated a novel legal technicality.

An authority in legal definitions declares that "a conspiracy consists, not in the accomplishment of any unlawful or injurious purpose, nor in any one act moving toward that purpose; but in the actual concert or agreement of two or more persons to effect something, which, being so concerted and agreed, the law regards the object of an indictable conspiracy."

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Centre County is Practically Out of Debt.

The prudent management of the business of Centre county by a Democratic Board of Commissioners has practically wiped out a debt of \$139,506.85 in the period of three years.

To put it before you in the clearest manner possible we submit the following table showing the liabilities of the county from 1912, when they took charge, down to 1915:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Liabilities. Rows for Jan. 1st, 1912; Jan. 1st, 1913; Jan. 1st, 1914; Jan. 1st, 1915.

Have you ever known a public debt to be cut down like that? It means that counting in the entire \$100,000.00 of court house bonds and all other evidences of debt on the part of the county we have assets enough to pay every cent of it but \$6,585.61.

The situation is just this, with practically enough resources to wipe out every cent of indebtedness we have to go on paying interest on those bonds until we have paid \$192,000 in principal and interest to get rid of \$100,000 worth of bonds, for the issue has twenty-five years yet to run before it will mature.

Commissioners NOLL and GROVE had nothing whatever to do with that unwise bit of financing, but they have worked wonders in bringing the county's affairs to the point where its extravagance will be minimized.

While we will have to continue paying interest on the bonds a certain saving will be secured to the tax payers through a reduction of tax millage.

That is where the tax payer gets relief. That is why the tax payers of Centre county have been wonderfully repaid by putting WILLIAM H. NOLL, and D. C. GROVE in control of the Commissioner's office.

Waste of Crocodile Tears.

The government of Great Britain is greatly concerned, according to London dispatches, as to what the government of the United States will do in the matter of the sinking of the clipper WILLIAM P. FRYE and her cargo of wheat.

Of course there was no excuse for sinking the FRYE with her cargo of wheat, though even wheat consigned to a belligerent port that is fortified may be regarded as conditional contraband.

The owners of the FRYE and her cargo will be recompensed by the German government but accepted as certain after the matter has been thoroughly canvassed by the authorities in Washington and Berlin and the cargo of the Wilhelmina may be paid for after the British prize court has passed upon it.

Real Billy Sundaygrams.

BILLY SUNDAY has been an evangelist for eleven years and in that time he has carried home with him about \$400,000 in thank offerings.

Table with 2 columns: City, Amount. Lists amounts for various cities like Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Johnston, etc.

In six other cities where SUNDAY conducted revival campaigns, Steubenville, O.; Newcasttle, Pa.; Youngstown, O.; Decatur, Ill.; Bloomington, Ill.; and Muscatine, Ia., the personal offering for the evangelist fell below \$5000.

Two-Year Record of Wilson.

From the Indianapolis Dispatch.

A Washington dispatch to the News summing up the constructive work done during the Wilson administration, said that more knotty problems had been dealt with than by any administration since the Civil war, but that it all meant that the administration was still on trial.

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Destruction of Prizes.

From the Philadelphia Record.

(Informally) that the captain of the cruiser Eitel Friedrich acted in accord with the Declaration of London in sinking the American ship William P. Frye, he must have referred to that section of the Declaration which authorizes the destruction of naval prizes under circumstances disabling the captor from taking the same before a Court.

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A Dark Horse, Perhaps.

From the New York Times.

The list to date, however, is fairly impressive, considering that it is only March, 1915, and that the convention will meet in June, 1916.

Back of this medley are two figures of really dominating size—Justice Hughes and ex-President Taft.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSONE.

As one of the results of the evangelistic campaign now in progress in Milton it is announced that the borough council sessions will be opened with prayer hereafter.

Williamsport is moderately excited over a mysterious young girl who is in the habit of sporting apple green silk hosiery.

It has just developed that a young gentleman engaged in the business of peddling shoe polish recently succeeded in passing bogus checks to the amount of about \$75 on four business men of Clearfield.

The ministerial association of Meyerdale has adopted a resolution pledging its members not to officiate at the funeral of any member of a sideboard organization when such society attends in a body.

Mayor Kremer, of Lock Haven, has notified several physicians who have been in the habit of issuing prescriptions to whiskey users on Sunday that they must cut it out if they do not wish to get into trouble.

Twenty-one of the leading dentists of Johnstown have united to promote the success of the free dental clinic which has been opened for the benefit of poor school children in the Johnstown high school building.

Williamsport, Lancaster and York have entered into an agreement to buy jointly quantities of coal. That is to say The Manufacturers' clubs of the three cities have determined to test the merit of co-operation.

The members of the Clearfield county bar and the wives of those who are married are going to give an elaborate dinner at the hotel Dime-Line, Clearfield, on April 5, in honor of Thomas H. Murray Esq., who will be 70 years of age on that date.

Clearfield is the home of a number of boys who have been in the habit of going to merchants with whom their parents deal and purchasing goods which have been charged to the parents.

On the large stock farm of J. E. Wineman, near Youngwood, Westmoreland county, the entire stock, consisting of 21 head of cattle, 300 chickens and several large hogs, has been ordered killed on account of foot and mouth disease.

The Eastern Steel Company's plant at Pottsville resumed work Monday morning full-handed for the first time in six months.

The lifeless body of Patrick Skelly, a well known resident of Bradenville, Westmoreland county, was found the other evening by a son who broke open the door of his room, not having seen him about the house for several days.

Would-be robbers blew open the outer door of the safe in the Irvona post office at an early hour last Thursday morning, but the explosion blew the inside door in, wedging the safe shut.

John R. Davis, a well-known resident of Cambria township, Cambria county, a farmer by occupation, had a narrow escape from death the other night, when he entered his burning house to secure an old teapot containing \$125.

Dr. Eric Blackburn, 72 years old, a retired dentist, was burned to death Monday at his home in Pleasantville, Bedford county.

Judge Moser, in the Northumberland county court on Monday, refused a new trial to George E. Zimmerman, a Shamokin manufacturer, who was convicted last May of false pretenses in failing to return a \$400 note to John E. Birkley, of Williamsport, after he had been given a new note.

When an ambulance arrived at the home of Mrs. Joseph Sobel on Monday, bearing the body of her husband, who had been burned to death in an explosion of gas at the Reading Coal and Iron company's Henry Clay colliery, she was so overcome that she is in a critical condition.

Yeggmen broke into Kennard & Snyder's jewelry store, on the corner of Market and Second streets, Clearfield, Saturday morning and escaped with nine diamond rings valued at \$20 each, and two bloodstone rings.

The will of Josiah Rumbaugh, late of Greensburg, was filed for probate Wednesday. To James B. Reed and wife he bequeathed all his household goods, and a bond of the Greensburg Coal company, in return for the care bestowed upon him in the latter years of his life.

Dorris Auker, 10 years old of Lewistown, experienced all the thrills incident to a visit to the war zone of Europe on Monday when his horse was practically shot from under him.

Edward Seyfert, farmer, and his wife, of Berks county, committed suicide on Tuesday by hanging themselves in their barn.

Joseph Knuff and his Johnstown associates have succeeded in obtaining options on about 12,000 acres of coal lands on both sides of the Pennsylvania railroad west of New Florence.

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