

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

The Luther League of Pennsylvania will hold its annual convention at Lehigh...

Out of 6770 students examined in the Altoona schools last term, 5834 were found to be physically defective...

The Susquehanna Silk Mills company, a corporation having widespread interests in Central Pennsylvania...

Dr. John C. Bateson, of Dunmore, Lackawanna county, instituted mandamus proceedings last week in the Dauphin county court...

J. E. Flook, collector of county and State tax in Salladasburg borough, Lycoming county, has settled his 1918 duplicate...

The Clinton Natural Gas and Oil company, which holds options on nearly 20,000 acres of leases and two natural gas wells in the Kettle Creek region...

Strawberry growing will be one of the new industries of the Lehigh valley next year, according to the farmers...

The equipment of the Corvett Construction company, of Williamsport, located at Avila, Lock Haven...

Edward Davis, aged 65 years, of Muncion, Clearfield county, who is alleged to have dynamited his own home and that of a neighbor...

The first application in Pennsylvania for the incorporation of an air transportation company has been filed before the Public Service Commission...

What remains of the crops not ruined by the recent rains in Lancaster county is threatened now with destruction by the army worm...

New State Highway designs to indicate detours and announced as "stage-coach red" in color, with a white arrow, have made their appearance on many roads of Pennsylvania...

Michael Kobylmyk, a grocer, of Chester, was fleeced out of \$900 last Thursday via the gold brick route. Two men called at his place and offered to purchase his business...

The members of the Hukanki Camp Fire Girls, of Northampton, near Allentown, had the greatest scare of their young lives a few nights ago...

Much excitement attended a callithumpian serenade tendered Clarence Brown and his bride, of near Corning, Delaware county, recently...

Dr. William Frear's Opinion of Tioga County Potash Deposit

Farmers in Centre county, as well as the State at large, were unusually interested in the story spread broadcast last week of the discovery of immense beds of potash in Tioga county...

The deposit reported in the Tioga county potash discovery was one of niter or saltpeter, the nitrate of potassium. This compound is formed in every soil by the action of certain bacteria upon nitrogen-containing organic matters...

The material is very soluble in water; hence large accumulations do not occur in the soils of humid regions; but the drainage waters carry it away. Deep artesian wells often contain a very little nitrate. It is probably present in the moisture contained in many rocks...

On Tuesday I visited the rock in question. It is a weathered mass of small size projecting from the hill slope. It is much stratified...

However, several facts of possible importance give rise to a question as to the immediate source of this niter and as to the extent to which the encrustation extends through the great body of the rock...

Whether the niter encrustations appear also in the great mass of the rock back under the hill is now being determined. If they do not, the deposit is scientifically interesting but not commercially important.

WILLIAM FREAR.

Farm Hands Destroy Tradition

From the Christian Science Monitor. There is very likely a good deal of truth, although the situation is one that invites exaggeration as it gets into print...

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Fit Punishment

From the Wheeling Intelligencer. It appears in the news from Amerongen that Mr. Hohenzollern has had to go house hunting. Now his real punishment begins.

Knows it From Experience

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. "President Wilson is giving serious attention to the high cost of living." He's a salaried man, you know.

Senator Lodge's Foolish Speech

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, delivered his long promised, or threatened, speech against the peace treaty on Tuesday, and as Senator Williams, of Mississippi, remarked, he "made a show of himself." Mr. Lodge is chairman of the Senate committee on Foreign Relations and has access to all records of the State Department...

His strongest point was a comparison of the League of Nations to the Holy Alliance. No honest man with the intelligence of an oyster would assert an analogy in these propositions. Then he asserted that the covenant of the League of Nations would bind the government of the United States to send troops to help King Hussein to suppress an insurrection in Hedjaz...

As a matter of fact Senator Lodge has written himself down as a cheap demagogue willing to sacrifice his country for a vague hope of partisan advantage in the future. The whole world is patiently waiting for the restoration of peace in order that industry and commerce may resume activities and restore prosperity. But Senator Lodge holds everything up for the reason that he imagines the defeat of the treaty will help the Republican party into power...

Lieut. E. R. (Dick) Taylor, military instructor at the Huntingdon reformatory and a candidate for the nomination for sheriff in the Democratic ticket in Centre county, spent Sunday with his family in a place called "Brother Jonathan," a paper published by Wilson & Co., in New York, being the issue of July 4th, 1846, over seventy-three years ago.

The "Watchman" is in receipt of a pamphlet published by the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce, Harrisburg, containing a complete list of laws adopted by the Legislature at the 1919 session, as compiled by Robert Haight, director of the legislative bureau. The list is classified under various headings and while they are naturally but brief epitomes of the various laws they are explicit enough to cover the Act in general. In brief it is a valuable work for ready reference as to what laws were passed and approved by the Governor.

Mr. Carnegie said it would be a disgrace to die rich but it would hardly be necessary for friends of his bereaved dependents to take up a collection to pay the expenses of his funeral.

It may be remarked that a considerable part of the working force of the Republican party of Philadelphia is now in the West Chester jail.

It is said that the Philadelphia North Penn bank didn't collect interest on loans. Well it didn't pay the principal on deposits either.

President Wilson might say of Senator Brandegee what he said of Jeremiah O'Leary on a certain occasion and be equally truthful.

Most everybody agrees on the proposition that everybody else ought to economize in order to reduce the cost of living.

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General March is Right

Most of the thoughtful civilians of the country will concur in General March's views on the subject of chemical warfare. "The War Department," General March stated before the Senate committee on Military Affairs, the other day, "is opposed to the use of poisonous gasses and believes chemical warfare should be abolished." Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, who hasn't done much else within the past two years, took issue with the military expert. "More than thirty per cent. of the American casualties in the great war were by gas," he declared, and for that or some other reason he is opposed to abolishing chemical warfare.

The use of poisonous gasses as instruments of torture in war was invented by Germany and shocked the humanitarian sentiment of the whole civilized world. Next to that twin atrocity of the German mind, the submarine craft, it was depended upon to destroy the opposing armies and the fact that thirty per cent. of American casualties are ascribable to gas may be said the worst expectations concerning it were fulfilled. But that is no reason why it should be continued as an instrument of war.

It is said that during the war American chemists developed a gas more deadly and effective than any used by Germany and no doubt if the subject were pursued American genius would find the lead in this as it has in most other things. But the aim of recent years has been to reduce rather than augment the horrors of the war and it is creditable to the military authorities of the United States that a willingness to lead in the movement is expressed. While the hope that wars are ended for all time may not be realized the desire to minimize the cruelties of war may still be continued and the first step in that direction should be to abolish chemical and undersea warfare.

Painters in New York are striking for a forty hour week and one dollar an hour. A lot of strike-breakers might be recruited here for Bellefonte is full of pood painters who are putting in about twelve hours a day walking the streets and doing nothing at all.

Exact Statement of the Case

When President Wilson said in his address to Congress, the other day, referring to the high cost of living, that "there can be no settled conditions here or elsewhere until the treaty of peace is out of the way and the work of liquidating the war has become the chief concern of our government and the other governments of the world," he stated the case precisely. "Until then," he added, "business will inevitably remain speculative and sway now this way and again that, with heavy losses or heavy gains as it may chance, and the consumer must take care of both the gains and the losses. There can be no peace prices so long as our whole financial and economic system is on a war basis."

By concerted action under the direction of the chairman of the Republican National committee the leaders of that party are striving to continue this state of uncertainty. They estimate that their chances of success at the approaching Presidential election is strong or weak in the ratio that the people of the country are prosperous and contented or suffering and discontented. With the high cost of living harrassing every household in the land the party in power is blamed for financial and economic blunders and these scurvy politicians are ready to multiply public distress in order to increase their chances of victory in 1920. That is the crux of the matter and should be treated accordingly.

With the restoration of peace conditions prosperity would come in every line of endeavor. Manufacturers are eager to operate their mills and factories and commercial enterprises are impatiently awaiting the opportunity to move forward. But the uncertainty of the future restrains all agencies of business from action and the Republican Senators are holding up the ratification of the peace treaty to prolong the doubts and increase the distress. Legislation may mitigate and investigation lessen the trouble but neither can cure the malady from which the country is suffering almost to the breaking point. The Republican party is responsible for the present suffering throughout the land.

The successful investigator of the high cost of living will direct his inquiries toward the cold storage warehouses.

The repeal of the tax on ice cream probably expresses the Republican method of reducing the cost of living.

Opposing Another Treaty

Some weeks ago Republican Senators in Congress protested vehemently because the President had withheld an agreement made in Paris between the representative of the United States, Great Britain and France in which a pledge was made that in the event Germany attacked France after the withdrawal of the army of occupation, the United States and Great Britain would immediately intervene for the protection of France. That was the right kind of a treaty, they said, because it meant something. In this view of the matter those eminent advisers of Republican Senators, Judge Hughes and Elihu Root, cordially concurred. But since they have seen the instrument they have changed their minds.

Now they are quite as openly opposed to that agreement as to the peace treaty and for reasons that are equally absurd. "It is a confession of the worthlessness of the League of Nations," one of them declared the other day. "The League of Nations," he added, "is intended to prevent war and if it is of any value at all the agreement for the protection of France will not be needed." As a matter of fact the agreement is intended to serve the purpose of protecting France from German vengeance until the League of Nations becomes operative. That is quite a formidable undertaking and considerable time will be required to put its machinery in force and get it into operation.

Meantime France is naturally apprehensive of an organized attack from Germany as soon as the army of occupation is withdrawn. The late war was very destructive to France and exceedingly exhausting. On the other hand Germany suffered comparatively little in material resources and being stronger in man power as well as richer in everything except patriotism, might easily make hostile incursions into the already impoverished territory of France. The agreement was for the purpose of preventing such disaster during the period in which the League of Nations is in process of formation. But President Wilson had a hand in shaping both covenants and that is the reason of the opposition.

Thus far Senator Borah has not charged President Wilson with abducting Charlie Ross but he hasn't exhausted all his opportunities yet. He has made many equally absurd accusations against the President and may come to that later on.

Death of Andrew Carnegie

The death of Andrew Carnegie calls to mind his long continued and extensive activities in philanthropy. It is said up until June of last year he had given away the vast sum of \$350,695,653, all of which was disbursed for the benefit of mankind as he understood it. He established 2811 free public libraries at an expense to himself of \$60,364,508. It is true that his beneficences along these lines imposed taxes, in some cases burdensome, on the communities he favored. But they were helpful beyond estimate, nevertheless. They presented to millions of people opportunities for acquiring knowledge that would have been denied to them otherwise. This is greatly to his credit.

Mr. Carnegie did much valuable philanthropic work in other directions also. His contributions to church organs helped greatly in popularizing as well as strengthening the religious efforts and organizations. His Carnegie Foundation, Carnegie Institutes and Carnegie Hero Fund have served the purposes for which they were designed with equal benefit to the causes of science, research and civilization. But probably his greatest public beneficence was his opposition to monopoly. Unfortunately he abandoned that too soon. When he sold his steel properties to the Steel trust he registered an unconditional surrender to the sinister forces he had previously antagonized.

Of course the world was bettered by Mr. Carnegie's munificence in the various courses his benevolent mind ran and though "charity covers a multitude of sins" his beneficences cannot obscure the fact that his great wealth was the fruit of a vicious system which impoverished millions while it made a few men rich. With an understanding of the facts Mr. Carnegie contributed his moral and material support to a system of taxation, under the pretense of protection, that enabled him to seize an enormous share of the wealth had grown to satisfy. He made better use of his money than most of the tariff grafters but the record casts a shadow over his philanthropy.

Just by way of prediction. There will be no candidate for the Republican nomination for Mayor of Philadelphia against J. Hamilton Moore, on primary election day. In other words the Vares will support Hampy.

INK SLINGS.

That parting of Dave Lane and Hampy Moore was sad but not exactly tearful.

Possibly the one great failure of Andrew Carnegies' life was his futile effort to die poor.

Urge your boy to hang onto his army insurance. He'll never get more as cheap and good as it is.

Let's see, how long ago was it that the new Republican Congress promised to cure all our ills in a few weeks and then adjourn and go home?

The apple crop being almost a complete failure in Centre county those who have been looking forward to storing a little hard cider for mince pies and — other purposes can eat the pies without the kick in 'em and look for something else to satisfy those other purposes.

When men work eight hours a day instead of ten they lose two hours of production. When production decreases cost increases and will continue to do so therefore the disgorging of cold storage warehouses, the selling of army food supplies and threatened prosecution of meat packers are but temporary palliatives for the high cost of living.

Hecla Park is a resort located at Mingoville, near the centre of Walker township, Centre county. It has thirteen houses, a brick mill, an ice barracks and a baseball team that had the nerve to horn into Bellefonte's inter-war league and put the cleaner on its leaders so effectually that Bellefonte is all upset and Lawrence McMullen, Joe Herman and Charley Workman are so swelled that the supervisors of Walker are about to be petitioned to move the road fences so the highways will be wide enough to let them through.

It is beginning to look very much as though there might be an oasis of about four months in the Prohibition desert. We have no inside information to warrant the statement but we would not be surprised if the President were to declare the army demobilized some time next month and the war-time Prohibition ban lifted. When the army is demobilized he will have no alternative in the matter though it seems too bad that since the country is taking so gracefully to the new order of living that the old should be given even so short a come back as it would have until January 26th next, when the new federal amendment will become operative.

Because the "Watchman" last week published the fact that the largest grand total of children borne by one woman is recorded as sixty-two an anonymous correspondent writes from Pittsburgh to the effect that he believes it to be in line with some of the stories we have told of our catches of fish on Fishing creek. While we are utterly at a loss to know who in Pittsburgh dares to question the truthfulness either of the "Watchman" as a purveyor of news or the writer as a fisherman his non-delusion: "An Ardent Admirer" must certainly have been inspired by envy of the daddy of those sixty-two and not by anything the "Watchman" has ever said or done.

It is a pleasure to note that the Hon. William H. Keller will have no opposition to his candidacy for a full term on the Superior court bench. The time for filing nomination papers for that office having passed without any other jurist essaying to contest the election with him his name will be the only one to appear on the ballot. While Mr. Keller is an uncompromising Republican and he would certainly be elected, no matter what Democrat might have entered the lists under that polite subterfuge "non-partisan," we are pleased that it is as it is for we know of no Democrat or of any other Republican, for that matter, who could carry a cleaner character, more conscientious devotion to duty or more scrupulous integrity to the bench of Pennsylvania than will the Bellefonte boy who has become an honor to his profession in Lancaster.

The time for the county primaries is approaching. There are many men aspiring to become the nominees of one or the other of the two political parties. All of the aspirants may be regarded as good citizens and far be it from us to traduce the character of any of them but we have a word to say to both the Democratic and Republican voters of Centre county. A word in their own interest. From the men to be chosen as your nominees next month the managers of the business of forty-two thousand people will be elected. They will have charge of the deeds to your homes, the mortgages, the wills, the appraisal of your properties, possibly the welfare of your orphan children, the levying, collection and disbursement of taxes you will pay; in fact of everything in which you should be most vitally interested. While all of these aspirants may be good men it doesn't follow that they will make good officers. Use your judgment in voting for them at the primaries, be as careful with your ballot as you would be in putting a personal matter. Just because you have a personal acquaintance is not a good reason for voting for the one whom you know. Find out something of the other fellow, his character and his ability, and if he seems better fitted for the particular office for which he is a candidate than the one you know personally you are a better citizen if you vote to nominate him and leave the personal element out of it entirely.