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Plutocratic Cry of Dispair.

The public service corporations, more especially those embraced in the electric power trust, are badly disappointed in the Federal Trade Commission. Having spent approximately a million dollars to get the investigation of the trust committed to the Trade Commission instead of a Senate committee, as contemplated by Senator Walsh, the trust expected a casual inquiry into its activities. Instead of that the Trade Commission has gone to the work in real earnestness and exposed some sinister operations that have considerably incensed public sentiment and threatens to defeat all the carefully laid and enormously expensive plans of the conspirators.

Thomas N. McCarter, president of the Public Service Corporation, of New Jersey, speaking before a large group of officials of the United Gas Improvement company, in Philadelphia, the other evening, expressed not only his disappointment but his indignation, at the turn the affair has taken. He blames it all on the Senate, which originated the investigation, and denounced that body as "a radical body quite largely composed, with, of course, many notable exceptions, of self-seeking theorists and demagogues who seriously threaten the country's welfare." When the Senate was called "the Millionaire's Club" Mr. McCarter admits that the Senators "carried with them sound and conservative principles of government."

What Mr. McCarter really means is that at a previous period the Senate cordially and enthusiastically approved every scheme or enterprise the millionaires outside of the "club" wanted, and for that reason those who composed the body then "had a firm faith in the form and structure of the government." But a few fellows like Reed, of Missouri; Robinson, of Arkansas; Norris, of Nebraska, and others who are not millionaires and cherish the idea that the common people are entitled to consideration in legislation, have broken in and consequently the whole bunch has gone to "the demimion bow-wow." Some few people may sympathize with McCarter in his grievance but the majority will still hope.

—There is a lot of truth in what Congressman Everett Kent, of Northampton county, is saying about the Democratic organization in Pennsylvania. And there is a lot of bunk, too. It might have amounted to little before it was reorganized but it has amounted to a darn sight less since. The gang of "roosters and crooks" that the reorganizers turned out elected a Governor twice and a State Treasurer once in Pennsylvania, they had creditable representation in both ends of the capitol in Harrisburg and enough Congressmen in Washington to be seen and heard. And what have the reorganizers done since and what have we got now? Nothing that you could notice. Also we want to tell Congressman Kent that he's all wet when he says the reorganizers were for Wilson. They were for Champ Clark, had him up to Harrisburg to address them but when they discovered that Wilson was the best bet they deserted Clark for the Jersey Governor, then they grabbed off every good job the State Democracy was entitled to and promptly forgot that they owed anything to their party. We know that our organizations in Philadelphia and Allegheny counties are just as "bi-partisan" as Mr. Kent says they are, but they are not biting the hand that feeds them. And that's what the reorganizers did to the Democrats of Pennsylvania.

—Two and a quarter million dollars' worth of milk bottles vanish in New York every year. It is a needless waste of value that could be averted if the public would only come to realize that all waste is costly. In New York milk would be cheaper if its dispensers did not have to figure in this enormous annual loss in containers. The very people who break them or hold them out are paying for it, though they have no idea they are.

—It is unfortunate that Mr. Vane got sick just at the time that Senator Reed, of Missouri, was ready to put him on the inquisitorial gridiron.

—Every argument and epithet used by the President in vetoing the Farm Relief bill applies with equal force to the present tariff law.

—What Mr. Mellon meant in his faint praise of Hoover has been added to the other great mystery of "who struck Billy Patterson."

TATE.—Miss Alice Priscilla Tate, practically a life-long resident of Bellefonte, died at the Altoona hospital, at 11.40 o'clock on Monday night, as the result of injuries sustained in a fall in the infirmary of the Methodist home, in Tyrone, where she had been a guest for the past eighteen months.

She was a daughter of George W. and Bella Hall Tate and was born in Bellefonte seventy-five years ago. Her father, during his active life, was the leading contractor in Bellefonte, having built the Bush house and the Methodist church, as well as various business blocks and dwelling houses. Miss Bell's mother died when she was a small child and her father remarried, but she remained at home until his death when she went to live with her uncle and aunt, Samuel A. and Priscilla W. Bell, remaining with them until both had passed away. During the latter years of his life Mr. Bell had been registrar of vital statistics for Bellefonte borough and at his death Miss Tate was given the appointment, a position she filled with great care and punctiliousness until her health became impaired and she decided to go to the Methodist home. She was a member of the Methodist church from girlhood and always a devout Christian.

Miss Tate's nearest surviving relatives are three cousins, Mrs. George A. Beezer, Mrs. W. I. Fleming and Benton D. Tate, all of Bellefonte. The late "Monte" Ward, of New York, was also a cousin. The remains were brought to Bellefonte yesterday morning and taken directly to the Methodist church, where funeral services were held by Rev. Homer Knox, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

FOSTER.—Rev. Milton K. Foster D. D., the oldest member of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist church, and at one time pastor of the Bellefonte church, died at his home in Williamsport, last Friday, as the result of a fractured hip and other injuries he sustained when blown over on the pavement during a hard wind storm about five weeks ago. Dr. Foster was born in Lewisberry, York county, on February 22nd, 1837. He was 91 years, 3 months and 4 days old. He was ordained as a minister in the Methodist church in 1859, when only twenty-one years old, and for fifty-four years continued in active service. During that time he filled sixteen different pastorates and served two terms as presiding elder. He retired in 1912 and had since made his home in Williamsport.

Mrs. Foster died in 1919 but surviving him are three children, Rodgers K. and Mary L. Foster, of Williamsport, and Dr. M. H. Foster, of Chicago. His funeral was held on Monday afternoon, burial being made in Williamsport. Dr. Foster was pastor here when the parsonage on Linn street now owned by Mrs. Alice Meyer was built.

MILLER.—Mrs. Sara O. Miller, widow of W. S. Miller, died at her home at Julian, on May 21st, as the result of general debility.

She was a daughter of Moses and Sarah Anderson and was born at Forest Hill, Union county, in 1844, her age at death being 83 years, 7 months and 5 days. She married Mr. Miller in 1871 and most of their married life was spent in Centre county. Her husband died ten years ago but surviving her are the following children: Mrs. Clara J. Spotts, of Julian; N. A. Miller, of Detroit, Mich.; and Albert V., of Philipsburg. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Martha Stahl, of Maizeppa, and Miss Mabel Lorrach, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lorrach, of Snow Shoe, who has been with the Miller family since she was nine years old.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the Methodist church and Rev. Raymond B. Faus had charge of the funeral services which were held in the Methodist church, at Julian, last Thursday afternoon, burial being made in the Julian cemetery.

GROARTY.—Mrs. Rosetta May Groarty, wife of Cecil H. Groarty, died at her home in Altoona, on Sunday, following a brief illness. She was a daughter of Edward M. and Stella Conway Watson, and was born at Snow Shoe November 16th, 1904, hence was in her 24th year. In addition to her husband she is survived by two children, Joseph and Clement. She also leaves her parents and the following brothers and sisters. Mrs. Samuel Muckley, Russell, Tae, Leonard, Kenneth and Sadie Marie, all of Altoona. Burial was made in the Calvary cemetery, Altoona, on Wednesday morning.

HANCOCK.—Charles Hancock, caretaker at the Philipsburg State hospital, died on Saturday afternoon following an illness of three weeks as the result of an attack of pneumonia.

He was a son of Owen and Rachel Foster Hancock and was born in Philipsburg in 1866, hence was in his 62nd year. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and the Knights of Malta. He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and one daughter, Miss Catherine. Burial was made in the Philipsburg cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

KUNES.—Oscar Kunes, of Beech Creek, died in a Lock Haven private hospital, on Tuesday morning, following a long illness with dropsy and heart trouble, aged 64 years. He was a carpenter and his entire life was spent in Beech Creek. He was a member of the Church of Christ and the Blanchard lodge I. O. O. F. Sur-

viving him are his wife and one brother, Milford Kunes, in Mississippi. Burial will be made in the Blanchard cemetery this afternoon.

GARBER.—Harry Lorenzo Garber, a former resident of Bellefonte, died at his home at Flushing, L. I., on Sunday, following two years' illness with a throat affection.

He was a son of David and Lydia Garber and was born at Greenville, Pa., on June 29th, 1873, hence was not quite 49 years old. His boyhood days were spent in Greenville but when he grew to manhood he located in Wheeling, W. Va., where he worked in a broker's office. In 1906 he came to Bellefonte with Edward Vensel and opened a broker's office in Temple Court. He spent several years in Bellefonte and it was while living here in April, 1907, that he married Miss Louise Calloway, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Calloway. Twelve years ago they located at Flushing, Long Island, where Mr. Garber was manager for the British-American Chemical company, and during the World war was associated with the L. W. F. Engineering company. Following the close of the war he went into the real estate business but his condition had been so bad the past year that he was unable to do anything. His only survivors are his wife and one brother, Ralph E. Garber, of Butler.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Tuesday morning and taken to the Bush apartment, where funeral services were held at four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. F. Frear, of State College, burial being made in the Bush lot in the Union cemetery.

"The Mikado" Next Monday, Matinee and Night.

The High school glee club has been working for weeks on their final show for the year, which will be presented in the Richelieu theatre on Monday evening, June 4, at 8:15.

Most everyone is familiar with this charming comic opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, so no description is needed. No effort has been spared to make this show a worthy successor to "Mlle Modiste," put on by the club several months ago. The beautiful music, the clever lines, the inimitable humor, the gorgeous Japanese setting, the brilliant costumes, have all received their full attention. The cast, a notable one in High school dramatic history, contains many that will be seen for the last time in High school productions, as they will receive their diplomas the following evening. Peter Meek, Paul Crust, Donald Conrad, Louise Tanner, Louise Meyer, Henrietta Hunter, Virginia Kern as principals, and many others in the chorus will play their last part and bid a fond adieu to Bellefonte audiences. Others in the cast—William Brachbill, William Bell, William Markley, Lenore Morgan, Jane Musser—you'll see again, for they will form the nucleus of next year's club.

Between acts there will be an aeroplane ballet by 22 youthful toe dancers from the grades. A special Geisha chorus and a Japanese love song are other attractive specialties.

Tickets can be had from most any one in the club and reserved seats can be secured at the ticket office of the Richelieu theatre as soon as it is open on Friday, and thereafter until Monday evening.

All seats are at the same price—75 cents. There will be a matinee for school children or younger, only, in the afternoon, at 15 cents.

Dayton-Bikle.—An afternoon wedding of much interest in this community through the prominence of the bride's family here, will be that of Louise Maitland Dayton, daughter of Mrs. Isaac Maitland, of Williamsport, and Dr. Paul H. Bikle, of Milfilburg.

It will be solemnized at "Edgefonte," the Garman summer home, next Wednesday, June 6, at four o'clock. Dr. Philip M. Bikle, dean emeritus of Pennsylvania college, Gettysburg, and father of the groom will perform the ceremony.

Mrs. H. J. Donaldson, of Williamsport, will be matron of honor and Mrs. Dayton's only attendant. Henry Wolfe Bikle, of Philadelphia, will be the best man and Philip Bikle, another brother of the groom will be the only usher. Robert H. Maitland, of Ardmore, will give his sister in marriage.

Following the ceremony there will be a reception for which one hundred invitations have been issued and guests are expected from all parts of Pennsylvania.

After the reception Dr. and Mrs. Bikle will leave for a motor trip to Lake Placid and thence into eastern Canada. After September 1, Dr. and Mrs. Bikle will be at home in Milfilburg.

The bride-to-be is a daughter of Mrs. Isaac Maitland who will be remembered before her marriage as Miss Garman, eldest daughter of the late Daniel and Mrs. Garman, well known residents of Bellefonte.

Cowher-Kyper.—Forrest E. Cowher, of Port Matilda, and Miss Jean Kyper, of Huntingdon, were married last Thursday, at the parsonage of the United Brethren church, at Greenwood, Blair county, by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Seese. Immediately following the ceremony they left for Port Matilda where they will make their future home.

—Dr. John Sebring is recovering from a week's illness.

How Bellefonte Honored Its Soldier Dead on Wednesday.

Rainy weather, on Wednesday, interfered to a great extent with the set programs for honoring the nation's heroic dead in every cemetery and resting place in Centre county, but it did not prevent the younger generation of veterans from paying homage to their departed comrades as well as all soldier dead who fought to preserve the sanctity of their homes and the preservation of the Union.

In Bellefonte religious services were held in the Reformed church, on Sunday morning, and there was a good attendance to hear the patriotic discourse of the pastor, Rev. Robert Thena.

Between showers, on Wednesday morning, members of the American Auxiliary managed to place floral decorations on all the soldiers' graves in the Union cemetery. Appropriate services were also held in the Catholic cemetery during the morning.

Rain, however, interfered with the program for the afternoon services in the Union cemetery, scheduled to take place at two o'clock, and the result was the services were held at the court house where the address of the day was delivered by Dr. Carroll B. Champlin, of State College.

But the rain did not stop the parade to the Union cemetery, although it was almost half an hour late in leaving the Diamond, but when it did move it was made up as follows: American Legion color bearers, Troop B escort and firing squad, auto driven by sheriff Harry Dunlap and conveyed three G. A. R. members, the last remnant of that once famous organization, Gregg Post No. 95, G. A. R., Spanish-American war veterans, seven strong with Samuel Solt as color bearer; Brooks-Doll post of the American Legion, led by their bugle and drum corps, resplendent in their new uniforms consisting of French blue coats with the Legion insignia on the left shoulder, buckskin trousers and aluminum helmets, giving them a mighty nifty appearance; Troop B, in command of Lieut. Herbert Beezer; the P. O. S. of A., Wetzler's new Boys band, of Milesburg, in which were also a few girls. The band was more than eighty strong and arrayed in French blue coats and white trousers they made a splendid appearance. Following the band were good-sized delegations of the Logan and Undine fire companies.

Only a brief ceremony was held at the cemetery, taps were sounded and the parade remarched down town.

The American Legion drum corps and a number of members of the post went to Milesburg for the parade and services there at four o'clock.

Memorial Day in Pennsvalley.

The Centre Hall camp, No. 889, P. O. S. of A., had charge of the memorial services in that section of Pennsvalley. At 9:45 o'clock on Wednesday morning they held services at Tusseyville, and at two o'clock in the afternoon at Sprucetown. Services at Centre Hall were held at six o'clock in the evening. A parade was formed at the Reformed church, proceeding from there to the cemetery. Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick was the speaker.

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On June 17th the camp will hold memorial services for deceased members at Sprucetown cemetery at seven o'clock in the evening, and on June 24th similar services will be held at the cemetery in Centre Hall at 6:30 p. m., to be followed by religious services in the Presbyterian church at 7:30 o'clock.

May Meeting of the Woman's Club.

At the regular May meeting of the Woman's club, held Monday night in the High school building, business for the closing of the year's work and the election of officers consumed the time of a long session. The president, Mrs. Willard, reported having collected one hundred dollars from the members for the support of a child in the Near East Relief work, a little girl being chosen, her welfare is to be of special interest to the club. A committee was appointed to meet the commissioners, in protest against cutting a road through the green between the court house and the jail, inasmuch as it would tend to destroy its present attractiveness. Through the election of officers, the board for the coming year will be, Mrs. D. I. Willard, Pres.; Miss Isabella S. Hill, vice president; Mrs. Roy Wilkinson, secretary; Mrs. Blanche F. Schloss, recording secretary; Miss Helene Williams, treasurer; Mrs. Brown, chairman of the educational committee; Mrs. Emerick, chairman of the Welfare committee; Mary Gray Meeek, chairman of the Civic committee; and Mrs. D. I. Grove, chairman of the Publicity committee.

Reformed Churchmen Approve Bond Issue for Mental Defectives.

At the annual meeting of the West Susquehanna Classis of the Reformed church, held at Lewistown last week, the ministers and laymen went on record as approving the \$50,000,000 bond issue which will come before the voters at the November election for endorsement, for the purpose of financing the building and equipment of an institution for the care of penal offenders, delinquents, mental defectives, epileptics and mentally diseased persons, at Selingsgrove.

Rev. Robert Thena, of Bellefonte, was chosen one of the delegates to attend the twenty-third triennial sessions of the General Synod of the church to be held at Indianapolis, Ind., during May, 1929.

Rev. G. A. Fred Greising, of Aaronsburg, was elected reading clerk of the Classis and Centre counties appointed on standing committees were as follows: On religious services, Rev. O. T. Moyer, of Howard; missions, elder C. Y. Wagner, of Bellefonte; ministerial relief, Rev. Robert Thena, Bellefonte; finance, Rev. G. A. Fred Greising, Aaronsburg; the press, Rev. W. W. Moyer, of Boalsburg, and resolutions, Rev. O. T. Moyer.

There are seven students for the Christian ministry within the Classis and over 100 young people who are attending college. W. A. Lambert, of Rebersburg, having completed his theological training at Lancaster, was licensed to preach and dismissed to accept a call to the Fairview charge, in Gettysburg Classis.

Classis voted in favor of extending the privilege of office holding to women, also in favor of the proposed change from May to October for annual sessions of Classis.

Rev. Elmer R. Hoke, Ph. D., a native of Lewistown, now president of Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., spoke on the completion of the endowment campaign for the college. The Duke Foundation, established by the late tobacco king, John B. Duke, offers \$25,000 provided the church raises the other necessary \$125,000. Classis voted its quota of \$7,000 and assured president Hoke that it was nearly all subscribed.

Rev. Franklin H. Moyer, superintendent of Phoebe Home, Allentown, represented that rapidly growing institution and stated the need of more than doubling its capacity for aged guests from the church. Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Philadelphia, formerly of Bellefonte, made a strong plea for the increased circulation and for a \$100,000 endowment for the "Reformed Church Messenger."

The new pastor-elect for Faith Reformed church, State College, A. S. Asendorf, of Baltimore, Md., was received and enrolled a member and the call confirmed. Reverends W. W. Moyer, of Boalsburg, and Robert Thena, of Bellefonte, were appointed on the committee to ordain and install him.

Alumni to Head for Penn State Campus.

Participation by alumni in the 68th Commencement week at the Pennsylvania State College will be centered largely in three days, June 9, 10 and 11, the climax coming with a general alumni banquet on Monday the 11th.

Addresses are to be made at that time by the commencement speaker, Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, of the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, president of the college, and Judge H. Walton Mitchell, president of the college board of trustees.

For his continuous and valuable service as an alumni member of the college board of trustees for 25 years, James G. White, '82, will be presented with the "Alumni Award" for meritorious service to the college. This will be an engrossed parchment accompanied by a special gift. Judge Mitchell was given a similar award a year ago. Mr. White is president of the J. G. White Engineering Corporation of New York.

Class reunions are scheduled for all day Sunday and Monday, June 10 and 11, with Monday set as Alumni Day. An alumni association meeting in the morning will be followed by class luncheons, stunts and a baseball game between the varsity and alumni. Undergraduate activities will provide entertainment during the week.

Three Bellefonte Women Hurt in Auto Accident.

On Sunday afternoon Samuel McGinley took his mother, Mrs. A. L. McGinley, Mrs. H. M. Wetzel and her daughter, Miss Mildred, on an auto ride to Lewistown, in the McGinley Studebaker car. Coming down the mountain on the return trip home, one of the front wheels struck a good sized stone lying in the road which threw the front of the car around and naturally Sam put on the emergency brakes. As he did so the rear end of the car swung around and the machine turned completely over, landing on its wheels right in the road. One rear wheel was smashed, glass broken and the car otherwise damaged.

Passing motorists brought the injured to Bellefonte and Mrs. McGinley and Mrs. Wetzel were taken to the Centre County hospital. Mrs. McGinley has a fractured right collar bone and two cuts on her head as well as a number of bruises. Mrs. Wetzel sustained a bad bruise on the right chest and several minor cuts and bruises. Miss Mildred was not seriously hurt and Sam's only injury was a bump on the head.

Don't Pluck Wild Flowers by the Wayside.

Don't pluck wild flowers by the wayside or in the woodlands, if you don't want to get into trouble. A recent act of the Legislature provides a fine or imprisonment for breaking off or pulling up by the roots, wild flowers and shrubs on the lands of another, or in the woodlands of the State, and state highway patrolmen have received orders to enforce the law. So when you are driving along a mountain road and notice a bush of the fragrant honeysuckle, better keep on driving.

It is gratifying to know that Senator Borah didn't spend much in his campaign for President. He didn't go very far, either.

—Of all the candidates interrogated Mr. Hoover is the only one who showed resentment. Probably he was afraid of the facts.

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