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Corruption in the State Senate.

Rumors of corrupt use of money in influencing insurance legislation at Harrisburg are an addition to the discredit which has generally attached to the reputation of our State Legislature. The character of that law-making body was already so badly damaged that it appeared superfluous for it to be brought still lower in the public estimation by the report that money to the amount of \$50,000 had its influence in affecting the action of certain State Senators on a bill relating to insurance business.

This is a very serious charge. It impresses the public mind with the suspicion that in addition to the other faults in the conduct of our State Legislators, their action is open to the corrupt influence of money. It is such an impeachment of their legislative integrity as to destroy all public confidence in their representative character.

The charge of this corruption has been openly made in the Senate, and should have been attended with immediate action to purge the reputation of that body, but nothing has been done in the matter that would indicate that the reputation of the State Senate is worth vindicating.

Senator Gobin, who objects to such a sacrifice of senatorial reputation, has demanded an investigation that would get at the facts of the reported use among Senators of money to the amount of \$50,000 to influence legislation, but an investigation instituted in our State Legislature is so suggestive of whitewash that the exculpation of the accused by that process would fail to command public confidence.

The Passing of "Boom Times."

During the 11 years between 1879 and 1890 this country ran an almost breathless race of eager and rapid development. Certainly those were not normal times. They were based upon conditions that will never be seen again upon the American continent. To long for their restoration is to indulge in the fascinating but profitless occupation of chasing rainbows. For what is there in our present condition or in our future prospects to justify the hope that those times will return? Our new west is already fairly well peopled, and its business conditions have conformed themselves to those of the rest of the country. Except in a few mining districts it no longer offers a field for adventure or speculation. Our great transcontinental railway systems are already constructed, and not one of them can earn interest on the money it cost. Our new towns and cities went rather beyond the capacity of the tributary country to support them under the stimulus of inflated real estate values and with the temporary opportunities they offered for employment of labor.

We shall not again have a flood of foreign money pouring in to loan upon anything or everything having the semblance of property. The foreigner has had his experience, and he now wants to be doubly sure that he is going to get his capital back and his regular interest payments before an American investment has any attraction for him. Is it not, on the whole, probable that we shall have to make up our minds to plod along in the slow going way of older nations and to be satisfied with moderate profits and a slow accumulation of wealth? If these be our reasonable expectations, would it not be sane and wholesome for people to cease dreaming of a golden age which is gone forever?—E. V. Smalley in Forum.

ATLANTIC CITY—ITS PLEASURES AND HOTELS.

We have received from the General Passenger Department of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway a neatly arranged Booklet descriptive of Atlantic City, containing a complete list of the Hotels, their location, rates, etc., and showing several illustrations of seaside scenes, and also telling some of the manifold advantages which make "The Royal Reading Route" the favorite line of travel to the sea.

Copies can be obtained by sending a two cent stamp to Mr. Edson J. Weeks, General Passenger Agent, Reading Terminal, Philadelphia.

THE NEW ACT.

Making Constables of Townships Fire Wardens.

Many inquiries having been made by constables as to what their duties are and the time when their service begins as fire wardens, we herewith publish the act, which was signed by Governor Hastings March 30, 1897:

"Sec. 1. Be it enacted, &c., that on and after the first day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, the constables of the various townships of the Commonwealth shall be ex-officio fire wardens, whose duty it shall be, when fire is discovered in the forests within their respective townships, immediately take such measures as are necessary for its extinction, and to this end to have authority to call upon any person or persons within their respective townships for assistance; the said fire wardens to receive fifteen (15) cents per hour, and the persons so assisting twelve (12) cents per hour, as compensation for their services; the expenses thereof shall be paid, one-half out of the treasury of the respective county, and the remaining half of said expense shall be paid by the State Treasurer into the treasury of said county, out of moneys not otherwise appropriated, upon warrant from the Auditor General, but no such warrant shall be drawn until the respective County Commissioners shall have first furnished, under oath or affirmation to the Auditor General, a written itemized statement of such expense, and until the same is approved by the Auditor General: Provided, That no county shall be liable to pay for this purpose, in any one year, an amount exceeding five hundred dollars.

"Sec. 2. Any person who being called upon by the fire wardens of his township to furnish assistance in extinguishing forest fires as provided in section one shall, without reasonable cause, refuse to render such assistance, upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine not exceeding ten dollars, or undergo imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

"Sec. 3. The fire wardens of each township throughout the Commonwealth shall, in the first week of each term of the court of quarter sessions of their respective counties, make returns to said court under oath or affirmation, of all violations occurring within their respective townships which may come or be brought to their notice of any of the provisions of any law, now enacted, or hereafter to be enacted for the purpose of protecting forests from fire, and it shall be the special duty of the judge of said court to see these returns are faithfully made; and on failure of any warden to comply with this provision, or if it be found upon examination or inquiry by said court that any fire warden has either wilfully or negligently omitted to report all such violation occurring within his township, or having failed to perform his duty as set forth in section one of this act, such fire warden or constable shall be deemed guilty of wilfully or negligently making a false return, or neglect of duty, and the court shall suspend him from office and direct the District Attorney to indict and try him, and if found guilty, he shall be fined in a sum not exceeding ten dollars, or undergo imprisonment not exceeding three months, both or either, at the discretion of the court.

"Sec. 4. The term forest herein used shall not, for the purposes of this bill be held to include an area of timber land or brush land of less than fifty acres in extent, unless such said area shall by proximity to other timber land be liable to convey fire to an area of brush land or timber land containing at least 50 acres."

Malarial Parasites.

The tsetse fly disease of Africa has recently been shown by the researches of Bruce to be due to a flagellate infusorium which is found in the blood of infected animals. This disease is fatal to the ox, the horse, the dog, the sheep, and the ass, but not to the indigenous wild animals in the region infested by the tsetse fly. The researches of Bruce indicate that the fly acts as a carrier of the parasite from diseased to healthy animals. He has shown by experiment that after feeding on the blood of an infected animal the tsetse fly can communicate the disease to a healthy animal by its bite. After a short period of incubation the hæmatozoa appear in the blood concurrently with the development of fever, and followed by rapidly progressive anemia, dropsy and death.

The so-called "surra disease," which prevails in certain portions of India, is believed to be due to a similar parasitic protozoan (Trypanosoma evansi). According to Lingard, this infusorium exists as an innocuous parasite in the blood of rats in India. It is not pathogenic, or only feebly so, for the native ox of India, but gives rise to a fatal infectious disease in horses, dogs and camels.—Surgeon General Sternberg in Popular Science Monthly.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

What Has Occurred There Since Our Former Report.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk W. H. Henrie, since those published last week.

John F. Long, of Berwick, to Miss Fannie Hausenick, of Willow Spring. William Welliver, of Madison township, to Miss Sarah Fenstemaker, of same place.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of C. B. Ent, register and recorder, during the week.

Benjamin Watts, to Howard Greenley, for tracts of land in Greenwood township.

Rachel McNinch, Ex., to J. H. Vastine for tract of land in Catawissa township.

J. H. Vastine and wife, to Edward Moyer, for tract of land in Catawissa township.

Francis P. Drinker and wife, to Melissa Werkheiser, for land in Fernville.

M. M. Appleman and wife, to B. K. Appleman, for land in Rohrsburg.

J. C. Millard and wife, to Emanuel Hummel, for land in Bloomsburg.

Emanuel Hummel, to Paul E. Wirt, for land in Bloomsburg.

Anthony Weitzel and wife to Levi Wright, for tract of land in Hemlock township.

Matthew McReynolds, to A. M. Dewitt, for land in Bloomsburg.

C. W. Miller and wife, to A. M. Dewitt, for land in Bloomsburg.

Andrew Rooney, Sr., to Catharine Britt, for tract of land in Centralia.

Rebecca Kisner, et. al. to Henry K. Remley, for tract of land in Center township.

Mary E. Goldworthy, to John W. Goldworthy, for tract of land in Centralia.

An Important Test of Quality.

The quality of a newspaper, like that of an individual, is best determined by its bearing under circumstances that try its capacity. The gathering of the news of the Greco-Turkish war is a case in point. As soon as it became reasonably certain that there would be fighting "The Philadelphia Press" sent staff correspondents to the capitals of the countries involved. In consequence "The Press" has had every day prompt, complete and accurate information of every move on each side of the conflict. No other Philadelphia paper has had this service and only a few other papers in the country have gone to the same trouble and expense. It is gratifying to note this new evidence that "The Philadelphia Press" neglects no opportunity to strengthen its position as Pennsylvania's greatest newspaper.—Adv.

HOUSE WHERE LINCOLN WROTE.

Historic Old Mansion at Gettysburg Sold by an Estate.

The historic old Gettysburg house in which Abraham Lincoln wrote his renowned address, delivered at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery on November 19, 1863, has just been sold by the David Wills estate for \$10,500. It was here that the martyr President wrote:

"We cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it never can forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly carried on. We have highly resolved that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Terrible Pains

In the Stomach—Dreadful Headaches—Face and Neck Covered with Boils—Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla—Skin is Now Clear.

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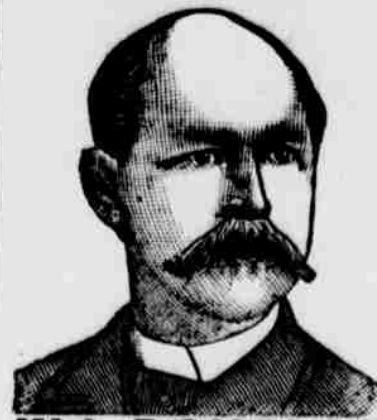
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W. L. Douglas shoes are endorsed by over 1,000,000 wearers as the best in style, fit and durability of any shoe ever offered at the price. They are made in all the latest shapes and styles, and of every variety of leather.

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JONES & WALTER, Bloomsburg, Pa.

A Good Example.

Judge Brubaker, of Lancaster, has become famous for stirring up things in his court, and usually these stirrings have been beneficial. His latest activity of this kind was directed against constables who come into court term after term and report no violation of liquor laws in their districts. The court startled them, Monday, by informing them that he had information of the existence of such places and gave them until Saturday to find the places or be themselves indicted.

This is a good example that might be followed elsewhere. Lancaster, in this instance, and Philadelphia give examples of judges who do more than hold down benches, and who consequently discover abuses and set about correcting them. In what city or county are there no speak easies, no selling of liquor to minors and habitual drunkards? In what city or county are there no gambling houses and disorderly houses? In what city or county is there a policeman or constable who does not know of these places and of these violations of the law?

Policemen and constables report no violations of liquor law, but they are well aware of these; no gambling places though they have talked about them and directed strangers to crooked games; no disorderly houses though they know the situation of every last one of these when a missing girl is to be hunted up. Most of the reports to the court are untrue and Judge Brubaker's plan of correcting them could be followed with great satisfaction to law loving people everywhere.—Patriot.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia County Frank Rantz, the Executor of Caroline Boehm, deceased, late of the Borough of Catawissa, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania will expose to sale by Public Vendue, on

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1897, at 1 o'clock P. M., on the premises in the Borough of Catawissa, County and State aforesaid, the following tract of land:—

All that certain lot or piece of ground situated lying and being in Shuman's addition to the town of Catawissa, in the County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: to wit: On the North by Mill Street forty feet, on the East by lands of Mrs. Ohl one hundred and fifty feet, on the South by an alley forty feet and on the West by lands of Franklin L. Shuman one hundred and fifty feet; being lot number seventeen (17) in said Addition. Whereon is erected one two-story frame dwelling house and out buildings. The lot being well stocked with fruit trees. Being the same premises which George B. Zarr and Caroline, his wife, conveyed unto Caroline Herold Bahme by deed dated 7th November, 1892, said deed being duly recorded in the office for the recording of deeds etc. in and for the County of Columbia in Deed Book No 51, Page 592 etc.

TERMS OF SALE.

The highest and best bidder shall be declared the purchaser. Twenty-five per centum of the highest and best bid must be paid when the property is struck down. The balance to be paid on the confirmation of the sale by the Court and the delivery of the deed. Deed for the premises to be made at the expense of the purchaser.

C. O. BURKHEIT, FRANK RENTZ, Attorney. Executor, etc. J. S. WILLIAMS, Auctioneer.

AFTER VICTORY We Strap the Helmet Tighter.

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This week we have much in store for you that will prove of vital interest.

Newest of Goods. Largest Variety. Lowest of Prices. It will pay you to watch our ads. It will pay you better to come to the store.

Dress Goods.

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36 in. all wool Suitings, 25c the yd. 38 in. all wool Suitings, plaids in blue, brown and black, 60c the yd. 38 to 42 in. all wool Imported Suitings, all styles, one dress pattern to each, 80c to \$1.50 the yd.

Wash Goods.

What a poor blankety blank season Summer would be without these beauty spots. Organdies, Challies, Gingham, Lappets, Dimities, Mulls and Swisses; all here and properly priced. Organdies and Dimities, from Gilbert Mfg. Co., pretty as a picture, goods all right, prices—well come and look. Worth 15 and 25c. 12 1/2 and 15c yd. Finest Imported Dimities from Arnold, Constable & Co. in small lengths, 25 and 37 1/2 c a yd. Usually 35 and 50c a yd.

Wrappers.

Do you know the kind we sell? The best the market affords at the least money. Think of it. A well made wrapper of light or dark material, extra wide skirt with yoke back and front, lined to the waist at 98c ea.

Lace Curtains.

If you are in need of these goods just come here. We can save you from 10 to 50 per cent. on the pair. Elegant qualities.

Mackintoshes.

Here you are again. We always try to look out for your comfort and

pocket-book. We will sell you for 20 days, or until these are gone. \$3 and \$4 Mackintoshes at \$4.75. Double capes and velvet collars.

Laces.

You always want laces for summer dresses. Try and see if we can't save you money on them. Our line is complete from A to Z in this department.

Shoes.

We call special attention to our shoes for children and misses at the following prices. They are a fine, hand turned shoe with the new Coin toes, 4 to 8 sizes at \$1.00. 8 to 10 at \$1.40. 11 to 12 at \$2.00. Ladies' same quality, at \$2.25.

Hosiery.

One special drive. One Absolutely Fast Black Ladies' Hose, never sold for less than 50 cents, now 25 cents.

Dishes.

Another lot of dishes here now that are bound to go the same as the others. Finest of English Semi Porcelain ware, guaranteed not to craze, at \$9.68 the set. Usual price \$14.00

Groceries.

Something new? Yes, in Cereals. What? Rolled Rice, in 2lb packages, at 15c the package. Corn Starch which we guarantee perfectly pure, 4c. Canned goods in all qualities and at any price.

Van Cluyp & Co's. Celebrated Boston Baked Pork and Beans, 12 1/2 and 20c. Usually 18 and 25c. Did you ever try our cheeses? How about nice fresh crackers?

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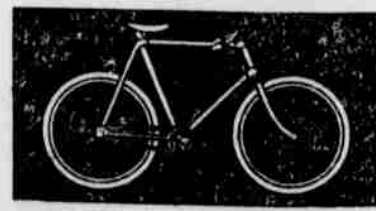
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Bloomsburg Cycle Co.,

4-1-97. Rear of Post Office

NOTICE.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The partnership heretofore existing between W. C. Brytogle and S. G. Brytogle, under the firm name of W. C. Brytogle & Co., has been dissolved this day by mutual consent. The business will be continued by W. C. Brytogle, under his own name. All bills against the firm will be paid by him. W. C. BRYTOGLE, S. G. BRYTOGLE, Bloomsburg, Pa., April 1, 1897.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Agreeably to the provisions of an act of Assembly passed the 12th day of April, 1875 the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg Literary Institute and State Normal School of the sixth District will be held on the first Monday of May, being May 8, 1897, between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the office of the Normal School in the Dormitory, in the town of Bloomsburg, Pa. at which time four persons will be elected Trustees on the part of the stockholders to serve for a period of three years; at the same time four persons will be nominated to the Superintendent of Public Instruction from which he may appoint two Trustees on the part of the State to serve for a period of three years. JOHN M. CLARK, Secretary.