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STATEMENT.

At the Close of Business November 10th, 1904.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES	
Loans,	\$312,132.94	Capital	\$100,000.00
U. S. Bonds,	50,000.00	Surplus and Profits (net)	145,392.98
Other Bonds,	156,125.00	Circulation	49,300.00
Building,	27,000.00	Deposits	404,012.98
Due from Banks and U. S. Treas.	24,159.71		
Cash and Reserve,	129,288.31		
	\$698,705.96		\$698,705.96

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1905.

Cumberland County Democrats Adopted New Rules.

The Democratic Cumberland county convention called for the purpose of considering the advisability of changing the rules of the party, met in the court house at Carlisle, at 10 o'clock Saturday forenoon, and by a large majority the delegate system, similar to that used by the Republicans, was adopted.

The new rules provide a standing committee of one from each district, the election of a county chairman by the candidates nominated. Vacancies in the committee shall be filled by the chairman and substitutes must be approved by the chairman. All candidates must register and pay a registration fee. The primary elections shall be held not less than sixty days before election; delegates to a nominating convention shall be elected at the primary and the convention to be held the following Monday.

Sunday Playday For Toilers Says Bishop.

In a sermon on "Child Labor," at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, Sunday morning, Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, Bishop of Scranton, came out unequivocally for permitting working boys to play athletic games on Sunday.

After picturing the hardships many of the boys of the community are put to in the mines and mills, day and night, six days a week, he caustically criticized those who protest against them enjoying the Sabbath in harmless recreation, and added:

"I say let them play base ball or foot ball or any other kind of ball to their heart's content. The good Lord will be pleased to see them do it, I aver, providing they are good boys."

A Possibility.

The spot on the sun just now which is causing so much concern among astronomers and people in general suggests the following:

If this little world to-night
 Suddenly should fall through space
 In hissing, headlong light,
 Striving from its face,
 As it falls into the sun,
 In an instant every trace
 Of the little crawling things—
 Ants, philosophers and lice,
 Cattle, cockroaches and Kings,
 Beggars, millionaires and mice,
 Men and maggots—all as one
 As it falls into the sun—
 Who can say but at the same
 Instant from some planet far
 A child may watch us and exclaim,
 "See the pretty shooting star!"

Bishop Talbot Coming.

Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., will visit Bloomsburg next Sunday, and will administer the rite of confirmation to a class at St. Paul's Church in the morning. He will visit Catawissa in the afternoon and Berwick in the evening.

This is probably Bishop Talbot's last official visit here, as he has been elected to reside in the other part of the divided diocese, and his jurisdiction will cease as soon as the new Bishop is consecrated.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Feb. 6, 1905.

The most important event in Washington during the past week has been the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court upholding the plea of the Government against the Beef Trust. While the decision of the Court was widely heralded, comparatively few persons understand precisely what it amounts to. About a year ago, United States District Attorney Bethea, of Chicago, asked from Judge Grosscup an injunction restraining the packers from entering into a mutual agreement to fix the price to be paid for live cattle and that to be charged for the dressed products. The injunction was granted but the Trust fought it in the courts and its legality has now been confirmed by the Supreme Court. The advantage gained by the Government is this. If it can be shown to Judge Grosscup that the packers have violated his injunction he can hale them into court, declare them guilty of contempt of court and sentence them to imprisonment and there will be no appeal from his sentence.

The next step is for the Attorney General to ascertain whether District Attorney Bethea already has evidence that the injunction has been violated, and if not, to watch the packers with the purpose of procuring such evidence. The President has charged the Attorney General to endeavor to procure such evidence and to demand of Judge Grosscup, if such evidence shall be procured, that the guilty packers be sent to jail. The President is convinced that while a fine of any amount would merely be laughed at by the millionaire packers as "the fortunes of war," a jail sentence imposed on one or more of the prominent men who compose the Trust would have a most salutary effect and would inevitably insure a respect for the law which has not hitherto been accorded it.

The decision of the Supreme Court may prove a relief to the cattle raiser who, if the Trust does not dare combine to fix the price of his cattle, may get its full market value rather than an arbitrary price fixed by the packers, but it is doubtful if there is much relief for the consumers in sight for the reason that the trust has other methods left by which it can control the price of the dressed product. Chief among these is the private car monopoly whereby the Trust, even if compelled to lower its prices of dressed meats at the packing house, can rob the purchaser on the transportation rates and so secure in the end the same profits as formally. This brings the representatives of the people face to face with the question of railway rate legislation.

The unthinking man will say instantly, "Pass the railway rate bill now before the House of Representatives," but the more thoughtful may pause before making such a demand. The fact is that the combination Hepburn-Esch-Townsend bill, now before the House and which will very likely pass at this session, will afford no remedy against the private car monopoly. In fact, that subject is never mentioned and yet it is the one means by which the packers have the public at their mercy. As a matter of fact, there is almost no possibility that the Senate will enact any railway rate legislation at this session, but that may not prove an unmixed evil. It is of the utmost importance that any railway bill that is placed on the statutes shall be comprehensive and effective, that it shall leave no loop-hole by which the trusts may continue to rob the public and it is questionable if there remains time for such a measure to be put through Congress. On the other hand, some of the railway men would be only too

glad to see a half-way measure passed, some such measure as the Elkins anti rebate bill of last session, fairly good so far as it went, but all too inadequate to accomplish any real relief.

The President will be disappointed that there is not much hope to accomplish something in the way of railway rate legislation at this session, but he would rather see the whole project fail than to see a half-way measure passed which would be used as an argument against doing anything next session while the people were left still at the mercy of the trusts. For that reason Mr. Roosevelt will make no further effort to persuade Congress at this session, but he promises to call Congress in extra session, without fail, next October. Then there can be no excuse of lack of time and the Republicans who have thus far blocked the remedial legislation demanded by the leader of their party and endorsed by W. J. Bryan will be to use a slang phrase, "up against it."

The insistence of Democratic Senators, led by Senator Bacon of Georgia, has caused the President to revise his Santo Domingo programme to some extent and he now proposes to send to the Senate a treaty with San Domingo as soon as one can be negotiated. Even when such a treaty reaches the Senate it will be questionable whether or not it can be ratified, but at least the constitutional provision that agreements made with foreign nations shall be made with the advice and consent of the Senate and shall become effective only when ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Senate will have been respected.

To the regret of many able Democrats the leadership of Representative John Sharp Williams in the House seems to be in danger and it is not impossible that Mr. Williams may resign the minority leadership. Mr. Williams was recently outvoted by his party colleagues on the provision of the army appropriation bill which is generally believed to be aimed at General Milles and which, if adopted, will prevent General Miles from drawing the full pay and allowances of his rank, if he performs active duty in command of the Massachusetts militia. Mr. Williams opposed this amendment because he believed that legislation aimed at one man was undemocratic but his Southern colleagues, who have never forgiven Miles for putting Jeff Davis in irons were unable to regard the proposition from the broad standpoint of principle and deserted their leader to accomplish their revenge on General Miles. The Democrats have not in recent years had a more capable leader in the House than Williams and in the estimation of many of them they will make a mistake if they finally abandon his leadership.

Selinagrove's New Jeweler.

R. J. Springer of Catawissa, who has had more than twenty years of experience in watch making and jewelry business, has located in the Bolig corner opposite Weis' store. Mr. Springer comes well recommended as a first-class workman and a gentleman in business. This town has been a long time without an experienced man in this line of work. As Mr. Springer has located here we would like to see him succeed in a town of this size. We hope the people too will give the new man a trial and learn if he is as represented. —Selinagrove Times.

Mr. Springer formerly did watch repairing at Millville and later in Bloomsburg. For the past year or more he has been located at Catawissa at which place he has retained possession of his store room and to which he will return early next summer.

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**THE SECOND
 MIRACLE IN CANA**
 Sunday School Lesson for Feb. 12, 1905
 Prepared by the "Highway and
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LESSON TEXT.—John 4:43-54. Memory Verses 49-51.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"The same works that I do bear witness of me that the Father hath sent me." John 5:36.

TIME.—December, A. D. 27, a few days after the incidents of last lesson.

PLACE.—Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed His first miracle, and Capernaum, some 20 to 25 miles to the northeast.

A REMINDER.—This incident of the dying son, the importunate father, his faith, the miraculous healing and the resultant conversion of the nobleman's household, was recorded that we "might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing we might have life in His name." Keep our key verse (John 20:31) in mind as you study this lesson.

The Lesson Outline.

- THEME.**—The Reward of Faith.
- I.—A Sick Son, v. 46.
 - II.—A Burdened Father, vs. 47-49.
 - (1) He Seeks Jesus, v. 47.
 - (2) Is Rebuked by Jesus, v. 48.
 - (3) Is Persistent, v. 49.
 - III.—A Responsive Saviour, vs. 50, 53.
 - (1) Reassuring Words, v. 50.
 - (2) Healing Power, v. 53.
 - IV.—An Obedient Faith, v. 50.
 - V.—The Reward of Faith, vs. 51-53.
 - VI.—A Converted Household, v. 53.

Comparing Scripture with Scripture.

I. The Sick Son, v. 46.—That was a sad household at Capernaum. Verse 47 tells us the boy was dying. Human skill had failed. Perhaps over and over again the sorrowing parents had asked the question: "Why has this affliction come," and they had their answer in the converted household. Ah, how blessing will always come out of affliction if we go to Jesus with our troubles and let Him help us.

II. A Burdened Father. (1) Seeks Jesus, v. 47.—If there had been no sick son there would have been no burdened father seeking Jesus; and how different would have been the story, if this father had not turned to Jesus. Whatever the burden we need to go to seek Jesus to obtain His help (1 Peter 5:7). There is nothing which more surely drives men to Jesus than afflictions. All through Jesus' earthly ministry we find this is so (Matt. 9:18; 15:22; 17:14, 15; Luke 7:2, 37, 38). And it is true to-day. Every one with burdens which drive them to seek Divine help are thrice blessed, for it brings them to the great burden bearer; it wins His sympathy and cooperation and it brings blessing upon others about them.

(2) Is Rebuked by Jesus, v. 48.—Jesus tested the nobleman's faith. So does He the faith of every one. Over and over again we find this the case. The Syro-phenician woman is a notable example (Mark 7:25-30). Jesus does not seek to evade the bestowing of blessing but longs to strengthen our faith that He may safely grant the petition. Many requests go unanswered, and many blessings are lost because the soul is not willing to submit to the testing. We become offended because our motives are called into question; we become impatient because of the seeming delay in answer to our request and as a result are unable to receive the blessing which Jesus otherwise would bestow. Real faith will stand the test, it will be submissive under seeming reproof. It will prove patient under trying delay. It is evident from Jesus' remark that the faith of this nobleman rested largely upon the signs and wonders he had seen wrought. Jesus sought to lead him out into a faith which rested on His naked word. Compare in this connection John 20:29; 1 John 5:10, 11; 2 Pet. 1:17-19.

(3) Is Persistent, v. 49.—For reply to the sharp challenge of Jesus, he repeats more vehemently than before his petition. Here is the secret of power in prayer: Perseverance and definiteness. Luke 18:1 with Luke 11:5-10; Eph. 6:18.

III. A Responsive Saviour. (1) Reassuring Words, v. 50.—Jesus never sent a burdened, seeking soul away unblest. But Jesus' words called for fresh need of faith. The nobleman asked Jesus to go with him. Jesus told him to go back alone. It is nearly always true that Jesus does not answer our petitions just in the way we have asked or expected, but He does answer them.

(2) Healing Power, v. 53.—It was not necessary that Jesus go to Capernaum. This is one of several instances where Jesus healed from a distance.

IV. An Obedient Faith, v. 50.—Faith, at first weak, was strengthened until the nobleman is willing to leave Jesus, believing the words: "Thy son liveth," were fulfilled. The evidence of faith is obedience to Divine commands. Note example of Peter in Luke 5:5.

V. The Reward of Faith, vs. 51-53.—If any doubts filled the heart of that father as he made the long journey home, certain it is that they were all swept away by the glad message that the watching servant hastened to bring him. His faith had its reward in a healed son at home prepared to greet him.

VI. A Converted Household, v. 53.—Who can ever measure the results of a visit to Jesus? The converted household was an unexpected blessing. How true it is that Jesus does for us beyond our largest hopes. Eph. 3:20. What lessons are here for those burdened and in affliction.

The Golden Text.

"The same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father hath sent Me."—The miracles are indisputable evidence of Jesus' Divinity. Destroy them, as some rationalists have sought to do, and you destroy the Christ. The miracles demonstrated Jesus' power over nature. He walked on the water and stilled the storm; over material things, as He filled the fishermen's nets, and fed the multitudes; over human life, as He healed the sick and raised the dead. Surely, He was the Christ sent from God. The record of these miracles has been left for us.

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