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## ADDING NEW ACCOUNTS.

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## LITTLE PURE LIQUOR TO BE OBTAINED.

Evidence Shows Adulteration is Increasing Since Court Decision Exempting it as Food

SAYS PROF. LA WALL.

Additional evidence is being gathered by Food Commissioner Warren to show that adulterations of beer, wine and spirits are increasing since the Supreme Court's decision that intoxicating liquors may not be classed as food and therefore do not come within the provisions of the pure food laws.

In a letter on the subject to Doctor Warren, Charles H. LaWall, expert analytical chemist, enclosed reports upon several samples of wine examined by him last week in an effort to find a pure wine for a sick person. He declares that but one sample was obtained which was absolutely pure, the others all containing benzoic acid.

The fact that both imported and domestic products were examined and found to be wanting in purity says Professor LaWall, indicates the necessity of energetic action in the direction of securing legislation prohibiting the adulteration of intoxicating liquors. He asserts that the use of benzoic acid in wines is indefensible, as the alcoholic strength is sufficiently high to preserve the article.

Pending the enactment of a law which he hopes to obtain at the next session of the Legislature, Doctor Warren has issued a public appeal for co-operation in a campaign against the manufacture and sale of adulterated liquors. The Commissioner's stand in the matter has received the hearty indorsement of the Pennsylvania Wholesale Liquor Dealers' League, which declares "that every honest, upright distiller in the business is interested in the enactment and enforcement of a law which will prevent the intermixing of anything poisonous with the pure products of liquor distilled in this State."

Upon the return of Doctor Warren from Portland, Ore., where he has been attending the convention of the State Food Departments' Association, it is expected that wholesale arrests will be made of dealers in adulterated soda waters and syrups. Analyses of 500 samples of such beverages have been made by the Department's chemists this month, with the result that more than 300 samples were found to contain poisonous coal tar dyes used as coloring or saccharine for sweetening.

#### Mortgage Recorded.

The mortgage of the Millville and Bloomsburg Trolley Company to the Commonwealth Trust Company, of Harrisburg, Pa., for the sum of \$250,000 has been recorded in the office of the Recorder of Columbia county. The mortgage is due January 1, 1935, with interest at 5 per cent, payable semi-annually in January and July. The entire rolling stock, tracks and all property of the company is covered in the mortgage which is a lengthy affair and covers twenty-two closely typewritten pages of legal cap paper.

#### Changes at Grand Restaurant.

Some considerable changes are being made to the interior of J. R. Fowler's Grand Restaurant on Center street, by the removal of an unused stair and the change of partitions. A hot lunch counter up-to-date in every respect, is being put in.

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A. Z. SCHOCH, President. WM. H. HIDLAY, Cashier.

## POTATOES WILL BE SCARCE.

Farmers Discover That Blight Has Fallen on the Crop.

SAYS DANVILLE PAPER.

Farmers predict that potatoes will bring a dollar per bushel by fall. It is already apparent that the crop will be a failure. Add to this the fact that only a limited acreage was planted and we have the conditions that contribute to scarcity and consequent high price, says the Danville Morning News.

Potatoes were a glut on the market last year. As spring came on the farmers found that they still had a large proportion of last year's crop on hand, which they were obliged to sell at prices lower than for years past. Under the circumstances it was not strange that in order to avoid a surplus the farmers were a unit in planting a smaller acreage.

This might have been all right if nothing had happened and the potatoes had thrived as during recent years. It appears, however, from reports received from various quarters that a blight has fallen upon the potato crop and the yield may be scarcely half a one.

In Montour county the crop looks especially bad. In many fields the potato vines are dying or are already dead. The most experienced farmers are puzzled to find a cause for the blight. Potatoes grew nicely until a week or so ago when they suddenly turned black and began to droop and die. Of course at that point all growth and development of the tubers stopped. Many of the hills are found without any saleable potatoes at all, while nowhere in the fields are they large in size or numerous.

#### A SOLID SILVER ALTAR.

A few days ago there appeared in one of the Philadelphia papers a notice saying that there is now being made in Europe for one of the protestant churches, an altar for the lady-chapel, which is to be of solid silver, and to cost \$60,000. It has long been, and is now the custom to erect costly temples to the worship of Almighty God, and no one ever questions the propriety of so doing. But it appears to the mind of the layman that an expenditure of so large a sum for the altar of a side chapel is a good deal of money for such a purpose. It is purely for ornamentation, and in these days when hospitals and many other charitable institutions are sadly in need of funds it would seem almost like a sinful waste of money to build solid silver altars. While such things may gratify the vanity of the donors, we doubt if they help to advance the cause of religion.

Sixty thousand dollars would build and equip a handsome church property. It invested it would yield an annual income of three thousand dollars as an endowment fund. It would do much good in many ways.

If it be true that the wealthy class is increasing in number, so it is true that the poorer classes are increasing ten fold, aye, a hundred fold faster. There never was so much suffering on the East Side in New York city as there is to-day. Something done toward the amelioration of these classes by extending the means of christianizing or perhaps civilizing them, would be a gift far more acceptable to the Lord than the erection of a solid silver altar in a lady-chapel.

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#### COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Saturday evening to discuss the matter of the Fifth street sewer. There has been no difference of opinion among the members as to the necessity for the sewer, the only trouble being the financial end of it, the town's bonded debt being now up to the limit. Solicitor Herring read an opinion to the effect that an ordinance relating to hawking and peddling would be invalid, in as much as an act of assembly prohibits it and fixes a penalty of \$50 for violation. He also submitted a resolution regulating the issue of new bonds to replace those now due.

After a lengthy discussion on the sewer question it was finally decided to eliminate all question in regard to the alleged claim of the Land Improvement Co., and make them a plain proposition as to what they must do towards the sewer. Mr. Yetter vacated the chair and offered the following resolution which contained several preambles:

"Therefore be it resolved, that should the Land Improvement Company, and those urgently requesting the building of the sewer contribute the sum of \$1800, and make report of same to Council at its next meeting, August 7th, 1905, Council will feel disposed to act favorably in the matter. And unless the offer is accepted and money arranged for as above by said meeting, Council will not further consider the building of the sewer this year." Mr. Giger moved and Deily seconded the motion that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Rhoades called for the yeas and nays. Roll being called Council voted as follows: Deily, Mifflin, Giger, Runyan and Yetter, ye; Rhoades, no. President declared the resolution carried.

There was some discussion about the condition of the canal, and a motion was adopted to request a meeting of the proper official and the Council to take some action in the matter. The committee fixing the lines of the town for taxation purposes was adopted, and an appeal day fixed for August 15th. After a scrap over fire hose the Council adjourned, no final action being taken as to the hose.

#### QUICK WORK.

A check book ordered at this office by one of the town banks on Tuesday morning at 8.30 o'clock, was printed, numbered, and bound in stiff pasteboard covers with cloth back, and delivered at 11.45 o'clock the same morning, only three and a quarter hours from the receipt of the order. That is a sample of what we can do with a rush order.

Miss Vera Hemingway has been elected a teacher in the Mifflinville schools.

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