

THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1908.

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., June 15, 1908.

Mr. Bryan's lead in the race for the Democratic Presidential nomination increases from week to week and, apparently, the opposition has given up all hope of defeating him, or of even preventing his nomination on the first ballot.

A question which seems to agitate the minds of many politicians, both Democratic and Republican, is the platform that the Democracy will make at Denver, and the claim is made that if it condemn government ownership of railroads, it cannot nominate Mr. Bryan, and if it indorse government ownership, it will be tantamount to a surrender of the election in advance; again, if it be silent on that question and nominate a man in favor of it, the party will have the burden of the issue to carry.

It is understood that much of the platform is already written and that it will declare for tariff revision in the interest of those who favor the revision and against a revision of the tariff by the friends and beneficiaries of that measure.

A movement has been set on foot to make Washington the permanent convention city of the Grand Army of the Republic and a systematic campaign has been instituted, with this end in view, by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of this city.

Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, called on the President recently, by whom he was most cordially received, and he told a correspondent that he was just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Bryan asking him to second his nomination for the Presidency.

Secretary Straus has arranged for a thorough investigation of the operations of the telegraph companies of the country, under the provisions of a resolution adopted recently by the Senate. The inquiry will extend into the receipts and expenditures of the two companies, the wages they pay, the condition of their employes, the hours of labor, and other matters pertaining to the operation of the companies.

The anti-vivisectionists of Washington are planning a full campaign of education and enlightenment, which they hope will result in government regulation of vivisection. They have been greatly encouraged in their efforts by the adherents they are daily adding from Washington's most substantial residents.

CASITORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Here the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

have lent their signatures to the cause is exciting much comment. According to the claim of the enthusiasts, vivisection is not done for the most part by doctors, but by physiologists, and while the practice has been defended by the medical profession, they claim the physicians are now coming to feel that it is being carried too far and should be regulated.

The Department of Commerce and Labor is formulating regulations under which the act will be come effective passed by Congress at its recent session making the government liable to certain classes of employes injured in the course of their employment. Investigations of accidents for which claims for damages have been filed will be made by the Commissioner of Labor, and while no appropriation is carried by the act for making these investigations, Secretary Straus is of the opinion that an arrangement can be made by which the work may be carried on expeditiously and satisfactorily without the addition of any great expense to the department.

Rocking the Boat.

One of these Fools Taught a Lesson by a Sensible Girl.

The fellow who rocks the boat when it is occupied by young women is without doubt the silliest fool in the land. Just what kind of mania possesses the man who rocks the boat when he indulges in that kind of "fun" is not known, but it transcends in imbecility almost every other kind of insanity.

Occasionally, however, the fellow who rocks the boat meets with his just reward. One of these imbeciles was in a boat containing two young ladies on the Schuylkill river, near Philadelphia, Sunday. The idiot began to rock the boat to frighten the girls, and one of these promptly struck him on the jaw, knocking him into the water.

The Tuscan town of Carrara is wholly given up to the marble trade. It is situated on the Avenza, about five miles from the Mediterranean coast, thirty miles northwest of Pisa; and it is surrounded by the marble hills which have made it famous, in the province of Carrara there are nearly 1,300 quarries, of which over 300 are near the town of Carrara.

Beef Soaring.

The following from the Williamsport Sun represents the situation there and elsewhere: If the price of beef continues to advance as it has during the past few weeks it will soon be a luxury confined exclusively to those who have money to burn. Already a number of local meat dealers have practically boycotted it as an article of merchandise, and tomorrow on the curbstone market it will be found that many butchers who heretofore have handled beef will be selling other meats exclusively.

SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given that I have this day sold and conveyed to Boyd Christian the following personal property belonging to me, and heretofore in the possession of the Trustee in Bankruptcy of the Smith-Supplies Company, Limited: Knife grinder, hanging scales, 77 (Plow) points, platform scales, digger, 44 pairs stock food, bags and binder canvass, drill wheels and poles, 2 sleighs, buggy, spring wagon, lot of tools, 4 sets of harness, sled runners, twine, grind stone, truck, 2 safes, wire screen and rods, extension table, buggy poles and stable tools, 3 desks, letter files and cases, office chairs, lamp, clock, sad irons, elevator hoist, heater in cellar, horse cover, 2 strings of bells, and bolt and nail cases.

That the said Boyd Christian has this day taken possession of said goods. June 15, 1908. H. G. SUPPLEE. 6-18-21*

COMMON ERRORS ABOUT EYES.

Not So Many Persons With Sore Eyes as Formerly.

One of the most noteworthy advantages of the present epoch is that sore eyes are almost unknown; likewise cross eyes. Even so short a time as a generation ago it was a common thing to see people of all ages and conditions with inflamed eyes. As for strabismus, one does notice a case of it now and then, but it is very exceptional.

A generation ago cross eyes were regarded as a hopeless misfortune. A child thus afflicted was obliged to go through life with one eye looking inward, or outward, as the case might be. It was not only a deformity, but a misfortune in other ways; for a person who is badly cross eyed sees out of only one eye.

Nowadays, however, save in rare instances, the matter can be set right by a simple surgical operation. It is mainly for this reason that one sees so few persons who are cross eyed, as compared with a few years ago. As for sore eyes, they are cured, or prevented by glasses which correct the troubles, such as near sight or astigmatism, which are the cause of the mischief.

Perhaps the most curious of the many absurd popular notions about eyes is that which causes people to refrain from wearing needed glasses for the reason that "if they once put them on they will always have to use them." In such a belief there is only one germ of truth. When glasses that are needed have once been adopted, nobody is ever willing to give them up, simply because the improvement of vision, or gain in comfort, is such that they quickly make themselves indispensable.

There is scarcely anything about which popular ignorance is so profound as it is in regard to eyes. Ever so many people will confess to wearing glasses for astigmatism; but ask one of them what astigmatism is and the answer, if any, is a random guess. Yet astigmatism is simply an irregularity in the curvature of the cornea, which is set in the front of the eye like a watch glass. One often hears it said that oculists occasionally take out eyes, clean them, and put them back; yet nothing could be more impossible, without destroying sight. When "old sight" comes, as it does to all normal eyes at fifty years or earlier, complaint is made that the sight is failing; but the fact is that the eyes are as good as ever, but need mild convex glasses to help the focus at the near point. Cataract is supposed to be a film over the eye, whereas it is really an opacity of the crystalline lens behind the pupil. To such absurd beliefs, indeed, there is no end.

Marble of Carrara.

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The marble is a white saccharoid limestone, which derives its value to the sculptor from its texture and purity. The marble used for this purpose is only obtained in a few of the quarries, where the stone is of particularly fine quality.

The quarries are on the sides of the mountain, a branch of the Apennines, at heights varying from 500 to 3,500 feet. They are served by a mountain railway of ten miles in length, opened in 1890, which descends from 1,500 down to the sea.

The marble is exported at the average rate of 150,000 ton annually. Besides the quarrymen the marble finds employment for hundreds of cutters, masons, polishers and other workmen.

The quarries have been worked from very ancient times. The Romans knew the marble as Marmor Lunense, from Luna, an Etruscan town in the neighborhood.

Transit, until the railway is reached, is naturally a serious difficulty. The trucks bearing huge blocks of marble from the quarry to the railroad are drawn by oxen, as many as seventeen yoke being sometimes employed to carry one block.

Another difficulty to be met is the need to cut the marble in large blocks since for certain purposes—sculpture, for example—the smaller blocks are useless—Detroit News-Tribune.

Undiscovered Le Mans.

An enormous square full of a confusion of farmers and peasants in blouses, cattle, carts, women in white caps; on one side, a line of cafes; on the other, a line of trees; at the far end, high above the busy market, silent and serene in the bustle and stir and noise, gray with age, splendid in beauty the buttressed, pinnacled east end of a mighty church—this is always the first picture that rises before me when I hear or read the name of Le Mans.

The town of Le Mans is only as far away from Chartres as Chartres is from Paris. It is close to Brittany. It is the ancient capital of the ancient province of Maine, which gave its name to one of our oldest states, and was the convenient battlefield for the long fight of France with England. But like so many other places, memorable, charming, interesting, Le Mans still belongs as far as the tourist goes, to undiscovered France.—The Century.

STATEMENT

BLOOMSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 1, 1908

L. M. SLEPPY, Collector. DR. To Bal. on Duplicate 1904— \$ 329 16 CR.

L. M. SLEPPY, Collector. DR. To Bal. on Duplicate 1905— 1899 32 CR.

L. M. SLEPPY, Collector. DR. To Bal. on Duplicate 1906— 5583 78 CR.

L. M. SLEPPY, Collector. DR. To Duplicate 1907— 24400 26 CR.

By Amt. paid Treas. \$ 743 91 " 5 per cent. Com. 39 18 " 2 per cent. Com. 783 06

By Amt. paid Treas. after 6 mo. \$ 814 70 " Commission 42 88 Bal. on Duplicate 6765 76

RECEIPTS State App. for year ending June 1, 1907 \$ 5554 18 From Collectors including Taxes of all kinds \$ 20788 31 From proceeds of Loans 8542 00 From former Treas. 30 41 " Tuition 54 00 " Supplies sold 9 46 " Com. Exercises 61 51 \$ 35039 90

EXPENDITURES. Teachers Salaries \$ 17084 88 Teachers attending Institute 303 50 Salaries of Janitors 1250 00 Text Books 1776 08 Supplies 14 6 76 Coal and Wood 1254 54 Printing 163 65 Light and Water 112 36 Labor 405 45 Material and repairs 1222 21 Furniture 273 50 Insurance 84 00 Auditors 22 50 Freight and drayage 61 34 School Journal 7 00 Books for Library 28 41 Secretary's Salary 240 00 Bonds paid 25 00 00 Coupons, Interest pd. 1582 91 Temporary loans pd. 4450 00 Miscellaneous 79 85 Treasurer's Com. 573 77 Balance in Treasury 77 19 \$ 35039 90

LIBRARY FUND DR. To Bal. from former year \$ 68 94 " Amt. from Com. 61 51 \$ 130 45

CR. By Amt. paid for Books \$ 28 41 Balance in Fund 102 04 \$ 130 45

INDEBTEDNESS Bonded debt last report \$ 32100 00 Bonds paid 2500 00 Orders discontinued \$ 8 00 00 \$ 33600 00

ASSETS Bal. on Dup. 1905 \$ 783 96 " " 1906 26 5 17 " " 1907 6765 78 Crsh on hand 77 19 Liab. exceed Assets 28067 92 \$ 33800 00

J. C. BROWN, Secretary. FRED IKELER, President.

We the undersigned Auditors having examined the above accounts, statements and vouchers as presented by the Treasurer and Secretary find them correct as stated. June 8, 1908.

P. H. FREEZE, A. H. STROH, H. S. BARTON, Auditors.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE. Estate of Baltus A. White, Deceased.

Letters of administration c. t. a. on the estate of Baltus A. White, late of the Township of Scott, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to Luanna H. Terwilliger residing in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., to whom all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands, will make known the same without delay.

LUANNA H. TERWILLIGER, Administratrix c. t. a. Wm. C. Johnston, Attorney. 5-21-08

ELECTION OF TEACHERS.

Teachers for the Public Schools of the Town of Bloomsburg, for the next school year, will be elected at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held Friday evening, June 19th, at 8 o'clock, at which time all applications will be received.

Applicants not having two years actual experience in teaching will not be considered. FRED IKELER, Secretary. 6-11-21.

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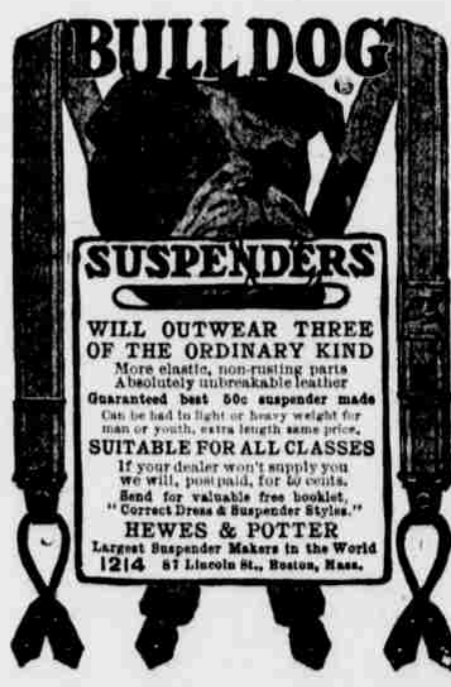
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