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MUNSON FOR GOVERNOR.

Williamsporter's Great Vote Brings Him Out Strongly for Further Honors.

That prominent Democrats will meet soon to consider the future of the party in the nation and state, and that Attorney C. La Rue Munson, of Williamsport, is spoken of as a prospective candidate for governor in this state are the statements made in an article published in the Philadelphia Ledger. It follows:

Conferences of Democrats, inspired by the revival of the party in the great Munson vote, will be held shortly to consider the future of the Democratic party in this state and nation. The idea of holding such a meeting of men who believe in the principles of Jackson was suggested by a similar discussion held by Democrats in New York some time ago.

C. La Rue Munson, as the standard bearer in the recent election who united all factions and brought back to the fold voters who had joined the Republican party, will take a leading part in the conferences. Ex-Mayor Vance McCormick, of Harrisburg, who aided Munson's canvass in an active and financial way, and Jere S. Black, of York county, are among those who will form the nucleus of a movement which has as its first purpose the election of a Democratic Independent Governor next year.

TO INFUSE YOUNGER BLOOD.
"There are about 350,000 natural Democrats in the state, and more than 150,000 voted for Munson in an off year.

"The conference, according to those who outlined the scheme before election, will first consider reorganization of the party. No radical steps will be taken to condemn leaders who have traded with the Republican machine, and all factions will be invited to assist in the reorganization plans. Colonel James M. Guffey, Democratic National Committeeman, is in accord with the plans, and his advice to the committee, which saw him in Pittsburg more than a month ago, was to proceed without making the old-time leaders conspicuous. Therefore younger blood in the State Democracy will be brought to the front, and the old leaders, like Harrity, Cadwalader, Guffey, Donnelly and Judge-elect Garman, of Wilkes-Barre, will be sought for practical advice.

Vance McCormick and Jere S. Black have been suggested for chairmen of the conference, and party men of all factions will receive invitations to the meeting, which will probably be held late this month in Harrisburg.

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SUPREME COURT DECISION.

Supreme Justices Rule That Personal Habits of Members of a Brewing Company Are No Bar to Granting of a License if They Have Respected Law.

A decision of state-wide importance, affecting the present manner of handing down liquor licenses in Pennsylvania, and breaking away from all precedents, was made by the Supreme Court at Pittsburg last Friday in the case of the Indiana Brewing company, of Indiana, Pa. The quarter sessions court of Indiana county had refused the brewing concern a license and the Superior Court affirmed the decision. When the case came before the Supreme Court, however, both courts were reversed by a majority of one vote. Unusually strong opinions were written by the justices.

The opinion of the majority, written by Justice Elkin, of Indiana, declares that the license was refused on the sole ground that the brewing concern was an unfit corporation. It is announced that the personal habits of the members of the corporation should not be taken into account, but that the corporate acts of a corporation must be examined to learn whether they have violated the laws of the state.

The opinion of the majority is concurred in by Chief Justice Mitchell and Justices Fell and Brown. The dissenting opinion, written by Justice A. Leslie Mestrezat, is supported by Justices Potter and Stewart. A terse sentence in the dissenting opinion is as follows:

"It practically annuls the act of assembly and denies the right to grant licenses by the court of quarter sessions, the only tribunal invested by the laws of the commonwealth with that power."

The decision is far-reaching, and has an important bearing upon the power of license courts under the Brooks law.

The court did not meet until late in the afternoon. A number of decisions, most of them Allegheny county cases, were handed down, after which the court rose to meet in Philadelphia the first Monday of January.

NO REFLECTION, AND NONE INTENDED.

The Republican attributes to this paper an article concerning Judge Evans "going some detective work on his own hook" in Danville. The same article appeared in a number of our exchanges before we published it. There was no reflection on the Judge intended, and nothing in the article to indicate any such intention.

Judge Evans stated in open court that he knew there were violations of the liquor law in Danville, and that he himself had seen them. His statement publicly to that effect was most commendable, and will, no doubt, have a beneficial effect upon the constables of Montour who have been reporting that there were no violations of the liquor laws. What they have failed to see, though it is their duty to look, Judge Evans saw without trying.

Some of the Columbia county constables had better sit up and take notice.

Sell Less Wheat Abroad.

The calendar year 1909 will show a smaller exportation of wheat than any year in the last decade, and an increased home consumption, both in amount and per capita average, says a report of the Bureau of Statistics on wheat production, exportation and consumption of the United States.

The continued decline in exports of breadstuffs lends interest to the statement. The exportation of wheat for the nine months ending with September amounted to only 27,768,901 bushels, against 68,178,935 bushels in the same month of 1908; flour exports were 6,288,283 barrels against 9,428,347. This reduction in exports of wheat seems to be due to increased consumption at home rather than to any decline in production. The average annual production for the last five years has exceeded any earlier five-year period.

Forest Fires near Pottsville.

Forests covered with dried leaves northeast of Pottsville were the scenes of great fires on Sunday, the smoke and flames compelling a number of families to flee for their lives.

The State having withdrawn its appropriation for fire wardens, there was a lack of organized opposition to the progress of the flames, and thousands of dollars worth of damage is reported to young timber.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

RACE WASTE VS. RACE SUICIDE.

Vital Statistician Says This Nation Sacrifices 200,000 Babies Annually.

American race waste—more serious than race suicide—is pointed out in Census Mortality Bulletin No. 104, in which it is estimated that annually in the United States 200,000 babies under five years of age die from preventable causes. This great loss of life among the little ones at the period when they are most loving and most lovable could be prevented, is the opinion of Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, chief statistician for vital statistics of the census bureau, who prepared the bulletin on the basis of presentable knowledge of sanitary measures. For the accomplishment of effective preventative work in this direction, Dr. Wilbur holds that the prompt registration of all births and the more careful and precise statement of causes of death by physicians are essential.

SACRIFICE OF INNOCENTS.

More than one-eighth of a million babies, under one year of age and fully 100,000 children under five years of age, died among about one-half of the total population of the United States in the year mentioned. It is considered probable that fully 200,000 more died in those cities and States not included in the census bureau registration area. In this connection Dr. Wilbur quotes Professor Irving Fisher's conclusion that of all the diseases of infancy, having the medium age one year, 47 per cent. may be prevented; and that of the diseases of childhood having medium age two to eight years, 67 per cent. may be prevented.

"It does not seem unreasonable," Dr. Wilbur states, "when we consider the fact that there is apparently no reason why infants, if properly born, and this means simply the prevention of ante-natal disease and the improvement of the health and conditions of life of their parents, should die at all in early infancy or childhood, except from the comparatively small proportion of accidents that are strictly unavoidable."

AFFECTS THE NATION.

The bulletin continues with a statement that the general death rate of a country is largely dependent upon its infant mortality, because the death rates of infants and young children are high and they affect a relatively numerous element of the population. Exact study of the incidence of disease upon infancy and childhood is most important, and it is imperatively necessary, and that there should be more effective registration of births throughout the United States for this purpose. The extremely important rate known as "infant mortality" is the ratio of deaths of infants under one year of age, not to population but to the number of children born alive during the year. This most important ratio should be readily available for the comparative study of deaths of infants in all of our States and cities, but, the bulletin states, in the great majority of them, unfortunately the registration of births is worthless, and ratios calculated upon the returns would be deceptive and unreliable.

PHONE ON P. & R.

Catawissa Division Being Equipped With Instruments as Auxiliaries to Telegraph.

The Reading Railway company is introducing the telephone service at all passing sidings on the Catawissa division between East Mahanoy Junction and West Milton.

The number of miles of track to be covered is 67 and there will be 18 telephone stations, located at East Mahanoy Junction, Lofty, Girard, Brandonville, Krebs, Ringtown, Ferndale, Beaver Valley, McAuley, Mainville, Catawissa, Rupert, Grovania, Danville, Maudale, Mooresburg, Dougal and West Milton. It is not the purpose to do away with the telegraph in the running of trains but to use the telephones as an accessory. It will enable the trainman who is not a telegraph operator and who may be miles away from a telegraph office to get into instant communication with the train dispatchers and, in many instances, save valuable time.

It will enable train crews to know just where the train they are lying out for is and often times will enable it to get a right of way which it could not get for hours if it had to get word by a telegraph office first.

This system is now in operation throughout the yards and on the basin branch where telephone boxes have been installed and the train crews, by using them, save much time in getting a right of way and making the necessary movements.

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