

NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pays Penalty. Allentown.—George N. Schaeffer, the Schnecksville chicken farmer, who killed Leopold Ermann, of Philadelphia, on November 18, 1908, was hanged in the corridor of the jail here.

The trap was sprung by James Van Hise, of Jersey City, New Jersey's official hangman, who used his own scaffold, and who was assisted by his brother-in-law, Edward Donham. Schaeffer was pronounced dead in eight minutes, his neck having been broken. The body was cut down in fifteen minutes.

No Water At Mine Fire. Shamokin.—The big pipe line having been frozen up by the zero weather, the work of fighting the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's Bear Valley shaft mine fire has been gravely handicapped.

Sharon.—The American Steel Foundry Company has settled differences with its molders and coremakers by granting an advance in wages.

Jersey Shore.—After an all-day search in the ruins of the fire, hopes of finding the body of little Willie O'Connor, who was burned to death, has been given up.

Reading.—Grieving over the death of his wife on January 22, Peter M. Miller died at the old homestead, where the couple had spent forty years of their fifty-two years of happy married life.

Altoona.—Mary Ann Hodnett's will disposes of an estate of \$25,000, of which \$6,000 and her home goes to the bishop of Altoona for the Creason Orphanage, \$500 each for the Sacred Heart and St. Mark's parishes, \$200 to the rectors of the same, and after a few personal bequests are paid, the remainder is to be divided between the sisters of the two parishes named.

Lancaster.—Samuel Zinn, a wealthy contractor of Martindale, died suddenly, a victim of cancer. He was eating dinner when his throat became paralyzed and he choked to death in the presence of his family. He was fifty-seven years old.

William P. Yohn Dies In West. Lancaster.—Word was received here of the death at Pasadena, California, of William Preston Yohn, a native of Montville, this county.

Blombersburg.—Just as he was placing the last weatherboard on a new house at Numidia, Columbia county, Charles Rhoades slipped and fell, striking a scaffolding fifteen feet below, breaking his jaw and fracturing several ribs and an arm. His condition is serious.

Train Hits Auto Truck. Chester.—The Beacon Light Company's automobile repair wagon was struck by a fast freight at the Fourteenth Street crossing, Elwood Cahn, who was operating the car, jumped from the machine and escaped with a sprained ankle. The auto, which was demolished, was hurled across the street.

Burned Woman Dies At Chester. Chester.—Mrs. Patrick Cassidy, an aged woman of the Ninth Ward, who was burned several evenings ago while preparing supper, died at the Crozer Hospital from her injuries.

Springhaven Club's Election. Media.—At the annual meeting of Springhaven Country Club it was decided that the dues for all classes of membership shall remain the same and that an extra charge shall be made to every member for the privilege of playing golf, this charge to be \$15.

Col. William L. Nichols Dies. Glendon.—Colonel William L. Nichols, a veteran of the Civil War, and a well-known contributor to historical periodicals, died at his home in Glendon as the result of paralysis. Colonel Nichols who was in his eighty-first year, had been Justice of the Peace in Darby township and in Glendon borough for more than thirty years.

Wilkes-Barre.—The grocery store of Miller and Roppen, Charles Solomon's shoe store and H. Levin's wholesale liquor store in the town of Luzerne, near here, were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$40,000.

Rests Of Highwaymen. Pottsville.—Held up by two highwaymen as he was returning home from the banquet of the Pottsville High School football team, Earl Potteiser, captain and full-back of the championship eleven, put both his assailants to rout, although he sustained painful bruises and cuts in the unequal battle.

Chesler.—At a meeting of the Legislative Committee of the Board of Trade a resolution was adopted urging Senators Penrose and Oliver and Congressman Butler to do all in their power to defeat the postal savings bank bill.

Woman Detective Wins. Pittsburg.—Amusing the court with the recitals of her experience as a scullery maid, Mrs. Jennie Jamison, an agent of the State Pure Food Commission, through her testimony was instrumental in convicting for the second time Jesse M. Bowers, charged with selling oleomargarine.

Three Killed. Pittsburg.—A feud among miners which has for months terrorized the residents of Midway, a mining town here, culminated in the killing of three men, who were shot down in their own homes.

Two Dogs Kill Forty Hens. Mauch Chunk.—Two young dogs owned by Josiah Strohl, a farmer residing about ten miles from this place, killed forty of his laying hens in one day. The dogs, which are both young, played with the hens until all were dead.

Killed As Rescue Was Near. Shenandoah.—The body of Florenz Karlofsky, who was entombed in Shenandoah City Colliery, was recovered. Karlofsky was alive Sunday afternoon, but perished in a second fall just when the rescuing force was within a few feet of him.

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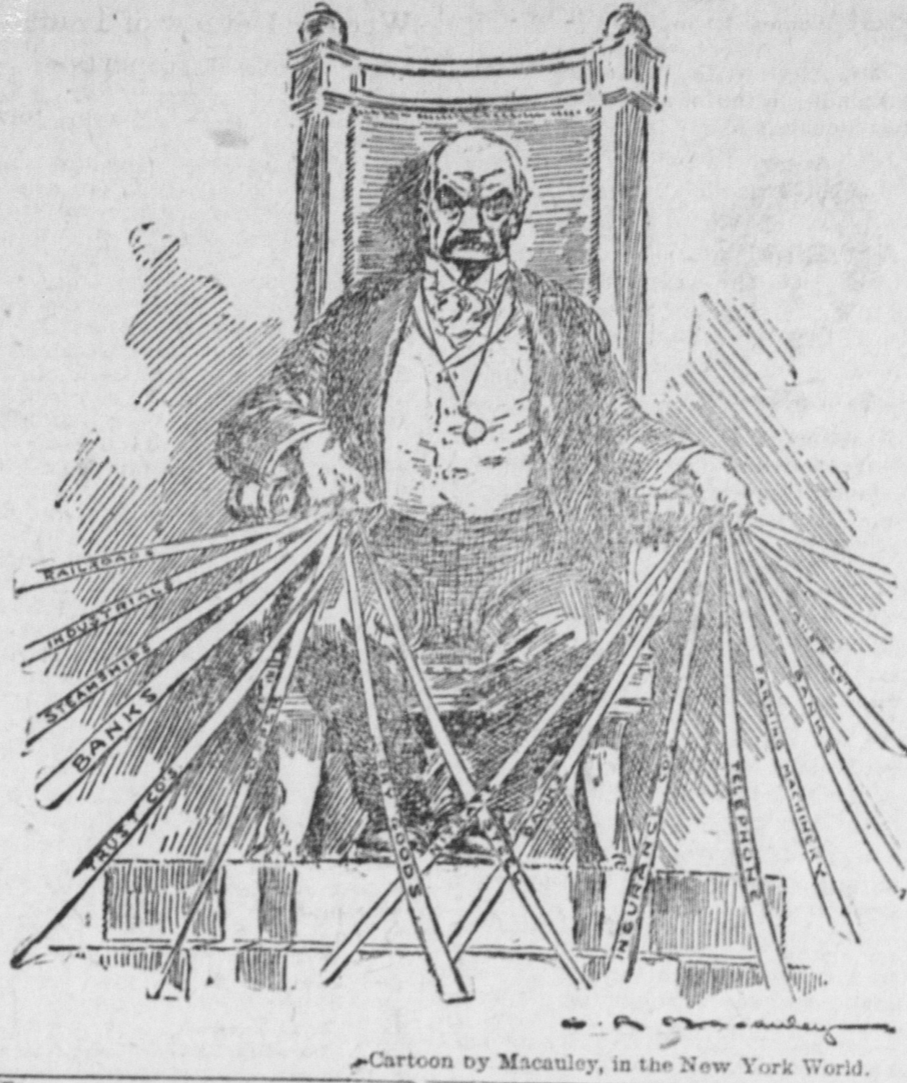
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ONE-MAN POWER.



Cartoon by Macaulay, in the New York World.

THE MORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES

There is Now a One-Man Power Which, Embracing Banking and Trust, Insurance, Industrial and Transportation Companies, Controls or Influences Capital Amounting to More Than Six Thousand Millions of Dollars.

New York City.—While the American public has been surfeited with the recitals of the muckrakers, and stories of fraud, chicanery, corruption, outrage and oppression have followed each other in such bewildering succession that the ordinary citizen can hardly keep abreast of the headlines describing them, much less become acquainted with the multitude of details, there is one process, started years ago, which has never halted, and which steadily and relentlessly keeps its course, utterly regardless of and unaffected by the narratives of fraud and corruption that ostensibly form the important news of the day. It is the Morganization of the United States.

The process of wiping the small capitalist off the financial slate through the superiority of the Trust form of organization, has of course never halted, but in addition to this, we have seemingly arrived at the point where the large capitalist—the erstwhile master of from ten to fifty or one hundred million dollars—is being absorbed or eliminated with apparently as much ease as his smaller brethren. This is the day when the large capitalist is called upon to stand and deliver.

The results of the panic notably enriched this financial group. Coal and iron companies, railroads and industrial plants by the dozen were irresistibly drawn in their direction.

Little more than three years ago, Charles W. Morse had consolidated a coastwise steamship trust, an ice trust, and established a chain of banks. Morse has disappeared from the financial world—disappeared into a Federal jail, where he is now known merely as "No. 2814"—and his holdings have gravitated in the same general direction.

In a little more than a week after the municipal elections in New York City, came the news that the financial control of the enormous assets of the Equitable Life Assurance Company had passed from Thomas F. Ryan to J. Pierpont Morgan.

And this is but the beginning of the passing of Ryan as an active financial power in the economic life of the country. Signs are not wanting that his grip on the existing traction properties of New York City is being loosened, and the ever ready hand of the Morgan group is waiting to act as receiver.

Just as Mr. Ryan compelled August Belmont to stand and deliver several years ago, so now is Ryan himself

Narrow Gauge Line Will Be Built to the Garden of Eden. Constantinople.—A narrow gauge railway is to be constructed to the site of the Garden of Eden, which Sir William Williams, British adviser to the Turkish Ministry of Public Works, thinks he has located.

Many Thousand Children Said to Lack Food in Chicago. Chicago.—The statement that five thousand Chicago children go to school hungry each day and that ten thousand more are not properly nourished was verified by Assistant Superintendent John D. Schoop, of the Public School System.

Poultry for Profit

THE LOOKS OF THINGS. It adds to the joy of farming to have about one stock and other creatures that please the eye.

But those buff chicks just fitted into my trend of life. Their slower, steeper motions, their rather soft colors appealed to me more than any other hen we ever had had.

The reason for this I believe to be that we do like to care for things that please the eye and in other ways meet our ideas of beauty and usefulness. It is only the other day that I read an article in the paper stating that the doctor who was called to treat a lady for a serious nervous trouble immediately ordered a change in the color of the paper on one of the rooms of the house.

Certain colors for a house attract as more than do others. Those colors harmonize best with our temperaments; and we will do well to study this part of our farm life more than we do. If by having about us stock or poultry that pleases the eye we are led to give better care, nothing is surer than that this will add to our happiness and success on the farm.

The nervous man ought not to have much to do with horses or cows or even hens that are quick in motion and likely to get as nervous as he is. Better by far go a little slower. The thing for such a man to do is to get around him the slow-moving heavy horses and the large, steady Holsteins or some similar breed of stock.

POWDER RECIPE. The lye powder used in the poultry department at Cornell, besides several other stations, is made as follows: "Three parts gasoline and one part crude carbolic acid, mix these together, and stir in gradually and thoroughly enough plaster paris to take up all the moisture.

For a liquid killer, to apply to roosts, nests, etc., use one part crude carbolic acid to three parts coal-oil. Insist on getting the crude acid, not the purified product. The tar oil and tar bases are the main "death to lice" of the acid, and these are refined away.

Don't try to see how small an amount of grain or feed you can winter the poultry on; feed generously and note the returns. Often just a small increase in the amount of feed will mean several dozen more eggs, and these extra eggs will perhaps, balance the scale on the right side for your poultry keeping.

It is as poor policy to stint on the poultry feed, as it is to skimp on the milk cow's rations, and you know the answer to that.—E. C., in the Indiana Farmer.

NOTES. Clean out the nest boxes and burn the old straw.

Pullets that do not lay in January are not of great worth. Start right by getting better hens; and right by keeping them better. There will be more eggs where cracked oyster-shell is not lacking. Your drinking fountains should be furnished with pure, clear water each day.

merry chatter while the fowls are digging in the straw. Don't you think turkeys would pay you? Suppose you try a trio anyway. If you do they ought to be purchased very soon, so they will settle down and feel at home before the laying season opens.

EGGS BY WEIGHT. China is ahead of the times in the method of selling eggs. There "heavenly" is not sold by the piece or dozen, but by the pound.

CONDITION OF THE BIRD. The comb is the best indicator of the condition of a bird. A bright red comb denotes good health, while a purplish-red comb is a sign that something is wrong, and as the disease develops and progresses, the comb will gradually lose its color and finally turn almost white.

SUCCESS WITH POULTRY. No success can be obtained with poultry unless the fowls are kept comfortable. A fowl drenched with rain is not comfortable.

SAVING FISH AFTER FLOODS. Government Employees in Overflowed Land of Mississippi Valley. "When brooks, streams and ponds become dry most fishes die," said Francis B. Brennan of Philadelphia.

Some kinds, however, like eels and catfish, are able to survive for a considerable time by burrowing into the wet or moist bottom, which may be quite dry at the surface.

"The ability of certain tropical fishes to endure drought and to remain out of the water for a long time in the markets depends on the possession of an accessory gill on the under side of each gill cover, by means of which oxygen may be taken directly from the atmosphere.

One of the most important lines of work carried on by the fisheries branch of the Government is the rescue of food and game fishes from the overflowed lands in the Mississippi Valley. After the floods subside shallow pools are left that are wholly disconnected from the streams, and in these the fishes gradually perish as the drying of the pools progresses.

Canada's Fuel Problem. One of the most serious propositions for the people of Canada to solve is the fuel supply of the future.

Not a pound of coal of any kind has ever been discovered in the province of Ontario. In the older part of the province the timber is practically exhausted. The grotesque looking stump fences, the last remains of the once gigantic pine forests, are now being replaced with wire fences and the stumps converted into fuel for the furnace and stove.

Hard coal is 40 per cent. higher than it was ten years ago and the supply of late years is not equal to the demand during part of the long severe winter. This condition of affairs has caused many experiments to be made during the last decade to convert the inexhaustible peat bogs into fuel for domestic use.

It is quite possible that in fifty years consumption will be practically unknown in this country.