

The Centre Reporter

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DISFIGURING THE LANDSCAPE.

An agricultural paper makes a strong protest against the too common practice in the rural districts of "disfiguring fences, barns and other buildings, trees, etc., with glaring signs." There might have been included in the list of great sprawling billboards which are to be seen along railways and highways at frequent intervals, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. A large amount of picturesque scenery is marred in this way. Nothing is sacred to the enterprising advertiser who is interested in keeping his wares before the public eye. It requires the consent of the property owners to disfigure buildings and beautiful landscapes in this way, but as some farmers and landowners find it to be a source of some small revenue, they are more than willing to permit the advertiser to work his will in such matters. But the farmer gets very little money out of the transaction, and only succeeds in detracting from the appearance of his property. There are many farmers who do not realize that there is a money value to them in keeping their farms and buildings in good order. A good beginning in that direction is by keeping the premises clear of things which are likely to be distasteful to passersby.

The use of the automobile has increased with great rapidity, and it has been inevitable that with the increase in use there would be an increase in the number of accidents, even though there should be, as a rule, an increase in the care exercised. Fatalities from horse-drawn vehicles have so long been a matter of course that they have attracted less attention than fatalities caused by automobiles, although until recently the number of the former has greatly exceeded the latter. In New York city thus far this year the fatalities recorded are 138, year the deaths caused by wagons number 117. Last year, in the same month, wagons caused the death of 111 persons, while automobiles killed only 79. It will thus be seen that the fatalities caused by automobiles in New York city have increased nearly 100 per cent, while the number chargeable to wagons was nearly stationary. These, however, are the figures for a densely populated city, and it is altogether probable that if the figures could be compiled for the entire country they would show that accidents to horse-drawn vehicles still outnumber those to automobiles, as was ascertained to be the case in England last year.

A young woman living near Syracuse has just died as the result of a "joke." Someone pulled a chair from under her while she was out in company, "there was a general laugh, in which she joined to hide her pain," and she died of peritonitis at a hospital four days afterward. Next July there will be a chance for some of her humorous friends to set a cannon cracker under somebody's chair, says the Buffalo Express. It is good to have minds that see the pleasant side of life in that way.

"There never can be any real and lasting peace in this country until world's championship baseball games have been eliminated from the sporting calendar," says the Chicago Tribune. The contemporary seems disposed to adopt the traditional method of pacification, namely: Creating a desert and calling it peace.

It is now said that steamboats and trains spread disease. But this in no sense lifts the responsibility for the same ill-doing from the house fly and the mosquito.

It is considered worthy of note that a laborer with \$50,000 continued to labor at two dollars a day. He might just as well have blown it acquiring a headache.

Counterfeiting has decreased in this country during the past year, according to police reports. The gang must be working on those new \$1,000 bills.

Los Angeles has opened a school where girls are taught dressing as a fine art. If they were taught dressing as a culinary art, there might be some good accomplished.

The Paris Matin tells us that the man who understands women is never desired of them. But this disability will not handicap most men of average intelligence.

A woman has just died from blood poisoning, due to sticking her hat pin into her head. Usually some one besides the user of the pin has been the victim.

Aviators in Germany are paid \$37 a month—that and death accounting for the scarcity of German aviators.

Chicago has a school for brides, but all graduates are not guaranteed a position.

AGRICULTURE IS THE REAL KING

Big Results Follow the Employment of New Methods.

REPORT OF SEC. WILSON.

According To the Secretary's Report There Has Been An Uplift Of Agriculture and Of Country Life.

WEALTH OF THE FARM.

The most effective move toward the reduction of the high cost of living is the production of greater crops.

This has been the most productive of all agricultural years in the country.

Based on the census of wealth production on farms, the grand total for 1912 is estimated at \$9,532,000,000, more than twice the amount of wealth produced on farms in 1899.

During the past 16 years the wealth production on farms, according to census items, has reached the grand total of more than \$105,000,000,000.

There has been an uplift of agriculture and of country life.

Estimated value of 1912 crops: Corn, \$1,759,000,000; hay, \$861,000,000; cotton, \$860,000,000; wheat, \$594,000,000; oats, \$478,000,000; potatoes, \$190,000,000; barley, \$125,000,000; tobacco, \$97,000,000; flaxseed, \$39,000,000; rye, \$24,000,000; rice, \$20,000,000; buckwheat, \$12,000,000; hops, \$11,000,000; all cereals, \$3,000,000,000; sugar, \$117,000,000.

Livestock Products—Poultry, \$570,000,000; wool, \$55,500,000; animals, \$1,930,000,000.

Washington.—The most productive year in the history of the United States has drawn to a close, according to the annual report of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to the President.

Basing his figures on the census items of wealth production on farms, Secretary Wilson values the grand total of the 1912 crop at \$9,532,000,000. Besides the production of the soil this amount includes the live stock output.

In commenting on the productiveness of the past year in relation to those preceding, Secretary Wilson said:

"The enormous sum represented by the crop output of the United States for 1912 is more than twice the value of the wealth produced on farms in 1899, according to the census, and it is about one-eighth more than the wealth produced in 1909.

"During the past 16 years the farmer has steadily increased his wealth production year by year, with the exception of 1911, when the value declined from that of the preceding year. If the wealth produced on farms in 1899 be regarded as 100 the wealth produced 16 years ago, or in 1897, is represented as 84, and the wealth produced in 1912 as 202.1. During the 16 years the farmers' wealth has increased 141 per cent. During the past 16 years the wealth production on farms, according to the census items, reached the grand total of more than \$105,000,000,000.

The Farmers' Uplift.

In conclusion the Secretary said: "There has been an uplift of agriculture and of country life. Beginnings have been made in a production per acre increasing faster than the natural increase of population.

"In this movement the Department of Agriculture has been gradually equipped to occupy the foremost place. It came to learn; it has remained to teach. Its teaching, its discoveries and its improvement are permeating the national agricultural life. The forces that are at work must cause every increasing results."

COLONEL GRACIE DEAD.

Went Down with Ship, but Came to Surface.

New York.—The last man to be saved from the sinking Titanic, Col. Archibald Gracie, of Washington, died in a private hospital at 24 East Thirty-second street. The Colonel went down with the ill-fated steamer and, after being whirled around for a time, managed to grasp a wooden grating. This supported him until he was able to swim to a life raft and he stayed on it until picked up by one of the lifeboats.

SAW VOTES BEING BOUGHT.

So Says Defeated Democrat Of Fairfield, Conn.

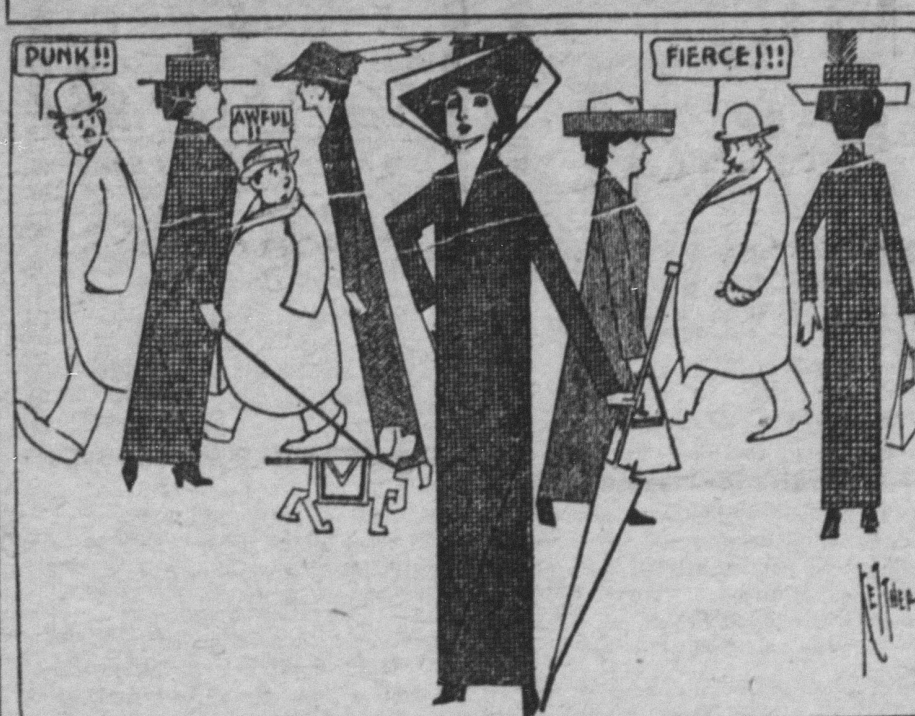
Fairfield, Conn.—Alfred S. Perry, defeated Democratic candidate for judge of probate, in filling his election expenses, swore that he spent no money in his campaign but did spend "one day's time watching Republicans buy votes."

TITANIC SURVIVOR DEAD.

Col. Archibald Gracie One Of Last To Leave Ill-Fated Ship.

New York.—Col. Archibald Gracie, of Washington, one of the last passengers to leave the sinking Titanic, died here in a private hospital. Col. Gracie went down with the vessel, but on coming to the surface found a life raft, on which he afterward helped others. His family is prominent in New York, Washington and Mobile, Ala.

FASHION'S LATEST EDICT



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CONGRESS AFTER THE RAILROADS

House Unanimously Passes Physical Valuation Bill.

STOCK AND BOND INQUIRY.

Purpose Of The Bill Is To Have Railroad Rates Fixed On The Basis Of Income On Actual Investment.

Washington.—Amended to authorize a complete investigation into the question of interstate carrier corporation stock and bond issues, the bill by Representative Adamson, empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to make a physical valuation of the property of railroads and other common carriers was passed by the House without a dissenting vote.

The measure, asked for by the Interstate Commerce Commission, provides for a far-reaching inquiry with the view of having railroad rates fixed on the basis of income on actual investment. It would authorize the employment of engineers and other experts, with power to summon witnesses and take testimony, to make an inventory listing in detail the property of every interstate carrier. The investigators would be directed to ascertain the original cost for railway purposes of each piece of property, the cost and value to the present owner and what increase in value is due to improvements. All questions relating to existing stock and bond issues of such carriers also would be inquired into and reported upon.

Representative Mann, of Illinois, offered the amendment directing the examination into the stock and bond issue question after a point of order had been sustained against his amendment authorizing the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate and restrict the issuance of securities by carriers. The amendment adopted provides that the proposed investigation by the commission's experts shall "also cover so far as practicable questions pertaining to the issuance of stocks and bonds by common carrier corporations, subject to the provisions of this act, and the power of Congress to regulate or affect the same, and particularly methods to prevent the issuance of stocks and bonds by such corporations without full value being received therefor."

\$200,000 FIRE AT RICHMOND.

Express Officers and Book Store Guttered By Flames.

Richmond, Va.—Fire in the three-story brick building at Ninth and Cary streets, occupied jointly by the Southern Express Company and the Adams Express Company, made such headway that the entire fire-fighting equipment was called out. The structure was completely gutted. The upper floor was occupied by the offices and general storeroom of the Virginia Book Company, which supplies schoolbooks for the entire State of Virginia. Only a few records and packages of express were removed from the storerooms of the two express companies. The loss will be about \$200,000.

THREE BURNED IN JAIL.

Prisoners Set Fire, Hoping Thus to Escape.

Crowley, La.—Three prisoners in the local jail were cremated when they set fire to the structure in an attempt to burn their way to freedom.

CHILD KILLS COMPANION.

Four-Year-Old Boy Shot By Young Playmate.

Corning, N. Y.—George Button, a four-year-old boy, fatally shot Ray Adams, the same age, at Mills, Pa. The Adams boy aimed a pop gun at his companion, who in turn fired a revolver which had been left on a table in the room where they were playing. The bullet entered the Adams boy's mouth and passed through the lower part of his skull.

RECALL PLAN BEFORE SENATE

Proposes to Amend Constitution to Permit Popular Vote.

LEVER AGAINST CONGRESS.

Gives President Whip Over Congress—Would Permit Appeal To People From Supreme Court's Decision.

Washington.—The initiative and the recall of judicial decisions, as amendments to the Federal Constitution, were proposed by Senator Bristow in resolutions laid before the Senate.

Senator Bristow's first resolution would permit the President to submit to popular vote at a Congressional election any measure he has recommended to Congress and upon which no action has been taken for six months.

To Overrule Court.

The second would provide that "if the Supreme Court shall decide a law enacted by Congress is in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, the Congress at a regular session held after such decision may submit the act to the electors at a regular Congressional election."

Under each amendment it is proposed that the questions submitted to the people must have a majority of the popular vote in a majority of the States, as well as in a majority of the Congressional districts of the nation.

Lever Against Congress.

In a brief explanation Senator Bristow declared the amendment affecting the President would enable him to appeal from a dilatory or adverse Congress to the people, and that a President could not, as an excuse for signing an undesirable measure, say that it was the best he could get from an unfriendly Congress.

Senator Bristow, in support of his amendment affecting decisions of the Supreme Court, declared that it would "give to the people an opportunity to state whether or not they desire the law enacted by Congress and approved by the President, to stand as the last expression of their will and judgment."

JOHNSON WEDS WHITE GIRL.

Negro Pugilist Married To Lucille Cameron.

Chicago.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, and Lucille Cameron, the Minneapolis white girl, were married here in the home of Johnson's mother. "I guess this will stop all those prosecutions," said the negro rather grimly. "As soon as we can get away we will go to Paris."

The marriage took place almost on the same spot in the front parlor of the Wabash avenue home where the body of Johnson's first white wife, who died a suicide through the bitterness of her lot, lay only a few short weeks ago.

DR. ALICE STOCKHAM DEAD.

She Was One Of The Pioneers Of The Eugenic Movement.

Chicago.—Dr. Alice Bunker Stockham, widely known as a physician, author, suffragist and one of the pioneers of the eugenic movement, is dead at her late home in Alhambra, near Los Angeles, according to word received in Chicago. Dr. Stockham was born of Quaker parentage at Cardington, O., in 1833.

HIS TONGUE SEWED UP.

Youth Nearly Bit It In Two When He Fell.

Washington.—Surgeons at a local hospital are awaiting the result of a delicate operation—that of sewing into place a nearly severed human tongue. The patient is Raleigh Moore, 17 years old, who fell while roller skating. His chin struck the pavement, and when he was picked up it was discovered that his tongue virtually was bitten in two.

TO ELECT WILSON COST A MILLION

Democratic National Committee's Expenses.

CHARLES R. CRANE LEADS.

Statement Filed With the House Shows Expenditure of \$1,159,446, With Contributions of \$1,110,952.

Washington.—It cost the Democratic National Committee \$1,159,446 to carry the election for Wilson and Marshall, according to its final statement of contributions and expenses filed with the House. Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, was the heaviest contributor with \$40,000, closely pressed by Cleveland H. Dodge, of New York, \$35,000 and Herman Ridder, of New York, as treasurer of funds collected for the committee, \$30,073.

The total of \$1,110,952 contributions received by the committee came from \$9,854 separate contributions, of which all but 1,625 were in amounts less than \$100.

FROM AGATE TO ZINC.

Everything To Be Revised, Says Representative Underwood.

Washington.—A complete revision of the tariff along the lines indicated in the bills passed by the Democrats in the last two sessions of Congress will be made during the special session, according to Oscar Underwood, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Congressman Underwood called at the White House and, after talking to President Taft, outlined the special session program. Hearings on tariff revision will begin in January. When the special session begins in April, the Ways and Means Committee will have sufficient material in hand to send its schedules to the House without delay.

"Everything from agate to zinc," was the reply of Congressman Underwood to a question as to what would be revised.

11 FOR "T. R.," 2 FOR WILSON.

California Electoral Returns As Tabulated By Secretary Of State.

Sacramento, Cal.—Provided no more court decisions affect the canvass and assuming that the corrections made in the delayed Los Angeles county returns in the official audit at the Capitol will not materially change their totals, figures tabulated by Secretary of State Jordan indicate the election of 11 Progressive and 2 Democratic electors in California.

AGAINST THE RED FLAG.

Petition Will Be Presented To The Massachusetts Legislature.

Boston.—A petition for legislation which, if enacted, would prevent the carrying of red flags such as were displayed recently in parades in Lawrence was filed at the Statehouse. The petition asks for a law providing that no other flag than the national flag shall be permitted to be carried in a public parade.

EIGHTY FISHERMEN PERISH.

Four Driven Insane By Their Terrible Sufferings.

Lisbon, Portugal.—Not less than 82 Portuguese fishermen lost their lives during a storm on the Coast of Portugal. The survivors suffered severe privations, being without food or water for three days, while heavy and cold winds prevailed. Four became insane, jumped overboard and were drowned.

CONTESTS LEVY'S ELECTION.

Goodman, His Opponent, Claims He Spent Too Much.

Washington.—A. H. Goodman, a Progressive candidate for Congress against Representative Levy, of New York, sent notice of contest to the House against Mr. Levy's retention of his seat. It was alleged that Mr. Levy spent more than the \$5,000 limit to procure his election.

W. J. BRYAN LAUDS RAYNER.

Says Senator Exemplified All That Is Best In Public Life.

Lincoln, Neb.—William J. Bryan paid this tribute to the late Senator Rayner in the Commoner: "In the death of Isidor Rayner, of Maryland, the Democratic party lost a strong leader and the United States of America lost a valuable citizen."

ORGANIZE A NUT CLUB.

Connecticut Women Will Add Other Nuts As Membership Increases.

Winsted, Conn.—Six ladies of the town of Canaan have formed an organization to be known as the Nut Club. The members will meet at frequent intervals to sew and chat. The nuts for which the members are named are the chestnut, walnut, peanut, butter-nut, pecan and cocoonut. As the membership grows other nuts will be added to the list.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Samuel Abruzzi, charged with possibly fatally shooting Elmer Teesky, at Exchange, is imprisoned at Sunbury.

Former Alderman Myron Kasson, of Scranton, has gone to Florida to remain until the Lackawanna strawberry crop is ready for harvest.

Caught between a caboose and a box car, Henry Foster, of Oil City, a Pennsylvania freight conductor, was crushed to death at Tileesville.

Although 91 years of age, Mrs. John Shepperly, of West Hazleton, never saw a theatrical performance until a few days ago, when with her daughter she visited a theatre in Wilkes-Barre.

Paul and Charles Miller are in jail at York, charged with stripping a brewery of all its metal fixtures except a huge copper vat, too heavy to move.

Admitting that he had stolen the purse of Jacob Cart, of Catawissa, with \$61 while drunk, William Cooper was given four months in jail at Bloomsburg to sober.

Norristown School Board refuses to lift the ban on the Reliance football team, of Conshohocken, alleging rowdism on the school athletic field as the ground.

At the home of Misses Hannah and Katherine Mohn, Reinert, Berks county, 26 men split enough firewood to last the entire winter. Hannah is 85, Katherine 80.

A trolley car struck a team driven by Charles Schaeffer, a Reading baker, and he received painful injuries about his neck and side, while \$250 damage was done.

M. C. Heffner, of Reading, a brakeman on the Schuylkill & Lehigh Division, fell from an engine and rolled down a 15-foot embankment, injuring his hip seriously.

J. W. Lloyd, of Reading, four years a yeoman on the gunboat Wilmington, on his return home was given a rousing reception, a gold watch and a silk umbrella by friends.

The same number of births were recorded last month with City Clerk Gates, of Wilkes-Barre, as were recorded in November, 1911, totaling 141, 76 males and 65 females.

When Mrs. Margaret Curry, of Cheswick, prepared a turkey that she had bought at McKeesport she found a diamond ring worth \$35 in the craw of the bird. The bird weighed 19 pounds and cost Mrs. Curry \$3.

The Court has divided Nanticoke borough's Ninth ward into three separate wards, to be known as the Ninth, Twelfth and Thirteenth wards. The old Ninth ward was the largest in the borough, and put many of the voters to great inconvenience in reaching the polling place.

Councilman Frank Hemingway, of Wilkes-Barre, is going to try to solve the sparrow problem. He has been informed that the sparrows will not associate with squirrels, and is going to make the experiment in the Public Square Park. Little houses will be placed in the trees for the squirrels.

The "weasel" which has killed or caused more than 100 chickens to disappear from coops at Steelton has been discovered, and is not a weasel at all, but a man and two dogs. Samuel Couffer made the discovery and shot one of the dogs while the man was trying to force an entrance into his chicken coop. Before he could load his gun again the man and the other hound got away.

John A. Carna, 70 years old, who bears the reputation—of being the king of deer hunters in Central Pennsylvania, has been a hunter of deer, bear and smaller game for over a half century, during which time he has killed over 200 deer, to say nothing of a lot of bears and innumerable rabbits, squirrels, pheasants, quail, etc. His record, it is believed, cannot be equaled by any other gunner in Clearfield county.

Harry Russell, formerly a Shamo, kin ball pitcher, has made \$13,000 through the sale of a Government allotment of New Mexican land on which oil was discovered.

Samuel T. Harleman, of Bethlehem, has returned from a three months' stay at Uginis, Savoy, France, where he studied the working of electric furnaces. The yeoman man is superintendent of the crucible steel department of the Bethlehem Steel Works, where the company intends to install the French system.