

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.

Friendship Fire Company, Reading, realized \$1,200 from its street carnival.

A petrified bullroger was found in his chicken pen by Irwin Overholzer, at Kenilworth.

The Flory family, in reunion at Bangor, elected Frank Huth, of Nazareth, president.

Prostrated by the heat, David Roberts, aged 60, was found dead in a field at Tuscarora.

Lancaster voters defeated the proposed \$80,000 Water Department loan by a majority of 417.

Digging potatoes in Mendel Simon's patch, Frank X. Terry, Reading, was sent to jail for 25 days.

Dr. B. F. Royer, chief medical inspector, will represent the State at the big Buffalo medical meeting.

Samuel Ziegler, of York, established a record in South Bethlehem for nailing lath—3,000 in less than nine hours.

Shocked in midair, an electric wire burned the hands of Ralph Schaeffer, an Allentown lineman, to the bone.

The Hower family met at Edgemont Park, Bethlehem, 150 strong, and elected T. H. Hower, Easton, president.

A Garber has sued the borough of Bridgeport for \$500 on account of water in the cellar by reason of a torn up street.

Crushed in a conveyor, Floyd N. Smarsor, a packer at the Atlas cement plant, suffered the loss of a leg at the knee.

Councilman John F. Myerle, of Pottstown, sold 113 White Leghorn pullets to Wallace Leidy, of Swamp, for \$1.25 each.

The wife of the Rev. David P. Leffevre, of Muhlenberg township, has 17 cotton plants abloom in her yard, each 30 inches high.

Frank Grolier, an Allentown carpenter, fell 100 feet from the new Eighth street bridge and died on the way to the hospital.

Escaping gas killing four of his shade trees, Joseph Knapp, Shamokin, has sued the Pennsylvania Lighting Company for damages.

Charles Smith, employed on a farm near West Chester, was knocked down and robbed on the streets of that town late at night by two colored men.

The Buchman family met at Bushkill Park and re-elected Alvin Buchman, of Bethlehem, president, and Willard Thomas, of Schneeksville, secretary.

To provide office quarters for the new Controller to be elected in Chester county the Commissioners will build an annex to the Court House in West Chester.

A welcome home was tendered Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bachman on their return from Germany by Marion firemen and the employes of a large pretzel bakery, at Reading.

A brooding chicken owned by Harrison G. Rothermel, of Blandon, from which the eggs had been taken, scratched together a number of apples and is now sitting on them.

Because his cows are alleged to be ill, Norristown health authorities have served notice on Charles Tenant that he must not serve milk in the town until the cows are free of disease.

Charged with stealing peaches from trees at Emaus and taking them to Allentown to sell, Harvey Crush, Harry Rothermel, Michael Zoskie and Howard Troxell have been arrested.

State Zoologist Surface is hearing commendation from various counties about the manner in which he promptly ordered all of his inspectors to be ready for a call to fight any of the New England moths.

A \$6,000 schoolhouse will be erected at Neversink, Berks county.

Bounties on the scalps of noxious animals will be paid under the law of 1907 by the Chester County Commissioners, who have rejected the act of 1913.

The Quakertown Knitting Mills Company has installed three carloads of machinery, making in all 121 machines in the factory, and the Maxwell Silk Company is also taking on hands and increasing business.

DEMONSTRATION FOR THE PRESIDENT

Both Parties to Give Him An Enthusiastic Reception.

A REBUKE TO HUERTA.

Congressmen Anxious To Show Wilson That His Efforts For Peace Have Their Support.

Washington.—A patriotic demonstration in support of President Wilson's attitude toward the Huerta government is being planned by members of both political parties in Congress. The occasion for the demonstration will be the appearance of the President in the House of Representatives to read his message explaining his efforts to end the troubles in Mexico.

It is intended that the President shall be given an enthusiastic reception when he appears in the House and that the enthusiasm shall not be permitted to wane during the course of his reading of the message. Congressmen generally, without regard to party, are anxious to show the President that his efforts for peace have the support of the national Legislature and their cordial attitude toward these efforts will be intended as an emphatic answer to the intimations of President Huerta that he was satisfied from advices received by him from Washington that President Wilson's Mexican policy, and particularly his refusal to recognize the Huerta government, was not popular either in Congress or among the people.

Foreign Pressure On Mexico.

European diplomatic pressure, it is known here, is quietly at work in Mexico City in an effort to convince Huerta officials that the policy of the United States is being approved abroad. The failure of the Huerta government to obtain funds in Europe through the non-recognition of the United States is pointed to by the diplomats as likely to continue pending a more respectful consideration of the American proposals.

Bryan Sends Curt Warning.

Curt warning to both the Huerta and Constitutional commanders at La Boquilla, Chihuahua, Mexico, that the United States will hold them personally responsible for any violence against Americans by "any one claiming civil or military authority" was sent by Secretary Bryan through American Consul Letcher at Chihuahua City.

ANCIENT LANDMARK MOVED.

Stone On Which Anne Royall Sat To Interview Adams.

Washington.—Lovers of ancient landmarks joined in a cry of protest when they discovered that the famous stone on which Anne Royall was said to have sat and interviewed President John Quincy Adams while the head of the nation was bathing in the Potomac River, had been removed to make room for improvements in Potomac Park. For years the stone has occupied the identical spot that Anne Royall hallowed and before which the President stood in water up to his neck while the young woman quizzed him.

MAY LOSE \$10,000,000.

Bonded Goods Being Held In Warehouses Pending Tariff Act.

Washington.—Uncle Sam stands to lose about \$10,000,000 in tariff duties if imported goods now held in bonded warehouses are permitted to remain there and come in under the new tariff law. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo gave this information to the Senate.

KILLED SCALING GLACIER.

Chicago Physician Falls To His Death In Park.

Glacier Park, Mont.—Dr. C. I. Fletcher, of Indianapolis, was killed in Glacier Park when scaling Blackfoot glacier. He fell 600 feet. Dr. Fletcher, with his wife and members of the Prairie Club, of Chicago, entered the park August 12. His body has been recovered.

WILL BUILD INFIRMARY.

Millionaire Watts Gives Land and Money For Pellagra Treatment.

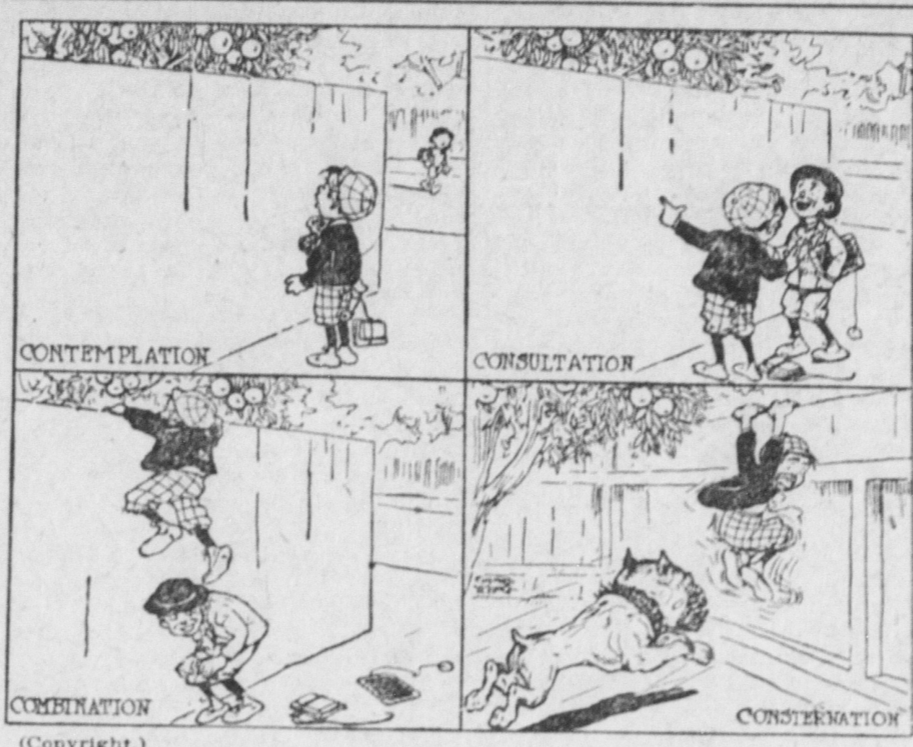
Raleigh, N. C.—George W. Watts, former Baltimorean and Durham tobacco multi-millionaire, wired from Maine that he will build on his 50-acre hospital campus a pellagra infirmary, to complete the government's proposition to have Southern headquarters in Durham.

EXPECT CIVIL WAR.

Business Men Of Belfast Insure Against Home Rule Revolt.

London.—Business men in Belfast, who know the real situation in the city, are preparing for the worst in the event of the home rule bill passing into law. They are insuring their property against damage resulting from the civil war, and it is understood that the policies which have been taken out now exceed \$35,000,000.

STORY OF A DOG



DYNAMITERS AFTER MAYOR GAYNOR

Five Sticks of Explosives Found Under His Window.

FLASH PREVENTED BY DEFECT

Discovery Was Made By Citizen Passing Through New York's City Hall Park.

New York.—A deadly charge of dynamite—three whole 16-inch sticks and two halves with a fuse and detonator—was discovered near Mayor Gaynor's office windows in the City Hall. The bureau of combustibles found that the explosive was 40 per cent dynamite, the regulation blasting proportion, and the amount found would, if exploded, have wrecked the City Hall.

ARE WE KEEPING THEM OUT?

Is Any Country Trying To Get Footing In Western Hemisphere?

Washington.—Representative Clark, of Florida, introduced a resolution directing Secretary Bryan to advise the House whether any European, Asiatic or other governments were seeking to colonize any portion of the Western Hemisphere, and if so what the United States had done under the Monroe Doctrine to prevent it.

JOHNSON'S LIFE IS THREATENED

Congressman Relates Plot to Lobby Investigators.

MANY ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

Chairman Of The House District Of Columbia Committee Tells Of Repeated Threats Made Against Him.

Washington.—How his life was threatened, his person shadowed and his possessions rifled presumably by agents of those interested in defeating a bill reducing the legal rate of interest on loans in the District of Columbia was related to the House lobby investigating committee by Representative Ben Johnson, of Kentucky.

FRATERNAL BODIES UNITE.

The National Fraternal Congress Of America Is Organized.

Chicago.—The Associated Fraternities of America and the National Fraternal Congress held their last meeting as individual bodies here and adopted a constitution merging them into one organization to be known as the National Fraternal Congress of America. The new body stands as the only national organization of insurance, fraternalism in the country. The membership is estimated at 8,000,000 policy holders.

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Pittsburgh Police Unable To Explain Explosion—No One Injured.

Pittsburgh.—The police are unable to explain the motive for dynamiting the Methodist Episcopal Church in Hays Borough, which was badly damaged by an explosion. The church was crowded at the time, a lecture being in progress, but no one was hurt.

OLD LANDMARK GONE.

Lightning Destroys Cupola From Which Lee Directed Battle.

Gettysburg, Pa.—The cupola of the old seminary, from which General Lee directed the movements of the Confederate forces during the Battle of Gettysburg, was struck by lightning in a terrific storm and was burned, destroying one of the principal landmarks of the historic field.

MORE ROADS DAYS.

Other States Will Follow The Example Of Missouri Highway Builders.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Other Middle West States will follow Missouri's example and proclaim "road days" as the result of two days of voluntary work by Governor Major and 250,000 Missourians that resulted in 400 miles of new roads built and old highways improved, saving the State about \$1,500,000.

F. B. HARRISON TO BIG POST

New York Congressman Governor-General of Philippines.

CHAMPION OF INDEPENDENCE

His Retirement From House Puts Palmer In Line For Majority Leadership.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Francis Burton Harrison, of New York, was nominated to be Governor-General of the Philippines to succeed W. Cameron Forbes.

Mr. Harrison is one of the leading members of the Ways and Means Committee and a staunch Administration supporter in the House.

His appointment was strongly urged by Majority Leader Underwood and Caucus Chairman A. Mitchell Palmer. It was also welcomed by the advocates in Congress of the immediate independence of the islands. Mr. Harrison, in the past, has been outspoken in his championship of independence for the Filipino people.

The retirement of Mr. Harrison from the House assures the election of Mr. Palmer to the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee and therefore to the majority leadership, should Representative Underwood be elected to the Senate from Alabama.

As Governor-General of the Philippines, Mr. Harrison will receive a salary of \$15,000 a year and an additional sum of \$5,000 a year as president of the Philippine Commission. This is more money than is paid to any official of the Government with the exception of the President. Ambassadors receive \$17,500 a year, Cabinet members \$12,000 and Ministers to foreign governments, \$10,000 a year. The Governor of the Panama Canal Zone receives \$14,000 a year.

Mr. Harrison is perhaps the wealthiest member of the House and the salary feature of the new job had no weight with him. He accepted the appointment, he told friends, because he believed there was much important work to be done in the islands. He wants to reorganize the whole Philippine Government and prepare the people of that Oriental archipelago for self-government as soon as it is possible.

The declarations in the Baltimore platform in favor of Philippine independence, the views of the President upon this question and the declared position of Mr. Harrison upon it lead to the belief that the Philippines will at least be given an opportunity of home rule before this Administration is ended.

A HUNDRED ARE KILLED.

Many Other Mexicans Injured In a Dynamite Explosion.

Mexico City.—It is estimated that nearly 100 persons were killed and almost as many injured when a car loaded with dynamite ran wild down the hill from the powder works at Santa Fe, jumped the track and dashed into a trolley pole in the suburb of Tacubaya and exploded.

The earth for miles around trembled and great damage was done to property. Within a radius of 500 feet from the scene of the explosion every house was demolished, while farther away in the village and in the adjoining town of San Pedro many fine residences were badly damaged, and their interior furnishings ruined. Numerous Americans and other foreigners reside in Tacubaya and San Pedro, but none of them is reported to have been injured.

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NON-PARTISAN BALLOT LOSES

Application to Third-Class Cities Violates Uniformity

DUAL FILINGS ONLY SAFE

State Example in Receiving Party Petitions Urged on Counties—Judge Van Swearingen Files Opinion on Connelville's New Government.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—An important opinion relative to the Clark Third Class city act of June 27, establishing a non-partisan ballot in third class cities, in which he declares that the non-partisan ballot is unconstitutional, was handed down by Judge John Q. Van Swearingen at Uniontown. The declaration of the unconstitutionality of the non-partisan features of the act affects every third class city in the State.

Judge Van Swearingen in his opinion, holds the provision in the act relative to changing Connelville from a borough to a third class city is constitutional, and directs that the election for city officers be held this fall. The Judge said, in part:—

"The non-partisan ballot features of the act were held to be unconstitutional, on the ground that the exercise of the elective franchise is not within the purposes for which cities may be classified, and that, if a special method of nominating and electing officers of third class cities may be maintained under the Constitution, then another and different method may be adopted in cities of the second class and another in cities of the first class, another in counties and another in boroughs, another and a different one in each of the townships of the first and second classes and the school districts of the second, third and fourth classes, and another in the State at large, which would be in plain violation of the constitutional privilege that all laws regulating the holding of elections shall be uniform throughout the State."

Six cases were before the Court, raising different questions under the act, there being a contention as to whether any of the act applies to Connelville, owing to its present state of transition from a borough to a city. All the questions raised in the six cases were disposed of by Judge Van Swearingen in the one opinion.

Party Filing May Count Now.

In view of the Fayette county decision, declaring unconstitutional the non-partisan ballot feature of the Clark-Rex third class city small Council bill, unofficial advice was given here that candidates for Council in third class cities will be wise to file partisan petitions as well as non-partisan. George D. Thorn, chief clerk in the department, made the suggestion, which is in line with the actions of numerous candidates for Judge.

Candidates for Judge, in addition to filing their non-partisan petitions, have been sending in petitions for places on party ballots, too, merely to protect themselves in case the Jones non-partisan ballot bill should be knocked out in Court. The State Department is accepting such party ballot petitions without officially "filing" them. Should the non-partisan bill go by the board the party petitions of Judges will be "filed" and the candidates thus protected.

Thorn says that no reason exists why Councilman candidates in third-class cities shouldn't do the same in their respective Commissioners' offices, though much, of course, depends on whether the County Commissioners will follow the example of the State Department and accept such papers.

Increase of Autos.

Some idea of the enormous increase in the number of automobiles can be gained from the requirements for license tags upon which bids will be opened by the State Highway Commissioner. In 1908 there were but 25,200 motor vehicles registered. Thus far in 1913 75,000 have been listed. The requirements for license tags for pneumatic tired and solid tired vehicles for 1914 are 101,000 tags, the solid tired class being trucks. Three thousand tags will be asked for the dealers' class and 10,000 for traction engines, of which 1,000 will be asked for trailers. The number for motorcycles will be 12,000. The tags will be black with a white background.

Water Power Survey.

The State Water Supply Commission will take up the problems attending inauguration of the survey of the water resources of the State required by the act of the last Legislature. This work will embrace an estimate of the water supply and water power and will cover the entire sixty-seven counties of the State.

Great Car Traffic.

When you speak of one car a minute do you realize what it means? That was the rate at which the Harrisburg Railways Company ran the cars to and from Paxtang Park when the band concert was held. It meant something like forty cars in service, and the way those cars flashed by corners was worth seeing. The cars were started from the Square sometimes three or four at a time, but they kept a minute or so apart. There were new cars, pay-as-you-enter cars, old four-wheelers, long open cars, Steelton rush hour cars and all other kinds.