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EDITORIAL

THOMAS LAWSON, the millionaire stock magnate, gave Wall street several severe jolts in the past week. He certainly is in the limelight.

THE Mormon question is up again before congress with promise of more spicy revelations in the Smoot case, in an effort to unseat the gentleman from Utah.

WM. J. BRYAN is poking no end of fun at the reorganized democracy who conducted the "safe and sane" campaign for Parker. It is Billy's time to laugh and he is entitled to all the fun he can get out of it.

The forthcoming message of Gov. Pennypacker is awaited with much interest as the public are curious to know what the funny old man will spring this time. Since Neelan the famous cartoonist of the North American is dead, Penny may be resting easier.

CANDIDATES for county offices should not push their claims too sharp at present. People prefer a political rest. Next important duty will be to select good men for the spring elections and when that is over the other candidates can take up their campaign with more propriety.

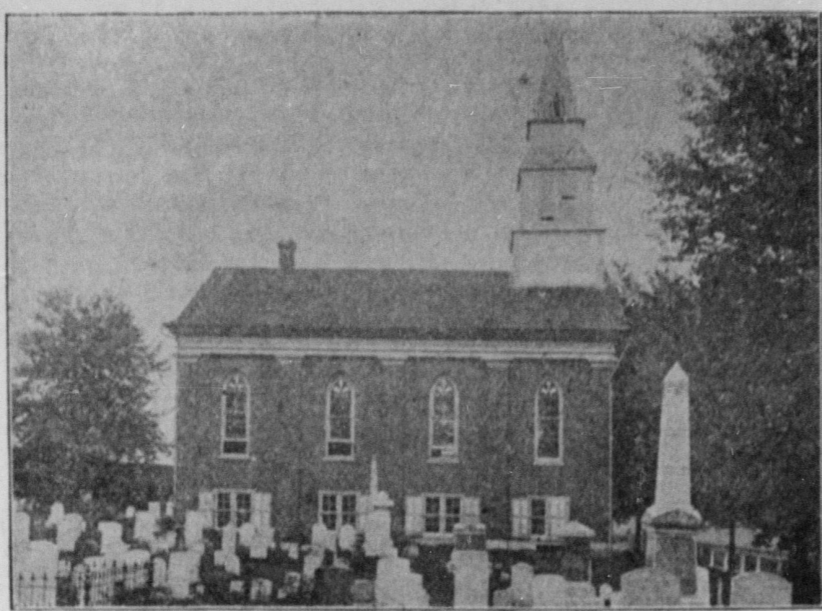
It is only a month since the country was understood to have voted for Roosevelt and prosperity, and the superintendent of the municipal lodging house says there are 40 per cent. more idle men in New York city than a year ago. "And December," he says, "is going to break all records."

DROUTH and thirst will not plague Schuylkill county. Twelve hundred liquor license applications had been filed with the court when the time limit expired Monday evening. This is a record-breaker for Schuylkill county, which has the reputation for more saloons than any other section of its population in the state.

THE cold weather has brought out a crop of smallpox in all parts of the state, as well as some of the other contagious diseases. The regulations of the board of health in all such cases should be rigidly enforced, as that is the safest plan and especially the provisions for general vaccination which science has fully demonstrated as the only sure precaution from the dangerous and loathsome disease.

RECENT intelligence from Washington is to the effect that the "stand patters" on the tariff are not so sure now as they were a few days ago that all danger of tariff revision was past. They took great comfort from the fact that it was not mentioned in the President's message and began promptly to circulate reports that Mr. Roosevelt had experienced a change of heart. Now, according to those who have been to the White House and talked with the President, he has by no means given up the idea of trying to have the present tariff rates modified in many instances. As originally written the message had a short paragraph saying that he would at a later date address Congress on the subject of tariff revision. This was stricken out after the message was in type.

THIS following will not cause any worry to Bellefonte's postmaster. The Record says: "It is semi-officially announced that President Roosevelt will not make removals of first and second class postmasters merely because they have served two terms or eight years. In other words, he will give no heed so far as the postoffices are concerned to the act of Congress legalizing the spoils system. This is strictly in accordance with President Roosevelt's Civil Service Reform principles." In early times many a postmaster served through the administrations of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe without regard to his political opinions. In extending this liberal policy it is quite probable that President Roosevelt before beginning his second term will put the fourth-class postoffice under protection of the Civil Service law. "There is no meaner exhibition of the spoils system than the removal of rural postmasters on party grounds," as happened so often in Centre county in recent years. Carrying out the above program would relieve our Solomon Dresser, as well as other congressional "Solomons," of much worry by greedy ones who are sighing for the places of the ins.



Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

A GREAT SACRIFICE.

The battle raging at Port Arthur between the Japs and Russians last week, will go into the world's history as one of the greatest horrors. It was one of the most bloody, life destroying fights that history records. The Japs were mowed down like grass in the efforts to take the fort by storm, and as hundreds fell other hundreds advanced over the heaps of dead bodies to meet a similar fate, until thousands upon thousands lay dead and mangled from the terrible hail of iron balls of all sizes and descriptions that met the Japs as they advanced over the windrows of dead. From the fort the hail of missiles was continuous with the fury of hades—something that had not yet been equalled in wars of the past. Into the fort from the guns of the Japs there issued a rain of iron as terrific as that which greeted them from within the fort to defeat their stubborn determination to take it.

When will this horrible war come to an end? Will it not serve as a lesson to mankind, and the rulers of nations, that wars shall never again afflict the human race? Surely, civilized nations should be able to settle their difficulties without invoking the arbitrament of the cannon and bayonet. War is a child of barbarism and a disgrace to civilization. The widows and orphans that have been made to mourn over the killed in this conflict between the Russians and Japanese, is most appalling. May this terrible war between these two nations be the last and the future have no more wars or rumors of wars in its lap. Let differences between nations be settled by arbitration and not by sword, bayonet and cannon.

"Once more there is a revival of the congressional agitation for an increase in salary. Last year the proposal was for an increase of one-half, this year the demand is that the salary be doubled. The appropriateness of asking for an increase of about \$2,000,000 when the treasury is facing a deficit is scarcely clear to the non congressional portion of the population. When to this is added a \$5,000,000 congressional office building it is calculated to arouse public criticism of the congressional appetite."

Thus speaketh our esteemed republican neighbor, the Lock Haven Express. Don't the Express know that raising salaries had been a mania—the main work—of the republican party for forty years and every increase in salaries, in state and federal government, was the work of its party? And from its own statement above it will be seen that the mania to further increase salaries is still running high—and it will never die with them.

The appointment of John Gowland as postmaster at Philipsburg will be a sad disappointment to A. L. Bolger, the present incumbent, and John K. Thompson, the ex-member of the legislature. Gowland's appointment is a triumph for the old Hastings faction. Gowland was one of the two delegates to the State convention elected by Hastings in a bitter fight a few years ago and then thrown out of the convention on a contest.

The following is a list of the democratic judges in our state: Crawford, Green; Umbel, Fayette; Doty, Westmoreland; O'Conner, Cambria; Smith, Clearfield; Orvis, Centre; Mayor, Clinton; Hart, Lycoming; Savage and Auten, Northumberland; Little Columbia; Lynch, Luzerne; Kelley, Lackawanna, and Purdy, of Wayne. That is an indication that politics does not prevail when the people vote on such positions.

At it again to raise salaries and to princely figures at that. Senator Stewart on Tuesday introduced a bill to fix Presidential and Congressional salaries. It proposes to raise the salary of the President to \$200,000 a year; the Vice-President and Speaker of the House of Representatives to \$20,000 each, and each Senator, Representative and delegate to \$10,000. It is provided that the bill shall take effect March 1, 1909.

It continues to be reported from Washington the President intends to favor a modification of the tariff and will sit down on the trusts. That would be democratic, and to it all democrats would say, Amen.

An Arizona man has written the Post-office department to know whether he can legally advertise to sell to women 2500 chances at \$1 per chance, when he will raffle himself off, the lucky woman to take him for a husband and get the money too.

RE-DEDICATION OF AN OLD CHURCH

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mother church at Aaronsburg: PENNS CREEK CONGREGATION:

This congregation was organized in 1801 during Rev. Ilgen's administration and constituted one of the early congregations of the Aaronsburg charge. The congregation worshipped in the old Presbyterian meeting house until 1810 or 1812, when it was bought jointly by the Lutherans and German Reformed and extensively remodeled. The Lutherans worshipped in this edifice for about 50 years.

In 1860, while Rev. Joseph Welker was pastor, the Lutherans built a new brick church at a cost of about \$3,500. The congregation has commenced the erection of a new brick church at Penn Hall which will reflect credit, when completed, upon the congregation.

ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATION: This congregation was organized in 1851 under Rev. C. Reese and it was at once added to the Aaronsburg charge.

In 1852 the corner stone was laid for the new church, jointly erected by the Lutherans and Reformed. In 1897 the church was remodeled extensively at an expense of \$2,300 during the ministry of Rev. A. G. Wolf.

ST. JOHN'S, MILLHEIM:

This congregation was organized Aug. 27, 1877 and incorporated Dec. 1, of the same year with ten (10) charter members, under the administration of Rev. Jno. Tomlinson and was at once admitted as part of the Aaronsburg charge. The corner stone for the church was laid Oct. 16, 1881 and the chapel dedicated Dec. 30-31st, 1882. The main building was dedicated Feb. 10, 1884. The entire cost of the church building was \$8,042, which sum includes cost of lot, furniture, etc. A few years ago a fine plot of ground was bought by the congregation, properly laid off and surrounded by a substantial iron fence, for a cemetery giving it the name "Fairview." During the subsequent years the congregation has had a healthy growth in numbers and influence.

TRINITY, COBURN:

This congregation was organized in 1885 under the administration of Rev. J. M. Deitzler and at once became a constituent part of the Aaronsburg pastorate. Soon after organization a lot for church building was bought and in 1887 the corner stone was laid. The chapel was dedicated in 1889 and the church proper in 1891.

The entire cost of church was \$6,321. Since being built the church property has been improved and the last payment on the original building was made May 21st, 1903 leaving the congregation free of debt.

It will be seen from the foregoing that by the organization of other congregations, the Aaronsburg charge at present consists of five (5) congregations as follows in order of organization: Aaronsburg, Penns Creek, St. Pauls, Millheim and Coburn. The pastorate under faithful pastors has through the years been making steady progress and has been true to the benevolent operations of the church at large.

This charge has given the church (we simply name from memory) the following honored ministers of our church, viz: Rev's L. A. Gotwald, D. D., W. V. Gotwald, W. H. Gotwald, D. D., Prof. E. J. Wolf, D. D., L. L. D., H. C. Holloway, D. D., Frank Wolf, John A. Bright, who has two sons, George and Luther in the ministry Noah Weaver, W. H. Schoch, D. W. Leitzell, T. J. Frederick, F. J. Shearer, J. M. Stover, Milton Bollinger, C. F. Gephart.

It is an honor belonging to the Aaronsburg congregation, to state that the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Central Pennsylvania was organized in 1855 in their church.

Addendum. Israel Weaver was a member of the church council at Aaronsburg when the synod was organized and is now a member of council.

The New State Capitol.

Last week the new capitol commission was in session at Harrisburg and authorized the announcement to be made that the legislative halls and committee rooms will be ready for the legislature when it assembles in January. The further information is volunteered that the completed building will be turned over to the state, October 1, 1905. What is still more gratifying is the commission's assurance that it will not ask the legislature for further appropriation, as the building can be finished without exceeding the appropriation already made.

APPALLING INCREASE OF CRIME.

According to statistics compiled by the Chicago Tribune and republished by S. S. McClure, in McClure's Magazine for December, there were in the United States during the year 1903, 8,976 murders and homicides as against 1,266 in 1881. During the 23 years from 1881 to 1903 inclusive, covered by the Tribune's statistics, there has been almost a steady increase in murders and homicides, though the greatest number, 10,662, was in 1896, while 1895 has a record of 10,500 and 1894 has 9,800 to its credit.

In 1881 there was one murder or homicide to every 40,534 of inhabitants, in 1902 there was one murder or homicide to every 8,955 of inhabitants!

These figures are appalling and force upon us the questions: What are the causes of this phenomenal increase in murders and homicides and if it continues, what are we coming to?

The best opinion is that it is due to lawlessness in high places, to municipal corruption and the prostitution of the courts.

—Warm shoes for cold feet.—Yeager & Davis.

It's all right to pay as you go, provided you can't get a pass.

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Women can safely select here, for men's gifts. When asked, opinions as to size or taste will be expressed that shall lead to the best selection for them. Any purchase not satisfactory in any way—no reasons asked or necessary—we shall exchange or refund the money after Christmas.

We have made no mention in the list below of Men's Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats, and Boys' Suits and Overcoats. The reputation of this store, for these goods we believe is known to all. Best qualities at lowest prices.

Neckwear

Dame Fashion declares this season bright Neckwear to be correct, and the display of the Sim Store embraces rich colors in subdued and brilliant effects.

Brown heads the list, with grey and red as close seconds, for this season.

Our 25c showing of ties looks and wears as most 50c Neckwear, while our 50c line eclipses any we have ever shown.

Smoking Jackets, Lounging Robes, Bath Robes.

Wednesday we placed on display our second stock of these goods—more beautiful than the first line shown, and quickly sold.

Gloves

Special at 25c; Men's and Boys' Wool Gloves, actual value 40c. Shown for the first this week—

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At 1.00 the Updegraff—Heavy dog-skin unlined, Silk lined kids and Mochas.

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