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EDITORIAL.

The young rascal that steals a little truck or a few dollars in cash, if discovered, is at once hauled over in court and railroaded to prison. But when big rascals like the state robbers and plunderers of the funds of the great life insurance companies steal hundreds of thousands and millions, they are not put through on the railroad method but delays are created that run months and years, until the thing dies off and the big rascals go free. Looking at it in this light a fellow might be considered a big fool for stealing on a small scale and thereby getting to the penitentiary, when a theft of thousands or millions will not disgrace him in the eyes of some people and the prison doors would not be opened for his incarceration. What a mockery there is in dealing out justice!

TUESDAY'S election in York county to fill the vacancies in the Legislature occasioned by the resignation of two Machine Republicans demonstrated the complete redemption of York to the Democracy. In the forthcoming special session Democratic opponents of the gang will sit in the seats of the two York county ringsters. Westmoreland also contributes her quota to the work of State regeneration by sending a reform Republican to Harrisburg. So far as heard from, the special elections indicate that Pennsylvania has no intention of returning to boss rule. From the interesting three-cornered contest in the Seventeenth district Philadelphia, John H. Fow came out a winner by a small but sufficient margin—a result upon which the whole city, as well as the people of the district, should congratulate themselves. Mr. Fow will be a source of strength in the coming special session.

GERMANY IS PREPARING.

The railway administration placed orders last week for 20,000 freight cars, at a cost of \$50,000,000, with manufacturers of five countries, stipulating delivery by the middle of February, besides utilizing the car works of Germany. These contracts were distributed among makers in Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Italy, which would not have been done unless some reasons for haste existed. Inquiries made regarding the reasons for urgency resulted in obtaining the statement that the ordering of the cars was a precautionary measure, the general staff desiring to be ready to move troops if necessary by the first of March. This is only a proper measure of prudence, it was affirmed, in view of the extensive military arrangements going on in France, which, among other distributions, include the movement toward the German frontier of six regiments of artillery, or 180 guns. The ordering of these freight cars, each of which would accommodate forty soldiers or would enable the authorities to transport material, is only in consequence of the French preparations, and must not be taken to indicate any hostile design on the part of Germany, whose peaceful intentions remain unchanged. The step taken is due to the conviction long held and acted upon there that the best preservative of peace is complete preparedness for any eventuality. The word war is not used, because such a word in itself would be a provocative, and every interest, both in and outside the government, shrinks from such a possibility, unless it be a small group of military men. The government will probably regret the publication of this intelligence, but its transmission seems necessary to a proper understanding of the drift of events, and of how both France and Germany are strengthening their diplomatic position on the eve of the Moroccan conference by material preparations.

Head Takes Place.

The Superior Court opened its annual Scranton session on Monday with all seven members present. Judge John B. Head, of Westmoreland, the only Democrat on the bench, who was elected last November to succeed Judge Smith, took his seat. This session also marks the beginning of the second terms of Judges Rice, Beaver and Orady. In drawing for rank by lot, Judge Beaver, who was the senior Judge next to the president Judge, goes into the last place, Judge Orady succeeding him. Even Judge Head, the new member, outranks Judge Beaver. Under the law, the President Judge continues as such as long as he continues in office.

A STIFF JOB.

The announcement in this paper last week, that the county expenses last year had increased from \$65,000 to \$120,000, created a great deal of comment. It came as a surprise to many, while to others it simply confirmed former surmises and well grounded suspicions of gross extravagance and flagrant abuses. Inquiry this week at the commissioners office brought no new information, except that what figures were given last week were absolutely correct.

With over \$40,000 in notes in the banks the present board have been carefully devising means for raising funds to meet current expenses. With an indebtedness of probably \$50,000 staring them in the face, their induction into office was not under the most inviting circumstances. As this debt was contracted by the Republican Commissioners one thing simply remains to be done—collect sufficient money from the taxpayers, to pay their debts. It would be a grievous burden to attempt this in one year, it would mean that the taxes for county purposes would have to be raised from 3 to over 6 mills. Under present conditions it is deemed best to issue bonds payable in two or three years, at a low rate of interest. It also must be remembered that a number of large bills were left unpaid by the last board, among them being part of subscription to the Soldier's Monument, the condemned turnpike in Pennsylvania and bridge accounts. Then about four new bridges will have to be built this year along the same road. All these will have to be provided for, and the funds must come from someone. This board can not evade, postpone or avoid these things. In addition, the exterior and the interior of the court house are in absolute need of immediate repairs. The tower is weather beaten and rusting, and the pillars and side walls are getting shabby. The yard needs some permanent improvements so as to correspond with the new monument which will be finished and dedicated in June.

Let our county buildings be kept in neat, tidy condition, and all improvements be made on a substantial basis, but at all times business principles should be applied, prudence and economy should be used in all things. Because we have a big debt saddled on us by Miller and Bailey, the county is not poverty stricken, nor should a miserly course be pursued.

It really is unfortunate that we now have a republican board of auditors to audit the enormous expenditures of the last Republican Board of Commissioners, as they naturally will not probe very deep or inquire very closely into the \$120,000 spent last year—they are not built that way.

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION.

Governor Pennypacker has shown his desire to keep himself abreast of public sentiment by issuing a supplementary proclamation outlining some additional work for the special legislative session which convenes next Monday. It is said that the call was a great surprise to his official advisors, none of whom was taken into his confidence. The general public will be pleased. As for the legislators, the additional work will lengthen the time they will be compelled to spend at the state capitol, but as they are believed to be in a willing mood there is a chance that it will not be difficult to agree upon the various measures indicated by the governor.

In addition to the matters mentioned in the first proclamation Governor Pennypacker advises the general assembly that the following important topics will be presented for its consideration: The adoption of a law regulating primary elections and providing that all parties in the state shall hold their primaries at the same time; the adoption of civil service rules, under which the minor offices of the state may be filled by the merit system; a law regulating the expenditure of money in political campaigns and providing for an itemized account of expenditures by political managers, and the passage of an act enabling adjoining cities to unite.

THE SPRING ELECTIONS.

Speaking generally, the spring elections in Pennsylvania are of far more immediate importance to the people than the general election in November. As President Roosevelt said in his Little Rock speech last summer, "It makes very little difference in the end whether the president of the United States is a Republican or Democrat," but it makes every difference that all public officials shall be clean and honest. As a rule, the votes cast at the February election are much fewer than those polled in November. There should be equal interest in the election next February when we are to choose, besides some minor officials, burgess, members of council and members of the school board. It is of far greater moment to the citizens of Bellefonte that they shall send the right kind of men to council and to school board to fix our tax rates and to expend the money raised by taxation, than that this or that man shall be selected to represent them in congress. It is up to every good citizen who wants the business of council and of the school board conducted in interest of all the people and not for the benefit of private corporations, favoring contractors and book agents, to see that his right to vote is assured by the entry of his name on the assessor's list.

RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. C. K. SOBERI—the wife of Coleman K. Sober, died in Lewisburg, Thursday, at the family home, after a prolonged illness from a complication of diseases. Mrs. Sober's age was nearly sixty-five years.

SAMUEL FRANK—died at his residence in Rebersburg on Tuesday evening, after an illness of several weeks, due to advanced age, being in his 84th year. He is survived by three sons and one daughter. Interment at Rebersburg, Thursday morning. Mr. Frank was one of the prominent citizens of that community and held in high esteem by all.

JOHN KOOKEN—was killed Christmas night, by falling down the steps at the Salvation Army Barracks, at Pittsburg. This information was sent to Postmaster Montgomery stating that the man was born near Bellefonte and that relatives could secure further information by addressing, William Williams, Jersey Catering Co., Diamond Market, Pittsburg.

JOHN ADAMS—A teamster, died Wednesday night, at the residence of James Andrews, at Phillipsburg, where he had been making his home, of a complication of diseases, aged about 57 years. He was born at Julian, was a son of Alex. Adams. He is survived by his mother, one brother, David, of Unionville, and two sisters. He was a soldier in the Civil war.

Mrs. JACOB SPROW—died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chas. E. Rine on east Howard street, Saturday 30. Mrs. Sprow had come over from Linden Hall on Saturday. About supper time Mrs. Sprow dropped to the floor in a faint. A physician was hastily summoned but she never recovered consciousness, dying in less than ten minutes. Deceased was about thirty years of age and was a daughter of Daniel Horner, of Colyer. She leaves no children but is survived by her husband.

AUSTIN M. MCCLAIN—died Sunday of heart disease, at his home in Ridgeway, aged about 59 years. He had been ill for several months. Mr. McClain was a former resident of Bellefonte; during his early life he was engaged in railroad building, later entering the mercantile and real estate business. He is survived by wife and five children; also his aged mother, Mrs. Nora McClain, of Bellefonte, and the following brothers and sister: James A. McClain, of Spangler, Bernard McClain and Miss Ella, of Bellefonte. Interment in the Catholic cemetery at Ridgeway on Tuesday.

CALVIN RUNKLE—died Tuesday morning at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Runkle in Potter township. The deceased was aged 36 years and 16 days and had been a sufferer from Bright's disease since last September. Surviving him are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Runkle and the following brothers and sisters: William G. Runkle, of Bellefonte; James H. Runkle, of Potter township; Mrs. Bidda Runkle, son of York; Mrs. Mary Bortoff, of Newberry; Mrs. Lydia A. High, of Lock Haven; Mrs. Maggie Musser of Penn Hall, and Hugh at home. Interment in the Union cemetery at Tusseyville on Friday.

JOHN DUNLOP McCAFFERTY—died at Hot Springs, Ark., of paralysis from which he had suffered since last October.

The deceased was a son of Charles and the late Harriet Williams McCafferty and was born in Bellefonte 36 years ago. He was highly esteemed and a much respected young man. He is survived by father, Charles McCafferty, of Philadelphia, and the following brothers Charles K., of Bradford, R. L. Mount, Grove, Pa., and George B., of Bradford. The remains arrived in Bellefonte, and were taken to the Bush House from where the funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment in the Union cemetery.

JOHN H. RISHEL, JR.—died last Friday morning at the home of his father, John Rishel, at Axemann, after a prolonged illness with asthma and heart affections. His age was 50 years, 2 months and 11 days. He is survived by his wife and the following children: William W., of Swissdale, Pa., Edward, Aicha and Oscar, of Bradford, Harry, whereabouts unknown. Also his aged father and mother and the following brothers and sister: Dr. Geo. Rishel, of Philadelphia, Alfred, of Spring twp., and Mrs. Alvin Stover, at the old homestead. The funeral took place Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev John A. Wood, of the Methodist church officiating. Interment in the Rishel plot in the Union cemetery at Bellefonte on Monday.

Weather Report. Weekly report—Bellefonte Station. DATE TEMPERATURE Maximum Minimum

NOTICE!

Our Sugar Prices FOR SATURDAY

19 lbs. A Sugar..... 1.00
16 lbs. B Sugar..... 1.00
Our Reg. Price.

Highest Prices paid for Produce: POTATOES.....60C PER BU
EGGS.....25C PER DOZ
BUTTER.....25C PER LB

GILLEN'S CASH GROCERY
Allegheny St. Bellefonte, Pa

NOT THE YOUNGEST.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: The republican papers of the town are more than bragging over the fact that Fred Reese, a young man now over twenty-two years of age, has been appointed Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Kline. They are telling the public that he is the youngest Deputy Sheriff ever appointed in the state.

There is nothing in this even so far as it relates to Centre county. In 1873, L. A. Schaeffer, then not yet eighteen years of age, was appointed Deputy Sheriff under his father, B. F. Shaffer, who was then Sheriff. The young man made a most efficient officer. We dislike to spoil the glory the republican papers are trying to heap upon a young man twenty-two who has been appointed Deputy Sheriff.

There is one thing else in this that other young republicans should think about. Where do they come in when any offices are to be filled or appointments made? G. W. Reese former post-office clerk is deputy revenue collector, a son is clerk in the postoffice at Patton, and another son, Fred Reese, now Deputy Sheriff is Deputy under treasurer in Foster for two years. For years the Reese boys have been well paid for clerical service rendered to the republican county committee. Where are the other young republicans, that the Reese family get all the places, offices and revenues? "A VOTER."

In 1879 when John Spangler was elected Sheriff his son R. B. Spangler became Deputy, at the age of 19 years. The former Deputy was L. T. Munson who served under his father, L. W. Munson, when of the same age as Mr. Reese. We publish the above, not to rob Deputy Reese of his fame, but to correct a few facts, recklessly stated in this connection. It is none of our concern how many offices the Reese family get from the republican party, as they may dispose of those things as they deem best. As long as they perform their duty, the public has no kick.

THE BELLEFONTE TRUST CO.

The Bellefonte Trust Company, which has been in existence only twelve months, began the new year by declaring its first dividend of four per cent, and setting aside to its surplus account the sum of \$10,000. The management of this local institution deserve a great deal of praise. Starting with nothing but their capital stock, and the good will of the old firm of Jackson, Hastings and Company, whose former place of business they occupy, the Company has managed to make this handsome exhibit of a first year's business. A showing of over twelve per cent of clean profits.

Besides the ordinary commercial relations with the public, the Company, in its trust capacity, acts as administrator, executor, guardian, or in any other trust relation, and as surety for any purpose, as a trust company, it has established a system of individual savings banks, which have been taken all over the county. In addition to this, the Company has organized a savings fund, by means of which the depositor receives three per cent interest compounded twice a year, even on the smallest sums.

In fact, outside of its well known commercial business, the Bellefonte Trust Company fills a long needed want in this neighborhood and a careful examination of its methods will pay every man or woman in Centre county.

Destiny shapes our ends, but, then, so does the manicure girl.

WORKMAN'S Bargain House

New Store in the McBride Building, 30-32 SOUTH ALLEGHENY ST. January Clearing Sale Commences Jan. 13, 1906.

as we must make room for our Spring goods. We have reduced our goods to 25 per cent. Note our prices and have it in your mind; compare with other stores' prices; we'll save you 25 per cent., and a dollar saved is a dollar made.

- Clothing
Men's overcoats, were \$10.00 and \$12.00, now.....\$7.00
Men's overcoats, were \$6 and \$8, now.....\$4.50
Men's overcoats, were \$6 and \$7, now.....\$5.00
Boys' overcoats, were \$6 and \$7, now.....\$4.00
Men's suits were \$10 and \$14, now.....\$9.50
Pants, were \$1 and \$1.25, now......90
Cotton pants, were .90, now......75
Boys' suits (3 to 15 yrs.), .75 to \$1.50, now.....\$1.25
Men's sweaters, were 75c and \$1, now......60
Ladies' large beaver shawls, were \$2 and \$2.25, now.....\$1.48
2000 yds Lancaster gingham, was 7c, now......5
300 yds bleached muslin, was 7c, now......5
Men's good work shoes, were \$1.50, now.....\$1.25
Men's vici colt shoes, were \$2.50, now.....\$2.25
Men's colt shoes, were \$3.50, now.....\$3.25
Ladies' shoes, were \$2, now.....\$1.48
Men's overalls, 50c kind,......39
Men's 50c work shirts,......39
Ladies' fascinators, were 60 and 90c, now......48
Ladies' wrappers, were \$1.25, now......98
Ladies' waists, were \$3 and \$3.25, now.....\$2.25
Ladies' waists, were \$4.50, now.....\$3.25
Ladies' Furs, were \$1, now.....\$1.25
Ladies' Furs, were \$2 and \$2.50, now......98
Ladies' hose, were 15c, now......9

Remember the right place in the McBride Building, South Allegheny St., BELLEFONTE, PA.

WHAT SNAKES EAT.

Professor Surface Makes Study of Their Diet.

"What do snakes eat?" is a question that has just been thoroughly gone over by Professor Surface, State Economic Zoologist, and his force in the department, and they have decided the matter to their satisfaction. The department has just finished up an analysis of the stomach contents of the serpents collected by or sent to the department in the past year, having examined over six hundred specimens, ranging from blacksnakes seven feet long to the diminutive ring snakes, half a foot in length, including the venomous species of rattlesnakes, copperheads and the alleged venomous blowing vipers.

It was found that the garter snakes contained insects, but this was almost invariably when a garter had a toad in its stomach, showing that the insects came from the toad's food. Slugs were also found in the garter snakes. In the black snakes birds and bird eggs were found during the early part of the season, and later mice and rats, small squirrels and chipmunks, showing that this snake is destructive in the early part of the season, but of use in killing noxious animals in the later season. The blowing viper was found full of caterpillars, it being its habit to lie beneath trees which were being ravaged by caterpillars and when the leaf and the worm dropped, the viper got a square meal. The rattlesnakes and copperheads were found to eat rats, mice, chipmunks and squirrels and an occasional bird. In many cases full grown rats were found in their stomachs, and in other cases entire families of rats, the mother and young, were found to have been destroyed. In one specimen of a rattler sent in there was found a kangaroo or jumping mouse, which had undoubtedly belonged to a zoological collection and had escaped into the snake cage only to meet its fate.

HUNTS NATIONAL GRAFT.

Author of "The Shame of the Cities" at Washington.

Washington as a hunting ground for corruption has not been in high favor for many years, but Lincoln Steffens, the man who has explored the political jungles of many cities and States has gone there on a "graft-stalking" expedition.

Mr. Steffens is the man who wrote "The Shame of the Cities" for McClure's Magazine, a memorable chapter of this series being devoted to what he was pleased to term "Philadelphia, Corrupt and Contented." In making his investigations in the cities and States, Mr. Steffens says he has found an unmistakable sign of the trail of corruption leading toward the national capital. He will endeavor to learn whether or not the graft has reached Washington, and discover his abiding place and his methods. The Steffens article will appear weekly in the Sunday edition of the North American and it is promised for them that they will be highly enlightening to all students of governmental affairs.

Some people regard a collection basket as a slot machine in which they drop a dime with the hope of getting out a dollar's worth of religion.

SALE REGISTER.

It is well for those persons who will have farm sales this spring to select their date now and announce the same in the Centre Democrat Sale Register where it will be read by more people than in any other paper. Charges: your date, name and place—50 cents. For \$1 price list of all live stock. Your entire bill 3 times before sale for \$1.50 and upward is. Consult us about your bills.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27—At the late residence of DAVID M. WEITMAN, dec'd, in Hubersburg, blacksmith tools, household goods, etc.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6—Near ARCHAID, JERRY DONAVAN, will sell farm stock and implements. Wm. Goheen, auct.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9—J. P. GROVE, 1 mile west of Penn Cave, 3 horses, 17 head of cattle, a lot of shoats and brood sows, a full line of farm implements, wagons, and manure spreader. Sale at 9 a. m.

MONDAY, MARCH 12—On the Adam Yearick farm 1/2 mile south of Jacksonville, Mrs. ELLEN SMITH and C. C. GARNEY will sell live stock and farm implements, at 12 o'clock. A. C. McClintock, auct.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13—1 mile north of Penn Hall, D. A. ESTEL will sell horses, cattle and hogs and full line of farm implements.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14—Live stock, horses, cattle, etc. and farm implements. NATHAN GROVE, 2 1/2 miles north of Lemont. Wm. Goheen, auct.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17—One mile north of Spring Mills, Mrs. REBECCA ROMAN, will sell horses, cattle and farm implements.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17—At the home of J. Z. HEMLEY, in Adamsburg, a lot of Household Goods will be sold by F. H. HERMAN.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15—One mile east of Madisburg, Mrs. Wm. I. ROTER, will sell 2 horses, 10 brood sows, young cattle and shoats; also a complete line of farm machinery, most of which is new.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15—1 1/2 miles east of Pine Grove Mills, W. H. MAUTZ will sell, 2 horses, one pair draft horses, 230 pounds, pair 3 year olds 250 pounds, 12 month cows, large Holstein Bull, 1 young cattle, 36 Shropshire sheep, 3 brood sows, Chester white boar, 24 sh. sows, and a complete line of farm machinery, wagons, implements, harness, etc. Wm. Goheen, auct.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15—1 1/2 miles south of Fillmore, G. M. WAGNER, IV, DE on the John Mager farm will sell farm stock and implements.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16—One mile north of Zion, EDWARD GARBERCK will sell farm stock and implements. A. C. McClintock, auct.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15—One mile east of Pleasant Gap, H. N. KELLER will sell live stock and full line of farm implements. Wm. F. Smith, auct.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22—D. C. GRIER will sell on 1/4 farm in Porter township, near Lamar, live stock, farming implements, household goods, etc. Sale begins at 10 o'clock. A. C. McClintock, auct.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22—At Rebersburg, J. C. BEUNAGHT and N. O. WEBER, will sell live stock and farm implements.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22—1 mile west of Fillmore, on the Brockerhoff farm, 6 horses, 25 head of cattle, 25 head of hogs, 12 sheep, and a full line of farm machinery and implements. Sale at 10 a. m., by J. B. ROCKEY. Wm. Goheen, auct.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23—At 10 a. m., CHAS. STEIGER, on the Glora farm, 2 miles west of Fillmore, horses, cows, cattle, sheep, hogs, all kinds of farm machinery and implements.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23—1 1/2 mile west of Boonville, C. R. SNOOK, will sell 2 horses, 5 cows, 5 head young cattle, 25 head of shoats, 4 brood sows and one boar 14 months old, and all Berkshire stock; also full line of farm implements. HARVEY MILLER, auct.

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