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WOODROW WILSON IS THE FAVORITE

LARGE ODDS BEING WAGERED ON HIS ELECTION.

CAMPAIGN PANICS WON'T WORK

Can't Frighten the Industrial World—Large Crops and Prosperity Alarm Calamity Howlers—Confidence in Wilson—A Safe Man.

In New York City large sums of money are now being offered for wagers on the presidential election. The odds are from 2 to 4, against 1, in favor of Wilson, with no takers. This form of putting up money is a cold blooded business proposition in which men make extensive inquiry, before investing. The large odds favoring Wilson's election confirms a popular sentiment—that there is no doubt of Wilson's success. Prominent Republicans frankly admit that Taft's chances for a second term are hopeless. The Roosevelt people openly confirm the same view but insist that Teddy, and his Bull Moose movement may win. They make the most extravagant claims.

It still is almost three months until the day of election, in November, and by that time Taft's chances may be a joke, and the Bull Moose party screaming for a third term. The Republican so disgusted with the general state of affairs that he will prefer to remain at home on election day and quietly "saw wood," while Wilson will be practically alone in the presidential race on the home stretch.

When Teddy demands a third term, he finds the American people in November in a more sober and thoughtful mood. What was refused Gen. Grant, the hero of Appomattox, will hardly be accorded to the ambitious and spectacular leader of the Bull Moose. For over a century it has been a sacred tradition with the American people that a third-term in the White House endangers our free institutions, and is the first step to a crown. Washington wisely pointed out this danger and refused a third election, the wisdom of which has since exalted him in the hearts of the American people. We doubt if, at this later period, the sober thought of the patriotic citizen will tolerate such a movement to satisfy the ambitions of a restless agitator, who shifts from one position to another in a fortnight, or can endorse any situation and adopt himself to any circumstance to advance his personal interests. To say the least, a most spectacular and dangerous political agitator who can sway multitudes.

Granting all these elements of strength and popularity to Roosevelt, and the odds against him, it is not surprising that a few thoughtless Democratic voters, yet up to this time no one has seriously considered the possibility of his election. The same odds are announced against Teddy as against Taft.

Another remarkable feature is that with this general confidence in the certainty of Wilson's election, the politicians and Wall Street have thus far been unable to bring about a campaign panic or even a scare. Practical men are now going about their business more hopeful than ever; manufacturing plants are more confident and increasing their output; railroads are increasing their output; crops mean larger traffic and are enlarging their equipment; capitalists are hopeful of the future and are willing to invest idle funds; enormous crops throughout the west are choking the granaries and soon will be loosening the wheels of a world-wide commerce which will bring streams of gold in exchange; not only that, but the large crops bring cheer to many homes in the assurance of a partial reduction in the present high prices of living as foodstuffs. The crops are truly on the threshold of a new era of prosperity which the professional republican calamity howlers can not upset or counteract. It comes in the face of the almost positive assurance of Wilson's election, and Democracy's greatest triumph throughout the land. It comes because the business interests of the country have stopped "playing politics" every four years by creating artificial panics to frighten voters into supporting Republican men and measures. It comes from natural causes first, because the Lord Almighty has granted us this year an abundance. It comes also after the thoughtful American people have studied the career of Woodrow Wilson, from Princeton to Governor of New Jersey, and are more than pleased with his record. It comes after they have carefully read his most famous public utterance—his speech of acceptance—and they find it not only forceful and aggressive, but also safe and sane because founded on eternal truth and justice.

No, the assurance of Governor Wilson's election has not and will not cause a panic, "soup house" howlers, the "calamity" shriekers, the "bloody shirt" agitators in the face of Wilson and prosperity are making dismal failure of their old time political bugaboos.

A hopeful, intelligent, progressive people are rejoicing over the promise of a new era in government and a boundless prosperity, guided by "truth and justice."

The Wilson handwagon is coming down the pike—Wilson will win sure is the slogan—a hopeful people rejoice over the dawn of a new day.

LARGE CROPS.

The year's grain crops in the United States will be far in excess of last year's yield. It was estimated Friday by the department of agriculture at Washington. It will be better than the average crop for the last ten years, and in the case of a number of products will make a new record.

Value of this year's crops of corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye and potatoes, based on wholesale prices of December 1, 1911, reach a total of \$2,523,005,000.

These crops may insure lower prices for food products in the next twelve months, especially in those articles that have been selling at nearly pro-

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KEEN FAMILY REUNION.

First Annual Gathering of Pennsylvania Clan.

From the Millheim Journal we reprint the following report of a recent reunion of a well known family: "For many years the name, Keen, has been very familiar within the limits of Pennsylvania. The connotation of the name has always been the best and has stood high in the community. But, in spite of this fact and the fact that the family has numerous representatives, the year 1912 was the first to witness a reunion of this tribe last Thursday.

"From numerous counties of Pennsylvania as well as from Maryland and Illinois, came loyal sons and daughters to enjoy the festivities of the first reunion of the Keen kin. Ideal was the day and ideal was the environment for such an occasion, and as a result, the opinion of each one present was expressed sincerely in the words 'It was a day never to be forgotten,' one that will live in the cogitations of memory forever.

"The true spirit of reunion was felt long before the real activities began, and as one by one, descendant after descendant arrived, the real joy of the guests heightened more and more until the climax of the day was reached in the rendering of the afternoon program.

"After devouring a sumptuous feast from the table board at the home of D. L. Zerby, the crowd repaired to the parlors of the Zerby home to listen to the program of the hour. Mrs. M. I. Jamison rendered a fine solo; appropriate addresses were given by E. D. Keen, G. W. Keen and P. E. Keen. Other features of the afternoon were the music furnished by the family quartette and a poem composed and read by Rev. M. I. Jamison which brought to mind many pleasant bits of experience of the past. This was followed by memory's school, which brought to mind some of the many experiences had on the old Keen homestead, near Millheim, and hours of the joy and pleasure of story telling.

"A permanent organization was the result of the day; President, W. E. Keen, Millheim; 1st vice president, G. W. Keen, Mendota, Ill.; 2nd vice president, H. F. Keen, Pleasant Gap; secretary, P. E. Keen, Lemoyne, Pa.; treasurer, D. L. Zerby, Millheim; historian, Rev. E. D. Keen, Lemoyne, Pa.

"The reunion picture was taken by C. H. Breon and as the shades of evening lowered, the twenty-five guests were loathe to leave the scenes of this most enjoyable experience, but all agreed to meet next year for the reunion to be held next year."

Michigan Deer for Clearfield.

Two carloads of Michigan deer, six bucks and the rest does, have been delivered to the big Clearfield game preserve of the state game commission and are now being distributed under the personal direction of Commissioners John M. Phillips and Joseph Kallbus. This is the third preserve to be stocked with deer by the state within the last year, a number being placed in the preserve in Perry county near New Germantown and in the Ligonier preserve in Westmoreland county.

The deer are turned loose to breed, the preserves being closed at all seasons of the year and the boundaries watched by the keen-eyed wardens of the state. The results with other game, which have overflowed from the preserves into surrounding lands, making them good game country, have caused high hopes of the same success in regard to deer.

Penny May Build Branch.

The building of the branch railroad up Six Mile Run, connecting with the New York Central just a little below Winburne, and intended to tap the iron ore in the Harris lands up Corbin hollow, near Shields' dam, leased by the Pennsylvania Fire Brick Co. of Beech Creek, is likely to be followed by the construction of a branch of the P. R. R., starting from or at a point near Philipsburg, says the Journal of that place.

A gentleman who is in position to know says that the Penny is getting very much in earnest about the matter, realizing the value of the vast deposits of fire clay and coal throughout that section, leases of which are being considered by other well known concerns, and that something will shortly be doing towards securing a good share of the tonnage.

Buried Beneath Pile of Earth.

While at work on the State road, on Monday, George Haines, of Snow Shoe, was the victim of an accident which fortunately did not prove as serious as was at first thought to be. While undermining a slate pile where the teams were loading, the young man was suddenly buried beneath a pile of earth which slid upon him without much notice. His head was cut quite badly and one leg somewhat bruised, aside from which the lad is hale and hearty and will soon be able to return to work.—Snow Shoe Times.

Hubbard Union Picnic.

Extensive preparations are being made for a grand picnic at Hubbard's grove near Beech Creek on Saturday. All church denominations are co-operating to make this day's outing one that will linger long in the memories of all who may attend. Arrangements have been made whereby the passenger train on the Beech Creek railroad will stop at the Hubbard crossing that day.

Inhibitive figures. The effect of the large crops has already been seen in a decline of 3 to 10 cents a bushel in grain prices since the first week in July.

With large crops the farmers will have a larger income than usual. This means that they will spend more money for necessary improvements and comforts of life. It will put more money in circulation, give more employment for skilled and unskilled labor. It is large crops that encourage business and is the foundation of all prosperity.

Despite these conditions the republican papers are now attributing all evidences of prosperity to President Taft and the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill that robs the consumer to build up trusts. Don't be fooled on that issue.



GO TO BED, COLONEL; NOBODY WANTS IT.

By De Mar

From the Philadelphia Record.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

Our readers will note that this issue contains four extra pages on inside of the paper, to which special attention is called:

Special Wednesday. The leading merchants of Bellefonte have designated next Wednesday, August 21st, as a special bargain day, when each firm will make large reductions in prices on nearly all forms of merchandise. The list of merchants making this sale will be found on that special sheet. This is an opportunity for you to buy staple goods at the lowest prices.

Notification speech: The other two pages of this sheet contain the proceedings at Sea Girt, on Wednesday of last week, when Woodrow Wilson was formally notified of his nomination for the Presidency by Ollie James, the Temporary Chairman of the Baltimore convention. Both addresses, of James and Wilson, are of intense interest to any one who carefully studies the issues between the two great parties. No matter what your political views may be, you should read these two addresses for the information they contain, as they enunciate Democratic principles, enumerate Democratic achievements, and sound "the keynote" in the coming campaign.

Special Notice: The Hon. William Jennings Bryan, who possibly is the most distinguished and popular individual in this country today, is the publisher of a famous weekly magazine called the "Commoner." We have read this publication regularly with profit and delight for years. It is, we believe, the best Democratic publication in the country today. We believe everybody would enjoy it. The price is \$1 per year. At our request Col. Bryan agrees to send one sample copy of the "Commoner" to every subscriber of "The Centre Democrat" this coming week. Look for it; read it carefully with Col. Bryan's compliments. It preaches true Democracy, and you should have it during the campaign. If you send 20 cents to "The Commoner, Lincoln, Nebraska" Col. Bryan will mail the magazine to you every week during the campaign, until after the November election.

BRIDGE CONTRACT AWARDED.

Last week the Centre County commissioners, together with H. N. Meyer, the clerk, were in Clearfield, consulting with the commissioners of that county about the awarding of a new bridge to be built over the Black Moshannon creek at Osceola. As the structure connects the two counties, the expense of building it will be equally shared by the two boards of commissioners, and sealed bids had been asked for by advertisement a few weeks ago. The meeting at Clearfield last week was for the purpose of opening the bids and ascertaining who were entitled to get the contract. There were found to have been six different contractors who submitted bids, and that of Minn Bros., of DuBois, the lowest. This firm was accordingly given the job. The bridge will be seventy feet in length with abutments twenty feet high, and will be built of concrete and steel.

A summary of the different bids submitted follows: Minn Bros., DuBois, \$5650; Keystone Concrete Co., Clearfield, \$6272; C. G. Thompson, Clearfield, \$6477; Curvansville Concrete Co., \$7850; Rhoads & Kinsley, Bellefonte, \$8571.40; A. Buchannon Bridge Co., \$10,949.

Mrs. Grace in Selinsgrove. Mrs. Eugene Grace, who has figured in the recent Grace trial in Georgia as the defendant in a shooting episode, which caused her husband to charge her with trying to kill him, came to Sunbury on the Buffalo express train Friday afternoon direct from Philadelphia and went to Selinsgrove, where she will visit relatives. Mrs. Grace may keep her sons at Selinsgrove and may in the future live in that town.

Returned From European Trip. Mrs. James Fassmore and daughter Janet, of Philipsburg, who have been spending the past three months in Europe, visiting many of the most interesting places on the continent, returned to their home on Monday evening and received a most cordial welcome from their friends.

WAR SONG CONCERT.

To Be Held at Boalsburg Wednesday, August 21st.

A "War Song Concert" and celebration in honor of the enlistment of soldiers of Boalsburg and vicinity, who served in the Civil War, will be held in Boal Hall, on Wednesday evening, August 21st, at 7:30 o'clock. This celebration will be under the auspices of the Women's Civic Club. There will be addresses by prominent speakers and campfire reminiscences. The closing scene will be the Star Spangled Banner in tableau and song. Admission 25 cents; children of twelve or under 10 cents. The proceeds to be applied to diminishing the debt held against the town lamps. The veterans will be the guests of honor and will be tendered a banquet by the club at the home of Mrs. Dr. Woods.

State College Football Schedule. The schedule follows: October 5, Penn State vs. Carnegie Tech. at State College. October 12, Penn State vs. W. & J. at State College. October 19, Penn State vs. Cornell, at Ithaca, N. Y. October 26, Penn State vs. Gettysburg, at State College. November 2, Penn State vs. Penn. at Philadelphia. November 9, open, at State College. November 16, Penn State vs. Pittsburg, at Pittsburg.

A Strike.

The Snow Shoe Times says: "Last week the work on the State road in the vicinity was tied up by a 'strike' of the workmen for \$2.00 per day of 8 hours, as was the rumor. It seems the time for striking was postponed too long as the work is nearing completion, and is now being done by a reduction of the force, composed of 'non-union men' or rather non-sympathizers."

Leg Fractured Playing Ball. George Daugherty, of Pine Glenn, recently suffered a fracture of the leg while playing ball, and is now in the Cottage hospital at Philipsburg for treatment.

FOUR ARE INJURED BY LIGHTNING

MEMBERS OF SAME FAMILY AT DIFFERENT PLACES.

A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE

All Received Severe Shocks by Lightning This Summer—Were Members of the Leathers Family—No Fatalities—Narrow Escapes.

Miss Lida Sanders, of 924 Clinton street, Philadelphia, sends us the following remarkable coincidences regarding lightning victims this season in one family:

"In your issue of July 25th, I notice in 'Notes from Howard' that Mrs. Etta R. Leathers, of Mt. Eagle, Pa., had been badly stunned by lightning during a heavy thunder storm in that locality. Mrs. Leathers is the fourth one in the family to have been severely shocked by lightning this summer. Mrs. Jessie Robinson, living at Darby, Delaware Co., Pa., a niece of Mrs. Leathers, was standing on her porch after a storm had apparently passed by, when a bolt of lightning fell in her yard, knocking a milk can out of her hand, burning her arm as though boiling water had been poured over it, and throwing her son off his feet who was standing at her side.

"During a severe thunder storm at Cape Ann, Mass., the lightning struck the dwelling of Charles Grady, burning the paper on the wall, passed into the studio where Mr. Clyde Bathurst was at work on a piece of sculpture, knocking him down, paralyzing his arm so much that he was unable to work for several days. Mrs. Leathers is his aunt. Another niece of Mrs. Leathers, Mrs. Frank Spencer, while staying at a hotel on the Atlantic Coast, was severely stunned when lightning struck the chimney of the hotel, knocking it off and tearing a great hole in the weatherboarding.

New Laundry at State College.

This week all negotiations were completed for the building of a new and complete laundry at State College, with ample capacity to take care of all local work. For some time the trains from that place carried away daily many large hampers of laundry to the adjoining towns owing to the lack of facilities at that place to handle all of it. The new laundry will be constructed by Messrs. John Noll and A. B. Kimpfort, of Bellefonte and Geo. Vandye, Mr. Noll's son-in-law, who formerly was in the mercantile business at Altoona. They had some trouble in securing a suitable location, but this week they closed the deal, that gives them the large vacant plot south of the school buildings where they will begin at once the erection of a brick building that will be suitable for the new laundry. The latest and best modern machinery will be installed throughout, so that they will be able to give the citizens of the community the very best service.

For Sunday School Veterans.

An appropriate medal is now being designed and will be ready at the time of the State Convention in October for presentation to all persons recommended by the Executive Committee of the County Sunday School Association, showing a record of fifty years service as called for by the following conditions: The term of service must cover fifty years or more; the record must show service in the capacity of an officer or teacher; fifty years of this service must have been in the state of Pennsylvania; it is not necessary that the service shall have been rendered to one and the same school.

All applicants must have the endorsement or recommendation of the County Executive Committee. Names must be sent to the undersigned on or before September 1, 1912.

C. L. GRAMLEY, Pres. Co. Asso.

It Costs Us Something.

Every line in a newspaper costs the proprietor something. If the grocer was asked to contribute groceries to anyone abundantly able to pay for them, he would refuse. The proprietor of a newspaper must pay for the free advertising if the beneficiary does not and yet it is one of the hardest of things to be learned by many that a newspaper has space in its columns to rent and must rent space to live. To give away rent for anything less than living is as fatal to a newspaper as to a landlord to furnish free rent.

Beef the Highest Ever.

The highest price ever paid for cattle in the United States was given this week at the Chicago stockyards, when beef on the hoof brought \$10.40 a hundredweight. Last week \$10.25 a hundredweight was paid. The record figure was obtained by a feeder who disposed of his entire lot of corn-fed cattle at \$10.40. Two other price records also were set for cattle during the day. Distillery steers brought \$10 a hundred and range steers \$9.

Killed a Big Snake.

As Mrs. J. A. Welsh, of Howard, was going to the cellar with the milk a large rattlesnake crawled out from under the steps. It was sluggish and showed no disposition to fight. She managed to kill the reptile with little trouble with a shovel. It measured three feet and ten inches and had just swallowed a mouse and a large rat.

Hurt by Falling Log.

John Beatty, a resident of Allport, is in the Philipsburg hospital being treated for injuries received by a falling log while at work at the Whitmer-Steel Co's operations at the mouth of the Moshannon. One of his legs was badly bruised, but he will recover without permanent disability.

A New Home.

Announcement was made in the last issue of the Centre Reporter that ground had been broken for the erection of a new office for that paper in Centre Hall. That certainly is an evidence of prosperity.

There is nothing that will make a girl forget a headache like having a toothache.