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EDITORIAL.

LOSING HIS HEAD.

Since the election the average citizen was inclined to deal generously with President Taft; we often preferred to believe that he was prompted by the highest motives, but had been surrounded and influenced unfortunately by bad advisors.

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President Taft has laid himself open to the severest criticism for this act of vengeance against a poor widow of a distinguished General of the late war.

OLD GUARD SCARED.

President-Elect Wilson is reported to have extended an invitation to Wm. J. Bryan, during the past week, to visit him upon his return from his vacation in the Bermuda Islands.

NEED NOT LOOK FAR.

May Find Rich Material Right in Own Party. The following is a special dispatch to the North American from Harrisburg.

"Busy times are ahead this winter for the publicity bureau which the Democratic state committee proposes to establish in order to keep the state at large informed in detail of what things are done in Harrisburg when the legislature is legislating.

he is about the only one of the 'old guard' of this stripe remaining, and a lot of inexperienced Democrats may be misled into regarding him as a bell wether."

CIVIL SERVICE ABUSE.

The original purpose of the civil service was to eliminate offices from politics. It is plain, however, that President Taft's recent order by which 36,000 postmasters of the fourth class were blanketed by that rule was actuated by the most intense partisanship.

It is not surprising, therefore, that a movement has been started by Democratic representatives to have the order revoked. There is said to be an overwhelming sentiment favorable to such a course, and if it should be carried out the Democrats in Congress could not be accused of striking at the civil service.

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From Bryan's Commoner: Pennsylvania, occasionally referred to as "the most thoroughly boss-ridden state" in the union, has made marked progress during the past two years.

1. Direct nomination of all candidates for public office. 2. Direct presidential preference primaries and direct election of United States senators.

THE POPULAR VOTE. The vote by states in the presidential election, is partly unofficial and incomplete for minor parties, but will not differ greatly from the final figures.

It shows a Wilson Democratic vote smaller than that of Bryan four years ago, a combined Republican vote smaller than that of Taft four years ago, a closer race between Taft and Roosevelt than indicated, a larger Socialist vote by 50 per cent., a smaller Prohibition vote, and a total vote which will not much exceed 14,300,000 as against 14,888,442 four years ago.

Local Option Bill in Legislature. The Anti-Saloon League of Pennsylvania, has announced that a local option bill of the last session would be introduced in the next legislature.

Reduction in Express Rates. Beginning with January 1 next there will be a heavy cut in express rates, brought about by the United States government, which will be as important to our merchants and to the public in general as the parcel post.

Revival services at Linden Hall in the Evangelical church every night this week. Gordon and Merle Comly, brothers, two young residents of Phillipsburg, took a three days' hunt over the mountain last week, stopping at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Comly, near Unionville.

Last Saturday the Emanuel Garbrick farm in Marion township was offered at public sale on the premises by the executors. This is a desirable property and the sale was well attended.

Williamsport Commercial College. Winter term begins January 7. Thorough Business and Shorthand courses. Sixty-three calls received for office during the fall term.



A TROPHY OF THE HUNT.

The above picture shows the head and pelt of one of the finest deer killed this season in Centre county. You will note the broad massive antlers; it is what hunters call a six-prong rack, there are six points on each branch.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Everybody wants to know about the distribution of Patronage under the new administration. Every member of Congress of democratic faith is receiving inquiries and applications by the hundred.

There is much guessing and newspaper talk; but that is all. All things concerning the distribution of patronage are up in the air so to speak.

The only things certain at this writing are:

- 1. President Taft has by executive order placed all the 4th class postmasters under the Civil Service, that is all postmasters drawing \$1,000 per annum. This means that the present 4th class postmasters will hold for life, or during good behavior, unless President Wilson revokes President Taft's order.

2. Most of the places worth having except those which have to be confirmed by the Senate have been for some time under civil service.

3. For twenty years the custom has been for federal officials appointed for four years, such as postmasters, U.S. Marshals, etc., to serve out their terms. Whether this custom will be continued it is impossible to say.

4. President Taft is said to have declared his intention to fill all vacancies as soon as they occur. But whether the Senate will confirm his appointees, or hold up their nomination, it is impossible to even guess.

5. The custom has been for the patronage of any particular state to be distributed through the senators and representatives thereof of the same political persuasion as the administration, if any such there be, and if none such, then through the national committee or some dependable friend or friends.

6. What scheme for selecting postmasters, etc., President Wilson and his cabinet may adopt is wholly conjectural. Some advocate one plan and some another.

7. The place not requiring confirmation by the senate are thus divided: Departments—State, 94; Justice, 846; Interior, 44; Commerce, 8; Civil Service Commission, 1.

mal were quite successful having captured at the time the photo was taken, three bucks and four bears. The latter four consisted of the mother and her three cubs.

This photo was kindly furnished us by Sumner C. Musser, Jr., of Aaronsburg, an amateur photographer who also knows how to take a good picture just a little better than the average man with a camera.

MARRIAGES.

Stiver—Daughenbaugh. Curtin Stiver and Miss Tressa Daughenbaugh, both of Moshannon, were married on Nov. 8th at Mahanoy.

Breon—Ream. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ream, at Millheim, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday of last week, when their daughter, Miss Jennie Ream, became the bride of William H. Breon.

Foringer—Fisher. At 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, Nov. 26th, a very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Evangelical parsonage at Spring Mills, when Miss Rosa B. Fisher, of Nittany, became the life companion of Mr. John B. Foringer.

Hull—Owens. Edward K. Hull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hull, of Bellefonte, and Miss Cora E. Owens, of Axemann, were quietly married on Wednesday afternoon of last week, at the parsonage of the Methodist church in Pleasant Gap.

Beaver—Prince. Don't let this disappoint you for we only wish to announce in this connection the betrothal of two of Bellefonte's popular young people. On Friday there was a little family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Prince, in Crafton, Pa.

Cromer—Crisman. Saturday morning at 8 o'clock a wedding ceremony was solemnized in the Episcopal church by the Rev. John Hewitt that proved a surprise to the many friends of Miss Eva Crisman.

Canon—Martin. St. Mark's Lutheran church at Nittany was the scene of a beautiful wedding ceremony on Thanksgiving evening. While the beautiful strains of a wedding march were wafted through the air, Miss Alverna Martin, only daughter of Mrs. Mary Martin, and Frank Ashton Canon, of Philadelphia, presented themselves to be united in marriage.

Largest Woman in the World Dies. Justine Masson, who weighed 750 pounds and is said to have been the largest woman in the world, died at Montreal, Can., last week. Several months ago she became insane and was taken in charge by the assistance public.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Adds Healthful Qualities to the Food

Prof. Prescott, of the University of Michigan, testified before the Pure Food Committee of Congress, that the acid of grapes held highest rank as an article of food and he regarded the results from baking with cream of tartar baking powder as favorable to health.

Royal is the only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar.

Nittany, as maid of honor; Miss Mildred Martin, of Pittsburg, and Miss Miriam Beck, of Nittany, as bridesmaids.

SALE REGISTER. (Additional Sale Notices on Page 6.) FRIDAY, MARCH 21—T. J. Stover will sell live stock and farm implements, 2 1/2 miles west of Millheim.

Dec. 20—Harry S. Shawley will expose at public sale at his residence, 1 mile northwest of Yarnell P. O., on the road leading to Snow Shoe on the farm known as the Betzy Fetzer farm, at 12 o'clock sharp, the following to-wit:

5 HEAD OF HORSES. one a fine bay brood mare with foal, wt. 1300, 8 years old; 1 bay mare rising 3, will make 1300, will drive single or double; 1 roan, rising 3 years, will make 1200, will work anywhere, fearless of steam or autos and a fine driver; 1 roan horse, rising 3 years, broken to all harness; 1 sorrel mare, 11 months.

6 COWS. 1 will be fresh in June, 3 in February, 2 in March. 4 fine heifers; 1 will be fresh in March. 10 spring calves, 8 shoats, 2 brood sows, straw, corn fodder by the load, oats, buckwheat, corn by the bushel, 1 set tug harness, collars, bridles, lines, housing halters, and other articles not mentioned. D. P. Wensil, auct. Free lunch.

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