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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 by his sweeping order in utter defiance of the good of the service. Many of surrounded and influenced unfortunately by bad advisors. In the close of the campaign, when he turned an army of postmasters over into the civil service, we considered it the act of a desperate politician who was in dire straits, and was doing almost and embarrass the incoming adminisanything as he saw his political hopes tration. waning before the Wilson tide. He naturally hoped to enlist the active services of these forty thousand politicians, who held fourth-class postoffices for his cause. It was an abuse of the service, of the rankest form, employes were placed under the civil of the service. With such a display of partibut it could not stem the tide that had set in against him. It was making political capital out of the civil service that they would deem wise and benesystem in one of the most important branches of the government, Of course we could forgive him for all that, under the circumstances, as men From Bryan's Commoner: become desperate under the strain of such a campaign as he passed through.

Since the election is over the President is showing a peculiarly bitter and revengeful disposition towards all office holders who were found in any way interested in the campaign for anyone of the other candidates. In the past week he is reported to have dismissed several officeholders in the south who were in some way identified with the Bull Moose campaign. The last offense was to dismiss the widow of General James Longstreet as the postmistress of Gainesville, Georgia, for the simple offense of sitting on a platform at a meeting that was addressed by Ex-President Roosevelt, public utility law. during the recent campaign.

President Taft has laid himself open to the severest criticism for this act fraudulent stock schemes. of vengeance against a poor widow of Good for Pennsylvania. a distinguished General of the late war. We always thought that he was just a little bigger than all that, and would be able to rise above such petty spite. President Taft certainly has lost his head.

OLD GUARD SCARED.

President-Elect Wilson is reported to have extended an invitation to Wm. J. Bryan, during the past week, to ago, a closer race between Taft and of the same political persuasion as Prince, and Mr. Thomas B. Beaver, visit him upon his return from his va- Roosevelt than indicated, a larger the administration, if any such there and at this time the engagement of has sent a shiver down the spine of which will not much exceed 14,300,000 the Old Guard and the Stand-patters as against 14,888,442 four years ago. in both parties who are opposed to anything that is in the line of progressive legislation. It gives them heavily in a minority of the total mend postmasters in congressional districts not represented by congress- and is the superintendent of the Beaver, the bint that Wilson proposes to keep vote, but with 42.6 per cent. of the districts not represented by congress- and is the superintendent of the Beaver, the same relitiest faith as his campaign pledges and live up to his campaign pledges and live up to who had hardly 40 per cent., and lit-the various planks in the Democratic tle more so than Cleveland in 1892, National platform. It also worries who had 45 per cent, them for fear that Mr. Bryan may be extended an important post in the new cabinet where he will be in close touch with the next administration, and might assist in bringing about the reforms that are needed. This is a severe blow to the Old Guard and the Stand-patters of both parties. We have no fear of anything that Bryan and Wilson may urge in the next four years. It would delight The Centre Democrat, and the great majority of its readers, to see the great Commoner and the Princetonian "schoolmaster" at the helm. It would give the people new hope in a popular form of government.

NEED NOT LOOK FAR.

May Find Rich Material Right in Own Party.

The following is a special dispatch to the North American from Harris-

"Busy times are ahead this winter ant to our merchants and to the for the publicity bureau which the lic in general as the parcel post. 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.

"The Democratic publicity bureau will find a whole lot of work dealing with doings in its own party. The purpose of the bureau, as it has been outlined at Democratic state head-quarters here, will be to let constituents "back home" know just what the "inside stuff" is on certain per-formances of their senators and members. It will be interesting to see what view the Democratic publicity bureau will take of the "inside stuff" of actions of such an eminent Demo-crat as Senator J. K. P. Hall, of Elk, who time out of mind in the past has stood right where the Penrose machine could reach out and tap him on the

"The house of representatives will present some similar grist for the Democrats' publicity mill. One of the oldest men in the amen corner during

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

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 in-tense partisanship, a desire on his part to deprive the incoming adminis-tration of the "distribution of spoils" by fastening the hold of Republicans on offices that otherwise would go to his political opponents. The Presi-dent's order was dated on October 15, showing his own apprehension over the political outlook. The step was percautionary, to guarantee the safety of the small army of office holders by closing the door to their possible re-As this conduct was partisan to an extreme it can be construed in no other light than a flagrant violation of the intent of the law, a reversal of the object of civil service by using it for a selfish political purpose. It is not surprising, therefore, that a movement has been started by Democratic representatives to have the order revoked. There is said to 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. That blow has been struck already by the President these 36,000 postmasters are, no doubt, competent officials, but it stands to reason that among such a large number there is a certain proportion who do not deserve the protection. But the President's only object was to clinch the hold of his own followers

Those who have studied the situation declare that President Wilson will have the power to revoke the or-The precedent was established by President Harrison when he re-voked a similar order by President Cleveland, whereby the railway postal ficial.-Post.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Pennsylvania, occasionally referred to as "the most thoroughly boss-ridden state" in the union, has made marked progress during the past two years. A legislature was chosen at the 1912 election and 180 members out of the 205 elected subscribed to the following progressive state platform:

1. Direct nomination of all candidates for public office. 2. Direct presidential preference primaries and direct election of Uni-

ted States senators. 3-4. Direct preference primaries and direct election of United States

5. Limitation of purposes for which campaign contributions may be made and expended, with public audit. 6. Punishment of election crimes

by imprisonment. Comprehensive and

8. Employers' liability and workmen's compensation act. 9. Prevention of swindling by

continue to progress along the pathway of genuine popular government. THE POPULAR VOTE.

The vote by states in the presidential election, is partly unofficial and incomplete for minor partles, but will not differ greatly from the final fig-

It shows a Wilson Democratic vote smaller than that of Bryan four years patronage of any particular state to W. W. Prince, in Crafton, Pa. Among ago, a combined Republican vote be distributed through the senators those present from this place were smaller than that of Taft four years and representatives thereof who are Mrs. Paul Shaffer and Miss Millicent Scialist vote by 50 per cent., a small- be, and if none such, then through the the two latter young people was form-

Mr. Wilson's plurality of 2,228,608 over his nearest rival is the largest of record with one exception. He is senators are depended upon to recom- The groom is the youngest son of

The decline of the vote from 1908, which affects Democrats and Republicans and the total alike, is to be attributed to Republican disgust over a party split for personal ends, and tors consult with representatives in Democratic confidence in the result as these matters, all trying to do the most possible for their constituents. a foregone conclusion. Local Option Bill in Legislature.

The Anti-Saloon League, of Penn-sylvania, has announced that a local option bill of the last session would be introduced in the next legislature. The results of the election show, it is asserted, that there are 90 members of the new House who are for such legislation and 23 or 24 in the Senate who will vote for the passage of a local option measure, although they have not put their promises in

whether our representative will absent himself when this issue comes up or

writing. We are anxious

stand up and vote. Reduction in Express Rates. Beginning with January 1 next there will be a heavy cut in express raates, brought about by the United States government, which will be as important to our merchants and to the pub-The express companies claim that they will lose at least \$32,000,000 per annum by the change, which means that the public will save that much. The express companies have been making excessive profits; the new rulings will not prevent their making reasonable

Revival services at Linden Hall in the Evangelical church every night this week

earnings in the future.

Gordon and Merle Comly, brothers, two young residents of Philipsburg, took a three days' hunt over the mountain last week, stopping home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Comly, near Unionville. It was their first hunting trip, but was one worthy of experienced nimrods, having returned with 17 rabbits, 3 pheasants and 3 squirrels.

Last Saturday the Emanuel Gar-



A TROPHY OF THE HUNT.

The above picture shows the head three bucks and four bear. The lat-and pelt of one of the finest deer killed ter four consisted of the mother and it is what hunters call a six-prong rack, there are six points on each branch. Very few bucks are beach Mountains each year and bucks are branch. Very few bucks are killed more than the average number of their that have such a spread. It was an the reason that they are on to their jobs and know how to do the trick. ed tipped the scales at over 200. It was shot over in what is known as by Sumner C. Musser, Jr., of Aaronsthe Poe Valley district of the Seven burg, an amateur photographer who

The party that brought in this ani- age man with a camera.

mal were quite successful having captured at the time the photo was taken Mountains, about four miles south of also knows how to take a good pic-Spring Mills.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Everbody 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 fey.

There is much guessing and news-paper talk; but that is all. All things oncerning the distribution of patronage are up in the air so to speak. President-elect Wilson, who is resting in Bermuda, has not, so far as is generally known, given any information of his intention on this subject. Nothing definite will be known until he speaks.

The only things certain at this writ-

is all postmasters drawing \$1,000 per This means that the present 4th class postmasters will hold for life, highly respected and have the or during good behavior, unless President Wilson revokes President Taft's The ceremony was performed by the order. Whether he will revoke it no- Rev. O. D. Martin. body knows.

2. Most of the places worth having except those which have to be confirmed by the Senate have been for E. Owens, of Axemann, were quietly some time under civil service. This married on Wednesday afternoon

been for federal officials appointed for young people who start on their matrifour years, such as postmasters, U.S. monial voyage with the well-wishes of Marshals, etc., to serve out their many friends. The groom has been an terms. Whether this custom will be employe at the Crider planing mill for continued it is impossible to say.

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

national committeeman or some de-pendable friend or friends. Under Prince's parents. Miss Prince is a this arrangement representatives are charming young lady who has been depended upon to reccommend post-masters in their own districts while home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaffer. men of the same political faith as er farms and a contractor who has the president. Senators are also de-various interests. Just when the nuppended upon to recommend for mar- tial event will be celebrated is not anshalships and offices of that kind, in-cluding departmental positions and places in the consular and diplomatic the suspense any longer as all agree service, and in fact all offices not lo- that he is entitled to a good wife and cal. Of course, as a rule, the sena- a happy home.

6. What scheme for selecting postmasters, etc.. President Wilson and his cabinet may adopt is wholly conjectural. Some advocate one plan and of this place. While a nuprise to the many friends of Miss Eva Crissman, of this place. While a nuprise to the some another. Consequently it might be best for those intending to be applicants to let matters rest until the was a surprise in store. The ceresituation clears up somewhat; but mony was witnessed only by the imwhere one or more aspirants for a mediate members of the bride's famparticular place start in to secure signers to petitions, recommendations, etc., it might be wise for all aspirants to do so too.

the newspaper correspondents in the The young couple then took their denational capital that Mr. Wilson, parture by auto to Milesburg where when he enters the White House on March 4, will find that he has the off on their wedding journey before power to fill directly 10,839 govern- practically any of the bride's friends ment positions. They declare the realized that she was gone. The young appointive places requiring confirma- couple will make their future home at

tion are divided as follows: Departments-State, 441; Treasury. 736; War (excluding army) 6; Justice, 383, Postoffice, 7,953; Navy (excluding officers) 11; Interior, 273; Bellefonte Academy and while here Agriculture, 3; Commerce and Labor (excluding census) 28; Civil Service Commission, 4; Government Printing Office, 1; Interstate Commerce Commission, 7; and Library of Congress, 1.

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

Largest Woman In the World Dies.
Justine Masson, who weighed 780
pounds and is said to have been the 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 publique. In the institution she became notorious for exploits of strength when in a frenzy. Even the walls of her room failed to restrain her, and it was necessary to build a round by the large transfer of Mrs. Mary Martin, and Frank Ashton Canon, of Philadelphia, presented themselves to be united in presented themselves to be united in the largest woman in the world, died at St. Mark's Lutheran church at Nit-dany was the scene of a beautiful wed-ding 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, it was necessary to build a round it was necessary to build a round house outside the main building es-

MARRIAGES.

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

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 H. Ream, became the bride of William H. Breon. The ceremony was

Foringer-Fisher.

performed by Rev. W. J. Dice.

At 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, Nov. 26th, a very pretty wedding was sol-1. President Taft has by executive emnized at the Evangelical parson-order placed all the 4th class post-masters under the Civil Service, that B. Fisher, of Nittany, became the life companion of Mr. John B. Foringer, of Colyer. These two young people are

greatly lessens the number of positions last week, at the parsonage of the formerly available.

Methodist church in Pleasant Gap, by 3. For twenty years the custom has Rev. D. J. Frum. Both are popular

Beaver-Prince. Don't let this disappoint you for we only wish to announce in this Bellefonte's popular young On Friday there was a little family 5. The custom has been for the gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Saturday morning at 8 o'clock a wedding ceremony was solemnized in Hudson, daughter of Mr. It has been figured out by some of William Homer Crissman of this place. Baldwinsville, N. Y., where Mr. Cromer is connected with the firm of Stew-Bellefonte Academy and while here he met Miss Crissman and their acquaintance ripened into the stronger attachment. Mr. Cromer later graduated at State College and since then has been located with the same firm who do an extensive business. Miss The place not requiring confirma- Crissman was one of Bellefonte's popular young people, who had many friends. She was identified in various ways with social activities of the community and was regarded as a young lady of numerous accomplishments. May joy go with them.

Democrats' publicity mill. One of the Democratic public sale on the premises of the main building especially for her.

Williamsport Commercial College.

The veil was caught the veil was caught of white crepe metear, trimmed duchess point lace and pearls, while of white crepe metear, trimmed such the veil was caught of white or property and the sale was well adverted presented themselves to be united in marriage. Rev. L. N. Fleck, of Newry, Pa., officiated. The bride wore a gown

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.

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Nittany, as maid of honor; Miss Mildred Martin, of Pittsburg, and Miss Master Harry Barr, of Philipsburg, Miriam Beck, of Nittany, as bridesmaids. Miss Sophia Gutgsell, of Philand Mrs. John Gray, of Stormstown. adelphia, small niece of the groom, acted as flower girl. The dresses were of yellow satin, trimmed with shadow lace, rhinestones and pearls. Each carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. The groom was attended by his brother, Benj. Canon, of the Schoolship Adams, who appeared in military dress. The ushers were Messrs. John Beck, Jr., of Nittany, wedding march was played by Miss Beulah Miller, of State College. Afand Wm. N. Duck, of Millheim. ter the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride, following which the couple left for Philadelphia where they will be "at home" at 3914 zer farm, at 1 North Percy St., after January first, lowing, to-wit Following the rehearsal on Wednesday evening the wedding party was entertained by Miss Ruth Beck at her home. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Smith and daugh-ter Meriam, Miss Laura Harrison and Miss Blanche McGarvy, of Bellefonte; Miss Esther Martin, Pittsburg; Miss Kathryn Martin, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Emerick and son Paul, of Benore; J. A. Emerick, of Lock-Ha-ven; and Stewart Breon, of Millheim.

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SALE REGISTER.

(Additional Sale Notices on Page 6.) FRIDAY, MARCH 21-T. J. Stover will sell live stock and farm implements, 2½ miles west of Millheim. Hubler and Wise, Auct.

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 fol-5 HEAD OF HORSES,

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wt. 1300, 8 years old; 1 bay mare rising 3, will make 1300, will drive sin-gle or double; 1 roan, ris-ing 3 years, will make ing 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,

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