

Down Wilkes-Barre Way

(Contributed.)
Please observe the hyphen! If you write it Wilkesbarre you violate the law and offend the patriotism of every devotee to the honor of the two great British statesmen and Colonels Wilkes and Barre, from which illustrious names we derive our urban nym. Be it known that this hyphenated city, is now a commissioned municipality. It is worthy of note that the Mayor Kosek who has Billy Sundayed this once wide open space on the map, is now only a nominal chief, the four commissioners having met and parceled out all the main functions and left to his honorable Koseky the chiefhood of weights and measures! The "true inwardness" of this is the insatiable yearning of the "business interests" for a return to the aforesaid "wideopenness! Hot tamales ahead!

A son and daughter of Charlie Beck, of Smullton, reside here at No. 52 S. Welles street. The son is employed in the adding machine works and is making good, jolly, rotund, thrifty and happy.

There is a healthy example of the political "boomerang" on tap here. County jobs were tied up because the four "Common Pleas" judges divided equally. Usually a divided and tied court affirms the decision. Garman and Fuller were on one side and Strouse and O'Boyle on the other. So the sempiternal Garman bobbed up serenely at Harrisburg last winter and got another judge to break the tie. The judge appointed was Dan. Fell, as straight as a bee line to Neskepek. Neither Kopek nor Strouse would swerve Dan from what he believed to be right! He would not touch the chestnuts. The late election resulted in Butler Woodward's election to be judge and here's the boomerang! Butler will stand with Strouse and O'Boyle, it is predicted.

It seems that judicial blood runs in the veins of the Woodwards from the old chief Justice George down the line. Speaking of the latter, he ran for governor against Andy Curtin in 1863. I remember there was a great mass meeting for Woodward and Lowrie at Rebersburg, in old Centre. It was the greatest parade of Democratic masses with horses and chariots ever seen in Brush valley and was reviewed, I believe by Gen'l Buchanan, of Penn Hall, assisted by Gen'l Wolf and other leaders. Among the speakers was Hon. Cyrus T. Alexander of Bellefonte. There was a unique patriarch, Jacob Gramly, known familiarly as "Yokel Gramly," who, at every religious meeting, when moved by the spirit, would jump about in a vehement manner and shout. Whilst "Cyce" was tearing off eloquence for Woodward, by the rod, he touched the inner chords of the old gentleman, who immediately began to leap into the air and shout for "Woodward," until the thousands who had gathered there in front of Dan Kreamer's hotel took up the refrain. Woodward was defeated by only a narrow margin.

The Creasy boom is growing fast, since it has become evident that Palmer will not be a candidate. A club of Progressives at Berwick has endorsed Creasy for governor and Pinchot for U. S. Senator. Creasy for governor and Palmer for U. S. Senator would be an invincible duo. Verbum sap. suz.

Bride of 12; Groom 65.

Judge Frank I. Duncan, of the circuit court for Baltimore county, said that no wedding license would be issued for the marriage of William Still, sixty-five years old, of Parkton, Baltimore county, and his twelve-year-old housekeeper, Bertha Grove. Judge Duncan explained that while the law does not specify at what age persons may marry with the consent of their parents, his judgment would make him forbid the granting of the license because of the tender age of the girl.

William Still, accompanied by the girl, appeared at the Towson court house, and after showing the written consent of her parents to the marriage, asked for a license. He was refused because the paper was not signed by two other witnesses.

The paper produced by Still reads as follows:
"We, the undersigned, are willing for William Still, sixty-five years old, to have our daughter, Bertha Grove, for his wife. She will be thirteen years old next April.
(Signed) "ELLA C. GROVE."
"JOHN H. GROVE."

Urges Early Closing.

The Department of Labor and Industry urges the merchants in the various communities of this State to get together and arrange for early closing during the weeks preceding Christmas. The stores in Philadelphia and some other cities close at six o'clock without loss of business or inconvenience. The Department earnestly urges Christmas buyers to do their shopping as soon as possible, and during daylight.

The proper result can be accomplished by the associations of merchants in a community getting together, and agreeing upon early closing, and by the people taking in hand their Christmas shopping without delay. Action should be taken at once. Commissioner Jackson earnestly hopes that this Department will have this kind of co-operation by the merchants and the people of the State, in putting into effect the spirit as well as the wording of the legislation passed last winter.

Stomach Troubles Dissappear.

Stomach, liver and kidney troubles, weak nerves, lame back and female ills disappear when Electric Bitters are used. Thousands of women would not be without a bottle in their home. Eliza Pool of Depew, Oka, writes: "Electric Bitters raised me from my bed of sickness and suffering and has done me a world of good. I wish every suffering woman could use this excellent remedy and find out, as I did, just how good it is." As it has helped thousands of others, it surely will do the same for you. Every bottle guaranteed, 50c. and \$1.00. At all Drugists. H. E. Bucklen & Co. Phila. or St. Louis.—Adv. Dec.

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BAILEY'S PROPOSITION.

"My answer to the demands of the big navy boomers is the bill introduced by me providing for a super tax of 5 per cent. on incomes of \$20,000 and over to meet the cost of naval construction," said Warren North Bailey of the Nineteenth district of Pennsylvania.

"My proposition in brief is, that the naval establishment should be limited in size only by the patriotism of our millionaires. They are the real big navy boomers and they ought to be given a fair chance to pay for what they so ardently demand. We do not hesitate to draft men from the factory and farm when any fighting needs to be done. Our millionaires rarely do any fighting. Their patriotism takes the form usually of loaning money at high rates to the government in times of deadly peril. The poor men do the fighting. It is they who brave the leaden hail and the hardly less fearful ordeals of the camp in times of war.

"I am offering our millionaires the first real chance they have ever had in this country to show the genuineness of their patriotism. They should seize it with joy and should exert their tremendous influence in favor of my bill. According to my calculations this bill will raise a total revenue of \$143,581,250, a little less than the estimates of Mr. Underwood and Mr. Simmons of the amount required for the naval establishment for the fiscal year 1914. As far as I can make out, the great body of the people are not suffering for a big navy. The demand for naval exploitation comes almost exclusively from those upon whom the super tax would fall; and I feel sure that they will not protest against paying for what they so ardently want. If we enter into competition such as that which the big navy boomers advocate it will take a lot of money. I recall that the Democratic party at Baltimore pledged itself to a lessening of the burdens of

taxation, but this pledge can not be fulfilled if the big navy boomers are to have their way, or having their way, they are not required themselves to foot the bill.

"Personally I regard this naval competition as in the last degree unwise. There should be a 'naval holiday' and it should last, not for a year, but indefinitely. There is no more sense in nations going around armed than there is in the private citizen making of himself a walking arsenal. Just as we have progressed in civilization we have dispensed with the loaded hip pocket; and it is a material blot upon this civilization that we have not likewise abandoned the national hip pocket as symbolized in our great navy and our great standing army.

"But if we must have this great navy, it is my thought that it should be supported by the special interests that never miss an opportunity to clamor for it. That is the thought which is back of my bill."

The output of lime at the White-rock quarries has been increased by the addition of several kilns. As soon as the road connecting the present works with their quarries east of Pleasant Gap is completed, the output will be further increased.

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His Card.

E. H. Sothern, the actor, confesses to a habit which sometimes has its disadvantages. It is his custom to make memoranda of things which occur to him from time to time on his calling cards or other odd bits of paper he may have in his pockets. He tells this as one of his experiences: "I had occasion to call at the home of Grover Cleveland, and I sent up my card. In a few minutes Mrs. Cleveland came in to receive me, the card still in her hand and about her mouth a rather odd smile.

"I think perhaps I had better return this to you," she said.

"I took it. On the back I had written: 'Socks, pajamas, one dozen collars.'"—New York Tribune.

A Hearty Welcome.

Mrs. Clay telephoned to a friend that she would come down and spend the day.

"Well, here I am!" she exclaimed cheerily as the little daughter of the hostess opened the door.

"Yes," replied the child; "I'm glad to see you, and I know mother will be glad, too, for she said this morning when you phoned that she was thankful she was going to have the visit over with."—Lippincott's.

The Dragon Fly.

Perhaps the most wonderful of all insects is the dragon fly. It goes through the air at the rate of sixty miles an hour and can stop instantly or can change its course backward or sideways without lessening its speed or changing the position of its body.

A Threat or a Promise?

John, a rather backward rustic, sat at one end of the sofa and his sweetheart at the other. Both minds were too full to carry on conversation, but at last the lady spoke: "John, what are you thinking about?" John, awakened from his dreams, answered with a drawl, "Oh, jest the same as you are," and was surprised to get the retort: "If you do I'll slap you!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Strict Sense of Duty.

The touring car had turned upside down, burying the motorist under it, but the village constable was not to be thus lightly turned from his duty.

"It's no use your hiding there," he said severely. "I must have your name and address."—Exchange.

Food Values.

A pound of parsnips only gives 12 units of strength, while the same amount of skim milk will give 34 and of split peas 250.

There is no greater loss than the loss of time.—Old Saying.

Malapropian.

Visitor—Your husband gets a lot of sentiment out of his pipe. Mrs. Rich-quick—Goodness, yes! It is perfectly disgusting to see him clean it!—Judge.

Causes Lots of Trouble.

Most of the trouble is due to the fact that half of the people are men and the other half women.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Rich Hair

Long, thick, heavy hair. Want this kind? Ayer's Hair Vigor promotes growth. Does not color the hair. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

McDevitt Again in Clover.

John J. McDevitt, of Wilkes-Barre, the "Millionaire for a Day," who spent \$2,500 on a trip to New York on one occasion, is again in possession of money. Just where he got it is a mystery but he has \$2,500 in his pockets, and thinks it is more cash than he can conveniently spend in Wilkes-Barre. So he has decided to charter a special train of six cars and make a trip to Washington, taking along a statue of himself, which he will ask congress to place in the rotunda of the capitol. McDevitt says he will leave early in January and will write to Champ Clark beforehand to notify him of his coming.

Will Count Elks.

Officials of the state game commission will have a count made of the elk on the state reservations this winter to see how many are at large and also to see if the elk bought by the state were injured to any extent by too eager hunters. From all accounts elk had hard times in some sections and at least two are known to have been killed. The question of the future policy of the state in regard to elk will likely depend on the outcome of this survey.

Miss Anna Silver, a nurse in the City Hospital, Altoona, for about two years, is at the home of her sister, Mrs. William McClenahan, in Centre Hall. She has a two weeks' vacation and will divide the time between her friends and relatives in Penns Valley.



Violet Oakley's Paintings

In the Pennsylvania State Capitol at Harrisburg

The 15 famous mural paintings which adorn the walls of the Governor's Room at Harrisburg are now for the first time to be reproduced in color. Heretofore the only obtainable copies were carbon photographs at \$7.50 each. Recently improved methods in the making of color printing plates direct from the walls now make possible their reproduction in color. The expense of reproducing these pictures is very great, and but for the willingness of the PUBLIC LEDGER to assume this expense these wonderful pictures might long have remained beyond the reach of the public to be momentarily enjoyed only by the few who might have occasion to see the originals when "doing" the Capitol at Harrisburg.

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