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FOREST COUNTY OFFICERS.

- Member of Congress—P. M. Speer. Member of Senate—J. K. P. Hall.

Regular Terms of Court.

Fourth Monday of February, Third Monday of May, Fourth Monday of September.

Church and Sabbath School.

Presbyterian Sabbath School at 9:45 a. m.; M. E. Sabbath School at 10:30 a. m.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

- THE TIONESTA LODGE, No. 309, L. O. O. F. Meets every Tuesday evening, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Partridge building.

CHAS. W. MORSE A FREE MAN

Taft Commutes Sentence of the Convicted Banker.

CIVIL RIGHTS STILL LOST

Action Based on Attorney General Wickersham's Recommendation and Surgeon General Torrey's Report.

Washington.—On the recommendation of the Attorney General, based on a report from the surgeon general of the army, the President commuted the sentence of Charles W. Morse, to expire at once. The New York banker, who was sentenced to prison for fifteen years for misapplication of the funds of the National Bank of North America, is therefore a free man; but his physical condition is such that it is doubtful whether he will survive more than a few months.

The White House statement granting freedom to Morse follows: The President commuted the sentence of Charles W. Morse, to expire at once. This action was taken upon the recommendation of the Attorney General, based upon the following report of Surgeon General Torrey: "A careful review of reports makes it clear to my mind that he is suffering from a combination of diseases, due to degenerative changes, which are incurable and progressive. The reports show that both the conditions of the kidneys and the heart are growing worse. I regard the attack of cardiac dyspnoea, or heart block, from which he suffered on the morning of the 15th inst., as an ominous occurrence. In my opinion the prisoner's duration of life will be in all probability less than one month if kept in confinement, and in the event of his release under commutation of sentence it is not probable that he will live as long as six months."

Designated as a special messenger by the Attorney General's office, Mrs. Morse left Washington immediately for Atlanta, bearing her husband's commutation papers.

"I Am Glad," Says Morse.

Atlanta.—"I am glad to hear the news" was the only comment made by Charles W. Morse when informed by the post surgeon at Fort McPherson that President Taft had commuted his sentence. It was uttered in a weak voice, which carried little or no elation, for he realized that no mortal authority could release him from the clutches of incurable disease.

Bath Burns Red Fire.

Bath, Me.—This town worked up great enthusiasm in celebrating the release of Charles W. Morse, a son of Bath, when the news of the President's action reached here. In certain circles the joy was sincere, and all who believed him innocent and others, simply glad that he had been turned loose, made up parades and hired bands and burned red fire.

CHEER SALUTE TO FLAG.

Simple Act Causes Change of Feeling in Lawrence. Lawrence, Mass.—A simple little act performed in accordance with military regulations had the effect of oil poured on troubled waters in the textile strike here. There had been no disorder but there were more cheers than for the militiamen who are patrolling the streets.

MISS EDMANDS IN HOSPITAL.

Philadelphia.—Miss Violet Edmands, who was to have been married to the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, of Cambridge, now under sentence of death for the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, of Hyannis, has been an inmate of the Gynecoe Hospital, on North 18th street here, for nearly three weeks.

SLANDER VERDICT \$10,000.

New Jersey School Teacher Wins Suit Against Member of Board. Morristown, N. J.—A jury gave a verdict of \$10,000 damages in the suit for slander brought by Miss Lucy Hulbert against Willis G. Arnold. The complainant alleged that Mr. Arnold had told her reflecting upon her character.

Ohio Officer Raffles Baby.

Akron, O.—Humane Officer Weber of the Akron Humane society, was baffled when he tried to find a home for a 3-month-old baby girl, which had been deserted by its parents. Sixteen childless families made application to adopt the child. Being somewhat of a Solomon, Weber declined to take the risk of saying which family should have the baby as all gave the child a good home. It was then determined to raffle the child. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sailer were the winners.

HONORED WITH EDISON MEDAL

George Westinghouse Again Receives Highest Distinction.

HE IS A WORLD AUTHORITY

In Development of Electric Current His New Field Is Commercial—Many Experts Delighting Therein.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—For his meritorious achievements in connection with the development of the alternating current system for electric light and power, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has awarded George Westinghouse the Edison gold medal. This action of the country's foremost scientific electrical body was determined by the board of directors at a recent meeting.

The distinction conferred upon Mr. Westinghouse is an especially noteworthy one. For a long time the world's authorities on things electrical have been studying and experimenting on the mysteries of the alternating current, with a view to introducing their discoveries into industrial practice. All of the great electrical plants have, and are now employing experts to delve into the alternating current, for in this direction, it is said, lies new fields in electric commercialism.

VETERAN NEWSPAPERMAN DEAD

Major Christman Published First Paper in Washington County.

Washington, Pa.—Major Enos Lewis Christman, aged 84 years, a veteran newspaper man and one of the most prominent citizens of this place is dead after a long illness. Major Christman was the first to publish a daily paper in Washington county, and operated the first newspaper in Western Pennsylvania, outside of Pittsburgh.

When the Civil War Broke Out

Major Christman went to the front as second lieutenant of Company K, Fourth regiment. He was later appointed provost marshal by President Lincoln. During his service he was promoted to captain of Company K and then to major of the regiment for bravery and distinguished service.

Seven Hundred More of the Arlington Mills Employees Struck

and there were small additions from other establishments to the ranks of the unemployed.

DEFEAT ECUADOR INSURGENTS.

1,000 Men Killed and Wounded in Battle Near Guayaquil. Guayaquil.—The Guayaquil rebel army has been badly defeated in a hard fought battle with the Government troops under Gen. Julio Andrade. The Government troops made the attack at Yagunche, northeast of this city, and at the close of the battle it was found that more than a thousand men had been killed and wounded.

Washington—Intervention in Ecuador

seems very likely.

BUTTER AND EGG COLLUSION.

Charges That Chicago and Elgin Boards Fixed Prices. Chicago.—Charges of collusion between the Chicago Butter and Egg Board and the Elgin Board of Trade, made by the Federal Government, were corroborated by E. L. McAdams, formerly a member of both, who testified that many of the Chicago Butter and Egg Board members also were members of the Elgin Board of Trade during the years he was a member. He also said that the Chicago men fixed prices in Chicago and Elgin.

REPORTERS TRAP MILLERS.

Present in Secret Meeting where Sell-Prices Were Fixed. Lincoln, Neb.—The South Platte Millers' Association received a shock when it was found that three newspaper reporters had sat through the afternoon meeting of the association and had heard the mill owners make all plan for controlling the prices of flour to be sold in Nebraska this year. State authorities are said to be considering a prosecution of the association for conspiracy.

POTATOES UP \$3 A BARREL

Heavy Imports from England Fail to Affect Market.

CROP IS SHORT WORLD OVER

Record Prices Due to Shortage of 80,000,000 Bushels in United States—Farmers Holding for Higher Prices—Want Tariff Reduced.

New York.—High record prices for potatoes prevail in all of the produce markets of this country, due to the shortage in the crop of 1911. Wholesale prices are receiving on an average of \$3.50 a bag for state, western and Maine potatoes, against an average price of \$1.50 a year ago and \$1.45 in 1910. Long Island potatoes are selling from \$4.00 to \$4.50 a barrel, compared with \$1.25@1.50 last year.

Farmers are asking all the way from 60 cents to \$1.00 per bushel and are holding out for \$1.50 in some quarters. In former years 40 cents per bushel was considered a fair average price.

The estimated shortage of the crop is about 80,000,000 bushels, caused by the climatic conditions of the past season. The situation would be even worse should this country not be in a position to draw supplies from abroad. Imports of potatoes during the past week were over 60,000 bags, and fully 100,000 bags arrived during the previous week. These imported goods tend to hold prices down to some extent, but, according to authorities in the trade, the consumers are not receiving the full benefit of this influx of foreign potatoes, due to the comparatively heavy duty of about 25 cents per bushel, to which they are subjected.

It is estimated that potatoes would be selling as high as \$4.00 and \$5.00 per bag of 180 pounds in the wholesale market were it not for the foreign supplies, the bulk of which are arriving from the British Isles. English potatoes are selling as high as \$2.50 a bag of 168 pounds.

A bill is to be introduced in Congress asking for a reduction of the tariff on potatoes, or abrogating it for at least three months, until the new crop from the South is due to arrive. Germany has already taken this step to reduce the cost to the consumer.

It is argued that a reduction of the tariff would not hurt the American farmer to any great extent, and would be an immediate benefit to consumer. Receipts at New York were comparatively small during the past few weeks. Farmers are said to be holding back shipments in anticipation of even higher values during the next three months.

ENGLISH SPEAKERS IN STRIKE.

Weavers' Trouble in Lawrence Now Spreads—Thousand More Out. Lawrence, Mass.—English speaking operatives in the woolen mills here to the number of more than 1,900 met and voted unanimously to strike and join the Industrial Workers of the World, the organization which is directing the fight for increased wages.

This action is regarded as significant, as it is believed that the loss of their most skilled operatives will do much toward shutting up some of the mills completely.

McFarland Arrives in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The Rev. Dr. W. D. McFarland, accused of being responsible for the death of Elsie D. Coe, a stenographer in the Pittsburgh High School, arrived here from Greenville, Tenn. his home, in the custody of County Detective Jeremiah Lutz. Dr. McFarland, attached to friends in court and at once went to the home of a ministerial friend. Here, it is said, he will remain until called for trial, probably the first week of February. It is said that ministerial and educational friends here believe in his innocence and have furnished security for his bond.

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SIXTY DEER FOR THE PRESERVES

Animals Ordered By Commission Being Trapped

MICHIGAN SPECIES THE BEST

Fair Rate of Increase expected—Commissioners Intention That Each Sportsman May Have His One Deer Per Year.

Harrisburg, Pa.—From Marquette, Mich., comes the information that the first consignment of the white-tailed deer ordered some time since by the Pennsylvania State Game Commission will be shipped early in February. The deer are being trapped on the game preserve of the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Mining Company, on Grand Island, Lake Superior. There are 60 in the lot to be sent to Pennsylvania. New York is getting 20 of the same deer. There will be 25 does and five bucks in the first shipment, which will be duplicated a few weeks later.

The deer are intended to replenish the fast-diminishing stock in this state and were ordered some months ago from the Michigan preserve not only because of the unusual size of the animal in that state, but because they were bought for \$20 a head, whereas \$10 is demanded by almost every other deer region in the country. Bucks of this Michigan white-tailed species often attain a weight of between 500 and 400 pounds, and they are remarkably handsome animals.

The deer are intended for the state's game preserves in Perry and Westmoreland counties. Of the 19,000 acres of forest preserves in Westmoreland county, 2,500 have been purchased and set aside in which to turn loose these Michigan importations. It is expected that they will increase at a fair rate, and it is the desire of the commission that every man of the inclination and the steady aim may have one deer each year granted him by the state.

About two years ago 25 deer were turned loose in the Monto Alto preserves, on which grounds is also located the State's Tuberculosis Sanitarium. As showing the gratifying increase of the animals, it is recorded that a State Game Commission attached counted 78 deer on this preserve only a few weeks ago.

ORPHANS GET BIG ESTATE.

Big Bequest of Pittsburgh People for Concordia Home. Hannahston, Pa.—The trustees of the Concordia Home for Orphans and Aged here, have come into possession of an estate of \$167,000, the gift of the late G. N. Neilman and Mrs. Neilman of old Allegheny City. Extension of old Allegheny, died in 1884, leaving a bequest in his will amounting to over \$50,000 to Concordia home, which is under the Missouri synod of the Lutheran church. The estate was subject to certain interest of his wife who died three years ago.

Since that time the estate has been in the courts of Allegheny county and the litigation recently terminated favorably for the Concordia home. In the meantime the original bequest, which consisted of stocks and bonds, increased in value until, with accrued interest, it amounted to \$167,000. The home was founded in 1883 by C. G. Oertel, a German settler, who donated a farm of 50 acres.

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ASK FOR RELEASE

BOARD OF PARDONS HEARS PLEA FOR THOS. GALLAGHER AND WARD KETCHUM.

WANTS HIGHWAY IMPROVED

To Urge the Completion of Route 15, Which Runs From Towanda to New York State Line, as Soon as Possible.

Harrisburg.—The board of pardons heard a case of a sort which does not frequently come up, a plea being made for a pardon for Thomas Gallagher, who has served a year of an 18-month sentence in Philadelphia for fraudulent voting. No denial was made to Gallagher's suit nor any allegation that there has been a miscarriage of justice, the plea being based solely on the grounds that Gallagher is seriously ill with tuberculosis and has no chance of recovery in prison.

Another unusual incident was the appearance of the Rev. C. R. Bostford, Berwick, in behalf of Ward Ketchum. The minister is not a lawyer and is the only one to represent Ketchum. For stealing something like \$50 worth of wheat, Ketchum was sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary because he had served two previous terms for larceny. This heavy sentence was the one prescribed by the original prisoners' parole act of 1909. The application for pardon is based upon sufficient punishment, Ketchum having already served more than two years.

Want Highway Improved.

A delegation from Bradford county called on Highway Commissioner Bigelow to urge that work be started as soon as possible on route No. 15, mapped out by the Sprout bill. This route runs from Towanda, Bradford county seat, to the New York state line, in a generally northerly direction. It has already been improved under the old acts for about three and a half miles out of Towanda, and the Bradford people want the remaining 20 miles improved as soon as possible.

1,300 Commissions Issued.

Over 1,300 commissions for aldermen and justices of the peace have been signed by Governor John K. Tener and attested by Secretary of the Commonwealth Rabera McAfee since the end of November and the last of the commission needed to authorize men to hold such office have just been sent from the capitol to magistrates who were late in filing acceptance or who were appointed to fill vacancies. At the November election 1,287 aldermen and justices were elected and since that time 40 have been appointed to fill vacancies due to deaths, resignations or failure to qualify.

To Meet at Capitol.

Harrisburg.—Utilization of the state forest reserves and education of the people in their importance will be the chief themes to be discussed at the annual convention of the foresters of the state to be held at the capitol March 5, 6 and 7. The program as outlined by State Forestry Commissioner Robert S. Conklin contains several important papers, but the convention this year will not be so much for presentation of papers as for discussion of forest problems.

Governor John K. Tener is expected

to welcome the foresters and other state officials will speak. The first day will be devoted to the discussion of the proposition of the forester and his community. A. C. Stevens will discuss the general attitude and Alfred E. Rupp will tell how to remove an unfavorable impression. Raymond B. Wintner, Tom O. Belsch, Harry K. Elliott and R. Lynn Emmerick will discuss other phases, especially contact with the public and education of school children.

"Forest Utilization" will be the theme of the second day, the discussions planned to be of the most practical sort, including: Early removal of defective trees, protection at a profit, study of markets, roads leading to markets and the like.

Lebanon After Highways.

Harrisburg.—Lebanon county has come unanimously to the front with petitions for the improvement of state roads, no less than five having been filed at the capitol in the last three months. North Lebanon township wants 7,415 feet; Bethel, 12,144; North Lebanon, 7,000 additional; North Cornwall, 6,125 and North Annville, 5,593. The applications are all for state aid, independent of the Sprout main highway bill and the surveys will be made as early as possible by the state officials. Since last September applications for over 260 miles of road have been made.

State Capitol Notes.

Fish Commissioner Butler is shifting the offices of this department and is having some improvements made to the filing facilities and other furniture.

Dairy and Food Commissioner

Font is planning for some additional arrests for the sale of varnished candies as soon as certain proceedings are out of the way. Apparently some dealers have not heeded the warnings of the recent suits.

OLD AND NEW WORLD BRIEFS FOR THE BUSY

Public consideration of the arbitration treaties was decided on by the United States Senate by a vote of 53 to 8.

The Indianapolis News published a Washington despatch asserting that the Roosevelt boom is being financed and directed by men in "big business" who oppose President Taft because of Anti-Trust law prosecutions.

With the books of Morris & Co., the Government showed how the prices of fresh meat were raised by a deceptive accounting trick.

The American League is ahead of the National on stands. When the new parks in New York, Boston and Detroit are completed every Johnsonian city will have a modern plant.

THE MARKETS.

(New York Wholesale Prices.) MILK.—The wholesale price is 4 1/2¢ per quart in the 26¢ zone or \$2.91 per 40-lb. quart can, delivered to New York. Butter. Creamery, specials... 42 1/2¢. Eggs. State, Pa., and nearby henery, white, fancy new large laid... 14 1/2¢.