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department. Modern banks in healthy condition compete for the profit to be had in handling loans, and unless their credit officers are thoroughly efficient men backed by well organized offices, the bank is not only not prepared to handle applications promptly and effectively, but are in a position to endanger the whole banking structure.

More banks go to the wall because they have failed in their credit departments than because bank officials have been dishonest. It is the bank that looks most carefully to its credits that is safest for its depositors and in the long run most profitable to its stockholders.

**TRIPPLING GASOLINE OUTPUT**

THE announcement of Frank K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, that the United States Bureau of Mines has approved discovery of two chemical processes that will triple the gasoline output of the United States, will quiet the fears of those who have been looking forward to the possibility of a gasoline famine. The secondary announcement of Secretary Lane that methods for the production of coal tar dyes and high explosives have been developed, which, when put into operation, will eliminate foreign competition in the sale of these articles in this country is scarcely less important.

Anything that will give the United States an advantage in the markets of the world at the present time is worthy of consideration. Neither Germany nor England is going to stand idly by after the war is over and see American manufacturers taking away from them the trade they have long regarded as theirs. It would not be surprising to find these two countries, now so intensely striving each to throttle the other, entering into a trade agreement for their own protection against the aggression of the United States. Now is the time to intrench ourselves, and it is to be hoped that the several lines of industrial development announced by Secretary Lane will have been so enlarged by the close of hostilities in Europe as to give this country a big advantage in the foreign trade they represent.

The falling off of \$50,000 in street car revenues for the year is a tribute to the importance of busy factory to the trolley line.

**FRIEND OF OLD SOLDIERS.**

WITH the closing of the Sixty-third Congress it is pleasing to note that Congressman A. S. Kreider has done excellent work for the old soldiers. He has proven himself their friend and has been exceptionally successful in obtaining pension legislation in their behalf.

For instance, the President recently signed a bill granting an increase of pension to Martin P. Schaffner, of Gratz, and one for William Reigle, of Palmyra, increasing his pension to \$40 a month, Mr. Reigle being totally blind. A third bill for the relief of William Hewitt, an invalid soldier of Lebanon, will go to the President and receive his signature and incidentally an increase to \$30 per month.

Another bill, the passage of which Mr. Kreider secured after many difficulties, provides a pensionable status for Francis Tomlinson, who has never drawn any pension heretofore, but will now be entitled to \$30 a month. It is commendable to note that Mr. Kreider obtained relief for this worthy veteran, who recently passed his eightieth milestone and is past helping himself.

**HER LIMIT**

A WELL-KNOWN member of the New York Legislature, who may be suspected of being even a greater humorist than a conservationist, has put this question to his fellow members—"How many lobsters should the law permit a lady to eat?"

Not very long ago a newspaper paragraph set forth that a lady from the Bronx had eaten twenty-one crustaceans at a single meal in competition with a Harlem man who found seventeen to be the extreme limit of his stomach, if not of his appetite. This has led the legislator mentioned to introduce a bill making such wholesale consumption of lobsters a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment.

**BANK FAILURE**

ANOTHER big bank failed yesterday largely because it violated two of the principles underlying all safe and conservative systems of banking—it held too much of the paper of one concern and its credit system was defective.

**THE VISITING SECRETARIES**

HARRISBURG has as its guests to-day the secretaries of Chambers of Commerce throughout Pennsylvania. These young men—all of them are young, if not in years, at least in spirit—make a business of town-boasting. To each of them the city he represents is the most enterprising, the busiest and the best in the State. He would not be a secretary worthy of the name did he not think so. But with loyalty they combine common sense. They know that no one town has a monopoly on all the good things and they have heard that Harrisburg has been able by persistent and conscientious effort to corral not a few of them. Consequently, they have congregated here to-day, not solely for the purpose of exchanging ideas relating to their own work, but to see what it is that makes every Harrisburger as great a booster for his home city as may be met anywhere. It is to be hoped that they will be duly impressed and be able to find here sufficient to pay them for their visit.

**EVENING CHAT**

Just now, when everyone is talking about compensation acts, it is interesting to note that twenty-three of the States have adopted such statutes, and, according to information reaching Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown, most of the others are considering the proposition. The various States are exchanging acts and views on the subject and most of the leaders are asking for experience monwealths are watching with interest what the great industrial State of Pennsylvania will do. Mr. Brown is of the opinion that the act presented is the best suited for us and he has given much time and thought to it, obtaining the views of people in every walk of life. In drafting the Pennsylvania law he had to follow out his own lines, as the conditions here are radically different from those in Massachusetts or Michigan. It is interesting to note that while workmen's compensation laws have been adopted in one form or another for over a century, and in other old world lands, yet it was first established in New York State only five years ago. A Federal statute antedating the adoption of the law at Albany. Thus it will be seen that the first State administration of compensation is less than half a decade old, and naturally the States are asking for experiences and changing and altering the provisions. One of the most interesting reports on the subject came from New York, where a committee summarized three years of the compensation law in New Jersey. Ohio and Massachusetts have made thorough reports, but it is apparent that the system is only beginning to come down to us in ways to suit their peculiar needs. The proposed act may not be exactly what this State wants, but the Governor and people who have given the subject attention are inclined to believe with Attorney General Brown, that it is the best that can be prepared for the try-out here. It can be improved later on if it is deemed advisable.

"Do you know," queried the meek aldermanic court reporter, "that the first name of every alderman from the Ninth Ward to the Thirteenth begins with George? They are George A. Hoever, of the Ninth; George W. MacWilliams, Tenth; George D. Herbert, of the Eleventh; George V. Bolton, of the Twelfth, and George B. Sprout, of the Thirteenth."

Apparently the city was not a sufferer by the recent high water, and when it comes down to do no one lost so very much after all. The greatest loser was the firm of contractors for the Cumberland Valley bridge at Mulberry street and they took the blame. The contractors, who work by business rules, piled their clay and loam and sand on the ground just behind the "steps." They stood to escape trouble and they stood to get it. The water, they went in and took away tons of the material which the contractors had piled for use this summer.

Forest Leaves, the interesting publication of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, contains in its recent issue an unpublished photograph of Governor Brumbaugh taken many years ago in the woods. It shows the Governor leaning against a tree and in an attitude very carefree. Apparently local option bills were not on his mind those days.

Dr. Thomas Edward Muncie, assistant State veterinarian and secretary of the State Livestock Sanitary Board, has just been honored by election to the presidency of the State Veterinary Medical Society, the largest and most progressive organization of its kind in the country. Dr. Muncie, who comes from Washington, Maryland, and who has a residence here, is well known to many Harrisburgers as one of the most advanced men in his profession. For years he has been doing his part in the important work of the board, and he has had to handle this year. Dr. Marshall is a former president of the society and is now a member of its executive committee.

A couple of lone robins and one solitary blackbird have been reported as the advance guards of Spring in Reservoir Park. The robins were noticed flying about Cherry Hill and looking over residential sites. The blackbird was evidently a spy to get notes on the land and he did not linger long. It is believed that the next warm wave will bring the birds from Virginia. Just where the blackbirds go in winter time is not known, but they have been reported about Richmond in January. The robins go farther south, although they have been known to appear in force earlier than the "blackies."

**WELL KNOWN PEOPLE**

—Judge Marshall Brown, of Pittsburgh, in admitting eleven young lawyers to the bar, counselled them to keep a stiff upper lip.

—Miss Jane Addams is making a series of addresses in the western part of the State.

—Henry Cochran, former legislator, is active in behalf of the old-fashioned fair it is proposed to organize for Fayette county.

—Otto Becker, prominent resident of Erie, will visit Japan this Spring.

—S. E. McGill, of New Castle, is spending a short time in the South.

—G. E. Glines, of Franklin, has been elected a director of the Atlantic Refining Company.

—S. M. Vauchain, of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, is home from a visit to Copenhagen.

**DO YOU KNOW**

That Harrisburg is one of the centers of the scrap iron industry in the State?

**AN EVENING THOUGHT**

Honest men are the gentlemen of nature.—Bulwer-Lytton.

**Buying Public Confidence**

One of the largest construction companies in the world is a constant newspaper advertiser.

Not one person in 50,000 who reads its advertising is a possible customer.

Yet it has made it pay big.

It has made its name stand for confidence.

It has put itself in a position where every one likely to embark in a building enterprise is going to give it consideration.

To reach the one man in 50,000 the company is after, is a task readily performed by newspaper advertising.

**NONPARTISAN ACT FOR JUDGES DOOMED**

It Will Be Repealed to Take Effect on the First Day of the Coming Year, They Say

**NOT TO AFFECT THE CITIES**

Fusion Schemes After Primaries Will Be Made Impossible—Prohibition Bill Ready

Abolition of the nonpartisan system of electing judges on January 1, 1916, and a return to the old convention system may result from changes in the election laws which are being considered by Republican legislative leaders. The bills will be finally passed on soon and may be presented within a fortnight.

—Senator Penrose was credited with opposing the repeal. It is now said that he was misunderstood. He favors the repeal, but does not want it to become effective until after January 1, 1916.

There is to be a conference in Philadelphia on Saturday at which the proposed changes in the election laws will be taken up. It may be that Senators McNichol, Vane and Crow will have returned from Florida by that time. If they are not back in Pennsylvania by Saturday they will arrive Monday. Philadelphia lawyers have about completed the preparation of the election laws and the conference Saturday is for the purpose of looking over the drafts.

—The present system of primary election laws was advocated by the independents in the hope they would result in the defeat of Senator Penrose. The laws having failed in their purpose, the promoters have lost interest in them. There is now a good deal of discussion of returning to the old system of state conventions. The idea is to make the party responsible for the nominations. If the law is changed to make the nominations of state candidates in state conventions it would not become operative until 1916, when the Auditor General and State Treasurer are to be nominated. It is also probable that if state conventions are revived, these bodies will be given authority to elect all of the national delegates.

—The Republican leaders are agreed that fusion after the primaries is to be prevented. It is not likely that any attempt will be made to prevent a candidate from running in the primaries of as many parties as he desires. The position is taken that if a Republican is strong enough to win a Democratic nomination, or vice versa, he should be allowed to bring home the bacon. After the primaries the only cause for a man to withdraw from a ticket. This provision is now the law in so far as the nonpartisan nominations are concerned. The extension of this plan to all nominations will practically prevent fusion. In addition to this preventive the new laws will provide that independent candidates to have tickets in the November election must organize prior to the primaries and make their nominations in the primaries. There is no intention of changing the party enrollment law.

—It became known here to-day that the bill providing for local prohibition of the sale of liquor, that will be introduced next week by Don Gingsery, Clearfield, the bill provides that each ballot at municipal elections shall have the line "Against the beverage liquor traffic." If the elector places his mark opposite the line, he votes for prohibition in the district. If he does not vote, it is taken he is against prohibition. The units are cities, counties, townships or boroughs. It was thought that the bill would make the ward the unit for cities.

—The sudden interest taken by the Democratic state bosses in their machine has been reflected on the Central Democratic Club and steps are now being taken to have a Jefferson day dinner according to the ideas of members in the days when Harrisburg cut some ice with the national administration. A committee has been formed to invite the President to be the speaker.

—Congressman Arthur G. Dewalt, of Allentown, was here a day or so ago. He will be a power in the Pennsylvania delegation and it is a rather odd coincidence that he goes in when A. Mitchell Palmer goes out.

—Armstrong county Democrats are up in the air because W. A. McAdoo, who served as county chairman, has taken the Kittanning post office. McAdoo is said to have a very lucrative practice in license court in his county.

—Senator E. H. Ware is expected to meet a number of his lieutenants in Philadelphia to-morrow. He will see Governor Brumbaugh here on Tuesday.

—Judge Gorman, of Philadelphia, is planning to have assistant judges and means to have women fill the places because they can better handle the juvenile cases.

—Speaker Ambler is quoted in Philadelphia as saying that he believes the Legislature will adjourn before the end of May.

—Secretary Bryan may make some speeches in Western Pennsylvania town.

—The Dauphin County Progress League got on its feet again last night and heard some speeches on the cause. No policemen were required to hold back the crowd.

—Friends of ex-Congressman R. E. Lee are pushing him for subtreasurer at Philadelphia despite Palmer's opposition.

—Tammany Hall, an Alburts organization, has quit. The Union Republican Club has taken over members and hall.

**"Hart Schaffner & Marx"**  
HIGH GRADE  
Winter Suits and Overcoats  
**\$12.50**  
Some worth \$25.00, most of them worth \$18.00, \$20.00

**"CLOTHCRAFT"**  
ALL WOOL  
Winter Suits and Overcoats  
**\$9.00**  
Some worth \$18, most of them worth \$12.50 and \$15

**FLANNEL SPORT SHIRTS 95c**  
Only 10 Dozen to Sell. \$1.50 Quality

**H. MARKS & SON**  
Fourth and Market Streets

**OUR DAILY LAUGH**

**A SOCIAL NECESSITY.**

Visitor—Why is your daughter Lucie taking lessons on the violin? Has she shown a special aptitude for the violin?

Mrs. De Rake—No; but every girl has to take lessons on something, doesn't she?

**A SHOT AT SPRING**

By Wing Ding

I've sat around the shop to-day  
And thought a lot, but gee,  
There's nothing to be rhymed about,  
As far as I can see.

But then there must be something in  
The paper by Wing Ding,  
And so I have decided to  
Take one good shot at Spring.

For Spring is sure a fickle maid,  
She sends her sunny smile  
Upon us for a day or two  
And makes life well worth while.  
Then icy frosts replace the smiles  
She sends a chilly breeze,  
We catch a cold, and for two weeks  
We hack and cough and sneeze.

But then, I will say this for her,  
She's always ready to  
Make recompense for all her faults  
That may bring ills to you.  
She sends the birds, the flowers, too,  
And puts the trees in bud,  
Which helps us overlook her showers  
And slimy, knee-deep mud.

**AMUSEMENTS**

**"Whatcha Laffin at?"**

**TWIN BEDS**

This is The Life!

Prices, Matinee, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Evening, 25c to \$1.50. Seats To-morrow.

Billie Ritchie in special return engagement of "After Her Millions"—Palace Theater, Tomorrow.

Free Moving Pictures every evening 7 to 11 P. M., Palace Confectionery, 225 Market street.

**Manhattan FERRY'S**

SHIRTS \$1.50 to \$10.00  
THIRD NEAR WALNUT STS

**NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR**

[From the Telegraph, March 5, 1865]

**Prepare For Election**

Nominations are being made in the wards of this city prior to the primaries on March 17.

**Hydrophobia Causes Recruit's Death**

Henry C. Thompson, of this city, who enlisted recently, died in Ohio of hydrophobia.

**New Assistant on Railroad**

Samuel A. Black, superintendent of the Oil Creek railroad, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

**IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY**

[From the Telegraph, March 5, 1865]

**Sheridan Defeats Early**

Washington, March 5.—Reports here are that General Sheridan has captured Charlottesville, Va., and the whole of General Early's army.

**Porter Visits Stanton**

Washington, March 5.—Rear Admiral Porter arrived here to confer with Secretary Stanton concerning recent captures of arms.

**Rebels Furtify Towns**

Newbern, N. C., March 5.—Rebels are busy fortifying Goldsboro and Kingston. They expect an attack by Sherman.

**AMUSEMENTS**

**MAJESTIC RETURN ENGAGEMENT**—Same Cast Seen Here January 9th  
Tuesday, Matinee and Night, March 9th  
SELWYN & CO. PRESENT THE LAUGH FESTIVAL

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WITH LIVING MODELS AND SIX OTHER KEITH HITS.

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