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LOCAL NEWS

Snow Shoe and Vicinity.

Messrs. Shank and Irwin are engaged in the chicken business. We understand they will devote all or most of their time to raising the young broilers. Flick Drockner is a silent partner in the firm.

The dog poisoners are at work again. J. H. Crandall lost two valuable fox hounds. A reward of \$25 will be paid to the person giving information that will lead to the arrest of the guilty party.

Squabs for sale. For further information call or write to W. S. Budinger, Snow Shoe, Pa.

Alfred Thompson and son have sold their famous steed Colonel, and have purchased an up-to-date auto, which will enable them to serve their customers in an up-to-date manner.

Martin Reese has purchased a new horse, and under the skillful care of Cheapy, he expects to enter him in several races this coming season.

Wesley Shope contemplates going into the chicken business and has already purchased a 500 egg incubator.

A corps of engineers from Tyrone, assisted by W. M. Hoover, are laying out the lines for the new siding at Gillentown.

Wanted—Young unmarried men. Must be gentle, loving and obedient; also well versed in the art of modern up-to-date spooning, with sufficient nerve to practice same. Do not apply unless you are provided with unlimited coin, as the "always broke sport" will not be tolerated under any conditions. All young men that can furnish references and are well supplied with the above blessings, are requested to meet a delegation of our young ladies at the corner of Fourth and Olive streets, next Saturday evening, March 19.

(Signed) SOME TOWN GIRLS.

For Sale—A blooded poodle dog with a rock oak bark. Thos. Redding.

Some of the former editors of the High School Monitor undoubtedly have a bad case of enlargement of the brain which may, in time, prove fatal. We would advise them to take a cold bath every morning followed by a large dose of mistaken ideas, mixed with a half ounce of intellect. This has been known to cure the worst cases of brain trouble. Our motto: "Boost, but don't kick."

Advertised by Adams Express Company: A box, addressed to L. W. Shank, collect 25c. Please remove said box before warm weather, as he will not be responsible for the perishable goods therein.

H. W. RABERT, Agt.

John A. Confer has purchased a new automobile, which he will use in his livery. Mr. Confer is an up-to-date liveryman and tries to look after the best interests of his customers.

CABLE BRIEFS

Berlin—Professor Wilhelm Passakowski of the University of Berlin has been granted a leave of absence in order that he may accept an invitation from the Germanistic Society of America to visit the United States.

London—Commander Robert E. Peary, it is announced, is bringing proofs of his polar achievement with him and will make them public at a meeting which he is to address at Albert Hall.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 3/4 per cent, payable April 15 to stock of record March 16. The estimated net revenues for the current quarter are \$1,750,000, an increase of \$65,107.

SOUTHERN CONGRESSMAN SPRINGS A SURPRISE

Alabama Solon Declares Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments Void.

ASKS FOR FINAL DECISION

Claims Neither Amendment Was Adopted by a Two-Thirds Vote. Nor Ratified by Three-Fourths of the States.

Washington—That the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution were null and void, was declared by a resolution introduced by Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, which directs the attorney general to submit the question to the supreme court.

Mr. Sisson's resolution recites that the journals of the senate and house of the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first Congresses show that the two amendments, relating to the enfranchisement of the negro, were not adopted in the two houses by a two-thirds vote and further, that three-fourths of the several states did not ratify them, as required by the constitution.

The attorney general is "ordered and directed" to submit the question of their validity to the supreme court and to file at the same time with the court copies of the journals of both houses of congress and of the legislatures of the states which acted upon the matter.

Post Bank Bill in House.

The postal savings bank bill, which passed the senate last Saturday, reached the house and was referred to the committee on postoffices and post roads. Chairman Weeks stated that it would be some time before the committee finished with it.

ROBBERS DYNAMITE BANKS

Secure \$3,000 at Edna, Kan., and Escape on Handcar.

Edna, Kan.—Robbers dynamited the safe of the bank of Edna, secured an amount estimated at \$3,000, and escaped on a handcar after exchanging shots with a number of citizens. One of the citizens was shot, but it is believed he was not seriously wounded.

Gary, Ind.—Gary was shaken by a terrific explosion at 2:30 o'clock in the morning, which is believed to have been an attempt to blow up the Gary Savings bank and the office of the United States Express Company to rob them. The blast occurred in an alley at the rear of the two buildings, which are opposite to each other in the same block.

Nearly all the inhabitants were aroused by the detonation and hundreds flocked to the scene to investigate. Six men, strangers in Gary, were seen about the premises and in the alley in the afternoon previous to the explosion. These men have not been seen since. The dynamite, or whatever explosive the robbers used was placed too far away from the buildings to do much damage.

BUSINESS IS IMPROVING

Postoffice Barometer Gives Unerring Indication.

Washington—Business throughout the country is improving as indicated by the receipts of the postoffice department, which is regarded as a certain barometer of business conditions.

During the month of February 44 of the 50 largest postoffices in the country showed an increase of business as compared with February of last year. The only offices showing a decrease in receipts were Boston, Columbus, Ohio; Richmond, Va., and Nashville, Tenn.

California Shocked.

San Francisco—A sharp earthquake in some parts of the state, the severest shock since the big one of 1906, was experienced throughout the central part of California about 10:54 o'clock on the night of March 10. The vibrations were long and undulatory but slow. The duration was from one and one half to four seconds. The shake was felt as far south as San Luis Obispo, but did not extend far north of San Francisco. The pronounced heavy movements with a slight interval of undulations between were plainly felt, but no damage was reported.

This is so free a country, admits the Pittsburgh Dispatch, that it is sometimes difficult to avoid being trampled on by criminals getting out for another chance.

PEARY'S PROOF WANTED

Congressional Committee Refuses to Honor Him on Hearsay Evidence—Members Want Facts.

Washington, D. C.—Commander Peary's recognition by congress for his North Pole journey has become absolutely impossible at this session, according to the views of House Naval Affairs Committee members. They assert the house would never consent to approve any form of recognition lacking the favorable report of the committee, and that Peary's failure to present his proofs freely and openly for scientific criticism has prejudiced his case beyond repair at the present session.

This is the sentiment following the sub-committee meeting at which approval was given the Bates motion to postpone all action until Peary's proofs are in evidence. One of the members said:

"It is unwise to keep the matter hanging fire any longer. Peary's refusal to uncover his records immediately for the consideration of any experts the committee may invite here has prejudiced the whole case. We cannot be making history without including the proofs which future generations will demand. The future cannot rely on the word of witnesses who will pass away. We must have documentary proof that will last for all time."

Representative Roberts of Massachusetts expressed himself as being absolutely opposed to granting any award to Commander Peary unless his proofs are made public.

"There is nothing whatever before us to show that Mr. Peary discovered the Pole except the statements of certain gentlemen," he said. "We would be in a ridiculous position backing up a bill with no facts to support it."

Representative Macon made the most sensational statement before the committee.

"I confess," he said, "that I am exceedingly skeptical about Mr. Peary's ever having discovered the Pole and I am going to protest against conferring any honor until he has shown that he did discover it. He must establish the fact in the open and not in the dark."

Mr. Macon then directed attention to what he considered discrepancies in Peary's story, pointing out that the explorer traveled much faster after leaving his white companions. Peary made 9.06 miles a day until he left Captain Bartlett behind, after which he made 26.4 miles a day. Mr. Macon regards this as singular and called attention to the statements of Lieutenant Shackleton, General Greeley and others that from 10 to 12 miles per day was the limit of human endurance over polar seas.

FRENCHMAN'S BIG GRAFT

Misappropriated a Million from Church Property Fund.

Paris—The arrest of M. Duez following his confession that he had misappropriated something like \$1,000,000 of the funds received from the sale of church property, for which he was the liquidator, has created a great sensation in France. Intimations are freely made that other liquidators in the employ of the government are similarly involved.

The Republican press find no words of excuse for the disgraced official and lay much of the responsibility for the condition of affairs upon the immense amount of work assigned to a single liquidator. At the same time the papers accord the government no stinted praise for its courage in boldly exposing the scandal on the eve of the general elections, when it is sure to become a powerful weapon in the hands of the Catholic adversaries, who for months have been organizing a genuine political campaign.

The Catholic and Royalist opposition press generally manifest high glee over the exposure, which they declare confirms the suspicions long entertained that the property of the churches, monasteries and convents appropriated by the state, instead of furnishing \$200,000,000 for old-age pensions and other social reforms, as the proletariat had been taught to believe at the time separation of Church and State was voted, had disappeared into the pockets of thieving politicians.

Favors General Strike.

New Castle, Pa.—The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor at its second day's session here came out strongly in favor of a general strike to be inaugurated throughout the state in case the Philadelphia street railway troubles are not adjusted speedily. A pointed resolution was presented the convention by President W. D. Mahon, of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, and was adopted unanimously.

LABOR NOTES

Organized labor in Minnesota is preparing to enter politics again.

There are 27,000 cotton mill operatives in New Bedford, Mass., and about the same number in Fall River.

The first efforts of national co-operation in connection with the labor movement originated in Boston in 1844.

There were about 20 national or international unions in the United States in 1881; in 1907 there were more than 125.

Six countries already have agreed to send representatives to the international congress on child welfare to be held in Washington in May.

The linotype machinists of Manhattan have established for themselves an official organ under the title, Type-setting Machine Engineers' Journal.

The Great Northern Railroad of Ireland has issued a notice that employees reaching the age of 65 years must resign their positions. No pensions will be paid.

The new scale of the Minneapolis, Minn., Hod Carriers' & Building Laborers' union calls for an eight-hour day at 37 1/2 cents an hour, a pay at least every two weeks and double pay for overtime.

The officials of the Bricklayers' union have been notified that the general headquarters of the International Hod Carriers' & Building Laborers' Union of America have been moved to Albany, N. Y.

The Montreal Trades and Labor council is preparing to take up the matter of abolishing employment agencies, and to have substituted a public office, under government control, where men may obtain jobs without paying for them.

The Alaska Fishermen's union has voted to affiliate with the San Francisco Labor Council. The union voted \$220 to the men on strike at the works of the American Steel Trust and \$50 to the fund for the Mexicans in an Arizona prison for violating the neutrality laws.

Work has been commenced on installing the machinery for the new blooming mill at the Portsmouth Steel Company's plant. The bed plate are already down. A large force is engaged on the job and it is now hoped to complete the mill within the next two or three months.—Portsmouth Times.

W. B. Trainer, for several years assistant superintendent of the rolling mills of the Duquesne plant of the Carnegie Steel Company, has been appointed to succeed Carl F. Maeder as superintendent. Mr. Maeder resigned to accept the position of general manager of the Western Steel Corporation at Seattle, Wash.

Official advices received from Youngstown, Ohio, are that the floods in that section have caused the Republic Iron & Steel Company to bank two of its blast furnaces and close its steel plant. There has been no damage to speak of. It is expected that the plants will be able to resume in a day or two.

The Riverside and W. S. & I. plants were both in operation at Benwood, W. Va., last week, and there is not likely to be any closing down of any of the departments at either plant by reason of the high water. The steel department of both plants closed down the latter part of last week, when indications pointed to a flood, but promptly resumed when more reassuring information was obtained.

The mines west of town which have been suffering more or less owing to a shortage of cars for the past several months, are all the more handicapped at the present, owing to the inability of the railroad company to provide cars while the water is so high. For the past few days the company has had no little difficulty in keeping even a small part of its rolling stock in operation and, as a result, the mines have lost much time. Within the next few days, however, the conditions will be much improved.—Wheeling News.

Thousands of Elk Starving.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Governor Brooks and three other state officers left for Jackson Hole country to look after the thousands of wild elk said to be starving because of inability to find food in the deep snow. It will require 10 days to make the journey over the mountains in sleds and on snow shoes.

LOCAL NEWS

Moshannon and Vicinity.

Literary society at Snow Shoe on Friday evening, was quite well attended by the young folks from here. They report an excellent program and a delightful time throughout.

A quiet little surprise party was held at the home of Raymond Williamson on last Wednesday evening, it being the birthday anniversary of Miss Martha Beates, a sister of Mrs. Williamson.

Some of our young men took in the chicken and waffle supper held in the camps near Christ Cook's on Friday evening, and by their account it was a very pleasant evening for all present.

A "spelling bee" will be held in the grammar school room, at this place, on Friday evening, March 18, for the benefit of all persons concerned. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to all who are interested in this important branch of learning. Those who do not know how to behave on such occasions are respectfully invited to stay away.

AUCTION SALE.

On Saturday, March 19th, at one o'clock p. m., at the Passmore House stables, Philipsburg, the following property will be sold:

Nine good horses, suitable for driving, delivery or light work; nine good buggies, two good surries, ten set single and double harness, ten dozen whips, ten dozen tie ropes, five dozen halters, horse clippers, brushes, robes, blankets, etc. Sale—rain or shine.

All goods will be sold to the highest bidder.

WALTER B. GRAY.

MINES TO CLOSE APRIL 1

Agreement Expires at That Time and Will Be Suspended.

Springfield, Ill.—Duncan McDonald, president of the mine workers of Illinois, confirmed the statement of the operators that there will be a suspension of mining in this State April 1, when the agreement between the operators and miners expires.

Technically speaking, it will not be either a strike or a lockout. There will simply be no contract between the men and the mine owners, and work will cease until a new agreement is reached.

The shut-down will not be distasteful to the operators, as large stocks are now on hand at all the principal centers and prices are up as a result of advances made during the cold weather this winter. The miners are insisting on an advance in wages, and if this were the only demand it would easily be met, but the miners are again demanding that the operators pay the shot firers.

FIREMEN READY TO STRIKE

Brotherhood's Committee Forwards Ultimatum to Managers of Railroad.

Chicago—The threatened walk-out of 25,000 firemen on practically all the railroad systems between Chicago and the Pacific coast reached a critical stage when W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, formally notified the railroads that if the entire controversy was not submitted to arbitration a strike would be inevitable.

Mr. Carter's letter of notification was endorsed by the Brotherhood's committee, which represents the firemen on about 47 railroads west, northwest and southwest of Chicago. The letter was sent to W. C. Nixon, general manager of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, chairman of the Railroad General Managers' committee.

No Strike on B. & O.

Baltimore—There will be no strike of conductors or trainmen on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, Commissioner of Labor Neill having brought to a successful conclusion his efforts as mediator in the wage dispute between the railroad and the men.

A woman, sneers the New York Press, never forgets to say her prayers and never remembers to balance her check book.