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LAPORTE PA.

County fairs are an infallible indication of cooler weather.

Missouri's peanut crop is short, but the country's crop of peanut politics is a wonder.

A paragraphist asks: "Is poker a gambling game?" Not with some dealers we know.

Dr. Anna Shaw, who avers that women will fill men's shoes, presumably refers to Chicago women.

Man went to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law and found her alive. And yet some people are not satisfied with their lot.

A motorcyclist, to be sure, might give the girl behind him some sort of handlebar to cling to, but he usually seems to prefer the hug.

Still, there is nothing to show that a "synthetic" rubber tire will be cheaper or last any longer than the kind you have always bought.

If stimulating the thyroid gland will make men taller, scientists ought to be able to tap something or other to make men wiser, handsomer and better.

"Pie," says an exchange, "is an expression of the soul." Yet most of us have been under the impression that the expressions were due to nightmare.

Philadelphia judge is at a loss to decide whether a lobster suffers when it is boiled, but it is a well known fact that a lobster suffers when he pays for one.

When Eve drolled up in the new spring style fig leaf Adam, no doubt, wrote a letter to the newspaper complaining about the shocking styles of the day.

Since a New York man has established a farm to raise butterflies, it is reasonable to suppose that some other man will soon start to raise butterflies.

Add to the list of pessimists the man who last spring bought an expensive lawn hose with money that he might have used in pursuit of pleasure.

If you do not believe this is a talkative nation you should note that 66 per cent. of the world's telephone calls in 1911 were registered in the United States.

Man is a queer animal. He arises in righteous indignation at the thought of a woman wearing socks, and yet risks an eye when one climbs on a street car.

Woman in New Jersey, whose husband refused to take her to a moving picture show, deftly hit him on the head with an ax. Ax and you shall receive, as it were.

According to one estimate, it costs \$10,000 a year to keep a hydroplane in commission. One could keep a white elephant for that sum, and not have half the trouble.

After a Brooklyn woman had run the house thirty-five weeks on \$55 her husband left her, saying that she was no wife for a poor man. Evidently she overfed the brute!

It has been established that the ancient Egyptians had the hookworm. And despite all their wisdom they apparently lacked thymol and epsom salts.

The South Jersey peach crop is said to be the greatest ever known. A peach of a crop, as it were.

A lobster may suffer when it is being cooked, but think of the agony of the lobster who foots the bill.

A bad—very bad—sign of the times is that convicts are gaining the sympathy of justice by writing bad pathetic ear of justice by writing bad public is alarming.

An English physician says that in 800 years the majority of the people on earth will be insane. Judging by the political arguments, a lot of them won't have to wait that long.

An inventor has completed a machine for making cheap cigarettes at the rate of 15 a minute, and now all that is required is a cheap, noncorrosive machine to consume them.

Another actress has obtained a divorce from her husband, but will not, we fear, cause the press agents to cease complaining about the popularity of the moving picture shows.

In the midst of new sensations and startling developments the unloaded pistol is still killing its victims in the good old-fashioned way.

Ohio women have formed an anti-gossip league. Such charity ought to cover even the fashionable sins of the hobble skirt and the cigarette.

Some women are born beautiful, but statistics show that a great many more have beauty thrust upon them by society reporters who write up their weddings.

RESULTS OF NEW JERSEY PRIMARIES

Hughes of Paterson Democratic Choice for U. S. Senator

SENATOR BRIGGS A WINNER

Candidate Selected by Governor Wilson to Make Race Against Former Senator Wins by Overwhelming Vote.

Trenton, N. J.—At primaries that were turbulent and disorderly in Essex and Hudson counties, but tame in other parts of the state, the Democrats of New Jersey endorsed William Hughes of Paterson for United States Senator over former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., of Newark. Hughes carried most of the twenty-one counties, Smith capturing Essex, his home county, by about 3,000.

Senator Briggs received the entire Republican preferential indorsement for another term. He was the only Republican to file a petition.

The Progressives, who nominated candidates by petition in Hudson county and then fought for their indorsement by the Republicans, carried Hudson county, nominating the twelve men for the Assembly and three for Congress. The men named for Congress over the Taft men are George L. Record, Harland Besson and Harold Bouton.

Not only was Smith beaten, but practically all the Wilson candidates for nomination throughout the state, outside of Essex, Smith's home county, were successful.

All told, each party selected sixty candidates for the Assembly, six candidates for state senator, twelve candidates for Congress and many municipal offices.

The vote was light all over the state as a rule, indicating that there was more noise than genuine interest in the primary campaign of both parties.

FOSS WINS IN BAY STATE.

Ex-Speaker Walker Gets the Republican Nomination for Governor.

Boston.—Gov. Eugene N. Foss was renominated by the Democrats in the primary election, defeating District Attorney J. C. Pelletier of Suffolk county by 25,000 votes. Joseph Walker, former speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, won the Republican nomination, defeating Everett C. Benton, a former member of the Governor's Council.

The Republican vote was light compared to that of the primary a year ago.

IMBECILES IMPERIL OHIO.

Sterilization or Bankruptcy, Says State Official.

Columbus, Ohio.—Alarmed by the increase in the last year of the number of imbeciles in Ohio, President Allen W. Thurmann of the state board of administration declared that, if a law of sterilization is not passed soon, within a decade it will nearly bankrupt the state to care for its weak-minded.

"We must start at once to stop the propagation of the human race by imbeciles," declared Thurmann. "The state's one institution to care for them is taxed to capacity, and right now we have over one hundred who should be cared for there."

"At the Delaware Girls' Home there are thirty weak-minded girls who should be confined in the imbecile institution. They cannot hold them there forever, and when they are released the state faces the danger of an increase in charges. The same condition prevails at the Lancaster Boys' Home and at Mansfield Reformatory."

CALLS NEWSPAPER LAW VOID.

James M. Beck in Opinion Declares Measure Unconstitutional.

New York.—In an opinion written by James M. Beck for the American Newspaper Publishers' Association the new federal law affecting newspapers and other periodicals, a rider of the post office appropriation bill, approved on August 14, 1912, is down as "unconstitutional and void."

The law requires newspapers to make sworn reports twice a year to the government of ownership, management, evidence of debt and net paid circulation.

FIRST FOOTBALL FATALITY.

Ceylon Starrin Dies of Injuries Received in Game at Gouverneur.

Watertown, N. Y.—The first football fatality of the season occurred here when Ceylon Starrin, aged 15 years, of Gouverneur, while playing in a game there, was kicked in the stomach. He died the following morning.

LABOR MAN DUCKED.

C. A. Miles Stoned Out of Thompsonville by Mill Workers.

Thompsonville, Conn.—A serious riot was narrowly averted when a crowd took Charles A. Miles of New York prisoner and handled him quite roughly.

Miles, a representative of the American Federation of Labor, was endeavoring to effect an organization of the employees of the Hartford Carpet Corporation. He was ducked and stoned out of town.

THEY WILL CAMPAIGN TOGETHER



This photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar S. Straus was taken at their beautiful country residence at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, after the nomination of the millionaire philanthropist and diplomat by the Progressives for governor of New York. Mrs. Straus will accompany her husband on his campaigning trips.

THREE AVIATORS GREATEST REVIEW FALL TO DEATH OF U. S. WARSHIPS

Astley Killed at Belfast When His Machine Turns Over

TWO GERMAN OFFICERS FALL

Narrow Escape Four Days Before—His Woman Passenger Wrote as They Dropped—Two German Army Officers Also Killed.

London.—That H. J. D. Astley, the aviator, was certain sooner or later to come to a tragic end because of his daredevil temperament has long been whispered in aviation circles, and his fatal fall in full view of the spectators at the Belfast cattle show grounds while causing a painful sensation here, evoked little surprise.

Only four days before, while flying at Lille with Miss Trehawke Davis as a passenger, he had a miraculous escape from death, falling 200 feet and having his machine badly smashed. Miss Davis made notes of her sensations during the tumble.

The fatal accident occurred while Astley was 150 feet in the air. He had been flying brilliantly, and after several graceful evolutions began a spiral volplane. Apparently he banked the machine too sharply, and the aeroplane, catching at the same time a gust of wind, was dashed straight downward, the aviator being flung from his seat against the wing post.

He was removed to a hospital, where death followed during an operation on his skull, which was badly fractured.

Mrs. Astley, wife of the aviator, was at Hendon watching the flying there at the time of the accident.

Aviation since its beginning in 1908 has caused an astounding loss of life. Within the last month deaths have been surprisingly frequent. England alone having lost four army aviators in two accidents. Up until October, 1911, the death roll numbered 100. The deaths which have occurred since that time reach a total of eighty-one, about evenly divided between those due to monoplanes and to biplanes.

NEWPORT ESTATE CHEAP.

Cost \$194,000 and Goes at Auction for \$15,100.

Boston.—Real estate dealers are commenting on the recent sale of one of the finest places in Newport, that cost its owner \$194,000 and brought only \$15,100, or less than the stable cost, at auction.

The purchaser was Col. William R. Hunter, President of the Newport Clambake Club, which contains on its membership rolls the names of men known the country over.

Fleet of 127 Vessels Will Soon Assemble at New York

IMPRESSIVE NAVAL DISPLAY

Main Event in Unprecedented Assemblage Will Be Review by President Taft October 15—Over 27,000 Enlisted Men.

Washington.—Final plans for the mobilization and review of the Atlantic fleet in New York Harbor, October 12-15, are now in the hands of Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, commander-in-chief of the fleet.

The main event will be the review by President Taft and Secretary Meyer, October 15. The President will view the column from the yacht Mayflower.

The 127 ships in the line, with a total tonnage of 741,590, will constitute the greatest exhibition of naval strength ever made in American waters. Last year there were 99 ships, including 24 first-class battleships. This year there will be 32 battleships. More formidable than last year also will be the array of armored cruisers and other powerful craft at anchor during the review in New York City.

When the fleet is ready for review, October 12, there will be on board about 1,000 commissioned officers, 300 warrant officers and 27,000 enlisted men.

With Secretary Meyer on the yacht Dolphin will be members of the Senate and House committees on naval affairs, diplomats and other distinguished guests.

Mr. Taft probably will be joined on the Mayflower by Secretary Meyer and his staff. The Mayflower will move up to the head of the column of battleships and drop anchor. The admirals will pay their respects to the Commander-in-chief of the army and navy, who will receive each with the honor due his rank. Mr. Taft will then return the visits, going first to the Wyoming, Admiral Osterhaus's flagship.

PROGRESSIVES NAME WOMEN.

Choose Three to Serve on the Massachusetts State Committee.

Boston.—Three women were appointed to serve on the state committee of the Progressive party of Massachusetts. They were Mrs. Elizabeth Towne, of Holyoke; Mrs. Anna Tilghast, of Beverly; and Mrs. Mary Morton Kehew, of Boston.

At a meeting of women Progressives here a woman's state committee was organized, with Mrs. Elizabeth S. Child as campaign manager.

OUR CROPS WORTH \$7,000,000,000

Degree of Prosperity Affected by Harvests Abroad

FARMERS LUCKY THIS YEAR

Europe Will Call Upon This Nation for Food Supplies—Question is if Farmer or Consumer Will Profit the More.

Washington.—One of the best things about agricultural prosperity in this country, financial writers tell you, is that it has a way of coming when other agrarian nations are in the grip of famine. The result is that the great crop in the United States helps to feed the other countries of the world whose fields have lain sodden at harvest or have burned in unrelieved sunshine. The restriction of the supply raises the prices and the American farmer gets the benefit, which is parcelled out to the American manufacturer, tradesman and workman.

With a wheat crop that will measure nearly 710,000,000 bushels and has an approximate value to the farmer of \$603,000,500, a corn crop of almost 3,000,000,000 bushels, with a farm value of at least \$1,350,000,000, an oats crop which is reaching the record breaking total of 1,290,000,000 bushels and has a value on the farms of about \$387,000,000, and crops of barley, rye and other farm products running near the top notch the present value of breadstuffs to the farmers of the United States can be put roughly at more than \$7,000,000,000.

By December 1, the date from which the government figures the farm value of grain, the gross value of this year's crop to the farmers will be many millions more.

In addition to that enormous sum can be figured the money accruing to the railroads for transportation, the incidental profits of the commission buyers in the fields and the brokers on the exchanges, the steamship companies for carrying part of the crop abroad, the elevator owners, the millers and the others who deal directly with the grain in the process of putting it in the hands of the consumers.

The deduction from the reports is that the United States will be called upon for an unusually large exportation of grain. It is noteworthy that the present visible stock of wheat in the United States is nearly 20,000,000 less than it was a year ago. This, in the face of a probable heavy demand from abroad, accounts for the readiness with which offerings of wheat are being picked up in the western markets.

The gain crops act more directly upon the prosperity of the country for better or worse than any other branch of production.

PAWLING WILD MAN CAUGHT.

Lived Among Rocks Ten Years—Sent to Hudson Hospital.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Arthur Britton, 49 years old, who has been missing from his home for more than ten years, was found living in a cave in the Pawling Mountains. Justice Silas L. Davis at once committed him to the Hudson River State Hospital and the physicians there say that he is almost a veritable wild man.

He lived in a hole in the rocks in the side of the mountain and it required four hours' work to induce him to come out. Britton's mind became affected while serving in the Philippines in the Spanish-American war. Soon after the war he began to wander into the woods. Finally, ten years ago, his family lost all trace of him. Five years ago the mountaineers began to tell stories of seeing a wild man in the woods. The man, they said, raked through the underbrush and bared like a fox.

NEW YORK PROHIBITION TICKET

Party Adopts Progressive Platform and Raises \$12,000.

Olean, N. Y.—The Prohibition party in state convention here nominated a full state ticket, adopted what is termed a progressive platform, and raised \$12,000 by voluntary subscription to carry out the campaign for ticket. It was predicted by several of the speakers in their nominating speeches that the party would poll double the vote cast two years ago.

The ticket follows: For governor, Dr. T. Alexander MacNichol, of New York; lieutenant-governor, Clark Alis, Medina; secretary of state, Ben D. Wright, Lockport; comptroller, Bernard Clauson, Binghamton; treasurer, Arthur A. Amidon, Jamestown; attorney general, Ernest A. Woodruff, state engineer, V. C. Mott, Buffalo.

PLAN PARCELS POST WORK.

Big City Postmasters Confer with Hitchcock and Special Committee.

Washington.—Postmasters of the five largest cities of the United States, Edward M. Morgan of New York, Daniel A. Campbell of Chicago, Edward C. Mansfield of Boston, Thomas B. Smith of Philadelphia, and Thomas J. Akins of St. Louis, conferred with the special committee appointed by Postmaster General Hitchcock to work out plans for the establishment of the parcels posts.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy In Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Of the thirty-nine suits entered for the October term of the Lancaster county thirty-three are for divorce.

Jacob Friedman, of South Bethlehem, fell while playing on the Lehigh University athletic field and fractured an arm.

Considering it a case of "Do Something or quit," Doylestown Council decided to have a surveyor measure off a "speed trap" for automobilists and drivers of fast horses.

After paying a fine of \$500 and \$300 costs, 74-year-old William Zazzo, of Tullytown, who was convicted of selling liquor without a license, was released by court at Doylestown.

An audit made of the accounts of the Montgomery County Fair Association shows that at its recent fair in Pottstown the receipts were \$6,400 and the expenses almost that amount.

The Lancaster Automobile Club is urging its members to vote only for such candidates for the state legislature as favor a state bond issue of \$50,000,000 for good roads.

A new bell, the gift of S. M. Vauclain, of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, will be hung in the belfry of the Apostolic Holiness Church, Milton, as soon as the building is remodeled.

The male members of the congregation of Bethany Presbyterian church, Chester, volunteered to dig the excavation for the basement of the proposed new church.

Judge Garman, of the Luzerne county courts, has handed down a decision allowing a jury trial in the divorce proceedings of Martha E. Miller, of Hazleton, against John W. Miller, of Weatherly.

Mike Kapellus was arrested in John Kutzko's saloon, East Mauch Chunk, on a charge of stabbing almost to death one of his fellow-countrymen one year ago. Kapellus had been hiding ever since.

Having failed to procure a proper huckster's license, Isaac Stokes, of Kennet square, has been committed to the jail at West Chester, on a warrant charging him with "selling dressed chickens from door to door."

While examining the contents of a basket of tomatoes, Mike Balluc, of Lattimer, found two small black-snakes wriggling among the tomatoes. Mike showed little mercy to the intruders, dispatching them quickly with an ax.

Engine No. 1700, the newest type of locomotive to be built by the Reading, has been turned out of the shop in Reading. It weighs more than 150 tons. The locomotive is to be used on the Frackville grade in shoving empty cars from the foot to the summit.

George J. Korb, of Brady township, Clearfield county, a former successful teacher in the eighties, is the possessor of the oldest Bible in the county. It was printed in Frankfort, Germany, in 1545, and is fully illustrated and has catch words and prefaces to all the books.

Parke B. Fram, of Reading, has been appointed an instructor in physics at Lehigh University, South Bethlehem. Mr. Fram is a son of W. R. Fram, Pennsylvania freight agent for Reading, is a mining engineer by profession and graduated from Lehigh with the class of 1909.

"Less than a year ago James J. Gramley, former treasurer of Centre county, sold all his possessions, bade good-bye to his legion of friends and left for Illinois, where he stated he would spend the rest of his life. The serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Slocum, who several weeks ago underwent an operation in the Lock Haven Hospital, called him east, and he is now in Bellefonte, exceedingly glad to be back among the hills of old Centre county. He was free to confess that while everything was very nice in Illinois, there was always a heart yearning for the old home.

The Athenian oath of loyalty to the city was taken by the 200 students of the Pottsville High School.

A jury in the Lehigh civil court awarded a verdict of \$1,100 to Mrs. Eliza Frick, of Catawauqua, who was injured in alighting from a trolley car, and gave her husband \$443 besides.

The will of the late Rev. Dr. E. J. Fogel, of Fogelsville, probated at Allentown, gives his fine estate to his wife for life, and then in equal shares to his three children.