

# REVIEW OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR NEWS READERS

Happenings of the Week in the Capitol Building and Throughout the State Reported for Our Readers in Fulton County and Elsewhere.

## RAPS OFFICIALS IN AUTO FUND SUIT

State Roads All Over Commonwealth in Bad Condition.

## SUPERSEDEAS IS REFUSED

Philadelphia Mutual Aid Society Ordered To Quit—State Association Of Shorthand Men Meet—Complain Of Excessive Tolls.

Harrisburg.—Responsibility for the "dangerous condition" of many of the roads in the State's 9,000-mile system was placed on the shoulders of Auditor General A. W. Powell and State Treasurer Robert K. Young because of their refusal to pay from the million dollars accumulated from automobile licenses money required by State Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow for the maintenance of the roads by Attorney General John C. Bell in the Dauphin County Court. The application to make the appeal from the decision of Judge S. J. M. McCarroll, who upheld the constitutionality of the appropriation section of the act, as superseadas and thereby prevent any payment of money, was presented to the Judge. Thomas A. Crichton, cashier of the State Treasury, who appeared for the petitioners, claimed that constitutional questions affecting the auditing system of the State and involving millions of dollars should be settled before the fiscal officers should be required to make payments as directed by the Court in passing on the act.

"What is this grave constitutional question that has been so much talked about and never argued?" demanded Mr. Bell, who recalled that the constitutionality of the act was not discussed in the hearings. He contended that the act specifically appropriated the income from automobile licenses to highway purposes, just as a bequest of "all" of the estate of a decedent was valid without specifying an amount. Then he said:—

"It is conceded that the State roads all over the Commonwealth for which the State is responsible are in a condition that jeopardizes life and limb and personal property. The Highway Commissioner has been haled to the bar of courts for neglect when it is not his neglect. He can't repair roads if the fiscal officers refuse to pay the money he requires. There is a public demand, a demand all over the State, that the roads be put in safe condition."

Pointing out how the fiscal officers had blocked the determination of the question they had raised, he said that their conduct had bordered on official contempt and that the application bordered on an "insult to the intelligence, dignity and orderly administration of affairs of the people of the State."

Mr. Crichton contended that if the officers were required to pay and a superseadas refused it would complicate matters and that in the event of an adverse decision recourse might be made on the bonds of officials. He said that there was danger of eliminating the State's whole auditing system.

Deputy Attorney General W. M. Hargest closed by saying that the Auditor General and State Treasurer were very zealous to have sustained the anthracite coal tax, which contained an appropriation provision similar to that to which they objected in the automobile license act. In the coal tax act the half of the tax is to go to coal producing counties.

The Judge gave Lower Merion Township, Montgomery county, right to intervene in the case because its roads are suffering from want of care and its commissioners want a decision.

Judge McCarroll refused to make a superseadas the appeal of Auditor General Powell and State Treasurer Young to the Supreme Court in the automobile license case. The effect of a superseadas would have been to stop all chance of the State Highway Commissioner getting the use of any of the million dollars accumulated from licenses until the Supreme Court passed upon the questions raised.

The Court says that an imperative necessity apparently exists for immediate action on the part of the highway commissioner to repair the roads, and that if the superseadas were granted he would not be able to do anything for some time. In the opinion of the Court harm may result to the public by granting a superseadas and the opinion says that the Judge is unable to see how any harm can come to the officials either officially or personally by reason of its refusal.

## Non-Partisan Name Pre-empted.

The name of the Non-Partisan party was pre-empted for Allegheny County Congressional and Legislative nominations for this year by residents of Pittsburgh and Swissvale.

## Savings Club Ordered To Quit.

The Philadelphia Mutual Aid Society, of Philadelphia, which operated under a Delaware charter as a Christmas Savings Club, was given thirty days in which to wind up its business. It is said that its liabilities exceed ten thousand dollars. Proceedings were started against it before Deputy Attorney General Cunningham several days ago.

## KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER

Latest News Happenings Gathered From Here and There.

## TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

The Pennsylvania Steel Company Has Started the Construction Of the New Thirty-Two-Inch Mill At Steelton.

Harrisburg and Middletown motorcyclists are arranging for a joint run.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company has started construction of the new thirty-two-inch mill at Steelton.

Because of a lack of money the Sunbury School Board has decided it will not elect a medical inspector this year.

The Hellertown Board of Education has re-elected T. M. Ruch secretary and Eugene Leith treasurer.

A Red Men's lodge, with forty-eight charter members, has been founded at Spinnerstown.

After operating sixteen weeks on a four-day schedule, the cigar factory at Quakertown has started on full time.

The Chester Board of Education, at a special meeting re-elected A. Lincoln Castle, secretary, and Reuben E. Jefferis, treasurer.

Count Michael Karolyi, the Hungarian reformer, was the guest in South Bethlehem of local Hungarians at a banquet in his honor.

The Lehigh Coke Company, Bethlehem, is making a 500-foot extension to its coal storage plant and a new 500-foot crane runway is being built.

Harrisburg Christian Endeavorers have sent an invitation to the Uniontown convention to meet here next year.

Berks County's tax collections for 1914 will amount to \$431,349.27 according to the amount of the duplicates sent out to collectors today. The city collection will amount to \$244,309.33.

Mrs. Francis Jones, mother of Barry Jones, secretary and treasurer of the Bethlehem Steel Company, has endowed a bed in the Children's Home in memory of her daughter.

Determined to keep the town spick and span, Chief of Police Harry Rhoades, of Quakertown, at the order of Chief Burgess Flueck, has removed all advertising from telephone poles.

James M. Wuchter was re-elected president of the Allentown School Board, as were Secretary Thomas P. Wenner and Treasurer Alvin P. Zeller.

At a meeting of the Citizens' Fire Company, of Tamaqua, it was decided not to permit liquor in the hose house or social rooms and to expel any member who breaks this rule.

The body of a man found near Egypt, nine miles north of Allentown, and held by Coroner Goeben, was identified as that of George F. Snyder, of Slatington, thirty-five years old, who had been missing two weeks.

Mrs. John Grove, of Springfield Township, fell from a ladder while picking cherries, and died from the effects of her injuries Sunday. A bone in one of her legs was broken and blood poisoning set in.

In a fight over religion among foreigners at Tamaqua, Joseph Busless, twenty-two, had his skull fractured with a club and was taken to Coaldale Hospital in a critical condition.

Because the County Commissioners reduced the tax rate from three mills to two mills the revenues in county taxes will be reduced more than \$17,000 according to the returns of assessors.

As Mrs. Eliza Seifert, of Tatamy, forty-six years old, stepped from a trolley car at Northampton Heights on her way home from visiting her parents at Hellertown, she dropped dead of heart failure.

The body of a man about thirty-five years old, found in the river near Birdsboro, was identified as James McGrath, of Phoenixville. The authorities are making an effort to find his relatives.

Jacob Hartz, a farmer of Morgantown, was probably fatally injured when one of the wheels of an empty hay wagon passed over the rear of his head and shoulder. He slipped on the wet grass and fell under the wagon.

Frederick C. Mackert, of Reading, and Miss Helen Landis Keopert, daughter of William Keopert, member of the State Legislature from Berks county, were wedded in Sunbury by Rev. Robert O'Boyle, of the First Reformed Church. They will live in Reading. The bridegroom is a former member of the State constabulary.

## MAN HURT IN CRASH OF AUTOS

Seek Removal of State Health Official.

## RAT BITES BABY'S FACE.

Shamokin Boy Stabbed In a Quarrel—Gets Year and Half For Theft Of Barrel Of Potatoes.

Prospect Man Hurt in Auto Crash.

Chester.—John Phillips, of Prospect Park, a foreman at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, was seriously injured in the crash of two automobiles, receiving a concussion of the brain and internal injuries. The collision occurred near No. 1 toll gate, on the Chester and Darby Pike, in Eddystone. A touring car bearing a Maryland license, which is in the name of J. G. Parker, of Long Green, Md., and a car owned by William Leidwanger, of Prospect Park, which contained the injured man and Hugh Phillips, collided at this point. The Leidwanger machine skidded on the wet road. The driver of the Maryland car got his machine away without being noticed.

Accident Gets Two-Year Sentence.

Allentown.—Elias Phillips was sentenced to two years and ten months in jail and fined \$1,000. A mysterious fire at the house in which the family of Phillips lived was investigated by Deputy State Fire Marshal Charles H. Cohn, who brought prosecution. Phillips confessed that under the belief that his wife was entertaining another man he had poured kerosene on the front steps and front door and set the place afire. His wife and two children, who were asleep at the time, were rescued.

Dies At Age Of 105.

Phoenixville.—After a week's illness, James Hickey, whose age careful calculation fixes at 105 years, and who for many years had been a resident of Phoenixville, is dead. He was a native of Ireland and came to Phoenixville where he has been in the employ of the Phoenix Iron Company for more than half a century. He worked until a week before his death, being employed lately to "sweep up" around machinery. Hickey and his broom were for many years pointed out to every sightseer visiting the iron mills.

Seek Removal of Health Official.

York.—An echo of the old hospital fight in which the medical staff of that institution was split was heard here when a petition was put in circulation calling for the removal of Dr. J. S. Bennett as registrar of vital statistics of the State Health Department. The grievance which the petition alleges is that Dr. Bennett has "persecuted" some of the physicians in the matter of requiring birth and death certificates from them.

Year and Half For Theft Of Potatoes.

Easton.—Judge R. C. Stewart sentenced Oscar Zink to a year and a half in jail for stealing a barrel of potatoes. Zink has spent a great many of his thirty-six years behind prison bars. "I suppose the Board of Pardons will say you ought to have a medal," said Judge Stewart. The remark is construed as referring to recent pardons granted to criminals sentenced in Northampton county and which have caused much criticism.

Two Die In Accidents At Mines.

Mahanoy City.—Struck on the head by a heavy block of wood while repairing a trestling at Park Place Colliery, James Sweeney, a carpenter, was killed. The accident occurred within sight of his father. He was twenty-two years old. At Morea Colliery, Charles Dillon, twenty-eight years old, was crushed to death under falling coal.

Boy Falls Three Stories.

York.—Making a misstep at the edge of an elevator shaft, George Seitz, seventeen years old, plunged through the opening and was probably fatally injured when he struck the floor, three stories below. He suffered a fractured skull and a broken arm. The youth was wheeling a loaded truck at the plant of the Enterprise Furniture Company.

Motorcycle Skids; Rider Hurt.

Shamokin.—Harold Hill was seriously injured here when he fell from a motorcycle which he was riding. He had exchanged machines with a companion and not being familiar with the mechanism he became confused. The machine skidded and buried the young man to the ground.

Boy Stabbed In Quarrel.

Shamokin.—Charles Waldrun, seventeen years old, was sent to jail charged with stabbing Joseph Lavan, fourteen. The boys quarreled and Lavan was stabbed above the heart. He is in a hospital and may die.

Rat Bites Sleeping Baby's Face.

Norristown.—An infant son of Charles Marwood, Conshohocken, was horribly disfigured when bitten in the face by a rat, which attacked the child while he was asleep in a coach.

## TWO SISTERS SLAY BROTHER IN FIELD

Had Practiced Shooting at Mark Several Days.

## TRAGEDY CAUSED BY WILL

Mother Had Left All Of Her Property To Son—Admit They Did the Shooting—One Faints, Other Shoots.

Sterling, Ill.—Mrs. Lee Hutton and Miss Lillian Byers, sisters, are held without bail for the grand jury, pending investigation of the killing of their brother, Emanuel Byers.

According to the story told by Byers as he was dying, partly corroborated by the admissions of the sisters, the women approached Byers as he was at work on his farm. They had been disputing earlier in the day in regard to the failure of Byers to call a physician to care for the aged father of the three.

"Mannie, we are going to kill you," one of the sisters is said to have remarked.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourselves to talk that way," was the brother's response.

One of the sisters then drew a revolver from the folds of her dress and opened fire on the brother. She fell, fainting, and her sister took the weapon and emptied it at the brother. He fell with four bullets in his body. Falling, he threw the pitchfork at the women, striking one of them in the face but not seriously injuring her.

The women made no effort to escape arrest and coolly stated that, while they were sorry they had killed the brother, he deserved it.

The Byers' mother died several months ago and left all her property to the son, cutting off the daughters. This caused much feeling, and officers believe it was in part responsible for the tragedy.

## NAMED FOR DIPLOMATIC POSTS.

Secretaries To Embassies and Legations Nominated By President.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson made these nominations: George L. Lorillar, of Newport, R. I., secretary of the legation at Buenos Ayres, to be secretary of the new embassy there.

Other nominations for secretaries of embassies were as follows: Sheldon L. Crosby, of New York city, lately secretary of the legation and Consul-General at Bangkok, at Madrid.

Hugh R. Wilson, of Evanston, Ill., lately secretary of the legation at Guatemala, at Buenos Ayres.

Secretaries of Legation—Robert E. Davis, of Petersburg, Va., at Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

William P. Cresson, of Nevada, now secretary of the legation at Quito, at Panama.

Oscar L. Milmore, of the District of Columbia, at Asuncion, Paraguay.

H. F. Arthur Schofield, of the District of Columbia, now secretary of the legation to Paraguay and Uruguay, at Montevideo, Uruguay.

## JAMAICA GINGER BANNED.

Even Lemon Extract Under Suspicion In Dry Topeka.

Topeka, Kan.—Jamaica ginger was placed under the ban in Kansas City Wednesday, when the State Supreme Court held that it is intoxicating and that a druggist who sells it may be prosecuted for violation of the prohibitory law. The court also held that lemon and vanilla extracts, cologne, camphor and similar tinctures, extracts and essences, if they actually make a man drunk, are to be classed as intoxicating liquors.

## WOMEN LOSE BY ONE VOTE.

Equal Suffrage Bill Turned Down By Georgia Committee.

Atlanta, Ga.—Suffrage for women failed of a favorable report in the Georgia House of Representatives by one vote. The House Committee on Constitutional Amendments decided, five to four, to report adversely a bill giving women the right to the ballot in State and county elections.

## WOULD TAX TITLE SEEKERS.

Proposed In Bill Introduced By Representative Bowdle.

Washington, D. C.—An annual 25 per cent. income tax on citizens of the United States who marry aliens bearing title of nobility was proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Bowdle, of Ohio.

## PLAGUE REACHES TEXAS.

Oil Driller Has Disease, Four San Angelo Doctors Declare.

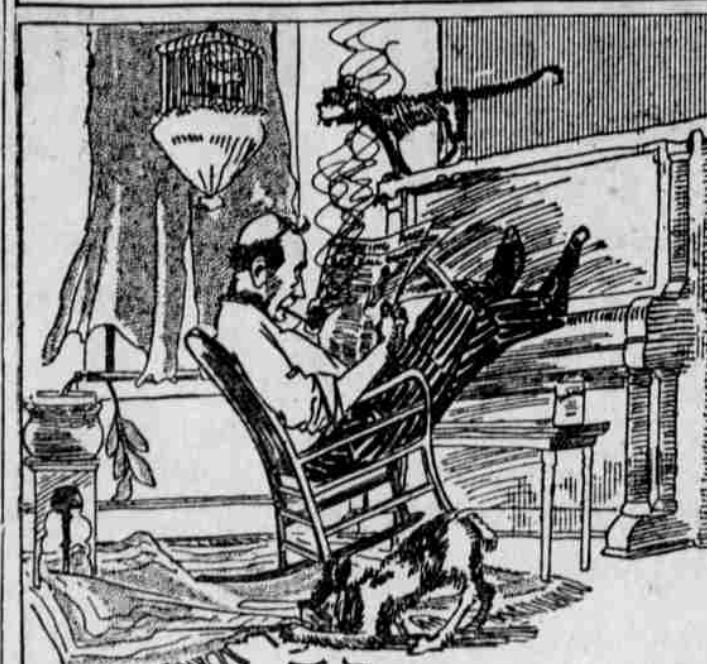
San Angelo, Texas.—Bubonic plague is declared by four local doctors to have attacked Albert Jones, an oil driller who came here several weeks ago from Shreveport, Louisiana. Jones is secluded under guard, awaiting the arrival of a Government expert from Galveston. The authorities admit they are not satisfied with the diagnosis.

## AGITATOR MUST SERVE TIME.

Supreme Court Denies Motion Of Rev. Bouck White.

New York.—Supreme Court Justice Weeks denied a motion for a certificate of reasonable doubt for the Rev. Bouck White, Socialist writer and Harvard graduate, who was sentenced to serve six months in the penitentiary for creating a disturbance at the Calvary Baptist Church. The Rockefeller attend the church, and White went there to discuss the Colorado strike with the pastor.

## WIFE'S GONE TO THE COUNTRY



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## HELD FOR BARING WAR SECRETS

Uncle Sam Orders the Arrest of Magazine Men.

## PHOTOGRAPHER IN AIRCRAFT

Editor, Writer, Aviator and Camera Man To Face Charge Of Disclosing Military Information.

San Francisco.—Warrants for the arrest of Charles K. Field, editor of the Sunset Magazine and former president of the Bohemian Club; Riley A. Scott, a writer; Robert J. Fowler, an aviator, and Ray S. Duhem, a photographer, were issued at the request of John W. Preston, United States attorney here. The charge against all three is the disclosure of military secrets here. The charge against all three is the disclosure of military secrets here. The charge against all three is the disclosure of military secrets here.

In April, Sunset published an article entitled "Can the Panama Canal Be Destroyed from the Air?" Reproductions of photographs taken from an aeroplane and showing some of the fortifications of the canal zone and of the San Francisco Presidio accompanied the text. As soon as a copy of the number was called to the attention of the War Department it requested Preston to investigate.

Mr. Field's defense was that the photograph showed no actual fortifications, nor artillery, but only the emplacement for a gun and the preliminary work for a fort. To this Mr. Preston replied:

"I think the case has merit. It has always been an Army regulation with the force of law, forbidding the taking of photographs or views of the permanent works of defense, whether in course of construction or completed.

"By the act of March 3, 1911, Congress strengthened the regulation so that it is now a violation of a plain statute for a civilian to take or publish photographs of any fortification, whether complete or in process of construction.

"The War Department regards the enforcement of this law as absolutely essential and my instructions are emphatic in this case."

All four men were served with the warrants issued for their arrest and taken before United States Commissioner Francis Krull. They were released upon their own recognizance.

## NAVY GUARDS NEW EXPLOSIVE.

Shell So Damages Steel Caisson It Has To Be Repaired.

Norfolk, Va.—A heavy steel caisson, modeled after the new dreadnought Pennsylvania, and used as a target here, was so badly damaged by a new navy shell during a test that it was taken to drydock. The new explosive is closely guarded by the navy and details of the test probably never will be made public.

## ROOSTER MUFFLERS NOW.

Poultrymen In Passaic Worried By New Regulation.

Passaic, N. J.—No more at break of day can Passaic's chanticleers send forth their crowing blasts. The Board of Health has put the lid on so that the city can sleep mornings. Poultry dealers are trying to devise a new kind of muffer or muzzle.

## TO BUILD 101 POSTOFFICES.

Provided For In General Deficiency Bill Carrying \$4,585,464.

Washington, D. C.—Chairman Fitzgerald of the House Appropriations Committee reported the general deficiency appropriation bill, asking \$4,585,464. The largest item goes to the Treasury Department, the deficiency there being \$1,543,108. One of the largest items was for the commencement of postoffices in 101 cities and towns.

## CAR PORTER BALKS BANDIT.

Seizes Pistol and Puts Train Robber To Flight.

Waterloo, Iowa.—One man attempted to hold up the Illinois Central passenger train No. 11 one mile east of Epworth, Iowa. The bandit ordered the porter, Henry Bruce, to search the passengers while he stood guard with a drawn revolver. The car porter grabbed the bandit's pistol, both men fell to the floor of the car and the pistol was discharged several times, but no one was injured.

## MAKING YOUNG DWARF GROW.

Thyroid Glands Of Lambs Being Used In Transformation.

Altoona, Pa.—The Blair County Medical Society by the use of thyroid glands of lambs and sheep is transforming a young dwarf of Hollidaysburg, Jules Schroeder, aged 4 years, into natural proportions. The boy is suffering from cretinism, but under treatment his arms and legs are steadily lengthening. The experiment is being watched with great interest by the medical fraternity.

## A BLACK EYE TO MEDIATION PLANS

Rebel Generals Declare For Program of Guadalupe.

## MARTIAL LAW FOR MEXICO

Are Determined On the Conquest of Mexico City and the Declaration of Martial Law Until Country Has Been Pacified.

Washington, D. C.—Border patches stating that the Constitutionalists would not accept the invitation of the mediators for informal peace conference with representatives of General Huerta were partially confirmed here by persons in close touch with General Carranza.

Rafael Zubaran and Luis Cabrera, the two most prominent representatives of General Carranza, had nothing to say on the subject, but word that a majority of the Constitutionalists generally had been submitted had disapproved it came from well-informed sources.

Minister Naon, of Argentina, the only one of the mediators in Washington, read the dispatches with evident surprise. He indicated that the mediators would take no action until the attitude of the Constitutionalists was officially conveyed to them.

That the Constitutionalists were strongly opposed the idea of peace conferences, although all the general have not yet been heard from, did not surprise those officials who have maintained that it would be virtually impossible to modify the plan of Guadalupe, the platform of the Constitutional movement. This plan declares that a military government should be set up after Mexico City is conquered and that no elections shall be held until the country is pacified by military rule.

The present purpose of the Constitutionalists, it is understood, is to follow that program to the letter, calling a conference of generals when the conquest of Mexico City is accomplished.

A new "first chief" then may be designated. It is at this stage that the Carranza-Villa split is really expected to come to a head, the disaffection probably leading to an effort to have Carranza superseded. Reports from Torreón that the differences between the two chieftains had been composed were verified by agents of both, but there was an undertone of comment indicating that it was but a temporary truce.

The break has had a disorganizing effect politically upon the Constitutionalists, and evidences of it are manifest in Mexican circles here. Though none will be quoted, there is constant communication with General Villa do not hesitate to denounce the accredited agents of General Carranza.

## REBELS TAKE GUADALAJARA

Douglas, Arizona.—Telegraphing from the governor's palace in the city of Guadalajara, Gen. Alvaro Obregon informed F. S. Elias, border representative of the Constitutionalists, that he had charged the city Wednesday and utterly routed 12,000 Federals commanded by General Miguel, Federal governor of the State of Jalisco.

In a fierce battle extending over a zone of 80 miles, the Federal army was cut to pieces by Obregon's force of less than 10,000 men. Five thousand Federals were captured, Obregon said, with the artillery and ammunition of the enemy. Those who escaped are being pursued by the cavalry. General Blanco was sent to cut off all communication with Mexico City. He tore up the railroad lines to prevent the Federals moving any stores out of the city.

Very few of the attacking force were killed or wounded, Obregon reported. He informed Elias that he led his forces personally into Guadalajara. The city went wild with enthusiasm over the entrance of the revolutionary forces and it is estimated General Obregon will secure 15,000 recruits in the city before marching on Irapuato, the railroad junction on the Mexican Central Railroad connecting the City of Mexico with Northern and Western Mexico.

General Obregon's telegram to General Carranza reporting his victory to the Constitutionalist First Chief follows:

"Senior Premier Jefe V. Carranza, Monterey, Mexico: "At the moment, 11 A. M., I telegraphed you from the Governor's Palace in this city. The column sent out by the Federals to meet us was disastrously destroyed. General Blanco was sent to cut off all communication with Mexico City. The losses of the Federals I am unable to compute as yet. The battle covered a distance of over 100 kilometers, and the dead are scattered all over this territory.

"Those who escaped are in flight or dispersed entirely. For three days we fought with over 12,000 of the enemy. Have practically captured all artillery and ammunition held by enemy and 5,000 prisoners. Others coming in all the time and surrendering. Very few of our men are wounded or killed. No officers. Enthusiasm reigns in the city.

"GENERAL A. OBREGON."

## BOY DROWNS WHILE AT PICNIC.

Accident Occurs On Suffolk Sunday School Excursion.

Suffolk, Va.—William Tebo, the 16-year-old son of W. S. Tebo, a contractor of Suffolk, was drowned at Virginia Beach while on a Sunday-school excursion from Suffolk. Twelve hundred members of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday-schools were in the party. Tebo is said to have drifted far beyond the ropes when his cries for help brought two boys to his aid, who, however, failed to reach him in time.

## MAN DEAD 10 YEARS ELECTED.

Chosen Democratic Executive Committeeman In Georgia Primary.

Macon, Ga.—W. J. Moseley, who died 10 years ago, was elected a member of the Bibb County Democratic Executive Committee in the recent county primary. Two thousand voters cast ballots for him without knowing that for a decade Moseley had been in his grave. A relative who had read in a newspaper of Moseley's election informed officials of the error.

## BRYANS GOING TO ASHEVILLE.

Secretary Of State and Family Will Spend Summer There.

Asheville, N. C.—Secretary Bryan has leased a home here for the summer and with his family will spend much time here as his official duty at Washington will permit.

Bryan, accompanied by her daughter and grandson, are expected to leave here the latter part of next week and remain until early September.

## TARIFF OFF; WOOL GOES UP.

Farmers Getting More Now Than Under Protection.

Winchester, Va.—Farmers of the West Virginia border counties are getting 7 cents a pound for lambs and 26 cents for wool. Democrats are calling attention to the fact that the Republicans stamped that price of the State during the last presidential campaign they declared the son's election would cause the price to drop to 3 cents for lambs and 20 cents for wool.