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CURRENT COMMENT.

THE Statement of the First National Bank, published in this issue, keeps up the good record of the past of this flourishing institution.

As the old year has died we trust that all our readers will be in a position to write it sincerely and with pleasant memories, nineteen hundred and won.

The judicial question is becoming somewhat animated. The interest in the outcome of the contest is becoming more absorbing. All the candidates and their friends are manifesting the deepest interest and a hotly contested battle is promised on all sides.

The statement published in the last issue of the News claiming that it had changed its market reports three weeks prior to the time the Post started, is the boldest kind of a falsehood. It is bold because every reader of that withered sheet knows it is false because they have every opportunity to verify its falsity. Plenty of people can lie when they think there is no opportunity of detection, but the bold effrontery exhibited in the face of indubitable proof of its falsity, makes a record that would bring the blush of shame to the visage of a Tom Pepper.

LADIES HOME JOURNAL.

THERE are, probably, few other women in this country as busy as Mrs. S. T. Rorer, the famous cook, or few who earn as much money. Besides her editorial work for the Ladies Home Journal, which involves answering several thousand letters each year, she conducts a big cooking-school in Philadelphia, and lectures almost constantly during the season, traveling through all sections of the country. Mrs. Rorer has never had a headache, she is never ill, and, in her appearance, is certainly the best example one could have of her theories as to the right way to live.

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iata, Perry and Centre counties. This company has been quietly at work and now has control of nearly all the independent companies in the territory named, among them being the Spring Telephone company, the Penn Telephone company, the Tuscarora Telephone and Telegraph company and the Central Commercial Telephone company. All of these companies have lines in operation. The Juniata and Susquehanna company is in reality a sub corporation of the Interstate company named above, and it will connect the lines it has secured with the lines of the Interstate company at the Susquehanna river, thus giving it a line clear from Philadelphia to Bellefonte. The Phoenix company, of Altoona, already has a traffic arrangement with the Interstate company from there to Johnstown and Pittsburg, in the western part of the state, and also with the Central Commercial company, of Bellefonte, and wherever the latter company publicly gives notice that it has been absorbed by the Susquehanna company, then the line of the Interstate company will reach from Philadelphia clear to Allegheny county.

**IF NOT NOW, WHEN?**

Communicated.

EDITOR POST:

It seems strange that Republicans of Snyder County should encourage and promise to support a candidate from outside of the county when we have an able attorney within the borders whose experience in the profession of law is not to be compared to that of the foreigner. Snyder county never had a judge. Fellow Snyder Countians, do you not think it is soon time we take a little more pride in doing our duty? Union county has had the judge for the last thirty years. I will be brief and proud but one question. Are you willing to turn it over to Union county again and give it to them for 40 years, almost half a century and Snyder county get nothing?

FAIR PLAY.

ALL those whose eyes have been turned toward the Orient by the recent Chinese trouble will find much of interest in an illustrated article entitled "Home and Social Life of the Japanese" which will appear in the February number of the *Woman's Home Companion*. The author is Onoto Watanna, the clever Japanese writer, with whose stories the readers of that magazine are well acquainted.

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**PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.**

**Quayites Capture the Senate and Both Sides Claim the House.**

Harrisburg, Jan. 1.—The legislature will be convened at noon today in biennial session, but it will probably be late this afternoon before an organization is effected, owing to the contest in the house. The Republicans of both houses held caucuses last night, the followers of Quay having the largest attendance at their meetings. The election of William P. Snyder, of Chester, the choice of the Quayites for president of the senate, is assured, while as to the house both sides are claiming victory. In the house caucus it is claimed there were 100 of the 154 members present, while two absentees. It was stated, favored the stalwart candidate for speaker, William T. Marshall, of Allegheny, which would give Marshall a majority of one vote. The anti-Quayites, however, declared these figures are misleading, and that the best Marshall can do is 97 votes.

The significant event of the senate caucus was the action of Senator Washburn, of Crawford county. Mr. Washburn was elected as a Populist two years ago, and at the last session voted for Jenks for senator. Last night he attended the stalwart Republican caucus, having announced his intention to vote with that element.

Another significant event was a caucus of 40 of the 49 house Democrats when a resolution was adopted in favor of fusion with the anti-Quay Republicans on an equitable basis on the organization.

Tonight the Republican senatorial caucus will be held. Quayites claim they will produce at least 127 votes more than enough to elect, while the anti-say Quay will never be senator.

**THE CONTEST IN DELAWARE.**

**Democratic State Chairman Sausbury Predicts a Double Deadlock.**

Dover, Del., Jan. 1.—The Republican factions in the legislature both held caucuses last night, and early this morning the anti-Addicks faction agreed to a proposition submitted by ex-Governor Hunn and the state chairman of the two factions for the organization of the legislature. By the agreement the Republicans organized the legislature today without the aid of the Democrats and by dividing the offices, allowing the Regulars to choose first.

The Democratic nominees were Stephen Slaughter, of Dover, for president of the senate, and Chauncey P. Holcomb, of New Castle, for speaker of the house.

Democratic State Chairman Willard Sausbury said this morning: "At present the senatorial situation looks like a double deadlock. The Democrats will vote as a unit on all political questions, and never for two Republicans for United States senator."

**New Year's Honors in England.**

London, Jan. 1.—The New Year's honor list includes the names of Hiram S. Maxim, who was born in Maine and who is the inventor of the automatic system of firearms. He is knighted. Sir Alfred Milner, the administrator of South Africa, is made Knight of the Grand Cross of the Bath. Col. Kitson, formerly commanding at Kingston college, and Lieut. Col. Irwin, secretary of the Canadian patriotic fund, are made companions of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and Sir Samuel Griffith is made a privy councillor. In addition there is a long list of Australians, prominent in the federation, who have received minor honors. No less than 225 created, and only a few were made baronets or knights.

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The annual meeting of the stock holders of the First National Bank of Middleburg for the election of seven directors for the ensuing year will be held in the banking house the third Tuesday of January, being January 15th, 1901, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 M.

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**SATURDAY, Feb. 16,** three and one-half miles north-west of Middleburg, on the homestead farm of Enoch Lingham, Colonus Kuhns will sell 2 horses, 7 head of cattle and 1 farming implement.

**TUESDAY, March 5,** at Alline, J. P. Nangle's will sell horses, cows, heifers and farming implements.

**FRIDAY, March 8, 1901,** one-half mile west of Salem church in Centre town-ship, Cyrus Marks will sell 2 horses, 2 cows and 2 farming implements.

**SATURDAY, March 2,** one and one-half miles north of Middleburg, James Decker will sell 2 horses, 2 cows, 3 head of young cattle and farming implements.

**MONDAY, March 4,** one-fourth mile west of Middleburg, Reno Water will sell horses, cows and farming implements.

**THURSDAY, March 21,** one and one-fourth miles south-east of Mt. Pleasant Mills, F. F. Water will sell 4 horses, 10 head of cattle and farming implements.

**A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED**

**Wednesday, Dec. 26.**

A direct line of steamers between Portland, Ore., and Manila will be in operation by Feb. 26.

There are 30,000 lepers in the Philippine islands, and they will be isolated.

The Old Town bank, of Baltimore, has gone into the hands of a receiver. It is said depositors will be paid in full.

W. Irvin Shaw, recently appointed consul general to Singapore, committed suicide in a Philadelphia hotel. Ill health.

In the Chester valley hunt, near Philadelphia, H. L. Wilbur, aged 42, son of the chocolate manufacturer, was thrown from his horse and killed.

**Thursday, Dec. 27.**

Thirty-six persons are in convention at Chicago awaiting the second coming of Christ on Jan. 3.

The Independent glass combine, recently organized, will on Jan. 1 advance the price on all window glass 15 per cent.

Delaware Democratic legislators agreed to unite with the "regulars" if necessary to defeat Addicks for United States senator.

Governor Roosevelt refuses to honor the requisition of Governor Sayers for Rockefeller and other Standard Oil magnates for violating Texas' anti-trust law.

Capt. "Hank" Haff, who sailed the Defender successfully against Valmyr III in 1895, has been selected to sail the Boston yacht in the contests for the honor of defending the America's cup this year.

**Friday, Dec. 28.**

Honolulu is about to have a temperance crusade led by the W. C. T. U.

A corner in beans is the latest novelty in the Chicago market. It is being engineered by the Albert Dickinson company.

Exploding dynamite killed six railroad builders at Baker Camp, near Durban, W. Va., and seriously injured several others.

John M. Murray, a merchant of Wadesboro, N. C., was shot by Pearl Cagle, a 17-year-old youth, and died from his wounds.

John W. Foster, formerly secretary of state for the United States, is in the City of Mexico, on business for the Mexican government.

Prosecuting officers of the state of Missouri adopted a resolution to recommend the passage of a law making kidnapping a capital crime.

The governments of Chile and Argentina have signed a protocol agreeing to take no aggressive action concerning the disputed territory of Ultima Esperanza, in Patagonia.

**Saturday, Dec. 29.**

The marriage of Queen Wilhelmina has been set for Feb. 7.

The Pullman fortune has increased from \$3,000,000 to \$15,000,000 since the magnate's death.

The Chilean cabinet crisis has ended, Senor Juan Antonio Orrego having accepted the premiership.

Storms on the British coast in the past two days have resulted in many wrecks and the loss of over 50 lives.

The Peruvian government has issued a decree directing that the new customs tariff shall come into force May 1, 1901.

About 1,700 people employed in the steamer of the Continental Tobacco company at Louisville are on strike for increased wages.

**Sunday, Dec. 31.**

A 7 per cent cut in wages has been made by the wire trust at its plant in Worcester, Mass.

Telegraphic reports from all sections of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and northern Missouri report heavy snow storms.

Among the passengers who arrived at New York yesterday from Havre was M. Cambon, French ambassador at Washington.

Col. Willcocks has called the British government that the Ashanti rebellion has ended, all of the rebel chiefs having surrendered.

Hiram Hitchcock, the last of the founders of the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, died at the hotel yesterday from pneumonia, aged 68.

**Tuesday, Jan. 1.**

The municipal treasurer of Bejugal, Cuba, is short in his accounts \$1,300, and has been missing for several days.

The severest weather known this winter is now spreading over Germany. At Koenigsberg the mercury is at zero. It is learned that Maggie Hoel, who mysteriously disappeared ten days ago from Pueblo, Colo., eloped with a man named John Watson.

J. R. Davis, living in the suburbs of Brunswick, Ga., shot and killed his wife Sunday night, mistaking her for a burglar.

Emperor Nicholas and President Loubet this morning exchanged New Year telegrams, with wishes for the prosperity of the friendly and allied nations.

**GOVERNOR STONE'S MESSAGE.**

The governor opens his message to the legislature with the declaration that the past two years have been the most prosperous successive years in the history of the state. On Jan. 1, 1899, there was a deficit of about \$1,000,000, which has been entirely liquidated, all demands paid, and a balance on hand Jan. 1, 1901, of \$1,500,000. Should the legislature appropriate the \$1,500,000 to the public schools eliminated from the appropriation made by the last legislature there will then be a balance of \$290,000. The estimated revenue for the coming year is \$11,500,000. If the legislature shall appropriate \$11,000,000 for the schools for the coming two years, and provide for the completion of the capitol, he says, there should be no material increase in appropriations to the various departments of the institutions.

After a reference to the states funded debt the governor proceeds to a discussion of the common schools, giving his reasons for reducing the appropriation made by the last legislature, and strongly urging, in view of the improved condition of the treasury, that \$10,000,000 eliminated from the last appropriation be reappropriated.

Discussing the labor troubles in Shenandoah in September last, and the calling out of the troops, the governor pays a splendid tribute to the work of the militia on that occasion, says the expense of the calling out of the troops was something over \$150,000, and declares further: "Experience with this strike has led me to consider the question of arbitration in labor disputes. The difficulty with our present arbitration laws and those heretofore contemplated is that they are not compulsory. They are purely voluntary. While a compulsory arbitration law would be ineffective, as we could not directly compel employers and employees to submit their disputes to arbitration, yet I am hopeful that a law could be framed that would practically compel both parties to voluntarily submit their disputes to arbitrators and abide by the result. Police interference by the state troops to protect life and property and preserve order is justified by law and necessary, but whenever violence exists and local authorities have failed.

"The office of the state authorities is an imperial one. The state is the agent to the scene of disturbance for the sole purpose of protecting life and property and preserving order when the county authorities are unable to cope with the difficulty. The owner of a mine claims the right to stop work at any time. The mine claims the right to stop work at any time. If capital can shut down, labor can shut down. If capital can strike, labor can strike. No greater right is claimed for one than for the other, and no right can be withheld from one that is conceded to the other. But neither has the right to resort to public violence."

The governor urges the appropriation of a sufficient sum for the completion of the capitol building not later than Jan. 1, 1902, and then turns his attention to the agricultural department. He gives a list of the cases brought before the courts in the various counties for violation of the pure food laws, and declares that the penalties for violations are not severe enough. He declares that the lowest penalty should be five days and six months imprisonment for the first offense. Discussing oyster-marine he says:

"It may be well to understand that the oyster-marine traffic in Pennsylvania is deep-seated and the dealers determined and daring men, some of whom openly defy the law and when arrested promptly give bail for appearance in court and continue selling. If this traffic is to be suppressed drastic measures must be added to the law and penalties imposed which will be adequate to the occasion. It cannot be suppressed by resolutions and unfounded accusations against state officers."

Discussing the various acts of assembly authorizing the purchase of lands for forestry reservations he says the state has acquired land in Elk, Lancaster, Clearfield, Clinton, Centre and Pike counties amounting to 97,962 acres and 2 perches, and that the purchase of other tracts authorized will increase the total holdings to over 112,000 acres. The cost to the state has averaged \$1.25 per acre he proceeds:

"Our purpose in acquiring these lands is to preserve and increase our forests. Forests exert a great influence on the

streams and climate and tend to promote the health of the community. Their rehabilitation in Pennsylvania if only a part of their former extent will be productive of the greatest good. It is the purpose of the present administration to purchase more lands in various sections of the state under the several acts of assembly wherever they can be purchased cheaply.

He urges the passage of an act placing the forest reservations under one management with authority to sell mature timber and timber destroyed by fire.

Regarding expenditures by the board of public grounds and buildings, and the laws governing the giving out of contracts, the governor recommends the enactment into law of a resolution adopted by that board June 14, 1898, as follows:

"Resolved, That in all cases where requisitions are hereafter approved and articles ordered, the bids accepted shall not authorize the payment of more than the cash price or market price for the articles, supplies or work and, although in higher bids may be the lowest bid, if the bid is higher than the average cash price or market price of the article, supply or work at the time ordered, he shall not be paid more than the average cash price or market price, and every successful bidder shall be notified of this resolution before the board and agree to the same before his bid shall be accepted."

The governor strongly urges the passage of bills to apportion the state into senatorial legislative congressional and judicial districts, calling attention to the law that demands such apportionment after each decennial census.

On the election of United States senator the governor says:

"I am in entire sympathy and heartily approve the proposition to amend the federal constitution as to permit the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people, in the same manner as state officials are now elected. Candidates for the legislature are now too often selected by reason of their supposed friendship or opposition to some candidate for the United States senate. Their qualifications to properly legislate for the districts which they represent are too often forgotten or ignored. The campaign for United States senator should be eliminated from the legislature and members of that body should be selected for their fitness and capacity to legislate for the people, rather than for their supposed friendship or opposition to candidates for the United States senate. The people can be best assisted to elect a United States senator by direct vote as they can be trusted to elect a governor, judge of the supreme court and other state officials. I recommend that a resolution be passed early urging upon our representatives in congress such an amendment to the federal constitution."

On the subject of ballot reform he says: "The last legislature passed two resolutions providing for amendments to the constitution of the state looking to ballot reform—one permitting personal registration in cities of the first class and the other permitting legislation providing for voting machines."

"I was unable to give these amendments my approval, because of my belief that they would not remedy the evils in our existing ballot law, and were not steps in the direction of true reform. My own experience with personal registration in New York city does not justify the expectation of good results which some see in it, and I was persuaded that the anxieties and voting machines arose out of the expectation of profits from the sale of the machines by those who own the patents rather than from any expectation of improvement over our present laws; but I am heartily in favor of any legislation or constitutional amendments that will result in a purer ballot."

Referring to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, the governor declares that Pennsylvania can hardly afford to neglect it. The message concludes:

"At the request of the managers of the exposition, he says, he appointed Hon. Joseph Buffington of Pittsburg and Hon. James Elverson of Philadelphia as vice presidents to represent Pennsylvania, and Mrs. William McCree of Allegheny and Mrs. Charles C. Harrison of Philadelphia as members of the board of women managers. All are serving without compensation. The message concludes:

"If Pennsylvania is to be represented at this exposition, it is important that the legislature should make an appropriation sufficient to think under all the circumstances our state ought to co-operate in this exposition, and earnestly recommend legislation in that particular."

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