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## Direct Election for U.S. Senators.

Connecticut the thirty-sixth state to ratify the amendment submitted by the Congress of the United States took action on Tuesday, making election of United States Senators come directly from the people. This is in line with the progressive spirit of the age. Only a decade ago, no one would have been ready to make such a prediction. The old and obsolute methods are giving way, new methods and new men, with progressive ideas are ruling the world, and the people are more and more coming to their rights.

## Double-Barreled Law.

If the Judge of License Court wants to grant liquor license he can grant it to almost any applicant and find an abundance of law to do so; if he does not want to grant licenses he can refuse a large number of applicants and find an abundance of law to do so. It all depends on the disposition of the Judge: unless indeed he be fettered by outside circumstances and conditions. In such cases his acts do not represent his mind and heart. But it is not the law that is in the way of granting or refusing. That such is the case is quite evident from the large variety of courses pursued by the Judges of the different districts in the state. They all have the same law to to guide them in the matter; but the law lays down only general principals for their guidance, and leaves their application to the discretion of the Court. And here is where the temprament of the Judge comes in. If he is favorable to license he will grant many, if unfavorable to license he will refuse many and find good law for his position; unless as said above he be bound hand and foot be outside forces of some kind. Then he is not himself in the matter.

## President Wilson in Person Delivers His Message.

President Wilson addressed his first message to Congress. Instead of sending the message and having it read by others, he went in person and stood face to face with the greatest legislative body in the world and heart to heart he spoke amidst eloquent silence, while he gave his views on the work which devolves upon him and the Congress. He introduced his more weighty message by these words:

"I am very glad indeed to have this opportunity to address the two houses directly and to verify for myself the impression that the President of the United States is a person and not a mere department of the Government hailing Congress from some isolated island of jealous power, sending messages, not speaking naturally and with his own voice, that he is a human being, trying to co-operate with other human beings in a common service.

"After this pleasant experience I shall feel quite normal in onr dealings with one another.

## Is There a License Trust?

Occasionally some of our esteemed county contemporaries remind their readers of the existense of a license trust in Somerset county. The natural inference would be that there are certain parties who pass on applications for license outside of the Court, that is an in. visible license court. That is a serious matter, it is a reflection on the Court. The Court's integrity is questioned, and the Court, the seat of justice, is the place above all others which we desire to trust and believe. Such an imputation should not rest on our Court. If Judge Ruppel is innocent, he should without further delay see that his good name, and the dignity of the court are not spoken of disparagingly. If there were any truth in the charge that there is a license trust what citizen could trust his interests before such a court, for one false to his trust in one instance, would be unsafe in all.

Frequently reference is made to a license trust. If Judge Ruppel is innnocent, let him bring to task those who speak of a license trust, and if the charges of the papers can be substantiated, the legislature will have an impeachment on its hands. This is too serious a matter for the people of Somerset county to quietly sumbit to. The demand of the people is like the demand of Cæsar when he said his wife must be above suspicion, so must our court be. This is of such a serious nature that neither a JUDICIAL mind nor a PERSONAL inclination can ignore with silent contempt.



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THIS section of Somerset county with Meyersdale as the centre, contributed money, supplies and provisions for the flood victims to the amount of \$2,000. Not so bad for the frosty sons and their good wives and charming daughters.

THE Senate was shocked when it learned that the president was going to make a speech before that august body. We miss our guess if he does not shock the dignified senate frequently in the next four years.

WHO is to see to it that the ordinance is enforced when the trolley company, the automobilists and the B. & O. and the W. M. R. R. exceed the speed limit. Enforce the ordinance or repeal it.

THE tariff tinkers are again on their job. Hope they will not make the mistake that was made in the Taft administration, increase the tariff instead of lower it.

THERE will be weeping and wailing among the trust magnates when Congress begins to prune the tariff. How their sympathies go out towards the working man.

THE base ball season is here, and Pittsburg again starts out a winner—but will history repeat itself.

The stock of T. W Gurley's Jewelry Store, Stationery and Sporting Goods Stores to be sold at Auction.
Everything Must Go to Make Room for the Moving Pieture Show Which he has Leased his Building for.
The sale has been turned over to Tyler & Gregory, of Chicago, who will dispose of the stock.
Sale, Commencing Saturday Afternoon, Will Gontinue Until Everything is Disposed Of.
SALES DAILY AT 2:30 & 7:30 P. M.
Chairs for the Ladies and Souvenirs given away at each sale.