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Meyersdale's Contest.

Meyersdale emerges from the battle of ballots, and the bitter contest which was waged will soon be forgotten and all will be found working for the greater and better Meyersdale.

To the victors The Commercial extends hearty congratulations, and to the defeated good will and good wishes.

In a government, constituted as ours, everyone must with good grace accept the verdict of the people. They spoke on election day, and the men elected to their various offices, in the faithful performance of their duties, have a realizing sense of the fact that they hold their offices by the will of the people. From the highest to the lowest, may their tenure of office be in accordance with the spirit and the letter of the law, agreeable to the office holders and satisfactory to the people whose servants they are. May all result in much good for Meyersdale.

Crisis Near In Mexico.

The real crisis in Mexico is near at hand. It is announced that President Wilson demanded the resignation of Hureta and that no one closely allied with him is to carry on the government of Mexico. What disposition of this demand Hureta will make remains to be seen. If he rejects the ultimatum of the President, the administration will be compelled to enforce its demands, and that will mean a clash between Mexico and the United States.

At Swarthmore in this state and in Alabama President Wilson declared that this nation is not seeking new territory and that the governed have rights and privileges as well as the governing ones. The condition of Mexico is pitiful, and while the administration apparently has done everything possible to avert a clash there is a limit to a state of warfare and butchery, and should conditions continue as they have been, the day may be near at hand when the leaden heel of America will be felt in the lawless and abused Republic of Mexico.

Bond Issue Defeated.

The fifty million dollar bond issue for good roads has for the time being received a quietus. A big majority of the people who voted on the question decided that it would not be fair to burden the state for years to come with a heavy debt which the next generation would have to pay.

The slogan was "good roads" and every effort was made to confuse the people and fool them as they used to, with the "protection" cry and the "full dinner pail." Everybody wants good roads but there are a great many people who believe in the old fashioned way of paying cash for what you buy and it has been demonstrated to all fair minded men that five million dollars can be raised annually for good roads without burdening the state with a \$50,000,000 debt, and about \$5,000,000, it is believed by many, is about all that a state can spend honestly and judiciously in road making in the course of a year.

Sulzer Vindicated.

William Sulzer received one of the finest tributes at the recent election in New York that any man ever received. Impeached and deposed as governor of the Empire State, he was nominated and triumphantly elected to membership of the lawmaking body which brought about his political downfall.

Tammany is corrupt. Sulzer had been playing the game before he was governor, Murphy wanted him to continue, and Sulzer wanted to give a good administration. Hence the upheaval.

The public believes that practically all the charges brought against Sulzer were true, but it resents the feigned honesty of Murphy. Naturally the public sympathized with Sulzer and felt that he had not had a square deal. But is it not strange that a man found guilty of numerous charges, deposed as governor, and a few weeks later is elected a member of the legislature? The people sometimes vote in a mysterious way their wonders to perform.

The Elections.

Tammany received a solar plexus on Tuesday. Her candidate was snowed under by many thousand votes. The curtain had been drawn aside during the Sulzer trial and the people of greater New York saw Charles F. Murphy very closely and distinctly. Slowly but surely the free born, clear thinking, independent men of America are impressing upon the minds of men that the day of the political boss is passing away. Now and then men try to beat the game, but in this 20th century they usually get hurt. It is contrary to the spirit of the age to have a political dictator and bruiser carrying elections with a high hand. Charles F. Murphy was hit hard, and every time the people assert their manhood against the boss they rise a step higher in self-government and respectability.

The contest was not so much between McCall, the Tammany candidate, and Mitchell, the Fusion candidate, as it was against corrupt Tammany and Boss Murphy on the one hand and the resentment of an outraged people on the other hand.

The people won in New York to their credit. The passing of the tariff bill apparently has not weakened the administration. Massachusetts elected the Democratic candidate by a big majority, New Jersey elected Wilson's choice for governor by a safe plurality, in Maryland a Progressive Democrat was named for the United States Senate.

In Pittsburgh the Penrose forces elected Armstrong over the Flinn forces Mayor of Pittsburgh, and the indications are that Senator Penrose is gradually getting back the power that was so ruthlessly, so unspittingly, so cruelly taken away from him a few years ago. Well, if they want Penrose again, he is willing to serve them six years longer in the United States Senate.

HOME TOWN HELPS

SCIENCE OF CITY BUILDING

Many Cities Desert the Topsy Method of Expansion and Begin to Reach Out.

There are certain cities, big and small, that are deserting the Topsy method of just growing, says Harper's Weekly. They are being gently and persistently pushed along toward greatness. To use an invidious metaphor, they are picking factories from their less wakeful neighbors and planting them in their own towns; they are causing the transfer of hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of business from the somnolent cities and, in this time of reforms, are boasting of their remarkable progress in population.

The way the thing is done may be aptly illustrated by the manner in which Poughkeepsie obtained an automobile factory. The secretary read in a newspaper that an Italian company was thinking of locating a factory in this country. Without waiting for the owners to have a chance to look the country over and decide for themselves, the secretary pounced upon them and talked Poughkeepsie, talked it hard and convincingly. He invited them to come up and see the place, and when he got them took them all over the town and showed them the schools and churches, the parks and workmen's houses, told them about the railroad facilities and rates. Then he took them to the very spot that he had picked out in advance where they could build. He pictured the factory to them, pointed to the homes their men would live in, told them how low the taxes were and how healthful was the air. When they went away the visitors had every good point about Poughkeepsie throbbing in their heads in 100 different forms, and consequently they straightway came back and built their factory in Poughkeepsie.

MAKE WASTE PLACES BLOOM

Railway Station Garden Is Latest Move Toward the City Beautiful.

During the last few years a new kind of garden has come into being in the shape of the railway station garden. It is tended by members of the staff, and is usually a picture of neatness, and often of beauty as well. The small, tidy beds, or long narrow borders edged with white stones, are often glorious masses of color, without one jarring note. At some country stations the name of the place is worked out in flowers or small shrubs, and should the traveler by chance fall into conversation with the presiding genius of the garden he will find that a remark on the nattiness and prettiness of the scheme of decoration will be much appreciated. In their season, roses—usually red or white or yellow Ramblers—bloom luxuriantly at many a wayside stopping place and transform the station itself into a "thing of beauty."—London Globe.

South America's Worst Brigands.

I made many expeditions from Potosi into the surrounding country, writes W. Hilton-Simpson in the Wide World. The Indians here are the notorious Aimara, likewise descendants of the Incas, and the worst brigands in South America. Their principal occupation is murder and theft, and until quite recently they sacrificed their prisoners to the gods, and then paraded their flesh. As regards savagery, they easily excel all other tribes. The sacrificial victim was not merely butchered, as happens in most similar cases; he was bound, and then the flesh was torn off his living body and eaten by men, women and children. If, in the process of being tortured, as much as a man escaped his lips, the bones of the victim were thrown away; but if, on the contrary, he was stoic enough to be silent, the bones were collected and set up on a pile of rocks to be worshipped. It is still within the memory of living men that human meat was sold among the Aimara.

Plant Street Trees.

Plant a tree. The expense is small. The subsequent attention is not large. Once started, the tree helps itself as scarcely anything else of moment to us ever does. It grows while we sleep. It drinks the sunshine and compounds its own food out of the refuse gases of the air and the watery solutions of the soil. Out of these inert, inattentive, barely recognizable substances by a miracle of transformation there comes forth that thing of life and beauty, which is also a thing of tangible money value—a tree.

Improving.

"Bliggins like to hear himself talk."
"Is that all you have against him?"
"Could anything be worse?"
"Certainly. Bliggins used to like to hear himself sing."

Umpire's Joy.

"So he claims to be the only perfectly impartial umpire in the game? On what does he base the claim?"
"He says he's always abused by both sides instead of by only one."

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