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White House Wedding.

The wheels of the nation were about stopped when the marriage of the president's daughter was solemnized. It is a splendid indication of the true American spirit, when such general interest is manifest in the marriage of a young woman, as was shown this week, and the president, the first man of the land, whose word carries weight, was largely ignored while the White House was being transformed and the preparations for the interesting event were in progress. Such occasions form an interesting interruption in the nation's serious work, and the people generally are keenly interested in a social event of such prominence. The nation's hearty good will goes out to the new made bride and groom.

Gross Choice Of All Parties.

The Johnstown Tribune and the Meyersdale Republican have interesting conflicting views with reference to the election of Valentine Gress as burgess of Meyersdale. While the Tribune considers only the political question involved, the Republican is disposed to get religion and politics mixed in its views and that is a bad mixture, an unfortunate one.

Protestants and Catholics are living side by side in this great, free country and religious prejudices have been the bane of many lands in the past. The twentieth century should try to see good in all men, regardless of religious beliefs and political bias.

We predict for the incoming burgess, Valentine Gress, an administration free from religious bigotry and political bias, broad and humane, and yet an administration that shall be vigorous and refreshing, an administration where the burgess sits on the throne and no man behind the seat of power dictating his course.

Mexico Still Entangled.

Mexico is still wrestling with the great problem, while the United States has largely adopted the Fabian policy and delaying any decisive steps. The Rebels have made much progress and the struggle still goes on. Vera Cruz is on the firing line and from that ancient town which has been identified with much that makes up history in our country may again have an important part in the final outcome of that land.

There are many rumors. They say Huerta is under the blighting influence of liquor at all times, that he is an irresponsible personage. The report has also gained current that Mexico has sent four representatives to Japan in order to get the prestige and support in case the United States declares war against Mexico. Whatever truth is in these reports, our country is going carefully, and if the government believes it to be her moral duty to intervene, she will take that step whether Huerta be drunk or sober, whether Japan is hostile or friendly, or whether the whole world is against her.

County Institute.

Institute is in annual session, the schools of the county are all closed, the teachers are all supposed to be in attendance at the county institute. Directors from every district are supposed to attend the directors' convention. Some of the best instructors in the land are giving the institute the benefit of their talents concentrated on some particular topic, some of the best entertainers are on hand to amuse and entertain the institute. All the foregoing propositions are admitted. Did you ever ask yourself the question whether or not it pays. Viewed from a money point of view institute is an expensive method in vogue, but perhaps the more important question is, does it pay in the way of helping the teachers to do better work in their schools and consequently benefiting the school and the community.

To say that county institutes should be abolished, one would almost be charged with reflecting on the intelligence and integrity of our learned men. The conscientious teacher attending institute undergoes a strain which is contrary to the idea of all our modern school training, viz., that the sound body is vitally involved in the idea of an education, and yet from early in the morning till near midnight every night for a whole week is a tremendous tax of energy of every school teacher, and a week of so strenuous a life is not a fitting preparation for school work the following Monday. When you think of the wisdom of the instructors, teaching general principles on broad general lines, the instructor is not applical to one school out of fifty. What may be good for a city school may be very much out of place in the rural mountainous district, what is good in a country school may be much out of place in a city or large town school, but here they speak in general terms about general schools and as a consequence the instructors' work proves to be impracticable.

The general teaching is for the general school, while we need the particular teaching for the particular school. Meyersdale's school board was moving in the right direction when she brought special teachers to instruct teachers in their particular departments, that is the work that brings results to the schools.

County institutes are an institution in existence, but until they are of such a nature that they can really carry their influence into the school room, they fall far short of accomplishing their purpose.

As it is, the money expended is large, the physical strength of the teacher is heavily taxed, the children of the county are deprived of schooling at a time of the year when they are of little service in the home.

Boost the town in order that we may land some business enterprises and have a prosperous and substantial town.

Now is the time to think of your Christmas needs and do your Christmas shopping.

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Over the State

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Leechburg.—The First Presbyterian church has been notified by Rev. Orville J. Hutchinson of Ellwood, Ind., that he will accept the call to that church.

Mt. Pleasant.—The Rainey school has been closed because of the outbreak of scarlet fever. There has been one death.

Charleroi.—It is claimed that unless quick action is taken the coner dam at lock 16 and a portion of the river dam will be washed away as a result of the last rise.

Confusion.—Frank Johnson, colored, and declared to be a vicious character, has been lodged in jail after going through the village firing a pistol and driving everybody from the streets.

Latrobe.—Harry Hankey, aged 23, a Derry brakeman, fell from a car and had both legs crushed by a passing train.

New Castle.—All shipping clerks at the New Castle Iron & Steel Co.'s plant were given notice of a layoff. No explanations were given.

Greenville.—William Beckstein, aged 18, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a rifle in a haymow where he was working.

Washington.—James W. Rush, a wealthy merchant of Millsboro, charged with the murder of Charles Rogge, a former state trooper, on October 15, was placed on trial in criminal court. District Attorney R. G. Miller said the commonwealth was seeking a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Washington.—The jury in the case of Joseph Coleman, charged with killing his stepson, Erasmus Stewart, at Marianna last August 30, returned a verdict finding Coleman guilty of involuntary manslaughter, but recommended him to the extreme mercy of the court. Judge James Ingraham of Greene county directed the jury to retire and prepare a new verdict. The jury then brought in a verdict of voluntary manslaughter.

Albion.—Dr. J. M. Sheedy, acting on behalf of Margaret A. V. Devan, known in the religious world as Sister M. Josephine, swore out warrants here for Antonio Conti, correspondent of the Star of Italy, published at Greensburg, and Antonio Bufano, Giuseppe Agugia, Tony Demay, Nick Longo and Stanislaw Cipriani, officers of the company, charging them with libel.

Philadelphia.—The largest amount ever asked in a suit of its kind in the country is asked in the sum of \$206,000 by Mrs. Georgiana Burdick Tower, who declares she is the wife of Charles Tower, Jr., and who has sued Harlemane Tower, sr., for alleged alienation of the affections of his son. She declares she was married to young Tower in New Haven, Conn., in June, 1911, while he was a student in a New England university.

Freeport.—Joseph Fahey of Oil City, an express messenger on the Allegheny Valley division of the Pennsylvania railroad, probably owes his life to a pond of water along the track. As his train approached Aldrich station, Fahey started to drag a heavy basket to the open doorway of the car. The basket handle broke and Fahey fell backward from the train, which was going at 40 miles an hour. He fell in the pond of water. Except for a drenching he escaped unhurt.

Philadelphia.—A bath and a good breakfast for three cents for improperly nourished children of the open air class at the Durham public school in this city will be provided by the Home and School league. This announcement was made by the luncheon committee of the league. Soon after the children arrive at school they will be given the bath and then served with breakfast. The menu will be changed each day, one of the breakfasts consisting of creamed fish on toast, milk and bananas.

Pittsburg.—Rev. Dr. Homer C. Stuntz, Methodist Episcopal bishop here, declared that South America, morally, was "the rottenest" and commercially, the "best field in the world today." "South America is bankrupt for moral and spiritual leadership. Thousands upon thousands are turning to atheism and agnosticism in despair of religion," he declared. Bishop Stuntz believes that the opening of the Panama canal will start a flow of immigrants to South America.

Coudersport.—The settlement of more than 200 suits against the Bayless Pulp & Paper Co. of Anstin, Pa., that grew from the breaking of a dam two years ago and a flood that cost 80 lives is being sought at conferences here. It is said that 80 per cent of the claimants, who seek more than \$400,000 of the \$550,000 represented in claims filed, have signed papers accepting from 10 to 50 per cent of the amounts of their claims.

Connellsville.—Patrick J. Tormay, superintendent of the Trotter plant of the H. C. Frick Coke Co., and one of the oldest employees of the big corporation, has concluded 25 years' service and has retired from active duty.

Dubois.—The indications are that within the next day or two the strike of the miners employed by the Cascade Coal & Coke Co. at Tyler, Clearfield county, in which about 800 men are involved, will be settled as all the employes have been admitted to the union save only two, and the indications that they will become unionized, which action will settle the strike.

Preparing Trees for Winter.

"During the mild weather of fall and the early part of the winter is the time to prepare trees to pass through the winter without injury from certain causes," said State Zoologist, H. A. Surface, at his office in Harrisburg, recently.

Professor Surface said that there is great advantage in mounding trees with earth around them before the permanent freezing of the ground for winter. He has had considerable experience with this work, and now practices this method in his own orchard. The grass and leaves around the trees should be drawn away with a rake or hoe, and with a long-handled spade that will let the workmen reach under the trees. The earth should be piled around the top in a cone to the height of four or six inches. The reason for drawing away the very loose earth and organic material, such as grass, weeds and leaves, at the surface before covering the earth and the mound is that if this is not done, mice will work under the mound and gnaw the trees beneath it. If the earth is well compacted and not placed on rubbish, there is almost no danger from their burrowing through it.

One great advantage of the mounding is that it continues above the ordinary surface of the snow, and as the mice do not come above the snow to feed, it generally gives protection. The same results as mounding trees are to be obtained by rumping down the snow after each snowfall, so that it is so firm that the mice will not attempt to burrow through it.

The mice which do this damage are the Short-tailed meadow mice properly known as Voles, and often wrongly called Ground moles, which are seen in abundance in fields and orchards where there is much vegetation.

Their smooth winding runways just at the surface of the ground are well known. Sometimes they go so far as to dig into or perforate the ground and gnaw at the trunk. It is a good plan to prepare for the winter by poisoning them by putting poison into their holes. There is a Farmers' Bulletin on poisoning such rodents, and published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., which can be obtained free of charge by writing for it. It is much better to prevent the damage by such pests than to be obliged to attempt to cure it or remedy it by bridge grafting, as was done by some orchardists in this State last spring.

In addition to keeping mice from

gnawing the trees, the mounds hold the trees firmly in place, keeping them from swaying in the wind, and especially prevent the formation of loose holes down the sides of the trunk where water can enter and forming ice to the injury of the trees.

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Altar Dedicated to Fortune. In the baths of a Roman fort at present being excavated at Summerston, England, an altar has been unearthed "Dedicated to the Goddess Fortune, by Caecilius Nepos, tribune." The baths served the purpose of a club, where the men would while away their time by gambling, and the altar was no doubt dedicated by the Roman officer after a particularly fortunate coup. The inscription on the altar may lead to important historical conclusions.

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