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New Administration.

The city government has changed hands, quietly and harmoniously, reflecting credit upon those retiring, and upon those who assumed charge of the city's duties and responsibilities.

The indications are that there will be a strong municipal administration and that the ordinances will be carried out fully. All who know Mr. Gress feel assured that he intends to take care of the city's interests, and in his effort the good citizenship of Meyersdale should give him good support and doubtless will do so.

The new council starts work under fine auspices, some of the veterans of council remaining, with new blood coming in and all having the interests of the city at heart great things may be expected.

Union Services.

The spirit of religion seems to be mightily at work in the world. Billy Sunday made Johnstown better, now he is hammering away at the sins of Pittsburgh. Meyersdale is having union services, discussing the various phases of the Kingdom of God, its relation to the municipality, temperance, the ballot and the missionary aspect.

These are all up to date topics, and if the teachings of the Master are more fully actualized in the various activities of life, the prayer of Christendom will find its early fulfillment. A spirit of unity and harmony is evident, the pastors of the various denominations working heartily together in these services, and as a consequence there must continue to be a broad spirit and confidence and good will existing among the membership of the various religious bodies.

The Liquor Question.

The license or no-license question is again beginning to disturb the minds of those who are in favor of the saloon and those who are against the saloon. The court knows the sentiment of the county in that respect, and nothing that the remonstrants can do will likely have any effect, unless the court reverses itself.

Those who are against the liquor traffic in whatever form should now get busy and send their prayer to Washington, to our Congressman and our United States Senators. There the battle will be fought and the outcome of which will have significance for the whole of this country. Taking the matter out of our courts, which should have been done, years ago.

Washington is the strategic point at this time, and any congressman will consider well, any petition of that kind, and his vote will invariably be recorded against the liquor business, for it will mean defeat to any congressman to vote otherwise.

Political Tendencies.

The political game is a great game. Organization, persistence and execution count. The particular class which is the object of the politician changes about every decade. A generation ago the one concern of the politician was the old soldier. Congressmen almost tumbled over each other in offering bills to pension the old soldier. It mattered very little what might be the nature of the bill whether wise or foolish, sane or otherwise, helpful to the old soldier or injurious to his best interests. Men favored those bills with much bluster, and those who at heart were opposed to such measures were either silent or joined the crowd. The fact is those men were more concerned about the soldier vote, than they were about the welfare of the soldier. That pension racket had been worked to the limit, and the soldier vote had been a valuable and safe asset to the party in power. Statesmanship rises above such methods, gives the worthy soldier a pension, not for his vote, but because of a nation's gratitude to the boys in blue for rendering aid in the time of their country's need. The waving of the bloody shirt and the scramble for the old soldier vote, through reckless pensions is over. All are of one mind today that the soldiers are deserving of gratitude and of pensions commensurate with their need. The next raid that was made for votes was in behalf of labor, and the slogan was "protection" and a "full dinner bucket," but labor continued to live from hand to mouth their condition but slightly changed. The rich became richer and the poor remained poor. Mark Hanna, who was almost an absolute monarch, in our nation, became immensely wealthy through the life blood of labor. Labor had been fooled and cajoled, but benefited very little. Protection and a full dinner bucket, were catchy and held the labor forces together, but, even that has been proven to be a farce and a humbug. Corporation stores, corporation supplies, corporation weight, corporation methods are still in vogue. Labor is getting too intelligent to be hoodwinked any longer. We all know what Lincoln said about fooling the people. Labor no longer wants loud professions by men who want their votes but labor wants tangible benefits, real results for its own betterment. The labor vote has been thoroughly exploited by the politician.

Now the onslaught is made on the farmer for his vote. The men who know anything about the stability, patriotism, thrift and the home in our nation, recognize that the farmer has been in the past, is now and is bound to be in the future, a source of strength, of power, fair-minded and loyal. No class of the nation has made more progress and enjoyed more solid comfort and gained more of this world's goods, honestly and legitimately, than the sturdy farmer.

The farmer of to-day is an intelligent class, acquainted with the throbbing, beating world, as well as his city brother. At his own fireside, ten miles away from the railroad, he has every day in his home the picture of the whole civilized world in the form of the city newspapers, and while there is everything done by the politicians to control the farmer vote, they run up against an intelligent class of the nation's strength which is able to weigh propositions and a class which can not be fooled nor driven. Class legislation is bad. Laws should be for the benefit of the whole people, for all classes and all masses.

PICKED UP IN PENNSYLVANIA

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Sunbury.—A horse of John Engle, a dairyman, ran away, dashed into another dairyman's team and caused it to run away and then scaled a fence and badly injured itself. Engle's wagon was demolished and one hundred dollars' worth of cream was destroyed. The other wagon was wrecked but the horses were captured before they injured themselves.

Lykens.—Mark, 6, son of Ray Bowman, is in a serious condition from blood poisoning, developing from a vaccination wound. The vaccination, which was made several days ago, seemed to be having no effect on the boy until he was taken suddenly with intense pain. Since, he has been serious.

Emlenton.—Tripping over a heavy iron bit at an oil well, John Hall, 26, fell against a can containing 25 quarts of nitroglycerin and was blown to atoms in the resulting explosion.

Washington.—The father and friends of Charles Gratz have just learned that he was married in 1912 and has a daughter.

Washington.—John Malicka, arraigned for wife desertion, declared he supposed himself married for but three years to Pauline Malicka, the prosecuting witness, and had left her and their four children with the intention of marrying another woman, the three years having expired. Justice Carmichael held him for court.

Washington.—Doctors H. J. Repman and Edward McKay of Charleroi have filed a \$1,000 bond with the attorney to "secure the commonwealth in the use by the defendants of dead bodies for the promotion of medical science.

Mauch Chunk.—Radium producing deposits, the first in the eastern part of the country, have been discovered within a mile of this city. Cropping out of a cut made by the Tamaqua trolley line along the eastern base of Mt. Pisgah, directly below the Switchbach, streaks and blotches of a yellow substance are to be seen. This is carnotite, from which radium is extracted. The discovery is of a great scientific value. The government geologists had made tests of the substance. It has been definitely established that radium is contained in the deposit. Whether the quantity is of commercial value cannot be determined until further examination is made. While the deposits have been known to geologists of the bureau of mines and to the faculty of Lehigh university at Bethlehem for some time, no information of the find became public until recently, when Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Johns Hopkins university and Dr. Edgar T. Wherry of the United States National museum of Washington made a geological survey of the ground.

Sunbury.—Dared to answer a matrimonial advertisement in a newspaper, Miss Pearl Dwinford, 18, of Shamokin, took the banter and became acquainted with Harry Morgans of New York city. Photos were exchanged and a marriage proposed by Morgans through the mail. She declined without first seeing her intended husband. Morgans visited her and a few days later she wired from New York she was married.

Sunbury.—A fast Pennsylvania passenger train when it reached this place carried on its pilot a dead pigeon. The pigeon had attached to one of its legs a note bearing "Merry Christmas from Frank." The train had killed the pigeon while the pigeon was flying low.

Meadville.—Yeggmen who blew the safe in the postoffice at Cochranton made away with \$300 and stamps. The yeggs then escaped on a handcar.

Altoona.—James P. Gillen, 84, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died while visiting in this city. He had made 13 trips around the world. He was one of the last men to die who made the expedition with Commodore Perry to Japan in the seventies. In a successful effort to force the Japanese to open their ports to the commercial world, Gillen was the first of the crew to go ashore.

Kane.—George Cook, 20, is in a serious condition as the result of being shot while trying to prevent his father from abusing his mother. The father, H. J. Cook, is being sought by police. The younger Cook returned home late one evening and found his mother being abused, it is alleged. He interfered and was shot.

Pittsburgh.—Exposure in the cold killed Paul Chasman, 37, Annie Smith, 50, was found almost frozen to death on the porch of a home belonging to people who could not identify her. She is not expected to live.

Washington.—Because the National Telephone company has been recently fined for working phone girls longer than 54 hours allowed by law, the company has decided to close its toll exchanges on Sunday.

York.—Edward Schaffer was killed and Wilson Jordan and three other men were injured when an automobile in which they were riding turned over, pinning them beneath.

Meadville.—Mrs. Elizabeth Coburn died here at the age of 100 years, 3 months and 21 days.

Pittsburgh.—Three unidentified forgers were run down and killed while walking on the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad near here.

Sunbury.—Wedded but six weeks, Mrs. Barbara Rauck, 62, has left her husband, who is 72, and claims she will never return to him. Rauck has started suit in the courts for divorce, charging desertion. They are the oldest couple who have ever taken part in a legal separation case in Northumberland.

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WEEK'S NEWS BY TICK AND FLASH

What Interests the World Chronicled by Telegraph and Cable.

GLANCE AT FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Washington Looms Large as a Center of Interest—Legislatures Busy in Many States—The Lights and Shadows of the News.

Washington

It was rumored that Chief Justice White and Justice Holmes might retire before the end of President Wilson's term.

Women students of Trinity College at Washington will war against modest plays and playhouses.

The Currency Organization Committee decided to have a special steel car as an "office on wheels" for its West-ern journey.

It was said that President Wilson hoped to settle the controversy with Colombia over the seizure of Panama before the canal is opened to navigation.

Personal

Kermit Roosevelt is engaged to be married to Miss Belle Willard, daughter of Ambassador Willard.

Dr. Katherine Bement Davis, new commissioner of correction, assumed her duties as the first woman ever appointed to the head of a New York City department.

Lord Northcliffe, the English publisher, acting upon medical advice regarding his eyesight, is relinquishing some of his responsibilities and going abroad until Easter.

A dinner will be given at New York under the auspices of labor organizations to Samuel Gompers, the labor leader, January 27, his 6th birthday.

General

Ice harvesting began in many sections of New York State.

Thieves broke into a store in Shamokin, Pa., and escaped with \$4,000 worth of silks and plumes.

Mrs. Lillie Deveraux Blake, a pioneer suffragette, died at Englewood, N. J., aged 80 years.

Professor Seth C. Chandler, astronomer, is dead at his home in Wellesley, Mass.

Cyrus Brown, 17 years old, was drowned while skating on Lake Brandege, near New London.

Dr. John H. Finley was inaugurated at Albany as president of the New York State University and State Commissioner of Education.

Governor Glynne intends to cut the State sinking fund to the amount actually needed and \$8,000,000 will be set aside this year for that fund.

Kuka College of Penn Yan, N. Y., will receive \$25,000 of the \$6,000,000 educational and missionary fund being raised by the Disciples of Christ.

William Kennedy and Thomas Allison, workmen, were killed by the explosion of dynamite used in road construction near Downingtown, Pa.

Secretary of Connecticut State Phillips warned automobile owners that they will be arrested if they fail to display their 1914 markers.

Archdeacon McElroy is dead at Farmingdale, L. I. He was 64 years old and had been in the Episcopal ministry for 40 years.

The United Railroads Company of San Francisco presented its 1,587 employees with insurance policies totaling \$1,250,000.

Col. Goethals, Panama Canal Engineer, said everything but dreadnoughts can pass through the canal in its present state.

Three boys found in woods in Flushing, N. Y., the body of John Monahan, who murdered his wife in their home in Brooklyn four days before. He had killed himself.

Mayor Mitchell was inducted into office in New York with the briefest ceremony on record. He enjoined on his staff, silence, team-work and simplicity.

R. A. Long, a wealthy lumberman of Kansas City, announced he would give \$1,000,000 to the Christian Church and its colleges if the institutions succeed in raising \$5,000,000.

Auburn, N. Y., prisoners presented a unique New Year's card to Superintendent of Prisons, John B. Riley, thanking him for permitting the "Good Conduct League."

C. H. Hyde, ex-New York City Chamberlain, disbarred from law practice after his conviction for bribery, has been reinstated. His conviction was reversed.

When Alfonso Cubicciotti, owner of a bank in Philadelphia, attempted suicide, more than 200 depositors gathered around the bank and demanded their money. The bank is solvent.

Miss Trarton, an octogenarian, perished in a fire which destroyed his house at Georgetown Center, Me.

E. Graham Wilson, a wealthy farmer of Charlestown, W. Va., convicted of assaulting Miss Kate Turner, was sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary.

Edward Norton of Newark, N. J., was arrested charged with having obtained \$1,400 by subscription to purchase a \$100 wooden leg.

Senator Borah, in a report on the coal-mine strike in West Virginia, severely arraigned the military rule that prevailed there.

From Washington comes the rumor that Huerta, within a week, will assume active command of the Federal army.

The steamer Sonoma arrived at San Francisco with a record cargo of 1,800 bales of Australian wool, valued at \$100,000.

Quail are starving in the hills near Harrisburg, Pa., owing to a sleet storm followed with six inches of snow, covering all food.

Geno Montani, imprisoned at Sing Sing, for the \$25,000 taxi robbery in New York, in 1912, accuses the police of soliciting a \$5,000 bribe to "throw" the case.

David Powers, a Chicago policeman, threatened to shoot John Bradon, who had jumped into the river to commit suicide, if he did not swim ashore. He swam.

Barth Dunn, political leader at Nyack, N. Y., was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment and fined \$500 for conspiracy to defraud in highway construction in New York State.

The trunk of a man's body was found on the beach at Edgemere, L. I. It was a part of the body of Albert J. Jewel, aviator, who vanished on a flight Oct. 13.

The body of Jessie Evelyn McCann, the Flatbush school teacher and social welfare worker, was washed up on the Coney Island shore just one month to a day from the time she so mysteriously disappeared from her home in Brooklyn.

J. P. Morgan & Co. announced that the partners in the firm—Mr. Morgan, Charles Steele, Thomas W. Lamont, H. P. Davidson and W. H. Porter—had "retired" from the directorate of some of the greatest railroad and other corporations in the country, owing to an "apparent change in public sentiment in regard to directorships."

Two big buildings at Seabright, N. J., and Arverne, L. I., and scores of smaller buildings along the New Jersey and Long Island coasts were beaten down by the surf and carried out into the ocean during the great storm along the coast. The loss caused by the two days' storm is estimated at more than \$1,000,000.