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### Changing the Lighting System.

In changing the lighting system the Council and the Light company will receive praise from the citizens of Meyersdale for the improvement which will be manifest when the change is completely effected. Where the change has been made there has been much satisfaction expressed. The light committee is on the job. This committee consists of James Darnley, Frank Bolden and H. E. Bauman. These gentlemen are giving their attention to the matter and are deserving much praise for the interest they are taking and the improved lighting of the city which is already obvious under their supervision.

### The Poor Among Us.

During the Christmas season and around Thanksgiving Day, there are many kindly disposed people who take a deep, even though a temporary, interest in the poor and needy. This shows a fine spirit, but then apparently the poor and needy are forgotten until another Christmas season or a Thanksgiving Day comes around. It would be a splendid thing if attention were paid to the needs of the poor, in the heart of winter, when the coal bin is empty and the larder bare. A little help in this direction might ease the burden of the widow with her family of little ones, or the aged couple who have a hard way of getting along, or the family whose bread earner is out of work, or the home that has been visited with much sickness.

### Advanced Ideas.

The progressive era is here in American politics. The suffragists are clamoring for recognition at the seat of government. The temperance people are going to the lawmakers of the land to ask for redress of the liquor evil. The initiative is not taking a backward step and the referendum is gaining new converts right along. The recall is believed by many to be the proper remedy for wrongs done in our courts of justice, and yet this last phase of progressive legislation is strongly opposed by many who take a favorable view of the former ideas of legislation.

The fact is, old landmarks are being given up and new places of cleavage are established. The old order is giving way to the new. New occasions teach new duties.

### Politics Taking Shape.

The political situation in Pennsylvania promises to be one of the most spirited campaigns that has been waged in many years. Will Pennsylvania be controlled by the Stand pats, the Progressives or the Democrats? Will the two wings of the Republican party flop together? Not likely. Penrose is the avowed candidate for the United States senate, and in a fair test and a fair count he is not the choice of the Republican party. He cannot command the united support of the party which he controlled, bossed, and tyrannized over for a number of years. Will Pinchott be able to command the vote of the Republican. Roosevelt and Pinchott are to the Stand pat Republicans what a red skirt is to a bull.

Now word comes that the votaries were offered. The signs were propitious and that the oracle had been consulted at Washington with results that A. Mitchell Palmer is to be the candidate of the Democrats for United States senator, and that Vance McCormick is to be the candidate for governor. If the Democrats carry out this program in this state and are careful in selecting candidates for the legislature, they will impress themselves upon the minds of the voters in an unusual degree in Pennsylvania. Palmer is an able and a clean man. McCormick is aggressive and strong.

### The Boss Sees a Boss.

Boss Penrose took ample time a week ago to remind the people of Pennsylvania of the boss in the Democratic party, A. Mitchell Palmer. The senior senator has been in the business as boss for a good many years and he ought to recognize a boss when he sees one. In fact on account of his familiarity with bosses and the boss system, he should be able to scent one at a great distance. He considers Mr. Palmer as a great boss, a menace to society and a detriment to the best interests of the state. That Palmer is a prominent citizen, that he is a strong champion, and that he is a man exerting influence with the administration there can be no doubt; but that he occupies the role of a boss has not yet impressed itself upon the minds of the people. He is one of the leaders of the Democratic party. This is recognized by all. Every party, every organization must have a head; leaders must be had, they must be recognized and deference must be paid to them, but the boss system is in ill repute and fair minded, clear thinking people will not tolerate the boss in this age for any length of time, whether it is in a sewing circle, a church organization, municipal government—whether in the state or nation—the boss is an obnoxious product, which if tolerated, reflects on man's intelligence and attests to man's helplessness. The people have expressed themselves on their attitude towards Senator Penrose as a boss. If the brilliant congressman, A. M. Palmer, has developed or will develop the propensity for bossing as did the senior senator, he will hear from the people at the first opportunity and will learn that the democracy will not put up with the brutal boss system for a generation, as has the party bossed by Quay and Penrose.

It is a common trick in life for a person guilty of a wrongdoing to accuse another of the same thing, to detract from himself and focus criticism on another. At any rate it seems somewhat strange that Senator Penrose, the arch boss of Pennsylvania, the past master in rotten politics, should be the first one to notice the new boss. Down with bosses, loyalty to leaders and fidelity to conviction and to manhood.

## PICKED UP IN PENNSYLVANIA

Western Newspaper Union News Service.  
Scranton. — When Burgess M. J. Golden of Dunmore agreed to pay all costs in election fraud cases of the Third district of the Sixth ward, Warren J. Hall, defeated candidate, who was contesting Golden's election, agreed to drop the proceedings. The court had just ordered the ballot box of the Third district opened, when counsel for the quarreling factions got together and arranged a settlement. Hall was defeated for Burgess by two votes.

Carlisle.—The joint sub-committee of the Indian affairs committees of the federal senate and house held a session here, delving into the conditions at the Carlisle Indian school. The inquiry, according to the chairman, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, is the result of complaints made against the management of the school. Witnesses in support of the complaints were heard and five prominent citizens of Carlisle, who indorsed the administration of Superintendent Friedman of the school, also were examined. Among Friedman's supporters was Dr. E. A. Noble, president of Dickinson college. Senator Robinson would not discuss the case except to say that it is regrettable that the relationship between the pupils and the school authorities appears to be strained.

Bethlehem.—Charles M. Schwab, the steel magnate, whose chief hobby is music, has just completed here at a cost said to be \$100,000 the handsomest private band hall in the world and in it he will house his Bethlehem Steel Co.'s band of 100 pieces. About three years ago Mr. Schwab, at an outlay of \$20,000, started a band among the workmen at the steel works.

Clarion.—By an explosion of gas at a well at Waterson, about five miles from here, James Douglas was perhaps burned fatally and Frank Smith is in a serious condition from burns. Douglas, who is a rich oil man, was working at a well and a drill becoming tight, he gave it a wrench to loosen it. The drill punctured a gas pocket and the gas ignited from a torch. The derrick and well buildings were destroyed.

Wilkesbarre.—When John McDevitt arrived home from Washington, where he made an unsuccessful attempt to present a bronze statue of himself to congress, he hurried over to the Palace lunch wagon and ordered the biggest 15-cent plate of beans in the wagon. He told some friends about his ill-starred expedition. "I come back home, but I am not downcast over the failure of my mission," said McDevitt. "I have had an offer for my statue from several cigar stores, but at present have accepted none. Like the old Romans, who used to write 'requisition the pieces' over their dead ones, I am framing up an epitaph before I dispose of myself."

Williamsport.—John Erbel, a steel mill foreman and former resident of Syracuse, N. Y., was hanged here for the murder in 1912 of Grace Stiddele. His execution was delayed two hours from the effort to secure a reprieve from the governor. Just before he went to his death, Erbel declared that liquor had made him irresponsible when he shot the girl. Erbel loved her and had pleaded with her to quit the life she was leading and go with him to another city. She refused and the shooting followed.

Pottsville.—An explosion of dynamite killed Frank Denning and an Italian at the scene of the biggest daylight mining operation in the anthracite field. It was at the strippings of the St. Clair Coal Co. and was caused by a charge of dynamite, left unexploded when a drill came in contact with it as a laborer prepared to drill into the hole unaware of the presence of the explosive.

Latrobe.—Steven Birio, aged 35, a miner working in Bradenville, was shot and killed instantly at his boarding house in Loyallhanna, two miles from here. Birio had been working at Bradenville with Dominick Satuska and the two men had been living together in a shanty. It is said they quarreled and Birio moved to the boarding house in Loyallhanna.

Erie.—A serious epidemic of smallpox has broken out at North East. Dr. J. W. Wright, health officer of this city, was notified by the state department of health to take charge of the situation and following a personal investigation reported that there are 10 cases of the disease in the community with 55 houses under strict quarantine. Vaccination of every person in the township has been ordered.

Butler.—So far as the decision of Postmaster Wahl of Evans City is concerned, Uncle Sam draws the line on sending skunks by parcel post. Hides of these animals, packed in boxes, were mailed at that office. The postmaster found the odor too strong and consigned the package to the backyard, several feet under ground. If the sender wants to use the mails for his package he will have to appeal to Washington, D. C.

Knoxville.—Burglars visited the home of James Devlin and after setting the table and having a substantial lunch, carried off a pair of dressed chickens, much provisions and two overcoats. The burglars had a live goose when they visited the house. This they killed, cutting its throat with a butcher knife, and placed it on the table. Members of the family found the goose on the table.

Grove City.—Nearly 1,000 residents of Grove City are suffering from a strange malady which physicians are unable to name. The disease resembles winter cholera and is contagious.

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