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Good Roads.

Last fall a majority of the voters of Pennsylvania by the votes expressed their opposition to the \$50,000,000 bond issue. This was their honest conviction. That, however, did not express an adverse attitude on good roads. It is the universal hope and desire to have good roads. A meeting for the furtherance of this cause will be held at Somerset next Tuesday, specially for the supervisors, but in general for all who are interested in good roads, when an official from the highway department will be present to give those present the benefit of his experience. The time is here when the people demand good roads. They pay taxes and are willing to pay taxes, but they will want good roads. Much still remains to be learned with reference to road-making, and every effort should be made to learn the best methods and the most economical way. Good roads' meeting, Somerset, Tuesday, March 17th. Attend if you can, and are interested in good roads.

Jingoism at Work.

Senator Fall, of New Mexico, made a plea in the United States Senate for armed intervention in Mexico on Monday in behalf of Americans and other foreigners in the stricken Republic. He was reminded by Senator Shively, of Indiana, that actual armed intervention would mean war. The heart is sickened with the prevailing bloodshed in Mexico. The interests have large investments in that Republic notably the Standard oil company. Those interests doubtless need protection, but the very ones who call most loudly and urge most strongly for armed intervention and war with Mexico, are the very ones who would not go to fight for their country. Some other fathers' would have to send their sons to be shot at by the Mexicans and to perish on Mexican soil.

The war with Spain has been costly in men and money. A war with Mexico would likewise make heavy demands upon our country. Let the trouble if possible be settled without armed intervention and war.

Penrose Announces.

Senator Penrose made the public announcement that he would again be a candidate for the United States Senate. The expected has happened. In his announcement Senator Penrose emphasizes the state wide primary election where the people in a special way give expression to their sentiments, and declares his devotion to the spirit and letter of this law. At the same time he arraigns the Democratic party for settling on a ticket at Washington, and in the same way a few members of the so called Washington party, under the leadership of a notorious municipal contractor have met at Harrisburg, and have proclaimed their slate. The names suggested at Washington are a credit to the Democratic party and to the state of Pennsylvania, and if the outcome of the Harrisburg conference is of like character, then neither the Progressives, nor the state of Pennsylvania need blush. Penrose has been the chief exponent of the vicious system in politics which has blotted Pennsylvania's history for the last generation.

He is the last man in the state who should mention or even suggest that it is wrong to defy the will of the people.

We believe the precept and practice of Senator Penrose for the last thirty years have been inimical to the best interests, morally and economically of the state of Pennsylvania.

As a boss he has been brutal, as a leader the trail of the party which he led has been foul and as a consequence he has lost half of the followers and made the remnant, a party of apologists. If Senator Penrose represents the best spirit of Republicanism, then the standard has fallen woefully since the days of Abraham Lincoln.

The tariff has been revised and the belief is that when in full operation, it will give general satisfaction. Senator Penrose bases his claims on re-election, on his zeal to revise the tariff upward. Pennsylvania has been in a special way the beneficiary of the high tariff, producing the Carnegies, Fricks, Schwabs, and scores of others. Yet the fact is, theoretically the high tariff is wrong, worked out it is sinful, making the rich richer and the poor poorer. The day seems to be past for a return to the high tariff, and while Pennsylvania has benefitted largely by high tariff, the people will hardly return Penrose to the senate on those grounds.

News by way of Philadelphia comes that Geo. R. Scull, Esq., of Somerset, will be the candidate of the Washington party and the Republican party for Congress in this the twenty-third district. Strange things frequently happen in politics and if the old organization Republicans and the Washington party people will be able to unite on Mr. Scull, that will be one of the strange things in Somerset county politics.

The license question is with few exceptions disposed of again for the year. The anti-saloon people made no effort through general remonstrances to the court, for the reason that Judge Kuppel declared his interpretation of the law on this question a year ago. For the people of Somerset county to combat this evil, the place is at Harrisburg, in new legislation.

The prevailing cold for the last five weeks has been a great hardship for the poor. The extra fuel and extra clothing have made a heavy drain on their limited means, and with the intense cold the other extreme has been reached, viz. that the overheating of stoves has resulted in the destruction of more homes by fire than usual.

When we think that the ground hog gave us such cold weather, and still survive, and that the eclipse of the moon has not swept us off the face of the earth, we should not be much afraid of the St. Patrick storm and the equinoxial storm, that are still ahead.

PICKED UP IN PENNSYLVANIA

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Indiana.—A detail of the state constabulary was sent to Iselin, Pa., to hunt down a gang of Black Hand operators who have been operating in that section for several weeks. Recently the residence of G. C. Campbell, manager of a coal company's store, was blown up, and a box of the house occupied by G. Steffan, a butcher. On it lay a letter telling him he must place \$1,000 at a designated spot or the dynamite would be used.

Waynesboro.—Dr. D. Ryder, acting for the state livestock sanitary board, has placed four Chambersburg dogs in quarantine for 100 days. The dogs are supposed to have been bitten.
New Wilmington.—Anthony Britton, 70, was gored to death by a bull on the farm of Alexander McClaren, near Princeton, where he was employed. He had gone to the barn and when he did not return it was found that he had been attacked by a vicious bull and his body mangled.

Parker.—George Davis, driver of a nitroglycerin wagon, probably saved Parker from destruction. Davis was driving through the town with 200 quarts of the explosive in his wagon. He stopped at a store to make a purchase, leaving his team in the street. The horses started down a long hill. When Davis came out of the store he saw the team going down the hill. In a flash he mounted a broncho standing near and rode at a desperate pace after the runaway team.

Hershey.—As soon as weather conditions will permit, the work of enlarging and improving practically all of the present factory buildings will be begun, the total amount to be thus expended approximating \$250,000, and virtually doubling the capacity of the present plant.

Sharon.—Lying unconscious on an improvised bed, at his home in West Salem township, and with \$1,735 in bills of small denomination bulging from his pockets, neighbors discovered James Logan, aged 70, a bachelor. Several hours later he was restored to consciousness. Efforts to have him removed to a hospital were spurned by a brother, who lives nearby. County officials were unable to have him pay for anything. Logan had been living the life of a hermit for some years. His home was a small shack, poorly furnished. Despite his money and the fact that he owns several big farms, the man refused to spend a penny of his hoarded fortune for fuel, edibles or a physician.

Huntingdon.—President Judge J. M. Woods of Huntingdon county handed down an opinion in license court, refusing all petitions for liquor licenses. After April 1, Huntingdon county will be "dry." There were two wholesale applications and five retail applications. Judge Woods stated that the remonstrances filed demonstrated that the sentiment of the county was against the granting of licenses.

Lewistown.—Wild game is suffering severely from the severe winter weather in this section, and the deep snow has caused much suffering among partridge, wild turkeys, etc. In Oliver township, this county, a farmer noticed a rabbit on a board walk near the house and holding out a piece of apple in his hand, the animal was so hungry that it ate from his hand.

Sunbury.—Walter Umbitsk, Shamokin, who escaped from the Northumberland county jail more than six months ago, was captured by officers near his home. He was placed in jail to await trial on a charge of jail-breaking.

Lewistown.—Frank Machamer, an amateur vaudeville actor of this place, has just skipped the town, accused by several friends of taking with him property belonging to them. An overcoat borrowed from Richard Rager of the Sixth ward, a watch and diamond ring borrowed from Miss Tillie Pennabaker, and some money borrowed from another friend have disappeared with him. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Ephrata.—More than 300 men, many of them farmers, are working on the trolley line that will link Lebanon and Ephrata, passing through Lincoln, Clay, Hopeland, Kleinfeltersville, Schaeferstown and Reistville, almost touching the spot where Kate Edwards, recently released from the Berks county prison, hid the hammer used in killing her husband 12 years ago. The road also runs close to the places in the Welsh Mountains, where the late "Bully Lyons," a noted Reading detective, met Abe Buzzard, the outlaw, for whom he was searching.

West Chester.—A dozen prisoners in the Chester county prison here extinguished a fire which threatened serious damage to the building. During the half hour's battle with the flames not a prisoner was aware of the fire except those summoned to fight it.

Waynesboro.—The Blederswolf tabernacle, which was sold to Gratton Downs, Downsville, Md., will be converted into dwelling houses. There are between 650,000 and 700,000 square feet of lumber in the tabernacle.

Pittsburg.—An agreement was reached by the city of Pittsburg and Allegheny county by which each is to appropriate \$2,500 to be added to a popular fund for the erection of a monument to house the relics from the battle ship Maine, presented to Pittsburg by the government.

Pittsburg.—A young man suffering with smallpox was removed from a Pennsylvania train here and with his mother and brother was taken to the city hospital. The train carried three coaches filled with immigrants and was held over until all the passengers and the crew submitted to vaccination.

AMERICA'S NEED.

In America we have had so much material prosperity, we have indulged ourselves in so much luxury, that we have lost the spiritual vision of our pilgrim fathers. I say this in full recognition of the magnificent beneficence of generous philanthropists and the noble work which has been done in uplifting the sinful and the unfortunate. But as a nation we need a new spiritual awakening. I speak only that which is in the minds of many thoughtful men, when I say that the greatest need of America today and its only antidote against the poison of Socialism is a great revival of religion which will turn the minds of men away from the consideration of these minor social evils to a contemplation of their relations with the Almighty.—Alba B. Johnson, President of New England Society of Philadelphia.

Greedy Caterpillars.

"I have seen some record breaking beefsteak eaters," said the keeper in the Bronx Zoological park, "and I thought I had a fairly good idea of just how much an appetite could stand. But there are other astounding superlatives. The ravenous wolf, the starving lion constrictor and all the other star eaters must give way to the insignificant caterpillar.

"The millionaire who had the appetite of a caterpillar and indulged in it freely for any length of time would go broke in cash, for in a few months this amazing gastronomic freak usually devours 6,000 times its weight in food. And it never complains of indigestion."—New York Sun.

Preaching and Practice.

"I despise a hypocrite."
"So do I."
"Now, take Jackson, for example: he's the biggest hypocrite on earth."
"But you appear to be his best friend."
"Oh, yes; I try to appear friendly toward him. It pays better in the end."—Boston Transcript.

Tombstone in a Cage.

Very unusual is the story connected with an iron cage erected over the grave of an East Indian officer who was a keen big game hunter. He had the cage made so that by undoing the screws at the end it could easily be taken to pieces, and he utilized it for two purposes. On his tiger shooting expeditions he had it covered with green boughs, when it effectively concealed him from his quarry, while at night it covered him while he slept. The bars, however, were not sufficiently close to make him quite secure, and one night he was so badly mauled by a tiger that he died of blood poisoning.—London Strand Magazine.

LIFE'S SORROWS.

We really know little, after all, of the sorrow all around us. How dull minded we must all be, how lacking in imagination, since we are able to learn only by personal experience of grief and suffering something about the grief and suffering of others!

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Below are the bids that are on the articles on Wednesday morning, March 11. If you feel that the articles are worth more, come in and place a higher bid on the articles that you want. Each day we show the highest bid to date.

No. 1. Ladies' Suit,	\$2 50	No. 6. Ladies' Dress,	\$2 50
No. 2. Ladies' Coat,	\$3 00	No. 7. Blanket,	\$1 00
No. 3. Ladies' Sweater,	No bid	No. 8. Toque,	No bid
No. 4. Childs' Coat,	No bid	No. 9. Guimpe,	35c
No. 5. Ladies' Waist,	\$1 00	No. 10. Mesh Bag,	30c

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