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## The Stand of the Clergymen

If preachers are shepherds of their flock and their parishioners follow their leading, there will be a big vote polled in opposition to Penrose and the liquor ticket on November third. About six big denominations at their recent synods and conferences in which there were from 150 to 300 ministers present representing large bodies of voters, resolutions declaring against Penrose, graft, misrule, and all who are of that belief and practice, were unanimously passed. They were untied for Pinchot and for his co-runners, for the latter have been and will be for giving the people local option. Not only the pulpit, but the pew as well are positively for the right and for good government. If the church does her duty a great stride will be made for righteousness at two weeks from next Tuesday.

## Don't Worry About the War.

High authority on medical matters tell us of the deleterious effect of worry upon the human constitution. He thinks it is a bad thing for the day's beginning to take up the morning newspaper depicting all of the revolting horrors of the European carnage at or following breakfast. Better for ones health to not worry over this world catastrophe.

In fact, if we would have good health we want to be self-centered, so some say, neither being affected by the woes or joys of anyone else. The French have a phrase expressing this idea, "Laissez faire," which means "Let alone." This may be hygiene but is not Christianity. It is said he that "saveth his life shall lose it." This idea is just the opposite of the preceding thought.

After all in all reason it is better not to delve too deeply into the abnormal and the morbid. With a noted writer put some of the green fields and the running brooks into your daily makeup.

## FOR CONGRESS.



CHARLES H. HOOD.

During the past year or more we have listened to the arguments of the railroads for an increase of five per cent in freight rates to cover loss of revenues and increased cost of operation. I wish first to state that in my opinion and I think also in the opinion of every man whose business brings him into more or less close contact with the men who operate our railroads, that from top to bottom there cannot be found a more industrious, self respecting and reliable body of men in any calling. They are in no way to blame for the deplorable conditions now existing in railroad financial affairs, but I propose in this article to show the cause and place the responsibility.

It was found in 1913 that the loss of gross revenues to the railroads petitioning the Commission, was forty-four million dollars and the increase in cost of operation by reason of increased wages, cost of materials and burdensome and unnecessary legislation, principally State legislation, was seventy-six millions, making a total of one hundred and twenty million dollars. It was also shown by differential investigations, which were not questioned, that the railroads had been robbed of more than four hundred million dollars during a period of not over two years. The New York, New Haven and Hartford and San Francisco railroads being notable examples. It is also claimed by men well qualified to speak, that the half has not been told.

The watering of stocks having gone out of fashion, thanks to the voluminous information on the subject, making lambs very scarce for the shearing, a new method of tapping the railroad till was devised. The great financiers of the country located in the large money centers, aided by the leaders of the great political parties, who by the way do not represent their parties and who are nothing if not bi-partisan, in passing protective legislation and suppressing that which might interfere with their peculiar business, gather together the savings and trust funds of the people

in the large savings banks and private banking houses which they control (They don't use their own money—that would be foolish.) The next move is to purchase stock control of one of the large trunk lines and to elect a Board of Directors who can be depended on to carry out their end of the transaction.

They then look around for a high grade practical railroad man for Chief executive, one who has come up by hard service from the bottom, who is proud of his profession and who would ask nothing better than to be permitted to make the property what it should be—To give first class service to the public, and to earn a proper return on the capital invested. This he is permitted to do until such time as he has brought the property up to a point where its credit is sufficient to command a loan of seventy-five or a hundred million dollars when they are ready to proceed with the harvest. The next move is to purchase some connecting line of little present or prospective value for perhaps twenty or twenty-five million dollars and unload it on their own company and through their own directory for three times the purchase price and pocket the balance. This has been done many times and will be done many times again unless something is done to stop them. They care nothing for the hundreds of small stockholders who are the innocent victims of their cupidity and meanness. Many are women who have invested their small savings and whose sufferings must enlist the sympathy of all men worth while. Is it any wonder that the Inter-State Commerce Commission declined to grant the increase in rates except in certain territory where they were known to be unreasonably low. They refused it even when assured by the people at large of their willingness to assume the additional burden of taxation, not because it was deserved but because the prosperity of the country was so closely bound up with the prosperity of the railroads that it was considered by them a necessity. When the railroads have no money with which to buy materials, new equipment and for building additional tracks, it depresses the business of the whole country and causes widespread distress.

The Commission refused to assume the responsibility of placing this unmerited burden of taxation on the people to make up for the stealings of these men. Could any one blame them? How could any honorable man or body of men do otherwise?

There is now a Bill before Congress to regulate issues of railroad securities, placing the use of railroad credit under supervision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and making such unpardonable offenses impossible in the future if it should become law—it is being strenuously opposed by the men who are gully and who are receiving the aid of the political element who in return for past favors and in anticipation of future ones are doing their best under the guise of the people, representatives to prevent its enactment. Why should not any man with proper self respect, work for the elimination of such practices? Very respectfully,  
CHAS. H. HOOD.

## WASHINGTON PARTY TICKET.

United States Senator  
GIFFORD PINCHOT.  
Governor.  
VANCE McCORMACK.  
Secretary of Internal Affairs.  
FRED. B. LEWIS.  
Congressman at Large.  
A. H. WALTERS  
HARRY WATSON  
A. R. RUPLEY  
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Congress.  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me, September 30, 1914.

H. CLAY MCKINLEY,  
Notary Public.  
My commission expires May 15, 1915.

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## BOOM IN SPITE OF TROUBLE.

One of the most encouraging signs of progress in this part of the State is the large amount of building now being done at Portage, the center of several important coal operations. This work of expansion is being accomplished in spite of the fact that labor troubles and a threatened scarcity of coal orders for a time caused considerable business stagnation in the town. Plans for the new structures were not held up by the gloomy outlook, however, and now that times are decidedly better, the optimistic promoters behind the building boom are receiving congratulations on their foresight.

## BERLIN.

Having sold her property here, Mrs. Margaretta Miller has gone to Avano, Pa., to live with her son, H. W. Miller.

Mrs. E. E. Floto is recovering from an operation in the Western Maryland hospital, Cumberland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Frazier of Cumberland, has been visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Floto.

F. B. Collins and wife are spending a month with their son in Germantown.

Miss Eleanor Groff has entered a school at Jenkintown.

Mrs. G. E. Walbert of Waynesboro, Pa., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. J. Zorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Brubaker and Mr. and Mrs. S. Platt Zimmerman have been spending the past week in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Richmond.

The death of Mrs. Ellen Ansell, Oct. 4th, removed a highly esteemed Christian lady from our midst. She had been in poor health for several months. Recently she moved here from Brothersvalley township. Her age was 63 years. Nine children survive.

Mrs. Harry Seal of Pittsburg, is visiting for a week at the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Kimmel.

H. H. Donner and son Clyde returned home from Pittsburg, where the latter is taking treatment at the West Penn hospital.

## Auditor's Notice.

In re Estate of Levi McClintock, deceased, in the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, No. 139 — 1913.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, James B. Landis, has been appointed Auditor by the Court to distribute the fund remaining in the hands of the Administrator to those entitled thereto, and that the said auditor will sit for the purpose of his said appointment in the library room in the Court House, Somerset, Penn'a., on Friday the 30th of October A. D. 1914, at 1 o'clock P. M. when and where all parties in interest are required to appear and present their claims before said Auditor, or be debarred from sharing in the fund.  
JAMES B. LANDIS, Auditor.

Lot of good vinegar bbls., and large tierces for sale cheap, at  
Habel & Phillips.

Pure rye, wheat, corn and oats chop, at  
Habel & Phillips.

# GREAT OCTOBER SALE

## Booming Along!

Never have prices been so low in October as we are selling fall goods now. Every fall since we have been in business, we have opened the season with an October Sale and each year we have excelled our record of the year before.

Get busy while the bargains are here, and buy your fall outfit for about half price.

MEN'S SUITS	CHILDREN'S COATS.
Regular \$10.00 Suits now going at \$5.90	Regular \$2.50 values, now - - \$1.98
Former price \$12.00, now - - \$7.50	\$3.00 Plusa Coats, now - - \$2.25
Former price \$15.00, now - - \$9.95	\$3.50 Coats, now - - \$2.50
Former price \$18.00, now - - \$11.50	\$4.00 Chinchillas, now - - \$2.98
	\$4.00 to \$5.00 Fur-trimmed Coats \$3.25
BOYS' SUITS	MEN'S SHOES
Suits that were \$3.00, now going at \$1.90	Regular values \$2.50, now - - \$1.65
Regular price \$4.00, now - - \$2.25	\$3 Dress Shoes, now - - \$1.98
Regular price \$5.00, now - - \$2.98	\$2.50 and \$4 Dress Shoes - - \$2.98
Regular price \$6.00, now - - \$3.45	\$3 Work Shoes, now - - \$1.68
	\$3.50 and \$4 Work Shoes - - \$2.75
MEN'S COAT SWEATERS	LADIES' COATS
Regular 50c values at - - - - - 39c	Regular \$7.50 values at - - - - - \$3.98
\$1 values at - - - - - 78c	Coats that were \$10 at - - - - - \$5.75
Standard \$1.50 grades at - - - - - 98c	Former price \$12.50 at - - - - - \$6.95
\$2.50, high grade, at - - - - - \$1.39	Chinchillas now going at - - - - - \$7.50
\$3.50, all wool, at - - - - - \$1.98	Regular \$15 Coats at - - - - - \$8.75
MEN'S HATS AND CAPS	LADIES' DRESSES
Latest styles, \$3.00 values, now - - - - - \$1.90	Serge, very latest styles, were \$6 and \$7, now - - \$3.98
Regular \$2.50 Hats, now - - - - - \$1.65	Corduroy, were \$6.00, now - - - - - \$3.98
Hats that were \$2.00, now - - - - - \$1.25	Fancy Linens, were \$4.00, now - - - - - \$1.98
Formerly \$1.50 Hats, now - - - - - 95c	House Dresses, \$2.00 values, now - - - - - \$1.39
Regular \$1.00 and 50c Caps, now going at 69c and 39c	
	Boys' Underwear - - - - - 19c
	Girls' Underwear - - - - - 21c

Children's Underwear



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## CHARMING DRESS GOODS

For every possible occasion. Fabrics exactly suited to your needs and at prices you'll be more than pleased to pay.

### Beautiful Cotton And Wool Plaids

Per yard - - - - - 25 and 50 c  
Pretty Roman Stripes at - - - - - 25 and 50 c  
Popular Shepherd Checks at - - - - - 25, 50 and \$1.00  
Charming Wool Poppins, a yard - - - - - 75 and 85 c  
Durable Serges at - - - - - 25, 50, 75, 85, and \$1.00 a yard  
Wool Batistes - - - - - 50 c a yard  
Wool Crepes - - - - - 85 c a yard  
Silk Poppins, all shades, - - - - - \$1.00 a yard

Don't fail to see my line of Coats and Sweater Coats for Women, Misses and Children. The high Cost-of-Dressing-Problem is easily solved here.

## ALBERT S. GLESSNER.

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## "Waverly" Oils and Gasolines

Gasolines—Lubricants—Wax—Specialties  
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### CONFLUENCE.

Rev. L. W. LaPage, who has been pastor of the Methodist church here for a year has been returned to this place for another year by the recent conference.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Flanigan and Mrs. J. C. Younkin and son Russel have returned from Brownsville where they visited Mrs. Younkin's sister, Mrs. Lloyd Colborn.

Mrs. Noah Wilburn of Somersfield is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jasper Parnell, and other relatives here at present.

G. C. Butler, a well-to-do farmer, of Johnson Chapel, met with a painful accident Tuesday when a ladder upon which he was standing broke and he fell to the ground. His hip was badly sprained. Dr. Meyers was called to attend him.

Mrs. T. W. Black, is improving from her recent sick spell.

The schools are progressing very successfully under the principalship of Prof. B. T. Frazer.

Mrs. John Sands and two children are visiting Mr. Sand's parents, near Ohio Pyle.

Mrs. J. L. Davis, left Sunday for a two weeks visit with friends in Pittsburg and other points.