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NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Career of John T. Adams, of Iowa, who was recently selected as Vice-chairman of the Republican National Committee, indicates that if the Committee desires efficiency in political management, they made no mistake in their direction.

Mr. Adams is an interesting and successful business man, a student of politics in the broadest sense, and a political worker along such lines as to win the esteem of the Republicans and arouse the fear of his Democratic opponents.

Prior to 1908, Mr. Adams had taken no active part in politics, but had confirmed his attention almost entirely to the management of a sash and door manufacturing establishment at Dubuque, Iowa, of which concern he has been President for 22 years and with which he has been associated for 34 years. Although not active in politics he has taken an active interest in governmental problems such as would be a credit to any American citizen. He has been a life-long student of history, and particularly of the economic problems confronting the people of the United States. His private library is known as one of the best in the State of Iowa, and is particularly well supplied with the best known works on economic subjects. He reads German and French fluently and has studied German authors on economic subjects. His extensive studies have won him a reputation among his friends as a man of scholarly tastes.

With his broad foundation for useful political service, Mr. Adams became active in politics for the first time in 1908 when his neighbor and personal friend, the late Senator Allison, induced him to take charge of his campaign for election to the Senate, at which time the contest was between Allison and Cummins for the nomination. His ability as a political worker is attested by the fact that he won the nomination for Allison but did it in such a manner as not to forfeit either the respect or the friendship of Cummins, who was later elected to the Senate after the death of Senator Allison.

Although thereafter active politics, Mr. Adams was never a candidate for any office. However, he was elected by the people of Dubuque to membership on the Board of Education, and has served very acceptably as a trustee of Dubuque College. He was elected a member of the Republican National Committee of 1912, and was chosen a member of its Executive Committee. In 1916 he was an active supporter of the candidacy of Senator Cummins for the presidential nomination, and was elected a Member of the National Committee in a State-wide primary in which he won by an overwhelming majority. His relations are both with Senators Cummins and Kenyon, of Iowa, all the members of the Iowa Congressional delegation, and all the officers of the State government. No person in his own State opposed his election to the National Committee on the ground that he was lacking in progressiveness.

If the Republican party desires the leadership of a man who can be aggressively and effectively active in party affairs and yet so tactful as to retain the confidence and friendship of members of all factions of his own party, it would seem that in the selection of Mr. Adams as Vice-Chairman, no mistake was made.

LEAK INVESTIGATION

When the President sent his peace note to the belligerents it seems that Wall street had been furnished advance information and the ones on the inside made fortunes in buying and selling of stocks which would be affected by the cessation of the war. A committee was appointed by Congress to investigate and were ready to report that it was all an error; that no information was given out; and as there was no leak the services of a plumber would not be required; when the irrepressible Tom Lawson, of Frenzied Finance fame, pushed his person into the lime light and gave testimony which set the cabinet officers and others in high places to certify to Tom's eligibility to membership in the Ananias club. The committee adjourned to meet in New York, but it was a forgone conclusion that nothing will develop; that the whitewash is being prepared and will spread on good and thick. There is none so blind as he who will not see.

NEW FEDERAL TAXES

Although the Committee on Ways and Means has taken no final action on ways and methods to raise \$309,000,000 new revenue, Washington correspondents have discovered a lot of proposals before the committee, some or all of which are to be adopted. A few weeks ago there was talk of lowering the income tax exemption to \$1,000, but after hearing from the county the committee seems to have abandoned the plan. It still thinks that one-third of one per cent, of the country is enough to pay this tax, which has been doubled, and that of those lesser income than \$3,000 or \$4,000 should go free. Everyone knows that the proposed reduction was fair and honest, but the Democratic Party is not anxious to alienate votes.

The largest scheme is one to levy a tax of one per cent. on all profits from business in excess of eighty per cent. This will largely take the place of the present corporation tax and is expected to produce \$200,000,000. The munition tax will cease with the war and the increase is partly with a view to that contingency. The so called "war" taxes by stamps are to be re-laid and are expected to produce nearly \$50,000,000. Inheritance taxes are to be largely increased so that people will hate to die more than ever.

Liquors, beers and tobacco are scheduled for heavy increases and it is proposed to raise \$42,000,000 by a tax on mineral waters and all kinds of soft drinks. Candy comes in for ten per cent., phonograph records for one per cent., moving picture reels for one cent a foot and oleomargarine three cents a pound. Billboards and street car advertisements are expected to yield \$25,000,000, and \$1 per horse power on automobiles will yield over \$30,000,000. But the big item is a tax on copper, pig-iron and aluminum to raise \$81,000,000. All these items are expected to produce about \$500,000,000 which is more than is needed, so that it is not likely all of them will be laid.

It is interesting to note that these direct taxes will affect practically every human being in the country and will materially increase expenses in every normal family.

All this time not a word is said about practicing economy anywhere. Nothing is so unpopular in Washington as trying to save money or to increase efficiency.

Once the War Ends.

In an editorial advising against stock speculation by the general public the New York Journal says:

Keep your money in your pocket or invest it in safe bonds or in savings banks or good property.

All the stocks that have fattened on the war must suffer and shrink. The two greatest steel men in America tell you that under the present tariff laws no steel or iron concern can earn a dollar once the war ends—and the war is ending.

You will thank us for this advice in a few weeks or months, if you follow it. The advice is sound. No one can foretell what will become of stock market values when peace returns. In the absence of a tariff law that shall provide ample protection against the industrial invasion sure to come, the iron and steel concerns are not the only ones that will be unable to earn a dollar of dividends.

Very Likely.

"Saturn has eight moons."
 "I wonder if moon sauzes are eight times as numerous with them as with us."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Keeps It There.

He—You're always wanting money. My hand's in my pocket all the time. She—Yes, and it never comes out.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

- * Open the Windows.
- * Statistics show that the death rate for pneumonia, bronchitis, colds and grip is highest in January, February and March.
- * These are the window shut months. The rate is lowest in July, August and September, when the windows are wide open. The rate rises again in October, November and December, when the windows are closing. It does not drop again until April, May and June, when the windows are again opening.
- * The death rate for the four diseases in winter cannot be reduced to that prevailing in summer, but it can be materially lessened by a more general use of fresh air.
- * No air that ever blew out of doors is as dangerous or so poisonous as that inside a bedroom with tightly closed windows.
- * Night air is just as pure and wholesome as day air. Fogs and rains are only injurious in so far as they frighten you into closing your windows.
- * Open the windows and lower the death rate.

Condensed Statement
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK
 OF MEYERSDALE, PA.

At Close of Business December 27, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and Investments.....	\$771,422.91
U. S. Bonds.....	70,000.00
Banking House.....	29,500.00
Due from Banks and Reserve Agents.....	220,205.37
Cash.....	52,308.69
Total.....	\$1,143,436.97
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 65,000.00
Surplus.....	100,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	36,415.34
Circulation.....	65,000.00
Deposits.....	877,021.63
Total.....	\$1,143,436.97

The Citizens National Bank

"The Pan' With The Clock With The Million"

KEYSTONE PARAGRAPHS

Mary Lohan, aged sixteen, arraigned before Magistrate James R. Watkins in Pittsburgh on a charge of disorderly conduct after she had admitted she intended to drown herself, told a tale of abuse at the hands of her parents because she refused to marry a boarder at the Lohan home. "I'd rather jump into the river than marry him," she told Magistrate Watkins. "I don't love him—don't even like him—and I'm not going to marry a man I care nothing for."

Thirteen departments of the state government have reported deficits of \$689,010.94, nine have reported none and two have made reports classed as provisional, according to a letter sent to W. Harry Baker, secretary of the senate, by Governor Brumbaugh. Mr. Baker is framing the biennial deficiency bill and the information was requested of the governor, who asked the heads of departments to make reports to him.

A half million dollars for the endowment fund were received during the past year by the museum, one of the constituent bodies of the University of Pennsylvania, according to a report read at the annual meeting of the board of managers. In addition, the collections of art, archeology and ethnology have been increased half a million dollars in value through gifts, purchases and expeditions.

Governor Brumbaugh granted reprieves until March 5 to Henry Ward Mottern and Ernest Haines, Jefferson county boys condemned to death for murder. The lads were to have been executed next week, but counsel appealed for opportunity to take their cases to the state supreme court following a final decision of the pardon board not to intervene.

The Field hospital, the Field ambulance and Troop H, the last of several national guard organizations of the Pittsburgh district to complete a service of several months on the Texas border, arrived in Pittsburgh Tuesday. Other organizations were Troop F of New Castle and Troop C of Harrisburg, known as the Governor's troop.

Ten men employed by the Lundgren Construction company of Braddock were injured when a scaffold, on which they were working, in the plant of the Westinghouse Machine company, East Pittsburgh, broke, causing them to fall twenty-five feet.

David Dough, employed at No. 7 mine of the Pittsburgh Terminal Railroad coal company at Large, was instantly killed while riding from the tippie on a coal car which crashed into a coal train. Hough was crushed between the cars.

George Fry of near Indiana, brought before Judge J. N. Langham on a charge of desertion and non-support, admitted that since his marriage eight years ago he had given his wife \$1. Judge Langham ordered him to pay her \$25 a month.

Employees of the hot mills of the American Sheet and Tinplate company at the Farrell works have been granted an increase in wages of about 6 per cent. The advance was made voluntarily and came as a surprise to the workmen.

Congressman-elect O. D. Bleakley of Franklin, who recently completed a trip through the air from Philadelphia to Washington, will make the same journey in February, according to an announcement made there.

Owing to the high cost of news print paper, it was announced that all afternoon and morning newspapers published in Philadelphia will increase the price to 2 cents per copy on and after Jan. 29.

Bethlehem's Bid on Shells for the United States Navy

To the American People: The Secretary of the Navy has awarded contracts amounting to over \$3,000,000 to a British bidder for 14 and 16-inch projectiles for the Navy because of very much lower prices offered by the English bidders.

We know nothing of the basis upon which the British bids were made, but the public is entitled to know the facts upon which we ourselves bid for this work.

Two years ago we took contracts to make 4,300 14-inch shells at a price of \$1,515,000. Up to now not a single shell has been accepted by the Government, although we have expended, in wages, materials, etc., on these orders \$522,381, and we have not received a SINGLE DOLLAR on these contracts.

In addition, a literal interpretation of the contract might make us liable for penalties amounting to \$678,916.

In the light of our experience, and having no other basis, we bid for 16-inch shells approximately the same rate per pound as that which the Navy Department actually awarded a 14-inch shell contract one year ago.

Bethlehem Steel Company
 CHAS. M. SCHWARZ, Chairman
 EUGENE G. GRACE, President

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

Butter—Prints, 42½@43c; tubs, 41@42c. Eggs—Fresh, 57c.
 Pittsburgh, Jan. 23.
 Cattle—Prime, \$10.50@11.25; good, \$9.75@10.50; tidy butchers, \$9@9.50; fair, \$8@9; common, \$6.50@7.50; heifers, \$6@9.50; common, \$6.50@7.50; fat bulls, \$5@8.50; common to good fat cows, \$4@8; fresh cows and springers, \$4@8.50.
 Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$10.50@11; good mixed, \$9.50@10.25; fair mixed, \$8@9; culls and common, \$4.50@6; heavy ewes, \$6@9; spring lambs, \$10@14.65; veal calves, \$14.50@15; heavy and thin calves, \$7.50@10.
 Hogs—Prime heavy, \$11.70@11.75; heavy mixed, \$11.65@11.70; mediums and heavy Yorkers, \$11.60@11.65; light Yorkers, \$10.90@11.15; pigs, \$10.50@11.15; roughs, \$10.50@10.75; stags, \$9@9.25.

Cleveland, Jan. 23.
 Hogs—Heavies, \$11.30@11.35; mediums, \$11.35; Yorkers, \$11.25; pigs, \$10.50; roughs, \$10; stags, \$9.
 Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$9@9.75; good to choice steers, \$8.50@9; fair to good steers, \$8@8.50; fair steers, \$7.50@8; common and light steers, \$6@7; good to choice heifers, \$7@8; fair heifers, \$5.50@7; choice fat bulls, \$7@8; bologna bulls, \$6.25@6.75; choice fat cows, \$5.50@6.50; fair to good cows, \$5.50@6.25; common grades, \$4@5; old rimmers, \$3.75@4.25; good to choice milchers and springers, \$5@8.
 Sheep and Lambs—Good to choice spring lambs, \$14@14.25; fair to good, \$12@13; culls and common, \$9@11.50; good to choice wethers, \$8.50@9.50; good to choice ewes, \$8.50@9.50; mixed ewes and wethers, \$8.50@9.50; culls, \$6@7.

Chicago, Jan. 23.
 Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$10.60@11.10; good heavy, \$10.75@11; rough heavy, \$10.65@11.80; light, \$10.45@11; pigs, \$8.25@10.10.
 Cattle—Bovines, \$7.70@11.85; cows and heifers, \$4.75@10.10; stockers and feeders, \$5.75@8.90; Texans, \$8.60@9.40; calves, \$10.25@14.75.
 Wheat—May, \$1.86½. Corn—May, \$1.01½. Oats—May, 58¼c.

Tattler.
 "You didn't tell me Bobbie, you were in a fight."
 "No, sir. I knew you'd hear about it from that boy's father. That's the kind of a boy he is." Life.

A part of your friends condemn you others praise you; approach the condemning and keep aloof from the admiring.—Talmud.

Hartley & Baldwin's
Red Letter Sale

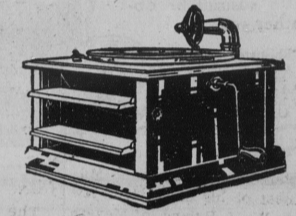
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| James Reed | Morton Hamey |
| Eddy Brown | Kathleen Parlow |
| Josef Hoffman | Charles Harrison |



Columbia Records for February on sale.

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