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THE PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL

The important declaration in President Wilson's inaugural address is this: "We stand firm in armed neutrality since it seems that no other way can we demonstrate what it is we insist upon and cannot forego. We may be drawn on, by circumstances, not by our own purpose or desire to a more active assertion of our rights as we see them and a more immediate association with the great struggle itself." That represents the true attitude of the American people today. They will heartily join in the President's prayer that he "may be given the wisdom and prudence to do my duty in the true spirit of this great people." Facing his new term of office thus and determined that by no act of the Executive shall our country be placed in false position before the world, he may feel assured of the unity of America in support of his every act in furtherance of the interests of the nation.

As an effort in homiletics the inaugural address is characteristic of Mr. Wilson. As an assertion of new principles, or the reassertion in a large way of principles to which the people are committed, it is not distinguished. The statement of things for which we stand "whether in war or peace," is a re-statement of Mr. Wilson's own devotion to humanity rather than to the United States which the President has made a number of times before without impressing the people with the practicability of his theory. His satisfaction with his party's achievements in domestic legislation remains to be justified by demonstration of their usefulness to the country. That is for the future. For the time being, the danger threatening from without demands that our people stand behind him, the President, with the single aim of protecting our country and the rights of our countrymen.

New Court Rules Adopted.

New rules governing the practice in the several courts of the county were approved recently by Judge W. H. Ruppel and Monday morning printed copies were delivered to members of the bar at the office of the County Commissioners.

The new rules replace the rules adopted in 1888, when Judge William J. Baer occupied the bench of the Sixteenth Judicial District composed of Bedford and Somerset counties, and in many instances are similar.

Legislation adopted in recent years has effected so many changes in the general practice that the legislature passed an Act requiring the several counties to have the rules of court printed for the benefit of attorneys and the public in general.

The changes made in the rules effective Monday in which laymen are interested concern the time for holding court. Hereafter the regular quarterly terms of the Court of Common Pleas will convene on the first Monday of February, May, September, and December. Only cases on the criminal docket will be tried at the sessions mentioned, but writs will be returnable.

The regular terms for the trial of civil cases will hereafter be held beginning on the second Monday of January, March, and October respectively. Special terms may be called by the court at any time as has been the custom in the past.

Argument court will be held on the first Monday of each month hereafter.

Changes have been made in the rules regarding depositions and costs, and new rules concerning the Workmen's Compensation Act have been adopted.

PERPETUAL MOTION FINANCE

According to press reports, the Federal Reserve Board has advocated an amendment to the Reserve law which will permit the Federal Reserve banks to issue notes against gold and then count that gold as part of the reserve required against new note issues. When this has been successfully accomplished, we shall be able to lift ourselves by our bootstraps.

PEACE WITH GERMANY

One of the President's endeavors to solidify the sentiment of the nation behind him in the war crisis was to nominate a Tammany man to be postmaster of New York. The post-office in that city has been a bone of contention for a long time. Mr. Wilson once named one Tammany man who promptly refused the job. He has now taken another from the Wigwam, a lame-duck Congressman, who has no scrup-

les about attaching himself to the payroll. The result, of course, is "peace without victory" for the President.

WE HELP SWITZERLAND

A dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, announces that the Swiss Government is working upon a plan to to organize and centralize exportations by Government aid. Exports will be via Rotterdam, through Swiss forwarding agencies, using Government-chartered boats. We will help Switzerland all we can with a tariff for revenue tax on goods competing with American manufactures, and American manufactures subject to a profits tax and laboring under the strain of not knowing "what each day may bring forth" from the committee rooms of a party whose slogan is "down with American industries!"

JAPAN SUPERSEDES AMERICA

Japan's development of the cotton industry has in the short space of three years practically eliminated the United States as an exporter of cotton cloths to China, exports of those goods to the Confucians having fallen from \$8,003,194 in 1913 to less than \$200,000 last year. Under the Wilson-Underwood tariff rates on cotton cloths, what is to prevent Japan turning her attention next to the American market?

A NEW RECIPROCITY

Message of industrial America to Washington: "We are at the nation's service!" Reply from Washington: "Then accept free trade as your portion, and come across with a profit's tax!"

NOT PRACTICING HIS PREACHING

Andrew Carnegie recently paid \$2,000,000 for a lot adjoining his home in New York in order to keep away undesirable neighbors. But the appropriation of a few million dollars of Federal money to construct battle-ships for the same purpose does not meet the approval of the Laird of Skibo, despite the money he made in armor plate.

Lloyd George's Warning.

Lloyd George is under no delusions as to the peril to Great Britain in the German submarine campaign. He does not see in the initial failure to achieve all that was expected security for the country. On the contrary, he frankly says that only hope of victory for the Allies is the complete defeat of the U-boats. The Prime minister does not regard the threat of starvation as too remote to cause anxiety. There is even now a shortage of shipping.—Philadelphia Ledger.

It is a cold day when the public spirited people of Meyersdale get left. Notwithstanding the rivalry to be one of the first of the 100 Houses granted car owners. Meyersdale people got out of the number: Hon. F. B. Black No. 8, W. F. Heblitzell No. 37, J. M. Black No. 40, Clarence Moore No. 64, T. A. Kendall No. 79.

Labor problems with which railroads have had to contend during the period of industrial activity and the large force working on European orders of all kinds are indicated by reports of the labor bureau of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad showing that during the past year 54,000 laborers were transported over the railroad to points between New York, Chicago and St. Louis where steady employment awaited those desiring work. Despite the fact that wages offered were as high as \$3.00 a day in Pittsburgh, Chicago and other industrial centers, thousands of men refused situations offered by the railroad. The only object many of the workmen had in making trips, the officials say, was to secure free transportation from one city to another. It is also claimed that the high wages paid caused many laborers to work shorter hours on the theory that it required a certain amount of money to support them and when that had been secured they were justified in quitting either for a rest or a change in situations.

Since the Commercial was "once defunct but now resurrected" it has been doing very well, thank you, and is enjoying a very healthy patronage, but causes some others to become peevish and perform some very indignant stunts.

Worms Make Children Fretful.

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This week both the senate and house appropriation committees are visiting different sections of the state for the purpose of looking into the needs of hospitals and other institutions desiring state aid. The house members of the committee expect to travel from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh and from York in the southern part of the state to Carbondale in the northeast. Members of the senate committee have planned to go northeast and later to the extreme northwest, looking into the institutions in and about Erie.

High cost of living is entering into the demands for appropriations. Necessaries of life are higher, improvements cost more and there is a constant increase in wages among institution employees. In other words, it requires fifty per cent more to run a hospital now than it did ten years ago, even if the number of patients is the same.

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The members declared that they were favorable to a plan whereby state game wardens could kill deer or does at any time they were causing damage to farmers and becoming public nuisances, but not to permit any one else to do it.

It is probable that there will be favorable action upon the bill to provide that \$25,000 of the revenues from hunters' license be set aside to reimburse farmers and orchard owners for damage done by deer, bear or elk under supervision of the game commission, which is authorized to name a jury of three to determine damage when an agreement cannot be reached.

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Banking House	29,500.00
Due from Banks and Reserve Agents	220,205.37
Cash	52,308.69
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Capital Stock	\$65,000.00
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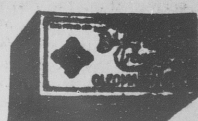
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