

The Law and the Citizen.

In this country we have a surplusage of laws. Congress and the State legislatures and the local councils, are everlastingly at it adding to the volume of legislation. But the intelligent alien isn't here very long until he discovers that many laws are absolutely valueless for the reason that no effort is made to enforce them.

Take the liquor laws of the several States. Not one of them is perfectly enforced. Much opposition is made to the enactment of prohibitory laws on the ground that they will be disregarded. And yet the truth is that they are quite as generally obeyed as are other laws dealing with the liquor problem.

We also have an act of assembly imposing a tax on dogs. Recently it was supplemented by another act providing that unless a dog were attached to its collar a tag certifying that its master had paid the tax for the current year it became the duty of the constable of the ward or township in which such dog might be found running at large to put it out existence.

It is a bad example, we native born Americans place before our brother from abroad who comes here expecting to be a good American and anxious to imitate our example. We trample under foot the Sunday laws and others that do not meet with our approval and then wonder why some of our new citizens manifest such an inveterate disposition to take the law into their own hands also.

Concerning Swindlers. Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, who died in prison at Columbus, was the most remarkable swindler of the age. She is reported to have swindled usually cool and alert business men out of more than a million dollars.

There has been some touching sermonizing on the crimes and the death of this woman, and indeed they furnish many a topic for discussion everywhere. She received the wages of sin and paid the debt of nature while paying the penalty exacted by the law.

There are many Chadwicks, of both sexes, whose heads stand high in the community because they have not broken the eleventh commandment. There are swindlers in high stations, eminent in politics and business, who are fine fellows because they have never been brought to trial for their swindles.

The greatest swindlers are those who defy the law and who are protected against prosecutions and penalties. There are many who enjoy that protection. It is to be hoped that Cassie Chadwick's fate will be a warning and a lesson to all who love the mighty dollar better than they love morality, conscience, the statutes and honorable treatment of their fellow-men.

Spoke at Prayer Meeting.

Rev. J. J. Shindel, of Allentown, a nephew of the late Rev. M. L. Shindel, has been spending several days in Danville as a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McCoy, Church street. Last evening Rev. Shindel spoke at the prayer meeting at Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran church.

All the members of the family of George E. Campbell, of Lancaster, became very ill on Monday after eating sauer kraut for dinner and the physician who was summoned said they were suffering from arsenical poisoning. The supposition is that Paris green had been used on the cabbage to destroy the cabbage worm and the outer leaves had not been properly removed when the kraut was made.

INVESTIGATING HORSE'S DEATH

Proceedings have already been started under the act of April 11, 1907, looking to the recompensing of M. S. Bond for the loss of his horse, which had to be killed by reason of an outbreak of rabies last week.

Mr. Bond after losing his horse immediately laid the matter before Justice of the Peace Oglesby. The latter, as required by law, notified the borough auditors, whose duties under the law are to determine whether or not the horse was really bitten in the borough and, if so, to ascertain the amount of damage, later making report to the justice of the peace.

The auditors of Danville borough—John L. Jones, A. O. Amesbury and Grant Gulick—held a meeting at the office of Justice Oglesby Saturday night for the purpose of discharging their duties in the premises. A number of witnesses were examined.

M. S. Bond was the first witness. He testified as to the value of the horse, the development and symptoms of the disease.

Mr. Bond was followed by Veterinarian J. O. Reed, who explained that the horse died of hydrophobia. He was very positive in his opinion.

Charles Gardner, driver for F. Q. Hartman, was the most important witness. He was near the D. L. & W. depot when Mr. Bond's horse was supposed to have been bitten. He described how Mr. Bond's team was backed up to the station platform.

Mr. Gardner saw the dog run under the team, as it were, and practically at the same time Mr. Bond's horse, the one that developed rabies, reared up. This brought the driver out of the building, but by that time the dog had passed on. Mr. Gardner could not say that the dog actually bit the horse, although that seemed to be the inference.

It was not until a moment later, when the crowd in pursuit came up, that any of the people about the depot learned that the dog was supposed to have bitten Mr. Bond's horse. Mr. Gardner said they at once examined Mr. Bond's horse but could not find any mark of importance to indicate that he had been bitten. The dog, however, a very slight indentation on the horse's nose, hardly deep enough to bring blood, which looked as though it might have been freshly produced.

Veterinarian J. J. Kline was next examined. Dr. Kline would not positively assert that the horse was not affected with rabies, but judging from the symptoms as described to him he thought there was room for doubt.

The evidence adduced revealed that at first there was doubt whether or not the symptoms shown by the horse might not have been produced by a snake bite. It was thought probable that a snake might have been carried into the barn with a bundle of corn fodder.

The auditors withdrew to the residence of James Sartor, Esq., where that gentleman was examined with reference to a conversation that Mr. Bond had with him during which the snake-bite theory was discussed.

After two hours' hard work the auditors adjourned to reconvene some night this week, when they will present their report. Meanwhile it was their intention to visit the owner of the establishment near the fair ground, who took possession of the carcass of Mr. Bond's horse, for the purpose of seeing whether it would be possible to secure the head. In view of the uncertainty existing it seemed to them that the only course left to pursue would be to extract the brain and send it in to the live stock sanitary board for the usual test. The horse along with several others was skinned at the establishment and the carcass disposed of in the usual manner, which makes it a matter of considerable doubt whether or not the head can be obtained and identified as the one belonging to the horse that died of rabies.

DIST. ATTORNEY SCORES GAMBLING

District Attorney C. A. Small in an open letter censures the officials of the Columbia county fair association for granting privileges under which gambling was carried on last week on the fair grounds.

In a walk down the midway, he says, he found that privileges had been granted for fortune telling, the gingle board, the gaming table, the pickup game, the fortune wheel, the lottery, and a number of others. He closed during the four days of the fair eleven gambling games and three fortune tellers. Mr. Small also claims that a speak-easy was conducted under the grand stand at the race track, where whiskey was sold at ten cents a drink. The method used was as follows: The parties in charge would brush the coat and hat of the thirsty patron. For this work a charge of ten cents was made and a drink of whiskey given to those who desired it. He concludes by hoping that during the next fair these wrongs will not be permitted, and pledges the people of the county that the guilty parties will be prosecuted.

A DESPERATE GAME IMPOSING NEW STRUCTURES

Without a single issue upon which to make a campaign, the Democrats of Pennsylvania, in a desperate effort to win the coming election, have resorted to the old-time tactics of slander, personal abuse and wilful misrepresentation of the Republican party and its candidate.

In the closing hours of the present state contest the Democratic editors and professional spellbinders find the tide of popular sentiment running so strongly against them that they seem to have lost all regard for decency and self-respect in the reckless and unscrupulous methods employed to promote their cause.

Despite the fact that before he was made the Republican nominee for state treasurer, John O. Sheatz was lauded by every Democratic newspaper in the state as a fearless, independent and public-spirited member of the state legislature, these same journalistic stars are now filling the columns of their newspapers with violent attacks upon Mr. Sheatz, with statements entirely at variance with their laudatory references to him while he was a member of the general assembly, fighting the battles of the people, and they are calling upon the voters to defeat him at the polls and elect in his stead a man whose strongest claim upon them is that he is a Democrat.

Supplementing the work of the Democratic editors, are a corps of professional Democratic politicians who are stamping the absolutely unfounded charges that are so loudly unproved, and circulating most flagrantly false statements in regard to Mr. Sheatz's votes in the legislature and in other ways misrepresenting the Republican candidate and his party.

This campaign of vituperation and abuse is a logical sequence to the attempt at the very outset of the contest to weaken Mr. Sheatz among the old soldiers of Pennsylvania by the distribution of circulars teeming with falsehoods and malice, and designed to array the veterans of the Civil War against him in the matter of the soldiers' pension bill.

The prompt and emphatic repudiation of this scheme by leading and influential members of the Grand Army, who knew Mr. Sheatz's ardent and conscientious interest in the old soldiers and sailors, and who, over their signatures, told the story of his devotion to their cause, for the time being completely demoralized the managers of the Democratic machine.

There has evidently been an agreement among the Democratic politicians to go the limit in the closing days of the canvass in the matter of misrepresentation and abuse of everything Republican, and especially of the Republican nominee for state treasurer.

Last week marked the opening of this contemptible campaign. It is to be carried on without cessation until the polls close upon the 5th of November, but there is every reason to believe that the well-meaning citizens of the Keystone state will recognize this revival of the despicable Bourbon methods which for years characterized Democratic campaigns in this and other states.

The citizens of Pennsylvania are all familiar with the high personal character, the unblemished public record, the clean purpose and the proved integrity of John O. Sheatz, and it is certain that the more the Democratic editors and machine orators attack him the greater will be his majority at the coming election.

The people have confidence in Mr. Sheatz and will resent the disreputable campaign that is being waged against him. Looking to the Presidency. Under existing conditions in Pennsylvania, the success of the Republican ticket is inevitable.

Every effort on the part of the opposition to divide the Republican vote has been a failure. Independents who have recently been figuring in fusion movements are practically all lined up for the Republican candidate. They see that this is but the beginning of a great national fight in which the Republican hosts will be lined up against the national Democracy in a struggle for the Presidency. They want to have their party united now, so that Republicanism will not be handicapped next year when it shall be called upon to elect a successor to President Roosevelt. They want to let the nation know by the size of the Republican majority in Pennsylvania this fall that the Keystone state is again at the front, prepared to battle for the principles and the policies which have made this the greatest nation upon the globe.

Enough Turkeys for Everybody. "There will be enough turkey to go around." So said a big produce and poultry farmer to a Morning News reporter when quizzed about the alleged scarcity of the delectable fowl.

The reports from down around Philadelphia intimate that so many of the young turkeys got their feet wet in the spring and died that Thanksgiving will see a scarcity and high price. It is even predicted that they will be a fourth less in number than last year.

Several causes for this decrease of the great American bird are given by farmers and poultry raisers. The rainy season came this year when the turkeys were at a tender period of their growth.

Western firms handling turkeys will be cautious in disposing of their stock this year. If local raisers keep the market tight at Thanksgiving, Chicago will probably send in heavy shipments at the last minute.

VETERANS SPEAK OUT REAL ESTATE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE

Nearly 500 well known veterans of the Civil War, soldiers and sailors who fought for the flag in the hour of the nation's peril, have united in an address to their fellow citizens of Pennsylvania calling upon them to support John O. Sheatz, the Republican nominee for state treasurer.

This action is doubly significant in view of the early attempts of Democratic politicians to align the war veterans in opposition to Mr. Sheatz.

A Patriotic Record. The address to which these heroic Pennsylvanians append their signatures is a comprehensive statement of the record of the Republican party in the matter of caring for the veterans of the war in both the state and the nation. It recites in detail the many pension measures passed and gives figures showing the amount of money paid out to the veterans.

It emphasizes the policy of the Republican leadership in Pennsylvania, which has been responsible for the generous appropriations made to the schools for the care of the orphans of soldiers and sailors, a total expenditure of \$12,545,153.74 having been made to date for this item alone.

There has been appropriated sums aggregating \$1,857,089.42 to the home at Erie for friendless veterans, and homes for veterans and their wives established at Brookville, Hawkins Station and Philadelphia have been assisted by the state to the extent of \$200,000.

A careful review of the work of John O. Sheatz, as chairman of the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives, is given and Mr. Sheatz is declared to have acted with the highest spirit of patriotism and fairness in framing the bill providing for pensions for the veterans which Governor Stuart, on account of insufficiency of funds, felt obliged to veto.

"Because of the insufficiency of the state funds the governor was compelled to very reluctantly veto the bill, but we have every reason to believe that at the next session of the legislature of our state there will be sufficient members, like Mr. Sheatz, whose patriotic impulses and affection for the veterans of the Civil War will insure the passage of a satisfactory bill for the purpose indicated."

"In view of the facts herein presented, it is necessary to offer any further arguments or reasons when we ask you to support the Republican State ticket in the coming election? The candidates to be voted for have been nominated by the same old parties—John O. Sheatz for state treasurer, by the party of Lincoln, Grant and McKinley, the party that has ever sustained and cared for the veteran, his widow and the orphan, and honored and loved him for his services; his opponent, by the party that has never been known to favor the veteran in any way, but has stricken his name from the pension roll and has left him an object of charity."

"We ask for, not only your own vote, but that you use your influence with your fellow citizens that our state, which was true to the union in the days of '61, may still remain true to the party that has ever been true to the Union and has always been a friend to the soldier."

The chairman says he is highly gratified with the reports that come to him from every section of the state. The committees in all the counties are working enthusiastically and they assure him that a very large percentage of the vote will be polled.

There have been so many requests received at the state headquarters for meetings to be addressed by Candidate Sheatz that owing to conflicting dates suggested the state chairman has had difficulty in complying with the wishes of all of the county chairmen.

President Habgood, of the State League of Republican Clubs, is co-operating with State Chairman Andrews. He has addressed a number of meetings and reports that the young Republicans of the state are taking a keen interest in the campaign.

"Mr. Sheatz will have at least 100,000 majority," confidently predicted President Habgood, after returning from a tour of the state.

Chairman Wesley R. Andrews, of the Republican state committee, has completed an itinerary for Mr. Sheatz for this week, with meetings at Bradford, Wednesday; Kane, Thursday; Indiana, Friday, and Pittsburg on Saturday night.

The action of the Republican state administration in pressing the prosecutions against men accused of defrauding the state in connection with the building and furnishing of the state capitol at Harrisburg has entirely eliminated that issue from the present political campaign.

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Funeral Today. John, the eight-month-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Delhanty, Grand street, departed this life on Tuesday. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will be made in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

A popular instrument in Madagascar is the bamboo guitar, made from a bamboo cane six feet long. The cavity serves as the sounding board.

TOMORROW IS AUTUMN ARBOR DAY

Tomorrow, October 18, has been fixed as the autumn Arbor Day in Pennsylvania. Increased observance of the spirit of this occasion will go a long way toward making our State pleasanter as well as a more profitable place in which to live.

Those who can't plant a tree can at least resolve to refrain from needlessly destroying or injuring one. It is not a mere question of aesthetics. There is a practical side to the subject of reforestation. It is a well known fact that trees constitute great natural storage reservoirs and that the destruction of forests causes excessive floods and low water periods, so that streams do not flow as regularly as before. In other words, when heavy rains fall on large denuded areas the absence of trees releases immediately large volumes of water that would otherwise be held in these natural storage reservoirs to run off slowly during the later periods of drought, thus avoiding floods at one time and dry beds at another.

The State Water Supply Commission recently reported that the steady flow of the rivers and smaller streams on which the people of Pennsylvania depend for their water supply as well as for commercial and sanitary uses, has been greatly interfered with by the reduction of the forest areas. The necessity for some remedial steps has long been apparent to trained observers and the Legislature for several sessions past have been making substantial additions to the appropriation for the purchase and care of State forestry reserves.

But while much can be done by the very capable officers of the Forestry Department the citizens generally can do much more, if they only will. There were 6,000,000 persons in Pennsylvania at the time of the last census, in 1900. If one-half, or one-third, or one-fourth of these would plant one tree each year, in what a short time would every available growing place be filled. The gain in dollars and cents, to say nothing of the enhanced attractiveness of our great Commonwealth, that would inevitably follow such a general response to the increasing necessity for reforestation in this State, would be beyond computation.

Hunter Shot by Angry Farmer. Murray Bretz, aged 35, was shot in the back by a farmer, said to be Geo. or Anthony Livingston, back of Enola Tuesday morning while he and Edward Wenrick were hunting. Bretz is in the Harrisburg hospital, but the result of his wound cannot be told.

The story of the shooting is that Bretz and Wenrick were out hunting. They raised a rabbit in a field adjoining Livingston's and shot it. Before it died, however, it crossed over to the Livingston property. They followed to recover the game.

One of the Livingstons, said by some to be the father and by others the son, met them and ordered them off, threatening to shoot. They turned to go. "You wouldn't shoot me, would you?" asked Bretz.

Livingston, it is alleged, then drew his revolver and fired three shots. One nearly hit Wenrick on the head, as he heard it go off. The next missed Bretz, but the third struck him in the back.

Warren Peterson, colored, a member of the Roosevelt Rough Riders, was shot and instantly killed on Monday afternoon, at Jacobs' mills, near York, by a colored man named Richard McCoy, of Philadelphia. Both men were employed on the job of building a trolley road to Hanover, and got into a dispute over the commissary department.

A Big Cabbage. Cabbage evidently will be a good crop this year if a fine specimen raised by James Heckendorn, Mahoning township, is a criterion. The head, with stalk attached, was on exhibition in the window of W. H. N. Walker's hotel in the second ward yesterday. The weight of the head and stalk was twenty-five pounds.

Bi-County Convention of C. E. The convention of the bi-county union of Christian Endeavor, of Montour and Columbia counties, will be held at Espy this evening and all day Friday. Persons leaving on the 5:30 p. m. trolley will reach Espy in time for the first session.

It is intimated that revolutionary movements in France are rapidly increasing in force and scope.

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