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FACTS IN FEW LINES

The present system of punctuation was devised in the fifteenth century. New York city has consumed 14,400,000 tons of coal in the last twelve months. Of the 65,453 Chinese admitted into the Transvaal only 17,000 are still in the country. The pearl is the only gem that does not require the lapidary's art to bring out its beauty. The crop reporting service of the department of agriculture costs the government \$230,000 a year. At the end of the new railroad line in Afghanistan only 24 cents is charged for a camel carrying 400 pounds seven months. An artisan well recently was driven to a depth of 1,053 feet at Cliffe, England, before a sufficient supply of water was found. The consumption of lumber in the United States has reached 400 feet per capita per year as compared with only sixty feet in Germany. The French ambassador in St. Petersburg receives \$40,000 a year. In Berlin and London the French ambassadors get \$30,000 a year. Telephones are to be introduced into the Turkish empire and operated by the government on the same plan as the mail and telegraph services. New York city's new penitentiary, planned for Rikers Island, will be the largest in the world and will accommodate 2,000 men and 500 women. By tagging birds in eastern France the migration of lake fowl has been traced to Tunis, while a tagged stork was shot near Fort Jameson, Rhode Island. A wind gauge has been erected at one end of a high railroad viaduct in England to signal trains to stop when the wind blows so strongly as to be dangerous. Tests of small arms by the Swedish government have shown that three inches of pasteboard will stop a bullet that easily penetrates a five inch wooden plank. By wireless telephone two French naval officers have succeeded in having conversation, songs and even whistling heard perfectly at a distance of ninety miles. An interesting case of old furniture was recently discovered in a house in New York, which is a relic of the famous actor, Lawrence Barrett. A Pittsburg hospital uses 100,000 gallons of water sterilized by electrically generated ozone each day. Instruments and bandages are also sterilized by the same method. A written language, invented by a native of the west coast of Africa, assisted by five friends, is said to be successfully competing with English in that portion of the dark continent. The proprietor of a restaurant in Munich has adopted a novel method of paying his waiters. Instead of receiving a fixed salary each man will be paid according to the number of miles which he covers in the course of his work. Captain John Reid of Detroit, Mich., having gone all the way to his boyhood home in Scotland just to get a drink of water from the old spring, was disgusted to find on arriving that the spring had in the course of years dried up. A New York physician, unable to stand the strain of working day and night, has decided to confine himself entirely to night practice, since many people, he thinks, would like to have a doctor at night who was rested and correspondingly amiable. According to the Textile World, "every industrial country in the world save one has now a proviso in its patent laws that a patent may be revoked if not worked in the country granting it. The one exception is the United States of America." In taking out the window sash of an old colonial house in New Bedford, Mass., it was found that its former tenants, living before the days of coal and stoves, had fortified themselves against the cold by calking all the seams in the walls with sheep's wool. It is the opinion of Colonel Charles Goodnight of Goodnight, Tex., that in a few years it will be possible for us to excel Persia itself in the manufacture of cloaks of pure blood Persian lamb skins. He himself owns the largest herd of Persian sheep in America, almost 200 head. The fox may be gradually abolished in Turkey as a head covering. Austria for years has enjoyed a practical monopoly of the fox manufacture. The Ottomans are adopting the homestead "calpak" which, like the fox, lends itself to the Moslem customs, while the brimmed hats and caps do not. The quick shaving champion of England is Robert Hardie, who recently beat his own record of shaving five men in 1 minute 15 seconds by shaving six in 1 minute 29 seconds. This was done with a razor. With a carving knife he can give a perfectly satisfactory shave in 45 seconds and with a penknife in 23. Sir William Richmond, who is recognized as one of England's greatest artists, has aroused widespread comment

A Double Surprise.

On Saturday morning last a local sensation was sprung in Honesdale by the arrest of ex-District Attorney Herman Harmes, one of the most highly esteemed members of the Wayne county bar, on a charge of criminal libel, preferred by Horace E. Williams, of West street. The arrest was made by detective M. J. Garahan, of Scranton, under direction of Attorney Thomas D. Shea, of the Lutzerne county bar. Mr. Harmes was at once taken before Judge George S. Purdy, who was asked to put him under \$1,000 bonds for his appearance at court. After a preliminary hearing in which Mr. Harmes was represented by Attorneys A. T. Searle and F. P. Kimble, Judge Purdy accepted Mr. Harmes's personal recognizance in \$100 for his appearance when required. The libel charge against Attorney Harmes is alleged to be contained in the following letter, written to Mr. Williams nearly five months ago: Office of Herman Harmes, District Attorney, Honesdale, Pa., Oct. 16, '08. Mr. Horace E. Williams: Dear Sir: Information has been made to me that you have for some time been using towards your wife profane, indecent and vile language, and have threatened to drive her and your two children from your home; and that your conduct towards your wife has been disreputable in every respect. Now unless this conduct or your part ceases at once, and you treat your wife and children as you should, legal measures will be taken on the part of her friends and neighbors to bring you to justice. Yours truly, (Signed) HERMAN HARMES. Instead of finding anything libellous in the foregoing letter of the then district attorney, the ordinary layman, accustomed to regarding Mr. Harmes as reliable in his statements and conservative in his actions, will be likely to regard the communication as another instance of the former district attorney's forbearance and disposition to avert domestic scandal among his townpeople. On the other hand it is only justice to Mr. Williams to say that he is also regarded as a worthy and law-abiding citizen, and that the suggestions embodied in the letter quoted will be a great surprise to a large circle of friends.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Harriet Paul has been appointed 6d clerk of the committee on corporations and railroads in the Colorado assembly. Mrs. Frederick W. Upham, a well known society woman of Chicago, has been elected president of the Woman's Athletic club. Lettie Baldwin, a colored woman of Ashboro, N. C., presented herself for a license for her fourth marriage. She stated that she professed religion seven years before the civil war and at the close of the war had nine children. Mrs. Mary McGeehan, who is now 106 years old, has lived on oatmeal all her life and works about the farm at Brockagh, Donegal, Ireland, with her children and grandchildren. She is the widow of a tenant farmer, and her faculties are practically unimpaired. Mme. Guadalupe de Haro, a Mexican and a descendant of the Montezumas, is in New York studying domestic science as practiced in the United States. She will carry it back with her to Mexico and at the bidding of her government introduce it in that country. "Champion pants patcher of the United States" is the unique title won during the National Cone exposition at Omaha last year by Miss Selma Fredeen of Aurora, Neb., who, in competition with girls and women from twenty states, beat them all for neatness. In addition to the title the championship carries with it \$50 in gold. Miss Fredeen is only seventeen years old.

Sporting Notes.

Walter N. Vanderbilt has won every event on the track for the last four years. H. T. Blackstaffe of England, Olympic sculling champion, in twenty-two years of river work won 215 prizes. There are now five Georges on the Detroit American league team—Mullin, Suggs, Winter, Cockill and Moriarty. Major Delmar, 1:50%, has been retired from the turf by his owner, William Bradley, owner of Ardmale farm, Raritan, N. J. Oiseau has been sold for \$30. The great race horse for which "Diamond Jim" Brady once paid \$30,000 was knocked down for this paltry sum at an auction in Kentucky recently. Tim Murnane has invented a batters' box that cannot be erased. It is made of hard rubber and will save the umpire the trouble of chalking the lines repeatedly, as they have to do now. German Gleanings. There are only fifty-five female physicians in the German empire. Nine-tenths of Germany's population can be fed by products of her own soil. Experiments are under way in Germany with more than thirty different processes for removing iron from drinking water, most of them forms of filtration. A remarkable piece of work was recently shown at a German exhibition in the shape of a well executed landscape made of colonies of different colored bacteria thriving in gelatin and meat extract. Church and Clergy. Cardinal Vanutelli is the tallest of the Roman ecclesiastics. The Lutherans are to place a field missionary in Canada for exclusive work in that section. In the shadow of a volcano at Penon, Mexico, is what is probably the smallest church in the world. The building is about eleven feet high and twelve feet wide. The Rev. Hannah M. Mullenbaux of Somerville is the only Congregational woman minister in the vicinity of Boston. She has had pastorates in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. A Child's Instinct. It was a quiet Sunday afternoon when mother and little boy were having their accustomed Bible reading. He sat on her lap while she read to him the Twenty-third Psalm. Little fellow though he was, the tender, beautiful words seemed to stir his thought. Mother read to the end and then waited without a word. Little boy was silent, too, for a moment; then, reaching up and gently stroking mother's cheek, he said softly: "Was it a little boy without his mamma?"—Success Magazine.

WASHINGTON LETTER

(Special Correspondence.) There was a time when the speaker counted that day lost whose low descending sun did not witness some new gem of humor incorporated into the sacred pages of the Record. Now whenever a statesman gets off something pretty good his friends predict that his defeat in the next elections is certain. There is J. Adam Bede of Minnesota, for example. J. Adam has been for numerous years one of the shining funny men in congress. It has been impossible to pass even an appropriation bill without some side splitting thing from him being embodied in the Record. House Loses a Humorist. The house after March 4 will lose also a man who is regarded as one of the really greatest humorists that body has ever known. John Sharp Williams of Mississippi is a master of sarcasm, and the streak of genuine American humor which runs through his intellect gives to every utterance he makes a charm which sets even his enemies laughing. Here is a humorist who in the time between his departure from the house and his entrance into the senate intends to write a life of Thomas Jefferson. His successor as minority leader, Champ Clark of Missouri, is one of the noted wits of the house. He will be in the next congress, of course, and may be expected to make lively many a dry debate. The tilts of humor between Clark and General Grosvenor of Ohio, now an ex-congressman, afforded amusement for many generations of solons. Pokes Fun at Democrats. Cushman of Washington is one of the professional humorists of the house. About twice a year he rises in his place and delivers a stump speech which simply doubles the Hon. Sereno Payne into a knot. It is a speech full of witticism at the expense of the Democratic party, and as Mr. Cushman is long and lean and solemn looking he always makes a hit. His friends say he spends sometimes as much as eight or nine weeks preparing one of his funny stunts. Old Time Funmakers. The late Speaker Reed of Maine was the greatest humorist who sat in the house, and his stories are still going the rounds, credited to him, too, which is unusual, years after his death. On one occasion Reed was walking downtown one morning on his way to the capitol. It was a cold April day, and he had on a rather summerish suit. He was "forcing the season." At a side street there halted him a member from another state whom Reed couldn't bear. Reed tried to hurry past, but the congressman halted him. "I see you've got on your Atlantic City suit," shouted the unwelcome one. "Yes," replied Reed, "and now I guess I'll have a bored walk." Thad Stevens' Generosity. The good old humorists of the early days seem to be passing. There are few men now in congress who can be put in the same class with "Sunset" Cox or Thad Stevens. Old Thad had a fine sense of humor. One day during the civil war, the burden of which he was carrying on his shoulders, he stepped into one of the gambling dens which infested Washington on his way to the capitol. He won a couple of hundred dollars at a faro bank and then, accompanied by a friend, resumed his way to the house. Just as he was about to go into the building there halted him a delegation of Quakers from his native state, Pennsylvania. They wanted him to make a contribution for a worthy charity up Harrisburg way and had come to Washington to obtain a small donation from him. Old Thad dug into his pocket, pulled out the \$200 the faro dealer had shoved over to him and handed it to the chairman of the delegation. The Quakers were loud in their thanks. Finally they bowed themselves away, overwhelmed with his generosity. Old Thad turned to his companion and said: "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform." New House For Mr. Root. Ex-Secretary Elihu Root, now senator elect from New York, has purchased for about \$80,000 a large building lot in Sixteenth street, between L and M streets, on which he intends to erect a handsome home. It is said that Carrere & Hastings of New York, who designed Mr. Root's New York home, will make the plans. The house now occupied by Mr. Root in this city is the property of former Vice President Levi P. Morton. Three Millions For Parks. In order to allow for the layout of the extensions of the national capital with parks and broad avenues along lines similar to those in L'Enfant's original plan of the city, Commissioner Macfarland said the other day that congress should give the commissioners a lump sum appropriation of \$3,000,000 to be used in the purchase of park lands that will be required by the growth of the capital during the next century.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The day and hour for the regular meetings of the Council during the ensuing year were fixed on the first Thursday evening of each month, at half past seven o'clock, sharp. The meeting then adjourned. ANNOUNCEMENTS. The Ladies' Circle of the G. A. R. will hold their regular meeting on Friday, March 5th, at 2:30 P. M. —Our contract with HUMAN LIFE COMPANY expires on March 15, 1909—consequently if you wish it for yourself of the opportunity of getting this magazine free by subscribing for THE CITIZEN, do so quick.

PRIZE ESSAYS.

The approaching completion of the High School buildings will soon necessitate the grading and arrangement of the school property grounds. No one is more interested in having this work properly done than the pupils who are to use them, and no landscape gardener should attempt the task without consulting them. In order to stimulate suggestion on this point THE CITIZEN offers the scholars of the High School two prizes of \$1.00 each for the best two essays on "The Best Way to Arrange the New School House Grounds," the competition to close April 1st. The articles, which must not exceed two hundred words in length, are not to be signed, but the name of the writer must be written on a separate slip, and enclosed in an envelope with the essay. The contributions will be numbered and submitted to competent judges who will decide on their respective merits. The winning essays with the names of the authors will appear in the first number of THE CITIZEN following the award.

The Town Council.

Meeting for Reorganization—The New Mayor Swears in the New Members.

A meeting of the town council was held at City Hall on Monday evening last, March 1st. It was called to order by president Charles A. McCarty at 8 P. M. Hon. John Kubbach, the newly elected Chief Burgess, presented his certificate of election and copy of his oath of office, and proceeded to administer to the new members of the council, Messrs. Martin Canfield and Thomas Canivan, their respective oaths. All of the members of the board were present, as follows: C. A. McCarty, P. R. Murray, Martin Canfield, Thomas Canivan, G. W. Penwarden, George M. Genung and Wyman W. Kimble. The first regular business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Charles A. McCarty; Treasurer, George W. Penwarden; Secretary, Wyman W. Kimble. The committee on fire signals reported that the cost of installing of the gong on the Electric Light plant would not exceed \$35, and the proposition of the Consolidated Telephone Co., of Pennsylvania, was read as follows: ALLENTOWNS, PA., Feb. 19, 1909. GENTLEMEN:—We are pleased to submit the following proposition covering the installation of a telephone system for the Honesdale Fire and Police Department. First. We will furnish and place in position 5 Magneto-selective ringing telephones each enclosed in a cast iron box, to be absolutely weather-tight and weather proof, and connect said telephones with our Honesdale Exchange, furnishing party line service, at \$20 each, per annum. Second. We would expect a contract for not less than three years, and service from all of the telephones above mentioned would be free within Honesdale Exchange district; regular schedule toll rates to apply outside of said district. Third. Additional telephones, if desired, will be furnished at same rate. Fourth. In addition to the above, should you so desire, we will agree to keep a record of the policemen's calls each night, between certain hours to be agreed upon; you to furnish the proper blanks or forms for this purpose, and our charge to be \$20 per annum. Very truly yours, CHAS. WEST, Gen. Manager. The proposition was accepted. Lawrence Weidner was, on motion, re-elected street commissioner, with instructions to report in detail every month when and where all work has been done by his men and teams. Hon. Henry Wilson was re-elected counsel for the borough. President McCarty announced his appointment of the following standing committees: Streets and Parks—Messrs. Genung and Murray. Law and Order—Messrs. Canfield and Genung. Ordinances—W. W. Kimble. Borough Building—Thomas Canivan. Fire Department—Messrs. Genung and Kimble. Councilman Genung was instructed to raise the light at Erie and Terrace streets, and also to have an incandescent light installed at the west end of Railroad Bridge. Mr. Canivan was instructed to measure R. H. Brown's walk for scrip.

FINANCES OF WAYNE CO.

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CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY

Table listing various claims against the county, including items like T. J. Varcoe, contract Salem bridge, J. A. Harkness, Winterdale, etc.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF COUNTY.

Summary table showing total claims against county, balance against county, and other financial metrics.