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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Judge Robert Von Moschzisker, of Philadelphia.
AUDITOR GENERAL,
A. E. SISSON, of Erie.
STATE TREASURER,
Jeremiah A. Stober, of Lancaster.
JURY COMMISSIONER,
W. H. Bullock.

The base ball season for 1909 is ended and the Pittsburgs are the world's champions. That peculiar element of character which sizzles like carbonic acid gas does when you pull the cork, and which makes a staid sober man go crazy over a base hit or a good stop of a liner, will now subside only to gather renewed force next season. It will be a long time between drinks for the base ball fans until next April.

One of the striking features about Peary's charge against Cook is that it is copyrighted by the Arctic club and you cannot print it unless you pay for so doing. It looks like a money making scheme especially as the secretary of the club announces that the charge is made at this early date and before the geographical societies can pass on the evidence of both parties, for the reason that Peary may suffer financial loss in his lecture campaign which is apt to fall flat with the general public, as Dr. Cook is now lecturing to large audiences. Peary and his Arctic club believe with the darky preacher whose favorite text was "Where the hen scratcheth there she expects to find a bug."

WHAT IS A COMPLIMENTARY VOTE?

Candidates on the Democratic state ticket—particularly the candidate for judge of the Supreme Court—are making appeals for complimentary votes.

What is a complimentary vote? Why, it is just the same as any other kind of a vote. It goes to the candidate, is counted for him, and helps to elect him—if he can get enough of them.

It is the habit of candidates who have no hope of election otherwise to plead for complimentary votes, and the plea is that it can do no harm; that it is only a compliment. It goes just as far as any other vote in the election, however.

The complimentary vote is a trick to be avoided. Every citizen should vote in support of his principles.

PEARY AND COOK.

The storm center of the Peary-Cook controversy has shifted from the North Pole to Mount McKinley. Doctor Cook claims to have reached the summit of Mount McKinley accompanied by a guide named Barrill. This claim was not disputed until lately, Barrill having testified to the fact and it is on record that in his home town he has related repeatedly very minutely all the details of the ascent. Some weeks ago shortly after the Peary accusation the New York Herald published a report that Barrill had acknowledged that he had been offered \$5,000 to make affidavit that Dr. Cook had not reached the summit of Mount McKinley, but had declined the offer. Now a paper called the Globe, owned by Capt. Bridgman, who is Peary's strongest advocate and intimate confidant, comes out with an affidavit which it is claimed was made by Barrill, to the effect that Cook's story of the ascent, of Mount McKinley was a fake and he was a party to it. Not much credence can be placed upon the oath of this man who for several years has claimed to have been with Cook when he made the ascent, who has made the statement that he has been offered \$5,000 to deny what he has stated, and then comes out with an affidavit which makes him out a confessed perjurer at the very best. Dr. Cook has signified not only a willingness but a determination to head a party of explorers to ascend to the summit of Mount McKinley and procure the records he left there. Hope he invites Peary to be one of the party.

The Blacks to move and win came true in the Ketchel and Johnson prize fight last Saturday. Why shouldn't black Johnson win? It is animal against animal in these brutal contests and Johnson is not as far removed from the Gorilla as Ketchel. The next contest will be between the Gorilla and the Bear, as Jefferies, when stripped for battle, presents the appearance of a bear, his body being covered with a mass of hair which would excite the envy of a grizzly.

SECOND DEGREE VERDICT.

Blakeslee Will Now Have to Spend a Few Years in the Penitentiary.

The jury in the case of Amos C. Blakeslee, charged with the murder of Garrett S. Berry, a native of Damascus township, this county, on the night of July 29, 1909, at 720 Adams avenue, Scranton, returned a verdict of murder of the second degree.

The verdict was reached about 7 o'clock Wednesday night, it is said, and the jury filed into court at 9:30 o'clock the next morning. Three minutes later the verdict was read. Blakeslee entered the court room about a minute before the jury came in and took his seat at his counsel's table. He appeared cheerful and stood the strain of the intervening minutes between his arrival and the announcement of the verdict, well, the only nervousness he betrayed being shown in the shaking of his hands.

The verdict was plainly a shock to him, as there was a rumor in the court house that the verdict would be "guilty of manslaughter," but the supposed "leak" was wrong.

When the verdict was announced Blakeslee wept quietly and mopped his face, which had turned very red, and rubbed his eyes with a handkerchief.

A couple of women, said to be relatives of the convicted man, who sat in the audience, when the verdict was read, were also overcome.

A few minutes after he had heard his fate, he was taken back to the county jail.

Attorney James J. Powell, who with Attorney E. W. Thayer, defended Blakeslee, was present when the verdict was read and immediately announced that he would move for a new trial.

Attorney Thayer arrived a couple of minutes after the jury had been discharged. It was said that Blakeslee had a narrow escape from the noose, for when the jury first balloted it was found that a number had voted for a first degree verdict.

The crime of which Blakeslee was convicted, was committed in his wife's home. He had left his wife a couple of months before and lived a few doors away from her.

The victim, Berry, was a neighbor of the Blakeslees, and a frequent caller at their home, both before and after the separation.

Blakeslee sat on the porch of his boarding house on the night of the murder. He saw Berry walk past his wife's house, turn and go back. Berry sat on the porch with Mrs. Blakeslee for a few minutes and then went into the house. Mrs. Blakeslee peered up and down the street and then followed Berry.

Blakeslee went up to his room, put on his coat and hat, took a revolver that he had borrowed, went around in the rear of the houses between the boarding house and his wife's home and planted himself at a window in an alleyway so that he could see his wife and Berry in Mrs. Blakeslee's dining room. He watched him until he saw enough to convince him that it was time to interfere.

He broke in a rear window and when his wife saw him she fled. Berry, who was a very large and powerful man, wrestled with Blakeslee, according to the latter's testimony, and while they were tussling the revolver he held in his hand went off and Berry was shot just about the left eye. He died the next day in the State Hospital.

GOT A LITTLE SATISFACTION.

Editor, Unable to Collect Bill for Paper, Could Afford to Affront the Widow.

To the editor of a little Maine newspaper there came the other day an indignant elderly woman, who waved a bit of paper in the editorial face.

"Looker here!" she said. "What does this mean—a bill for the Citizen to my husband that's been dead two years? Ye don't expect his widow to pay debts o' his contracted long after he's dead?"

"You say he has not been getting the paper?" said the editor, after long thought.

"No, ye donderhead!" screamed the woman, "I tell ye he's been dead two years!"

"Strange," mused the editor. "The postoffice department has not notified me of his failure to receive them. Quite sure you yourself haven't been enjoying the estimable educational values of a perusal of my sheet?"

"That ain't the point," argued the widow. "You've been sending the newspaper and a bill to a man that's dead. It's your affair, not mine."

"Well," said the editor finally, perceiving that he must be a loser, "in future, madam, I will cause an extra copy to be printed on asbestos to insure that your husband receives his Citizen regularly."

"Paid in Full" starts in The Citizen next week.

PERSONAL CANVASS FOR A JUDGESHIP.

The Democratic candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, C. Larue Munson, is swinging around the State soliciting votes to put himself on the bench of the highest judicial tribunal in the Commonwealth. He is going into the counties, holding conferences with the politicians of his party, and individually seeking voters.

This is something new. The people of Pennsylvania have never before been diverted by so interesting a spectacle as a candidate for the exalted place of judge of the Supreme Court whirling around in a personal canvass of the state. Searching back through all the years since the adoption of the present constitution the Democratic candidate himself would be unable to find a precedent for it. The sentiment, made and ever maintained by the people which holds high judicial office above such methods, has always been respected heretofore by those who have been honored with a nomination.

The Democratic candidate seems to have a less exalted view of the place he seeks, and to think he can promote his cause by thrusting aside what has become an unwritten and should be an inviolable law. The duties of a judge of the Supreme Court are of the most delicate and responsible character—too delicate and responsible to be exposed to a compromising personal campaign for votes. The office has never been pulled down to that level, and no one has ever before thought he could pull himself up to the office by such methods.

The Democratic candidate will not benefit by those methods now. The people of Pennsylvania have too high an appreciation of the proprieties to look with either patience or favor upon a personal canvass by a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court.

SEIZED 1,000 GALLONS BOOZE.

Rockland County Still in Hands of Government Officers.

Henry B. Lawson, of Newburgh, deputy collector of internal revenue, seized 1,000 gallons of spirits at a still in Charlestown, Rockland county, Saturday night. The still had for some time been under suspicion but the internal revenue agents found it extremely difficult to discover the offenders owing to the method which they employed in avoiding the revenue tax. The still was registered, but only paid a tax for half its output. It was perplexing, however, to ascertain when legitimate spirits were being taken from the still and when contraband. To solve this two special internal revenue agents—one from North Carolina and another from Boston, Mass., were called into the case to assist Mr. Lawson.

After watching the still for weeks the internal revenue men made their seizure when a wagon was loaded for the second time. As the government tax is \$1.50 per gallon it will be readily apparent that the saving to the distiller by evading the tax was, on this load, \$1,500.

A SMILE AND A HELPING HAND.

'Tis the honest grip
Of comradeship
Makes a fellow take heart again;
It's the word of cheer
From a friend sincere
Makes him feel life's not in vain.
When the way is dark
And the luckless barque
Is drifting from safety's strand,
Why, God bless the man
And the woman who then
Hold to us a helping hand.

When you're out of luck
And you're out of pluck
And the fight don't seem worth while
What will give you heart
To do your part?
Why, a handclasp and a smile;
So when all is black
And we've lost the track
In a world we can't understand,
Then God bless the friend
Who is there to lend
A smile and a helping hand.
—Exchange.



Scene from the "Isle of Spice," at the Lyric on Monday next.

91st ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAYNE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY

Report of Rev. H. G. Harned, Superintendent, to the Wayne County Bible Society at the 91st anniversary held in Grace Episcopal church, October 13, 1909:

Since the nineteenth anniversary of the society, which was observed by a meeting held in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Honesdale, Pa., on Wednesday evening, July 15, 1908, it has become more and more apparent that the Bible Society, as well as other missionary societies, has mission work to do in the United States, as well as in Foreign Countries, and the revival of home mission work in all of the churches has increased the demands on the Bible Society as their helper.

The immense influx of foreigners pouring into this country, whose trend of thought has been so different from that which is expected of citizens of this country, and especially of those who have built up the religious and civil institutions of the United States, that the great statesmen, as well as great churchmen, have been led to say, "The immigrant is America's greatest problem," and that "the Bible is the only solution."

The Bible societies are endeavoring to meet the demands upon them and they are succeeding as far as their funds will allow. County lines cannot divide mission work. This is especially true in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Since the Northeast Department of the State Society was instituted comprising six counties, including Wayne county, in a little over two years, 13,300 volumes were distributed in this territory, valued at \$5,387.34.

2,278 volumes of these were donated and a large number of the others were sold at cost of making or less than cost. Many foreigners learn the English, especially the younger ones, and of course, the English books are most in demand, but of those 697 were Italian, 202 Polish, 111 Welsh, 87 Ruthenian, 78 German, 34 Russian, 28 Hungarian, 34 Romanian and various numbers in Spanish, Bohemian, Bulgarian, Slovak, Japanese, Swedish, Greek, French, Latin, Arabic, etc.

During the past year we have distributed 271 volumes to Wayne county people, whom we know to be such, but many come to us in our office and Bible store at 126 Washington Avenue, Scranton, where we have more than a thousand dollars worth of Bibles constantly in stock, whom we do not know, and doubtless, many more sold to Wayne county customers. It is a good thing to have a place available where a large stock and great variety of Bibles can be had conveniently.

We aim to see to it that every one is supplied with a copy of God's Word, whether born in America, or any other land, even beginning at our "own household"—our own people. And it is not difficult to believe that some of them may be, or become, as bad as any of the foreigners, who come to us,—especially when we take into account our greater advantages in this country.

We supply every new mission among the foreign people as soon as one is fairly organized, and keep in touch with the missionaries and help them supply all with Bibles. Many of those who read foreign languages, come themselves and get their books. We give a large discount on Oxford, International and American Standard Revised Bibles to churches and to Sunday schools and to Christian Workers, generally, and donate to those who are unable to pay for them.

We have received contributions as follows:

First Presbyterian Church, Honesdale, \$10.00; from the M. E. churches in Wayne county: Honesdale \$10; Ariel, \$10, Carley Brook, \$1, Beach Lake, \$4, Bethany, \$5, Damascus \$2, Hamilton, \$4, Hawley, \$3.40, Sterling, \$1, South Canaan, \$2,

Waymart, \$3, Orson, \$4.35, Lakeville, \$1, United Evangelical church of Maplewood, 49 cents.

Contributions paid to the Treasurer directly by others, not appearing in this report, will be accounted for by him.

The Pennsylvania Bible Society Annual Report of May, 1909, gives large credit to the work in our Northeast Department, making special mention of Wayne county society and reports its history at some length, indicating that other parts of the state are following our methods to their advantage.

Many thanks to the officers of this society, to the pastors of churches, the Sunday School workers, the press of the county, and all who have helped us to make the success which has attracted so wide attention.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. HARNED, Supt.

HORSE, BUGGY, HARNESS GONE.

Liberty Stableman Robbed of Valuable Property.

Chiefs of Police of different places have been notified by C. F. Crawford of Liberty, Sullivan county, that there has been stolen from the stable of Charles Syreen in Liberty a strawberry roan gelding, 16½ hands high, weight about 1,225 pounds, paces part of the time, long black mane and tail, foretop short, scar on one forefoot outside quarter, hind shoe off, in good flesh when stolen, value about \$150. Also black top buggy, red running gear, and light harness. A reward of \$25 is offered for the recovery of the property.

"Billy, The Kid."

"Billy, The Kid" plays a return engagement at the Lyric Theatre this (Wednesday) evening. There will be but one performance (night) and no matinee as advertised on the lithographs. A mistake in placing the order for printing was the cause of announcing a matinee for this place.

"Billy, The Kid" played at the Lyric last season to a large and well pleased audience and lovers of sensational melo-drama will welcome the return of this lively western play.

Harvest Home Services.

The Harvest Home services will be held at the Carley Brook church on Sunday morning, Oct. 24th, at 11 o'clock and at Girland at 2:30 p. m. Preaching at West Damascus at 7:30 p. m.

The Third Quarterly conference will be held on Saturday evening, October 23rd, and the quarterly meeting on Sunday, Oct. 24th, at 11 o'clock a. m. in the church at Smith Hill. Rev. J. M. Coleman will conduct the services instead of Dr. M. D. Fuller.

J. B. ZWEIGIG,
Pastor of Carley Brook church.

Legal blanks at The Citizen office.

Entertainment Friday Evening. The entertainment which will be given Friday evening, Oct. 22, under the auspices of the Honesdale Public School teachers, will consist of music and a talk by Miss Alice Gregory on "The English Lake District," with illustrations. At the conclusion of the program ice cream, cake and candy will be on sale. The new building will be open for the inspection of all those who desire to see it. The proceeds are to aid in the furnishing of the teachers' parlor. Tickets—adults 25 cents; children 10 cents. 8311.

SINGING EVANGELISTS.

The Rines Brothers, the singing evangelists, will conduct services in the Waymart M. E. church from October 18th to 31st. ALL ARE WELCOME. These sweet singers and inspiring talkers will interest and help you. 831f.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, a registered student at law in the office of VICTOR A. DECKER, Esq., of the Wayne county bar, will make application to the State Board of Law Examiners, to be examined on the 7th and 8th days of Dec., 1909, for admission to the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and to the bar of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne Co. CHAS. S. HOOK, Honesdale, Pa., Oct. 9 1909. 826015

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