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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24, 1909.

The last February election will be held three months from now. Since the constitutional amendments providing for the abolition of the election in February and the schedule for the extension of terms of office of men now holding places have been ratified by vote of the people, the so-called spring primary and election will be done away with after those held in 1910. There will be no more standing in the shivering blast of January at primaries and no hustling in the keen winds, snows and rains of February. All elections will be held in November and all primaries in April, in presidential years, and in June in other years.

Abolition of the February elections, as a result of the adoption of the amendments to the state constitution in the recent election, will result in a direct saving to the taxpayers.

CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING.

Following a custom honored by time and tradition, President Taft issued the usual Thanksgiving proclamation last week, calling upon the people to set aside all manner of business on Thursday of this week and spend the day in thankful recognition of the goodness of the Almighty God who has signally blessed this nation and its people during the past twelve months.

Yes, there is room for thankfulness this year, and an abundance of it. One year ago, it was estimated that there were at least two million men out of work in this country, and when the number of those dependent upon them for support is taken into consideration the total of those who suffered swells to alarming proportions.

To-day, there is a happy contrast. Business is growing by leaps and bounds everywhere in the United States. The farmers were blessed with generous crops, except in localities where the drouth interfered with growth. The iron and steel industries which are generally looked on as a barometer of trade conditions have never been in better shape than they are to-day, while merchandise of all kinds is in great demand, at good prices.

In spite of the recent depression, wages did not suffer, and while the accumulation of coal stocks in anticipation of a strike in the spring, hampered the coal mining industry hereabouts during the summer, the surplus has been worked off, and the prospects for continued activity in the anthracite fields could hardly be brighter.

All these things, coupled with many others that could be cited, afford the best of reasons why Thanksgiving day should be observed with more than ordinary sincerity this year.

Over in Great Britain, a million men and women are pauperized because of hard times, while here in the United States we have peace and plenty. Storms and the scourge of disease have played havoc in other parts of the world during the year, while Uncle Sam's domains have been singularly free from them and their awful consequences.

The records of the savings banks throughout the country show that wealth among the plain people is on the increase, while their manner of living is constantly improving.

With these facts in view and many others that could be cited, surely it will be admitted that there is just cause for thankfulness in this year of grace.

Yet, the poor will always be with us. Some remain so because of their own improvidence, while others seem to struggle in an endless fight against conditions which they cannot overcome. Whatever the cause of poverty may be, make it your business, if you are in a position to do so, to hunt up the homes of some of these unfortunates and see that they have cause for rejoicing on Thanksgiving Day. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and he or she who will give of their abundance to the poor, without expecting anything in return, will find that they have contributed more toward their own peace of mind and contentment, than if they had planned to buy happiness with their gold.

The Baltimore Sun announces: There are still a few old-fashioned women who wear their own hair.

It is gravely announced that a professor has discovered, among ancient ruins, what is supposed to be the 11th commandment, the text of which follows: Emas rof yap yltmorp uoht sselnu repapswn a daer ton tlahs uoht. The commandment is easily translated by beginning at the end and reading backward.—Ex.

Stranger than all the tales of fiction is the rescue of fifty of the three hundred miners who were entombed by the fire in the St. Paul's mine at Cherry, Ill. After living seven days in total darkness and being reduced to the necessity of shoe leather for food those men are able to tell a tale of wonderful heroism amidst death and suffering. As we sit by our comfortable firesides this winter, how seldom will it occur to us that in gathering this coal from the depths of the earth, men are taking their lives in their hands and making great sacrifices but get little more than a scanty living in return.

Alcohol and alcoholism are two of the real and substantial enemies of the moral, artistic and commercial progress of the human race, according to the report of the United States delegates to the twelfth International Congress on Alcoholism made public by the State Department recently. Twenty-five governments were represented at the Congress held in London in July and the delegates of each concurred in the general finding that alcoholism not only was unnecessary to human life and comfort but was inimical to both. While the Congress urged the necessity of imposing the most rigorous restrictions on the sale and traffic in alcoholic liquors, it regarded as equally important the need of educating the younger generations to a knowledge of what alcohol is and its effect upon the human system. The American delegates sum up this phase of the case by saying:

"Increased teaching as to its character and influence should be provided, to conserve the industrial efficiency in the commercial competition of nations, as well as to promote two of the chief objects of government, the public health and morals."

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Susan Loven, wife of Henry Artman, died as a result of a stroke of paralysis, Saturday evening, at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Artman was 65 years of age and was the mother of a large family of children. Mr. Artman also survives. The funeral will be held on Wednesday morning from the St. Mary Magdalen's church.

William Fuller, a veteran of the Civil war, and long life resident of Dyberry township, died at his home Saturday morning. He was 68 years of age and was highly respected. He was buried Sunday, Rev. W. H. Swift of the Presbyterian church, of Honesdale, officiating. Interment was in the East Dyberry cemetery.

Arnold Schwartz, aged 83 years, died at his home on Watta's hill on Sunday. Mr. Schwartz was twice married. He was a respected resident of Texas township and was well known. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Alfred Tyce, of Honesdale; Fred of Newark; Mrs. John Kohle, Honesdale; Mrs. Augusta Holl, of Texas; Mrs. Goebel, Maywood, N. J. The funeral services were held at the Lutheran church on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Coenan officiating.

John Krantz, one of Honesdale's oldest and most respected citizens, died on Sunday evening, having nearly reached the age of 83. He was born in Germany in 1827, came to this country in 1837, and took up his residence in Honesdale in 1845. In 1851 he married Margaret Wickman. He built the brick residence, where he died, in 1865. He was street commissioner of Honesdale for a period of over 30 years, and his fidelity to his duties earned for Honesdale the reputation of being the cleanest and best cared for borough in Pennsylvania. During the year 1875 Grace Episcopal church donated \$500 to buy coal for the needy poor and John Krantz carted this coal free of charge. He was an exemplary citizen, a kind neighbor, a faithful husband and a most excellent father and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, three sons, William, Philip and John, all prominent business men of Honesdale, and one daughter, Mrs. John Bader. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran church. Funeral will take place from the house on Wednesday afternoon.

Deutscher Gottesdienst.
 Den Deutschen von Honesdale und Umgegend zur Kenntnis das in der Lutherischen Kirche, Church St., jeden Sonntag morgen deutscher Gottesdienst stattfindet woszu alle Deutschen herzlich eingeladen sind.
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PROTECTION vs. FREE TRADE BE GRATEFUL FOR UNCLE SAM'S PROSPERITY 1,000,000 PAUPERS IN ENGLAND

PROTECTION FOR (US) U. S. AND FREE TRADE FOR ENGLAND—POOR HOUSES AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS ARE PACKED.

A dispatch, dated at London, has this to say about the deplorable condition of the poor classes in the United Kingdom:

In a recent report made by General Booth, the commander of the Salvation Army, declaring that that organization is unable to take care of 10 per cent. of the people now applying to it for assistance, is revealed the appalling condition of distress, suffering and starvation brought to a terrible climax by the winter weather which set in last week.

Hundreds of thousands of British workingmen—able-bodied, skilled artisans, willing and anxious to work, are with their families literally starving and perishing from lack of food, fuel and clothing. Inquiry to-day reveals the complete breakdown of the machinery of the charitable organizations of this city.

According to General Booth the situation is the worst that he has faced in his long period of service in the United Kingdom. Poor houses and charitable organizations are literally packed and as unofficial adjuncts to them labor colonies have been opened where the men and women are allowed to work under prison regulations with no other remuneration than escape from starvation. Even these institutions have been so seriously packed that applicants are now turned away.

STREET DEMONSTRATIONS.

The coming of severe weather has resulted in the inauguration at this early date of the street demonstrations of the unemployed, demonstrations which do not usually occur before the first of the year, when the suffering caused the shivering, thinly-clad workingmen to parade the streets carrying banners demanding employment. These demands are now being made on the government daily, but the authorities have already filled every possible position over which they have authority.

During the past two or three days, the suburbs and residential districts have been invaded by workingmen, who, accompanied by their wives and children, stand in the streets and sing this plaintive verse:

What will become of England if things go on this way?
 A million honest workmen are starving day by day.
 We cannot find employment; for bread our children crave,
 While some of them died of want, and now lie in their grave.

A hat is then passed in the hope of eking out a few pennies and the notes of the song serve to prevent arrest for begging, which would result under other conditions.

TRADE PARALYZED.

To add to the seriousness of the situation, the uncertainty concerning the political fight at present, particularly the unknown outcome of the attempt to establish tariff reform, is paralyzing the incipient trade revival that began a few weeks ago and employers are refusing to take any risk by expanding their business until they know the outcome of the budget fight. In addition to this an official report just made to the British government shows that during a period of six months 1,091,586 workmen have been forced to accept lower salaries.

Entirely aside from the millions of unemployed throughout the United Kingdom to-day, figures recently compiled show that there are now approximately 1,000,000 paupers in England and Wales and that one person in every thirty-two in the city of London is a pauper. Of this number 150,000 are young able-bodied workingmen who have been forced to accept charitable aid from the state stores.

INCREASE OF 12 PER CENT.

This is an increase of twelve per cent. over last year. In view of the fact that every person who becomes an official pauper by accepting government aid disfranchises himself, the gravity of the situation can be best realized when it is remembered how every Englishman appreciates his power of casting a ballot.

Socialist agitators are making the most of the situation and are predicting that unless some steps are taken for the relief of the poor, Great Britain will be forced to cope with an industrial revolution within five years.

42 MINERS FOUND ALIVE.

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 20.—It is reported that 42 men have been found alive in the Cherry Mine.

J. W. Paul, of Pittsburg, Government inspector, came out of the St. Paul mine at 2 p. m.; and told the newspaper men that 42 miners had been found alive in the East Tunnel of the second.

Before 2:30, 42 men had been taken out of the mine and to a sleeping car to rest. The first two brought up were Joseph Pigatti and his brother, Salvatore. They told a dramatic story of spending a week buried under the earth without realizing the passage of time. Joe Pigatti said the men had plenty of food in their dinner buckets and they did not suffer in that respect. He did not know how they got enough air.

Pigatti says when they first discovered that they were caught in the mine they tried to dig their way out. William Clelland, an Englishman, said Pigatti took charge of the party and persuaded them to stop digging. He explained to them, they say, that they were probably buried under the earth and urged them not to dig an opening for noxious gases to come in.

MRS. EDISON IN SANITARIUM.

Wife of Famous Inventor is Suffering From Nervous Trouble.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Nov. 22.—Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, wife of the famous inventor, is at a sanitarium here suffering from nervous trouble.

Mrs. Edison is attended night and day by a nurse, but rest is all she needs, her attendants say.

Mrs. Edison declines to be interviewed, though she does not seek to hide her identity, registering as "Mrs. T. A. Edison, Orange, N. J."

NOW IS THE TIME TO ADVERTISE YOUR HOLIDAY GOODS.

The Gobbler's Plaint.

I'm an unassuming turkey,
 And I am not to blame
 If by a primogenisis
 Upon this earth I came.
 They never said a word to me,
 And if I'd had my way
 I should have gone some otherwheres
 To spend Thanksgiving day.

I'm an unpretentious turkey
 And do not seek to rise
 Above my station to a place
 Among the great and wise,
 Rich dressing isn't to my taste,
 I hate all grand display,
 And I don't like the way at all
 I'm served Thanksgiving day.

I'm a simple minded turkey
 And much prefer to live
 In humble circumstances and have
 What quiet life may give
 Instead of mingling with the great
 Who will not heed my "Nay"
 When modestly I seek escape
 From their Thanksgiving day.

I'm an unoffending turkey
 And never quite could see
 Just why a horde of thanking souls
 Should chase me up a tree.
 If I were full of thanks perhaps
 That might explain their way,
 But I am not and never was—
 Goldarn Thanksgiving day!

Misplaced Sympathy.

You think of the turkey
 Perhaps with a sigh,
 "Poor fellow!" you ponder.
 "So soon will he die!"
 But think for a minute
 Before he is dead
 How many poor fellows
 Will doubtless be wed.
 And well ere the end of
 The turkey begins
 There's many a man who will
 Doubtless have twins.
 So waste not your pity,
 For if he but knew
 The turkey might be just as
 Thankful as you.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE HONESDALE NATIONAL BANK AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOV. 16, 1909.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	200,938 01	Capital Stock paid in	150,000 00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	50 92	Surplus fund	150,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	55,000 00	Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	83,250 89
Fremonts on U. S. Bonds	2,500 00	National Bank notes outstanding	54,400 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	1,383,288 45	State Bank notes outstanding	800 00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	40,000 00	Due to other National Banks	986 29
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	4,593 05	Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	967 56
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	51 88	Individual deposits subject to demand certificates of deposit	26,617 00
Due from approved reserve agents	139,696 44	Certified checks	69 53
Checks and other cash items	2,929 34	Cashier's checks outstanding	148 72-1,492,703 39
Notes of other National Banks	325 00	Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. redemption fund	None
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	250 84	Liabilities other than those above stated	None
Legal Money Reserve in Bank	81,944 00		
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 per cent. of circulation)	2,750 00		
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. redemption fund			
Total	\$1,832,887 93	Total	\$1,832,887 93

State of Pennsylvania, County of Wayne, ss. I, E. F. TORREY, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Nov. 1909.

E. F. TORREY, Cashier.
 W. H. STONE, N. P.
 Correct—attest:
 E. Z. RUSSELL,
 E. B. HARDENBERGH,
 J. C. BIRDBALL. } Directors

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BENJ. H. DITTRICH, - LESSEE AND MANAGER

FRIDAY, NOV. 26

THE EVERLASTING SUCCESS!
 THE WORLD-FAMED
BROTHERS BRYNE
 In the Greatest Laughing Show on Earth, the

New 8 Bells
 TONED UP-TO-DATE.
 The Acme of Pantomimic Comedy
 Everything New This Season.
 ALL NEW TRICKS
 NEW FEATURES
 1001 NEW SURPRISES.

Always a Shining Exponent of Expansion.
 Positively the Only Byrne Production before the Public.

PRICES: 25, 50, 75, and \$1.

Diagram opens at the box office at 9 a. m. Wednesday 24th.

Legal blanks at The Citizen office.

FOR A NEST EGG.

It's a mighty fine thing for anyone to have a little cash lying in the bank. The young man or woman about to marry, the man who is suddenly taken sick or loses his position—all will find their savings very useful at some time or other. We pay you 3 per cent. interest on your money.

FARMERS & MECHANICS BANK
 Honesdale, Pa.

HENRY Z. RUSSELL, PRESIDENT.
 ANDREW THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT.

EDWIN F. TORREY, CASHIER.
 ALBERT C. LINDSAY, ASSISTANT CASHIER.

HONESDALE NATIONAL BANK.

This Bank was Organized in December, 1836, and Nationalized in December, 1864.

Since its organization it has paid in Dividends to its Stock holders,

\$1,905,800.00

The Comptroller of the Currency has placed it on the HONOR ROLL, from the fact that its Surplus Fund more than equals its capital stock.

What Class? are YOU in?

The world has always been divided into two classes—those who have saved, those who have spent—the thrifty and the extravagant.

It is the savers who have built the houses, the mills, the bridges, the railroads, the ships and all the other great works which stand for man's advancement and happiness.

The spenders are slaves to the savers. It is the law of nature. We want you to be a saver—to open an account in our Savings Department and be independent.

One Dollar will Start an Account.

This Bank will be pleased to receive all or a portion of YOUR banking business.

HONESDALE DIME BANK
 S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

At Close of Business November 6th, 1909.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.		
Cash and Reserve	\$ 52,562.69	Capital	\$75,000.00
Loans	474,453.33	Surplus and Profit	30,948.59
Bonds and Mortgages	76,415.00	Deposits	508,482.43
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures	20,000.00		
	\$ 823,431.02		623,431.02

STATEMENT SHOWING GROWTH.

Deposits May 26th, 1906	\$136,341.72
“ Nov. 26th, 1906	218,243.37
“ May 28th, 1907	290,872.14
“ Dec. 16th, 1907	350,269.97
“ May 19th, 1908	340,655.94
“ Nov. 27th, 1908	408,857.61
“ April 28th, 1909	469,078.90
“ Nov. 6th, 1909	508,482.43

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