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Christmas week makes weak pocket-books.

Have a right merry Christmas and a royal good time.

A poet sings, "Oh, what will the Christmas bring?" Bills, sir, bills.

It is sad to note that the average Christmas stocking is longer than most purses.

Money gets tight, the same as brokers and bankers, about Christmas time.

Say not that Christ has been born in your heart if the poor be not borne upon it.

For immediate results the town newspapers are the battleships of the advertising fleet.

Somebody should send Zelaya a liberal quantity of stovaine. He will need it when the paddle is applied.

It really requires a marvelous amount of tact to appear thankful at Christmas for something you didn't want.

Just because your wife tells you to buy her something useful, don't think she will be satisfied if you send her home a barrel of flour.

Use a little judgment in buying Christmas presents. Don't give your girl a pair of No. 8 boots, or purchase a looking-glass for a blind aunt.

Never mind, ladies. The Christmas shopping doesn't come out of your pockets. It is your annual opportunity to get more than even with the men folks.

The store clerk who gets seven dollars a week and spends twenty dollars for a Christmas present for his girl should be classed among "Christmas greens."

It looks as if the scientists at Copenhagen who have been examining Dr. Cook's polar reports, will report that his evidence of having reached the pole is insufficient.

It is a trying moment to a married man when he is debating with himself whether it is best to buy his wife a Christmas present or to use the money in settling the big bill which he owes at the little saloon around the corner.

Up to the time of our going to press we have only the names of three candidates for Congress from Bradford county. Evidently their political hatchery for the propagation of bric-a-brac statesmen, has been effected as our Fish hatchery has been, by the unparalleled drought.

## TOWN SUICIDE.

A town whose citizens have no public spirit is on the way to the cemetery.

The citizen who will do nothing to help his town is helping to dig its grave.

The citizen who grows about his town being "the worst ever" is assisting in its burial.

The business man who will not advertise is driving the hearse.

The citizen who "knocks" and "bawls" "hard times" preaches the funeral sermon.

## The Dead Line of Regulation.

Here is a telegraphed summary of the unanimous decision of the Court of Appeals overruling the action of the up-state Public Service commission in refusing to authorize the issue, by the Delaware and Hudson Company, of \$7,000,000 in bonds to pay indebtedness incurred in acquiring certain property.

"The court holds that the legislature did not intend to make the commission the financial manager of corporations or empower it to substitute its judgment and discretion for that of the directors and stock holders of a corporation as to the wisdom of a transaction; that a statute that made such substitution would probably be unconstitutional for the ownership of property carries with it the right of occupancy and management, and a statute that would deprive an owner of that right would undermine his right to protect and make his property remunerative."

The justice of this decision is obvious enough, and yet it has been necessary for our highest court to affirm it, and it will be necessary for public opinion to heed it, and for legislators constantly to bear it in mind.

The State Railroad Commission and the Interstate commission are physically incapable of managing the railroad business of the country, which engages the attention of some thousands of its ablest minds. Even were they physically able to do so, they have not the incentive of self-interest nor the constitutional warrant. No law that sought to install them as managers of our transportation business would stand examination in the courts, so long as it did not provide for the government's assuming full financial responsibility, by purchasing the property of the railroads—in short, by government ownership.

There is always the temptation to push the policy of government regulation until it reaches the point of government management; but there can be no legitimate government management without government ownership. In the enthusiasm of cutting rates and laying down limitations, through the action of a legislature or a regulating commission, there is always the danger that the public will want both to have its cake and to eat it—to avoid financial responsibility, and yet so to draw to itself the rewards of that responsibility as to leave nothing for the stockholder.

Up to a certain point, the regulation of corporations in the line of reducing the charges they exact of the public and limiting their profits is as just in theory as it is necessary in practice. Beyond that, it cannot be carried without introducing a principle novel here, but recognized in Holland and elsewhere—some guaranty of a minimum profit to corporations to balance the refusal to permit them to make more than a specified maximum profit.—New York Evening Mail.

## HARRISBURG LETTER.

December 20, 1909.  
 Judge Searle, of Honesdale, was a visitor to the Capitol last week, accompanied by Victor A. Decker, Cashier of the First National Bank of Hawley. While the latter has not been here for some years, the former is well known and popular here, from his service as Assistant U. S. District Attorney. While here, Judge Searle called upon Governor Stuart, the first meeting for each, and both seemed well pleased to make acquaintance. The Judge also called upon Judges Kunkel and McCarrell of the Dauphin county bench, having a long acquaintance with the latter. He was asked to come to Harrisburg in January to hold court, but was obliged to decline as the terms for the two counties come at about the same date. There is no doubt as to Judge Searle proving an excellent and popular official, and Wayne county can do no better than to choose him for the full term in 1911, thus endorsing the Governor's wise selection. Personally, he is the same genial Searle he always was.

Harrisburg has enjoyed considerable notoriety recently from the fact that Leroy Cannon, one of the young men who was the cause of the present trouble with Nicaragua, was a resident of this city. This was not his only difficulty, as he got into trouble several years ago with President Zelaya, though of a less serious nature. Secretary Knox has recently written the parents of the unfortunate young man, that he will make every effort to have the body sent home, and every phase of the difficulty fully investigated. Nicaragua contends that Cannon met his fate in accordance with the rules of civilized warfare. The matter will be thoroughly probed, the three Pennsylvanians in the Cabinet giving it particular attention.

Whether the men "higher up" in the Sugar Trust cases will be caught remains an open question. It seems that, bad as the Trust was fooling the Government, other sugar people like the Arbuckles and the National Sugar, were doing the same thing, evidently regarding it as no crime, but rather as a smart thing, to get ahead of Uncle Sam. But your Uncle finally got his hands on the secret and some people will go to prison, while the National Treasury is becoming enriched through duties illegally withheld. The fellows who pulled the chestnuts out of the fire, or who did the dirty work, ought not to be the only ones to suffer. They did not profit by the transaction, and probably only did as they were told.

District Attorney Weiss of this county has started a crusade against the gambling institutions, making a start on the people who raffed turkeys. A dozen or more men are under arrest, and the slot machines, wheels of fortune and other devices intended to separate a man from his coin on a chance of getting more, are to be captured next. The price of turkeys is likely to range lower for a few days. N. E. HAUSE.

## Catholic Cemetery Drops Into Mine.

The entire Slovak Catholic cemetery in Plains dropped into the mines Wednesday afternoon last, the Sacred Heart cemetery, which adjoins it was seriously affected, the street facing the cemeteries is full of wide fissures, and several houses were badly damaged by a cave-in of the mine workings of the Pine Ridge colliery of the Delaware and Hudson company in Plains. A big field near the cemeteries also dropped several feet toward the mines, and water mains broken by the cave-in have caused almost food conditions to prevail near the burying grounds.

The Pine Ridge workings have been considered dangerous for some time, and the company officials say that the recent heavy rains have contributed to the settling.

The surface of the Slovak cemetery has dropped from nine to fifteen feet in different places. Many bodies have fallen into the mine, it is said.

## OBITUARY.

Julia, wife of Abram Lovelass, died at her home in Berlin township, on Saturday, Dec. 18, 1909, in her 57th year. Mrs. Lovelass was a woman of amiable disposition and a loving wife and mother. A husband and fourteen children are left to mourn their great loss. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the White Mills Methodist church. Interment will be made in the Indian Orchard cemetery.

## BARNES.

At the home on East Main street, Hancock, just at the meridian of life, when the world seemed brightest, the gentle spirit of Mrs. Gertrude Barnes passed from earth to God who gave it, Wednesday evening, Dec. 8, after an illness of less than a week. Deceased was born at Beach Lake, Wayne county, Pa., May 23, 1870, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Branning, now residents of Narrowsburg, N. Y. April 20, 1887, at Port Jervis she was united in marriage with C. Edward Barnes. They resided in Equinunk until a year ago last February, when they came to Hancock, Mr. Barnes having purchased the Bussman blacksmith shop and business. Besides her husband and parents, surviving are one son, Joseph, and two sisters, Miss Edna, residing at home, and Mrs. James G. Hornbeck of Port Jervis.

Mrs. Barnes was a zealous member of the Methodist church and choir, also of Howard Rebekah Lodge, No. 347, and Chechocton Chapter No. 327, Order of Eastern Star; loved by many for her amiable and generous disposition. The announcement of her sudden death was a shock to the community, for just a week prior apparently in her usual health, she had attended the Rebekah Lodge, and on Thursday evening was present at prayer meeting and choir rehearsal. In their great sorrow, the profound sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved ones.

The funeral was held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the service being conducted by a former pastor of the deceased, Rev. J. T. Gardner, of Equinunk, assisted by the pastor of the church, Rev. Coddington. Many friends from Equinunk and elsewhere attended, and with the Rebekah, Eastern Star and other town-people, taxed the capacity of the edifice. At the grave the last sad rites of the Rebekah ritualistic service were performed by the Noble Grand, Mrs. Fred Lakin; vice grand, Mrs. James Mattison, and the Chaplin, Mrs. Charles Coddington, the members of the order forming a cordon about the remains of their departed sister and mourners.

—Order early at the Maple City Green Houses. Both phones.

## Electricity Known of Old.

A writer in the *Elektrotechnische Anzeiger* cites many incidents to show that electricity was not unknown to the ancients, and that George Eber's suggestion in a novel that the Egyptians made use of lightning conductors was well founded. Instruments much like the modern heliograph were also used, the writer says, by priests, as a means of communication between temples. There can be no doubt, he says, as to the temple having been protected by lightning rods. The Biblical description shows that the roof was provided with metallic points held aloft by columns and that these ending in chains terminated in great water tanks. He adds: "All of which is vouched for in the first book of Kings and the second book of Chronicles."

## SHE RENOUNCES LUXURY.

Adopted by Wilkes-Barre Family—Young Woman Told of Secret and Leaves Foster Mother.

Of all the cases that have come to the official notice of Superintendent of Police Taylor, that of Genevieve Byers, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who in a voluminous communication states that she is in search of the grave of her mother whom she had never seen and her father, who is also a stranger to her. The pathetic plea of the girl, who is eighteen years of age, is that she be granted whatever assistance that is in the power of the police to give.

Born in 1891, the letter says, the girl, when an infant, was taken from the care of her mother by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Her parents were not in a position to give her the attention that was demanded by the Society.

Subsequently, at the age of three years, the child was adopted by a family, Byres by name, of great means and influence in Wilkes-Barre. Amid luxury and persons of culture the girl grew to be a young woman and in those eighteen years, she says, her life was one of happiness.

At this time the girl was informed that her right name was not Byres and that her real name was Jennie. From a pedestal of happiness and contentment the girl was plunged into the pit of gloom. The fact that there was some mystery about her parentage preyed upon her mind and unable to longer bear the association of those whom she had long loved, she ran away and took up her apartments in seclusion.

Learning of this Mrs. Byres wrote to the girl, declaring her an ingrate and disowning her. The young woman appealed to the Cruelty Society who searched the records, at the request of the girl, for her parent's identity. The society learned that Peter and Della Reese were the girl's parents. With this information the writer pleaded of Superintendent Taylor to help her out of her difficulty.—Philadelphia Star.

## Fatal Accident at Prompton.

On Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock Frank Magliackie, a Poland, while hauling mine props for Frank Hollenbeck at Prompton, met with an accident which resulted in his death. He was driving a team which was heavily loaded with props. One of the sleighs skidded and the load overturned upon Magliackie. He managed to extricate himself although he was found to be injured internally. Dr. Peterson was called and on examination found no bruises or bones broken. The man suffered and had great difficulty in breathing. He remained in a conscious condition and repeatedly told the Doctor in broken English that he would tell him his trouble and where he was hurt when he could talk better, as it was with difficulty that he could breathe, but at 9 o'clock he died and it was then ascertained that he had suffered from an internal abdominal hemorrhage. A priest was summoned from Forest City. He is survived by a wife and seven children.

He was a good neighbor and friendly to all. He will be greatly missed in Prompton and Steene where he was widely known. The body was taken on Sunday to Forest City where the funeral services were held at the home of his brother.

## Wayne County Society of New York.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Wayne County Pennsylvania society of New York held on the 16th ult. the president, Wm. F. Dorflinger, appointed as the dinner committee, Chas. S. Penwarden, chairman; Edwin P. Kilroe, Chas. P. Schuller, F. R. Seaman and John H. Torrey.

The committee held a meeting on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11th, and decided to hold the fourth annual banquet of the society on Thursday evening, February 3d, 1910, at the Hotel Manhattan.

Special invitations have been extended to Hon. A. T. Searle, Revs. W. H. Swift and Thomas M. Hanley of Honesdale; Horace G. Young of Albany, N. Y.; Judge Charles S. Whitman, the District Attorney elect of New York, Rev. Dr. James M. Farrar of Brooklyn and others, all of whom will be guests of honor and speakers at the fourth annual banquet of the society.

## New Postal Card Design.

Designs for the new postal cards to be issued by the Government have been approved by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The cards will be furnished to the Postoffice Department by the Government printing office in accordance with a contract effective on January 1, 1910. On the ordinary card, the head of the late President McKinley will appear, as now, but a much better likeness has been selected. On the new small card, intended for the index purposes and for social correspondence, a likeness of President Lincoln will appear. The two-cent international card will bear a portrait of General Grant. A novel and pleasing innovation has been made for the double, or reply, postal card. On the first half will appear a portrait of Geo. Washington, while the stamp on the second or reply half will be a likeness of Martha Washington.

## WAS GRANTED A NEW TRIAL.

Jurors Voted "Guilty" So They Could Go Home.

Judge Lyon, of New Brunswick, N. J., last Saturday granted a new trial to James Duane, convicted of forging a \$30 note which had the name of A. B. Cornish of Metuchen signed to it.

The application was based on an affidavit signed by the foreman of the jury, Robert L. Adams. He declared the verdict was rendered because the jurors thought they would have to stay out from Friday until Tuesday. They stood 7 to 5 for conviction and at 4 o'clock Friday sent word that they could not agree. Upon being told that the court would not be back until Tuesday they took it to mean they would be locked up until then and voted to convict.

## BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists. Price 75c. per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## WAYNE COUNTY SAVINGS BANK ELECTION.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wayne County Savings Bank for the election of directors, will be held at the banking office on

TUESDAY, JAN. 11, 1910, between the hours of three and four o'clock p. m.

H. S. SALMON, Cashier. Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 19, 1909.

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"THIS COMEDY WILL MAKE THE WHOLE LAND LAUGH"

ONE YEAR IN NEW YORK—SIX MONTHS IN CHICAGO—FOUR MONTHS IN BOSTON

Prices: 50-75-1.00 and 1.50

SEAT SALE opens at the Box Office at 9:00 a. m., Friday Dec. 24th.

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

EDWIN F. TORRE, 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.

## Special Holiday Cash Sale.

Brass Beds, full size, 2 inch post, \$15.

Quartered Oak Sideboard, Canopytop, three Mirrors, worth, \$42., only \$29.

Quartered Oak Buffet, Mirror back \$15.

China Closet, bent glass ends, \$15.

## PARLOR SUITS

5 piece Parlor Suit, Upholstered in Silk Velour at \$28.

Parlor Suit, Loose Cushions, Upholstered in Silk Velours, \$24.

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