



WHO'S TO BLAME FOR THE WEATHER?

Mr. Theodore Day Says It's Going To Be a Late Spring This Year

SOMEbody OUGHT TO GET AFTER THE WEATHER MAN AND TELL HIM TO TURN ON THE SUN; COMPARISON WITH LAST YEAR; A FISH STORY, ETC.

Theodore Day, the veteran Wayne county prognosticator, otherwise known as "clerk of the weather," was an early Monday morning caller at The Citizen office.

the office force with a story of how he caught a big foot-long trout, weighing three-quarters of a pound, on the "thumb-hand" side of the stream, which he explained as being the "awkward side" of the stream, the side where no one thinks of going; or how he discovered his feeding-grounds first; of his using a release-line carrying an attractive bait; and of—but, oh, of course, you're going yourself, Saturday a week, so what's the use of telling the story in full!

METHODISTS' YEAR

Dr. Murdock's Annual Report shows Good Results Last Year

CONFERENCE YEAR, IN SCRANTON DISTRICT, MARKED BY SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL GAINS.

The annual report of the Rev. Dr. L. C. Murdock, superintendent of the Scranton district of the Wyoming Conference, is of interest to the large number of adherents of that denomination in Wayne county.

SCRANTON DISTRICT.

In forming the Scranton district last spring, Bishop Berry took fifteen charges from the old Wyoming district, and all but one from the Honesdale district, thus making a district of fifty-five charges.

THE MINE CAVES

Scranton Engineers Report On Problem

The Scranton Truth prints a summary of the report of the engineers engaged to investigate the underground conditions of the city as follows:

The engineers, William Griffith, and Eli T. Conner, recommend as a remedy for mine caves that culm, sand, crushed rock and other material be flushed into the worked out portions of veins.

They estimate that the cost of a plant to do this will be \$500,000.

They suggest that the work be done under the supervision of a Protective Commission of not less than three or more than five men representing the city, the school district and the coal companies.

They advise that the conditions under Schools Nos. 12, 23 and 29 are serious and require prompt attention.

The total area of surface where there is distinct and immediate danger to life and property constitutes but about fifteen per cent. of the entire area of the city.

During the mining operations under the city 231,000,000 tons of mineral have been removed.

The amount of underground excavation thus entailed is 198,000,000 cubic yards. The total excavation work on the Panama canal is 174,666,594 cubic yards.

CHANGE PRIMARIES

Last Saturday In Sept. Not First In Oct.

TUSTIN BILL AMENDED ON THIRD READING BY THE SENATE.

The primary election in municipal years will be held on the last Saturday in September and not on the first Saturday in October, as provided in the Tustin bill amending the present primary election laws. The bill was amended when it came up on third reading in the senate.

GAME WARDEN WARNS

GOOD CITIZENS ASKED TO HELP AGAINST BIRD SLAUGHTER.

Game Warden C. S. Lowery, Scranton, Wednesday night issued a warning to the public against killing insectivorous birds and requesting all good citizens to assist in enforcing obedience to the law.

Mr. Lowery's statement follows: To the Game Wardens and public generally:

The insectivorous birds are now coming North and will be with us in a few days, now that Spring is here. These birds are a great benefit to the public and especially to the agriculturists.

These birds are protected by law. I would request that all good citizens who wish to do themselves and others a great service will notify the nearest game warden or constable if he learns of any violation of the law.

In the event that no constable or game warden can be secured to prosecute offenders, citizens can reach me by telephone in Scranton.

C. S. LOWERY, Chief Game Warden.

PROHIBITION MEETING

CANDIDATES TO BE SELECTED NEXT TUESDAY FOR THE PRIMARIES.

Burton Rockwood, state Prohibition chairman, will meet with the Wayne county members of this party at the Court House, Honesdale, on Tuesday, April 11, afternoon and evening. The names of nine persons as candidates for the several county offices will be selected to be voted for at the primaries.

Mrs. Belmont Buys Home for Suffrage.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont has purchased the four-story brown stone residence at No. 15 East Forty-first street, New York city, and will turn it into a woman suffrage headquarters.

THE WORLD AT LARGE

Summary of Important Events All Over The Country Told In Paragraphs.

ELECT MANN LEADER

EX-SPEAKER CANNON NOMINATES HIM—WILL BE MINORITY SPEAKER.

Republicans of both houses took up matters of organization Monday. In the House caucus James R. Mann was chosen as the minority candidate for Speaker and floor leader. There was much criticism of the Democratic majority for increasing its committee members without giving more places to the minority.

Twenty-six of the forty-one insurgent members, who had held a conference in the afternoon, were present at the Republican House caucus. Fifteen regulars were absent. Mr. Kendall, of Iowa, an insurgent, was chosen Secretary of the caucus. Ex-Speaker Cannon made a characteristic speech, denouncing the action of the Democrats in seizing so large a proportion of the committee places and nominating Mr. Mann of Illinois for the Speakership.

GAYNOR VS. CORRIGAN

BREACH WIDENS BETWEEN NEW YORK MAYOR AND MAGISTRATE.

When Mayor Gaynor returned to the New York City Hall from St. James, L. I. yesterday morning, he again criticized Magistrate Joseph E. Corrigan for the part the latter has played in bringing about the present Grand Jury investigation regarding the alleged increase in crime in the city and the inadequacy of the police to deal with it.

"Do not persist in asking me about Corrigan. He is one of those in this city whose heads are filled with vice and crime. Now, how did their heads get so filled with vice and crime? You only have to follow them around at night to find that out. Let those who want to shameless and vicious place go right on. Those of us who have to deal with the city intend to go right on with the large things that confront us."

When the Mayor's remarks were shown to Magistrate Corrigan, he said: "As I said in my remarks before the City Club, this matter is too big to allow personalities to enter into it. The Grand Jury is investigating my statements and they will find out the truth or falsity of them. I am willing to leave my case with them. The Mayor's statement doesn't tell why homicides have increased 42 per cent. in the last year. My record and character are too well known to bother with answering any remarks such as Mayor Gaynor has made concerning me."

PUBLIC UTILITIES BILL

REPRESENTATIVE ALTER, OF ALLEGHENY, INTRODUCES IT IN HOUSE.

A Public Utilities bill, drafted by Attorney General John C. Bell at the instance of Governor Tener was introduced in the House of Representatives Monday night by Representative George A. Alter, of Allegheny county.

It is regarded as the most drastic measure of this character that has ever been formulated. It covers sixty-three printed pages and embodies provisions taken from public service acts now in force in many States, with additions and amplifications suggested by the Governor and a committee of legislators and members of the bar who have been in consultation with the chief executive and the head of the law department of the State.

The bill provides for the abolition of the present Railroad Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Bryan Scorns A Million.

It is said in Washington that William Jennings Bryan has refused a million dollars to move to Memphis and publish the Commoner there.

NEGRO TROOPS REMOVED

FEAR REPETITION OF BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR AT SAN ANTONIO.

President Taft decided upon the prompt removal of the negro Ninth Cavalry from the division camp at San Antonio in order to avert the possibility of a repetition of the affair of the Twenty-fifth Infantry at Brownsville in 1906.

Representative Garner of Texas laid before Mr. Taft the details of recent disturbances caused by troopers of the Ninth Cavalry, who resented the efforts of street car conductors to enforce the regulations of the City Council and require them to sit in seats in street cars provided for negroes. All the street cars in San Antonio are of the "Jim Crow" type, and the colored soldiers have several times torn down the signs in the cars designating seats for white and colored passengers.

The President, after hearing the complaints, sent for Major Gen. Wood, Chief of Staff, and directed that orders be issued to relieve the Ninth from further service in the divisional brigade of cavalry at San Antonio, and send the regiment to duty patrolling the Mexican border as far out in the desert as possible and necessarily away from cities and towns where they might have opportunity to make trouble with the citizens of the country.

PRINCETON PRESIDENT

CHOICE LIES BETWEEN JOHN FINLEY AND JOHN HIBBEN.

The Presidency of Princeton University lies between President John H. Finley of City College and Prof. John Grier Hibben of the Chair of Logic at Princeton, according to sources of information close to members of the Princeton Board of Trustees.

The special committee of the Trustees appointed to nominate a President was expected to reach a decision between the two at a special meeting at 11 o'clock yesterday morning at Princeton. This committee is composed of John L. Cadwalader of New York, chairman; C. H. Dodge, the Rev. Dr. Melancthon W. Jacobus of Hartford, Cyrus H. McCormick of Chicago, the Rev. Dr. John Dixon of Trenton, and Moses Taylor Pine. They are among the most prominent members of the Princeton board. They have not the authority to elect a President, but only to make a nomination.

Princeton alumni said yesterday, however, that a unanimous recommendation by them would be tantamount to election.

Mr. Cadwalader's committee has been actively looking for a successor to Gov. Woodrow Wilson for six months or more. Many names have been considered and a process of elimination has been going on steadily until a point has now been reached where a considerable list has been narrowed down to the men named, with the chances said to be slightly in favor of Dr. Finley.

CAMORRISTS PLEADED

BELIEVE THEY WILL BE ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE.

In their cells at the mediaeval monastery of Santa Maria in Gradi, Viterbo, Italy, the accused Camorristas gloated over what they described as the triumph of Enrico Alfano, alias "Erlicene," in the court of the Assizes, Friday and Saturday.

As a whole they are satisfied with the development of the case and they believe that they will be acquitted of the charge of murdering the Cuocolos without even being obliged to introduce witnesses in their defense.

Alfano, who repeatedly interrupted his interrogation to harangue the court and jury and denying that he was the actual head of the Camorra and proclaiming the innocence of himself and associates, is more than ever a hero in the eyes of his fellow prisoners. He has received many messages of congratulation from Naples.

All of the lawyers for the defense visited the prison and conferred with their clients during the day.

The battleship fleet in the Southern drill grounds makes ready for the 1911 practice.

APRIL SHOWER OF KICKS ARRIVES

Kicks Just Pouring Into The Citizen Office; Katch Editor Without Umbrella; Regular Deluge

WHOLE COUNTY INTERESTED; WINNERS ANNOUNCED EVERY FRIDAY; EVERYBODY HAPPY; EVERYBODY KICKING; FOUR PRIZES EACH WEEK; EASY AS FALLING OFF A LOG; JUST KICK.

As forekasted by our neighbor, the Tribune-Republican, the kicks have been coming into the office fast and furious. They are all good, patent leather number nine kicks. We are thinking considerably of purchasing 1 suit of old English armour, warranted to wear, with certain parts reinforced with concrete lining.

Prizes in the Kicking Contest will be announced each week in the Friday issue of "The Citizen."

If you have sent in a kick and it does not appear in the paper, don't worry or get peevish or lay the blame on your mother-in-law. It may be that we are having the very dooce of a time trying to award the prizes and your calfskin effort may be the very one that is giving us the most trouble.

So be patient, gentle readers, and remember the old adage, "If at first you stub your toe, kick, kick, again."

Some of the kicks are as follows:

Editor The Citizen: We ladies decided on painting our church. And if you are a friend and a brother, Here's thanks for the dollar; and hereby we kick On high cost of paint for another. P. J. T. TUTTLE, Hawley, Pa.

Answer:— We ain't no relation as you have supposed. But still we're your friend and our place is To congratulate you for wanting that paint To put on your church, not your faces.

Editor The Citizen: I kick because the gentlemen who are supervisors forget to look after the road between Hawley and Lakeville which is in bad condition. Get busy or you will have a bill to pay some day for a horse's broken leg. MRS. E. E. DUNNING, Seelyville, Pa.

Answer:— The idea! Whoever heard of an editor with enough money to pay for his own broken leg, much less a horse's? Besides we ain't got no horse!

Editor The Citizen: I kick because I can't get my hens to sit. Yours respectfully, ORVILLE WELSH, Tyler Hill, Pa.

Answer:— Why don't you provide them with easy chairs?

Editor The Citizen: I'll kick if I don't win the prize. Sincerely yours, ORVILLE WELSH, Tyler Hill, Pa.

Answer:— And lots of other people will kick if you do.

Dear Editor: I kick because the town council do not furnish boats for the convenience of citizens who travel on Main street. Yours truly, HAGEMAN AND SMITH.

Answer:— Probably they don't want visitors to think that Honesdale is Venice in disguise. Why not ask for an airship?

Editor The Citizen: Dear Sir:—I kick because Main street, Honesdale, is the poorest piece of road within a radius of twelve miles of Honesdale. One Who Knows, P. B. PETERSON.

Answer:— We don't blame you. We ruined a perfectly good pair of new \$12 (?) shoes ourselves.

Editor The Citizen: I kick for new jokes. MISS H. IRWIN, 323 Eleventh street, Honesdale, Pa.

Answer:— Yours is a good example of "le kicque impossible" as the French would say. For details of contest see page 2

BAD FOR SALOONS TO ASK \$370,000

Supreme Court Refuses West Chester Licenses

"NO SUCH THING AS LICENSED SALOON OR RESTAURANT" SAYS COURT.

The Supreme Court has sounded the death knell of licensed saloons and restaurants, and it is expected that the ruling in which the high tribunal says there can be no such thing as a licensed saloon or restaurant will have the effect of closing at least one-third of the licensed places in Pennsylvania.

Attorneys and county judges in commenting upon the decision say that the ruling will not affect the saloon and restaurant licenses now in force, but it will prevent the renewal of them. Many such licenses in various parts of the state are now expiring and will not be renewed. Interpreted by the Supreme Court, all licensed places must have accommodations for man and beast, in other words they must be hotels in every sense of the word.

In the population centres, especially the large cities, the ruling will prevent the granting of hundreds of licenses by the county courts, because of the non-necessity of so many hotels.

The following news dispatch sent out from West Chester, tells of the effect the Supreme Court ruling has had there:

"Under the recent ruling of the Supreme Court stating that there is no such thing as a restaurant or eating saloon license, that all licenses are of the hotel order granting the right to sell all kinds of malt and spirituous liquors, the court here on Friday refused all four of the West Chester applications for saloons on the ground of their not being needed and their not having the facilities under the hotel privileges for taking care of man and beast. Judge Hemphill closed the doors of a restaurant immediately opposite the courthouse, in the basement of a building owned by him. This restaurant was the paying portion of the property.

"The other saloons throughout Chester county were granted license as eating houses a couple of weeks ago, but the West Chester saloon men withdrew their applications for the saloon privileges and asked for the general or hotel license under the ruling of the Supreme Court. This ruling came after the granting of the other saloon licenses against which no remonstrances had been filed.

TO ASK \$370,000

For Completion of Farview Hospital

COMMISSION TO URGE LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FISCAL SUM; HOSPITAL NEARLY FINISHED.

To further the work of construction of the State Hospital for Criminal Insane at Farview, now partly completed, the commission will this week ask the legislature for an additional appropriation of \$370,000. With the \$370,000 to be asked of the legislature the commission plans to erect a power house and heating plant; to furnish the sections of the hospital already underway and to provide the necessary equipment. When this is done, the hospital will be ready to receive about 200 of the several hundred criminal insane patients now confined in the several asylums throughout the state. Eventually, it is hoped, to take care of every criminal insane patient in the state.

PENSION BILL PASSED

CARRIES \$1,900,000 FOR CIVIL WAR VETERANS.

The State soldiers' pension bill, designed to pension veterans of the Civil war, has been passed on second reading, after being amended in some slight particulars by its author. The bill carries \$1,900,000 and it is probable that before it is taken up on third reading it will be sent to the appropriations committee. Under the terms of the bill the veterans are to be paid \$5, \$6 and \$7 per month, according to the service.

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