

HARRISBURG LETTER

The groundwork has been laid for the final action in the present legislature for and against equal suffrage when the Senate Committee on Judiciary General reported to the Senate the Rockwell joint resolution proposing to submit to the voters of the state an amendment to the state constitution so that women may vote as well as men.

It was a red letter day in the Pennsylvania campaign, for it seems that the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association has overcome the opposition which, six weeks ago, the opposition said were unsurmountable. It was brought home to the Senators of the Committee that the day has gone by for "smothering in committee" important public bills and though the Antis worked hard to have the bill pigeon-holed, the majority of the Senators were unwilling to permit such reactionary methods.

An important conference was held at state Suffrage headquarters in the Arcade building at Harrisburg on Wednesday of last week, the day after the Senate Judiciary General committee held its open hearing on the Rockwell resolution. It was the hearing on Tuesday, in fact, which led to the conference on Wednesday.

The conferees were the presidents or their representatives from local suffrage associations throughout the state, the chairman of the meeting being Mrs. Frank M. Roessing, president of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association. The local suffrage associations represented at the meeting are affiliated with or auxiliary to the state association of Pennsylvania.

The meeting transacted little business of public importance, being in the nature of a "clearing house" where the women could exchange ideas. The conference began at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and ended late in the afternoon, the conferees being guests of Mrs. Roessing at luncheon early in the afternoon. The women present besides the state president, were as follows: Mrs. Maxwell Chapman, of Scranton; Mrs. R. Hays, of Carlisle; Mrs. E. P. Burns, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Jesse Holmes, of Swarthmore; Mrs. M. C. Jones, of Harrisburg; Mrs. K. B. Van Pelt, of Newhope; Mrs. A. S. Hauck, of Mechanicsburg; Mrs. H. Neely Fleming, of Erie; Miss Mary E. Bakewell, of Pittsburg; Mrs. Robert K. Young, of Wellsboro.

Suffragists are continuing to urge each other to make sure that their respective Senators are ready to vote for the Rockwell resolution when it comes up in the Senate on final passage. "We can only repeat what we said before," is the way the situation is put by Miss Mary Norcorser, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage association. "No true advocate of equal suffrage will take anything for granted. Make sure that your Senator intends to vote for the Rockwell resolution. Do not accept the word of anyone else that he is prepared to do so, but make it your business to obtain his promise personally."

MAPLEWOOD.

Maplewood, March 27. The Ladies' Aid society of the Grace church, tendered their new pastor, Rev. Weiland, an informal reception Thursday evening. All reported a good time.

The Maplewood Blue J's have re-organized for 1913. The following officers were elected: Howard Gronlich, manager; Clyde Bell, captain; Guy Black, secretary, and A. J. Black treasurer.

The Temperance Comedy Club will give a new play entitled "Out in the Street" in the near future. Miss Frances Purdy of Seelyville, spent the week-end with Miss Polly, formerly of Seelyville.

F. L. Hartford, deputy Grange Inspector, visited Harvest Grange on Thursday evening and gave us some very interesting points on degree work.

Mrs. Roy Black visited her mother at Wimmers last week. Guy Black has returned from Poyntelle where he was working for the Consumers' Ice company.

Tom Bootenheimer had a moving bee the other day. He has just completed a new cellar for his house. Miss Emily Gardner was a caller in town last week.

The Ladies' Aid society of the A. E. church held a box party which netted them \$29, some of the boxes going as high as \$3.60.

Mrs. E. J. Black has purchased the house and blacksmith shop of Mrs. Ada Moore.

The base ball team has made negotiation for a new grounds across from the school house. The Maplewood graded school will give a drama entitled "Mother Goose" Friday evening, March 28, in the Red Men's hall. Admission 15 and 25 cents. Ice cream and cake after entertainment.

SIKO.

Everybody busy boiling sap these days.

Edna Ridd and Ruth Nelson are home from Honesdale High school for their Easter vacation. Edna has been quite sick with the grip.

Mrs. Calvin Kimble and daughter Versel, of Honesdale, are spending a few days with her brother, Nat, and family and parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boikcom.

Prof. E. H. Nelson, of Dickinson Seminary, is home for Easter. Rumor says one of our popular bachelors is about to become a benedict. We will be pleased to welcome his fair bride to our community.

HOLLISTERVILLE.

Hollisterville, March 27. Frank Watrous, who is employed by Charles Fessenden in his lumber tract, in New York state, is home on a visit.

Melcher Feuglein expects to move back in the vicinity of Hollisterville again. Mrs. Del. Brown is improving slowly.

Rev. A. R. Reichert has been conducting special meetings at East Sterling the past two weeks and will continue every evening this week. Six persons have professed conversion thus far.

Regular services will be held in the M. P. church next Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. Reichert will preach and also conduct the communion services. He will also preach at East Sterling at 3 p. m. and at the Union church at 7:45 p. m.

Miss Agnes Watts of Moscow is visiting at Mrs. Edith Potter.

FALLSDALE.

Fallsdale, March 27. The Fallsdale Creamery Co. will lay a cement floor in the creamery and be ready for operating early in April. The work would have been done earlier, but for the bad condition of the roads gravel and cement could not be hauled.

L. A. Lybolt had the misfortune to lose a valuable cow last week. Mr. Lybolt does not improve in health as his friends wish.

Vernon Tegeler is working for E. L. Crocker this season. The ghost social at the hall St. Patrick's evening given by the Ever Faithful Sunday school class was well attended and a good time enjoyed by the young people.

Owing to the bad roads no services were held at the union church last Sunday.

Miss Alma Noble, teacher in New Jersey, will spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Noble.

A. E. Sheard has returned from Albany where he has been in the interest of the Dairyman's League.

Nearly every farmer's wife at present is interested in and attending incubators.

Peep frogs were heard here the 26th.

SHERMAN.

Sherman, March 27. Mrs. F. J. Littell of McClure, visited her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Evans recently.

Mrs. Rebecca Raymond, of Binghamton, is at A. R. Lowe's helping care for Mrs. Ellen Lowe who is seriously ill.

Mrs. George Arneke, of Deposit, called on friends here one day last week.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church held at Orin Lee's, was well attended.

There will be a dime social at James Bowie's next Friday evening for the benefit of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Jacobs of Deposit, visited Mrs. D. Arneke's on Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Ada Smith visited her daughter, Mrs. Frank West of Binghamton a few days last week.

W. M. Evans called at F. J. Littell's Wednesday at McClure, N. Y.

Beautiful spring weather, spring flowers, sugar making and mud seem to be the order of the day just now.

CENTERVILLE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Garrity of this place went to Philadelphia on Sunday.

Miss Mary Lane, who has been visiting relatives in Scranton for the past few weeks, returned to her home here on Friday.

R. Marshall was a business caller in Honesdale one day last week.

Mrs. Jack Soobey, of Scranton, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kimble.

Mrs. James Collins and Miss Margaret Marshall of Scranton, also spent Easter Sunday as the guests of their parents, R. Marshall and wife.

A. N. Surplus of Ledgedale, was a pleasant caller in town on Sunday.

Mrs. W. N. Swingle recently spent a few days with friends in Scranton.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Peet, of Hamlin, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, J. F. Walker and wife.

LILLIAN RUSSELL TELLS HOW TO LIVE TO BE 100.

In her most unusual entertainment in which beautiful kinemacolor pictures were shown, Miss Lillian Russell, who, in private life is Mrs. Moore, pleased her audience in the Majestic Theatre, Philadelphia, one night last week, where she delivered her instructive lecture on "How To Live to be 100 and Die Young." There was a surprising number of people there who showed their eagerness to keep young and to learn how to be beautiful, and even the men in the audience seemed to throw off many years when the beautiful Miss Russell let them in on the secret about the 100-year game.

Miss Russell says the normal person sleeps eight hours out of twenty-four, one-third of a day, and that consciousness is entirely suspended during this time. If you are 100 years old, subtract one-third of the number of years from them, or the time spent in sleep, and there you are—only a little past 66, which is young indeed, for the Bible allows you the three score and ten.

Many practical methods and illustrations for keeping beautiful in face and body were given by the actress, but the keynote for success in this ambition is to keep the mind beautiful. The clever little "asides" by Miss Russell in her attractive manner all during the lecture and while the pictures were being shown added much life and interest to the scheme by which she is popularizing the subject of physical training and correct habits of living, dressing and dieting.

There were wonderful kinemacolor pictures of flowers, which preceded the lecture, and pictures of Miss Russell, showing how she spends her time from the moment she arises until she retires. These pictures, with beautiful natural scenery in the background, were taken near Los Angeles. Many pointed illustrations regarding etiquette and good taste in dress were given.

STERLING.

Sterling, March 26. This week Roy Cross left home for Cherry Ridge where he expects to work this summer with his brother. Laura A. Gilpin is teaching at Dalton but is now spending a few days at home.

Mrs. Irvin Snyder, of Delaware Station, N. J., was the guest of Mrs. A. J. Cross for a few days this week.

PARDONED TO DIE C. W. MORSE

Ex-Convict Who Had Only Year to Live Returns For Pot of Gold.

CHARLES W. MORSE, with his financial citizenship boasting the cover of two flags while he has no citizenship himself, arrived in New York recently on a fast ocean liner to resume his gigantic operations just one year and two months after the doctors at the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., solemnly felt his pulse and said he would die in one year. It was Jan. 19, 1912, that the board of physicians, headed by Dr. A. L. Fowler, consulted that medical horoscope Morse then possessed and decided that the stars had doomed him within a twelve-month.

Upon the veracious word of Dr. Marchant, physician to his holiness Pope Pius X., the little wizard of lee, ships and banks is just as sound as a dollar and had no evidence of willingness to accept the sentence of the doctors whose reports led President Taft to parole Morse that he might die out of prison.

While the doctors are feeling his pulse today to see just how much of a laugh the financier can enjoy at the expense of forecast and medical prediction, aged one year, Morse is feeling of the ticker with the free hand and preparing to give a demonstration of the art of coming back.

Finance Interested.

There is intense interest in the financial district over the return of Morse. The interest not only extends to financial circles, but it has a keen angle in the direction of international politics which shoots off from the question of the number of pulse beats Mr. Morse enjoys to the minute to a discussion of the nice points of treaty law and international agreements relating to the most important subject known to world powers—the traffic of the sea.

While this man is under a sentence of death, which he politely but none the less firmly declines to accept as conclusive, he has been industriously harnessing up British capital to American shipping, especially in relation to the coastwise trade of the United States, and with an eye ahead to the opening of the Panama canal, with its vast possibilities for the coastwise ships.

Just at the very time when, according to the doctors, Morse ought to have been making his last will and testament, arranging for the small lawn with the marble marker and the sort of flowers that look best in a subdued light, to say nothing of the names of the pallbearers, active and honorary, he got as busy as a bird dog in a new sagefield over in London and pointed out to John Bull the desirability of getting "in with a live one" in the shipping game.

And England, marveling at the view of the American doctors, decided that Morse was a "live one" and "got in."

Backed by British Capital.

They "got in" to the extent of providing the financial stews of war for a good part of the Morse operations that are yet to come and came back with the absolute assurance that when he opened his rolloff desk at No. 43 Exchange place, New York, he would have the chips and the cards for a new game with the big forces that, in 1907, put him so severely out of business. The remarkable part of his feat is that he got the foreign support at a time when wars and rumors of war had made folk in Europe stick tighter to their coin than Dr. Friedmann at first did to the secret of his tuberculosis germ culture.

Evidently the London bankers did not expect that Morse would drop by the wayside. Nor does a term in an American penal institution have any bad effect upon the English financial mind. The late Charles T. Yerkes had no trouble in getting big English interests behind him in his London tube and other enterprises in spite of the

TO WED, MUST BE HEALTHY.

Minister Demands Proof of Fitness From All He Unites.

The Rev. Hugh Dempsey Wilson, rector of St. George's Episcopal church, Passaic, N. J., announced recently that he would refuse to marry persons who could not show medical certificates attesting their mental and physical fitness for wedlock.

"The world's trouble is a vast pyramid whose base is the number of misfit matches and consequent miserable homes," said Dr. Wilson. "Clergymen have frequently debased their function by a willingness or eagerness to marry any one to any one else, whether known to them or not. If society unhappily cannot regulate the quantity of births it can at least make an honest attempt to improve the quality."

"I believe that the church of which I am a clergyman will very soon enact a law requiring medical certificates for marriage and prohibiting the clergyman from marrying people in the absence of such certificates."

OUT OF PRISON, REFUSES TO DIE

Wizard of Finance Has Capital to Float Great Coastwise Shipping Line.

handicap of being a "ticket of leave man." Morse found that his post-graduate course in Wall street finance, taken in the Atlanta penitentiary, did not hurt his business chances in the slightest.

The situation is brilliantly illuminating to the men who for days have been discussing the case of the prisoner who went back to jail for life because he could not get a chance as an ex-convict. It shows how it all depends on the man, after all, and that stone walls do not a prison make nor iron bars a cage if the fellow inside doesn't see it that way and can consequently impress the fact on others.

But one month ago Dr. A. L. Fowler, who recommended the Morse pardon, said of him: "He is a doomed man. He is no nearer complete recovery than he was a year ago, when he was pardoned."

Smiled at "Doom."

Said doomed man, looking over his agreements with the men of English money as the liner hurried along across the ocean, must have smiled. Just what Morse has up his sleeve is not entirely understood by Wall street. Careful perusal of the financial district's pet organs shows that during the last six months he has been credited with being the moving factor in every change of ownership in shipping lines of the coastwise order that has been made in this country.

The plans he holds are said to include a line of ships that will operate from New York to the north, taking in Boston and Maine ports and placing them in communication with Canada. To the south he has in mind the establishment of a line from New York to Panama, taking advantage of the canal's opening to bring his ships into play as competitors with the Pacific roads. A division that takes in the rapidly advancing and generally underestimated South American trade is also charged to be in his scheme. Now the South American traffic is directed to Europe, and passengers coming from South American ports commonly arrive in New York via England and France.

A Winning Combination.

But it is the coastwise trade, with New York at one end and Panama at the other end, that chiefly interests the big folk of commerce.

It is impossible to get the average man and woman to stand hitched to any statement that has a technical ring. They shy from "differentials" and the "long and short haul clause," as though both contained some possible evil. But Morse, with his cunning for trade, knows that under the technique of transportation there lies a pot of gold greater than that supposed to be at the foot of the rainbow and a "blawsted sight" more tangible and possible of development.

But a few months ago the interstate commerce commission put out a beautifully illustrated document on freight rates, with pictures that looked like the weather map in a stormy period or a flock of typhoid germs having a holiday. The statements and the maps showed how much the roads could add to the cost of carrying freight from New York to various zones on out to the coast.

With active water competition through the canal and Morse at the busy end of the marine wire, there is no telling what will happen to the pictures with the isothermal lines and to the operating revenue that is based upon the zigzag art of the commission.

That is why Morse, the condemned man, is of such vital interest as he comes back to live where he had been scheduled to be occupying a short and narrow residence by this time.

In spite of all this, Morse is not a citizen. He has not the privilege of the corner bootblack of running around to the voting stand in the barber shop and voting for the candidate of his choice.

BRYAN DEFENDS HIS HORSE.

Incidentally Says He's Twenty Pounds Short of "Gentleman."

William J. Bryan's news announcement recently was that his riding horse would in due time be sent to Washington.

He said he hoped Washington would judge the animal compassionately as what might seem a good horse in Nebraska might not aspire to the first rank at the capital.

To give some idea of the size of his horse Mr. Bryan said he did not like to say what his own weight was; but, quoting Tom Reed's remark "that no gentleman ever weighs over 200," he would say that he was about twenty pounds short of being a gentleman.

An Appendixless Family. Gerald Mandell, the three-year-old son of Matthew Mandell of Fountain Springs, Pa., had his appendix removed recently, making the sixth member of the Mandell family, including the mother, to submit to operations for appendicitis in two months.

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