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Notice of Election

To the qualified electors of the Independent School District of Milford, in the County of Pike and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

By virtue of an ordinance or vote of the board of directors of the Independent School District aforesaid, adopted at a regular convened and duly constituted meeting thereof January 16th, A. D., 1903 a public election will be held in the said district, at the Court House, in the Borough of Milford, Pa., on Tuesday, the Seventeenth Day of February, A. D., 1903, between the hours of seven a. m. and seven p. m. (the same being the place, day and time of holding the next municipal election) for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors of said Independent School District of Milford to the incurring of a debt or increasing the indebtedness of said district to an amount exceeding two per centum and not exceeding seven per centum upon the last preceding assessed valuation of the taxable property therein.

The amount of the last adjusted assessed valuation, to wit, that of 1901, was $171,-062.00 the assessment for this current year, the last preceding assessment, not yet adjusted, is estimated to be about $174,000.

The Independent School District of Milford has no existing debt.

The amount of the proposed debt so to be incurred or increased is $12,000 00.

The percentage of such increase based on the last preceding assessment is six and nine-tenths, or not exceeding seven.

The purposes for which the indebtedness is to be increased are, the building and erection, as soon as possible, of a new school building in the Borough of Milford aforesaid, to take the place of the buildings now in use and which are in every way unsuitable, and the purchase of land whereon to erect the same, if necessary; such new building, with its appurtenances, to cost not to exceed the sum of $15,000 00, and to be of modern style and character, with outside walls thereof, if practicable, erected out of native blue stone.

The amount of such increased indebtedness as aforesaid is proposed to be raised from the issue and sale of bonds of said district bearing interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and the principal thereof reimbursable at a period not exceeding thirty years from the date at which the same is authorized.

The board of directors of the said district at the meeting thereof held, as aforesaid, have by their vote signified a desire to make such increase of indebtedness for the purpose aforesaid.

This done and given under the seal of the Milford Independent School District at the Borough of Milford, Pa., this tenth day of January, A. D., 1903, by order of the board of directors of said school district.

B. E. BROWN, President.
Attest: W. T. STRUBLE, Acting Secretary.
SEAL

AUDITOR'S NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of Priscilla V. Quick, late of Westfall township, Pike county, Penna., deceased.	In the Orphan's Court of Pike County, Penna.

The undersigned auditor, appointed by said court, "to make distribution of the balance in hands of George E. Horton, administrator, as shown by his account and make report to next court with the evidence taken by him," will meet the parties interested for the purposes of his appointment on Thursday, the Twelfth Day of February, A. D., 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m., at his office S. E. Cor. Third and Ann streets, in the Borough of Milford, Pa., when and where all parties interested, or having a claim upon said funds, are required to attend and make and prove their claims or be debarred from coming in upon said funds. HY. T. BAKER, Auditor.

Milford, Pa., Jan'y 12, 1903.

DIVORCE NOTICE

Bertha C. Pieper by Carl Bauer her father and next friend vs. William Pieper.	In court of Common Pleas of Pike County, No. 8. October Term, 1902. DIVORCE.

Subpoena in divorce and alias subpoena returned by the Sheriff "not found" in the said county of Pike.

To William Pieper, Sir: You are hereby notified to be and appear at our Court of Common Pleas aforesaid, to be held at Milford, in said county of Pike, Pa., on the third Monday of March next (it being the return day of our next term of court) and answer the complaint of the Libellant filed in the above case—this by order of our judge of the said court.

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A player at whist may hold about $55,000,000 hands. The chances against holding seven trumps are 169 to 1.

A person usually begins to lose height at the age of 50, and at the age of 90 has lost at least one and a half inches.

Of 1,000 hotel servants between the ages of 25 and 45, 23 die yearly. Of 1,000 gardeners between the same ages only five die in the same time.

The general prosperity of a country does not appear to affect the rate of suicide, which is 31.1 per 100,000 living in Saxony, and only 1.4 in Spain. In the United States it is 5.5.

The dairy products of Wisconsin now rival in value all the animals sold, each being worth about $27,000,000 per annum. Little more than half of the state is in farms. The average area of a farm is 117 acres.

Somebody in the east started a newspaper paragraph about the fine apple orchard owned by Foster Udell, of Brockport, N. Y., from which he this year sold $15,000 worth of fruit. Comes now a western editor and tells of an orchard near Leavenworth, Kan., owned by Judge Wellhouse. The orchard covers 15,000 acres and the judge's property this year will run up to $35,000. He has already sold about 50,000 bushels of fruit.

GLEANED HERE AND THERE.

The oldest musician in Omaha is F. M. Steinhauser, who served as a band leader in the German army and was a pupil of Richard Wagner in the days before the composer became famous.

The mayor of the little town of St. Emiland, in France, has hanged himself with his scarf of office, leaving a note behind to state that he was driven to commit suicide by the cares of office and the utter impossibility of pleasing everybody in his decisions.

Rev. David Worsley, who recently died at Neosho Rapids, Kan., after preaching in that state for 35 years, had eight sons in the union army during the civil war. Six were in the Third Iowa cavalry and two in the Ninth Kansas. Their average stature was six feet two inches.

Stanley Spencer, who threatens to oust Santos-Dumont in popular esteem, started ballooning almost as soon as he could walk, for he comes of a family which traces its aeronautic pedigree back two generations. The three brothers who compose the firm are as much at home in the air as they are on the ground and they are all skilled parachutists.

A Chicagoan who has just returned from a hunting trip in Maine had for a guide Nathan B. Moore, who is undoubtedly the oldest guide in that state. Moore is 84 years old, erect of figure and still capable of doing full duty in his chosen profession. He began trapping when he was eight years old and has been at it ever since. In the intervening years he has made a record of 276 moose, 290 caribou, 100 bears and deer beyond count.

A Impulse of Economy.

Friend—I don't see how, on your income, you manage to winter in Florida and summer in Maine.

Sharpe—You forget that by that plan I dodge both coal and ice bills.—N. Y. Weekly.

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IN A RAILWAY COACH.

I went one morning to Poissy to see a little house to which I had fallen heir, and after breakfast I took my keys to the family attorney. As I was about to leave the office the head clerk called me to his desk and said: "There is also some money coming to you from your uncle's estate. Six thousand francs. Here it is."

The surprise was most agreeable to me. I took the blue bills and slipped them into my pocketbook without counting them. Because of this delay, I had to hurry to get to the station in time. Fortunately, the train was late. It pulled in just as I stepped on the platform. Seeing an empty compartment, as I supposed, I hurriedly entered it.

As I sat down I saw that I was not alone. A lady sat in the right-hand corner of the seat facing me. I drew back as far as possible in the left-hand corner, not because of suspicion, as I had already forgotten my windfall, but in order to stretch out and reflect at my ease.

The lady was young, beautiful and elegant. A dark-blue traveling dress of a correct cut set off her slender, graceful figure. Masses of golden hair rippled back under a dark-blue felt hat, trimmed with a band of ribbon and a quill. A dainty patent-leather shoe was visible below the hem of her skirt. A watch with some coquettish trinkets hung from her belt, while a bangled bracelet on her left wrist indicated a pretty feminine vanity. A gold-handled umbrella, in its sheath, leaned against a portiere near by. From my observation I gained an impression of sobre luxury, a trifle English in its vigor. A newspaper lay on the lady's lap, and she was reading it with such perfect unconsciousness of my surveillance that I could not even see the color of her eyes.

After we had left the Maisons Laffitte station the thought occurred to me to read over some letters which I had merely glanced at in the morning. I put my hand in my pocket to get them, and I felt the pocketbook. A feeling of pleasure came over me at the remembrance of my bequest, and I could not resist a childish desire to handle my little fortune. I took the bills from my purse and, in the perfect security of the closed compartment, I counted them without the slightest suspicion of being watched. The 6,000 francs were there. I folded the money up, put it back into my pocketbook and, with my usual heedlessness, laid the purse down beside me with the letters I was going to read. I now took these up, one by one, read them and tossed them back on the seat.

I was then made aware, by the vibration of the coach, that we had reached the Asnieres bridge. The young woman folded up her newspaper and, without glancing in my direction, began slowly and composedly to unlace the glove on her right hand. Finally she drew it off. We were about to reach our destination. It was not the time for removing one's gloves. Still the act did not impress me at the time. I merely admired the slim, nervous hand, with its tapering fingers. The girl clasped and unclasped them with marvelous agility, as if they were numb from their bondage. The shadow of the great wall of the Batignolles soon fell upon our car, and I noticed that the lantern was not lighted. A moment afterward, with a confused rumbling of wheels and rails, we entered the tunnel.

Soon I fancied I heard—the sound was barely perceptible in the general fracas—a slight rustling among the papers at my side. Careless as I usually am, it is a wonder that the sound attracted my attention, and still more of one that I thought of my pocketbook. By some intuition, however, I did so.

Not intentionally, but with an instinctive, rough gesture, of which I should have been ashamed in the daylight, I forcibly threw both my hands over the scattered papers and pressed them down with all my might. Then, with a start, I felt something move under the pile, like an animal in a trap trying to escape by twisting, turning and pulling. I bore down all the harder. Just then the train whistle shrieked out. The speed slackened, and we came to a standstill in the blackness of the tunnel. For a moment I experienced a veritable nightmare. With a rustling and tearing of papers the struggle continued, silently but fiercely.

After having wriggled and turned desperately in every direction, like a strangled reptile, the hand, crushed under my palms, lay quiet. I saw nothing, heard nothing, not even a breath. I knew, however, that my companion was on the alert, noting my every movement. Suffocated by emotion and wearied by the tension on my nerves, I waited for the daylight for deliverance.

After a period of time, very short, probably, but the length of which I could not estimate, the train began to move slowly. My relief at this was so great that my whole being involuntarily relaxed from its tension. This was evidently expected, for the hand again tried to free itself, not by violent jerks this time, but by a strong, steady pulling. I felt it slipping along, little by little, under the papers. I impudently raised my palm a bit to get a fresh hold. When I again bore down I clasped only my pocketbook. The hand had escaped, I knew not when nor how.

I hastily opened the purse, felt that its contents were there, then put it into my vest pocket and stupidly crossed my arms over it.

At last a gray light penetrated into the compartment, followed by the bright light of day. My first glance was at the lady opposite. She sat in exactly the same place, with the same air of haughty indifference. Nothing about her toilet was disarranged in the least. Not a fold of her dress seemed to have been moved.

She looked pale, however, and her eyes were bent on her right hand, as she slowly laced up her glove. It truly seemed as if I were waking from a dream.

The train stopped and the platform was on my side. The lady rose, dropping the paper from her lap, took her umbrella and with a perfectly composed and polite "Pardon me, sir," passed in front of me.

Feeling stupid and duped, I put out my arm to detain her. But she was already on the steps, and noticing my gesture, she turned half round, and for the first time I saw her eyes.

They were as blue as the sky and limpid and beautiful in expression. They gazed at me with so much surprise and candor that I was disarmed completely and I let her go unmolested. Had it not been for the rumpled, torn papers on the seat beside me I might have been tempted to believe that the mute but fierce duel in the dark was merely a hallucination of a bad dream.—Translated from the French of Charles Foley by B. Tavitchell, in San Francisco Argonaut.

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SCIENCE SIFTINGS.

Since the eruption of Mount Pelee the whole crust of the earth has been shaking like a jelly, states the government astronomer of Victoria, Australia.

Experiments in German schools have shown that in October pupils can on the average see letters of a given size a yard farther away than at the end of the colder months.

There is considerable evidence that the plague is a soil infection, to which Hindoos are particularly liable because they go barefooted and wear badfitting footwrings, which give rise to chronic abrasions.

Prof. A. E. Wright, of the Army medical school at Netley, has published the results obtained by anti-typhoid inoculation. It is demonstrated, so it is said, that fewer cases and fewer deaths occurred among those inoculated than among those uninoculated.

A very simple test for formaldehyde in milk, within the reach of everybody, is sulphuric acid. Put a little of the milk in a clean bottle and drop into it a drop of sulphuric acid. If there be formaldehyde in the milk it will turn pink. If the milk be pure, the color will remain unchanged.

In an inquiry by the Society for Psychical Research, 24,000 persons have denied ever having had hallucinations, while 2,000 have reported false impressions of seeing or being touched. Mr. F. Legge finds that in the larger part of the latter cases the persons supposed they saw living or dead acquaintances. He concludes that unconscious memory plays the greatest part in these deceptions, and that visual records of the brain are more often excited than those of hearing and touch because more numerous and varied.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

The child is not always father to the man. At one time Charles Darwin's father thought that he cared for nothing but "shooting, dogs and rat-catching."

Col. Philip Figyelmessy, a Hungarian and a compatriot of Louis Kossuth, who was officially hanged for treason 50 years ago, is still living in Philadelphia. The "official" hanging consisted of his condemnation to that fate at such time as the authorities could lay their hands upon him, but the colonel escaped to the United States in time to save his neck.

Prof. Herman V. Hilprecht, the famous orientalist and excavator of Babylon and Nippur, has returned to this country and will resume his duties at the University of Pennsylvania. For a year and a half he has been laboring abroad in aid of the university's Babylonian expedition, which has brought about vastly important archaeological results.

A man named Bassoff for some time has been working as a laborer in a mine near Butte, Mont. It has just been learned that he is in reality Count Valdemar De Bassoff, a splendidly educated Russian nobleman, who, having lost a great deal of money in Alaska mines, has gone to work rather than ask his aristocratic relatives for help. Bassoff is a strong believer in democratic principles and believes that Russia will before long become a republic. The count is over six feet tall and proportionately built.

Embarrassing.

"Henry, I could have dropped through the floor at supper."

"Why, my dear?"

"Well, you know I kicked at Tommy under the table as a signal for him not to eat any more pie. He didn't pay any attention and I kicked harder."

"What happened?"

"Why, I suddenly found out that I had been kicking the minister all the time."—Chicago Daily News.

How It Impressed Her.

Mr. Cumso (meaningly)—My dear, here is the account of a woman who was killed by a broken steel in her corset, which pierced her heart when she leant over a wash tub.

Mrs. Cumso (cheerfully)—How shocking! I was intending to wash out the curtains to-day to save half a crown, but I think you'd better call on your way to the city and send up the washerwoman.—London Tit-Bits.

That Quiet Game.

"Harry," said the innocent little wife, "I am afraid your club is not heated properly."

"What gave you that idea, my dear?" asked Mr. Trey, who spent the nights "bucking the tiger."

"Oh, I heard you mumbling in your sleep that you were 'frozen out' the other night."—Chicago Daily News.

A Striking Picture.

The conversation turned on the effect produced on the emotions by pictorial art, when one man remarked: "I remember one picture that brought tears to my eyes."

"A pathetic subject, I presume?"

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