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THE GOVERNOR'S NEW MOVE

Those who saw Governor Pennypacker as a learned but somewhat erratic person whose inclinations were upright and whose instincts were to a proper performance of his duties with but little political guile will now possibly revise their opinions. He had stated that he was elected governor by the people, and would in obedience to the call serve out his time in that office. When Judge McCollum, a democrat, died, creating a vacancy on the Supreme court bench, the governor appointed in his place Samuel Gustine Thompson, also a democrat. This looked like fairness but it is now revealed that the wily governor was only playing a shrewd but rather underhanded trick to advance his own interests. He now announces that he is willing to resign the office of governor and accept a nomination for the Supreme court bench next spring, which would be equivalent to an election as of course the democrats will nominate Judge Thompson. Had the governor appointed a republican he would have been a stumbling block in the way for the republican convention could do no less than nominate the governor's appointee and that would have shut the astute governor out. That is one way of viewing the situation. There is another. So long as an Asbridge was mayor of Philadelphia, things were easy for the gang. Contracts went and graft was rampant. When Weaver was elected mayor things became different and the gang realized, what it had probably long suspected, that with an upright mayor its revel was interfered with. It possibly in anticipation of such a contingency planned the whole scheme to have Judge Pennypacker, against whose character for integrity and uprightness not a word could be said, but who could not be depended on at all times to do its will, nominated and elected governor. To have William M. Brown, known in some quarters as "Oleo Bill," nominated and elected lieutenant governor, then just before the time came for legislation curtailing the power of the Mayor of Philadelphia to have Governor Pennypacker in some way succeeded by Governor Brown. Now whether the plan was formulated by Governor Pennypacker to advance himself to the bench of the Supreme court or whether it was incubated by the Philadelphia crowd for its own ultimate personal benefit, it would seem as if the governor for the sake of his own reputation should retain his present position to the end of his term, barring his removal by death or inability. There is always an element of weirdness about Pennsylvania politics but the governor of our great commonwealth should not make them more grotesque by his political antics. Let the governor consider the methods of his nomination, his promise to retain his seat, and though his act gives intense pain to some of his friends hold the chair to the end of his term and do his duty faithfully to the people who elected him. After, if the crowd which wishes to have more latitude and be subject to less restraint in the management of city affairs desires, let it nominate and elect a subsequent governor. Let the party have at least a semblance of straightforwardness in whatever direction. We feel better even when skinned in knowing that our own motives were honest.

If your home merchants can supply your desires in articles ornamental, useful or necessary it is good business policy to patronize them. Only by receiving your support can they afford to increase their lines of goods and so be better enabled to gratify your tastes and supply your wants. They have their money invested here, buy your products, help pay taxes and support the various charities and organizations in your town and why should you not reciprocate by giving them your substantial aid and so help to build up business. Those who invest their capital here, spend their money in the town, and so help to build it up should be encouraged. Outsiders have no other interest than getting all the profit they can out of your purchases. They do nothing for the town, are of no benefit in relieving you of taxes, spend no money here and so why, if you can be satisfied at home, should you go abroad and help support and enrich those who use all their efforts to build upon opposition community to the detriment of your own. It is good protective policy to patronize home industries first.

The rumor is now current that the same crowd, which has been engineering borough affairs recently, is behind the curtain in the move to raise the assessments. That there is a scheme on foot to sewer the town, and that inasmuch as the limit of bonding has been reached under the present valuation the only way to raise money for sewer purposes is to quadruple the assessed valuation. This would enable another bonding, perhaps to the amount of \$25,000. If, however, the people want the improvements it is up to them to retain the progressive party in office and then take the "scaling."

The Philadelphia Press, which supported the candidacy of Governor Pennypacker, now in common with all the papers in the state pounds him for his effort to place himself on the Supreme court bench. It reminds him that when a candidate, and it was hinted that there was something up the sleeve of those who manipulated the convention, that he to allay fears of the people promised that if elected he would serve out his term, and it now calls on him to make good the promise and not display a cloven foot.

An individual viewing a beautiful bit of landscape quoted the lines of the poet,

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever" and then rather irreverently added, "and this has got it bad." The several assessors this week have been returning the results of their labors in the way of making assessments and it is perfectly safe to say that some of them are things of beauty, whether they will be a joy forever to the taxpayers or not. It is relevant to add anyway that the county commissioners have got it bad.

It seems like a peculiar state of affairs that while men may be indicted and fined for refusing to go out and fight forest fires those who do go out cannot get pay for their work.

WANT GAME LAWS CHANGED

Sportsmen Have Begun Agitation in Favor of Deer

A number of sportsmen have drawn up the following petition, which after circulation through Monroe and Pike counties, will be forwarded to the next State Legislature:

- To the Honorable Gentlemen of the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania: 1. That there shall be no gun used to kill or assist in killing deer that propels more than one metal bullet or pellet at any one shot from a gun or any one discharge of powder. 2. That the season for killing deer, bear, rabbit, pheasant, grouse, woodcock and quail shall open at same date of same month of each year. 3. That no person or persons shall kill or assist in killing more than one deer in any one lawful season. 4. That no person shall kill or have in his possession more than twenty pheasants, grouse or woodcock, quail each, in one lawful season. 5. That there be a liberal bounty paid for each and every weasel, hawk and owl killed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be paid by the township in which said weasel, hawk and owl are killed.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Miss Mary Mettler has returned from a weeks visit with friends in New York.

Mrs. Susan Sealey is expected home from New York, where she has been for some weeks, tomorrow.

The social held last evening at the M. E. Parsonage under the auspices of the Epworth League netted \$10.05.

John A. Westbrook has been granted a license for the Park Place Hotel in Branchville, occupied by Geo. E. Horton.

James M. Bensley, Jr., bought the property of the late J. H. Boster in Delaware last Saturday at the Orphans Court sale.

Next Monday will be the shortest day in the year. From that time, according to the old proverb, as the days begin to lengthen the cold will begin to strengthen.

H. L. Davenport has his new house at Conasaugh almost completed. J. S. Motregor is now doing the painting and decorating. It is a very neat and attractive looking cottage.

Urnih McCarty and family, of Port Jervis, consisting of his wife and six children, narrowly escaped asphyxiation by coal gas from a kitchen stove last Saturday.

Mrs. Wolfe, residing on Ann St., and her two little sons were nearly suffocated last Saturday night with coal gas escaping from a stove in a room, adjoining her sleeping apartment, from which the lid had been removed.

Members of the Rebekah Lodge here enjoyed an excellent supper at the Dinwiddie House last Friday evening. The occasion being the installation of the officers. Mrs. J. O. Christiansa of Hawley, district deputy, was present.

Harry Morgan, the Dingmans stage driver is of the opinion that all men are not quite honest. Last Monday he lost from his vehicle, which was standing in J. C. B. ck's barn, a kit of mackerel and a small pail of butter. Now if this parties can get a little bread they have the necessities for a fair breakfast at some ones expense.

Silva C. Seely, who is an experienced druggist, has accepted a situation with a firm located in the Prudential building at Newark. It is one of the finest drug stores in that city, and this step upward shows that Mr. Seely, who is a son of our townman, A. T. Seely, thoroughly understands the business.

Jesse Gunn of Delaware township died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Gilbert Heater, last Friday. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was born in Sussex county N. J., about 65 years ago. He is survived by two sisters, one above named and Mrs. William Savocool of Newton, N. J., and one brother, David, of Dingmans.

Judge Searle in the Susquehanna courts has decided that a borough board of health may impose necessary expenses upon the borough in performance of its statutory duties, although it may have omitted its duty and the Act of 1893 to submit annually to the borough council an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year, or the borough council may have neglected to make an appropriation for the use of the board.

PROFIT

The matter of feed is of tremendous importance to the farmer. Wrong feeding is loss. Right feeding is profit.

The up-to-date farmer knows what to feed his cows to get the most milk, his pigs to get the most pork, his hens to get the most eggs. Science.

But how about the children? Are they fed according to science, a bone food if bones are soft and undeveloped, a flesh and muscle food if they are thin and weak and a blood food if there is anemia?

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An Ancient Foe

To health and happiness is Scrofula— as ugly as ever since time immemorial. It causes hunches in the neck, disfigures the skin, inflames the mucous membrane, wastes the muscles, weakens the bones, reduces the power of resistance to disease and the capacity for recovery, and develops into consumption.

"A hunch appeared on the left side of my neck. It caused great pain, was lanced, and became a running sore. I went into a general store, and tried to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, and when I had taken six bottles my neck was healed, and I have never had any trouble of the kind since." Mrs. K. T. Evenden, Troy, Ohio.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

will rid you of it, radically and permanently, as they have rid thousands.

Methodist Church Jottings.

(By Rev. V. A. Woon.) Subjects for Sunday, Dec. 20th: Morning, "God's choicest Gift." Evening, "God's Giving—Man's Receiving." League subject, "A Choice for Eternity."

To all members and friends of the church the pastor sends heartiest Christmas greetings. This season of festivity is celebrated in commemoration of God's love and kindness in giving to the world the best of all gifts—a Saviour. Have you received this gift? Do you love and honor the Giver? How many of us are planning to set aside a little gift for God as a token of our appreciation? Thousands of people are homeless and starving in Macedonia and many millions need the Bread of Life who have never even heard that God has supplied their need in Christ. Why not make a special offering to the Missionary cause at this time and prove our love by our gifts.

Is our church going to be decorated this year? If the work is left to two or three it will fall through. Let us plan not to be busy at the time when our help is needed at the church.

The Sunday School at Union is practicing a Christmas cantata entitled "Santa's Predicament." Their entertainment is arranged for the evening of the 23rd.

At the last Official Board meeting the question of how funds were to be raised to supply the pews with book-racks was discussed. It was finally decided to charge 10 cents a copy for the Church Calendar and Recipe Book now ready for distribution. This will hardly cover the cost of printing, but will help us get the racks which are very much needed.

I would count it a great favor if every church member would constitute himself or herself a committee of one to notify the pastor in case of sickness. It would be very unjust to censure your pastor for not calling if you fail to do your duty in this respect.

Matamoras B. B. Bridge Work on raising the New York end of the span is progressing. All piling for bents are driven and the bents are ready to receive the bridge and place it at the right level. This work will soon be completed. The piling for the coffer dam is likewise driven. The embankment between the bridge and girder bridge spanning the road, which caused the damage, will be taken out and a new span put in from the New York to the girder abutment. The girder bridge will be raised. The work is being done under the supervision of W. V. Hilliard, manager; B. Barnes, chief engineer; M. Stuckney, foreman of quarries and N. Holden, foreman of pile driving work. Passengers desiring to cross will be accommodated as little as possible and for this courtesy the people thank the company.

Hints on Giving We should not give people things they don't want. We should avoid giving anybody the mumps or the chicken-pox if we can help it. Do not give a friend the cold shoulder without baked beans and hot coffee to go with it. A man should not give a lady a kiss unless he thinks she would enjoy it, except in the case of his wife and his mother-in-law. Do not give red suspenders to a total stranger; he might prefer those of a pale blue shade instead. Do not present a bucking broncho to a tall, pale man of sedentary habits, as he would not likely live long to enjoy it.—Lippincott's Magazine.

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THE : CHRISTMAS TRADE : IN : FULL : SWING

Not many days from now to CHRISTMAS, and lots of buying to be done. The volume of business being done by this store is very satisfactory. Shows that our buying public fully appreciate the earnest effort we have made to place before you the most complete equipment of merchandise suited to the demands of the season. Not only ornamental articles, but useful things as well in all their variety and freshness. Here is a hint or two:

The Sale of Handkerchiefs We've provided for the wants of handkerchief buyers as never before. More than double the selling space. Done everything toward making choosing easy. Here are a few hints: Men's linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, 10¢ 12½, 25¢, up to 40¢, with or without initials; ladies' plain and hemstitched and embroidered on linen, 5¢ to \$1.30, with or without initials.

Christmas Book Stock The success of former Christmas book sales has encouraged us to make the finest showing of books in the store's history. All kinds of books for all kinds of people, and all priced to clean the shelves by Christmas eve. Our offerings contain all the latest copyright books, best all-round values ever given in books at 15¢ to 50¢. Pretty and moderate priced children's books, calendars, booklets.

Umbrellas, A careful study of your wants in this important item has been made. Materials of the best, handles selected with the greatest care. Prices are bound to please. You can't go astray on an umbrella as a present. Our line of men's umbrellas are especially strong at \$1 to \$4 each. Ladies umbrellas, fancy handles, 75¢ to \$4.95. Children's 75¢ to \$1.50.

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Useful Silks & Dress Goods No more acceptable gifts to wife, mother or sweetheart than a nice silk waist pattern or a silk or wool dress pattern, mercerized, wadding, velvet or corduroy. If you prefer the waist ready made from velvet, silk, flannel or mercerized material, they are here. A nice comfortable wrapper or dressing sacque, flannel or saten petticoat are appreciated presents.

Gloves for Old and Young About as good a Christmas gift as one can make is a pair of gloves for either man, woman or child. For the ladies we have a \$1 glove that is a marvel.

Come Early Take our advice and visit the store now. Stocks are at their best. Don't put off shopping until the last moment.

Men's Things for Christmas The men folks have been amply provided for. Things useful, things ornamental, all gotten up with an eye single to their adaptability for gifts.

These we can only hint at, but you'll find the inspection of them profitable, and the buying more profitable still. Handkerchief, necktie and glove boxes, work boxes, stamp boxes, card boxes, clocks, vases, frames, mirrors, single and triplicate; shaving mirrors, trays, smokers' sets, paper weights, ink bottles, burnt leather goods, such as address books, calling books, books for kodak snapshots, tobacco pouches, magazine and book covers; pictures, perfumes, fancy soaps, toilet waters, handbags, jewelry, combs and brushes, gloves in endless variety.

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