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FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 1, 1916.

## WHERE IS THE WAILING POST?

All this talk about reorganizing the Republican party will simmer down presently to a demand upon Hiram Johnson of California, one of the few live Republicans now in sight, to explain how he happened to have a plurality of 269,817 in a state that gave President Wilson 3,773 more votes than were cast for Mr. Hughes.—New York World.

SOON or late all questions of practical politics are reduced to a statistical basis and settled on their merits in a cold-blooded manner. But if Hiram Johnson, who has shown uncommon ability to take care of himself, is facing an uncomfortable ordeal, what must be in prospect for National Committeeman Watson and those West Virginia Democrats who entertain hopes of favors at the hands of the administration when the President and Democratic National Chairman Vance C. McCormick get around to the point of checking up results in this state?

Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. McCormick are accomplished practical politicians who can see as far through a ladder as any one. There may be some important exceptions, due purely to personal considerations, but it looks right now like four desperately lean years, right in the midst of general plenty, for the West Virginia Democrats.

## THE COST OF FALSE PRIDE.

VILLA'S victory at Chihuahua, which is reported in the latest dispatches from Mexico, means that a situation fraught with great danger for the de facto government of the southern republic now exists. Villa, if the preliminary reports are correct, is now in control of not only the richest city in northern Mexico, but all the railroad and telegraph lines throughout a large section of country. In the circumstances it will take little more than a push to overthrow the existing government.

For this state of affairs, so prejudicial to his ambitions, Carranza may thank the false pride which impelled him to limit the operations of the American expeditionary force which, after the raid on Columbus, was sent into Mexico with instructions to capture or kill Villa.

## SOMETHING NEW IN SOCIOLOGY.

THE amateur sociologists who several years ago set the country by the ears trying to prove that chastity in American women is a mere matter of dollars, to be regulated at will by the establishment of minimum wage scales, and all those amiable folks who believe there is an explanation more or less exculpatory for any condition of human delinquency, are invited to contemplate the discovery of Pittsburgh organized charity workers that prosperity produces excessive drinking and increases the number of cases of wife desertion.

We have always had a theory that drinking of the kind that wrecks families and makes loafers out of men is merely a manifestation of male coarseness, but as this idea does

not square very well with the doctrine so ably advanced by more or less eminent sociologists that drunkenness is a disease due to inability of wives to fry potatoes in exactly the right manner, we have never insisted upon it.

Perhaps it was just as well that we did not, for if the Pittsburgh experience is worth anything, as a contribution to the sum of knowledge the real explanation for these things must be sought in the reactions of economic instead of gastronomic laws. It is a poor rule that will not work both ways. So if it is true that Lizzie Ribbons cannot remain good unless she gets two dollars per week above the actual cost of living so that she may take in the movies regularly and go to an occasional dance, why shouldn't it be that John Doe will fall from grace if he gets too much money?

And if we must forgive Lizzie because she has no minimum wage law to protect her, where does John stand when—really, now, isn't life just too complicated for anything?

## NEW ANSWER TO CLASSIC QUESTION.

It was Tammany Boss William M. Tweed, of New York, whose attitude made an American classic of the question, "What are you going to do about it?" Tweed died in prison. What the public did about it in his case should have been a warning, but there are almost daily incidents to prove that it was not.

As a matter of fact the temptation to regard the world as an oyster to be opened not, perhaps, with a sword, but with strange hold or some other undue advantage is one that makes a powerful appeal to most of us, and every once in a while some one joins Tweed in the hall of infamy because of it. Wetz, the so called Chicago Egg King, is the latest.

The reply of the public to his insolent attitude is—absolutely nothing. But that is enough. It is going to cost the Wetzkes of the nation millions.

It was a great crowd and a mighty interesting game, and as the Weather Man came across with the right brand of weather at the last minute, the combination made for a great occasion.

Judging by the news from police headquarters, however, our hospitality was not discriminating enough. Next year the employment of two or three detectives from Cincinnati or Chicago who know all the pickpockets in the country will have to be a part of the routine preparations for the game. Policemen in towns the size of Fairmont are not to be expected to spot the light fingered gentry among a crowd of six or eight thousand strangers, but that very thing is part of the regular duty of some of the detectives of every large city, and by the aid of complete rogues' galleries and inspection of those caught in the daily police round up they keep trained to the minute.

The Public Health Council has joined the West Virginia Charities and Corrections Conference in urging that the next session of the legislature take steps to put this state on an equality with the other progressive commonwealths with regard to the registration of vital statistics. Both of these bodies speak from expert knowledge of the situation and the law makers should have no hesitancy in granting their request.

It is reported that a bill marshalling the civil population of the Empire in active cooperation with the military and naval forces has been introduced in the Reichstag. Evidently watchful waiting is to be given a trial in Europe.

## November Circulation

The circulation of The West Virginian for the month of November, 1916, was as follows:

1	5,835	16	5,442
2	6,040	17	5,482
3	5,894	18	5,516
4	5,850	19	Sunday
5	Sunday	20	5,365
6	5,735	21	5,421
7	6,242	22	5,426
8	7,544	23	5,430
9	6,885	24	5,416
10	6,130	25	5,455
11	5,800	26	Sunday
12	Sunday	27	5,430
13	5,502	28	5,412
14	5,482	29	5,450
15	5,890		

Total for 25 days .....144,104

Daily Average for November 5,764 Copies

Daily Average for October .5,485 Copies

Practically all of this circulation went into Fairmont and Marion County homes, the natural field for the Fairmont merchant.

## HOULT

Theodore McElfresh has been seriously sick for several days. A small child of Jack Inners is very sick.

Grace, small child of W. F. Hoult, is very ill and pneumonia is feared. Born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Hoult, a boy.

Jesse Bowman, who works at the round house was painfully burned by gas Tuesday night while manipulating a lighting machine for starting fires in locomotives with a combination of gas and compressed air. His injuries were dressed at the Miners' hospital.

Clarence Bowman has taken a position with the Bell Telephone company at Fairmont.

Mrs. Sarah Watkins, of Fairmont, is a guest of Mrs. Dora L. Hoult. The citizens of Hoult gave a donation party last night for the benefit of A. G. Marks, janitor of the church in which many good things to eat were brought. The arrangements were under the auspices of Social Service department of Epworth league.

Mrs. Clint Lawrence is visiting her parents in Pittsburgh. James and Lewis McElfresh, of Adamstown, are visiting their grandparents here.

## CLERKS TARDY IN REPORTS

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 1.—Nineteen county clerks in West Virginia have failed to certify to the Secretary of State the returns of the recent general election in their respective counties. As in former years many of the clerks are delinquent in this connection so that the attaches in the offices of the Secretary say, and it may be that at least threats of mandamus proceedings will be made before all the returns are reported.

## DOMESTIC HELP IN DEMAND

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 1.—Domestic help is in strong demand throughout West Virginia, is the report of Miss Eva Hughes, in charge of the new Federal employment bureau here. "But," declares Miss Hughes, "most of the applicants for employment do not care for that kind of work. They all wish to be stenographers or occupy clerical positions. The demand for domestics cannot be filled by this bureau unless those seeking such work can be found later."

## RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

It's all over now and the chicken which we ate instead of turkey when the turkey ran out is all sticking in our neck.

Awful bunch at the football game but the same old bunch of follow after dips was along.

And though we lost no pocketbook we ought to say we did for that would make people think that we can live even when our pocketbook's gone.

In the first place we never needed a pocketbook.

Eckersall says Varsity is best in the South. Thanks Waiter.

And what chance, speaking of yesterday which was a big day in this village, has a duck who orders a 25-cent breakfast at 11 o'clock when dinner has started?

The mighty Calac—Nuff sod.

After Thanksgiving day what in the world is there to be thankful for but that pepsin was discovered?

"Yes," said Kate, the cloak model, "I can play football, all there is to do is to fall in front of somebody with the ball."

Local hotels were full yesterday. And most of the occupants.

Somebody next door is working awfully hard for the job of handling the publicity of the West Virginia University team.

The man for that job next year is no other than Ward Lanham who knows more football than many hundreds of writers now.

And who has a reputation for having his head on his shoulders with lots of coaches and football publicity men do not have.

It was Lanham who made scholastic football in this state and as they need a man at Morgantown they ought to use him.

"Fair Fanette Pulled Hard for Wesleyan."

So did several hundred fair fans—

But the score at the end of the game stood 64 to 7 with Wesleyan hanging behind.

It's a sin to say so but the city's flags were all stolen from the poles along Main street Wednesday night.

Which is to be charged up against "experience" and looked over next year when decorating starts.

## Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

### TWO FORMS OF PROTECTION

From the Doylestown Intelligencer. In the latter days of the recent political campaign much publicity was given by the Democrats to the fact that Thomas A. Edison and Henry Ford were supporting the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson for re-election, and, to some extent, the effect of this offset by the Republicans who commented upon the special Protection Edison and Ford enjoy under the patent laws of the nation. The argument of the Republicans was that since Edison and Ford were the beneficiaries of Protection under the patent laws, they could not consistently oppose a policy of Protection under tariff laws.

In fact, it was argued, with force, that since patent laws protect the inventor from the competition of his fellow Americans, as well as of foreigners, while the tariff laws merely

### Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

And We Might Add, As Well, Buy Sensible Practical Gifts

More and more sensible gifts are being bought every year and in addition to this, people have been doing their Christmas shopping earlier year after year. Those who buy early avoid the last minute rush, avoid the uncertainty of what they are going to get—and possible disappointment. What is more, they are in a position to enjoy the days before Christmas just as they want to enjoy them and when Christmas day comes 'round the pleasure of giving is increased a hundred fold. Do your Christmas shopping early and buy sensible, practical gifts.

### TOYLAND JOYLAND

Are You Thinking of Buying a Toy for a Boy?

If so, just glance through this list and check off just what items you are interested in. Every item here has been selected because it will appeal particularly to some boy ranging in age from 2 to 19 years. It's a toy for a boy that you want, go over this list carefully:

- American model builder
- Tinker Toy WONDER BUILDER.
- Drums, all sizes, at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.
- Mechanical Trains, \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3.00.
- Empire Express 25c.
- Tool Box Outfits, 85c, \$1.00, \$2.00.
- Violins, 65c.
- Banjos, 25c.
- Wooden Auto Racer, \$1.00.

**A Nice Unbreakable Doll for \$1.00**

Those who want to get the most practical doll they can at a dollar will be much interested in this line of dolls. They have pretty faces, are nicely dressed and come in a great range of types and costumes. Those who dislike dressing dolls will find these dolls just the thing wanted in sizes and attractiveness.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE PROPOSED BOND ISSUE. FAIRMONT, Nov. 27.—(Editor The West Virginian.)—As the time to vote on the question of bonding the city of Fairmont for \$760,000 approaches many of the best citizens of the city are very much interested in the outcome. It is true that we are in need at the present time of a good, substantial bridge across Coal run and at some time in the future we will doubtless have to have another structure across the Monongahela river, but if our recent experience with the road bond issues count for anything it would be the height of folly for the taxpayers of the city at this time to authorize the sale of such bonds and the expenditure of such vast sums of money by almost the same parties who had the sale of the bonds of recent issues and the expenditures of such vast sums of money upon the public roads.

Before the bond issue for the good roads was submitted to a vote we were told that \$350,000 would be needed for the proposed paving. When the proposition was submitted to a vote \$100,000 was asked for instead of the proposed \$350,000. After this bond issue was authorized in Fairmont legislative district in an election where perhaps ALL election officials were in favor of the proposed bond issue the bonds were not sold in Marion county or even in the state of West Virginia, but were disposed of in a "shady" transaction in another state. The money obtained by the sale of the said bonds was not expended by home contractors but was turned over to a firm from North Carolina who brought a number of southern negroes

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

AN EVERETT FULL OF CIGARS. THANKS, I DON'T CARE IF I DO—

TOO STINGY TO BUY HIS OWN.

I DO!!!

### How Appendicitis Can Be Prevented

Fairmont people should know that a few doses of simple backhorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka, often relieve or prevent appendicitis. The simple mixture removes such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. Adler-ka has castles and most thorough action of anything we ever sold. Martin's Drug Store.

### Something Important

The matter of accumulating funds for the time when one's earning capacity begins to wane and finally ceases should be a matter for serious consideration to everyone.

The sure and sane way to provide against that time is by saving a part of your income and depositing it in bank on interest. The Peoples National Bank offers you its facilities and safety for your funds.

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If you suffer from headache or neuralgia it will cost you only 5c to buy one of the best remedies on the market. Don't judge the quality by the low price. "Celery-Mist" is equal if not superior to the highest priced remedies. It is sold at all stores in the United States. One trial will convince you of its merits.

### Select Gifts Now

Everybody gives gifts, everybody has to buy gifts. The early buyers get the best selection and the goods are newer, and assortments are bigger. They are the people who get the greatest satisfaction out of gift-giving—those who buy early.

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