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Ten Pages.—The NEWS is gratified at the increased appreciation of its advertising columns. Its circulation is greater to-day than ever before and this fact is sufficient to warrant every advertiser to make use of same. Two extra pages are added to-day containing live local items and newsy ads.

IT now looks as if Latrobe will be the nominee for Mayor on the Democratic ticket and that Wm. D. Platt will be his opponent. Col. Hadaway well suggests that the nominee for President go to Methuselah, "and we may be happy yet, you bet."

TYPHOID FEVER claimed its seventeenth victim at Ithica, N. Y., Monday. The mortality, it is hoped, has reached its height, but the fever has entered Cornell University, where there have been 60 cases, and 6 of the 17 deaths were those of students.

A WOMAN in New Jersey is suing her husband for divorce because he is lazy. This is a dangerous precedent, and certainly the poor man will fly to the doctors to prove that it is a disease he has and not a fault. Some one has said that such a plea, once allowed, might disrupt one-half the homes in the Union.

HON. W. J. BRYAN lectured in Baltimore Tuesday night and was entertained at a banquet at the Eutaw House. With all his faults, he is honored and respected by a large class of people. He is above all things else an honest man—honest in his convictions and forcible in his expression of same.

AN eccentric millionaire gave a reception and banquet to nearly 100 widows at Syracuse, N. Y., Tuesday evening, he being the only man present, on his 82d birthday. It seems to us that the old gentleman was somewhat selfish in wanting *all* the widows to himself. He might have allowed a few of his *trusted* friends to enjoy the occasion.

THE Senatorial deadlock in Delaware still continues. The proposition from the Regulars to the Union Republicans, on Friday, for each faction to select one man, neither of whom should be Addicks, was rejected. Unless the Democrats and Regulars should again take up the question of a compromise, it looks as if the deadlock will continue until the end of the session

Mr. Addicks issued a statement on Monday entitled "The Senatorial Situation," which is summed up in the following:

"No dictation will be permitted by the Union Republicans.

"No man who refused to vote for J. Edward Addicks in the Legislature will be allowed to hold any office in Delaware.

"Congessman Ball cannot get any Federal appointments. After March 4, according to custom, these appointments ought to go to the chairman of the Union Republican State Committee, J. Frank Allee, and the National Committeeman, J. Edward Addicks.

"Straight Union Republican tickets will be nominated throughout the State."

THE question of large families is occupying the attention of the public writers today. President Roosevelt has written a letter favoring large families while Archbishop Harley and other learned men say that large families are blessings. Is this view correct? One whose experiences is more ripened than ours well says that it is easy for a man born to fortune and distinguished social position to advise people to marry and rear large families, but quite another proposition to the earner of small wages. It would be sinful for any man, even though he be President of the United States, to encourage a poor man and woman to unite their poverty and start on a child-raising career. The truth is, there are more marriages and more children born into the world than are conducive to the comfort and happiness of the masses. To be sure, it is a pleasant thing for the capitalist and taskmaster to have an overstocked labor market to turn to when they need labor. It is much easier to make terms with hungry people than with the sufficiently, not to say well, fed.

It is estimated that there are 1,000,000 people seeking work in the United States, and yet Mr. Roosevelt would advise an augmentation of this unhappy legion. After all, what does rapid increase of population mean? This, and nothing more, the hastening of the day when every scrap of land is taken, every niche filled and nearly every opportunity pre-empted. Look at Belgium, Saxony, and, indeed, at Europe generally, and witness the Utopian condition looked forward to by Mr. Roosevelt with so much pleasure.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS were held in Philadelphia and Pittsburg on Wednesday, and of course the bosses' choice were ratified. These two big cities are being plundered for the benefit of a few base politicians as is no other place in the country. The nominations are made without a contest, and the local bosses stuff enough votes into the box to make a *respectable* showing. They even name a poodle dog and vote him. The people of these cities are bound hard and fast and are looking despairingly to Quay and Ashbridge for relief. Maryland is a land of freedom, to which our neighbors look with jealous eye. We haye thrown off the chains that bound us and advise Philadelphia citizens to do likewise. The Democrats in these cities would also do well to do some weeding out. It is said that many so called Democrats are but an annex to the Republican machine.

THE Anthracite Strike Commission have about finished their labors and will report to the President in a few months. The essential features of the award are said to be contained in these propositions. The miners will be awarded a general increase of wages amounting to 10 per cent. throughout the region. Concessions and adjustments are to be made at each colliery to meet this stipulation. A workday of nine hours will be made obligatory, the mine-workers being especially directed to develop sufficient intensity of labor to keep the output of coal up to the present standard. Coal must be weighed wherever practicable, and all new collieries shall be opened with the understanding that the miners shall be paid by weight

ROADS IN KENT COUNTY.

A Diversity of Opinion as to the Number of Miles in the County.

We have been making an effort this week to ascertain the number of miles of roads in Kent county and the answers to our query have been really interesting.

Mr. Theodore Jewell, clerk to the board of County Commissioners, said he thought their were about 500 miles of roads and after consulting the board reduced his figures fifty miles.

Clerk James T. Dixon and Officer Cooper thought there were at least 1,000 miles, while Deputy Register Ford guessed at 3,000 miles.

State's Attorney Urie thought there were between two and three thousand while many others agreed with him. Mr. Urie later revised this estimate to about 400.

Attorney S. P. Townshend estimated the count at 800 or 1,000.

Mr. George B. McWhorter, who knows every road in the county, was asked the question and replied that it depended on the condition. "When they are muddy," said he, "they are four times as long as when good."

Justice Melvin calculates three main lines the whole length of county making 120 miles, then one cross road for every mile, estimating the average width of county eight miles, would make 440 miles. Mr. Alday Clements thinks this calculation about right.

Mr. Thomas W. and Wilbur Eliason were asked by the NEWS man to give an estimate and they have carefully measured the roads as laid down on the map of 1884 and find the total to be 304 miles.

Kent county has an area of 315 square miles of road.

Marion deK. Smith, Esq., does not think there are over 300 miles.

Messrs. Garrett Foxwell and Adam F. Huey thought there were from 800 to 1,000 miles of roads in the county, but had never given the matter any thought.

The roads and bridges of Kent county cost the taxpayers last year $21,000.

The Cecil Democrat has the following to say concerning the roads in that county:

"It is conceded that the public roads of Cecil county are not in a satisfactory condition. It is also equally clear that if the roads are not good, it is not for lack of mony spent upon them. The official records show that the Roads and Bridges of Cecil county have cost the taxpayers during the past four years the following amounts:

In 1902	$46,610.69
In 1901	23,142.56
In 1900	43,124.50
In 1899	44,410.26
Total in four years	$157,288.01

There are about seven hundred miles of roads in Cecil county and these figures mean an average expenditure per mile of about $224 during the past four years. Does any taxpayer think the condition of our roads and bridges show the expenditure of any such sum of money?"

New Telegraph Line.—As a result of the war now being waged between the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Western Union Telegraph Company, the railroad is busily engaged in building its own telegraph lines, extending to one end of the peninsula to the other, and also being erected along all of the branch roads that connect with the main line. A force of linemen are now working between Townsend and Massey. The result of this war will be two lines. The Western Union will have offices in every town so patrons can take choice of lines.

THE steamer Gratitude has replaced the B. S. Ford on the Rock Hall route after being completely overhauled and put in first-class condition.

Public Sale

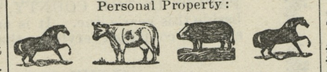
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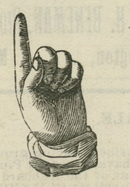
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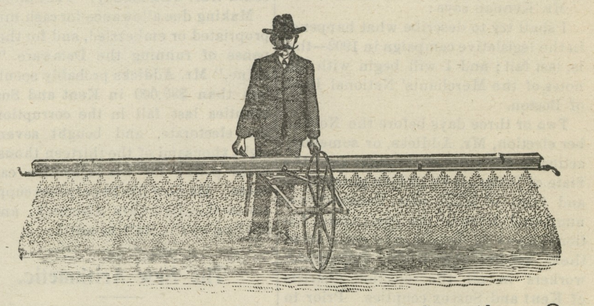
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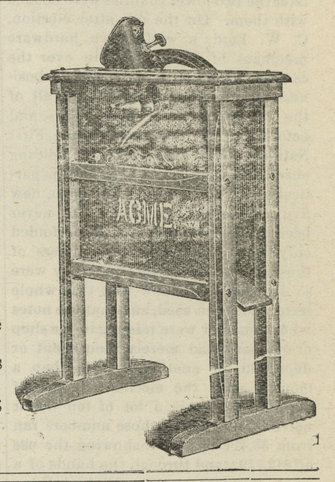
Grass Seed Sowers.



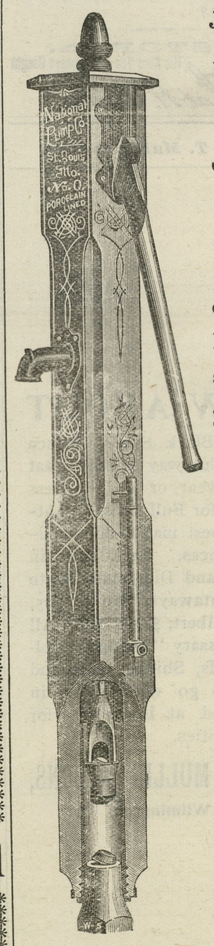
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