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CONSERVATION A WELCOME CONSUMPTION.

Lake county is represented at the meeting of the Conservation League at Indianapolis this week by E. W. Wickey of East Chicago, who was appointed by the governor on Friday. The league was the result of the meeting of state governors held last spring at the White House. Headquarters has been established in Chicago and the league did some fine hustling prior to the last election. More than two hundred and fifty congressmen signed pledges to support measures for the conservation of the nation's resources. Among this number was Congressman Crumpacker of this district. Nearly seven hundred candidates for election to state assemblies also signed the league's pledges. All this will help materially toward educating the public on this important matter. While we all know something of the value of conserving our national resources, there is still a great apathy which must be overcome and it looks as though the league had gone about this tremendous task in the proper fashion.

It is not surprising that the desirability, or rather the imperative necessity of conserving the nation's resources should not be generally realized. How many people appreciate the wisdom of conserving their own interests against a future need? Providence, whether public or private, has not been a national virtue and those engaged in this propaganda have an arduous task on hand. It is pleasant to have so much reason for believing that it will be duly accomplished, lest the people of America suffer not for their wastefulness.

APPRECIABLE INCREASE IN ADVERTISING.

The increase in the amount of advertising carried in the Times from the cities of the Calumet region in spite of its higher rates for space, is a striking fact for the business man to consider in placing his contracts. It will be well for the small advertiser to remember that when merchants contract with the Times for thousands of inches, compelling the expenditure of a large amount of money on their part, the value of the Times as an advertising medium is thus proven. The business man in the Calumet region is beginning to realize the need of advertising in a paper which, together with steam and electricity, has done more to knit the cities together than almost else. The Times has made a community of interests in Hammond, East Chicago, Gary, Indiana Harbor, Whiting and Tolleston. The people of these cities take the Times because it gives them the news of the other cities in the region as well as their own. People take the Times to read it and if business men want to reach this intelligent class of trade, if they want to keep them out of Chicago to trade at home, it will be profitable to advertise in its columns. Advertising in any paper is good advertising but advertising in the Times is the best, simply try it.

FRUITS OF THE BANK GUARANTEE.

From news that comes from Oklahoma it is learned that the state has been flooded with fly-by-night banks. Since the state guarantee plan went into operation last January more than fifty new banks have opened their doors and the majority of them are operated by unexperienced and incompetent bankers.

Oklahoma has already traveled far enough on the blind path to know that bank failures still can occur and that disposes of the theory that depositors never more will make a run for their money.

What other lessons are to be learned cannot surely be foretold but the symptoms indicate that serious ones are forthcoming. It will be the part of prudence of the people of other states to stand by and wait until the returns are all in before adopting the Oklahoma plan. Even if it is successful there when fully tried out, there will be amendments in plenty; and it will be time enough after all this for the country at large to follow suit.

SOCIALIST VOTE A DISAPPOINTMENT.

But little has been heard of the socialist vote at the recent election when so much was expected. The fact that the party made such a poor showing is now giving rise to considerable comment. One Eastern editor says:

"The results of the election blight socialist hopes in many ways. The party has suffered a staggering blow. Such organizations must grow or wither. If they cease to gain they lose. They cannot stand still. Hope is their life and the promise of speedy results is the motive power of their campaigns. When the members of a radical party find its strength slipping away they are prone to look for some other source for the gratification of their longings for revolutionary changes. For these reasons the socialists will recover slowly, if at all, from the blow which has fallen upon them. It is quite possible that their party, young and small as it is, has already passed its highest point of development as a political force and cast its heaviest vote."

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"Don't talk, sneeze, whistle, blow, cough or breathe into baby's face, we want him to live."

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**Heart to Heart
Talks.**

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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A MODERN HEROINE.

When one essay to tell the story of Mrs. Rook, the heroine of the New Mexico flood, one feels much as the old school poets must have felt when in their opening stanzas they prayed the muse to help them.

But the story deserves a wider telling than has been given it.

It is a thoroughly modern happening—a telephone tale—and has no parallel in literature or real life.

Mrs. Sallie Rook was the toll operator at the long distance exchange at Folsom, N. M., the valley town that recently was swept away by the flood.

As operator she got the first tidings of the approaching waters.

Mrs. Rook had time to escape after warning the people of Folsom, all of whom escaped up the hillsides. Her rail wooden station stood directly in the path of the flood.

But—

In the valley below were scores of families—subscribers of her company. It was night, and men, women and children there in the lowlands were asleep.

Alone the brave woman sat by her wire, calling up the hamlets and farmhouses. Scores of families fled to the hilltops, warned by the telephone.

Mrs. Rook had called nearly all the numbers on the switchboard when the menacing roar of the flood was heard above. There was yet time to get away. But the operator would not leave her post of duty and danger until the last subscriber was warned.

And then—

The wall of angry waters twisted the little telephone station into kindling wood. The next day down in the canyon many miles away the body of the little woman was found wedged between the rocks. Somehow the waters had been kind, and the body was not mutilated or the face marred.

And—

Here, too, was her operator's headpiece with a twisted strand of wire pressing into her wet hair, mute witness of her last kind occupation!

And these things should be told of her for a memorial. Because—

She died for strangers, doing what she did without applause, and as though it were her daily task to choose between death and duty. Because—

The story of her quiet heroism reveals one's faith in the high calling of the race. It justifies the creation of men and women. It reveals the nearness of that spirit place—from which the veil thinly separates—where there is no more struggle between love and death.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

November 19.

1794—Jay's treaty between the United States and Great Britain signed.

1805—Ferdinand de Lesseps, builder of the Suez canal, born. Died Dec. 7, 1894.

1854—Domingo Elias gave battle to the Peruvian general Moran.

1864—Sarah Jane Smith, 16 years old, a Confederate spy, sentenced to death at St. Louis.

1867—Charles Dickens arrived in Boston.

1868—New England Woman Suffrage association organized with Julia Ward Howe as president.

1873—"Boss" Tweed convicted of defrauding the city treasury of New York.

1891—William J. Florence, celebrated actor, died in Philadelphia. Born in Albany, N. Y., July 26, 1831.

1898—General Don Carlos Buell died. Born March 23, 1818.

1899—Twenty thousand British troops gather at Cape Town.

THIS IS MY 55TH BIRTHDAY.

Ralph Peters.

Ralph Peters, president and general manager of the Long Island Railroad and one of the best known railroad officials in the United States, was born in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 19, 1853. Since his graduation from the University of Georgia at the age of 20, his entire career has been identified with the railroad business. He first became secretary to Samuel M. Felton, a prominent railroad man of his time, and in that position he obtained an inside knowledge of the executive end of the railroad business. After leaving this position, Mr. Peters was for several years engaged in the street railway business and for a time was superintendent of the street railways in Atlanta. He then became identified with the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis railroad and later was appointed superintendent of the western division of the Colorado, Chicago & Indiana road. In 1885 he was employed by the New York and Newark Bridge company. His next move was to the Cincinnati, Georgetown & Portsmouth railroad, of which he became vice president. In 1895 he was called to the presidency of the Long Island railroad.

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UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA

MONEY FOR HOGS; NOT MEN.

Dr. Susan Fisher Rose of Port Huron, Mich., chairman of the committee on tuberculosis, in an address before the National Woman's Council at Union City, today declared the government spends more money for the suppression of hog cholera and blight on fruit trees than it does to combat the white plague.

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