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ON THE RIGHT TRACK. CITY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR is on the right track in his declaration that progress will be made more rapidly by careful action.

His announced policy of retaining Warren H. Manning, the landscape architect who has been the consulting expert from the inception of the park movement, will be approved by all good citizens.

Mr. Taylor could not have done anything that would more highly commend him or more firmly install him as an official in the confidence of the people.

Harrisburg has reason to be proud of its parks and the authorization of a further loan of \$100,000 to complete the park system is the best evidence of the general interest of the people in their outdoor recreation places.

It is also encouraging to observe in Mr. Taylor's attitude a disposition to bring to the discharge of his duties conservative thought and action. He proposes to move slowly in the making of changes so that there may be no reasonable criticism on the score of undue haste.

Economy, consistent with the best results, is to be practiced by the members of the City Commission, and while they believe that a nonpartisan government does not necessarily mean the retention in office of all officials and subordinates of a previous administration, they are obviously of the opinion that removals should be made only for the good of the service.

After all, the people of Harrisburg are going to judge the Commission on the results rather than upon unimportant changes of employes in one department or another.

It is a curious fact, often noted, that skating does not have nearly so great attraction for the small boy after the ice has become thick enough to hold him safely.

THE THRIFTIEST CITY. THE Chamber of Commerce of Oil City, through its secretary, Ira L. Wales, asserts that municipalities in the thriftest city in the United States. He challenges the American Society for Thrift to produce a more prosperous community.

Mr. Wales bases his challenge on figures and quotes them. The per capita deposits of the banks of Oil City amount to \$548. This figure he obtained by dividing the figures representing the total deposits of the banks by figures representing the total population of the town.

With a population of 16,000, one bank alone had a total Christmas saving fund of \$138,000. We imagine that Chicago or New York, with all their boasted prosperity, would have some difficulty in showing anything like such material well being of the masses of their population as is evident from these figures.

"There are 750,000 people in New York who are not married," says an exchange. And fully that number who are who ought not to be.

log, marking a favorite variety here, noting a new strain there and seeing in his mind's eye his flower bed or his rows of vegetables as they will look in the luxuriant development of mid-June.

But let no ardent beginner pin his faith to the promises of the catalogues. The authors of these splendidly optimistic publications are experts in their lines and the pictures they present and the possibilities they outline are the results of years of experience and the very best that their poultry farms or their gardens produce.

Think not that there is any royal route to the profitable hen or the productive garden. Hard work and discouragement there are a plenty, and rewards, too, for the intelligent and the persistent, but only failure for the man who thinks that his responsibility ends with the setting of the hen or the planting of the seeds.

A CENTURY OF SERVICE. WE, as a city, are beginning to take on the dignity of years. To-night the Hope Fire Company will conclude a century of service to the community and will very properly celebrate the event with jubilation and good fellowship.

With municipal organizations passing into the second century of their history Harrisburg may begin to cherish traditions and look back with some pride upon the antiquity of its institutions.

The Hope company itself has numbered among its members many of the most distinguished men of the city. We look with a smile of kindly humor over the records of the company, to where S. Weir Forney, an editor of earlier days, was fined for not "running with the machine."

Through it all it is remarkable to note that the organization of the Hope company has been maintained with scarcely a break and that it is doing as effectively to-day the work it was formed to do as it did a century ago.

The family of a Wilkes-Barre man, killed by a cough, threatened to sue the maker of the remedy. But it did stop the cough, didn't it?

THE FUTURE BRIGHTENS. THERE is no marked enthusiasm in business circles at the opening of the year, but among all thoughtful businessmen there is a disposition to regard the future with conservative optimism.

Reports from all sections of the country indicate that manufacturers are inclined to look upon the next few months as presenting a more hopeful situation than was the case during the last half of the year.

Getting rid of the tariff and currency uncertainties has, in a measure, relieved the situation of the elements of doubt which surrounded business and commercial activities during the past few months. It is believed more elastic conditions in the financial world will have a tendency to strengthen the business situation and encourage greater activity in industrial circles.

Radicalism is disappearing somewhat from the political horizon, and there is less ambition on the part of those who have exploited business for political reasons to pursue that line of policy.

Altogether the nation is preparing to go ahead, and even the political and industrial unrest will not altogether hinder the development which is inevitable in a country with the tremendous resources of the United States.

\$1,000 FOR A HUSBAND. WE suggest that it might be well for Miss Mary Chandler, who is considering the purchase of the husband of Mrs. Agnes Evelyn Jones Bedell, of Boston, for \$1,000, to make sure she is getting her money's worth before she buys.

Mrs. Bedell insists that her husband is worth \$1,000 and Mr. Bedell modestly admits it, gallantly adding that a woman is worth twice as much as a man, and blonde women worth one-third more than brunettes.

It would be a pity to split a household that agrees so perfectly upon such a prime essential of married life as the worth of a husband. Likewise, when in the fullness of time the necessity arises for employing an alienist to pass upon the qualifications of one or the other for admission to an asylum for the mentally deficient, a considerable sum of money might be saved by hiring the same physician to examine both at the same visit.

The Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader says that city is in danger of a coal famine, speaking of carrying coals to New Castle.

Evening Chat

One only commences to realize how many corporations have their homes in Harrisburg and how widespread are their activities in times when papers are filed at the State Capitol certifying to increases in stock or debt or other corporate matters.

Scores of such papers have been put on record in the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the data indicates that this city is the official business place of scores of water, gas, electric, traction and manufacturing companies.

It is estimated by men who are prominent in financial affairs that over fifty water companies have their home here and that they are engaged in business in a score of counties. The same is true in a lesser sense of gas companies and they are conducted in probably a dozen counties.

This city is the directing point of several railroad, trolley and lumber corporations considerably removed from Dauphin county. The above has reference only to corporations doing business within Pennsylvania. There are scores which have enterprises throughout the United States and even in Canada and Mexico which have offices in this city.

Harrisburg capital is not inclined to be idle and apparently likes to work in distant places as well as at home.

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, the secretary of the Game Commission, is of the opinion that some of the arms of the law throughout the State are either stiff in the joints or else that they are not being worked as hard as they might be.

The doctor's investigations, which never fail to bring out in many places constables have not arrested people for violations of the game laws and that some indiscriminate shooting during the season cleaned out useful birds. The commissioner has just sent a letter to the judges calling their attention to this laxity on the part of the officers, and requesting that they be brought up to date and either be made to enforce the law or be penalized for indifference or worse.

Friends of H. E. Bodine, formerly with the State Bureau of Industrial Statistics and well known to many Harrisburgers, were congratulating him yesterday when he was in the city on his selection to be secretary of the commercial bodies at Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Bodine came here some years ago from Topeka, Kan. and attracted attention in this city by his made of Pennsylvania cities and boroughs under direction of Chief John R. Rocky. He was made secretary of the commercial organization of Clearfield, Pa. He will have a large office in North Carolina, where he will take up his work at once.

The Brelsford Packing and Storage Company is helping along a mighty good work which was started in Chicago by the Swift Packing Company and which, when it comes to think about it is not only a matter of humanity but on common sense as well.

The slogan is "Throw away that stock drover" and it is held to be the stock drover who handles cattle with clubs, poles, forks and other articles which come to hand and which men who are in charge of dumb beasts are all too prone to use. Now, adays we go after the man who beats a horse or stones a dog, but it has probably not occurred to the average man that when a drover pounds a cow with a club that he is not only causing needless suffering, in many cases, but injuring our meat supply as well.

The banquets of the Hope Fire Company in celebration of its centennial to-night has attracted much attention from the firemen of other cities and officers of the company to-day received congratulations from a number of organizations in the central section. The Hope has been host to so many firemen in their visits to this city that the people who have enjoyed its hospitality are taking note of the fact.

S. E. Eichelberger, of the staff of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, was here to-day to cover the meeting of the Public Service Commission. Mr. Eichelberger has been a legislative correspondent for the Bulletin for several sessions, and during the Capitol furnishing investigation by the Legislature covered that important work for the Philadelphia Telegraph.

LAMENT OF THE DEMOCRACY. By Wing Dingler. What's that rumbling 'neath the surface? Of the Democratic horde? 'Tis the noise of disapproval Of the clerk on their Poor Board.

"We got out the votes essential Last election so we'd win. Now a blooming Socialistic 'Chap as clerk comes sneaking in.

"All this talk about a system That will be nonpartisan Is O. K. with other parties. But it shouldn't wreck our plan."

But a slight misunderstanding Is the cause of this discord. I transferred him from MY paper. To not YOUR but to MY Board.

GOOD NEWS IS TALKED OF FOR SENATOR, TOO

William Abbot Witman, the Reading Baseball Man, Also Figures in Gossip

PALMER IS MUCH WORRIED. Believes That His Daring Is in Washington and on Capitol Hill

Announcement to-day that friends of James Gay Gordon, former judge and one of the prominent figures in the Democracy of Pennsylvania when some of the present bosses were wearing kilts, were putting him forward as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate caused a flutter among Democrats here, who, the Judge has always been strong and where mere verification of his candidacy would cause men to take off their coats and work for him.

Judge Gordon was being used in the anti-reorganization people for chairman of the State convention in 1912 and took his defeat like a man. He fought Colonel J. M. Guffey tooth and nail when some of the present bosses were glad to follow in the colonel's train.

The Judge said in Philadelphia last night that he had not heard of his boom, but did not say he would not run.

The name of William Abbot Witman, a baseball promoter, is being used in connection with the senatorial nomination. This, however, is not taken seriously, but as more of a blind bid to attract attention to Palmer and to head off any demonstration for Judge John M. Garman, of Wilkes-Barre, who is willing to run.

According to a story which drifts here from Easton, Congressman Palmer is dallying with the suggestion of his colleagues in Congress that he should be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor until he can be sure of some combination of votes to carry the State.

Palmer and the Governor until he can be sure of some combination of votes to carry the State. Palmer knows that if he offers himself as a candidate for Governor he will be a target, and he also knows that he is going to have a hard battle in his home district next year. His inclinations are all to stay in Washington, not to tackle the job of Governor, and it is intimated that he will let it be known that he will regard it as his liking and at the same time afford a test of leadership if he runs for United States senator.

Berry or O'Brien can have the gubernatorial nomination, although some would like to see O'Brien run for the Supreme Court.

People in the Oberlin and Enghart districts are inclined to be somewhat critical of the manner in which politics has been played by the Democratic bosses in their ordering of the appointments of poor physicians by Messrs. Boyer and Walters. In that district Dr. M. O. Pratt, of Oberlin, who has been independent in Republican affairs, has been dropped as physician and Dr. H. C. Myers, of Steelton, named in his place. This means that people in the district have to go clear to Steelton for attention instead of having a physician in their midst. Another example of the way the public service is being run to suit the schemes of the bosses is the selection of Dr. U. R. Schaeffer, of Hummelstown, as physician for portions of Conowingo, Perry and Londonderry, some of which are miles away from the doctor's office. That economy about which so much was said this morning has been seen in a cloud of dust to hide some other things.

Congressman Palmer did not attend the banquet of local Democrats at the Hotel Cassin in Scranton last night, a letter arriving during the day giving the excuse of Palmer's previous engagements. Chief Prominent Democrats present were Fourth Assistant Postmaster General James I. Blaklee, William H. Berry, collector of the port of Philadelphia; Frederick Kirshend, of Londonderry, the new collector of internal revenue for this district, and Rogers Burnett, of Stroudsburg, Palmer's replacement as United States district attorney for this district. It is said that the banquet represented a Palmer line-up against the forces of City Director Michael J. Ryan, of Philadelphia, who won't take orders.

Nothing like being thick with the Democratic bosses when you want a Poor Board done for you. —Bill Witman for senator. Sounds like one of the reorganizers' cute moves.

Dorothy Angstadt has been picked out for postmaster of Kutztown. —Scranton's new city government is all Republican if nonpartisan. —Senator McNichols laughs at the Philadelphia squabble between Blankenburg and councils and says the city needs an uplift.

Senator Bristow says he is still a Republican. —Judge Woodward, of Luzerne, is the fourth generation of his family to go on the bench. His grandfather was chief justice. —District Attorney Rotan has re-appointed Maurice Speiser as assistant. —Now the Schuylkill court is going to concentrate their attention upon not fixing streets. —M. M. Ritter is the new Lehigh mercantile appraiser. —Cambria will have a flock of senatorial candidates in Scranton.

Palmer's absence from the Scranton Democratic dinner made some folks tired. —Domicile Kempf, father of the Reading Democrat, died yesterday at advanced age. —Dr. Frank G. Hartman is president of Lancaster select council. —Scrantonville's burglar has his job notwithstanding the contest of his election.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR. [From the Telegraph of Jan. 6, 1864.] Agricultural Society. Cairo, Jan. 4.—No serious damage was done to the Memphis and Charleston railroad by Forrest when his force crossed it last week. General Grierson was pursuing him at the last account, south of Stillwater. Lee had reinforced Forrest from Oklahoma. The guerrilla General Richardson crossed our lines on the 28th ult. on his way south.

Stoneman Reports to Grant. Washington, Jan. 6.—The Star says that General Stoneman, who has lately been relieved from the direction of the cavalry bureau in this city, has been ordered to report to General Grant at Knoxville for duty. The portion of his army in that vicinity,

Letters to the Editor

FIRST COURSE NEEDED. To the Editor of The Telegraph: What is the reason that the Harrisburg Railways Company management has not provided its conductors with a first course in ventilation? I have traveled in a good many trolley lines in the State and I do not know of any company where supervision of ventilation is given so little attention.

On some of the big suburban cars I have ridden, along with sixty other persons, with every ventilator tight shut and the only change of air being when the doors were opened for some passenger to enter or alight. The conductors are willing enough to open the ventilators when requested, but why they are not insisted upon in the first place, is a question of health passes me. The management might use some of the money it is putting by for hiring an instructor. DAILY RIDER.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY. [From the Telegraph of Jan. 6, 1864.] Snow Must Be Removed. Attention is directed to the proclamation of the Mayor relating to the removal of snow from the pavements.

Railroad Man Killed. William Kunkel, an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was killed yesterday near the roundhouse by a passenger train from the west. He had stepped on the track with his back toward the train, which he did not observe approaching. His body was mangled and torn in a horrible manner. Deceased was a resident of this city. His family mourns his loss.

AN ANTIDOTE FOR PESSIMISM. [Editor and Publisher] It does one's heart good to read over the statistics presented in a bulletin issued this week by the Department of Agriculture. If there is anyone who doubts the country is going to the dogs he ought to go into a quiet room somewhere and sit down and let the information it contains slowly permeate the intricate chambers of his brain.

When he gets through reading it, he will, if he is honest, feel like going out and spending real money.

According to the Secretary of Agriculture the value of farm products for 1913 reaches the inappreciable sum of \$9,750,000,000. Of this amount \$6,100,000,000 represents the value of all the crops and \$3,650,000,000 the value of animals sold and slaughtered and of animal products. The net farm income is \$4,074,027,499, which, you will admit, is a tidy little sum to tuck away in stockings and other receptacles for savings.

ASSAULTS ON BUSINESS. [From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.] The great aggressive business enterprises of this country ask no favors; they ask justice and a respite from assault originating in hostility fomented for political buncombe. The power of corporations are not only doing their own work but the nation's work, while they render the public a service in cheaper goods and high quality. The country which they are doing for the world and in affording employment at high wages at home for tens of thousands of men.

Their energy and successful effort fills the channels of trade and enlivens the seats of industry at home; moves the wheels of the railroads, stimulates manufacturing, pays laboring hands, and the farmer. Great business has been under fire and it still has its burdens to carry. Organized labor proposes, if it can, to control industry, and that is a serious question which must be settled. Meanwhile if the Government has any duty with respect to business it consists in permitting energy and capital to concentrate their attention upon the business itself and not upon an attack from the rear.

EDITORIAL TIDBITS. A Prussian woman has invented a gas bomb that will throw a man into a stupor for several hours; but it has nothing on the Christmas bill in that respect.—Columbia State. It's hard to blame the linotype which spoke of Huerta as "the veteran of many a hard-fought battle."—Columbia State. Atlantic City doubtless will accept it as a delicate compliment if her visitors wear striped bathing suits next summer.—Washington Post. An expert dilates on the dangers in eating rare beefsteak and says nothing about the danger of bankruptcy.—Louisville Times.

Good News. One of the best pieces of news for you in this paper is the clearance prices now in force in this store on such world-famous clothing as the Hart Schaffner & Marx, Society Brand and Cloth-craft. Men's Suits and Overcoats. \$30.00 now \$20.00 | \$20.00 now \$15.00 | \$25.00 now \$16.50 | \$15.00 now \$10.00. These prices devote exceptional bargains because of the remarkable quality for which these clothes are famed. FURS For Women & Fur-lined Coats For Men at Clearance Prices. H. Marks & Son. Fourth & Market Sts.

EDITORIALS OF THE CONTEMPORARIES. We're Not Likely to Face Another [From the Indianapolis News.] Ah, cheer up, and quit worrying about hoodoo! There's only one 13 year to a century. He Can Support Her [From the New York World.] The young man who with a borrowed capital of \$150 earned \$25,000 in six months, as the condition of obtaining a bride, appears to have demonstrated his qualifications for high finance as well as for matrimony.

A LITTLE NONSENSE. Struggling Author (who has just read his latest story to his wife)—There! That's the best thing I ever did. His Wife—Yes, dear. What magazine shall you send it to first?—Puck. HEADQUARTERS FOR SHIRTS SIDES & SIDES.

Those Odd Sums. which your little boy or girl puts into this bank will grow and will go a long way towards self-help as they get older. The day will come when they will look back upon their early saving days with gratitude and delight. Start to-day—NOW! If it's only a dollar, make a start. Your bank book is here waiting for you. First National Bank. 224 Market Street.

MOJA 10c CIGARS. Can you afford to smoke 10c Cigars? Is it extravagance to indulge in something that gives you a full return in pleasure and satisfaction. Moja 10c Quality Is Worth the Price. Made by John C. Herman & Co.

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