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MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 19 CITY PLANNING

SCIENTIFIC city planning has come to be one of the foremost considerations of up-to-date municipalities. The old haphazard method of throwing a town together is no longer to be tolerated.

The government, however, is attacking the problem heroically by making heavy retrenchments. Much to the dissatisfaction of the army, it has been decided to abandon, for the present at least, the long-standing proposal to create two more military divisions.

Mayor Joseph H. Gainer, of Providence, R. I., which has had just such an awakening as Harrisburg has had along public improvement lines, looks upon the creation of a City Planning Commission as the next important step in the city's development.

One of the committees of our city council has recently reported favorably upon the establishment of such a Civic Plan Commission. Its adoption by our city government is practically assured.

These are merely isolated examples of what is being done the country over. Everywhere up-to-date cities are incorporating in their ordinance books provisions for city planning on a scientific and comprehensive scale.

All that Harrisburg has to do to keep abreast of the times in this respect is to put into operation the city planning commission bill passed by the last session of the Legislature.

THE LITERACY TEST The framers of the new immigration bill have their way no immigrant will be admitted to the United States who cannot read and write.

Of all nonsensical immigration measures proposed this is the limit. So long as a man keeps out of jail in the country from which he comes, there is to be no bar to his residence in this country.

The literacy test involves absolutely no virtue as a solvent of the economic problems involved in the subject of immigration. The clause as framed in the present bill is impracticable, unjust in its operation and would involve the creation of additional political places in connection with the immigration service.

It may not have occurred to those in charge of the bill that by this test they would bar from the country the very class of immigrants we most need. Our present-day conditions do not demand educated immigrants.

Lincoln was born of an illiterate father. So were many of that numer-

ous army who in recent years have "come out of the West" to take places of honor at the national capital, and who have occupied the seats of the mighty in the nation's financial metropolises, New York. Shall we bar from our shores a parentage such as this? Do not those who are urging the adoption of this literacy test realize that had it been in force a century since many of their own ancestors would have been barred from the shores of this continent and they themselves doomed to a heritage of poverty and European peasant life?

President Wilson says he is not in the habit of talking when he has nothing to say. And even at that, he is sometimes willing to let Bryan say it, because Bryan isn't troubled by a little public criticism.

JAPAN'S NEED OF AID HOW poorly equipped Japan is to provide adequate relief for its stricken people in the earthquake zone is shown by Associated Press reports of the extensive economic depression with which that country is now contending.

The chief cause of the general depression, which began about the time of the death of Emperor Mutsuhiro, is the heavy taxation of the people which is necessary to pay the interest on the national debt of over a billion dollars.

All this to illustrate the need of generous contributions to the Red Cross fund now being collected in America for the relief of the homeless and helpless victims of one of the greatest disasters in modern history.

ACCESS TO WILDWOOD PARK COMMISSIONER McFARLAND has very properly called attention in a communication to our esteemed morning contemporary to the necessity for a proper street railway extension in Wildwood Park.

Apparently all that is needed is the construction of a roadway along the bluff, as provided in the original plan, and this is one of the first things that should be taken up by the park authorities.

While there are many excellent Republicans available for the gubernatorial nomination this year, the consensus of Republican sentiment appears to be rapidly concentrating in the neighborhood of Edwin S. Stuart, the former Governor, who is being strongly urged by all his friends in this part of the Commonwealth to permit the use of his name in the primary election.

Whether it shall be Senator Penrose or some other distinguished Republican who will win in the race as standard-bearer for the United States Senate this year, the ambitious gentlemen of other parties may as well arrive at the conclusion now, as they must later, that the days of rant and hysteria in Pennsylvania are about at an end.

Now that all of those naughty, naughty Carabao diners have promised never to do it again, perhaps the President will be able to pass an army officer without imagining that he intends to make a face as soon as the Presence passes.

Huerta isn't pressed for money. Why should he be with a mint still working and a few perfectly good printing presses at hand?

Somebody has suggested Grant's birthday as a national holiday, but we could hardly expect the South to enter very heartily into such a celebration.

The force of habit is well illustrated by the number of Harrisburgers who try the door of the old Post Office, look surprised for a moment and then try to sneak away before anybody notices their mistake.

"Oh, for the music of the sleigh-bell," mourns a rural exchange. Tush! Doesn't the writer know that the sleigh-bell rings the knell of the coal pile?

Why not add a psycho-motor ward to the asylums for the use of speed maniacs?

Evening Chat

There passed through Harrisburg yesterday one of the first cyclocars that has been seen in this city. It bore an Indian name, and it was not the worse for the bad roads it had encountered, skimming lightly across the Mulberry street bridge and upon the roads leading to Philadelphia.

The occupants did not pause in Harrisburg, being bent on making the most of the daylight hours. The car that passed through Harrisburg yesterday had some of the characteristics of both the automobile and the bicycle, the combination from which it derives its rather inadequate name.

It had a wheel base of perhaps 80 or 90 inches and its wheels and engine were evidently modeled along the lines of those in the new style motor-cycles. It carried two men, one tucked in behind the other, and appeared to have plenty of speed and power for its load.

The suburban street cars are enjoying to behold these days. Every evening they abound with poultry and garden catalogues in the hands of eagerly perusing enthusiasts. Scarcely a man among the readers pauses to consider that the winter is little more than half spent and they are entertaining visions of blooming gardens and flocks of downy chicks.

The old days when going to church meant traveling miles through rugged country and an all-day stay at the center of religious worship are recalled in the custom of several of the local churches in serving luncheon to the members on Sunday.

LET'S GO TO CHURCH By Wing Dingler. Now it seems that churches are beginning to get wise. To what can be accomplished. By those who advertise.

On Saturday this paper Published ads., some large, some small. Of churches in this city Which have answered to the call.

It's been tried by churches elsewhere With most wonderful success. And what's done in other cities. Can be done here, too, I guess.

Advertising swells attendance. Hence the offerings, don't you see? Will, no doubt, be somewhat greater Which will pay the full ad. fee.

A LITTLE NONSENSE "You can't fool all the people all the time," announced the investigator. "I know it," replied the trust magnate. "There is plenty of about 175 million half of them half the time."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Bronx is always blowing about New York being a patriotic town," said the boob. "Why, it has red lights, white slaves and blue lava," explained the Wise Guy.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

EDITORIALS OF OUR CONTEMPORARIES New York's Retiring Ways [From the Indiana News.] Another evidence of the always interesting modesty of New York is shown by the notice of about 175 million leaders that it ought to have 40 or 50 per cent of the capital invested in the regional reserve banks.

Go Ahead, Move! [From the New York Telegram.] Speaking of Mr. Ford's profit sharing scheme of dividing \$10,000,000 among his employees, Mr. Andrew Carnegie indorses the idea and says "Many others be moved to follow the example." Well?

A PARTY SILHOUETTE Pennsylvania Progressives closed their conference at which the 1914 campaign was outlined.—Harrisburg dispatch. Is not the country to be allowed to see that outline? A silhouette of the Hon. William Finliss is always worthy of study if it is a fair likeness.—New York Sun.

AS TO TRUSTS AND COMBINATIONS [New York Sun] Senator Hoar's opinion, given on April 22, 1891, was produced, yellow with age, at the hearings last summer in the Steel suit. The object of its production was, of course, to throw light upon the bona fides which actuated these pooling arrangements in the steel wire trade.

Senator Hoar answered his clients emphatically that the agreements were perfectly legal. He based his opinion on a long series of decisions in this country and in English courts holding that such agreements constituted no restraint of trade, and looked forward to the saving of property from destructive competition, the protection of property rather than any other end.

All this seems pretty straight common sense to-day, and there is no question that it represented the view both of the courts and of the people of the country at the time Senator Hoar wrote.

REPUBLICANS ARE GETTING TOGETHER

State Chairman Crow Plans Revision of Party Rules in State SENATOR PENROSE OPTIMISTIC

Stuart Has Many Friends; Democratic Nominations Are Discussed Senator William E. Crow, chairman of the Republican State committee, has taken initial steps to provide a set of rules for the Republican party in Pennsylvania.

When the Filinn faction got possession of the Republican party State convention in the Roosevelt sweep a motion was adopted rescinding all party rules and no substitute code of rules was adopted.

Chairman Crow has named as a subcommittee to draft a set of rules to be reported to the full State committee the following: D. Edward Long, Chambersburg, Franklin county.

Senator Penrose, with whom Chairman Crow and other active Republicans were yesterday in conference, said last evening that all reports indicate that the Republican party in the State is harmonious and aggressive.

The tide is turning, he said, and a decided reaction has set in against Democratic policies. There is a pronounced undertone of sentiment in favor of a return to Republicanism in the national affairs, and the opinion is expressed on every side that the time has arrived when in this great industrial State of Pennsylvania men who believe in the principles of the Republican party, in the idea of protection to American industries, should get together and work in accord to name Republicans for every office to be filled this Fall.

When questioned as to probable nominees for Governor and other offices to be filled this Fall, Senator Penrose said: "There is no effort to make a slate. The main thought seems to be to let public sentiment develop and that no partisan spirit should be entertained in seeking to further any particular interests."

There is no doubt that the result of the exchange of views among active Republicans from the interior of the State during the last few days is that ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart is being most strongly advocated for the nomination to Governor by the State Philander Chase Knox and Senator William C. Sprull, of Delaware county, each has a host of admirers. They are both prominently mentioned for the governorship and their respective supporters insist that the field is still an open one with the outcome in doubt.

William Draper Lewis is again being exploited for the nomination for Governor on the Washington party ticket. Among the quiet scrapbooks of the late Clyde Fitch, all of which are now to be sold at auction, there was one devoted entirely to typographical errors.

A widely circulated report named Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer for United States senator, Collector of Customs William H. Berry for Governor and William T. Cressler, of Luzerne, for Lieutenant-Governor on the Democratic ticket.

There are many who believe that Mr. Palmer will be a candidate for re-election to Congress and that he will not aspire to any nomination in the State at large.

Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson will run for the Democratic nomination for Governor if he shall be permitted to retain his place in the Wilson Cabinet in the event of his defeat.

THE SUMMONS By John Kendrick Bangs. Now come the Christmas, chimes to summon me From sluggish ease and cynic thoughts of doubt To deeds of kindly opportunity That on all sides of us now lie about; To spread the Gospel of Good Will to all.

To sing the songs of Peace upon the mart. And all with spirit of high festival To overflowing every human heart. To carry hope to hopeless ones, and ease The sufferings of grievous helplessness; To carry joy to those whose miseries Have plunged them in a maelstrom; To lavish Light on Darkness, drying tears; To bring into homes of them that grieve, And with the touch of sympathy the fears; Of brothers in affliction dread relieve.

That is the song those Christmas chimes ring forth! That is the summons sent to those who hear. Borne on the crispy air from out the north Upon this morn so thrilling in its cheer. Let him who hath of his possessions spend Not stores of gold, but Love in fullest play; He wins the greatest treasure in the end Who LIVES as well as GIVES his Christmas Day! —Colliers.

HEADQUARTERS FOR SHIRTS SIDES & SIDES

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph of Jan. 19, 1864.] Police Court Hall. Police affairs are exceedingly dull. The alderman informs us that he had not had a single case to dispose of since our last report.

Forty-sixth to Return The Forty-sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, which left Harrisburg in September, 1861, under command of Colonel Knipe, will return in a few days.

RESULTS OF EVIL PLAYS [From the New York Sun.] It is truer than ever that the evil plays do lives after them. The aftermath of "The Lure" and its hateful kind was the series of pictures which were removed from the view of the public by the interference of the police.

HAVE HIT THE DEVIL HARD By James M. Stiffer, D. D. Suppose your grandfather or great-grandfather died in the year 1876, what were some of the things that you have seen that he never saw?

FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING [From the Philadelphia Bulletin.] "A scholoboy of 11," said Professor Thomas R. Lounsbury, Yale's authority on English, "once gave an apt illustration of figurative usage. He gave it in a composition writing: 'A figurative saying is—to keep the wolf from the door. It does not mean to keep a real live wolf from the door. A good instance is when the landlady comes for the rent. He knocks at the door and you keep a wolf quiet in the hope that he will think there is nobody in and go away.'"

THE EASIEST WAY By Berton Braley. Miss Millicent Muffins of Gramercy Square Had oodles of money and plenty to And using both means—she was wise For her age— She started to try for a life on the stage.

But Millicent hadn't a worry on earth; Her faithful instructors were Paquin and Yvette. Whose art was so great and whose work so complete. That Millicent charmed from her head to her feet.

And Millicent did! For whatever she played Her gowns were a regular fashion parade. They dazzled the eyes and they added to the mind. Till people applauded and critics grew kind.

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And Millicent made quite the hit of the year. The art of the modiste has brought her so far. That Millicent Muffins will presently star. And dazzle the folk of the cities and With a full repertoire of some ninety-five gowns!

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NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of Jan. 19, 1864.] Will Not Give Up White Washington, Jan. 18. — It is believed here in the best informed quarters that the rebels will refuse to give up Major White in exchange. The ice in the Potomac is gradually breaking up with the warm weather.

UNFORTUNATE TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR [From the Florida Times-Union.] The quaint scrapbooks of the late Clyde Fitch, all of which are now to be sold at auction, there was one devoted entirely to typographical errors.

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