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THE PARK SITUATION

It is to be regretted that things have come to such a pass in the affairs of the park department of the city that Warren H. Manning and the members of the park board have felt called upon to sever their connections with it.

Mr. Manning is one of the foremost landscape engineers of the country. He has been identified with Harrisburg's park system ever since its inception.

As for the members of the Park Commission, nobody with a full knowledge of the situation will say that they have done other than a great work for the city—a work that will magnify in proportion as the years pass and the value of their pioneering is realized.

Mr. Taylor has put the management of the park system squarely up to himself. The full burden of the responsibility for its proper conduct and future development lies with him.

The new Commissioner has made a plea for fair play and has asked for opportunity to demonstrate his ability. Doubtless he will be given both, for, above all personal feeling, the people of Harrisburg want a park system that will give them all of the advantages they have had and more; and that at a cost that will compare favorably with the expenses of the past.

For a woman "whose constitution has been wrecked in English prisons," Mrs. Rankin displays remarkable activity. Can it be that those "prison outrages" have been press-agented?

STEELTON'S BIG BOOM. BUSINESS conditions were never more complex from the standpoint of the layman than at present. One day comes the announcement that the Pennsylvania Railroad has laid off fourteen passenger trains between New York and Pittsburgh, because of decreased traffic.

Ordinarily, either business in general is on the increase or approximately all lines show a decrease at the same time. Evidently this is not the case at present, although the falling off in railroad traffic is perhaps no greater than the dullness experienced in the steel business, the plants at Steelton now operating scarcely more than sixty per cent. capacity.

It may be asked why, under such conditions, the steel company continues its policy of expansion; why build more mills when those now in hand are not as busy as they might be, and the answer undoubtedly lies in the desire of the management to so diversify the products of the works as to give it opportunity to operate some

of its branches even in duller periods. Every movement made at Steelton in the past five years has had this in view and it is because of this broadening of its market that the company is operating as fully as it is at this time.

Harrisburg will rejoice in the contemplated improvements at Steelton because every enlargement of the works means more business for this city, and at all events Steelton and Harrisburg are one community in everything except local government. What injures one injures the other and what benefits one benefits the other.

Mr. Murphy says he went into baseball with a shoestring and quit with \$5,000.00. Apparently he didn't miff a single chance.

NEED OF AN AMBULANCE. THE Board of Health has repeatedly protested against the use of the combination patrol and ambulance automobile for the transportation of both prisoners and patients. Yesterday the need of an additional vehicle was illustrated in quite another manner.

William Knighton, of New Cumberland, was seriously injured at the Pipe Bending Works. The ambulance was called, but, due to the fact that it was battling with deep snow drifts in another part of the city, more than an hour elapsed before it responded. All that time Knighton lay suffering, very badly in need of the attention of hospital treatment.

To be sure this is an exceptional case, but if such delay should cause the death of a patient the city should certainly be held responsible, for it engages to look after the transportation of its injured when it maintains an ambulance. At all events, one human life is worth the price of many ambulances and their cost of up-keep.

Further, the Board of Health is quite right in its contentions. There can be no good excuse for hauling a dirty, disreputable tramp to jail one hour and using the same vehicle, without disinfection, to transport a patient to the hospital the next. City Council must take up very shortly this matter. The patrol wagon and the ambulance should be separate. The city has reached the stage when one cannot do the service of both, even were sanitary conditions to be disregarded.

We gather from English newspapers that the British view the Monroe Doctrine as something for timid Presidents to hide behind.

SCHOOLS COMPARED. AN interesting comparison of English and American school methods is presented by I. L. Kandel, of Manchester, England, in a report just made to the United States Bureau of Education. He finds that there is a radical difference between the two systems of school organization in the relation of elementary and secondary schools. The American high school receives its pupils after they have completed the elementary school course and builds up its curriculum on that foundation.

The English secondary schools receive their pupils from a variety of schools—special preparatory schools or elementary schools—and the pupils on entering may vary in age from 10 to 14.

In general Mr. Kandel finds it difficult to institute a detailed comparison of the standard of elementary school work in the two countries, because circumstances are so different. The American elementary school has been for nearly a century the national school, the common school of all the people. In England the elementary school is just in the process of developing into a national institution, a public service for national needs, instead of being regarded as a charity school for the education of the "lower classes," he says.

Another factor that renders comparison difficult, according to Mr. Kandel, is the inherent difference between the English and the American child. The latter, he declares, "is by nature more precocious, matures earlier, is by circumstances of his upbringing thrown more into the company of adults, with the consequence that he is less reserved and self-conscious and more alert than the former."

It is gratifying to learn that "American children have a far better knowledge of the history of their country and in some cases of general history than is to be found among English elementary school children and that the same is true of their knowledge of local and national government. In English language the American child has better command of oral expression; he is more given to debating and discussing than the English child, the writer says. The reading of English literature is also more extensive in American schools, and in art work there is greater variety."

But the writer concludes that while the English elementary school has much to gain from the study of the American curriculum, American educational administration would profit as greatly from what is the strength of the English system—freedom of the individual school. It is in the work of medical inspection and general welfare work that England's school system has recently made the most notable development, according to Mr. Kandel.

The findings of the writer are distinctly favorable to the American educational system, which is very gratifying in view of the general criticism of our schools now in progress.

An English Duke protests that Americans neglect their women for their money. Dear Duke, if they didn't they wouldn't have any women to neglect.

A Chicago man who drank thirty-six beef extract cubes dissolved in water was arrested for trying to wreck the drug store where he bought them. Felt strong as an ox, we suppose.

Clarence Gibbons has a solution for the liquor problem. He would buy up all the saloons. Many a man has tried that unsuccessfully.

EVENING CHAT

"This old-fashioned winter, if there is such a thing, is the best thing that could happen to vegetation and trees and in fact all nature," said I. C. Williams, the State's Deputy Forestry Commissioner, as he ploughed through the snow.

The snow is coming at the right time. It is in recent years, the snow has been falling earlier and then cold snaps have come, killing and damaged trees and plants and causing loss.

Mr. Williams' remarks will be appreciated by a good many Harrisburgers who have lost valuable shrubbery, hedges, plants and flowers by zero weather in February or cold snaps in March. It is only two years ago that the coldest weather ever known in this section came at almost this time when there was hardly any snow on the ground and thousands of dollars' worth of plants and trees were damaged while hedges were killed, winter frozen down to the roots.

The snow has been so heavy that the ground will be protected for weeks to come and at the same time the melting of the snow will give us the supply of water for next Spring. And while we are about it the old-fashioned winter remark is something that is absent when you see weather in February why winters remain fixed in our memories is because of heavy snows, or severe cold, or perhaps sleighing and skating. You can go back and give the dates of mild winters, mention four "green" Christmas days, and yet everyone old enough remember the great blizzard came in 1883 and that 1899 is memorable because of the heaviest snowfall in a decade. Similarly 1912 is remembered for the intense cold. The real winter fixes itself in the mind and we do not have to go back very far to find the old-fashioned variety is really only recent."

Although Governor Tener has to travel about the State a good bit attending army dedications and other functions and attending to personal business and miscellaneous matters, he does not seem to lose any of that good humor which is one of his strong characteristics. The other day he was asked if he had found the experience of William A. Stone to be a good one. Governor Stone had a habit of saying that the first year a man was Governor he ran special trains for him, the second year he had to be in the train, the third year they would not hold the trains and the fourth year no one seemed to care whether he made the train or not. Governor Tener smiled and said: "Well, I've been having the trains and the crowds a couple of years and I had a regular handshaking party at Potsville yesterday. I don't know whether it being a Governor, baseball or the fact that I didn't wear a high hat."

State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery is well protected from the elements. There is a cannon outside of his window pointing down the walk that has replaced the old boardwalk of other days. Next to the cannon are the unconscious humorists who shovel snow proceed to fortify the museum and in the course of their work erected a rampart of high walls around the corner of the building where the cannon stands, the mounds of snow passing about the cannon for all the world like a breastwork and just about the right height to protect the gun and any men serving it.

Among the visitors to the city yesterday was Major Joseph G. Armstrong, of Pittsburg, who made one of his flying visits. He was accompanied by George S. Oliver, son of the senator and the active business man of the great Pittsburgh papers owned by Mr. Oliver.

A squad of colored men engaged in shoveling snow from the plaza in front of the State Capitol yesterday amused several passers-by with their antics. The weather was so cold that they had gone back to the old style method of binding up their feet in burlap or old heavy cloth to prevent Jack Frost from penetrating. Yet when they had their work done two of them proceeded in spite of their heavy foot covering to execute some buck and wing dancing of the most approved sort.

"Your little note the other evening about crows coming in close to settled districts to find something to eat" appeared, said an observer of events yesterday. "I was taking a ride to one of the suburbs when I noticed a crowd of crows flying in the built-up portion and they could be seen dropping their food into the yards. The crows were great, big country fellows, ravens, and appeared to be mighty hungry."

—Dr. Morris Jastrow, Jr., honored by the University of Pennsylvania at the Washington exercises, is an authority on Asiatic languages.

—Mayor John W. Koseoff, of Wilkes-Barre, writes letters to people on flying mills asking them to employ men who have no jobs.

—Bishop William Horn, who will preside at the Evangelical conference at Elizabethville, lives in Cleveland.

—President H. S. Drinker, of Lehigh, presided at the dedication of the new building at the university.

—Mrs. Mollie Felt, widow of the Philanthropist, has announced that she will continue the benefactions of her husband.

—John J. Reardon, who will run for Congress at the State, used to be district attorney of Lycoming.

DEMOCRATIC DIVERSIONS. [Philadelphia Inquirer.] Mr. Ryan has proved to his own satisfaction that Mr. Palmer and those who are unopposed to run the affairs of the "reorganized" Democratic organization in Pennsylvania are a set of insufferable bosses.

Mr. Palmer has proved to his own way of thinking that Mr. Ryan is talking flub-dub, and that the Democratic party would be better off without him, anyway.

PALMER MAY HAVE SOME OPPOSITION

Philadelphia Hints That He Will Be Fought for the Nomination For Senate

LEGISLATIVE GOSSIP. Bruce Sterling and Judge Umbel Lined Up in a Newspaper Proposition Together.

Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer may have to battle for the Democratic nomination for the United States senatorship after all. Thus far Palmer has been getting away with the nomination movement, but his pronounced partisanship in behalf of McCormick has irritated a number of Democrats who are as much opposed to the idea of states as the men favored by Palmer used to profess to be.

The Philadelphia Record says today: "Opposition to Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer for the Democratic senatorial nomination is expected to develop in the course of the next week. A number of politicians declared yesterday that they had heard that a prominent and wealthy Democrat in the western end of the State was considering the proposition of giving Palmer a race in the primaries. The opposition is said to expect strength from the fact that many county leaders have been estranged from Palmer because of his attitude without consulting them and also because of the feeling against him in his own district, where he opposed Judge Staples for re-election last Fall. The movement becomes more active when connected with the Ryan boom for the gubernatorial nomination."

The name of Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, the Philadelphia school superintendent, is figuring more and more in the political news in Philadelphia these days, and it is commented upon in other parts of the State.

Friends of the well-known educator have been busy in his behalf in many parts of the State and are urging his nomination. In Philadelphia yesterday Senator E. H. Vare said "Watch the schoolmaster saying and believing his opinion of the matter. Talk of ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart continues to be heard, but his silence is bringing mention of other men into the field, almost every prominent State official being trotted out. Speaker Alter is also being discussed."

The rather free way in which the name of the Lewistown Daily Sentinel has been used by some political propagandists has caused the editor of that paper to write this for the benefit of the newspaper readers: "First, I want to say out loud, plainly and emphatically, that this newspaper, the Sentinel, has not become a political newspaper, and does not intend to, and that there has not been and will not be any change in its policy. This is declared here because quite a number of people are saying and believing that the Daily Sentinel has become a Democratic newspaper. They get this paper mixed with the weekly Democrat and Sentinel and this is done so frequently that the names of the two papers will probably be changed to prevent if possible that kind of confusion. The Daily Sentinel is nonpartisan and whatever boosts appear in it for parties or candidates will be as advertisements at so much per. Now, kindly stop getting mixed."

Judge R. E. Umbel, of Fayette county, who was elected to the Legislature and against whom impeachment charges were filed, has been named by the Democratic reorganization boss of Fayette county and a number of others in the purchase of the Lewistown News-Standard. The judge, however, retains a majority of the stock which gives him control. The paper is to be made Democratic. According to reports, a number of the Democratic county members of the State are to be "converted" to Democratic principles between now and the May primaries.

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York county Republicans who are heartened by the dissensions among the Democrats in that old stronghold of the Democrats are commencing to arrange their legislative tickets and there are high hopes of increasing the representation. In York county, in the Third district George F. Spangler will be a candidate for re-election and according to reports Robert S. Frey, of Wrightsville, will come back. In the Second district George F. Barnes, one of the best known farmers in the county and an active worker, will be a Republican candidate, probably against H. L. Perry, who was the Democratic candidate last year. Barnes lives at Rossville and is well qualified to upset the Democratic ticket. H. E. Lanus, of Spring Grove, has been named by the Democrats to succeed himself. The senatorial situation has not settled down as yet. Washers' appointment to the York post office taking him out of the fight.

NEWS-DISPATCHES—OF THE CIVIL WAR. [From the Telegraph of Feb. 25, 1864.] Rebels Around Thee. Cumberland Gap, Feb. 24.—On the 22d instant a battalion of the Eleventh Tennessee Cavalry stationed on the Virginia road five miles east was surprised at daylight and surrounded by a large force of rebel cavalry.

Sherman Has Selma. Cairo, Feb. 24.—The officers of the steamer Fanny, from Vicksburg the 20th, report General Sherman's forces to be in possession of Selma, Ala.

A LITTLE NONSENSE



She heard Freddy Frog was known as a bookkeeper, so she had refused to loan him any books any more.

WAR NEWS. By Wing Ding. Scarce a day passes by that we don't get our word.

Of the battles in old Mexico. But they're not one, two three with some other big fights That take place in these days of much snow.

Get out from the city, where kids have all their fun. With houses to bother them not. And you'll see great big forts modelled out of the snow, From which former battles are fought.

Also history repeats itself 'most every day. As a crowd of rose-cheeked, healthy kids Form in two lines of battle, and like true soldiers, each Does whatever his general bids.

Old Yorktown and Trenton, and Bunker Hill, too, Are the oft-fancied scenes of the fray, And not always is history borne out by events That take place in these childish war plays.

But the spirit that's in them crops out in their sport, As all thought of themselves disappears. And we're given an insight of how they may cope With life's battles in long after years.

If you want to see fun that is healthful and clean, If you'd like to look back on real joy, Go out where the kids in snow-trenches and forts, Do as you did when you were a boy.

Bix — They say that to live a play must have punch in it. Bix, who was not well answered, "Ten Nights in a Barboob" survived?—Boston Transcript.

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS. —After last night's nice party at York Brodbeck ought to get substantial aid from the Democratic war chest.

—Jesse J. Lybarger was taken out of the Forgetter once more to-day. —William C. Freeman, former Lebanon legislator, says he is for Dimmick.

—D. J. Pearsal is said to be awaiting permission to run for the House in Carbon county on the Democratic ticket.

—W. C. Lebo, of New Bloomfield, will be a candidate for the House from Perry on the Washington ticket.

—Scoutmaster Morris' appeals for cash have not been well answered. It is said. There is a disposition to let the men who are running pay the bills.

—Berry seems to find a new man who helped him in the Capitol upheaval every year.

—Jesse Shalcross, picturesque burgess of Coatesville, will be a candidate for the House from Chester. He's the man who invented the jag list. —Dimmick is running headquarters in Philadelphia and Scranton with a very active press bureau. —Ryan will speak in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Erie and Harrisburg next month.

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IN-HARRISBURG-FIFTY-YEARS-AGO-TODAY. [From the Telegraph of Feb. 25, 1864.] Two Deserters to Be Shot. Private Benjamin Van Horn, Battery F, First Pennsylvania Artillery, is to be shot on the 26th instant for desertion. Private George W. Enteline, Company D, Sixty-second Pennsylvania, charged with desertion, is to be shot at the same time in the presence of the Second Corps. Recruits From Selingsgrove. A hundred or more recruits, headed by an excellent band, arrived here this afternoon. They were from Selingsgrove. Uncle Sam's patriotic nephews are rushing to the defense of our glorious Union.

EDITORIAL COMMENT. More Than \$2,000,000 Needed. [From the Grand Rapids Press.] Carnegie has given \$2,000,000 to be used by the churches in promoting peace. At last, maybe, we can harmonize the choir.

HEADQUARTERS FOR SHIRTS SIDES & SIDES. A Feather In Our Cap. Stylate — It often carried away by imagination. Miss Sweet (yawning)—It hasn't carried you far to-night—Judge.

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