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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 8

THE HIGHWAY HOLD-UP

ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL placed the responsibility for the present deplorable condition of many highways of the State squarely upon the shoulders of the fiscal officers of the Commonwealth when he charged in court yesterday during the hearing on the proposition to make the appeal of Auditor General Powell and State Treasurer Young a supersedeas in the matter of utilizing the automobile license funds for road maintenance—that the refusal of the fiscal officers to honor the warrants of State Highway Commissioner Bigelow for the maintenance of the roads was directly responsible for the intolerable and almost impassable condition of great stretches of the State's system of highways.

The Attorney General minced no words in discussing the situation. He declared that the Highway Commissioner has been haled into the courts of the State for neglect to repair the highways while those in charge of the funds refuse to honor his warrants for maintenance; that the fiscal officers had blocked the determination of the questions they had raised and that their conduct "bordered on official contumacy." He stated further that the application to make the appeal from the decision of the Dauphin County Court, which was in favor of the State Highway Commissioner's contention, a supersedeas was "an insult to the intelligence, dignity and orderly administration of the affairs of the people of the State."

It was also charged by the law officer of the Commonwealth that the fiscal officers had chosen a time when the Supreme Court had adjourned for the summer to institute an appeal which could not be argued before the Fall, when the highways that are bad now will be infinitely worse.

Over a million dollars lies in the State Treasury waiting a final determination of the squabble over the meaning of a law whose intent and purpose were so plain that nobody ever had a doubt that the funds would be available during the present year for road-building purposes. Highway Commissioner Bigelow had organized his plans, prepared his reports and was ready for an energetic program of road-building this year when his hands were tied through this litigation.

If it is possible to have a special sitting of the higher court to determine a question of such vital importance to the people of the State, then this extraordinary step should be taken. Where the comfort of thousands of people is involved there ought to be found some way to determine the points at issue before next October.

Commissioner Lynch, superintendent of streets and public improvements, has shown proper appreciation of the situation in arranging that there shall be no closing of the traffic in Second street for the excavation of the subway at Mulberry until Front below Chestnut shall have been opened to public use. It is this consideration for the public which increases confidence in municipal administration, and Commissioner Lynch is to be commended for taking the necessary precaution to prevent the blocking of two important highways at the same time.

TROUBLES OF THE BOSSES

OUR Democratic brethren who are here to-day for the purpose of considering ways and means of preventing a Republican deluge next November are far from happy. When they talk frankly and in secret they admit that the situation is most discouraging from the Democratic standpoint, but inasmuch as many of the committeemen owe their connection with the organization to the little group of ambitious persons who took over the party a year or two ago at a bargain price, they are extremely reticent in open discussion of the actual conditions.

Even Mr. Palmer himself, who is the head and front of the reorganization movement, but who modestly disclaims the right of discovery, always insisting that his running mate, the gubernatorial choice of the White

House, is the real inventor of the present brand of Democracy in Pennsylvania, must chuckle when the door of his room is closed over the way he has succeeded in having certain wealthy persons finance his ambitions from time to time. He has doubtless been promised something in the way of a consolation prize for standing against Senator Penrose, and can afford to be more or less indifferent regarding the outcome of the election next Fall.

From all parts of the Commonwealth come reports of increasing dissatisfaction with the Democratic outfit in the State and nation. Thousands of men who have been voting the ticket and who supported President Wilson two years ago are off the reservation and are emitting frequent blood-curdling yells of defiance, threatening to join forces with all the other parties in an anti-Democratic campaign.

Instead of an aggressive and harmonious organization, such as had been promised by the "reorganizers," the Democracy of this State is in revolt against the little bosses who assumed leadership and then failed to make good. It is no wonder the party representatives in committee assemblies find little of encouragement in present conditions. They face defeat and make no effort to conceal their sentiments when the bosses are not around.

"Eat less and live longer," says a food expert. He might have added—eat longer and eat less, which is just as good advice.

HUNTING FOR EVERYBODY

GOOD hunting for everybody who desires to go into the woods with a gun is back of a suggestion made to the sportsmen of the State by Senator Penrose in Pittsburgh last week, when he urged the Pennsylvania Association to formulate a plan to be laid before the Legislature next session for the purchase of the barren lands of the Commonwealth as game preserves. Senator Penrose called attention to the fact that the most desirable land for this purpose is being bought up rapidly by gun clubs composed of wealthy men, and that if the State does not soon get control of the remainder of the available land it will not be long before the poor man will have no place for sport in the State.

Now comes Dr. Kalbfus, State Game Commissioner, with the recommendation that there be established in every county, a small game preserve such as is maintained on the State Forestry reservations. The purpose of these county preserves is to provide a retreat for small game especially, where it may not breed undisturbed during the closed period, but where it will be safe from molestation even during the gunning season. Thus, no matter how closely the territory were hunted, there would always remain the central source of supply.

Both of these plans are designed for the benefit of the man who likes to hunt, but who cannot go far from home and who has not the money to own a private preserve. They ought to be brought to the attention of the Legislature by those most interested in them.

It is clearly the duty of the proper municipal authorities to see to it that the river channel in front of the city is cleared of all obstructions before the completion of the dam. This is necessary inasmuch as rocks close to the surface, or projecting above the surface, which can now easily be removed, will be a positive menace after the summer level of the river has been increased by the dam. Now is the time to do this work, and those charged with the responsibility should get busy.

TREAT EVERYBODY FAIRLY

WITH respect to the elimination of the "Hardscrabble" district there is no occasion for unreasonable criticism. For years it has been a foregone conclusion that the dwellings along this stretch would be removed when the final improvement of the River Front was undertaken.

There is no reason why the proposition should involve any serious hardship to property owners or tenants. As was indicated by the resolution of the Chamber of Commerce, that body simply proposes that what is obviously necessary to be done shall be done without further delay and with justice and equity to all concerned.

No important public improvement is made without some discomfort to somebody, but there is apparently no excuse for believing that the dwellers in the section affected will be treated otherwise than fairly by the city in the proposed improvement.

The first thing we know Japan will be butting in on our Chautauqua program. Mexico did it last year, and see what has happened to Mexico!

SERVES HIM RIGHT

FEW will sympathize with J. H. P. Endress, of Bernardville, N. J., who recently returned home after seventeen years of a wandering life to find himself declared "legally dead," his wife remarried and long since dead and his only son in an early grave. Endress is one of the irresponsible who should be in jail or an asylum. A man who leaves a loving wife and baby to wander over the face of the earth deserves to be "legally dead" and to remain so. He had no regard for the feelings of those who cared for him or for their welfare. He is an outlaw if ever there was one and the court would serve him justly if it refused to recognize his identity. The punishment, at that, would be far too mild.

The United States imported \$12,000 worth of hot Mexican peppers last year—and about \$14,000,000 of telegraphed hot air.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

As it is cowardly for a soldier to run away from battle, so it is cowardly for any citizen not to contribute his share to the well-being of his country.—George Harvey.

EVENING CHAT

Counting the collection of books in the Harrisburg public library as about 10,500, the figures compiled of the circulation of the city's new institution from opening day on January 3 to June 30 show that each book was used about five times. The circulation in that period was 54,735. This shows that the circulation was away up. The library was open for 152 days and on some days as high as 1,000 books were taken out. An interesting and significant fact regarding the circulation is that 17,004 of the books circulated were to children. The circulation in June, which is ordinarily a poor month in libraries, was 7,871, of which 5,589 books were taken out by adults and 1,723 by children. In June 2,727 persons visited the library to read, 1,901 of the number being adults, most of whom spent from thirty minutes to two hours reading in the evenings. In May the number of readers was 2,612. Of the books circulated in June 80 per cent. were fiction.

The Civic Club has presented to the library its collection of Hungarian books. This collection, which contains interesting folk lore and other information regarding the ancient kingdom, was secured by the club several years ago in its educational work and has been placed with other books donated by it in the library. Altogether about a dozen organizations of the city have presented to the library books of interest to persons having attention to their lines of work, but as a matter of fact the support in books and finances given to the new library is below what one would expect of a city as thriving and progressive as Harrisburg.

Youthful fighters of Uncle Sam's battles of the Spanish-American War and the troublous days in the insular possessions that followed raise the question now and then of the way the newspapers testify them. Here's a typical complaint: "Now I noticed in the newspaper stories of the ceremonies incident to the turning of the old flags to the Capitol rotunda on July 4, 1914, that the Fourth of July parade stories," said one of the men who fought in the scraps that followed the war with Spain are spoken of as 'Spanish-American War veterans.'"

"Now that isn't exactly true. Some of us were at Tien-Tsin and in other Chinese ports during the war, and others spent several years in the Philippines with the Army of Occupation; others were in Porto Rico and Cuba; others never got farther than the front lines. We're all styled 'Spanish-American War veterans.' Now, what we really are and what we should be called is the name which we had in our organization—'American Veterans of Foreign Service.' Some time I wish you'd print a story about it."

The manner in which the State is utilizing properties in the Capitol Park extension district rather emphasizes the necessity that is going to arise before long for new quarters for the state governmental offices. Offices are scattered through half a dozen buildings in and about the city, some in the park district and some in other parts of the city. The brick building on Fourth street which are worth fixing up are to be used for offices for the branch of the Public Service Commission and another will be prepared later in the fall for the clerks of the Insurance Department and the staffs of the Soldiers' Orphan School and other institutions which are now domiciled in committee rooms in the Capitol. The old building of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company and the Harrisburg Steam Heat and Power Company are now being used for storage and when the Paxton Flour and Feed and Harrisburg Storage companies vacate the big brick building which the State bought some parts of, the will be used for storage. But when the time comes to clear the way for the park there will have to be some figuring.

Harrisburg friends of Larry R. Goshorn, legislative correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, will regret to learn that one of the small bones of his leg is laid to rest near Philadelphia a few days ago. He is now at Atlantic City.

York and Harrisburg will be rivals in another line of athletics than baseball this week. The golfers of the York and Harrisburg Country Club teams will begin a series of matches similar to those they played last year. This Saturday Harrisburg goes to York and York will come here on the 25th. For years the York and Harrisburg Country Club teams have been playing golf matches.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Joseph Swain, head of the national educators, is president of Swarthmore College.
—Thomas Schallcross, Jr., of Philadelphia, is vice-president of the National Real Estate Association, now meeting in Pittsburgh.
—H. C. Broughton, for years a letter carrier in Lebanon county, is secretary of the Rural Carriers' Association of this state.
—Colonel H. C. Williams, chief of artillery of the National Guard, will visit the artillery camp at Tobyhanna.
—Dr. C. D. Schaeffer, former mayor of Allentown, is taking a trip to Europe.

—Samuel T. Bodine, of the United Gas Improvement Company, is being elected to succeed Thomas Dolan on various boards.

COMMENT AND NEWS

[From an editorial article in the New York World of July 4.]
The President and the Secretary of State are occupied with matters that are more important than Theodore Roosevelt.

[From a Washington dispatch in the New York World of July 4.]
Secretary of State Bryan left Washington to-night for North Carolina, where to-morrow he will deliver four Chautauqua lectures. It is said he will receive \$250 for each.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph, July 8, 1864]
Rebels Demand \$20,000
The rebels in taking Hagerstown demanded \$20,000 and 1,500 outfits.

Day of Prayer
The President has issued a proclamation naming the first Thursday in August as a day of humiliation and prayer.

Life is ever unfolding from within, and revealing itself to the light, and thoughts engendered in the heart at last reveal themselves in words, actions and things accomplished.—James Allen.

HEADQUARTERS FOR

SHARPS
SIDES & SIDES

CAMPAIGN WILL BE FOR MCCORMICK

Start to Be Made in August So That He Can Get Around Among the Farmers

FUSION IS KNOCKED OUT

No Hope of Doing Anything Since the Speech of Col. Roosevelt on Wilson

The Democratic State executive committee, as the inside ring of the Democratic State machine is officially styled, will to-day plan for a campaign which will be the result of years of scheming, the expenditure of thousands of dollars in political channels and the ruthless removal or relegation to obscurity of numerous men of prominence in the Democracy of Pennsylvania in the days gone by. Vance C. McCormick, elected mayor of Harrisburg fourteen years ago in a campaign that set a high water mark for the use of money, is running for Governor after having been nominated at a primary in which he gave up so much money, according to his sworn statement, that it has become an object of comment all over the Keystone State. It is McCormick's opportunity to give notice for expenses in a campaign that set a high water mark for the use of money, is running for Governor after having been nominated at a primary in which he gave up so much money, according to his sworn statement, that it has become an object of comment all over the Keystone State.

To suit him the campaign will be started about the end of August when the farmers' picnics and fairs are in flower and arrangements will be made for crowds of Democrats to turn out and greet him as he swings around the circle when the frost is on the pumpkin and the political advertisements appear most prominently.

The committee, however, will be informed that it must help raise the wind. The lavish contributions to win the nomination cannot be made again opportunistly by giving notes for expenses is one which is causing some folks to raise their eyebrows. Congressman Palmer, State Chairman Morris and Candidate McCormick are the Democratic ticket to-day and Palmer, who has troubles keeping the crown of leadership from toppling over his left ear, will go along with the Republican ticket, however, named on committees to flatter them and make them hustle.

It is not expected that much attention will be paid to Morris' idea on fusion. Since Colonel Roosevelt's Pittsburgh speech, bitterly attacking President Wilson's policies and the Democratic ticket, it is as hopeless as a campaign for an alliance between Democrats and Washington party men upon any nominations are deemed to be off the order of the day. Active districts local leaders had been planning for withdrawals of candidates named at the primaries in order to permit the fusion tickets to be formed by the committees of the Democratic and Washington parties in opposition to the Republican nominee. The Roosevelt assaults upon the national Democratic leadership have been indignantly resented by supporters of the President and the Palmer-McCormick men in Pennsylvania who claim to be among the most loyal of the administration adherents are particularly incensed. It would appear that there will be a three-cornered contest all along the line in this State, with Republicans, Democrats and Bull Moosers each campaigning on separate lines.

Congressman Palmer and other Democratic bosses here to-day are fastened relief at the settlement of the appointments for the West-ern Pennsylvania judgeship and the mint superintendent. The judgeship had threatened to make a scandal and it is said that President Wilson settled the row by coming right out and backing up Attorney General McReynolds. Palmer declared for W. H. S. Thompson some time ago, but the partisans of R. E. Cresswell, of Johnstown, who ran for Auditor General in 1912; W. A. Griffith and A. M. Thompson, of Pittsburgh; G. B. Shaw and Paul H. Galtier, of Greensburg; ex-Judge Allison O. Smith, of Clearfield, and others, kept going. Some of them are very sore over the action of Palmer and Joe Guffey and it means more trouble for the reorganization contest. However, they are getting used to that and counting on the President to line up the kickers.

Judgeship Will Mean New Fuss

A Real Secret
Now, remember, Claude, it's a dead secret, you musn't tell a soul 'ptin' Pete, an' Billy an' Jim an' Maude an' Kilty an' Percy an' a few like that.

To Make a Show-
"Pa, what's a dead game sport?" "One who buys his game of the butcher after his hunting trips, my son."

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The State expect to call upon Palmer in a body and demand of him an explanation why they have not been given an opportunity to recommend worthy Democrats to federal places. The dissensions in the party ranks have become so pronounced that members from Pennsylvania make no secret of their intention to fight for their own re-election and permit the White House made ticket of Palmer and McCormick to shift for itself. The Palmer leadership, these Democratic congressmen declare, will disappear with the defeat of Palmer for the senatorship. Already plans are being made for the party organization in the State. Flinn to Keep Tab On State

Dauphin county Bull Moosers are sitting up and taking notice of the reports that William Flinn will spend seven months of the year in each part of the State. Flinn has some big contracts in New York and has an idea of running over into the State every now and then to see how the faith is being kept. He will have a series of conferences with the leaders in Philadelphia and then go to adjoining counties. Perhaps he may come up here for a view at close range of the organization that is left in this county and congressional district. Flinn will also assist Chairman Detrich to run the headquarters. Flinn insists that the Colonel is going to make lots of speeches this fall.

With no ordinary feelings of pleasure we contemplate the pleasant time the Lutherans will have on annual picnic.

Daring Robbery
Jacob Ziegler's house in Second street, was last night entered by burglars and robbed.

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Five dollars will be paid for recovery of a yellow terrier pup lost last Sunday.

BACK TO THE PARTY

[New York Sun.]
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—The \$33,000 kitty was not allowed to attend the meeting of the Democratic State committee to-day.

—Congressman Palmer came here from Stroudsburg last night. Judging from what is appearing in the papers to-day, he had good reason to remain away from Washington.

—If it cost \$33,000 to swing a nomination for Governor, what will it cost to overcome the 200,000 Republican majority?

—For every appointment it appears that a dozen hatchets spring aloft for war within the Democratic camp.

—Chairman Morris, however, manages to keep his urbanity through it all.

—Very few of the Democrats here for the State committee meeting needed an introduction to the \$33,000 kitty.

—According to rumor, Dr. C. A. Fritchey will be a candidate for re-order next year. C. W. Rubendall is also said to have ambitions in that line.

—But the \$33,000 kitty will come around in the fall.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

Fusion is as hopeless as a campaign for an alliance between Democrats and Washington party men upon any nominations are deemed to be off the order of the day.

"A Guess Who was the first 'shin' in?" "Can't say. How about Jonah?"

Foresight Why don't you run for office? If I did I would have to walk back.

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THE Harrisburg Academy

To educate and develop young men along the line of sound scholarship and genuine manliness is our business. Our system provides: A full day session; small classes with attention to the individual pupil; experienced masters; supervised study periods; wholesome associates; ideal environment and good athletic facilities.

For information about the Day School, Boarding School, School for Small Boys and Summer Coaching School, communicate with Headmaster, Arthur E. Brown, Post Office Box 617, Bell Phone 1371J.

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August 3rd to September 11th.

Jefferson Davis, Andrew Carnegie and John Wanamaker

Knew What They Were Saying and This Is What They Said:

"The lesson we must learn is the value of saving money. Economy makes strong, industrious, successful men. I cannot state this too emphatically." JEFFERSON DAVIS.

"The man who cannot and does not save money, cannot and will not do anything else worth while." ANDREW CARNEGIE.

"The difference between the clerk who spends all his salary and the clerk who saves part of it is the difference—in ten years between the owner of a business and the man out of a job." JOHN WANAMAKER.

To the above we will add that it is not what we PROPOSE doing NEXT MONTH or NEXT YEAR but what we do to-day that counts.

We have opened a Savings Department on the same plan as the great banks in other large cities.

You can deposit here in large or small amounts and get a regular pass book which enables you to draw or deposit at will on this modern plan you can draw a part of your money without disturbing interest on the balance and if your money has been here THREE MONTHS or more you will get 3 per cent. compound semi-annually.

These safes are made of steel and are nickel plated. They hold about \$50 in silver, are locked by us and for the balance of this month will be loaned FREE to new depositors. They are returned to us back from time to time to be unlocked and have contents credited.

It is easy to acquire the habit of dropping 25c per week, more or less, into the safe and if you do this you will save money.</