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THE TRUTH OF IT

AGES paid to labor in Harrisburg to-day are lower than those of a year ago.

Prices of foodstuffs and household necessities are on an average ten per cent higher.

Labor was scarce last year; to-day contractors can obtain any number of men.

On these premises Republican newspapers are asked by Democratic politicians and newspapers whose selfish purposes are dependent on the popularity of the Wilson administration to proclaim prosperity in the land.

Because the soup house is not a prospect of the immediate future and because starvation is not actually threatening thousands of our people, we are expected to keep quiet concerning the deplorable failure of the Democrats at Washington and to calmly submit to their mischievous program of business legislation.

It has become a shameful thing to point out the broken promises of those in authority at the national capital. We are to light the little gas jet of things-as-they-ought-to-be and immediately the great sun of things-as-they-are will be blotted out. We are to hide our heads, like the ostrich, in the sands of the desert places and dream ourselves into the midst of a pleasant oasis. We are to imagine that prices are lower under the new tariff than under the old, and at once our grocery bills will be reduced. We are to tell ourselves that wages for the day laborer--are higher than they were under Republican rule, and at once the pay envelope will be swelled. We are to imagine more men are at work now than a year ago and there will be jobs for all.

The thing is as silly as it is wicked. It is not the province of the newspaper to do other than reflect the conditions as they exist. If there be an evil it becomes the duty of the newspaper to point it out, and if the remedy is at hand, to suggest it. That is what Republican, Independent and many fearless Democratic newspapers of the country over are doing.

In this land of plenty and to spare, with record-breaking crops in sight and harassed and impatient business held in check only by the blunderers at Washington, the workman has a right to expect that his wages shall be going up instead of coming down; that he shall be permitted to share in the bountiful gifts of nature, and, with the tariff wall removed, that he shall be given the benefit of the loudly heralded lower prices that were to follow.

These are the things he was promised and because he complains that he has been fooled honest newspapers are asked to tell him to take a back seat, shut up and be glad conditions are no worse.

"Don't tell the truth," has become the slogan of the Democratic press.

PLANNING COMMISSION

HERE is pending before the City Council an ordinance making an appropriation for proper engineering services for the City Planning Commission.

At the meeting of the Council this week some objection was made to the appropriation on the score that funds were unavailable or that these services might involve too great an outlay.

It is commendable that the commissioners should exercise great care in the expenditure of public moneys, but the economy should not be so rigid as to hamper in any degree the important activities of a department which has placed upon it a responsibility that is little understood by many of our people.

For years the development of the suburban districts of Harrisburg has been along indifferent and careless lines to the extent that when these districts have been annexed to the municipality enormous expense has followed in making them conform to the city proper, especially in the matter of sewers, street grades and water

main. Under the provisions of the law creating the City Planning Commission authority is given for supervision of these tracts beyond the city limits to the end that when the day for annexation comes there will be no unreasonable or unnecessary expense.

Only yesterday it was necessary for the new commission to go over one or two tracts upon which there is to be erected a large number of dwellings this year, and it is highly important that there shall be no mistakes made in the laying out of the streets and the construction of drains and other general improvements necessary in a new building development.

We trust that the Council will realize the importance of the work of the City Planning Commission and give it the support which its work deserves. This commission is composed of five representative citizens and, as they are giving their services without cost, it is as little as the city can do to provide for the necessary expense of its operations.

CREASY AT IT AGAIN

"FARMER" CREASY is at it again! Notwithstanding that the State Grange is supposed to be a nonpartisan body, he lumbered into town yesterday and unblushingly turned over bodily so much of it as he personally controls to the Democratic bosses.

Fortunately, he has not much weight with the great masses of farmers, who know that the "Farmer" is a member of the Grange only for business reasons and is active in its affairs only when there are personal profits in sight.

But for the world-renowned champion ground and lofty tumbler in the political arena, such as the "Farmer" is supposed to be, he made an awful fizzle of his performance here yesterday, and will no doubt be called to the carpet by Palmer, McCormick and his other colleagues on the Democratic ticket.

While they have been proclaiming broadcast the benefits of the Democratic tariff, the "Farmer" let out a hoarse roar of agony over prevailing high prices and wanted the public to understand that the farmer is not to blame--the natural inference being that the trouble must lie at Washington.

Likewise he let go a broadside at those who spent money in behalf of candidates and who did not report the same--regardless of the fact that numerous Palmer and McCormick local committees conveniently forgot to comply with the law in this respect, and that some of the accounts that were fled might not conform in all respects with the legal requirement to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

If the "Farmer" will only continue his present line of argument it might pay the Republican State committee to employ him as a stump speaker for the Fall campaign.

SIR THOMAS BLAMELESS

AMERICANS will receive with pleasure the announcement that Sir Thomas Lipton was in no wise entangled in the canteen scandals that have lately caused a stir in England.

Sir Thomas has been found blameless by the stockholders of the company and by the British government, and comes out of the affair with his good name unblemished.

In the United States little attention was given the charges against Lipton. Nobody ever believed him guilty. He is too fair and honest in his sport to stoop to dishonesty in business--a business, by the way, that provides him with more money earned legitimately than he could spend on a whole fleet of cup challenging yachts.

But it is just as well that the noted English yachtsman comes to America in his latest attempt to lift the cup with his reputation as faultless as his sportsmanship. It saves considerable embarrassment all around.

TIME HE'S FRIGHTENED

RESIDENT WILSON'S obvious effort of the last week to curry favor with business shows that at last he realizes he is making a mess of things with his free trade tariff theories and his scholastic ideas of government.

It will be doubtless wiser better for the country if he is frightened a little out of his cocksureness.

His recent numerous conferences with some of the most prominent businessmen in the country in Washington and his nomination of Warburg, the New York financier, and of Jones, of Chicago, Harvester Trust director, as members of the Federal Reserve Board, show very clearly that he is not altogether deaf to the clamorings of a depressed country.

But his change of attitude is not going to be a recompense to voters who get less wages and pay higher prices for food because of the folly of his administration. His change of heart--if such it is--has come too late.

PASSING FADS

MUCH good printers' ink is being wasted in condemnation of the dancing fad that is sweeping over the country. To be sure many of the dances are bad and they are no doubt an instrument for evil.

But let us not believe that they are leading the nation to perdition. They will pass and some other form of amusement not now apparent will take their place, just as the dances have displaced the bridge craze of a year back, and just as clean, interesting stories have pushed into the background the sex slush that crowded our bookshelves and newstands only a few months ago.

History is full of fallings at minor evils of the kind, but there is no instance of a people dragged to ruin by the fads and fancies of the idle or frivolous few.

There are three and one-half columns of good advice on the church page to-day. Don't fail to read it.

EVENING CHAT

Fully 100 persons are going up and down the State of Pennsylvania preaching the importance of fire drills in factories and schools.

This is not any sporadic movement of "safety" men, but a well defined State policy which is being urged upon employers, officials, employes and the public generally.

The fire drill is being pointed to as the means of safety in time of trouble and the numberless illustrations of havoc wrought because of lack of organization and the numerous cases wherein system has saved life and limb are being used to buttress the arguments of the people who are urging attention to preparation for emergencies.

This work is being done by everyone connected with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry and it is such an important part of the organization of that department that a bulletin on the subject has been taken out in which not only deals with ways and means to organize a fire drill, but with ways to make it work and also how to have a private fire fighting system to back it up.

For instance, it is shown that every factory or school should have a floor captain for each room and then aisle or squad leaders. There has been a great deal of time and thought been put upon the campaign for fire drills and the hints on the subject are well worth noting. Here are some:

"Don't treat the fire drill as a joke." "Do not wait to get your hat and coat." "Obey commands."

Girard, whose daily articles in the Philadelphia Ledger, are read by thousands of people, has this to say about some people who are known to many residents of this city.

"I know a very old man, a person who knows Victor P. Weirman, who has won distinction as a railroad, than knew his celebrated uncle, Victor Piollet. However, a generation ago, every farmer in this State and thousands outside of it, knew about this greatest of all Pennsylvania grangers. He was a real power in politics and a decidedly bitter enemy of Simon Cameron. I asked his nephew, Mr. Weirman, what had started that animosity. 'My uncle was recommended for colonel of a regiment in the Mexican War,' he replied, 'but Cameron opposed it so stoutly that the appointment was withdrawn. I don't think they had spoken to each other for 35 years, or until shortly before Mr. Piollet's death. He was then in Harrisburg and I or some one else suggested that he drive down to old Senator Cameron's house.' The veteran granger objected vigorously at first, but finally yielded. Both he and Cameron were very old men and Cameron kept his political antagonist for two hours, talking over past events."

It's astonishing the number of suggestions for cooling off by means of a beverage a man can get if he asks the first ten people he meets in a block what they think. Yesterday afternoon ten people casually met in a Third street between Walnut and Market were asked what they would recommend for cooling off. Two suggested beer, one another beer, another root beer, one buttermilk, one a lemonade, one ice water, one orange phosphate, one a gin fizz and the last plain carbonated water. Four offered to buy and one said that he ought to be bought a drink for giving his idea.

It does not take very long to get people dancing these days. Even on the hottest evening people give themselves enjoyment in that line either on cool porches or dancing pavilions. But probably the oddest place to dance is on the Mulberry street bridge. The other evening an organ grinder was coming along with his machine when a party of young folks went by. The electric lights had just been turned on when one youth spied the organ grinder. He gave him a quarter and the music of "Dixie" struck up. The whole party had stopped and the youth who had paid the quarter seized a girl and began to dance. The others followed and they had five minutes of fun even if they did hold up traffic on the bridge.

"This is the time of year to chop down the weeds if you do not want to be bothered with them next year," remarked a farmer of years and years of experience yesterday. "This is the time when most of the weeds, thistle, burdock, chicory and the like are in bloom and if they are chopped down before they head or flower there will be just that number of seeds prevented from coming abroad to bother everyone. Every man who sees a weed and loves good grass should cut it. If this was done when the dandelions come up there would be fewer lawns spotted."

The hottest days apparently do not deter people from going up into the heights of the Capitol dome. Yesterday there were half a dozen young men on the balcony high up over the city at the warmest part of the afternoon. They said that the view well repaid the climb and that it was not so bad after all because there was plenty of breeze.

This is about the time of the year when the average driver of a horse ought to think about the animal that helps him earn his bread. Although the weather has been extremely hot there are scarcely any horses to be seen wearing hats. Some of the animals look as though they would wilt and yet their heads are unprotected.

At the watchfulness of the late Maurice C. Eby these days. About the middle of July he went get around and suggest to the newspapermen that they write something advising carters and drivers to put sunbonnets on their horses.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Dr. J. George Becht, secretary of the State Board of Education, used to write pieces for the college papers when he went to Lafayette.

Enoch Rauh, head of the noted Credit Men's Association of Pittsburgh, will retire from that organization.

Judge W. B. Brommell, of Delaware county, has gone to the Berkshires for the summer.

Superintendent W. M. Davidson, of Pittsburgh schools, has returned from a visit to the northwestern States.

Charles Newbold Welsh, prominent in Philadelphia society, and Mrs. Welsh have gone to Dinard for the summer.

Ralph M. Archibald, of Tarentum, who was elected principal of Waynesboro high school, was elected over 47 applicants.

John M. Zimmerman, new postmaster of Greensburg, and his predecessor were dined by fellow citizens.

SOURCE OF HARD TIMES

The Washington Post (Ind) prints the "can't get near cost for the yarn because there has been a vast increase in imports of yarns and cotton cloths under the new tariff law."

The New York Evening Mail (Prof. Baltimore Star) says Philadelphia Press (Rep.) and San Francisco Chronicle (Rep.) continue to denounce the Democratic tariff as the source of hard times.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

"Oh joy is like the magic cup; I lift it to the sky And still the more I offer up. The fuller joy have I!"

—Charlotte Porter.

CANDIDATES ARE STARTING TUNES

Mayor Royal Likely to Be a Candidate For the City Council in Next Year

Although a year must elapse before the primary election is held for the nomination of candidates for municipal and county offices some aspirants for office have commenced to tune up and there are numerous suggestions of men for various places.

County Commissioner John H. Eby expects to have the backing of the McCormick machine for the nomination for sheriff and ex-Sheriff J. Rowe Fletcher is being favorably spoken of by many Republicans. Harry Lowry may be a Bull Moose candidate.

Sheriff Harry C. Wells is mentioned as a Democratic candidate for county commissioner. Deputy Register C. W. Rubendall, of Millersburg, and Dr. C. A. Fritchey, of this city, are talked of for the Democratic nomination for recorder and ex-Recorder William A. McIlhenny and Recorder O. G. Wick-ersham may try again.

The woods will be full of candidates for mayor. Ex-Mayor E. S. Meals will likely stand and E. M. Winters thinks the Democrats are calling him. The city councilmen will all be candidates to succeed themselves, and Mayor Royal will be a candidate for membership in that body. And there will be others.

"Farmer" William T. Crasey and ex-Representative Frank N. Moore, who have been playing the Granger game so long that they have commenced to believe a lot they say, were here to-day for a meeting of the State Grange legislative committee, which adopted the usual run of ideas. Crasey indulged in considerable interviewing and after banging Penrose and everyone on the Republican side, said that he would do whatever the people wanted him to do to down the Republicans. When he was asked whether he thought the Democratic and Bull Moose machines represented the voice of the people he said he would avoid expression of opinion by the proletariat. Crasey knows the Democrats have no earthly show of electing their ticket and is willing to sacrifice himself and withdraw--if the spotlight is working properly.

Secretary Bryan is Chautauquing in the Cumberland Valley to-day and if his work at Washington will not suffer he may remain in this neighborhood to-morrow. The secretary spoke

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His Way I never pay our debts. How about your new ones? Oh, I let them get old.

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IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Whitewash Markets We notice that the markethouses are receiving a coat of whitewash, which is taking the place of the many color show bills that have so long occupied prominent positions there.

2,000 at Camp Curtin Last evening there were over 2,000 "Hundred Days Men" in Camp Curtin.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR (From the Telegraph of July 15, 1864) Potomac Near Leesburg Washington, Monday, July 18. -- At 6 o'clock last evening our forces were seven miles beyond Leesburg, in pursuit of the rebels, who were making rapid time up the Shenandoah valley toward Staunton.

Forrest Captures Stockade Louisville, July 18. -- The Journal advised that early on Saturday morning a large rebel force, said to be under the command of Judge Asa Carter, had captured the stockade at Brownsboro, on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad.

The Coasts of Lancaster (From the Lancaster Intelligencer.) The confirmation by the Secretary of War of the opinion of Judge General Crowder that the Susquehanna is legally a navigable stream so the Government as well as corporate effort to improve its navigation may be urged is a distinct triumph for the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association and its president, Congressman J. Hampt Moore.

Stability (From the Mercersburg Journal.) The time seems to be near at hand when the aeroplane will stay up long as the price of eggs in the eastern part of the United States.

PATXANG PARK King Kelly will make his farewell balloon ascension and parachute jump at Patxang Park this evening. A though the weather has been unfavorable during the greater part of the week, Mr. Kelly has proved himself as great a drawing card as ever, and the fact still remains that there is nothing like a parachute-leaper for a park sensation. Probably no act that has ever played the park theater has been the cause of so much favorable comment as Arthur Geary. It is said that the performance of the "growing sentiment" and ability is seen in a popular-prize vaudeville theater. With a few more acts of this kind the local public will begin to realize that they are getting some show for their money at the park theater.

The Bill for next week will be head by Nellie Brewster and company in that time seems to be near at hand when the aeroplane will stay up long as the price of eggs in the eastern part of the United States.

"Betty" Miss Brewster is well known in Harrisburg, having played the part of the heroine in the "Amsterdam Quartet." Miss Brewster appeared here as prima donna in Jessie Lasky's operatic act, "In the Barracks." A vertisement.

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