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FRONT STREET OPENING

CITY COMMISSIONER BOWMAN has cut the Gordian knot of the park strip controversy along North Front street by the simple method of an ordinance providing for a legal opening of the street in those stretches between South and Maclay streets not previously taken over by the city.

Commissioner Bowman took the position some days ago that until the city had control of the strip it was not good business to proceed with the filling out of the narrow places.

It is creditable to the foreigners who are now in this country, and who have grown weary of the frequent conflicts in their home lands, that they are besieging the naturalization courts in the initial steps to become American citizens.

LAST GREAT WAR

NOTHING in the way of comment since the beginning of the European outbreak has so impressed intelligent people as a statement of Okuma, the premier of Japan, who said on Saturday "that to bring about a great peace a great war is sometimes unavoidable."

Preparation for war was no assurance of peace and the overburdened people of the tottering dynasties across the sea must now bear the loss of blood and treasure that, perchance, their children and their children's children shall enjoy the blessings of enduring peace.

Friends of those Harrisburg tourists in Europe who are scattered far and wide need not be unduly alarmed. All the advices indicate that while these travelers are at some inconvenience, they are not likely to suffer in any serious way.

READY FOR THE PRAY

THOSE who have been asking Dr. Brumbaugh all manner of questions recently may be glad to learn that the Republican candidate for Governor and other candidates on the Republican State ticket will deliver keynote addresses at the meeting of the State committee at Pittsburgh on August 26.

State Chairman William E. Crow, who is working hard on the arrangements for the meeting, says that the campaign will be started in a blaze of glory, and that, following the Pittsburgh meeting, there will be no let-up until the election in November.

A gratifying development in the present campaign from a Republican standpoint is the eagerness of many voters who have returned to the party to officially give notice of their change of heart.

This return of the men who strayed away two years ago is the best possible indication that the Republican vote this year will compare with those of the 1904 and 1908 presidential years. The Republican State ticket will receive practically the united support of those opposed to the Wilson Administration, including not only all

Republicans who believe in protection for home industries, but in addition an army of dissatisfied Democrats.

There is no excuse for what is transpiring in Europe and the Oriental peoples who have been taught to regard the great nations now in the midst of war as the highest type of civilization will be set back many years in their own progress.

FAMILY REUNIONS

TO the Litanies should be added, some wit has said, "And from our relatives, good Lord, deliver us!" But judging from the numerous family reunions being held in towns and parks within a fifty-mile radius of Harrisburg there are hundreds who do not hold to this opinion.

Blood is thicker than water, after all, and there is something in the handshake of a great-uncle or a forty-second cousin that cannot be felt in the greeting of a mere friend, however dear. The American family is the unit, not of tyranny and monarchy, but of good, old-fashioned democracy, and nowhere is there such a spirit of good will and helpfulness as at a gathering of the clan of O'Harraghy, Schnitzenblum or just plain Jones.

So, if you get an invitation to put your feet under the family table when everybody is present from granddaddy down to the third or the fourth generation, pack your lunch basket and join the crowd.

While protesting their desire for peace, practically all of the great Powers of Europe are giving a fine exhibition of their pacific intentions by fighting each other.

WATCH HARRISBURG GROW

ERECTOR of the \$36,000 office building and warehouse by the Emerson-Brantingham Company, dealers in harvesting machinery, and the proposed removal of its eastern sales force from Waynesboro to this city shows that another firm has seen the vast distribution possibilities of Harrisburg.

One-fifth of the people of the United States live within 200 miles of Harrisburg and this fact is of vast importance to the man who must ship his goods. Furthermore, railroad lines radiate from this city in seven different directions. Doubtless one of the factors which prompted the harvester company to locate here is that at the very doors of the manufacturer or distributor in Central Pennsylvania is one of the finest and richest agricultural sections in the entire country.

The removal of the company's warehouses and office force here means that fully a hundred more workmen will be added to the city.

WATCH HARRISBURG GROW!

It will require cool heads to maintain the neutrality which the United States must preserve in the present situation in Europe, and it may be proper to suggest that Secretary Bryan might cancel a few of his Chautauqua engagements and give attention to the serious questions confronting this nation.

CARE OF SHADE TREES

IT must be assumed that the indifference of Harrisburg's municipal authorities to the creation of a Shade Tree Commission under the act of 1911 is due to a failure to appreciate the importance of the work of such a body rather than to any other cause. The matter was before the council under the old government and has been suggested repeatedly since the change of our municipal system a year ago, but nothing has been done.

Those who are able to speak with authority regarding our shade trees believe that the city will suffer unless some definite action is taken soon. Many trees are dying for want of care and there has not been the replacement that is necessary to maintain proper shade. Many of the finest trees in the city have been almost destroyed by tree cutters who pretend to know how to trim the branches. Hacking away at fine trees of years of growth these butchers practically destroy the foliage.

Such a commission in Philadelphia during the last twelve months has pruned, trimmed, sprayed and in other ways safeguarded more than 50,000 of the 127,301 placed under its care, with the widespread comment and approval of tree owners and of the general public. Every complaint, after careful consideration and explanation, has been dealt with to the ultimate satisfaction of the property owners. Not one formal written complaint has been filed with the commission. Every effort was made so to frame the rules as to permit the commission to discharge its duty without offending susceptibilities or unnecessarily restricting individual rights.

We believe that our City Council must realize, after full consideration of the matter, that a tree commission is greatly needed in Harrisburg, and it may be hoped that prompt action will be taken to not only preserve the trees we have, but increase their number.

OUR SEA COMMERCE

EVERYBODY will approve of the hope expressed yesterday by Admiral Dewey that the government will seize upon the present opportunity to restore the American flag to the position it once held with respect to world commerce on the high seas. With Europe at war, the ocean commerce of the nation is practically at a standstill. The steamer lanes are deserted. Big liners, small steamers and sailing vessels carrying European flags are rushing back to the safety of protected ports. At a time when Europe is anxious for all the supplies that can be poured in and when the United States is just as anxious to double or treble her exports, there is scarcely a bottom available at any of the Atlantic seaboard ports.

We are threatened with a most serious blockade of the seas. We have no merchant marine, but the opportunity is now ripe for annexing a large num-

ber of ships to the American flag. The Panama Canal law, very fortunately, permits of the American registry of foreign ships wholly owned by Americans if they are used only in the foreign trade or in the trade with the Philippines and some of the numerous islands of the Pacific ocean. Some provisions of this law having been questioned, President Wilson, very wisely, agreed to use his powerful influence in Congress to have a bill passed permitting of the transfer or purchase outright to the American flag of merchant ships no matter where their keels were laid. An immense number of these ships will no doubt take advantage of the statute which Congress will probably have approved before the end of the week.

The object of this law is not to favor foreign shipbuilders, but to meet an extraordinary condition and to render a service, not only to our own country but to the world at large, which will in the end result in giving us a merchant marine commensurate with the extent of our commerce and to restore permanently the American flag to the steamer lines of the world.

EVENING CHAT

According to reports which are reaching the Capitol, very few demands for hunters' license tags are being made in the various county seats of the state, although at this time last year there was considerable stir among hunters and demand for the tags. The State Game Commission was fortunate this year in getting its printing done early so that there was no hold-up like last year, but the demand for licenses has been very small. The fact that the federal law put the whole bird season out of business and that because of the war the various migratory birds has rather reduced interest in hunting and it is not expected that much demand for licenses will be made until September begins. Last year the act became effective in September and some men had to go into the field without the certificates showing that they had paid their licenses. It is expected that the issuance of hunters' licenses will go over the 300,000 mark next time.

The approach of the season for starting school has caused a rush to file reports of financial operations of districts at the Capitol and consequent demand for payment of school obligations. No district can be paid unless it files its report and the manner in which they are being entered shows that school directors are preparing for the start of the sessions next month. Some of the schools will open in rural districts on August 24, but the bulk of them will wait until September.

It's a matter of comment among people in Steelton that comparatively few of the subjects of Austria, with the exception of the Germans from the provinces of Austria proper and the Magyars, appear to be caring a bit what happens to the dual empire. All of these directors are preparing for the army and those who have not are not anxious to go back. Most of those from the southern provinces are of Slavic descent and their sympathies are with the Serbians, as it was twenty years ago. With exception of a few Dalmatians the southern provincials are all sleeping without any worry over the fate of their conglomerate fatherland.

The numerous rains and storms this summer have kept down the county's bill for fighting forest fires. Hardly any fires worth talking about have occurred and most of those that did take place were so small that not much expense was involved. Ordinarily the forest fires cause large payment by the counties, but this year Dauphin and other counties are getting off very well.

Colonel Henry C. Demming was talking the other evening about gold in Pennsylvania and remarked that it had been found in the mountains in quantities, in two of the neighboring counties of Dauphin—York and Lebanon. The Lebanon gold is in the Cornwall or Cornwallia region, a vein that hardly 10,000 worth in a year is mined. None has been found in this county, although its ore beds have been looked over carefully for traces of the precious metals.

The construction of the new blast furnace at Steelton is commencing to attract attention here in Steelton that the last of the furnaces was built at the steel works town. The new furnace will be a gigantic affair, as the foundations are very deep and large. It is expected that the excavations will be finished before the end of summer and the erection of the stack proper will be pushed during the fall and winter. The excavations can be seen below the two lower furnaces.

"Send that money by wire? Nothing doing." This was the statement made to a couple of bewildered foreigners at one of the telegraphic offices last night. The foreigners conversed in some dialect sounding like "Babylon" and then offered a higher rate. The clerk shook his head. Then it came out that they wanted to get the money to fish means for a friend to get away. "We can't send that money in to get your friend out. Verstehe? Savy? Comprehen?" replied the clerk. The two foreigners finally gave it up as a bad job. No one was yet heard from the town to which they wanted to send the cash.

Over a dozen Maryland cars were in the city yesterday morning, being in two parties of folks who stopped here over night. One party of sixteen came from Cumberland and the other from Baltimore. They had been at Gettysburg to go over the battlefield and then took a spin here to see the Capitol. The condition of the state highway ways was lamented by one man, who said that they were in better shape than he expected to find them.

Up at the State Highway Department they have not gotten used to the compliments being given for the state of the roads. For a long time the staff of the department received so many rocks that the excavations it was not prepared for bouquets. Some of the remarks about the condition of roads almost impassable a month ago are very gratifying.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Charles M. Schwab has been buying more and more of the Bethlehem steel works and extensions are rumored.

Dr. Richard G. Harte, Philadelphia health chief, says that now is the time to stamp out whooping cough.

E. T. Stotesbury has been spending a few days in Maine.

David C. Haverstick, pressman of the Lancaster Express-Examiner for sixty years, has retired.

T. Truxton Hare, the football star, is winning fame as an archer.

District Attorney S. P. Rotan, of Philadelphia, is spending his vacation at Hot Springs.

Ex-Secretary Knox is motoring in Virginia.

"War will benefit the United States." Headline. Yes, four has already advanced a claim to be the Dolomites. Philadelphia North American.

REPUBLICAN CLUB

ENDORSES TICKET

Harrisburg Republicans Open Local Campaign by Adopting Ringing Resolutions

LANCASTER STARTS OFF

Diller Elected Chairman at Meeting at Which Senator Crow Is a Speaker

At a rousing meeting of the Harrisburg Republican Club at the North Second street clubhouse last night resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote endorsing the whole Republican ticket from top to bottom and pledging the support of the influential organization to its election.

The meeting was the opening of the campaign in Harrisburg and the attendance of members was large and enthusiastic. President LeRue Metzger called the attention of the members to the splendid ticket nominated by the Republicans and to the opportunity to show that the State Capital supported the nominees. Daniel L. Kleiser, former member of the Legislature, then presented the resolutions which were adopted after remarks by City Chairman H. F. Oves, William Payvand and Mr. Kleiser.

The resolutions adopted were as follows: Resolved, That the Harrisburg Republican Club pledges its support and commends to the voters of the district at the November election, the whole Republican ticket. It is a ticket for which no excuses need be made and headed by Honorable Boise Penrose as the candidate for United States Senator.

Honorable A. S. Kreider, of Lebanon county, our candidate for Congress, has made a national reputation and stands for the highest ideals in public, as well as private life. Honorable Frank McClain, as legislator and Speaker of the House of Representatives, has already demonstrated his entire devotion to the public interest. Honorable Henry Houck, with his rugged honesty and his effervescent nature, has overwhelmingly shown to the satisfaction of the entire State, his ability to fill the office of Secretary of Internal Affairs, to which he seeks reelection.

In our local ticket, the city of Harrisburg is no less fortunate. Augustus Wildman served with a diligent attention and ability as a member of the last House of Representatives and deserves reelection to the next. Joshua W. Swartz is a lawyer of ability and a man of experience, and will creditably represent this district in this Legislature.

The whole ticket is made up of men of honor and integrity, especially capable of filling the several offices for which they are candidates. But particularly do we commend to the voters of the whole State, without regard to party, Honorable George Kunkel, President Judge of this county, as the nonpartisan candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court. Judge Kunkel is in the prime of vigorous life, has a record of high character and a record as a jurist; was the choice of forty-eight of the sixty-seven counties of the State over the other candidates and comes from a county which, although containing the capital, has never had a representative on the Supreme bench. His neighbors are proud of him and he should be overwhelmingly elected.

According to announcements just made by the management of the Grangers' picnic the big gathering at Williams Grove is to have a political significance far greater than ever this Political Days at Grangers.

The standard bearers of the big party are to make addresses and the big days of 1911 and 1912 will be exceeded. The program will include the following: Monday, August 31, lecture by W. W. King of S. N., on Mexico with illustrations. Tuesday will be Progressive day with Gifford Pinchot and William Draper Lewis as speakers. Wednesday will be Democratic day with A. Mitchell Palmer, Vance C. McCormick and William T. Creasy as speakers and Thursday the Republican day with Boies Penrose and Dr. W. W. King as the speakers. Lieutenant King will give lectures in the evening. Dr. W. C. Miller, of the State Department of Health, will give several lectures on sanitary subjects.

Lancaster's Republican county committee started its campaign work yesterday by a big meeting and Samuel W. Diller was elected chairman for the ninth term. An entire new set of rules was adopted and the county committee was organized.

Committees were appointed to prepare for and conduct the coming campaign. Addresses were made by State Chairman William E. Crow, of Uniontown; Henry Houck, Lebanon, candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs, and Frank B. McClain, candidate for Lieutenant-governor. Resolutions were passed and a Republican sweep in Pennsylvania this fall. In referring to Senator Penrose, Chairman Crow said:

"He is pre-eminently fitted and qualified, and when re-elected will be able to do more than any other man in public life to revive Pennsylvania's prostrate industries and re-establish healthful and prosperous conditions among the people."

Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, candidate for Governor, Chairman Crow said: "He is a tower of strength. His life work, known to all, is laid upon which he stands; a giant in stature and mental proportions, of sterling worth and rugged honesty, of the common people and familiar with their needs and struggles. Well-made, he as Governor, will give to the State an administration characterized by superior ability and uncompromising straightforwardness in his dealings with the people."

The speaker also paid a high tribute to Congressman W. W. Grist, Candidate McClain and the other State and local nominees of the party. A great Republican victory was predicted.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

God bend't that the dead have left still God undone for the living to do— Still some aim for the heart and the will And the soul of a man to pursue. —Owen Meredith

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POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS

Senator Penrose says he sees little relief in the railroad rate decision. Labor leaders in Philadelphia are planning to run their own ticket. McCormick and Morris will speak at a picnic at Williamsport to-morrow.

Palmer is sick in bed at Stroudsburg. Jacob H. Maust has been named postmaster at Bloomsburg. There will be the usual number of people angered.

York Democrats threaten to take the post office fight into the campaign. The "Democratic harmony" about which we are lectured this morning appears to prevail mainly at State headquarters. Chairman Morris will receive at the State windmill Thursday.

Richard T. Hugas has been appointed postmaster at Jeanette. The rows grow. "The hour has struck" says the Patriot. Yes, for candidates who campaigned with money barrels as their main reliance.

Some of the "harmony" discussed in the Patriot to-day might be shipped to Philadelphia, Huntingdon, Luzerne and other counties.

UNCLE SAM AND THE FUTURE

(New York Sun) Every encouragement to confidence is afforded by the way in which the American people and their economic institutions have so far withstood the shock and strain. The splendid exhibition of the underlying soundness and fundamental strength of American values which was made by Wall Street, until it was clear that opposition must be offered to the pressure of European liquidation of securities and Europe's frenzied demand for gold, was a guarantee that this country with a brave and prudent management of its affairs could weather the European storm.

What we have to do now is to frame new policies enforced by a tremendous emergency and put them into effect in order that the United States may perform the duty laid upon it to avert the catastrophe of a general civilization from collapse. The resources of the country must be conserved and used for every end except the relief of European desperation. There must be a readjustment of the banking organization and of the processes of domestic exchange by cash or check to enable business to adapt itself to the circumstances of adversity. The new Federal reserve banking machinery should be put into operation as soon as possible to permit a larger employment of the country's resources by our own people and for the peaceful nations which must look to us for goods and credit.

We must begin to acquire a merchant marine by purchase and transfer of registry. We must keep shops, mills, factories and stores open and traffic moving along the railroads. The whole program of government must be revised along the lines of the expedients resorted to in the last few days and all the brains and courage of the country must put themselves at the service of the situation. There is no doubt what the result will be. Much unnecessary hardship will be avoided.

Difficulties will be overcome and there will be assured a future of recovered values in a world free from the maldady of militarism which has been an ailing cancer gnawing at the vitals of prosperity.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of Aug. 4, 1864.] Exchanges Arrive. Cairo, Aug. 2. — Nearly 1,000 exchanged Union prisoners from the Red river country, arrived at New Orleans on the 25th, a majority of them belonging to the Twenty-sixth Indiana, and Nineteenth Iowa regiments.

Rumor of Cavalry Advance. Washington, Aug. 3. — A rumor prevailed that a force of rebel cavalry were seen moving towards our left, but nothing has developed in that direction.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph of Aug. 4, 1864.] Fast Day. To-day is the day appointed by the president of the United States as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

Colored Folks Skeddadle. A batch of colored people arrived here from Cumberland Valley, yesterday. They no doubt skeddadled on account of the rumor that the rebels were coming.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Sensible people will be gratified that the President has denied the statement attributed to him that the European war would be a fine thing for the United States and would help our trade. As a matter of fact, with our best customers fighting instead of buying, there is nothing to shout about. The country is in good shape, but the catastrophe in Europe is certainly not a benet. — Philadelphia Public Ledger.

THE LAST WAR

By Wing Dinger. I see that it's predicted, By those who study war, That once this one is finished, There'll not be any more.

They say it will be lengthy, That much blood will be shed, And heavy tolls exacted. In humans maimed and dead. It seems a downright shame that In this enlightened time The nations should join hands in What may be well-termed "crime."

But, if as prophets promise, This war shall be the last The world will see, perhaps 'tis As well, the die is cast. And those who help to hasten At cost of life and limb, Will's age of peace eternal God's all be crowned by Him.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



His Troubles. Why are you scolding me? I'm a sweet little wife of yours? Aw, I had a nice leaf laid away for lunch and she took it for a Gainsboro hat!

Mild Mannered. Dobbins is a mild mannered man. Yes, he is. I wonder if he's naturally so, or married?

TWO REASONS FOR THANKS. [From the Chicago News.] America has two things to be thankful for in the present time of armed uproar. One is the Atlantic ocean and the other is the Pacific ocean.

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