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WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 16.

DR. BRUMBAUGH'S REPLY

DR. BRUMBAUGH'S reply to the suggestion of the Philadelphia North American that he could have the support of that newspaper in his campaign for Governor, if he deserted the other Republican candidates named on the same ticket with him at the May primaries, beyond doubt will win him thousands of votes of men who admire a candidate not only honest in his convictions but courageous enough to stand by them. The letter is straightforward to the point of bluntness and for vigor of expression and keen grasp of essentials closely resembles some of the political utterances of Colonel Roosevelt. Evidently Dr. Brumbaugh is well able to take care of himself under any circumstances.

Dr. Brumbaugh is correct in his conclusions. The North American was in its offer of support simply seeking an excuse to hop from the sinking ship of Progressivism to the scarcely less wabbling planks of the McCormick wing of the Democratic party. Dr. Brumbaugh would have branded himself as a traitor to the party that named him and would have placed himself in the class with McCormick, who stands ready to go to any length to gratify his ambition for public office, had he yielded to the absurd proposal of the Philadelphia newspaper that is now trying to square itself between free trade and protection.

But whatever attitude the North American may take, it cannot dodge the fact that it has held up Dr. Brumbaugh to the voters of the State as individually the best qualified candidate in the field at this time for the Governorship of Pennsylvania. It has admitted that his natural ability, training, acquaintance with the needs and ideals of Pennsylvania and unquestioned honesty of purpose fit him as no other before the public at this time is fitted for the high office of chief executive of the State. It will not do, therefore, for that newspaper to turn its support to a second-rate candidate simply because its publishers have a grievance against some other man on the ticket upon which Dr. Brumbaugh's name happens to appear.

Dr. Brumbaugh has been recommended by the North American to its readers as a personally fit man for Governor, and therefore honest and truthful. Dr. Brumbaugh himself has said that he owes nothing to anybody, that he is his own boss and that he will strive with all his might for the passage of local option, child labor and other important legislation. It is but fair, then, we submit, to take Dr. Brumbaugh at his word, and no doubt the voters will do it.

Indications early to-day were that the Washington party bosses would put through their fusion deal. There doesn't seem to be sufficient rank and file left to conduct even a rear guard action.

JUDGE KUNKEL'S CANDIDACY

ALL Central Pennsylvania and some of the outlying counties were represented at the meeting of Judges and lawyers in Harrisburg yesterday at which Judge Kunkel was endorsed for the State Supreme Court bench. The hundreds of attorneys who have practiced before him see in Judge Kunkel a man fitted by every essential qualification for the high tribunal of the State. It is very fitting and should have great weight with the lay voters that these men, who know him most intimately and are best fitted to judge, should join together in a public endorsement of his candidacy.

Judge Kunkel's campaign for the nomination was conducted under extreme difficulty and was beset by many complications of a political nature that no longer exist. His path lies straight to the Supreme bench. He is well known as the man who tried the Capitol conspiracy cases and his labor record is clean. He has served the public as legislator, public prosecutor and judge. He is experienced in every branch of the law and an authority on Pennsylvania legislation of all

sorts. He was re-elected to the Dauphin county bench on a nonpartisan ticket without a dissenting vote. He has no business entanglements and is free politically. His private life is without a blemish. He is in the prime of life and resides in a district that is not represented on the Supreme bench. He is the logical man for the judgeship and the public will no doubt agree with the bar in its endorsement.

But the fight is not over. The other candidate in the field also has his friends. Every effort must be made to instruct people of the State with the qualifications of the Dauphin county jurist. The Kunkel campaign committee has a busy period before it.

There is a growing impression among the war experts of the world that the great European conflict may come to an end sooner than was expected ten days ago. This feeling is increased by the downward trend of grain prices, the result of liquidating sales growing out of a conviction that the war may not continue into the winter. The enormous cost of the struggle is regarded as likely to force a conclusion through starvation of the armies.

NOW A FREIGHT TAX

It is out of the frying pan and into the fire for the Wilson Administration nowadays. Every move seems to involve the unfortunate party of negation in a whirlpool of trouble, and nothing has been more embarrassing to the President and his party leaders than the proposed war tax on railroad freight.

Paternalism has run wild since President Wilson assumed control at Washington, and the taxing of railroad freight is regarded as another step and a lonser one in the direction of government ownership. It is also pointed out that such a tax is unequal, because if freight is to be taxed then water carriers should also share the burden in common with land carriers. Otherwise the former would gain traffic in no small degree at the expense of the latter.

It is also urged that this tax would increase the cost of living and the cost of doing business; that if the principle of freight taxation is established the taxation of passenger receipts will inevitably follow; that it would fasten upon the railroads the odium of the tax collector, and the railroads are already loaded with weighty responsibilities of their own.

Another reason urged against the proposed tax is that it would foster a sentiment unfavorable to the railroads because the public either will not or cannot discriminate between necessary revenue increase and tax imposition. Developments of the last few years have shown that the railroads need the good will of the people as much as the people need the invaluable services of the railroads.

Business men are already burdened sufficiently without placing upon them the additional load of higher freight rates. Consumers must eventually bear the load which is being imposed upon the public utilities and, as has been stated by an expert, business is in no condition to stand such a strain as would be put upon it.

It is further pointed out that if "railroad rates are to be increased at all, the railroads themselves should have the money instead of paying it into a treasury depleted because of the ruinous reductions in the tariff duties by a Congress which seems to believe it is better for Americans to be dependent on Europe for what they use than to produce it themselves."

"Those whom the gods would destroy they first make mad," and the madness of the theorists who are now running this government is shown in one proposal after another for the destruction of public confidence and prosperity.

DR. BRUMBAUGH IN DAUPHIN

THIS is a busy day for "M. G." in the upper end of Dauphin county. He is in the household of his friends. Thousands of the sturdy yeomanry and the hardy miners and toilers of the northern section of Dauphin county are extending him a sincere welcome. They know him and the better they know him the more popular he becomes with them.

Dr. Brumbaugh is increasing in strength and favor wherever he goes, and it seems to be a foregone conclusion that before the first of October the indications will so clearly point to the tremendous vote of the Republican candidate that all doubt of the success of his campaign will have disappeared. His many and straightforward course since he began his canvass of the State has won over thousands of voters who were in doubt as to the sort of man the Republicans had nominated for Governor. His strong constructive and optimistic speeches have impressed the men of all parties and his honest declarations in favor of the important issues of the present campaign have convinced voters generally of his eminent fitness for the great office he seeks.

Even those advocates of local option who had been deceived by statements of misguided leaders in the movement regarding Dr. Brumbaugh's attitude are no longer in doubt. They have heard his many pronouncements on this question, and from every quarter of the State are pledging him their hearty and sincere support.

"M. G." is a man of the people, in sympathy with them and thoroughly in touch with the problems which confront the great mass of Pennsylvanians from day to day. They trust him and are going to give him a tremendous vote in November.

The Underwood tariff was passed to cut prices and save the tariff tax to the public. But prices didn't come down and nothing was saved. Now the Democrats propose a "war tax" to make up the money lost in taxation by the tariff. Thus we see the public taxed double to pay for Democratic foolhardiness. And yet we are asked to "support the administration."

EVENING CHAT

People connected with the State government are speculating whether the assets of Father Penn will be \$25,000,000 or \$50,000,000 or more when the Pennsylvania Property Commission completes the inventory of what the State actually owns. The commission was created by the Governor some months after he had vainly tried to find out what the Commonwealth possessed in the way of real, personal and mixed property. He found a million acres of forest reserves, several State institutions worth a million dollars or more, armories, bridges and other things, but no one could approximate what they were worth. The Governor wants to inform the next Legislature just how much the State is worth and to make the point that it has all this and some thousands of dollars over and above all its old notes and uncalled for bonds in the State Treasury. The commission has been working for weeks on lists furnished by the departments and bureaus and hospitals and has turned up some unexpected things. For instance on one State tract it was found there was a lot of cum which is worth considerable money and that the Department of Fisheries has property worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Some of the farms owned by State institutions are immensely valuable and there is property scattered through half the counties of the State. The State owns more than a million dollars' worth of armories, which by the way represent an investment of approximately but sixty per cent of their value. The inventory is going to be one of the most interesting and surprising things that the State has known in a long while and meanwhile guesses as to what is going to aggregate are being made.

The hearings before the Public Service Commission yesterday brought some of the best-known lawyers of the State to the city and there was more corporation laws floating around the Capitol than for a long time. Six of the attorneys here were representatives of big railroad systems and they followed the course of the hearings with much interest. And yet, in spite of the magnitude of the questions involved, the hearings made scarcely a ripple on Capitol Hill.

Dr. Joseph Kallfass, secretary of the State Game Commission, is keeping a sharp lookout on the returns of magistrates who certify to the payment of bounties on the killing of foxes, wildcats and the like. It appears that in a good many districts the arms of the law are not as familiar with the physical characteristics of noxious animals as they should be and once in a while "some one puts something over." Not long ago a doctor heard of a case wherein the scalps of some birds were turned in as those of hares and when the State of Penn has put a bounty. Not one of the scalps was from the bird which is under the ban.

South Second street below Mulberry looks as though a cyclone had struck it or rather it resembles an Italian city after an unusually severe earthquake. A Belgian city after some "atrocities" had been visited by an Austrian city that has been in the battle zone or a Mexican municipality immediately following a surprise visit by constitutionalists or Huertistas. There are some walls standing but they look as though the gunnery practice had been excellent. Whole blocks have disappeared and one can look from River street clear over to the gasometers along the line of the canal without anything interfering. As far as looking south is concerned there is little more than lots left. This part of the city was one of the fashionable residential districts one hundred years ago, Market street being more or less of a tavern district.

A good many people have been astonished at the wide expanse of sand and grass patches that have emerged from the Susquehanna river in the last few weeks. The absence of rain has caused the river to fall and some large areas have come to light. Opposite Harris street, for instance, there is a gigantic sand bank that appears to be new and when its location is considered it is a wonder that some of the attempts to build a canal have backed up by stone. Eventually it would make a fine addition to the series of islands now existing and which could be joined and become a second city park some day in the far distant future. But it is worth looking at and considering.

Judging from some complaints which have been made in the city are some automobilists who are venting their wrath against the signboards along the State highways in a practical way. Wherever the State has authority it has been refused to allow signs to be erected, but there are property owners along the roads who are not as careful and they have permitted erection of big signs close to roads. Evidently some of the automobilists have been throwing rocks at the signs.

Speaker George E. Alter, who has a southern Pennsylvania family connection through the fact that something over 100 years ago one of his ancestors settled in Franklin county, and Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh were talking over Pennsylvania matters at the other day and discovered that they were about forty-second cousins. They were comparing notes far back and it appears that in 1693, one Hans Graf came to Lancaster from a town of Europe. He became one of the county's big men and he left a numerous posterity. He was a common ancestor of Dr. Brumbaugh and Mr. Alter. Dr. Brumbaugh's middle name is Graf, an Americanization of the name "Graf." The relationship to Graf is on Dr. Brumbaugh's mother's side and Mr. Alter's father's side.

The lolly pop is a great thing for young and old and more apt to be bad for young. The other day a doctor was called to look after a case of a young sufferer. He had all the signs of a disordered stomach and was asked what he had been eating. "Lolly pop," he groaned. "H-m-m. More than one?" was asked. "Nine," came in feeble accents.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Col. H. P. Bope, of the Carnegie Steel Company, says that he thinks good times will come when the war is ended. —Charles Reed, Johnstown coal operator, is planning some big coal operations in Somerset county. —Dr. C. M. Thomas, Beaver educator, is home from a tour of Europe. —Henry Netter, Philadelphiaian just home from Europe, says Germany will starve before giving up. —William E. Harmon, Pittsburgh broker, is about after a severe illness. —Dr. W. P. Wilson, of the Philadelphia Museums, is assisting the Philadelphia committee in charge of the foreign trade exhibition. —E. B. Smith, Philadelphia banker, is home after some wandering in Europe and looks for better business.

DO YOU KNOW?

That rails rolled in Steelton are used on railroads in Brazil and that Steelton bridge material is used in Burmah?

PROHIBITIONISTS TO ENTER CAMPAIGN

Arrangements For Their Opening Will Shortly Be Announced From Their Bureau

PRUGH TOURING THE STATE

Noted Friend Denounces the Fusion Pact; Dr. Brumbaugh Winning Praises Everywhere

The Prohibition State committee will join with its rivals in launching a vigorous campaign very shortly and plans are now being made for a tour of the State meeting the leaders of the party in the various counties and getting a line on conditions.

Within a short time the officials of the committee will arrange the date and place for the opening and for speeches by the candidates. The party has nominated legislative candidates throughout the State and is planning for wide circulation of its declaration of principles. Chairman Prugh, who took charge of the committee a year ago, has had the assistance of a number of men who have borne the brunt of former campaigns of the cold war people.

The Philadelphia Press of to-day says: "Reputation of the efforts of the Democratic and all Moose State committees towards fusion and of the endorsement of the temperance vote against the Fusion Game."

Noted Friend Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh is contained in a letter just made public, written by Henry W. Wilbur, in many respects the most eloquent and best beloved friend in Philadelphia, in the last week of his life. Mr. Wilbur expressed his intention of casting his vote for Dr. Brumbaugh, his three sons concurring with him, because the Wilbur family knew Dr. Brumbaugh and his life work, although he expressly set forth that he was not a partisan and with three exceptions during the last quarter century had not voted for either of the old political parties. He added: "Long observation has convinced me that fusion in politics, especially on contradictory and incongruous elements, in the long run means confusion to all the moral issues which enter into the compact."

Dr. Brumbaugh's smashing reply to the Philadelphia North American, in which he says he will stand for no party treachery to gain the support of that journal, added to his campaign in Dauphin and Cumberland counties. The statement was made at a meeting of the candidates and the clear and vigorous language attracted much attention when published in the Telegraph last night. The statement also answers the partizan friends of the fusion game. Dr. Brumbaugh was here this morning he said that he had nothing to add to what he had said. "You don't need to," commented a bystander. The candidate just smiled.

Announcement was made yesterday at the headquarters of the Republican State committee, in the city, of the tour of the Republican candidates under the direction of State Chairman William E. Crow for the week ending Saturday, September 26.

Included in the party which will address the initial meetings will be Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Frank E. McClain and Henry Houck, nominees for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Secretary of Internal Affairs, respectively. Also John B. Scott, R. M. Garland, Colonel Thomas S. Craig and Daniel F. Lafean, candidates for congressmen-at-large.

The schedule of the week is as follows: Monday, September 21—Lycoming county, meeting in Williamsport. Tuesday, September 22—Clinton county, meetings in Lock Haven and Renovo. Wednesday, September 23—Northumberland county, meetings in Watsonstown, Milton and Sunbury. Thursday, September 24—Snyder, Union and Mifflin counties, meetings in Sellersville, Lewisburg Fair, Middleburg and Lewisstown. Friday, September 25—Blair county, meeting in Altoona. Saturday, September 26—Cambria county, meeting in Johnstown.

Senator Penrose, who has personal dates on the other days, will join the party for the meeting in Altoona.

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS

—Dr. Brumbaugh seems to know how to hit from the shoulder. —There will be more following the leadership of Dick Quay. —The Democratic windmill professes to be pleased with the registration. A very little rain will bring the people water to read. —McCormick and Palmer are at Centre Hall. Dr. Brumbaugh will be there to-morrow. —The Democratic State Federation of Clubs has been galvanized or given the gold treatment and will have a feast to-morrow at Scranton. McCormick will be there. —There's a lot of lip service going on in some Democratic organizations these days.

CAUSE FOR WORRY.

Spring Onion: "Why so sad?" Old Potato: "The Doctor says I need glasses—it will bankrupt me."

OUR DAILY LAUGH



Remembering the Boys: If baseball magnates only were Philanthropists, they'd plan to build the fences round their parks with knobholes scattered here and there.

A Summer Resort Note: She's stopping at the Mountain House, But great seclusion seeks, She always dresses in the dark, Because she's a mountain peaks.

Especially if Hen-pecked: In many a phrase, We hear beyond debate, A man may weigh his words yet May find they weigh no weight.



Go To It: Quit your grumbling and boo-hooing! Face the fight with courage stout, It's the man who's up and doing Who is never down and out.

THE NEW HAT: By Wing Dinger: As yesterday was hat day, And straw hats had to go, I went down to the hat store, Some of my coin to blow. Upon a brand new top piece— The soft kind, don't you know— I asked the clerk to pick out Some styles and to me show.

He got about a dozen, I tried each on my head (The editor won't let me Print just the words I said When I looked in the mirror And got a glimpse of me), But one by one I spurned them— And asked some more to see.

"That's all the shades there are, sir," The salesman said to me. "But I don't like the shape, sir; Another style, let's see." And then I learned that this year There is no choice of style, But I am game, I bought one, And folks now at me smile.

REPUBLICAN EXTRA-VAGANCE AND DEMOCRATIC ECONOMY [New York Sun.] On June 19, 1910, the Hon. John J. Fitzgerald, the present chairman of the House committee on appropriations, said in the House in a speech which was circulated as a Democratic campaign document: "Controlling both houses by substantial majorities, the responsibility for the appropriations belongs to the Republicans. Try as they may, they cannot be other than 'wasteful, extravagant, inefficient.' There can be no hope for any reductions from the Republican party. The best interests of the country and the people demand a Democratic House. In no other way can expenditures be brought back to their normal level, taxes levied and collected for the sole purpose of defraying the legitimate expenses of the government economically administered. Well, the Democrats have not only the House but the Senate and the Executive. On September 12, 1914, Mr. Fitzgerald admitted in the House that the appropriations of the present session, \$1,084,000,000, are the highest yet reached, a leap of nearly \$32,000,000 over the skyscraping figures of last year. The voters of the United States, pinched every year by the cost of living and the disturbance of business, themselves compelled to economy, see their government more wildly wasteful than ever before."

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY [From the Telegraph, Sept. 16, 1864.] New District General Couch has created a new military district in this department, comprising the territory lying between the Laurel Hill Mountain on the west and the Williamsport and Elmira Railroad on the Susquehanna river from Williamsport to the intersection of the Blue Mountain, and that range of mountains to the Maryland line on the east, to be known as the Juniata district. Ericzeller General O. S. Ferry has been assigned to the command of the district, with headquarters temporarily at Bedford.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR [From the Telegraph, Sept. 16, 1864.] Nashville Blown Out New York, Sept. 15.—The steamer Creole, from New Orleans on the seventh, arrived at this point. Amongst the passengers is the Hon. A. C. Hills. The Metacombet had succeeded in blowing the Nashville out of the water at Dog river.

Continued Picket Firing Army of the Potomac, Sept. 16.—Picket and artillery firing have been kept up very briskly since Saturday, the fire of the rebels not seeming to have holed off yet at being surprised and losing so many prisoners. The result is that some five or six men a day are brought into the hospital, the majority badly wounded and some few have died.

AN EVENING THOUGHT The soul has its capital; every triumph over an unworthy impulse, every successful struggle against an ignoble weakness, every deed of good and every resistance to the bad enters as spiritual money, stocks, bonds and negotiable values into its bank of power.—Frank Crane.

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