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SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 2

THE LIBRARY WAS NEEDED

If anything was required to demonstrate that the Harrisburg Public Library was needed in the State Capital, the figures showing a circulation of 102,126 in the first year, and then on only 267 days, supply it. The library was used to an extent totally unexpected in this community and at a rate that has surprised library experts from other cities, who have come here to look over the establishment.

SCHOOL RECREATION

OLD-TIME games, such as prisoners' base, leapfrog, blindman's buff, bull in the ring, hare and hound, and duck on the rock, are no longer favorites on the school grounds of to-day, at least with boys in Springfield, Ill., according to an investigation just completed by Lee F. Hamner and Clarence A. Perry, of the Russell Sage Foundation.

CARE IN DRIVING

WITHOUT regard as to where the blame lies for the deplorable automobile accidents on Front and Walnut streets last night, there is a lesson in it for every driver and motorman. Drive carefully, with the vehicle under perfect control at all times, should be the motto of every man who puts his hand to throttle or controller.

SEALER'S GOOD WORK

THE monthly report of Harry Boyer, county sealer of weights and measures, shows a remarkable decrease in the number of defective measures and scales found by the inspector on his rounds. This does not necessarily mean that dealers are any better morally than they used to be, nor that they ever in great numbers wilfully cheated their patrons.

DO YOU KNOW?

That Harrisburg can raise all the apples and peaches it needs within a few miles of the city if it gets busy?

A Good Habit; Form It

Advertising accurately reflects the sentiment and progress of every community. It is observed that the trend of advertising is being better informed in multitudes of ways associated with our every day lives.

the school to 5.30 or 6 p. m., and on Saturdays, with paid teachers or others equipped for such work in charge; school playgrounds to be kept open and supervised during the summer; competent persons to be assigned to school athletic fields after school hours and on Saturdays, also at stated hours in summer; school buildings to be constructed and equipped to serve as centers of civil, social and recreational activities.

WE MUST PULL TOGETHER

IT is a time to stand together and to pull together—for peace, for happiness and prosperity," says S. C. Long, general manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in his New Year's greeting to the employees of the system.

HERSHEY'S GROWTH

SPECIAL New Year edition of the Hershey Press shows in a convincing way the remarkable growth of an industry and upbuilding of a neighboring town. Shipments of the Hershey Chocolate Company for 1914 broke all previous records: a score of new buildings and miles of new streets and roads were built; a new water supply was furnished the town; new trolley lines were constructed, and more than 100,000 people visited the place.

WORLD POLICE PATROL

LARENCE H. HOWARD, president of the Commonwealth Steel Company, Granite City, Ill., known as the "Golden Rule Steel Man," has refused an order for two million dollars worth of shrapnel because he believes warfare should cease.

MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNOR'S TROOP

Members of the Governor's Troop are getting ready for the first of the inspections the organizations must undergo this winter. It comes on Monday evening and heads the list of inspections by the regular army officers. The inspection will be to determine efficiency for field service and will really consist of two inspections, one of property and the other of the men. The infantry companies will have their inspections later on.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

R. H. Jackson, district attorney of Allegheny county, disposed of 2,868 cases in 1914.
Dr. W. N. Pringle, of Johnstown, is going on a prolonged trip to the West Indies.

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EMERGENCY CHAT

The ordinary Saturday calm of the State Capitol was missing to-day because of preparations for the opening of the Legislature next Tuesday, and desks, chairs, filing cases and furniture were being moved from committee rooms and clerical offices which had been in use by departments of the State government during the months since the last General Assembly adjourned. Some of the departmental offices are being moved into rooms in the attic of the Capitol and others have been quartered in the store rooms, which have been cleared out to provide temporary accommodations. Some of the departments forced to move from the Capitol have gone into buildings in the Capitol Park extension zone bought by the State, but not yet torn down. The halls of the two houses have been prepared for the meeting of the lawmakers and so have the caucus rooms, all of which have been in the hands of the house-cleaning force in the last few weeks. Every one of the hundreds of electric light fixtures in the two chambers was tested this week and new clocks have been installed in the rear of the chambers. Tons of supplies have been ordered and the assignments of desks have about been completed, the old members being given option of occupying their former places. The two houses will meet on Tuesday at noon and an organization will listen to the reading of Governor Tener's farewell message.

"Chance plays a great part in business," said a well-known Harrisburg yesterday. "For nearly a year I had been trying to sell an automobile that I had been foolish enough to keep after I purchased a new car. I had advertised it and the dealer had advertised it and demonstrated it, all to no result. As a friend of mine was discussing business affairs with me the other day" casually mentioned to him that I would like to turn that automobile into cash. To my astonishment he pulled out his check book, asked me how much I wanted for it, and insisted on writing a check for the amount on the spot. He wanted a second-hand car, and seemed, when I was asked as to the price, to be in a hurry to get out of it. After this I am not going to forget personal publicity when I have anything to sell."

A couple of hunters were talking the other day about the statement that only 238 bears had been killed in Pennsylvania during the season which closed yesterday, and they attributed it to the abolition of the steel traps by an act passed a few years ago. In times gone by killing of bears used to be a common thing, the animals being caught in traps. Now they have to be hunted down just like any other kind of game, and as they live in places somewhat hard to reach, the kill is comparatively small. Some of the bears killed have been big fat fellows.

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The decision of the State Educational Association to meet in Scranton will give the Lackawanna capital the first meeting since 1888. As a matter of fact the association has met in almost every one of the corner places in the State and in many of the smaller since that date and Scranton is coming back to the list. Already the Scranton editors are beginning to make the meeting notable. Dr. Brumbaugh will be invited to attend and so will Henry Houck.

There is a difference of only \$350,000 between the cash balances in the State Treasury at the end of December of 1913, and of December of the year just closed. The total of the balance on Thursday was \$6,755,580.91, while a year ago it was \$6,404,879.96. Another singular coincidence is that at the close of last November the balance was \$7,427,203.83 against \$7,564,289.78 at the end of November in 1913. The last December receipts were about \$400,000 ahead of those of the December of 1913.

STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The fact that there were 50,000 fewer cases of communicable diseases in Pennsylvania during the year 1914 than in the previous year is not only highly gratifying in itself, but is the highest sort of a tribute to the efficiency of the State Department of Health. Moreover, never has the Commonwealth been so free from typhoid fever as in the year that has just gone into history. Back in 1908 there were over 24,000 cases. Since that time Doctor Dixon and his assistants have been fighting the causes of typhoid, and as a consequence, in 1914 there were only 7,000 cases, a decrease of 70 per cent. From an economic standpoint, this means a saving of several millions of dollars annually to Pennsylvania, not to speak of the suffering that has been avoided. Everybody knows that typhoid usually comes from bad sanitary conditions, and its decrease proves that these conditions are being gradually eliminated.

The statement of Commissioner Dixon shows that the health of the people has been better than in previous years. The death rate for Pennsylvania during 1913 was fourteen to each thousand persons, and this, when the large urban population is considered in connection with the vast manufacturing and mining communities, is most satisfactory. Tuberculosis, conceded to be the greatest foe to human life, has been steadily declining, not only through the energy of the State authorities, but also because of the praiseworthy activity of many charitable and philanthropic organizations. Cancer, of all the reported diseases, shows a slight increase, and while this is discouraging the hope is held out that with research and labor the time is coming when this foe of the human body will be more successfully combated. Pennsylvanians have good reason to be proud of the energetic work of the State Department of Health, and the results that have been obtained show what may be done by intelligent, systematic and well-directed effort.

HEADQUARTERS ARE

Candidates for Speaker Fraternize and Talk Over Chances For Success
NO BITTER STATEMENTS MADE
Marked Contrast to the Conditions Prevailing Last Session Before Meeting

By sundown the headquarters of four candidates for speaker of the next House will be open in the Commonwealth Hotel and a fifth man may decide to open headquarters, too. The Commonwealth is the center of the activity connected with the contest for the Republican nomination for speaker which means victory and everyone to-day remarked the friendly spirit of the campaign for the honors. Each one said that the contest was friendly and greeted his rivals with assurances of support if any of the three won. It was a regular lovefest and everyone appeared to be happy, although predicting a contest.

Richard J. Baldwin, Delaware, and Henry I. Wilson, Jefferson, opened their headquarters last night and this morning R. P. Habgood, McKean, established himself, expecting Charles A. Ambler, Montgomery, later in the day. Baldwin said he was going to win. Wilson said he had the qualifications and Habgood said he would stay until the nomination was made. Each one said that the contest was friendly and greeted his rivals with assurances of support if any of the three won. It was a regular lovefest and everyone appeared to be happy, although predicting a contest.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

From the Telegraph, Jan. 2, 1865]
Steamer Burns
New York, Jan. 2.—A steamer caught fire and burned near this harbor. Loss estimated at \$300,000.

Grant Expects Attack
Washington, Jan. 2.—Grant reports that he expects and is ready for a rebel attack at any hour.

Snow at Washington
Washington, Jan. 2.—Snow has been falling for some time and is deep in this section of the country.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

From the Telegraph, Jan. 2, 1865]
Praise Telegraph
Many out-of-town journals are praising this paper and looking forward to its news of Legislature.

Ice Breaks Under Boy
John K. Hummel, a small boy, narrowly escaped drowning when the ice broke under him on the river.

Soldiers Have Big Day
The New Year's festival for the soldiers at Camp Curtin was a big success.

NECESSITY

Manhood begins when we have, in a way, made truce with necessity; benign, at all events, when we have surrendered to necessity, as the most part only do; but begins joyfully and hopefully only when we have reconciled ourselves to necessity, and thus, in reality, triumphed over it, and felt that in necessity we are free.—Carlyle.

AN APRIL DAY

Have you ever watched a shower on an April day?
Have you ever seen how quickly clouds are driven away?
Have you noticed how the sun, long before the shower is done, shines about in the sky and—driving so when you feel like crying and are very blue—
I'll tell you then, children, what you'd better do—
When you cry—if you must—be an April day—
Though the showers come up quickly, drive them quickly away.

Have you ever heard the song birds Warble praises as the heavy clouds are driven away?
Have you heard them, everyone, sing—
As he gleams, sending beams, making all things gay?
So when you have been weeping as you sometimes do—
Just smile, and folk will sing instead of wailing blue—
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—EDNA GROFF DEHL.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH



He'll Stand It
Young Doctor—
I have a new patient with the most wonderful nerve I ever saw.
Old Doctor—Remember that when you're making out his bill.
Amusing Anecdote
The blacksmith is a funny dog. His tail he feels very much as a lawyer does. Almost as lengthy as a log. No wonder that when you're making out his bill.

THE THIRD STREET CAR

By Wing Dingler
What does the New Year now begun
For all us folks hold forth?
That is the question of the hour,
East, west, south, also north.

Well, in this burg the Traction Co.
In 1915 could
Do something that would do a lot
Of daily riders good.

I think if it would give some thought
To Third Street cars, and see
That they were on some schedule run,
A fine thing it would be.

The other night, in rain and slush,
I stood for minutes—eight—
While two blocks up the trolley stood,
And I got downtown late.

Time after time the cars will stop,
The crews will leave the car,
And riders homeward bound must wait
While they stroll near and far.

The Third Street riders pay the same
To ride as other folks,
And I can't see why treated be
As nothing more than jokes.

Advertisement for Mechanics Trust Company, featuring an illustration of a building and text: '3% PAID ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS', 'CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$600,000.00'.

Advertisement for The Prosperous Man, featuring text: 'THE PROSPEROUS MAN of to-morrow is the one who saves TO-DAY. The best way to save is to outline a definite plan and follow it out carefully.'

Advertisement for Mechanics Trust Company, Harrisburg, Pa.

Advertisement for Dauphin Deposit Trust Company, featuring an illustration of a classical building and text: 'A GOOD resolution to make now and keep throughout the year is to put yourself in a position to enjoy the full benefit from a banking connection.'

Advertisement for 'START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT' featuring an illustration of a book and text: 'Post yourself so that you can keep up with the times, and be able to converse intelligently with your friends. You need a copy of our ALMANAC, ENCYCLOPEDIA AND YEAR BOOK FOR 1915.'

Advertisement for MOJA Men Who Make The State's Laws, featuring large stylized letters 'MOJA' and text: 'Men Who Make The State's Laws are as a rule keen judges of a good smoke. They will appreciate the fragrant full aroma of MOJA 10c CIGARS with that zest that denotes the connoisseur.'