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A CORRECT ATTITUDE

THE HARRISBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE has taken an absolutely correct position in warning its members and the people of the city at large against investments in real estate concerning the merits of which they have only the word of the promoters.

The Telegraph knows nothing about the merits of the case at issue, but it is always safe advice to suggest that money could be invested here at home quite as safely as elsewhere and that the prospective purchaser is taking a risk when he puts his capital into land, the exact location and future prospects of which he is in ignorance.

The Chamber of Commerce has for its object not only the promotion of Harrisburg and its advancement in a commercial and industrial way, but the protection of its members and others who may have money at their disposal. It is, therefore, altogether within the scope of its legitimate operations to take such action as it did in this instance.

A FORGER'S TRUST

COLONEL HUTCHISON'S belief that Harrisburg has been included in the operations of the nationwide forgers' trust just unearthed by the New York police, should cause every business man of the city to think twice before cashing a check, of the genuineness of which he is not certain.

No customer ought to feel embarrassed if the merchant to whom he renders his personal check insists upon ascertaining that it will be recognized when presented at bank. A check without funds to back it is merely so much paper. It is the depositor's name at the bottom which carries the weight. If the man to whom a check is tendered does not know the signer, and the signer can produce nobody to vouch for him, there certainly should be no reason why he should be offended if the check is refused. Millions of dollars have been lost by the acceptance of forged or bogus checks and the mere fact that a combination for mutual profit and protection has been formed by the professional forgers of the country ought to be sufficient excuse for a little closer scrutiny of signatures.

THE QUINTESSENCE OF DETAIL

THE duties which the Public Service Commissioners were called upon to perform this week are illustrative of the enormous amount of detailed work and unimportant matters which the act of 1913 unloaded on the body. Three days were occupied by the commission in hearing the case involving the properties of the Philadelphia Electric Company, a proposition involving millions on millions, probably more than the whole assessed valuation of real estate in Harrisburg exclusive of the Capitol. Part of the time was devoted to hearings for relief of communities suffering from water rates not in accord with their ideas of reasonableness, and other big questions underlaid still other complaints in process of hearing.

And in the midst of this important work, not only affecting enormous investments, but precedents which may stand as law, the commission was called upon to pass upon a dozen or more agreements for joint use of telephone and electric light poles and to discuss and dispose of minor matters and crank complaints, taking up valuable time and costing the State money.

The body is not only laden with detail that the framers of the act probably never intended, but is the target for the letters of folks who have fancied grievances and some whose conception of the purposes of the creation of the commission is about as extended as the knowledge of the orbit of Neptune possessed by a blue heron.

MORE POWER, MR. LYNCH

BEFORE many weeks will have passed the program of municipal improvement work will be under way for 1915, and the City Commissioners, upon whom the bulk of this work will fall, are already taking time by the forelock by preparing such plans and specifications as may permit of an early start.

In this respect Commissioner William H. Lynch, Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements, is exceptionally busy, but in all his program it is doubtful if any one work will meet with more general approval than the contemplated improvement of the sewage system in the business district.

For years this section, one of the most important in the city, has been served by sewers that have been not only inadequate but long since out of date. It is not remarkable that the present drain should have been in the ground so long that the record of the time of its construction is actually lost in the dust of the years? And this of Harrisburg, which has boasted of its splendid streets and modern sewer system!

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DOING OUR PART

HARRISBURG IS RESPONDING nobly to the effort that is being put forth in America toward saving the women and children of war-stricken Europe. We in this country have done much to alleviate the suffering abroad, but agents of charitable associations in this country returning from relief trips say that we have only begun.

The local relief committee will on Monday send out 1,000 men and women to begin a canvass of Harrisburg to collect funds for the purpose of carrying on its splendid foreign and home relief work, for a feature of the Harrisburg committee's efforts is that those of our own people who need assistance shall be given it by permitting them to earn wages in the preparation of garments and other supplies to be sent abroad. Thus all the money donated to the committee is spent at home, our own poor greatly benefited and our duty done by those who are suffering as a result of the war.

Everybody who can give should do so. Think what it would mean if every person in Harrisburg donated a dime to this fund!

This kind of weather does not comport with the news that ball players are thinking of Spring training camps.

MRS. O'LEARY'S COW

THE oldest Odd Fellow having passed away annually for the past ten years and there being no more possibility of making the public weep over the death of one of that numerous progeny known in newspaper annals as "General Washington's Body Servants," the reporters have turned their attention to less distinguished personages.

News from Escanaba, Mich., is to the effect that Mrs. Maggie O'Leary, who for forty years lived alone in a little farmhouse near that place and who was the owner of a cow which is credited with having caused the Chicago fire in 1871, has gone to her long reward. It will be recollected that Mrs. O'Leary's cow won worldwide notoriety by kicking over a lamp and thereby starting the conflagration which has gone down into history as the "great Chicago fire."

Mrs. O'Leary was a modest woman, who took no credit for the fact that she was the one-time owner of the cow that made Chicago famous. There is a legend to the effect that some of the main streets of Boston and New York grew up along paths made by cows, but Mrs. O'Leary's cow is the only member of the bovine race credited by historians with the destruction of a great city. Thus are we again impressed with the gigantic possibilities of small beginnings and the potentialities of trivialities. Peace be to her ashes.

That Wharton School branch displays all the signs of becoming a permanent institution.

"PENNY LUNCHEES"

IT has been suggested that there is need in some districts of Harrisburg for the adoption of the "penny lunch" plan now being tried out so successfully in New York city. There is unquestionably much distress as the result of industrial conditions, and it is beyond doubt that many children are not properly nourished as a result of necessary economies in the household. This is particularly true in homes where the mother must be away during the noon hour and where the children leave the warm school room for a cold house and a cold lunch, or no lunch.

Our course of school study is designed for sturdy, normal children. We cannot expect ill-fed, poorly nourished pupils to live up to the requirements or do themselves full justice any more than we would expect a half-starved teacher to do the work of one who ate her full three meals a day. The need for some system of cheap lunches here is not general, but it would seem to exist in some localities to which it is scarcely necessary to draw the attention of those familiar with the geography of the city. It is said that the school board hesitates to take up the matter because as yet it is in an experimental stage. That is a question, but at all events the local school authorities have displayed marked ability in the inauguration of progressive methods and there is no reason to suppose they would fail in this.

To doubting Thomases it may be said that if the board finds it possible to provide lunches for the alling children of the tubercular schools, it would seem no more logical to do the same for children who are in peril of disease by reason of lack of nourishment. At all events the subject is worthy of serious consideration.

BEFORE STOCK TAKING

THE month in which the thrifty shopper scans the newspaper advertising closely. It is the time just before stock taking when merchants are anxious to clean house.

It is better business to sell small lots of merchandise at a loss than to carry them over another year.

Cash can be used—dead stocks eat their heads off. So it is the custom of the stores this month a clearance season. Therefore the advertising columns of the Telegraph hold more than their usual interest.

EVENING CHAT

Chairman Edward E. Beideman, of the joint legislative committee in charge of the inauguration arrangements, has been highly complimented by men and newspapers in every part of the State for the manner in which the ceremonies of the day were carried out. It is not generally known that there was no delay in any of the events of the day. The committee fixed a time for everything and it worked out. For instance it was calculated to get the Governor back to the mansion at 3 o'clock. A few minutes before 3 his automobile rolled up to the house, all ceremonies over. Mr. Beideman was ill during much of the preparation but from his home kept in constant touch with the details which were looked after by Charles E. Covert with Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart acting in advisory capacity and splendidly at that.

One of the oddest effects of the sudden snowstorm that came down on the city yesterday afternoon was the rush on the shoe and umbrella stores along about 5 o'clock when it was seen that the weatherman meant business and proposed to visit on Harrisburg one of the snows that had been covering the western counties in white. Nine-tenths of the persons who left homes at noon had failed to get on their shoes or to take umbrellas and about 5 o'clock the streets were covered with snow and there were plenty of opportunities for wet feet. Consequently there was a regular rush for "gums" and umbrellas and the stores had customers waiting when the closing hour rolled around.

Blast furnaces have been spouting flames at Steelton for over forty years and yet there are persons who imagine that explosions take place when they see a flash of light in the night at the steel borough. Often the police department gets calls to know if anything has blown up at Steelton and frequently newspapermen are told that something awful has happened and that they had better look it up. The other evening one of the furnaces let go some flame and there was a big glow that was seen for miles up a road.

The clearing out of the ruins of the Market Square fire attracted the usual crowd yesterday and the watchmen on guard at the building saw their hands full every minute, keeping people, especially youngsters out of the place. In spite of their efforts, a couple of boys got into a dangerous spot and when called to get out they just missed going into the cellar and came out chastened in mind and also in body by the time the watchman was through with them.

Harry A. Boyer, president of the city school board, tells this story relative to a youth in Prof. J. F. Ferguson's room in the Forney building. The youth in question is not one who always leads his class.

"The war in Europe was under discussion," said President Boyer, "when I happened to drop in for a short visit, but I happened to overhear this question and answer which I thought particularly to note: 'What,' asked the teacher, 'seems to be the greatest trouble in Europe?' 'Why,' answered the pupil, 'keeping the earth quiet!'"

While Governor Brumbaugh was receiving the thousands who flocked to the Capitol to shake hands with him on Tuesday evening during the public reception following his inauguration, a young girl timidly came forward and left in his hand when she shook it the following note:

"Honorable Governor Brumbaugh: 'This day, the day of your inauguration, we, your most loyal friends and citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, wish to congratulate you on your most worthy Governor. We hope this day will be the starting point of a good government; a world of good will to you and the people of this State. The lives of the people of Europe so that we may all rejoice in all our affairs with full and contented hearts. We wish you the greatest success, such as you wish to attain and each step of the ladder you climb shall be firm and strong, so that we also may enjoy the results of a good and wise government that may bless every day of your life and all the lives of all the people of our world be bright and full of sunshine, and with kindled hearts let us think and do toward all things worthy in the eyes of our Lord. Yours respectfully, LILLIAN WILANSKY, Harrisburg, Pa.'

Lillian, it develops, is a clerk in a downtown department store and a great admirer of the new Governor.

Announcement yesterday of Council's intention to appoint Horace A. Chayne, assistant city assessor at a salary of \$900 establishes a unique situation in city officialdom so far as the question of emolument is concerned; the job of assessing the property of Harrisburg will differ from all other positions under the municipal government in that the head assessor will receive just \$200 a year less than the first assistant. By virtue of his holdover tenure W. H. H. Bickley has another year to serve as city assessor at a salary of \$900; Howard C. Townsend who was appointed assistant last year, will be re-elected for another term at an increased salary of \$1,200; and Mr. Chayne who is to be second assistant, will receive the same compensation as Mr. Bickley.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Charles H. Rominger, head of the Moravian school, was awarded the prize for the town song for Coopersburg.

E. B. Robinette, just home from Belgium, was sent there to study the conditions for C. Harrisson.

Director George Porter, booster for mayor of Philadelphia, just now, is head of the Boy Scouts of the State.

F. Wallace, public service commissioner, has been named one of the receivers of the Pittsburgh Westmoreland Coal Company.

W. J. Bailey, the new prothonotary of Allegheny, was given a reception by friends in honor of his appointment.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

Jehovah is my strength and my shield; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.—Ps. 28:7.

TO REMOVE DANDRUFF

Get a 25-cent bottle of Dandruff and any drug store, pour a little into your hand and rub well into the scalp with the finger tips. By morning most, if not all, of this awful scurf will have disappeared. Two or three applications will destroy every bit of dandruff; stop scalp itching and falling hair.

WINDMILL FAILS TO ATTRACT MEN

Democratic Bosses Allowing Legislation to Go Its Own Way During This Session

BIG ROW IS BREWING NOW

Lee Suggested For Subtreasurer Against the Wishes of Machine's Bosses

Men connected with the Democratic State headquarters in years gone by are remarking upon the lack of interest being shown in a Democratic legislative program by the men who were in charge of the machine during the last disastrous campaign and of the equal indifference toward the bosses of the Democracy by the Democratic members of the Legislature. The condition is so radically different from what it was at the start of the last session that some people are voicing beliefs that all of the shouting about the betterment of man and the uplift of the poor working girl that came from Market Square last session was for political effect.

It is said that although the Democratic State windmill in Market Square was opened a day or so before the inauguration for the use of the Democratic members and its availability urged as a meeting place, that less than half a dozen men have visited it. State Chairman Roland S. Morris has not even been here to take up legislative matters.

According to reports there will be some Democratic bills presented but they will be put in more or less perfunctorily and just enough notice given them to furnish a peg on which to hang a wall.

The state of the Democrats in the House and also the interesting fact that in the House at its lowest ebb it was ill-luminated by Wednesday over reading clerk. It offered a chance right at the start of the session to make things diverting. Yet all that could be done was to master less than forty votes, thirty-five to be exact. And they represented not only the friends of the defeated candidates among the regulars, but a few collected by an Allegheny county man who got out in the cold because of factionalism, disgruntled Democrats and a few who just wanted to be nasty or to start something. The Democratic bosses missed an opportunity that had wide possibilities.

A Washington dispatch to the Philadelphia Inquirer says: "Whether it is to be harmony in the Democratic party in Pennsylvania or complete disruption of the already broken ranks depends largely upon the outcome of a visit to the White House made by Representatives Lester and Casey of Pennsylvania, to-day. Lester and Casey, two of the most influential Democrats in the Pennsylvania delegation, are expected to urge directly upon President Wilson the appointment of Congressman Robert E. Lee, of Pottsville, as subtreasurer of the United States at Philadelphia. Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, Democratic national committeeman from Pennsylvania, according to his usual custom, has recommended a man for the office of subtreasurer in Philadelphia without consulting the members of the delegation in Congress, all of whom with a single exception have warmly indorsed Mr. Lee."

A Pittsburgh news dispatch says: "Representative A. C. Stein, of this city, will next week introduce in the House of Representatives a workmen's compensation bill, which, it was said here, will receive the approval of Governor Brumbaugh. The Stein bill, it was said, was prepared under the advice of the Industrial Accidents Commission of the State and its particulars is similar to the measure passed in the House last session and defeated in the Senate. As explained by Mr. Stein, the theory of the proposed act is that all production shall bear the cost of accident and injury to the employe the same as any other item of cost."

The State threshermen will hold another convention here during the legislative session and the bill to repeal the act of 1913 will be submitted. E. B. McCurdy, of Lebanon; C. C. Morrow, Pittsburgh; George Sellers, Gap; Frank George, Homer City, will be the committee in charge.

Professor Franklin Menzies has been endorsed for secretary of agriculture by York county school directors.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

AS USUAL. Bobbie: Is Sis engaged to be married, Pop? Pop: No—just to be taken to theatres, etc., I think.

PROBABLY. She: If I marry you will you let me handle all the money? He: I'm afraid you'd expect a salary besides, with such a responsible job.

TERRIBLE. Isn't the war terrible. Terrible! The ladies at an afternoon bridge club did nothing but talk about it yesterday, and it spoiled the game for me.

AFTER-THOUGHTS. My best retort is never uttered. No? No; I think of 'em ten minutes after the other fellow has gone home.

A BUSY LADY. She says she hasn't any time to shop or go to the theatre. She must be a very busy woman. She certainly is. She's dancing all the time.

IF. Do you think a man should divide his earnings with his wife? Yes—if it sh don't get it all first.

EVER NOTICED IT? There's one thing that the Board of Health Might look into a bit. That is, the way that motormen Will open doors and spit Tobacco juice in lengthy streams. Lots of which, please get help. Will never reach the street at all. But fall upon the step.

And when milady, all dolled up In costume, clean and smart, Draws to her journey's end and would From trolley car depart, The steps are lowered, she descends With promptness to the street, The spit on steps is gathered up By trailing skirt so neat.

MIXED TALK. His wife speaks broken English, and One naturally conjectures 'Tis rather hard to understand Her dialectures.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE PROPOSED CURFEW LAW? To the Editor of the Telegraph. Dear Sir: It is well known that, several months ago, the Civic Club prepared, or caused to be prepared, a curfew ordinance, which was to be presented to the City Council for consideration.

The measure was presented to the Civic Council of the churches, an organization composed of the pastor and three lay members of each of the city churches. The proposed curfew law was heartily endorsed by this organization.

Petitions, praying the city lawmakers to consider favorably the ordinance, were circulated in many of the churches and, wherever circulated, received practically all of the signatures of the parents.

The writer has reason to believe that every well-meaning parent, or guardian, would favor the passing of such an ordinance.

Has the matter been dropped? If so, why? Will some one kindly tell us why this important and worthy movement on the part of the Civic Club has not been pushed to its consummation?

On the principle that "prevention is better than cure," Harrisburg should have a curfew law. A little of the energy that is being expended for the moral uplift of humanity might be used to better advantage in pushing this proposed measure.

It is the education being received by our boys and girls in the "school of the street" that is causing the downfall of humanity.

Will some one please answer my question, "What has become of this proposed curfew law?" AN INTERESTED PARENT.

A Sure Way To End Dandruff. There is one sure way that has never failed to remove dandruff at once, and that is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain, common liquid arvon from any drug store; this is all you will need; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve, and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have. You will find all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better.

Safety Razor Blades Resharpended Gem, Gillette and Duplex Patterns Star Pattern, 70 cents each blade Customers Get Their Own Blades Back We Pay Return Postage Send Postal for Free Mailing Box THE SANITARY KEEN EDGE Leek Box No. 121, Harrisburg, Pa.

Advertisement for Chocolate Marshmallow Sundae by A. Wiseman, M.D. Includes text: "one after the matinee or after" and "GORGAS DRUG STORES, 16 N. Third St. and Penna. Station."

Advertisement for Harrisburg National Bank. Includes text: "Choosing a Depository", "In choosing a depository for one's money, the stability of the banking institution naturally receives first consideration." and "Harrisburg National Bank, 16 S. Market Square, Paid in Capital \$500,000, Surplus and Profits \$100,000, Stockholders' Liability \$300,000."

Advertisement for Dauphin Deposit Trust Company. Includes text: "Certificate of Deposit is a receipt that you have deposited money in this bank for the use of which we pay you 3% interest for periods of 4 months and longer." and "213 MARKET STREET, Capital, \$300,000, Surplus, \$300,000, Open For Deposits Saturday Evening From 6 to 8."

Advertisement for Mechanics Trust Company. Includes text: "3% PAID ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS", "CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$600,000.00", "WOMEN", "In all stations of life are able to derive a great deal of actual benefit from the maintaining of connections with the MECHANICS TRUST COMPANY." and "MECHANICS TRUST COMPANY, HARRISBURG, PA."