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MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 15

THE RIVER COAL PROBLEM

THE one big point to be gained in the proposed removal of the river coal wharves of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company to the island is the abolition of the wharves now marring the landscape between Walnut and Market streets. It would seem to be, therefore, the duty of council to see that the ordinance providing for the change is so amended that there will be no more unloading of coal between the points named. There is plenty of room for the concentration of all the river coal traffic at Paxton street once the light company's coal fleet is cared for in the manner contemplated at the island, and the Bowman measure should be passed only on condition that dumping at Walnut and Front streets be discontinued entirely.

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FULTON COMING NEARER

FULTON county is about to lose its distinction of being the only one of the sixty-seven sisters in Pennsylvania to be without a railroad or trolley line. Fulton has been famed for its sturdy men, its fine farms, its altitudinous scenery and its good roads, with their accompaniment of taverns conducted pretty much as they were when the stagecoach sped where the automobile now rolls. And every now and then some scientist has arisen and declared that it is underlain with iron ore and its hills filled with minerals and stones that will make them more valuable than the crops taken from their sides. But capital has been slow to invest and the county has been unique in busy Pennsylvania for its lack of transportation facilities.

EVENING CHAT

The practical operation of the local option bill now pending before the House committee on law and order, the bill presented by Representative George W. Williams, of Tioga county, with the approval of Governor Brumbaugh, means that when voters approximating one-fourth of the total number of votes cast at the previous general election petition for a special election to either a county shall be without license the courts must order an election. The county unit means that a whole county must vote, not Harrisburg, Steelton or Williamstown separately, but the whole county. If one takes the vote of Dauphin county for Governor at the last election as a basis and assumes that the bill becomes a law, this means that it would require one-fourth of the 25,725 persons who voted for Governor in this county to grant for an election on the question of "wet" or "dry" in other words, should the law pass this session, it would take 6,431 persons to sign for an election in Dauphin county and the job of getting so many signatures would indicate pretty conclusively in advance what the result of the election would be. Men who have had experience in petition circulation say that they can forecast popular opinion on the first thousand names written up. It is not so easy as it is not hard to get the rest. In operating the law in Cumberland county, where 11,502 names were carried, it was necessary to take over 2,800 signatures; in Perry over 1,140 would be required and in Juniata 638. It can thus be seen that in the "dry" or "near-dry" counties, many of which are "dry" or nearly so, a local option election could be made a decidedly interesting affair for the liquor people and the action of judges in refusing to grant licenses would probably be ratified. The Williams bill also carries a provision that a local option election may be held only once in three years, a wise provision and once calculated to save the public treasury money as well. Sentiment in favor of local option has grown by leaps and bounds and the Williams bill, if enacted, would probably be invoked very quickly in this section of the State and Dauphin county, an industrial community, would afford ground for a mighty significant test.

THE MAN FOR THE JOB

THERE is something extremely gratifying to the Republican mind in the announcement from Washington that A. Mitchell Palmer is to head the committee in charge of the campaign to renominate President Wilson. Pennsylvania Democrats who "threw the hooks" into Mr. Palmer so deeply last November that he is still nursing sore spots, will be apt to find less pleasure in this selection of a reputed boss to carry the White House banner into the fray of the coming campaign. The spectacle will not tend to inspire them either with enthusiasm or confidence. The President, as has been apparent ever since the November elections, is distrustful of public opinion. He is not so cocksure of his popularity. So he has asked Mr. Palmer and a few choice kindred spirits of the Democracy to go out and make a canvass. The result may be imagined in view of the lamentable exhibition of testing the public pulse Mr. Palmer gave in his own behalf last fall. The President is wasting ammunition. He needs no campaign for renomination. All he has to do is to march boldly up and take it. There isn't a Democrat in the country that dare oppose him, notwithstanding that all of them see nothing ahead but defeat with Wilson as the head of the ticket.

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Plan to Reorganize Their League; Governor Makes Notable Address on Peace

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Whether or not the resolution for the constitutional amendment to permit women to vote will be reported out by the judiciary general committee of the Senate before the recess planned for the Legislature for the last fortnight of the month, will be determined to-night or to-morrow. The resolution was sent to the committee of which Senator Henry A. Clark, of Erie, is chairman, when it was received from the House.

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People at the Capitol are watching with considerable amusement the effort of the Blue Moons to keep on the map for next year's presidential campaign by reviving the Progressive League. This league, which is said to exist in a more or less precarious manner, was organized to keep on the map for next year's presidential campaign by reviving the Progressive League. This league, which is said to exist in a more or less precarious manner, was organized to keep on the map for next year's presidential campaign by reviving the Progressive League.

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Democrats connected with the discredited State organization have started a fault-finding campaign which they call "Cuba." The purpose of the organization in the Legislature and failure to have any legislative program made last fall. This policy is to criticize everything. For while there was talk that a Democratic campaign publicity bureau would be maintained, but this turned out to be baseless, presumably because the people who had been keeping the machine going found that fuel was high this winter. Now the policy of "knocking" has been inaugurated and everything that the Governor and Republicans do is made the subject of criticism.

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A man in this country who clamors for war is no friend of the country. Governor Brumbaugh, in a peace address in Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon made this statement among many others: "It is the duty of every citizen of this nation toward war. Both church and school," he said, "should install in the minds of our people that a nation is honorable in peace and dishonorable in war. We should be content with this accomplished we will have true basis for our national ideal. The occasion was the special services held to commemorate the hundred years of peace between this country and Great Britain since the signing of the Treaty of Ghent. Governor Brumbaugh said that in measuring it with the experiences of a man's life is a long time, but as compared with the experience of a nation it is a tremendous time. To reserve this peace, however, he declared that we must foster ideals of peace. "We must be taught to think of peace as a thing to be maintained in peace, he continued, "we must behave ourselves—behave like Christians. In fact, a revival of some scholar on the part of all would make thoughts of armament or treaties of peace unnecessary, because we would then realize that peace cannot be dictated by the right arm."

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Representative Thomas Gallagher, apropos of Chicago's fortune tellers, said in Chicago the other day: "It is odd that fortune tellers should still find dupes. They never foretell anything, you know. They always hedge. They are like the palmist. "Your boy will become a very distinguished man if he lives long enough," an amateur palmist said at a church fair. "Oh, good," cried the urchin's mother. "And what will he be distinguished for?" "For longevity, if he lives long enough,"—Detroit Free Press.

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IN WRONG By Wing Dingier A good friend, who my real name knows, Came up to me to-day And said: "Wing Dingier, I've something that to you I would say, I took your tip on Saturday And sent home to my wife A package nice that set me right—I am your friend for life." But then a dozen other chaps, Who also know my name, All sorts of ugly things to me, This morning did declaim In style like this: "You silly boob, My wife showed me your verse, And I was forced to buy something That took all in my purse." I really didn't think that I Would stir up trouble when I sat me down, and started in My latest poem to him. But while I stirred an ill wind up With lots of husbands, 'twould seem that to many wives it blew A vast amount of good.

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STORY RITEN' By the Messenger Boy

Over here on the corner where our big new 16 story hotel is going up, I got mixed up in a scandal the other day that is a big trull to my conscience; and I must refer it to the consideration of the ministerial associations and the Council of Civic Churches, which is such a big thing in the administration of our little city by the brook. I hope the preachers will be condescendin' enuff to consider and advise me about it whether I done rite or whether I didn't.

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