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TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 16

A GOOD BUSINESS BILL

NOT many bills have the business merit of that presented in the Senate last night by Senator Edward E. Beidleman for the advancement to those in charge of State institutions of sufficient money to enable them to pay cash for supplies. It does seem absurd that establishments for the care of the wards of the Commonwealth should not discount their bills. Under the system long in use the trustees must advertise for bids on everything from blankets to coffee and to let contracts on tenders made. Then the sellers have to wait weeks before their bills are finally passed by the Auditor General and money sent to the trustees to make payments. Consequently many people who would bid, if they did not have to carry accounts, do not present offers and the State loses the benefit of competition.

Exactly why the State should not be given every opportunity to buy for cash and to discount bills is difficult to understand and as the boards of management of the various institutions are all men of high standing and the bill contains the additional safeguard of a bond, there is no reason why the measure should not be enacted. The State is protected not only in the advancement of the money, but provision for an itemized accounting to the Auditor General and for deduction of cash balances is made.

Some of the business methods of the State certainly do need an overhauling. And this is a good place to start.

HOME WORK FOR STUDENTS

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHAMBAUGH has worked out a plan whereby the boys and girls of the public schools of Dauphin county may be given proper credit for home work. It is not the thought of Professor Shambaugh to load the student with additional studies out of school, but to encourage the lads and lassies who make up the classes under his direction to learn the ways of industry by helping father and mother with home duties.

For instance, the boy or girl who builds the fire in the morning is given one credit, turning the cream separator earns two credits, gathering the eggs earns one credit, making and baking bread earns ten credits, mowing the lawn earns ten credits, and so on throughout the long list of those household tasks generally known as chores.

But the County Superintendent is not content with this. He would improve the health of his pupils by giving credit marks for retiring before 9 o'clock in the evening, brushing the teeth, sleeping with the window open, etc.

Father and mother are provided with the credit marks and only those who earn them will get them. At the end of the school term diplomas are to be given to those who have earned them in this way and it will be a proud day for Johnny or Sally when he or she marches forward to receive a certificate of efficiency in home and farm duties.

Professor Shambaugh has instituted a number of improvements in the school system since he was elected less than a year ago, but we can think of nothing so well worth while as this. The County Commissioners will be entirely justified in paying whatever bills the Superintendent may of necessity contract to put this plan into full operation.

PRESIDENT TAFT COMING

HARRISBURG has been fortunate in the number of noted men who have spoken here during the past winter and the climax will be reached with the coming of ex-President William Howard Taft, who will lecture on Thursday evening, April 15, under the auspices of the Spectator Staff of the Harrisburg Telegraph.

President Taft enjoys a greater popularity in the United States today than when he was triumphantly elected to the Presidency. No man in the history of this country was more misunderstood or abused than President Taft during the closing days of his administration. Maligned by enemies, attacked for selfish reasons by traitorous friends as ungrateful as those who slew Caesar, and placed in a false position by circumstances over which he had no control, the then occupant of the White House went down to disastrous defeat. But, like Grover

EVENING CHAT

Cleveland, Mr. Taft has so conducted himself out of office that he has risen to new pinnacles of respect and confidence in the public mind. He is beyond question America's greatest statesman of the present day. His recent utterances have all the weight of rich experience, to which is added statercraft of no mean ability, combined with that other all too rare product—common sense. Articles on national economy in current issues of the Saturday Evening Post shed a new light upon his administration. He is a big, broad man of earnest convictions and what he will have to say upon the occasion of his visit to Harrisburg will no doubt be of general interest and well worth hearing. The Academy is to be congratulated upon its success in procuring his services.

MR. MANNING'S PLAN

HARRISBURG people will watch with interest for the development of the rough plans Warren H. Manning has drawn as a suggestion for the improvement of the Capitol Park extension zone. Mr. Manning, as landscape engineer for the City Planning Commission, has thought it proper to lay before the body some ideas for the development of this large tract of land so rapidly being acquired by the State for a larger Capitol Park. While he has not been commissioned to undertake this work for the Commonwealth, it is nevertheless proper and entirely within his scope of duty to let our city planners have his ideas on the subject.

It will be but a very short time before the State will be face to face with the task of beautifying the land now being purchased and it will not do to wait until the property has all been acquired and the buildings removed to begin to consider ways for this development. Now is the time to take the matter up. It will be a task of no mean proportions, and no one man will do all of the planning and designing. The State should be glad to get the views of the city on the subject, especially in view of the fact that Harrisburg as a municipality is gladly giving up a vast amount of revenue in taxes and not an inconsiderable amount of land in streets to be abandoned in order that the State may have a proper setting for its handsome Capitol.

IN THE MIDDLE

A SPIRIT that we in America cannot understand is displayed in the following open letter in the Deutsche Monatszeitung, a prominent and influential German newspaper, to Admiral Von Tirpitz:

As long as our blockade only destroys ships and goods it remains for England a question of money. Ships that are sunk are written off as a business expenditure, and the light is unusual because British puts in only money, while we put in our own men.

There will be different when British passengers are drowned. Persons acquainted with psychology of England know that the German blockade will be effective only if it costs the lives of many English women and men.

German newspapers are not now publishing much of importance at variance with governmental policies, so it must be implied that the sentiments set forth, if not those of the Kaiser, are at least not strongly disagreeable to him. Such suggestions do not speak well for so-called German "kultur" any more than does England's protestations of everlasting friendship for the United States balance with her recently announced policies with respect to our shipping.

We are forced to the conclusion that we are dealing with a desperate, murderous force on one hand and a selfish, grasping pretender on the other. We must act accordingly.

TWO SIDES OF THE STORY

TEN men who started at the bottom of the ladder as boys together in an Eastern Pennsylvania mill and who have reached positions of dignity, importance and wealth met the other day to celebrate their success by forming a public welfare association for the benefit of their own town.

In the aggregate they have worked for this one firm a total of 322 years. Starting as apprentices or office boys, without pull or favor, by twenty-five years or more of persevering effort they have worked up to the most important positions in the great mill. Each one had to start at the bottom of the ladder and climb it rung by rung. Most of them were less than 13 years of age when they started, and most of them have served the company from the time they were boys until to-day. Forty-three years is the record of one of them, and all have been in the mill for more than twenty-five years.

The story of their rise from the position of office boy to cashier, or doffer boy to department head, is the same story of honesty, hard work, intelligence and energy that has come to be recognized as the typical story of success in America.

Many who were their friends in youth and started up the ladder with them have dropped away—some, unsuccessful, leaving the mill, some discharged, some dead. The ten who remain have drawn closer together year by year until to-day they form a band of friends such as is not often found.

This is the sort of service that has made the industries of America the wonder of the world—service that benefits and advances the worthy employe as well as the employer, that permits men to rise by merit from the ranks to share in the profits and the wealth they are helping to create.

And the most remarkable part of it all is that these ten men are all employes of the Joseph Grundy mill at Bristol, a manufacturer whose enemies have charged him with being not only an enemy of labor, but a "grinder" of the worst type. It is hard to picture a man such as Grundy had been accused of being, encouraging doffer boys to become superintendents and managers and permitting them to share in the profits of his concern to the extent of becoming more than comfortably wealthy. The two accounts are singularly at variance.

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THE LAST GAME

By Wing Dinger O, see, but I feel pink to-day; It's not much wonder, though, Because last night I stayed up late. It happened this way, bo: My wife, with wives of three good friends, Went to the picture show. The hubbles gathered at my home To play some cards, you know. We played until our wives came home. And then we played some more, 'Till finally the hour was late. We all looked at the score. The last game then we said we'd play. But everybody stayed, And I'll bet thirty-two "last" games At least by us were played.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITORIALS "ALL TO THE GOOD"

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Dear Sir: Your recent editorials in favor of the conservation of American woods to feed the American people are "all to the good." They are "all wool and a yard wide." They hit the nail squarely on the head. There is no reason why the United States should traffic in bird money and prolong the horrors of the war, in comparison with which Dante's "Inferno" and Milton's "Paradise Lost" are but insignificant. If all the papers would "follow suit" it is likely that there would be "sumpin a doin' before long." There might be a repetition of the Boston Tea Party, but the wheat would not be "pitched overboard into the harbor" but into the stomachs of hungry American workers. The necessity for and justification of a New York, Philadelphia or Baltimore wheat party is a hundred times as great as that of the Colonial Tea Party at Boston. American food and clothing for Americans should be our slogan. For the sake of our own sanity and humanity we should most decidedly refuse to furnish "the sinews of war" to any of the belligerents. They, no doubt would like to draw us into this horrible maelstrom, and would be doubly second and abetted by the jingoes of the United States. The only way to maintain absolute peace with all the rest of the world is to avoid entangling alliances, deal justly with all mankind, and above all make it impossible for any one to declare war unless a majority of the people (men and women) voted in favor of it. Then compel all those who voted for war to go to the front, "the firing line," and remain there until they were all killed or "dicked"—or victorious. No substitutes should be allowed at any price or under any circumstances. If they voted for "hell" let them go to war—and get it. Many of the jingoes would think twice before voting. To prevent war it will be absolutely necessary to make public all negotiations between other nations and our own, so that they can vote intelligently on the question. Otherwise the jingoes would

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The advertising readers are the spectators who have opportunity to weigh the merits of each man and each article. They see the world's market before them and they can choose as suit their needs and means. They buy with a knowledge of men and things that counts for satisfaction.

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THE AMERICAN DISEASE

Neurasthenia may be called a distinctively American disease because the condition of the nervous strain that produces it is more prevalent here than in any other country. Overwork and worry, ambition, haste, the high tension at which business is conducted, all use up the nerve force and produce neurasthenia, for the disease is simply exhaustion and excessive irritability of the nerve centers.

A tendency to neurasthenia is inherited by many Americans whose ancestors had but a small stock of nervous energy to bequeath. Grief, excessive worry or disappointment in love, business or school work may cause neurasthenia.

The symptoms include a feeling of exhaustion upon rising in the morning, of disturbed sleep, headache, with a sense of weight and tightness about the head. The patient is irritable, difficult to please, and suffers from depression.

The treatment is to remove the cause if possible (as when overstudy is responsible) take abundant rest, spend ten hours in bed out of every twenty-four, eat as much nourishing food as possible and take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to restore the nerves. Send today for our free booklet on "Nervous Disorders." Address: Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y. Your own druggist sells Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.—Advertisement.

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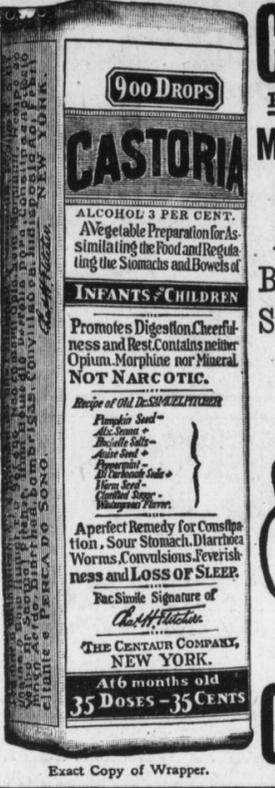
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