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UNFAIR CRITICISM

BECAUSE heavy trucks used in carting earth from the Pennsylvania railroad freight station site below Mulberry street to points along the river bank above "Hard-scrabble" are cutting into the asphalt in Front street at some places, City Councilman Taylor is attacked in certain Democratic quarters for having purchased the earth in question.

This criticism is unfair and absolutely without foundation in fact. Mr. Taylor seized the only opportunity available to procure material for a fill that had to be made, and he bought the "dirt" at a figure that was generally conceded to be a very good bargain for the city. The matter of its transportation did not enter into the agreement. If unreasonably heavy vehicles are being used on city streets it is scarcely a matter for regulation by any one member of council, unless it be the Mayor himself, especially since the trucks in question carry the license tags of another State and have been in Pennsylvania for more than the period permitted by law.

An inspection of Front street will show that most of the depressions in the asphalt against which complaints have been made are due, in large part, to defective repairs, which are a heritage of the Fritchey highway department regime. As Fritchey was the appointee of a Democratic mayor, the criticism of Democrats might well be directed elsewhere than at Mr. Taylor, who has done only that for the neglect of which he would have been severely censured in the same quarter had he not taken advantage of the opportunity afforded by the freight station excavations.

RESISTING KNOWLEDGE

RESIDENT WILSON, during one of those delightful philosophical discourses in which he is so much at home, the other day voiced the opinion that "the human mind has infinite resources for resisting the introduction of knowledge."

None will gainsay that. The President is a living example of the truth of his own observation. For two years he persistently has closed his eyes and his ears to a knowledge of what the people of this country want. We believe, however, that in the end the people will find a way, just as Dr. Wilson did with dense college boys, finally to impress very forcibly upon the President the things they have been striving so long and so fruitlessly to have him learn.

THE INDIAN JUSTIFIED?

WE should not be too hard upon those Piute Indians who went upon the warpath this week when agents of the United States government attempted to interfere in some measure with certain of their tribal customs not in accord with the white man's law. When the Indians took down their repeating rifles, danced the war dance and assembled their tribesmen to take the law into their own hands they were doing in a small way only what the so-called civilized powers of Europe are now doing on a scale so vast as to be entirely beyond the comprehension of the limited mentality of the untutored redskin.

Perhaps our friends of the western plains have been reading the newspapers or consulting the bulletin boards in front of telegraph offices along the Southern Pacific and have been prompted to emulate the doings of those highly cultured nations the standards and accomplishments of which they have been taught to look up to and respect.

PALESTINE FOR U. S.?

THE novel suggestion comes from London that at the close of the war, when the possessions of Turkey are being distributed among the Powers, Palestine be turned over to the United States. The impression is growing that only in this way can the religious liberty of the Holy Land be maintained. But it is doubtful if Uncle Sam would care to add such a trouble-ridden domain to his governmental responsibilities. Palestine has been a storm-center for centuries, back even to the period when history is lost in the dim mists of tradition. Palestine came under Turkish dominion in 1516, after the war between the Ottoman Sultan and the Egyptian Mamelukes, and for 300 years the sanguinary quarrels of the landed sheikhs and the never-ending

EVENING CHAT

It is rather interesting in these days when newspapers contain many advertisements for "help," when domestic service has assumed the proportions of a national problem, when the unemployed are calling upon the charity of those better situated and are being studied by State officials, economists and observers of social conditions, to note that in some Harrisburg families people have been employed for a generation or more. This city has always been noted for its supply of labor of all kinds, and while there may be a dearth now and then and the "hired girl" may regard her tenure as based on her own inclination, the fact remains that there are some whose service has been an honor to themselves and a source of great satisfaction to their employers. There may be cited in this connection the service in one prominent family of this city. This family represents the best traditions of our city and its head has been noted for charity that has been widespread as it has been unostentatious. His family has employed a maid employed for thirty-three years and she was buried from the home of her employer. A waiter has a record of thirty-one years of faithful service. A coachman lived for a quarter of a century in the service of the same gentleman and died in his home. For eighteen years a father and son have been employed in the same work, while a laundress, a cook and a maid have filled their places for from seven to eleven years. Another man, occasionally employed, has been a part of the household for twenty-three years. This is a pretty fair record for employment for one family and speaks not only for those who remained at their duties but for the treatment that led them to devote so many years to household service under the same roof.

RELIEF WORK MUST CONTINUE

ABOUT \$2,000 is needed to keep the work of the Home and War Relief Committee going until April 1, the ways and means division of the organization has announced.

If this sum is not raised the work must cease March 19.

The building and improvement work which will give employment to the heads of 500 hungry families will not open up before about the middle of April. This means that hundreds of women and children for weeks will lack the necessities of life.

Through the home work of the Relief Committee more than 400 families have been kept from the verge of starvation this winter. Scores of women, with the men out of work, through the Relief Committee, have found employment in making up garments. In many instances these garments were given back to the very woman who made them, in addition to pay for making them. This aid meant only a few dollars a week, but it sufficed to keep body and soul together in many a little home.

The question now is, "Can the work be continued?"

There is but one answer. "IT MUST BE CONTINUED!"

Harrisburg is too big hearted, too much imbued with the spirit of that greatest of attributes—charity—to let little children and needy women go hungry.

At the present time there is a waiting list of 125 families needing immediate assistance and by March 19, it is estimated, there still will be hundreds of families without sufficient food and proper clothing.

Money must be raised at once. The ways and means committee has decided to ask the churches and fraternal organizations of the city to help. Surely there can be no better way of fulfilling the mission of brotherhood and "good will toward men" than to give liberally "unto the least of these."

The highest ideals of every church and fraternity in the city demand a liberal contribution before March 19.

Not only should these organizations respond, but every man, woman and child, who can give a penny, should send it to John F. Swency, treasurer of the executive board, care of the Mechanics Trust Company.

THE "PURE VINEGAR" DECISION

THE Superior Court in its decision in the "pure vinegar" case at Williamsport on Wednesday not only establishes the rule that vinegar when sold must be pure apple juice and nothing else, but laid down a principle which will govern in the enforcement of the food laws. Reduced to plain language, the decision means that if vinegar is too acid, or too strong, as the ordinary term is, the consumer or the housewife or the cook shall add the water, not the dealer.

This case was started in the Dauphin court, an arrest being made here and the vinegar manufacturers asking to have it made a test, the State joined issue. The Dauphin county court held that vinegar must be apple juice and nothing else. The Superior Court has upheld this decision. Consequently, the principle is established that nothing except that which is expressly sanctioned by law may be added to an article of food. Watering vinegar and sanding sugar are put on the same basis. Pennsylvania has good food laws and they are well administered. The courts are clarifying them as rapidly as they can be brought up and when the points of controversy over the cold storage act are settled another cause for difference will be abolished.

VACANCIES ARE TO BE FILLED SOON

Governor Brumbaugh Will Get Legislation Drafted and Started and Then Act

DEMOCRATS IN DISTRESS

Morris Sends Out an Appeal For Funds to Pay Off the Debt of the Machine

Vacancies to be filled by the Governor are multiplying these days and it is expected that next month a number of appointments will be announced. The Governor has had a list made of officials whose commissions expire in March and when he gets the drafting of legislation out of the road he will take up appointments and likely have a conference with the committee on executive nominations of the Senate. In all probability the recess appointments will be acted upon late in March by which time the Governor will have some of his own to send in.

In addition to the Philadelphia Judgeships there are to be named a member of the Panama Pacific exposition commission, a member of the State Board of Public Utilities, a member of the State Board of Education and two deputy attorney generals.

Some one must be tired of paying interest on the debts of the Democratic State committee as an appeal has been issued from the Philadelphia windmill for Democrats to immediately contribute to the square of \$14,000. Just what the Democrats would have done with this debt if they had won can be conjectured. They are now appealing to Democrats of all factions to come across and the old Guardians are inclined to let State Chairman Morris and his pals stick. It would be interesting to know how many notes are out and who are the makers and endorsers.

A story is current that the Legislature will adjourn April 22, but no many bets are being made on it.

Saying the act constituting the Bureau of Public Morals is unconstitutional, Judge James R. MacFarlane at Ferrisburgh yesterday handed down an opinion overruling the demurrer, and giving the defendants 14 days in which to answer in the equity suit of Charles G. Moll against Eustace J. Democracy, controller, and Arthur S. Burgoyne, Jr., superintendent of the Moral Bureau. The opinion of the court contains the following words: "The Public Morals board of directors is not beyond remedy, yet it is beyond control. It is created by the Legislature, not as part of the established system. It is a special agency for a special end and purpose, and it is in conflict with the fundamental law."

Friends of Judge Rice say that the Superior Court president will not reconsider his statement that he would not be a candidate again. The judge is said to be looking forward to his retirement and not to desire to enter Democratic politics, which is possible under the nonpartisan act.

The Pittsburgh post office is said to be keeping Washington officials awake at night. The bosses of the Democracy are fighting over the candidates and the Old Guard is helping the row along as much as possible. The reorganization bosses are afraid the Secretary Bryan will butt into the matter as he did with the collectorship and settle it.

Men connected with the revenue service are said to fear that Collector Ben Davis will make a lot of changes. One of the stories is that some men who were named last year may be thrown out to make room for a new lot of hungry Democrats, but it is not clear how the nonpartisan act that no matter how great the pressure.

The Cumberland county judgeship is said to be agitating a number of lawyers over the river and no boomers have been announced the names of several men are in the air. The Democrats are endeavoring to get together on one candidate so as to upset the principle of the nonpartisan act.

The death of County Controller N. Franklin Hall, of Lancaster, was announced yesterday. The Governor will name his successor.

DEFECTS IN NONPARTISAN LAW

[From the Wilkes-Barre News.] It should not be necessary to sacrifice the nonpartisan features of the commission form of government for third class cities in order to secure partial elections for the higher courts here, but it is a pity that the law will favor the entire revision of the election laws including the commission plan of the nonpartisan provisions. The evils developed by nonpartisan elections for such State judges as judges of the Supreme and Superior Court are so great that the virtues of nonpartisan local elections are completely overbalanced.

Indeed, the partisanship of candidates for municipal offices is not a vitally significant factor nor does it determine the political fortunes. The reputation and record of each candidate is known to the electorate and he must stand or fall according to them. The revision of the election laws in this State during the past decade has not solved the problem.

Despite the universal condemnation of the old convention system of nomination it possesses many advantages lost in the popular primaries of to-day. No candidate, who was not worthy or capable of filling the office to which he aspired, could hope to secure the party endorsement under the old system. To-day, success in securing the public office is dependent largely upon the extravagant expenditure of money for the candidate who hopes to keep his name constantly before the electorate. This, of course, constitutes the basic evil of modern politics.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Mayor Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, is strongly in favor of the city pension plan. Charles M. Schwab is buying tracts of land near Quakertown for extensions of his works. District Attorney H. F. Heintz, of Reading, went to Richmond to get a murder case out of political hands. H. P. McKean, prominent Philadelphian, will go to Japan. Ex-Congressman C. C. Bowman went into license court at Wilkes-Barre to fight a license.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is noted for the coal wagons it turns out IN HIGH SOCIETY "Why was the new maid fired?" "Soil on the dress, madam! she forgot to bathe madam's poodle and bathed the baby instead."—Florida Times-Union.

Consumers

Pay the Freight

The store that does not advertise is under a heavy expense than the store that does. Its rent, its light, its help, all its fixed charges foot up a larger percentage. Retail costs are figured against volume of business. The more business a store does the less it costs per sale. Under these circumstances which store—the one that advertises or the one that does not—can afford to give the best values. Let your own experience in shopping round convince you that it is to your profit to patronize the storekeepers who advertise in this newspaper.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

MORE ACCURATELY STATED. His father spent a fortune on that boy. Why, I understood that the boy did the spending.

TWO VIEWS. Wife: I'm glad Christmas is nearly here. Hubby: I am glad it's nearly over.

SPOKE FROM EXPERIENCE. Uncle Ben: Yes, Billie, your mother is one of the salt of the earth. Billie: Yes—and de pepper too, sometimes.

NEEDED—A CAT By Wing Dinger

I need a cat, I need a cat: Instead of mouse, it is a rat That eats through oaken doors his way. By jove, we saw it yesterday. It got up to the second floor. And jumped into a bureau drawer. And when I went to get my gun The rodent down the stairs did run.

And so a cat is what I need. One that likes rats and has the speed To head off any rat in sight. That runs around by day or night. I think it is the only way. That I can catch this rodent gray. If you've a cat you'll loan to me. Pray let me know, and glad I'll be.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph, Feb. 26, 1865.] Many Wounded Four or five hundred wounded soldiers will pass through the city en route to Philadelphia this evening.

Clerk Receives Gift The clerk at the State Capitol Hotel was presented with a watch by his friends.

Prominent Actress in City Miss Laura Keane, the celebrated actress, will be here this evening at Rouse's Theater.

ROUND ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. Harriet Minnier, of Boyles Run, called the other day on D. A. Ross, of Herndon, and told him she wished to pay an honest debt contracted by her husband twenty-eight years ago. Ross scratched his head and insisted she must be mistaken. But Mrs. Minnier had papers to prove her contention and finally convinced Ross that he needed the money. Mrs. Minnier's husband died recently.

The York Springs Weekly's Latimore correspondent declares in a burst of trade expansion enthusiasm: "I was buying last week to get down the industries of the town and wife yelled for me to cut some wood and I forgot for Miss Fannie Miller conducted a dressmaking establishment at the corner of Chestnut and Harrisburg streets." A good reporter will never forget—not even when his wife yells for him to cut wood, unless it be perchance that he forgets to respond. It is permitted to "cuss" softly in such cases, however.

Pete Enst and his foreman, Ed. Wright, over York Springs way, dug ten hours the other day following a groundhog hole and were rewarded by finding a ten cent skunk. Pete was so tired not to say a word—that he beat it over to the corner grocery where he was soon occupying an easy chair. The corner grocer always has a lot of wood on hand ready split for the stove and a barrel of crackers on tap.

STORY RITEN

By the Messenger Boy

Bein grouchy yesterday, I didnt do any story riten, but I see the paper come out just the same, so I guess it didnt matter much; anyhow the editor said ne didnt give a darn wether I rote anything or not, only if I didnt I wouldnt get no job as reporter on the Telegraph at four a week two years and 11 months from now—three years bein the time set for me to larn the bines, and one month of it havin gone already.

So I guess I'll have to keep it up if possible; but its gettin hard as all the ideas has been mostly used up, and unless the generus public come in and makes some suggestions and gives some tips, it looks as if I'll bust for things to rite about. The editor aint much good in givin ideas, but jist says, go ahead and rite somethin—any darned old thing wether its sensible or not, which is the way he does.

A friend that I dont consider very high in intellinjas told me the other day when I get dry for things to rite I ought to stand on the corner of Third and Market and rite up all the characters that passes up and down the pavement. Ackordin to him, there's a story in every guy that passes, if you only knew it and had sense enuff to see thro a mans shirt and read his hart underneath.

But I told him that lots of fellows has dirty shirts, and how would I do about the ladies that wears corsets and things they cant see thro so easy. I sed the inner nature of man, and woman especially, is very deceptive and cant be depended on.

He said I didnt need to depend on it, thid all I had to do was to watch each gink and trail him along the street for a block and watch his movements and if I was any good I could see him up and rite a interstin article that would make the person subscribe for the paper so as to read about himself. I said he was a jackson with imaginashun.

He said he wasnt, and that there is no lack of varietly in the nuts and silly

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Try Telegraph Want Ads

Sale For Tomorrow and the Coming Week

Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits and Overcoats

at \$12.50 and \$13.50 WONDERFUL BARGAINS

ANY SHIRT in the STORE VALUES UP TO \$1.50 At 95c

H. Marks & Son 4th and Market Streets

New Spring Clothing Arriving Every Day "Truly Warner's" New Soft Hats \$2

LADIES!! LAST CALL! Fur Sets, Odd Muffs and Scarfs At Cost

ones thats chasin up and down th world with infamit and never-endin differences of manners, ways of sweatin, modes of dressin, eatin, drinkin, walkin, tellin lies, cheatin their friend, evadin taxes, gettin rich, helpin other people out of a hole, enjoyin life, an growin old.

So if the public dont come across with some hints, I'll have to start on Boyds Directery and rite up to each party in Harrisburg and tell about all the devilment he ever done, an give lots of details that will make ev skwirm, but which their lovin friend will like to read about.

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Saturday, February 27th, Our Semi-Annual Sale Ends

It has been the most successful sale we have ever held and as a matter of course, while some styles are all sold out—others have a few pairs remaining.

We have taken these small lots, about 1,000 pairs, in Men's and Women's, values up to \$5.00, put them into a section for quick selling and you may have your choice \$2.85

These are in various styles, all leathers, and about all sizes in the lot but not all sizes in any one style.

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This is an opportunity that comes to you only twice a year and is worthy of your attention. Not a thing wrong with these shoes. Guaranteed? Why certainly—we do not sell anything we do not guarantee. Patent leather excepted.

Children's \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 shoes, your choice at, per pair \$1.00

Children's 25c hose, sizes 4 to 6, per pair 10c

It's "house cleaning" time with us. YOU win by getting good shoes at low prices—WE win by cleaning up stocks.

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