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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 17

GOOD RESOLUTIONS

THOSE were good resolutions which Representative McCaig, of Allegheny county, presented in the House of Representatives this morning, calling upon public officials and managers of public and private institutions to specify in their requests for bids for supplies that the goods to be purchased shall be made in America.

With comparatively few exceptions, domestic products may be used for the purposes outlined, as well as those imported. In many cases, no doubt, the contractor puts in foreign-made goods because purchasers in this country have been all too prone to give preference to anything bearing the mark "imported." Often the European-made article has been selected to the exclusion of American manufactured goods for no other reason than that the buyer has labored under the mistaken idea that it must be better simply because it was made overseas and brought into this country to be sold in competition with that made at home.

If this misunderstanding could be corrected and merchants and contractors brought to the belief that the public really wants goods of American manufacture, there would be no question of an enormous increase of domestic trade, for despite the war in Europe far too many imports are coming into the country that might be turned out just as easily and with far more profit all around in American mills and factories.

CIVIC CLUB'S GOOD WORK

THE Steelton Civic Club and the Borough Department of Education are co-operating to give the children of that borough the benefit of moving picture programs of a distinctly educational value. The first exhibition of this kind will be presented next Friday afternoon under the auspices of the League of Good Citizenship, which is a branch of the Civic Club, and the boys and girls will be given practical as well as entertaining ideas on the subject of "safety first."

This movement is of more than ordinary value in such an industrial center as Steelton, and doubtless much of the benefit which the pupils will derive from the proposed programs will be reflected upon the employes of the Steel Company, for it is well known that to interest the child is to interest the parent also.

THE SUFFRAGE SITUATION

WITH the passage by the Legislature for the second time of the equal suffrage resolution, that movement enters upon its most critical phase. The question of votes for women is now squarely before the Pennsylvania electorate and all the halfway measures that were employed during the struggle to get the resolution safely through the legislative stage must henceforth be abandoned. Platform pledges, endorsements by organizations and prominent citizens, Jonquil teas and mass meetings attended largely by women will be all very well in their way, but the ultimate decision lies in the hands of the individual voters, and equal suffrage advocates will do well to keep that fact in mind in planning the campaign which they must make between this and the elections in November. The closer they can get to the plain man in the streets and on the farms the better it will be for their cause.

Because of the somewhat protracted method provided for amending the constitution of this State the public has become reasonably familiar with the arguments advanced on both sides of this issue. Along these lines little that is either new or interesting may be expected. Therefore, if they are wise, the pro-suffragists will devote a large part of their energies to devising methods which will have a tendency to encourage the voters to register their will on the suffrage question when they go to the polls. Experience has proved that when there are special questions, such as constitutional amendments, bond issues and even nonpartisan candidates to be vot-

ed upon, many of the voters either forget or willfully neglect to vote upon these questions. Sometimes only a small percentage of the men who actually enter the booths pass upon and decide matters that are of the utmost importance to the whole people. On questions such as equal suffrage, the smaller the vote is the greater the likelihood of defeat.

And if the voters negative the suffrage movement in November, it is highly probable that it will come to a stop in this State for at least ten years, which makes it important that a real expression of opinion be obtained now. Section 1 of Article 18 of the constitution provides that no amendment shall be submitted oftener than once in five years. It is not to be expected, however, that the Legislature would take serious interest until some time had elapsed after a defeat at the polls. The earliest possible time for a re-vote would be 1921, but in the event of defeat now its friends would be fortunate if they succeeded in bringing it back to that stage before 1925.

ELECTRIFYING THE RAILROADS

ON Thursday of this week the electrification of the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad between Bryn Mawr and Philadelphia will be completed and put into operation. This event will mark the beginning of the end of steam as a motive power on the Pennsylvania Railroad system. The application of electricity to both freight and passenger traffic from one end of the mainline to the other is only a matter of time.

Governor Brumbaugh touched upon a subject of tremendous importance when in his inaugural address he called attention to the necessity of State regulation of the water resources of the Commonwealth. Already the Pennsylvania Railroad controls vast sources of water power along its main line, and the streams along which the tracks because the valleys of the waterways afforded the natural and easiest grades, will be called upon in the near future to provide electrical current for the operation of trains.

The time will come when the "smoke nuisance" will be entirely eliminated and when there will be witnessed the remarkable accomplishment of current drawn from one wire with which to speed great trains from one end of the State to the other, to light the signal lamps, to ring the bells, to make the whistles shriek their warnings, to heat the coaches in winter, to cool them in summer, to provide heat for the chefs of the dining cars, to apply the brakes and to meet a dozen other uses not now apparent.

"SOCIAL CENTERS"

NEARLY every new school house that is being erected is provided with facilities for "social center" work, but the "social center" idea is not always popular and "social centers" are in many instances unsuccessful, even when their expenses have been paid by school boards, municipalities or philanthropically disposed citizens. In Harrisburg very little experimenting has been done along this line, although anybody who has given thought to the local conditions scarcely would refuse to agree that the need is here.

The desire for social intercourse is not confined to those who can afford the privileges of the city or the country club, or who find themselves so situated as to entertain in their own homes. It exists in all walks of life, as the popularity of the saloon, the corner cigar store, the pool parlor, and even the moving picture theater attest. The successes of men's Bible classes and young people's societies of the church are always proportionate to the attention devoted to their social sides.

But people of small means—those who need most the school house "social centers"—do not like to put themselves in the position of accepting charity. As they are now conducted, those who frequent them have no voice in their management. It is all well enough to finance neighborhood centers from the public purse, but until a way is found to give the people who make use of them a voice in their management and a share in planning and executing their activities "social centers" will not attain the popularity they deserve. When the time comes—as it soon must—for the opening of centers in Harrisburg, it is hoped that a way will be found to conduct them in some such manner. Only in that way can they be made to yield their maximum of benefit to the community and become permanent institutions in the city.

MINE ACCIDENTS

MINING experts agree that the vast system of education for mine workers now carried on in the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania has been the means of saving many lives. The various mining institutes throughout the region, the mine schools conducted by the local school boards, those conducted by the operators and those conducted by the Young Men's Christian Associations have an aggregate enrollment of between 7,000 and 8,000 men. A recent bulletin of the United States Bureau of Mines telling of the great reduction in the number of mining casualties says:

While the Bureau of Mines is leading in this national movement to reduce the number of deaths in the mines, it realizes fully that not much progress could be made were it not for the helpful co-operation it obtains from the State bureaus, the miners themselves, the operators and the various other agencies.

That is the secret. Everyone is working at it, and as a result of this enthusiasm there is better and more intelligent supervision by the mine foremen and a higher average of intelligence among the miners themselves, who now see the danger of the bogus miners' certificates which were prevalent a decade ago, and help to guard against them. There is greater safety all around, and the powder companies have done much in the movement by demonstrating the use of explosives to the miners under the surveillance of the coal companies. There

are more and better qualified inspectors and foremen now than ever before in the history of the region, and it is hoped by this means to reduce accidents to a minimum.

EVENING CHAT

The organization of the Independent Telephone companies which is to hold its convention here next month is really a Harrisburg concern. It was formed here ten or eleven years ago when the independent telephone business was commencing to boom and the men identified with independent companies for many miles around gathered. There was a business meeting at which plans for closer co-operation were outlined and a banquet was held at the Board of Trade. Later the organizations of the independents have commenced to revive and the dreams of men who were moving spirits in the early organizations have been working out. The Bell company has some splendid organizations to promote efficiency and good fellowship among its people and they have proved very effective. The independents, who are numerous, will doubtless form some organizations that will make the telephone situation interesting.

William D. Grimes, the Pittsburgh lawyer who drafted the municipal corporation bill for Allegheny and Lackawanna counties, is well known here. He has appeared in a number of cases at the Capitol and has served on commissions.

As harbingers of Spring hepatica may do for Dr. Fager and blue birds for poets but visitors to Wildwood park last Sunday saw the real thing. The weather coaxed not a few people into the park and the chief real attraction was the opportunity to breathe fresh air. One little party consisting of a couple of youths, a young woman and several children who were among those who were invited to the picnic were prepared to make the most of their outing and on one of the tables which stood out all night they spread a very nice picnic lunch produced from shoes boxes they carried. This occurred just above the dam. Farther down in the park at the baseball grounds a number of boys spent some of the afternoon in the middle of the day hitting and catching flies. All in all there was a distinct suggestion of summer about the park in spite of the fact that there were no leaves on the trees and the grass was still dead and brown, and here and there in the little ravines and under bushes there lingered remnants of the last snow.

Among the writings on the subject of temperance which have been received by Governor Brumbaugh since the local option bill came acute, is one by Maurice Floyd. It is very much to the point and is as follows: "The temperance people of a small southern town had long been battling with the saloons in any way in an election was ordered and a mass meeting was held in the roomiest church. Near the close of the meeting a 'think out loud' man, dressed in a care-worn suit, came down the aisle and addressed the audience. 'Friends,' he said, 'if you vote whisky out of this town I will love my job. I am getting old and I know of no other way to live.' As you all know, I keep the town's saloon—a nice, respectable place. 'Think out loud before you vote.' This made me feel that before you care-worn, shabby-dressed woman arose and said: 'As you know, I am the town washerwoman. For twenty years I have made a living for my family because my husband could not read and the temptation offered by our friend's nice, respectable saloon. Vote whisky out and my husband will make a living for me. The town voted dry.'

Advocates of the laurel as the State flower have been getting on the job in earnest. They have passed and are commencing to make themselves heard about the flower. They urge the plant because it is emblematic of Pennsylvania, says Frederick E. Geisler, of Easton, who presented the bill for it, because it grows deep and strong as well as beautiful. When the bill was going through not an attempt was made to amend it as was done last session when the subject was discussed and the arbutus was suggested. Photographs of laurel have been shown upon legislators.

The State Fire Marshal's department has been calling attention to the importance of cleaning up in the Spring time and abating fire hazards. The annual clean-up which is being done is well worth noting. One of the heads, "What Are You Doing?" It is all directly addressed and is one of the most effective of the publications on the subject issued by the State.

"We are not through with winter yet," remarked one of the county's oldest farmers this morning in market. "Just living through the winter and you will find snow in the gullies in the fields and along the hedgerows and fences. You will turn it up in the most unexpected places and you will not be surprised to see how much snow really remains on the ground in spite of the warm sunshine. We will have another snow, I am pretty certain."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

J. C. Donges, well-known here, has been elected head of the Pittsburgh Lumbermen.
 Reese C. David, of Pittsburgh, is interested in a new publishing company chartered in Wilmington.
 Judge W. H. Ruppel, of Somerset, has joined the list of judges refusing licenses. He refused nine the other day.
 Ex-Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer gets his recreation playing golf.
 T. DeWitt Cuyler, prominent Philadelphia, has returned from Georgia.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has been jumping in population annually for the last forty-five years?

Civic Pride And Advertising

It is a matter of civic pride to support the manufacturer and merchant who advertises. These men are the "push aheads." They are the builders who are helping the city. They are making it a better place to live in. The merchants and business men who do not advertise are simply carried along by the other chaps' energy. Nothing helps the city, helps each individual in it, it enlarges the opportunities of all. By advertising they generally get more satisfactory goods and service from the men who advertise.

MORRIS EXPECTS TO BOSS PATRONAGE

Democratic State Chairman Will Take Up Rubber Stamp For Federal Jobs Next Month

PALMER WILL RETIRE

Former Members of the House Visit the Legislators; Gossip of the Capitol

Democratic State Chairman Roland S. Morris expects to boss the distribution of patronage for Pennsylvania when A. Mitchell Palmer becomes an ornament to the Federal Court of Claims. It is believed that Palmer will resign as national committeeman because it will be in good taste, and that the President will recognize Morris as his successor in wielding of the rubber stamp.

Palmer will accept the place beyond a doubt and it is thought that nothing will be said about his retirement from the national committeemanship for some time. Morris will take over the job with James I. Blakelock, assistant postmaster general, as ink holder, and make up the Pennsylvania appointments.

It is believed that Morris will take the ground when Palmer resigns that national delegates elected Palmer and that there should be no selection until the next national convention. If his hand is forced and he has to name some one to forestall action by the State committee he may pick Vance C. McCormick.

Democrats are gossiping here about the situation, and it is believed that after the Legislature adjourns some steps to secure a meeting of the State committee may be taken.

—One of the funniest things seen in a long time was the way some rural members of the House voted against the McNichol bill. They were taken and firemen out of politics when it was on final passage in the House yesterday afternoon. It was labeled McNichol and they voted against it. The Philadelphians voted solidly for it.

—Senator Edwin H. Vore, of Philadelphia, last night made public a telegram he had received from William Flinn, now sunning himself at Palm Beach, Florida, in which the leader of the Bull Mooseers gives his approval to the workmen's compensation act as prepared by Governor Brumbaugh and Attorney General Brown. He also announces that he is going to help it along. The telegram is as follows: "The workmen's compensation bill you sent me have carefully studied. The provisions are splendid and it should make a good law. Send me copy when printed for use of Senate to Pittsburgh. Will help its passage in any way I can. Will be home on twenty-first."

—A story is afloat that Flinn will be here next week and people are curious to see if he will call upon the Governor and what attitude he will take in view of the Vore declaration for the Governor for President made right after the election returns showed the overwhelming defeat of the gubernatorial candidate backed by Flinn.

—Among visitors to the Capitol were Superior Court J. W. Kephart and Judge D. H. Caldwell, of Westmoreland county courts. Both met a number of friends.

—Peter J. Hoban, for many years correspondent of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, was circulating among the legislators and correspondents.

—Representative Sarig, of Temple, Berks county, a first term member, has returned to the Legislature. Mr. Sarig is a Democrat and has not attracted much attention at the Capitol. He has found Market Square more accommodating.

—Representative Hess, of Lancaster, was given bouquets to-day in recognition of his filling of the chair yesterday in the absence of Speaker Ambler. He handled the House in regular George E. Aker style.

—M. H. Kennedy, former representative from Pittsburgh, has been here enjoying reunions with former members. Mr. Kennedy served several years ago and has many friends.

ROUND ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA

Charlie Sheeler, of West Chester, is said to be in an experimental mood. Somebody—it is rumored to have been John Calvin, of Deborah Rook farm—has told him that he should try the idea of grafting lima and string beans to corn in the spring. The expense of providing bean poles. The thing is fairly practical until given serious thought. Beans and corn do not have exactly the same season. Why not try hitching onions to chrysanthemums or celery to egg plant?

Edgar Wilhelm, of New Freedom, has trained a duck to act as watch dog of the premises. Whether a stranger comes in the yard, the web-footed grazer in any way near the seat of the trousers with his bill—if he happens to be that kind of a trespasser, the duck will attack the Wilhelm home as though it were the plague.

The West Chester News offered an interesting entry in the problem of cause and effect. The other day when wheat was scarce and the apple butter crop hereabouts has been a small one. No reason for it, but it is just simply short, and that's where cause and effect halt and lock each other in the face stubbornly.

Harry Krill, of Palmyra, has built up one of the biggest rabbit farms in the State. He is head of the long-eared beauties in his pens and nearly all of them weigh from six to eight pounds. He ships more of them to the big hotels in Philadelphia and New York, where they are more in demand than fowl.

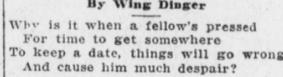
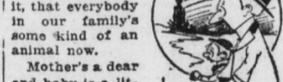
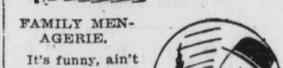
AN EVENING THOUGHT

O Love Divine, that stooped to share Our sharpest pang, our bitterest tear,
 On Thee we cast each earth-born care,
 We smile at pain while Thou art near!
 —Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH



IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph, March 17, 1865] Water supply shut off. The engine at the waterhouse is completely submerged and is useless. The water supply in the city is scarce.

Flood Stage Reached. Flood stage with the river more than nineteen feet above the low water mark, and still rising, has caused a general delay and inconvenience all along the Susquehanna to-day. The water was four feet deep on the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks on this side of Middletown. Mail from Philadelphia came in over the Philadelphia and Reading.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph, March 17, 1865] Seize Powder and Artillery. Washington, March 17.—General Sherman reports the capture of twenty-five cannon and 3,600 barrels of powder at Cheraw, Columbia, he destroyed large arsenals and railroad connections. It is now thought that he has joined General Cox.

Newspapers Suspend Publication. Washington, March 17.—General Grant announced that only one newspaper is now being published in Richmond. The printers have been ordered to enlist.

STORY RITEN BY THE MESSENGER BOY

And so I went to the automobile shops, both of city and seen the gas wagons, and heard the gas of the agents, and gassed myself with people who own autos, and those who intend to perch, also those who would like to— which is a class as numerical as the pebbles on the river bank. Next

DANGEROUS DEBILITY

Debility may result from a number of causes—worry, after-effects of acute illness, lack of nourishment due to disordered digestion, or anything that makes the blood thin, thereby preventing it from carrying health and nourishment to the tissues of the body. The symptoms of debility vary, but weakness is always present, often a tendency to fatigue easily, ringing in the ears, black spots passing before the eyes, weak back, dizziness, wakefulness caused by inability to stop thinking, and unrefreshing sleep. Debility is dangerous because it weakens the body's defense against disease. For instance, debilitated people take cold easily and winter is always a trying time for them. When one cold follows another the system surely needs building up. The treatment of such run-down conditions with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is on sound medical principles and common sense. These pills build up the blood so that it nourishes every part of the body, nerves as well as muscles, and brings vigor, strength and health.

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