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If you wish another to keep your secret, first keep it yourself.—Seneca.

WEST SHORE RESPONSIBILITY

There are signs even now that people residing along the west shore of the Susquehanna opportunity afforded them by the damming of the river at the lower end of this city. Here and there owners of homes and summer bungalows are beautifying the river bank down to the water's edge. Never before the construction of this dam, did the West Shore have a depth of water sufficient to make boating there a pleasant recreation. With the dam still open at places, due to the construction of the Cumberland Valley bridge, the water is already uniformly higher than ever before, and it will be increased in depth at least a foot when that work is completed.

Harrisburg has done its part in the beautification of the river basin. It has expended many thousands of dollars in the task and is pleased that it has done so. It is not to be expected that the more sparsely settled West Shore will be able to do anything so comprehensive, but it is entirely within the powers of the township, the borough and individuals to decide upon some harmonious form of treatment that would add not only to the beauty of an already picturesque locality but would increase property values as well, and make the West Shore an even more delightful place in which to live than it now is.

Wormleysburg people are noted for their public spirit. If they want new fire apparatus or a town hall or some other municipal improvement, they join hands and get it. Doubtless they are already thinking of the future of their river front, which is every bit as attractive as that of Harrisburg. A community meeting to discuss the matter would be entirely in order and might bring about means for an early consideration of the subject by a joint committee or other body delegated to take up the matter.

FLOOD WARNINGS

One of the most valuable services the State Water Supply Commission renders to the communities lying along the banks of rivers and streams that in rainy seasons are apt to overflow their banks is the warning it issues at such times. Flood warnings that come out but a few hours before the rise of the waters are not of much value. The commission realizes this and strives to estimate the height of the streams at various points at least twelve hours in advance. This gives everybody interested ample time in which to take necessary precautions and results in the saving of much property that otherwise would be damaged or destroyed.

"Courage conquers all things," said an ancient philosopher who never charged a machine gun battery.

GRADE CROSSING RELIEF

CONSIDERATION has been written and much more said since the accident at Hummelstown Monday night, concerning the responsibility of the State Public Service Commission with respect to grade crossings. There are more than 11,000 such crossings in Pennsylvania and it is a task of no mean proportions to attempt their regulation. The commission has never declined to extend proper relief to communities asking for it in this respect. It has suggested, when complaints of dangerous grade crossings were laid before it, that the residents or the authorities of the territory immediately adjacent were in better position to pass upon the subject than a body of men sitting miles away at the Capitol, and that end decisions have been based largely upon testimony taken on the spot.

It is certainly the duty of the community, as well as of the railroad and officials, to see to it that the public is adequately protected wher-

ever the crossing. Conditions such as those at Hummelstown ought not to have been allowed to exist, and the people of the town share in the responsibility inasmuch as they not only made no complaint previous to the accident, but actually petitioned the Public Service Commission less than a year ago for another grade crossing within the limits of the borough.

Probably the coroner's jury did not have these facts when it rendered its verdict, against which there can be made no complaint save that it should have been framed to include the borough of Hummelstown as censurable along with the others involved. Other communities should look to their crossings before attention is called to them by a tragedy such as that which cost six lives this week.

We fail to note in any of our exchanges that one time standard summer item to the effect that "Mr. and Mrs. So-and-so left yesterday to spend the summer in an extended tour of Europe."

STATE POLICE AID

THE utility of the State Police is well demonstrated in the assistance they are rendering just now in breaking up rowdism and robberies in the eastern end of the county.

The local authorities found themselves unable to cope with the situation. Lawless men and boys paid no attention whatever to the constables and the populace for weeks has been at the mercy of these rural "gangsters." Now comes the State Police and immediately the trouble is at an end. To be sure it is a pity that some of the offenders were not brought to book, but it is pleasing to note that the bullies who terrorize helpless country constables have a wholesome respect for the men who constitute the State constabulary.

It is in just such service as this that the State Police are indispensable. Rural communities cannot be expected to go to the expense of maintaining large police forces, and in most cases such are not needed. But here and there over the Commonwealth disorder breaks out at intervals and is not quelled until some such powerful and fearless force as the constabulary is called in. The man who advocates the abolition of the force labels himself at once as an enemy of law and a friend of the lawless. It is not recorded that a State policeman ever arrested or interfered with anybody who was conducting himself with due regard for the law and its requirements.

Mrs. Thaw is a better press agent for herself than she would be a witness for her husband.

CHAMBER'S GOOD WORK

THE Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce is doing an excellent work in bringing men of national reputation to the city. The coming of United States Senator Theodore E. Burton on July 15 is only one of many such instances. More really big men have spoken before the Harrisburg Chamber in the past year than have addressed similar gatherings in either Pittsburgh or Philadelphia. Every one of these speakers has brought a message well worth hearing, many of them embracing lessons that are keynotes to success with respect to community life or applied individually.

This is one of the important duties of the Chamber—to keep Harrisburg in touch with the country at large, to keep its members abreast of the times; and in no way can this be accomplished so well as by bringing to Harrisburg the big, deep thinkers of the nation to tell us of their own experiences and ideals and what others are doing. The study of history is invaluable to the man engaged in public work. Biography contains important lessons for the man bent upon personal success. The addresses of such men as Burton are both history and biography brought down to terms of everyday life and having their application to every one who hears the messages they bring.

BURLESON'S ADMISSION

IN his last annual report, Postmaster General Burleson presented statistics showing the steady growth in postal savings deposits and then said: "These facts afford conclusive proof that the practical operations of postal savings in this country have amply fulfilled the predictions of its advocates."

That is certainly some admission, coming as it does from a man who, as a member of the House of Representatives, voted against the postal savings bank bill. It is one more acknowledgment of the superiority of Republican ideas. But Burleson had plenty of bad company, for every Democrat in the House who voted at all recorded his vote against the measure.

If we had our way, the river would clear up and bass fishing would improve.

CONTROL OF THE BUDGET

THE last session of Congress was an extremely extravagant one and yet it appropriated \$13,000,000 less than the Executive Departments urged it to appropriate.

Let this fact sink into the minds of those who advocate a national budget system for the United States. That a budget system is desirable, few will question, but those who believe in economical administration will also agree that the control of the budget board or commission should be in Congress and not in the departments. The reason for this is plain. The head of each department, upon the instant recommendations of his subordinates, and because of his desire to extend the activities of his office, asks Congress for larger appropriations for work already in hand and for new appropriations for new governmental activities. He is naturally impressed with the im-

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeemen

State wide interest in Philadelphia's campaign to land the next Republican national convention is being shown and men active in party affairs in half a dozen of the eastern counties are ready to do what they can to aid in the movement. It will be recalled that the recent legislature adopted resolutions inviting the convention to come to this State and this has been followed up by quiet work among influential men.

Practically all of the eastern counties would be interested in the convention more than that held in 1910 in Philadelphia, because this year a Pennsylvanian is being boomed.

Senator Penrose is in Atlantic City for the week end meeting prominent Republicans preparatory to going to New York next week to discuss the national situation with Chairman Hill and the big men of the party.

Congressman Edgar R. Kieiss last night announced at Williamsport that he had declined the proffer of the public service commission a month ago. This has been persistently reported, but both the Governor and the Congressman declined to discuss the matter. Yesterday Mr. Kieiss spoke out, but the Governor left for Somerset, set county to-day without having said anything. A Williamsport dispatch says:

To-day Mr. Kieiss received a letter from the Governor accepting his declination. At the Governor's request no announcement was made until to-day. Mr. Kieiss, in his letter, says the position is one which carries with it great possibilities of service to the people of the Commonwealth and he would accept it were he free to do so. Continuing his letter says, in part: "I am convinced that my duty lies in the direction of serving my term as Representative in Congress, to which I was re-elected last October. My successor could not be elected. My people having by their vote expressed their continued confidence in me, I feel bound to accept of it."

In his letter accepting Mr. Kieiss' declination, Governor Brumbaugh states that he does so with sincere regret. He assures the Congressman that his sacrifice in this matter is in the interest of the people of the district and that he feels over Mr. Kieiss' declination.

It is an open secret that the Congressman yielded to the pleas of his friends to stay in Congress because of the turmoil his retirement would create in the district. It is acknowledged that Kieiss is the strongest man in the district and the people who backed him wanted him to stay. The Governor has given no intimation of whom he will select.

The Vane brothers are going to have a big oxroast in Philadelphia next week. It is expected to be an announcement relative to the majority is expected to be made.

Senator Oliver's announcement of his retirement from politics has stirred up a great deal of interest in Harrisburg. In Pittsburgh in years. Magee, Armstrong, Flinn and others who have been fighting each other are now trying to get together on a slate for both city and county.

A Washington dispatch to the Evening Ledger says: "Whether the reorganizer element, now in actual control of the party, will determine any attempt to bring about harmony and placate the Old Guard of Pennsylvania Democracy probably will be known in a very short time. It is believed here that the selection of a national committee man to succeed A. Mitchell Palmer, who sought and got a place on the bench of the Federal bench, will determine the harmony question. Up to date the reorganizer element has shown no desire to seek harmony; on the contrary, there are many instances in which Mr. Palmer, State Chairman Morris and Vance McCormick, who has contributed most of the lubricant to keep the reorganizer wheels well oiled, have gone out of their way to oppose the Old Guard leaders. This has been especially true in the matter of Federal patronage."

Why People Go Away [From the Louisville Courier-Journal.] The following letter from a New Yorker: "When the most delightful season of the year in New York is coming on, many New York City people are getting ready to leave here. They are the people who live here, this is known as the most delightful summer climate in the United States. "It is the New York man and woman who go away from here for the summer."

The question of whether the climate where you are to "summer" is better than your own is by no means the understanding of its function and purpose requires. It has had to meet the open or secret hostility of labor unions and employers, and to struggle against the indifference of the populace.

Were it brought to the place in the community it should occupy, the menace of our present condition would be notably modified. The tax-payers, while they would be called on to contribute something to its development, would still remain in happy ignorance of the burden imposed by a large standing army.

"BABY WEEK" IN PITTSBURGH Pittsburgh has just finished the celebration of "baby week." Its object was "a campaign for happy and healthy babies." There was an exhibition throughout the week at Washburn Station. On the first floor was an exhibit on the care of the baby with an information booth. On the second floor was the State exhibit on baby welfare, with examples of the "do care" and "don't care" families. Besides, aspects of the care of babies were illustrated with moving pictures.

In various places in the city there were appropriate programs. Moving pictures were shown in parks and schoolhouses. In one of the settlement houses there were talks in different languages. "Baby Sunday" was observed in the churches. Each day had some distinctive event. Plugs were distributed on Monday at the homes of babies. On Tuesday there was a "little mothers' parade." One day was devoted to talks to fathers in the streets and in the shops. On another day mothers and babies were given an outing.

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TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

—Henry Ford says we eat three times too much. Thereby spending for food what we might otherwise put into gasoline.

—Was Thaw crazy or his jury?

—The "bear that walks like a man" knows how to run almost as well as walk. Also he is "some" stopper.

—The crankless automobile is sometimes one that has transferred its crank from the radiator to the driver's seat.

—Holt was a bad man, no doubt, but what of the merchant who sold him dynamite?

—One of the advantages of going on vacation is that we enjoy home so much more when we get back.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Mr. Bryan's successive statements make it increasingly evident that he resigned in a fit of passionate admiration for Mr. Wilson.—New York Evening Post.

An exchange informs us that all the Balkan countries are mountainous. We knew already that some of them were not on the level.—Charleston News and Courier.

Must have been easy for the President to tell what the flag stands for after having written three notes to tell what it won't stand for.—Philadelphia North American.

The bottom has fallen out of the motor car price lists. At the rate the cost is being reduced the idle rich will soon have to abandon motoring entirely.—Kansas City Star.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph, July 10, 1865.] Sunday School Picnic The annual Sunday school picnic will be held next Thursday on the west shore of the river.

Convention in This City? Prominent colored men in the State are discussing having a national convention in this city beginning August 1.

Three More Engines Council has passed an ordinance authorizing the purchase of three new steam fire engines.

DRIVE CAREFULLY [From the Kansas City Star.] Two fatal motor accidents in Kansas City last night call attention once more to the need of the greatest caution in driving. Its speed makes the automobile both a great convenience and a great menace.

It is not merely that passengers in a motor vehicle are endangered by carelessness on the part of their own driver. They are endangered by carelessness on the part of other drivers and of people on foot. That means that the driver must never take anything for granted on the part of anybody he meets. He must be on his guard, and people are liable to bewilderment, and must be prepared for anything.

STEPS TOWARD PREPAREDNESS

[New York Sun.] No action undertaken by any of the numerous associations devoted to the improvement of the national defense has been so practical or better calculated to achieve results than that which proposes to enroll all employers of labor in the National Guard.

In a numerous, well drilled and properly equipped body of citizen soldiers, instructed in the profession of arms, lies the only immediately available means of increasing our military establishment to a degree remotely approaching the pressing necessities of the country.

Unfortunately the National Guard has not received in the past the encouragement from the public that an intelligent understanding of its functions and purpose requires. It has had to meet the open or secret hostility of labor unions and employers, and to struggle against the indifference of the populace.

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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY WAITING AT THE CHURCH—BY HUNGERFORD.



From the Pittsburgh Sun.

LITTLE TALKS ON THRIFT

By S. W. STRAUS

President American Society for Thrift

Most of the great fortunes were made by men who practiced private economy. They looked after the pennies. As a result the dollars looked after themselves. Cyrus H. McCormick's father and his mother's people were far-

brickmaker. Thus the habit of industry acquired so early became of the greatest benefit to him in after life. Starting to work on a salary of \$1.50 a week, which was eventually raised, he managed not only to help his parents, but to save one hundred dollars. It took great thrift to save this amount, but no one has a corner on thrift. Instead of spending his hundred dollars on a vacation, young Wanamaker invested it. The investment proved to be so fortunate that he made \$3,000 out of it and with this sum he commenced for himself in the clothing business, a business that he not only understood, but liked.

The times were then hard—it was just at the outbreak of the Civil war—and predictions of failures were numerous. But he knew the clothing business thoroughly, was schooled in a home of thrift and was not discouraged. Moreover he started modestly, refraining from a display of expensive furnishings and plate glass.

"If you would have a faithful servant, and one that you like," said Franklin, "serve yourself."

Again: "Keep thy shop and thy shop will keep thee."

These two things John Wanamaker did. He employed no superfluous help, took down his own shutters, made his fire, swept the store and often delivered parcels for customers himself. He also kept his own accounts. Fifteen years later Wanamaker was giving employment to three thousand persons.

Our Daily Laugh

FORETHOUGHT I wish Ingomar to think only of me. Mother: I would not distract his thoughts too much from business, my dear. Remember, you will need a great many expensive things.

SHE THOUGHT DIFFERENTLY. Wife: What do you consider the chief cause of divorce? Hubby: Wives.

OLD-FASHIONED FLOWERS By Wing Dinger Sound your praises, if you will. Of some flower new That someone has just brought forth, But I say to you Or to anyone who thus All his favor showers Soon or late you'll come back to Old-fashioned flowers.

Go into a garden filled With species rare And you'll pause to note the new Blooms here and there; But the one that wins most praise From your lips will be That old-fashioned bloom which you Very seldom see.

BREEDING GROUND FOR MICROBES Improperly cared for, what a happy hunting ground for germs and micro-organisms the dishcloth may be, exclaims Eva J. De Marsh in Farm and Home. Just put one in a pan with a lot of dirty greasy dishes, rinse it in lukewarm water, or not at all, hang it in a warm, dark, shut-in corner, and leave it overnight. You will know it is there! Drink some milk, eat some butter, pudding or jelly that has stood where it absorbed all the dishcloth had to give, and if you suffer no ill effects, you are germ proof.

The materials of your cloth may be anything, so long as it is absolutely clean and free from dyes. Let your dishes be scraped clean before they go into the pan, use your cloth to wash them only, and always rinse it well when you are through. If you can, frequently hang it in the sun, wash and boil often, and never leave a cloth so it will remain wet a long time, and get sour.

How's your dish rag? HE COULDN'T BELIEVE IT [From the Detroit Free Press.] "What a beautiful girl that is, standing over there." "I'm glad to hear you say so. She is my daughter." "Hallelujah!" he said to his wife, when the mother had departed. "For once in my life I struck it rich!"

Evening Chat

Pennsylvania people who visit the San Francisco exposition will have a fine chance to see one of Harrisburg's industries at work in the daily display of moving pictures in the Pennsylvania building. The pictures are of the river coal fleet, dredging the Susquehanna for the fine coal which is so excellent for steaming and which is one of the important sources of fuel supply for this city. They were taken last summer when the fleet was in the midst of its busy season and when there were more steam dredges and flats around than at present. Some of the pictures give excellent ideas of the scenery about Harrisburg and the location of the city in the stream and islands and banks of the stream are depicted in an excellent manner. This industry, strange as it may seem, was picked out as one distinctively belonging to this community. Most of the plants are duplicated or shown in a large scale at other places. Later on it is the plan to show some pictures of the State capital and its grounds. Harrisburg and Steelton are represented by a number of products in the various buildings. Steelton contributing to the displays.

Uncle Sam has a miniature mint bed in Harrisburg although he probably does not know it. In the midst of the twenty-four varieties of weeds that now adorn the formerly immaculate lawn on the Court street side of the federal building there grew until a couple of days ago several mint plants. They were spotted near a couple of the mowed areas, and were found and the man who saw them says they disappeared over night. "I thought when I saw the mint that something would happen," said he. "It did. They were gone next day. And under a pile of timbers, strange to say, I saw an empty mint bottle."

While City Commissioners generally approve of the proposed plan to dispense with weekly meetings during July and August, some of them question the advisability of adopting the resolution which provides for but one meeting each month during the vacation season. If the resolution which was offered last Tuesday is adopted at next week's meeting, then there will be no further meetings until August 3. That will be the final session until the first Tuesday in September. Pending legislation, however, might interpose a plan for at least one commissioner but it is not known just what matters may turn up which will require prompt settlement. A question whether or not it will be advisable to hold but one meeting a month.

Writing in the Philadelphia Ledger "Gleason" has this to say about something which this newspaper has several times discussed and expressed a similar wish:

"I trust nothing will deter ex-Attorney General Hampton L. Carson from a work which he told me he means to perform. He intends to write a book about the Philadelphia delta and its part in the Revolution. 'Draw a line,' said I, 'between the Delaware and the Princeton to Valley Forge, making the third side of an angle formed by the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers, and in that delta were pitched the critical events of our fight for independence. Then Mr. Carson explained his statement in detail. The possession of Boston by the British meant merely a question of a part of Massachusetts. Had the British taken Philadelphia and holding the line of the Delaware. Such events as occurred at Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Camp Hill, Valley Forge, the Crooked Billie and the capture of Philadelphia, the National Capital itself, were part of the struggle for mastery of this little delta formed by the two rivers. Washington won, and the delta, as you know, is still in the possession of America."

Samuel I. Spyer, the Huntingdon county Republican chairman, was a visitor here yesterday, is a lawyer and was listening to Harry S. McDevitt, who is also a lawyer, tell his experience on the Philadelphia court. Mr. McDevitt had a client and got him off. Then the man took himself off without paying any fee. "Hum!" said Spyer. "You're in your first year, are you?"

"Women will never learn to get off a car right," said a Harrisburg Railway Company official to-day. "Nine out of every ten women try to get off a car before it stops," he continued. "We are having trouble now because of the summer cars. With the pay-as-you-enter cars the women cannot get off until the door is opened. "I rode to Paxtang the other evening, getting on a summer car at Market Square. Before we reached Paxtang seventeen women had got off. Only two of these women got off properly. The others stepped off backward. Two were given a hard jolt when they landed on the asphalt pavement. In every instance the women were warned by the conductor, but they would not heed the warning. It is the way of women."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Col. H. M. Morrow, of the United States Army, well known here, will go to the Philippines.

—A. R. Rockwell, new head of the postal clerks' organization, lives at Altoona, where he is connected with the postal service.

—Joseph Leidy, of Philadelphia, has gone to New England.

—John R. Edwards, a Philadelphia admiral in the navy.

—A. G. Rosenzweig, of Philadelphia, has gone to the exposition.

—Ex-Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer is motoring along the New Jersey coast.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg steel is being used for trolley poles?

MILES AND SULLIVAN General Nelson A. Miles is an arrogant, self-centered, strutting old peacock. —A. R. Rockwell, of Harrisburg. "Tut, tut, John; General Miles is not old, and it is not a cause of reproach that he is handsome and very vain, self-well. Most of us are self-centered. Let the cold water campaign go forward without these violent misrepresentations of its supporters." —New York Sun.

CIVIC CLUB

Fly Contest June 1 to July 31 5 Cents a Pint Prizes of \$5, \$2.50 and several \$1.00 ones. Applied by Mr. Ben Strouse