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WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 13.

'Tis not what man does which exalts him, but what man would do.—Brown.

THAT UNDERWRITERS' REPORT

THE chief function of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, it would appear, is to criticize. There is a suspicion in the minds of many premium payers that the board is much more interested in keeping rates up than in putting them down.

Harrisburg's fire loss is about as small as that of any city of its size in the country, we are assured, yet the board never once commends and never loses an opportunity to spread broadcast the idea that Harrisburg is one vast fire trap and that our people are bent on making the fire hazard here as grave as possible.

The fire department is given absolutely no credit for stopping the big fire at Fourth and Chestnut streets in a really professional manner; the only hint of efficiency we get is the wonder of the board that the damage was not greater.

We buy motor driven apparatus of the most approved pattern, but the board comes along and finds fault with the type. Did the board make any recommendations to council before the purchase? No indeed; that is not the way of the board.

The board recommends a new building code. Good! We should have it. The board suggests fireproof garages in the heart of town. Fine! The idea is practical and doubtless will meet with approval. The board outlines many other things that may or may not be vital to the safety of the city from fire.

But after Harrisburg has spent its hundreds of thousands to bring about these changes does the board offer anything in the way of reduced fire insurance rates? Indirectly, perhaps, we are led to believe that the underwriters have something like that in mind, but we have no out and out promise. We must live in hope, that is all, and there are those who, viewing the future in the light of the past, will be ready to believe that the improvements recommended having been made the board will find some new and plausible excuse for keeping the rates up to their present high schedule.

THE WEBB MEMORIAL

THE monument to General Webb dedicated on the Gettysburg battlefield yesterday is more than a mere memorial to a brave soldier; it is, in a larger measure, a tribute to the men he commanded, the veterans of the Philadelphia Brigade, who bore the brunt of the attack on the Union center at the Bloody Angle when, if they had been lost to the Federal forces, what such a catastrophe would have meant to the future of the United States as a nation nobody can tell, but that it would have been fraught with dire results none familiar with history can doubt.

Lee's army, flushed with success, would have poured on through Pennsylvania, splitting the North in twain, gaining the recognition of England and France and greatly prolonging the war if not bringing it to a conclusion favorable to the South.

The desperate decision of Lee to hurl his forces against the Federal center at Gettysburg was made when this chance for which he had fought so gallantly and so long almost within his grasp, yet slipping rapidly away before the unyielding lines of blue that lay between him and his cherished goal, the fat lands and the heaping treasures of Pennsylvania farms and cities. And right gallantly did Pickett's men leap to their grim duty.

But in the valiant old Philadelphia Brigade, entrenched behind the historic stone wall, they met a foe that knew not the meaning of retreat. Forward rolled the wave of battle, sweeping all before it, until it struck the ranks of Webb's men, and then it halted, wavered and a fragment of it flowed back like a receding billow from a rockbound coast. The Bloody Angle had turned the tide of rebellion.

The Philadelphia Brigade had made itself immortal. All honor to Webb, brave and able commander that he was; but honor also to the veterans of the Philadelphia Brigade who matched his fighting skill and courage with their own on that memorable day.

WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY

WHILE the great Lincoln Highway extending from New York to San Francisco is bound to become famous among the highways of the world, the people of Pennsylvania are primarily interested in that section of the road extending through Pennsylvania. Harrisburg is already upon the feeder lines reaching out from this city to Gettysburg and Lancaster, touching the Lincoln Highway at both points and thus putting the Capital of the Commonwealth in intimate relation to the national road.

But Pennsylvanians are not going to be satisfied with one main highway through this Imperial Commonwealth. They want to make it easy for those within and without our borders to move about over our splendid hills and valleys and along the picturesque streams that make this State a marvelous picture for all who love natural scenery.

It is now proposed to construct the William Penn Highway between Greensburg and Lancaster, through the Juniata Valley and over the Allegheny mountains, touching Harrisburg, Lewistown, McVeytown, Mt. Union, Huntingdon, Hollidaysburg, Cresson, Johnstown, Greensburg and intermediate points. This highway, according to some of the western Pennsylvania boosters, "is to be Pennsylvania what the Appian way was to the travelers of ancient Rome. In grade, in surface, in ample accommodations, in its scenic splendors, the William Penn Highway has no equal, and can have no equal, in Pennsylvania."

Already fine stretches extending many miles have been constructed and the only thing yet to be done is the connecting of the detached portions of the proposed highway so that there may be a continuous route from Harrisburg westward through the most picturesque region in the whole State. Perhaps the most conspicuous sections of the route already completed in a permanent way are those from Millfulton to Lewistown through the famous Narrows and from Huntingdon to Hollidaysburg. There is also under construction a most inviting section between Huntingdon and Mill Creek, along the Juniata River.

It is little wonder that Governor Brumbaugh grows eloquent in his word pictures of the State and its glories. Those who rode with him last week through the valleys and over the hills and mountains and along the rivers of the Commonwealth have caught his spirit and everywhere are sounding the praises of Pennsylvania.

We may expect during the next year thousands upon thousands of tourists to come into this State and go out singing the song of an imperial and beautiful Commonwealth with its millions of happy and prosperous people, its scenic grandeur and its marvelous resources. Governor Brumbaugh has sounded the key and all the people should join in the mighty chorus.

THE FIELDS ARE READY

NOW that Governor Brumbaugh has selected for the responsible post of the first Secretary of Agriculture under the new act the man whose careful study of many has convinced him is eminently qualified for the place, the cherished plans of the State's Executive for the advancement of agriculture can be put into operation. It is doubtful if education takes a higher place in the mind of the Governor than agriculture. Born and reared on a farm, keeping in close touch with the rural districts during his rise and finding his pleasure in visiting them in the period of his call to office, the Governor has been thinking of the place Pennsylvania agriculture should occupy.

It was with the ultimate idea of bringing about a greater food supply that the Governor first attacked the road problem. His tours of the counties last Fall had shown him that there was need of betterment. Commissioner Cunningham has wrought wonders in many lines. It can be said that in regions which could be classed as the market gardens of the cities of the State the roads are better than ever. They afford easy means of transportation to the purchasing places, to the shipping centers, to the household buyers.

Pennsylvania is not raising enough to feed its people. The Governor believes that it can add greatly to its produce and have some to sell to neighbors. Charles E. Patton, the new Secretary of Agriculture, has been a student of farm conditions and like every business man must be aware of the situation in regard to the food supply of a growing State. A great opportunity awaits him to carry out the Governor's well matured plans. The fields of the State are ready to yield their increase.

WORLD SERIES POSSIBILITIES

FROM the strictly technical standpoint the ball games of the world series, taking them as they come from year to year, do not touch a very high standard, but they are simply loaded to the gunwales

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Republican campaigns have been opened in most counties of the State under auspices as favorable as those in Dauphin county and the leaders of the Republicans, encouraged by the return to the ranks of many who followed the Bull Moose in 1912, are making their fights for clean-ups in city and county tickets. The feeling of victory which was in the air before the gubernatorial and senatorial elections last November is far greater this year and the general State situation is indicative of Republican sweep.

The Republican State committee officials have been keeping in close touch with the county organizations and are helping wherever possible, the work preliminary to the campaign of 1916 being mapped out. The manner in which the campaign has started in Philadelphia has heartened Republicans in many districts. The opening meetings have been held in Delaware, Jefferson, Erie and other counties where Republicans are lined up strongly.

The Democracy of Lackawanna, which has been pointed to with pride by the reorganization bosses upon a number of occasions is all shot to pieces this year and it looks as though Lackawanna would have a fine Republican vote this year. This is the way it is summed up by one of the Scranton papers: "Talking of Democratic politics is a reminder of the definition of chaos. The two-year county organization doesn't seem as permanent to-day as the night when, with W. A. Wilcox out of the city, the committee met and elected its officers. The chairman, Wilcox guided the Lackawanna Democracy through its last State campaign, when the party was run under the leadership of the Palmer-McCormick faction and the Michael Ryan strength. His organization then was very much divided against him, and his friends thought that with the election of the Democrats and chances for welding the factions together Chairman Wilcox ought to get the job for at least one term. This idea didn't come to pass. Instead, the party was organized and got busy before the primary."

Philander C. Knox's candidacy for the United States Senate from Pennsylvania is being discussed by Governor Oliver, who has stated that he will not run for re-election, will be announced in the near future. The term of Senator Oliver extends to 1917, but the election of his successor will take place a year from next November. The former Pennsylvania Senator is now in Washington.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—Now we know why he objected when the sporting writers called him Miracle Man Moran.

—Henry Ford is having an excellent opportunity just now of exercising his powers as a peace-maker right in his own factory.

—Ham Lewis would like to be elected vice-president next year. Dear Ham: Run on the Republican ticket.

—No, Maude, the report that General Villa is planning to send a wedding present to the White House has not been confirmed.

—Vassar is celebrating its 50th anniversary. It being a woman's college there is no report of any of the original students being in attendance.

—A Tennessee man 108 years old boasts that he never paid a doctor bill. The old rascal!

EDITORIAL COMMENT

General Sir Ian Hamilton's report that he has gained only 300 yards in a month of fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula will come in the respect of our college football players. An average gain of ten yards a day wins no victories.—New York Sun.

Over in Europe they spend millions of dollars to shoot logs and arms, and then they lay out a million or so more in supplying artificial ones.—Chestnut Times.

Don't sleep with your windows closed any more. The war is in your window. Now is the time to gradually adjust yourself to the open-air sleeping habit.—Pottsville Republican.

Turkey is in Peril.—Headline. Well, there's no need to worry about that Thanksgiving dinner.—Allentown Chronicle and News.

We can guarantee Dumba safe conduct, but not sane.—Washington Times.

Dollar diplomacy appears to look good to the Allies.—Columbia State.

A Congressman's idea of preparedness is an army post in his district.—Boston Transcript.

Anyway, the new Ford submarine would be a lot more fun than our other P-class.—Columbia State.

Having an unquestionably fine advisory board, the department of needs is the navy.—Washington Star.

The old order changeth. A Sing Sing convict is writing a book entitled "The Measures of Prison Life."—Macon Telegraph.

The third German war loan, amounting to \$750,000,000, is less than the annual value of the foreign commerce that Germany has lost by reason of the war.—New York World.

The network of trenches on Mars proves that the war is not a matter better than we knew.—Brooklyn Eagle.

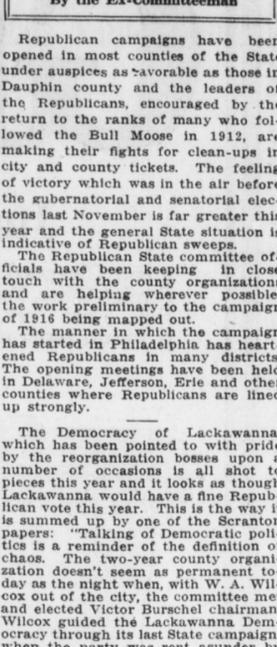
GOOD TASTE IN DRESS

A movement for better taste in street and work wardens for women is to be undertaken by Miss Anne Morgan of New York, according to the New York Times. Miss Morgan, who has made a reputation as a sensible woman in the dress-making business, she calls the "eccentricities" of the clothing worn by some of the fine self-supporting women of her acquaintance, and she hopes to be able to induce the makers of dresses to introduce simpler, better styles. The French women who are noted for their taste, she points out, never think of wearing elaborate gowns to business. It is as bad form for them to be overdressed for business as it would be for them to go to formal social affairs in a business gown.

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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

METROPOLITAN MOVIES



—From the New York World.

ARMENIANS AND THE WAR

By Frederic J. Haskin

A MILLION Armenians are to-day being driven into the desert by the Turks, there to meet almost certain death. A whole race of people is being turned out of its homes, and forced to make a 400-mile march into a strange and inhospitable land. Wild mountain tribes are being unleashed in their rear and allowed to kill and ravish them. Food is scarce and the summer is a hot country in the summer time.

This incident that is taking place at the back door of Europe is a horror obscured by that which is greater and nearer at hand. The powers that rule Turkey have come to a decision, fraught with dire possibilities if that nation retains sufficient power to execute it. They have determined that Turkey shall exist for the Turks alone. All other races, all religions but that of the Moslems are to be driven out or exterminated.

The Armenian tragedy is the first. In May the initial orders of removal went forth. Into a given region were to be driven the Armenians. Armenians were to arise and walk—men, women, children, young and old. At Tarsus on the Mediterranean, at Bergama by the Aegean, at Urnich across the peninsula on the Black Sea, the order has been received and the population is moving.

Two streams wind their way winding into the semidesert of Mesopotamia—one toward the wild, arid regions at the headwaters of the Tigris; the other into the valley of the upper Euphrates. These are inhospitable regions inhabited only by wild and nomadic tribes. Few of the refugees can survive.

Not always are there opportunities for flight. There are regions in which the men and the old are given to the sword of the Turk and the women thrust into the harems. This has happened at Van and at Mardin. But there is a limit to the number of slaves and the masses are on the move.

Last month, a cavalcade of hurrying fugitives paused for the night in the outskirts of Tarsus. American missionaries, being almost without clothes, the missionaries gave certain of them quilts to protect them from the cold. One mother received a quilt, but asked whether, after she had passed the night, she should give the card the cover or her babe, as she had

A WONDERFUL PLENTY

[New York World.]

It just happened a year ago that the country produced the biggest wheat crop known when the great market for our surplus foodstuffs became most in need of them. As the American harvest was moving northward through the wheat belt of the West, the order of war was beginning to carry destruction over the fairest farm fields of Europe and the warring nations were grasping in all dire ways to secure themselves against the possibility of famine. The combined consequence was the greatest export of breadstuffs from the United States at the highest prices we have ever experienced.

This year all farm production worked with the design and under so great a stimulus to outdo any previous result. The weather was never the less promising. The season was one of exceptionally low temperature and excessive rainfall. But for the staple food crops, which are now practically secure, the government reports a total quantity exceeding all previous records.

Wheat is better than a billion-bushel harvest and 111,000,000 bushels above the record yield of 1914. Corn indicates a yield exceeded only in 1912. The oat, the barley, the rye and the hay crops are all above those of any previous year, the potato crop is a good average and the fruit yields are above the average.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

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As we go forward our visions enlarge, our tastes advance, we have more wants to fill. The cave man, and the Indian were content with primitive means of locomotion. Modern man asks for an automobile. The luxuries of yesterday are the necessities of today.

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Advertising will be making products known a year from now that are unknown to-day.

Just look through the advertising columns of this newspaper and see the names of products sold to-day that were unknown ten years ago.

Evening Chat

"The Attorney General's department has informed me that justices of the peace and other magistrates who are cognizant of perjury or who connive at it in the grand bounty frauds are liable to prosecution and must be prosecuted," said Dr. Joseph Kalbus, secretary of the State Game Commission, to-day in talking about the difficulties he has encountered in administering the game bounty fund.

"I have turned up some cases that reveal astonishing conditions. Magistrates have taken affidavits in a manner flatly against what the law provides, not in isolated cases, but by scores and even hundreds. I've been amazed that such transactions as have been unearthed in our investigation of the bounty frauds should have taken place and justices will have to explain what they mean. Instead of being brought in it has been shown that only heads, and some very old ones at that, were produced. I have heard of one justice having a head of a bird with a straight bill presented as evidence of a hawk. When the official probe was on it was asked if hawks did have curved bills. The man answered by saying 'When he arrested me he called to this straight bill the hunter who made the affidavit replied that it was a young hawk and it would have gotten a curved bill if it had lived. Why, we have turned up some of the most bare-faced frauds and we are prosecuting every place we can. The magistrates who are blamable will have to stand on their part. We intend to go right through with the inquiry no matter who it hits.'"

The delay in the filing of official returns on Superior Court from Philadelphia and Luzerne counties has led to some amusing inquiries at the Capitol. Apparently some people have been betting on which county the candidates would get 51 per cent of the vote or not. When one man heard that the two counties had not filed he expressed his hope that the Secretary of the Commonwealth would call the fine for being late. Another suggested that maybe State police could hurry them along.

"Hunters' licenses seem to be quite a line of business," said County Treasurer A. H. Bailey yesterday. "This was a holiday. The office was not open and I just went in to look at the mail. Well, I issued 250 licenses by the time I got through."

Charles H. Wolfe, of Williamsport, chief deputy fire marshal, has been on holidays, too. Mr. Wolfe rose at 5:30 yesterday morning to get a train for this city in time to take up some business. When he arrived he found the Capitol in the throes of a holiday and nothing doing except in a few spots. He attended to the business to-day.

There is a pear tree in a garden adjoining the Telegraph building which is a living example of fruitfulness. This tree contains some dozens of well-developed pears and it has three fine clusters of blossoms. The pears and the blossoms are on the same limbs.

Dr. J. J. Mullovey, who had charge of the exhibit of the Department of Health at the San Francisco Exposition, has returned home full of enthusiasm over his visit to Pennsylvania. He said to a friend to-day: "I have just returned from a wonderful exposition. It was magnificent. California is wonderful, but I have not seen a scenic view that surpasses in beauty and inspiration powers that of Harrisburg. It has at its very door—the Susquehanna river basin!"

A rather questionable-looking stranger accosted a passer-by in Front street yesterday and urged him to buy a diamond ring which he had in his vest pocket. It isn't often that one is given an opportunity of purchasing a diamond ring in the street, nor is it often that an utter stranger makes bold to negotiate with one in public highways. The attempt to sell a valuable ring to the first person who shows any interest is indicative either of a guilty conscience and an eagerness to get rid of a white elephant or some gambling chance of getting more for something of value than would be given at a regular three-ball establishment. The offerer's inability is that it was a bunco game.

At any rate, a well-known businessman who was given the opportunity the other morning of making this purchase and thereby getting a great bargain was no connoisseur on diamond rings and was too much surprised to do anything more than shake an emphatic refusal of the offer.

Joseph S. Alexander, prominent Pittsburgh insurance man, was here yesterday on business at the Capitol. He was a member of the legislative investigation commission which looked into the insurance business of the State.

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