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SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 18

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.—ISAIAH 9:6.

CHRISTMAS PLANNING

THE coming week will be given over to Christmas planning. It will bring with it long hours and busy days, but you should take joy in the preparations. Christmas isn't a season—it is a state of mind. If you haven't Christmas within yourself there is no Christmas for you, and if there is no Christmas, life isn't worth the living, for without it you are a selfish, take-all-give-nothing creature whose loss the world would little mourn.

But if you have the Christmas spirit, what a world of difference it makes! Burdens are lightened, shopping is a pleasure, giving is a delight and the bleak December world becomes a land of bright good cheer and kindness. Then the stocking at the hearthstone wakes old memories in your breast and you tell the little ones about you of the Christmases of long ago, you recall with warmth in your heart and a catch in your voice those dear days of childhood that live but in your memory; when Santa Claus' pack, most likely, contained few of the elaborate presents of to-day. Back in the little home it was indeed a bountiful Christmas when the stocking contained more than a few sticks of candy, a few nuts, an orange and perhaps a Christmas horn or a jumping-jack. But in the light of the afterglow these trifles take on a luster beyond anything in the toy stores to-day, and your boys and girls catch as you tell them about Santa's visit when chimneys were all of a size capable of accommodating even his rather pudgy old body. And thus the Christmas fires are lighted in their young hearts and thus are blown to flame in yours the coals mayhap you thought long dead.

Get busy with your Christmas planning if you want to get the enjoyment the day holds for you. Be young in thought and generous in deed. This is thought and generous in deed. This is a children's holiday. Celebrate it as a child. Thus at once you serve yourself and the world at large, for Christmas has grown beyond faith or creed. In it are embodied the best thoughts and the customs of men of all races and all religions. It is a feast day, a joy day, a love day, for all the world.

Now that the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings and the City Planning Commission have exchanged views informally regarding the proposed treatment of the Capitol Park zone and the city's relation thereto, we may expect things to begin to move in the way of definite development. Governor Brumbaugh is understood to be strongly in favor of plans and specifications which can be submitted to the next Legislature and upon which final action may be taken with respect to the grading and planting and other features of the extended park.

A BUSINESS LEGISLATURE

ALREADY we hear discussion of the Legislature of 1917. By reason of the early primaries of the presidential year there are preliminary signs of political activity here and there. Names of prospective candidates are occasionally heard. Albeit the wise bird on the party roost is keeping one eye open and doing little crowing. It is not always the early bird that confutes the worm.

It's going to be a local option year, says one, while his neighbor pipes up with the emphatic statement that the real issues will be humanitarian in their character. Still another insists that revision of the State's revenue system will engage the attention of the lawmakers and that this issue will be paramount. And so it goes—a general hunting for alleged issues with which to give the campaign an appeal which it is hoped will enlist the attention of voters.

Realizing the importance of submitting the question of local option to the people in some acceptable form and the necessity, perhaps, for some

equitable revenue legislation, this newspaper is nevertheless of the opinion that the Legislature of 1917 will be chosen with reference to the fitness of the members of the Senate and House to consider and act upon measures designed to protect and encourage the great business and industrial interests of Pennsylvania. These interests have already suffered to a degree little realized by the theorists and demagogues who have been given wide latitude in the enactment of a body of laws that in many respects are practically impossible of enforcement, thus imposing upon the great interests affected burdens unreasonable and without excuse.

Nor have the theoretical gentlemen with their legislative panaceas been entirely to blame; much of the responsibility rests upon the politicians of all parties who have sought to gain favor wherever possible by giving their support to measures which they privately admitted were unwise, if not positively a menace to the welfare of the State, but which they had not the courage to oppose.

Business interests and the armies of workmen whose welfare depends upon stable industrial and manufacturing conditions are likely to have a good deal to say in the choosing of the next Legislature. This is a great Commonwealth in which we live and its prosperity rests upon the resources which should be developed for the benefit of all the people. Our manufacturing prestige should be maintained and these things depend upon sensible laws, wholesome regulation and fairness to all concerned—both capital and labor.

It ought not to be necessary for every businessman to employ a staff of legal advisers, and a Legislature composed largely of businessmen, instead of lawyers of a certain type and others indifferent to the substantial business interests of the State, would be a refreshing change.

THE LOGICAL PLACE

IT is to be hoped that when the Workmen's Compensation Board meets here next Tuesday that it will promptly move the headquarters of the referee for this district back to Harrisburg. Just what prompted the moving of the headquarters from Harrisburg to Lancaster when the district is composed of Franklin, Cumberland, Perry, York, Adams, Lebanon, Dauphin and Lancaster is beyond comprehension when one considers that the referee is to be the public servant of the workers of the district, not their master.

Commissioner of Labor John Price Jackson, who is ex officio member of the board, has lived in Harrisburg long enough to appreciate that this is the logical center of State activities, especially for this portion of Pennsylvania, and Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the board, must realize the same thing from the time he has spent here preparing to launch the compensation system.

It was not the idea of Governor Brumbaugh in outlining the districts to have the headquarters in one end of a division. In selecting Williamsport, Scranton, Erie and Harrisburg he picked out centers. It would be a good plan for the Compensation Board to get the same idea.

CHANGEABLE

CONGRESSMAN PAGE, of North Carolina, Democrat, and a member of the committee on appropriations, has written a letter to Joseph Daniels' newspaper, the Raleigh Observer, in which he criticizes the President's plan for preparedness. He points out a serious defect in the President's counsel by emphasizing the fact that a year ago Mr. Wilson regarded the question of preparedness as "academic." He may change his mind again within a year, Mr. Page suggests.

A TIMELY HINT

SAYS Health Officer Raunick in his current Health Bulletin: "To prevent housing evils is more economical and humane than to wait and then cure their victims." This is another way of putting the old saw which has it that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Dr. Raunick has put into a very few words the whole doctrine of the advocates of proper housing conditions. Man is largely a creature of environment, and while there have been some who have gone from the log cabin to the White house they are few indeed, but even they are more numerous than the men and women who have attained to high places from the slums of the city.

Dr. Raunick's bulletin is interesting and helpful. The city Health Bureau, under his direction, is working along advanced lines and the report of its activities reaching the public every month through this little publication brings it into close touch with the public and improves relations that ought to be cordial and co-operative.

YUAN'S DOUBLE ROLE

YUAN-SHI KAI is the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of the nations. He sheds one role for another with startling rapidity. He is a lightning change artist of a type that would have made Old Sleuth green with envy. First a monarchist of pronounced opinions he swung rapidly to the front when it became apparent that China was shaping itself for a republican form of government, and when he became president he likened himself to George Washington.

Then, when a return to monarchy was first bruited, Yuan emitted the following sentiment: "I have taken Washington, not Napoleon, as my model. Who is the most admired figure in history? It is Washington. Why should I want to be a Napoleon when I might become another Washington?"

Two months ago, asked what he would do if pressed to don the Imperial Robe, he replied: "I shall be compelled to go into exile and spend

the rest of my life under the protection of a foreign government."

Yet to-day we find him the acknowledged emperor of China. Perhaps Yuan was sincerely an advocate of the republican form of government at the start and changed his mind only when he saw it failing, but the probabilities are that from the beginning he played his cards so as to keep himself head of affairs no matter what would happen and with the throne as a possibility in the back of his head all the time.

Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committeeman

Commissions for over 500 county officers elected at the November election are being prepared at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth for new officials whose terms will begin the first Monday in January. A number of them have been signed by the Governor and sealed with the great seal of the State, the required bonds having been filed.

This week the commissions for the three Superior Court judges and other judicial officers elected in November were sent out and over 1,000 justices of the peace have also been commissioned. In the list of county officers who will receive commissions are 46 prothonotaries, 10 registers of wills, 36 recorders of deeds, 41 officers known as delinquent potestatum, who have certain powers in administering oaths, 51 clerks of quarter sessions courts, 50 clerks of orphans' courts, 43 sheriffs, 53 coroners and one county treasurer.

Although the next primary election will not be held until May, State officials have already begun to prepare for the filing of nominating petitions, which will be in order in the Spring. The blanks for the petitions are being prepared and will be ready for candidates when the time comes for them to be issued. To nominate a State ticket next year will require 2,954 signatures. Presidential and United States senatorial candidates must have 100 signatures in each of at least ten counties; for State Treasurer, Auditor General and congressman at-large 100 voters in each of at least five counties; for Congress and State senator, 200 voters, and for legislators, 100. No petitions may be signed before February 18.

—Congressman John R. K. Scott has sold a residence in North Sixteenth street, Philadelphia.

—Ex-Auditor General A. E. Sisson is said to be thinking about being a candidate for national delegate from the Erie district.

—Three of Hazleton's school directors have gone on a strike, refusing to serve on the property committee.

—Counsel fighting the election of W. T. W. Jones as mayor of Coatesville yesterday issued a challenge to Jones to the office, and the proceedings are under way before a master.

—Calvin B. Jones, a Philadelphia taxpayer, yesterday brought an action against the municipal court in Philadelphia, contending that it was conducted in an extravagant manner.

—W. C. Harvey has been appointed postmaster of East Pittsburgh, and there is a row on among Democrats because they contend he is a newcomer.

—Members of the Central Democratic Club talked until late last night on their plans for the remodeling of the property bought for a clubhouse.

—Mayor Smith is working out his plans for launching of the southern administration and yesterday received one of the leading Franklin party men, who assured him of support in council.

—The prospect of Pittsburgh's municipal affairs appears to have gone to smash. Witnesses refused to be sworn. Scranton papers say: "James E. Roderick, chief of the Bureau of Mines and Mining, and headquarters at Harrisburg, has been officially notified of the action of the local judges in appointing David T. Williams as the new mine inspector in this county. The appointee to the report on duty January 1. Chief Roderick is to reappoint the district mean while."

Governor Brumbaugh is understood to be working with the object of clearing up all of the big appointments which he has to make by New Year's Day. The Governor hoped to have the matters in shape for announcements by Christmas day, but it does not seem likely. The appointments will include the Supreme court justice to succeed the late John P. Elkins and the Public Safety Commissioner to succeed Mayor-elect Thomas B. Smith of Philadelphia, neither of which selection the Governor will discuss.

Brigadier General C. M. Clement, of Sunbury, senior brigadier, is said to be in line for the major generalship of the guard; E. B. Dorsett, of Mansfield, Toga county, for deputy secretary of agriculture and Dr. Wolfe, of Williamsport, to look in line for a marshal to succeed Joseph L. Baldwin. Announcement of a number of appointments in the Workmen's Compensation and State Insurance Fund bureau was expected to-day, but none came. A. B. Hitchcock, former legislator from Toga, secretary of the Republican State committee under the Watson regime, is slated for a place, but everyone at the Capitol is keeping quiet about it.

OUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

[From the Johnstown Leader.]

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, having taken thought of the need for a building code, urges members to place sprinklers in their buildings, and to take out fire insurance premiums and protecting themselves against loss of trade while recovering from fires. The Harrisburg Chamber issues a circular to the businessmen, giving them advice on the sprinkler question, and using the advice to point the way to a good building code. The plan is excellent. It is not necessary for a city to wait until the last detail of a complete code has been written and enacted before getting busy on some of the improvements which can be made at once.

SOON OVER

By Wing Dingler

In the foreman rushes daily
To my office, and to me
Sounds his warning of the dead line
Very, very forebodingly
Care, not that I'm almost crazy
As with piles of work I fight
Simply says: "Bat out some verse, now,
Or there'll be no poem to-night."

That Candle

For Your Window

Have you made arrangements for burning a candle in your front window on Christmas Eve?
Harrisburg will revive this charming custom of Old England, and many burning candles will send forth silent greetings to the neighbors.

Your house should have a candle in every window. You will surely want to be one of those who will observe this most delightful of customs.

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When a Feller Needs a Friend



TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—After considerable yowling the suffragists have elected as national president Mrs. Catt.

—"Why not revive the ancient but very beautiful custom of lighting candles in the windows of all our homes on Christmas Eve?"—Erie Times. We're doing it.

—A prophet of the new year forecasts as follows: "A stormy national election is prophesied. Bitter, unexpected political complications and a party split of far-reaching effect are foretold. Army, navy and civil service problems will be much discussed." This is what is technically known as playing it safe.

—Somebody ought to censor the war news coming from the Oscar II.

—As yet no city has offered \$100,000 for the Bull Moose convention.

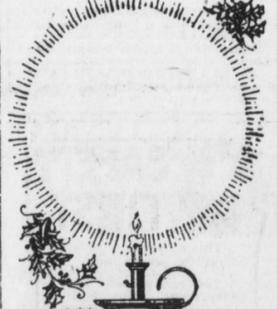
EDITORIAL COMMENT

Italian soldiers get a little wine each day. But we seem to miss the old-time Roman punch.—Columbia State.

At his wedding President Wilson may realize how it feels to be an unpopular man as a Vice-President.—Chicago News.

"Our idea of a sincere lock-tender on the Panama Canal."—Wall Street Journal. Ours is stoker on a German liner.—Columbia State.

The Italian army would be able to make more progress in the trench warfare if it would let military traditions aside and call the generals foremen.—Boston Transcript.



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THE PEST OF THE SOUTH

By Frederic J. Haskin

THIS is a wild animal in the United States which causes more annual loss in life and property than ever the tiger did in India.

This dangerous animal is the malarial mosquito, scientifically known as "Anopheles." The latest estimate by a scientific authority, Dr. W. Deaderick, of Hot Springs, Ark., places the annual cost of the ravages of Anopheles at \$100,000,000 and at least half of this falls upon the southern states, where the mosquito is most abundant.

The damage done by the mosquito in this country is due to the transmission of malaria by its bite and the problem of preventing malaria is simply and wholly that of eliminating the mosquito. In the Philippines and in Panama this same mosquito has been almost completely exterminated, but in the United States conditions are entirely different, and a great cooperative plan to study them is now being carried out.

For the destruction of wigglers various small species of fish have been found the most effective means. In Panama the water is already alive with fish, and it is only necessary to cut the grass and brush in the shallow water so that the fish can invade it and destroy the wigglers. In this country, however, wiggler-eating fish are not so abundant, and it is necessary to breed them in large quantities and ship them to all parts of the country. This is the more important because the oil, which has been so effective in Panama, cannot be used in agricultural districts, as it damages the crops.

To Give Lectures Lantern slides, charts and tables to be used in connection with lectures in rural communities are being prepared. This material will graphically explain to the farmer the menace of the mosquito's presence, the economic loss he causes and how he may be exterminated. The destruction of the wiggler in the pools and streams and the screening of the houses are the most important measures in the southern United States.

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THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

This is the first time in many years that the river has closed before Christmas, and many people living in Marietta and other towns along the Susquehanna have been making advantage of the freeze-over and filling their houses with ice. It is too rough for skating in most places, however.

"Adam and Eve" have made their appearance in New Castle as the twins born into a family of foreigners recently. One says that they will surely find New Castle to be the proper setting for the Garden of Eden into which they have entered.

Operatic selections for the Mahanoy City miners who work in the colliery there were the pleasant treat given them by eight Chicago University girls, who descended into the mine to bring a little light into the dark bowels of the earth.

A Milton couple yesterday made a visit to Reading on a still hunt for a baby. The husband applied to the city authorities and took them into his confidence, explaining that he wanted a baby to give to his wife for a Christmas present. Their search was fruitless. They would have done well to come to Harrisburg, where the babies are just waiting to be taken away from the Children's Aid Society.

"Sweets to the sweet" and "Nuts to the nutty" are old axioms, but in New Castle they are giving "Moose to the Moose," who recently had a big celebratory banquet and were fed with the luscious gastronomical-joy-giving animal.

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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—S. T. Bodine, elected a director of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, is head of the United Gas Company.

—David A. Reed, who was here a few days ago on workmen's compensation affairs, was chairman of the commission which framed the original acts.

—I. K. Campbell, Allegheny county commissioner, spoke yesterday at the opening of the nineteenth bridge in that county.

—Thomas A. Wright, new head of the State Street Railway Association, of the Wilkes-Barre railway line.

—S. D. Dimmick, of Scranton, has been made chief engineer of the Lackawanna's mines.

—A. H. Stinebaugh has been nominated for president of the Northern Pennsylvania Engineers' Society.

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If you care to take this matter up, or think it worth while, you can use the in any way you see proper.

Respectfully,

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Evening Chat

The Christmas even candle lighting movement inaugurated in Harrisburg by the Telegraph has spread like wildfire. Dealers have been compelled to order special quantities of candles and some homes candles are being decorated in colors, holly, poinsettias and spruce being the favorite designs and red and green the colors. The Telegraph has set the example by purchasing a very large candle, some feet in height and as thick as a man's leg, which will burn until exhausted. The movement has had the hearty endorsement of Mayor Royal, of many clergyman and of many clubs, including the American Revolutionary Keystones Chapter, United States Daughters of 1812, Harrisburg Walking Club, the Story Telling Club, the Commonwealth Club of the Young Women's Christian Association and the Roberta Disbrov Lloyd Sunshine Society.

Some rare old pen and ink sketches of Camp Hill in its palmiest days are on more or less informal exhibition in City Clerk Miller's office. Mr. Miller got the pictures from a friend who is trying to dispose of them and while the negotiations are in progress the salesman and the city clerk the casual visitor to the city office gets the benefit of an early exhibit. The views are all of earlier days of the camp and show the scores of citizens in all manner of dress, drilling in the "rookie" squads; the uniformed soldiers wheeling an invalid in a counter-marching; the trained troops en route to the trains in the old Union Station.

Christian Jacob Hutter, who founded the Unabridged Republican, the Allentown newspaper which suspended a few days ago after a career of 105 years, was the great grandfather of Frank L. Hutter, of this city, and of other members of the family in this section. The paper was in the Hutter family for twenty-five years.

Harvey M. Watts, who is to be one of the speakers at the Lafayette Alumni dinner here next month, is one of the most widely-known newspapermen in Philadelphia and also one of the best authorities in the country, uncaught by the government, on meteorology. Mr. Watts is connected with the Philadelphia Ledger and staff which also contains the names of Collins, another Lafayette man. Mr. Watts is a frequent contributor to the editorial page of the Ledger and his signed articles cover a wide range.

If what men who observe the attendance at moving picture places say to console the display of toys at such a time is attracting the normal crowds of youngsters. "Kids are going to see the toy displays just the same as they did last year and the year before in spite of the movies," said this man. "I heard that the movies were such an attraction that the boys and girls were going to see them and neglecting the toylands and similar places in the department stores. Don't you believe it. Go see the toys yourself and you will see the usual number of kiddies about the spaces."

These are the days when Postmaster Sites is living the life of the hunted. Nine out of every ten persons who have a complaint to make at the Post Office insist upon seeing the postmaster. No one else will do. As the business is mounting and there are occasions when red cross stamps are left behind instead of postage stamps, complications are bound to arise.

"This is the first time I have been here for quite a while," said Senator Lewis Emery, Jr., of Bradford, former candidate for Governor, on a visit to the "Hill" yesterday. "I have had some strenuous times in this city and I recall my days in the Legislature as big ones in my life."

Senator Charles W. Sones, of the Williamsport district, was here during the week looking into matters connected with workmen's compensation. The senator will probably be a candidate for re-election from his district and he will have no opposition for renomination.

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Footprints of Success

"Watch your step" if you want your footprints to spell success on the sands of time. And especially "watch your step" when it comes to advertising.

Don't wander off into the by-paths full of thorns to catch your profits.

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