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THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 24.

Love, hope, fear, faith—these make humanity; These are its sign, and note, and character. —ROBERT BROWNING.

GOOD NEWS FOR STEELTON

THE announcement of President Grace that the plant of the Pennsylvania Steel Company at Steelton is to be modernized and enlarged is good news indeed, not only for that town itself, but for Harrisburg as well. The community had been stirred and depressed by the rumor that the importance of Steelton as a steel manufacturing center was to be minimized by the new owners of the property. That they intend to continue the policy of enlargement which has marked the management of the Pennsylvania Steel Company with respect to its local mills for the past few years means much to this locality.

The expenditure of \$4,000,000 at Steelton in the past few years has given the plant a variety of products that should meet with a ready market, even in times less prosperous than the present, through the effective selling agencies of the Bethlehem Steel Company, which are admitted to be among the most aggressive and successful in the world. The wisdom of these extensions is now seen as never before, and that an extensive increase of production in Steelton is expected is indicated by the announcement that an additional blast furnace will be the first improvement made by the new owners.

President Grace has asked for the co-operation of the people of Harrisburg as well as of Steelton. He will have it. Harrisburg never fails to extend the hand of welcome to the enterprising stranger at her gates. Mr. Grace has been unusually frank in his statements. He inspired confidence in all those who met him yesterday. He will find both Steelton and Harrisburg ready and waiting to assist him in whatever way possible for the upbuilding of the great industry, the control of which he and his fellow partners of the Bethlehem Steel Company have recently acquired, for whatever is of real and lasting benefit to the steel company must of necessity be beneficial to both borough and city. Harrisburg and Steelton need the steel company, and the steel company needs Harrisburg and Steelton. Their interests are to a very large extent identical.

It is a happy augury for pleasant and profitable relations in the future operation of the plant that its president should almost in his first words of greeting to newspapermen ask for the co-operation of the press and the people. It shows that he is fully awake to conditions and that he realizes the importance of taking the public, with whom he must deal so largely, as far into his confidence as present rather chaotic conditions will permit.

All indications point to a bright future for Steelton, which, of course, includes Harrisburg.

OUR DIVERSIFIED DIET

CALIFORNIA university professor, who shall be nameless, for chances are he will never loom across the newspaper horizon again, announces the discovery that the kind of food a man eats is responsible, if one eats chicken exclusively, he says, "it brings out the finest traits in our character; beef makes us savage, and the lighter foods, including vegetables and fruits, make us esthetic." In short, strong foods make us vigorous and aggressive; light foods, mild and meek.

What, then, shall we say of a people who in the spring-time load their tables with chicken and lettuce, and dandelion, and fresh eggs, and strawberries and shad; who in the summer have green corn, and raspberries, and cherries, and eggplant, and cantaloupe, and watermelon, etc.; who in the fall and winter indulge in apples, and pork, and sauerkraut, and beef, and mush and scraple, and sausage, and mix this diet up with all manner of other good things in and out of season? What of such a people as this we ask. Ought not they, if the California theory be true, be possessed of all the admirable traits of character the human race is heir to? Ought not such a people be a delightful combination of ruggedness and gentleness, of meekness and courage, of solemnity

and mirth? The answer must be yes. Well, that's us, right here in little old Harrisburg.

THE BLUEBIRD'S COMING

BLUEBIRD sang in the tree outside our window this morning. A bluebird singing outside a window must have prompted the author who coined the phrase "a bluebird for happiness," for though but a moment before the skies were dark and forbidding and an east wind was threatening snow, all at once Spring flew across the landscape, and it was another world. Just the glad, cheery song of a bird, and the winter was gone. No matter what the weather man may visit upon us in the next few weeks before Spring is officially due, it will not be winter. A bluebird singing outside the window in the early morning means but one thing—the early advent of warm days, of soft Southern breezes, of bursting blossoms and all the happiness of a frozen world reawakening to the throbs of life.

BUILDING "AMERICA FIRST"

ONE of the chief efforts of chambers of commerce in all parts of the United States is to hold out inducements which will cause manufacturing enterprises to locate in their respective cities. The desire is to establish industries which will maintain large weekly payrolls.

Such efforts are laudable. A chamber of commerce can scarcely render a service of greater value to its community, and yet chambers of commerce, in general, studiously avoid the advocacy or even the discussion of the principal means of establishing and maintaining industries which afford desirable payrolls. "Politics" is taboo in chambers of commerce and the tariff question is regarded as politics, though as a matter of fact it is an economic and business question of the highest order. If it is desirable for each community to have a manufacturing institution with a large payroll, it is equally desirable for the nation to have a multitude of them. Every condition which encourages the establishment of industries in this country makes it easier for each community to secure its share. Manifestly, there is nothing that tends more to build up American industries than a protective tariff, which shuts out the products of other lands.

One of the chief purposes of a labor union is to secure employment for its members at a satisfactory scale of wages. This also is a laudable purpose. Experience has shown that there is nothing that tends more to provide employment in this country and maintain a high scale of wages than a protective tariff, which excludes the product of cheap labor from abroad.

In labor unions also, however, politics is usually barred from discussion, except, perhaps, as to the attitude of individual candidates toward labor questions. Instead of maintaining this attitude toward political discussion, labor unions should make it known that they fully understand the value of a protective tariff in providing employment for American labor and maintaining the American scale of wages.

Here, then, are two great classes of organizations which should be insistent and persistent in the advocacy of a protective tariff—the chambers of commerce advocating such an economic policy for the benefit of the community as a whole and the labor unions advocating it because of its particular benefit to the American laborer, who is benefited by every increase in the demand for labor.

A NEWSPAPER'S HEADLINES

THE headlines of a daily newspaper are its shop windows. You can readily judge the contents of the "store" of the newspaper.

Scandal, crime and degeneracy are poor displays to attract those whose patronage is worth while. There is much that is uplifting in the news of the day which may be shown to attract those who "hold fast to that which is true."

Sometimes, for the sake of a reform to be accomplished, it is necessary for the conscientious newspaper to report in detail and give prominence to stories of scandal and crime—but not often. The white light of publicity has as curative effects when applied to crime as has the violet ray in the treatment of physical disease, but, like the violet ray, it must be applied with caution and used with skill and discrimination. Otherwise it aggravates rather than alleviates. The intelligent reader will judge when the publication of "sensations" is yellow journalism and when it is designed for good effect rather than to cater to morbidity.

In general, however, the Ledger's specifications may be safely adopted by any newspaper. Long since they have governed those who write the headlines and handle the news in the offices of the Telegraph. Just as the sensational play will draw large crowds to the theater advertising it, so will sensational headlines draw readers to a newspaper. But, as also it is the wholesome play that runs through the years and makes fortunes for its producers long after the meretricious is forgotten, so does the conservative and wholesome newspaper in the long run profit by persisting in its policy. In short, it "pays to be good" in newspaper making as in all other walks of life.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Newspapers generally well informed on developments in State politics are commencing to voice the belief that most of the fighting in Pennsylvania this year will be done within the Democratic party. The impression is gaining ground that there will be little or no contest within the Republican party and that national delegates at large will be selected without opposition and that even an agreement on nominees for State offices and congress at large is possible very soon. The activity of friends of men leading various camps is having its effect and the belief that a settlement will be made and an incursion by boomers of one or more of the favorite sons from other States or of the Colonel will be headed off.

The Democratic State is facing a row over who shall be boss. All of the Democrats influential in State politics appear to be for Wilson, but very much divided as to who should be representative of the administration in this State. The feeling against Palmer and his pals is growing daily and it looks like a good old-fashioned Democratic fight to settle who should be in power at the Philadelphia machine shop and at the windmill in this city.

Just why the Harrisburg siding should be respected by the Democrats is puzzling a good many people because if there is any county in Pennsylvania in which the Democracy is split it is Dauphin. The recent post office appointments have deprived chances of the Democrats amounting to anything this Fall or next.

The Seventeenth district Republicans will select Calvin Green, of Lewistown, and Harry W. Byron, of Mercersburg, as national delegates and they will go to Chicago unopposed. This was settled yesterday at a meeting in the office of A. Neve, Pomeroy, State superintendent of public instruction, and attended by men from each of the eight counties. Mr. Pomeroy presided and Harry Ritter, of York, was secretary. William Hertzler, former deputy secretary of the Commonwealth, Port Royal, and C. L. Darlington, of New Bloomfield, were proposed for alternates and Samuel L. Spiker, Huntingdon county Republican chairman, for presidential elector. The unanimity of the conference was very displeasing to Democrats.

City Commissioner W. L. Gorgas is now being boomed for Democratic national delegate from this district. There are a couple of other Democrats with the idea that they should be chosen.

Nominating petitions for Representatives Augustus Wildman and J. W. Swartz, of this city, are in circulation. The papers of Senator E. E. Bedleman are being widely signed. His papers will be a notable tribute to him, say his friends.

Justice George H. Horning, of Enola, is out again as a candidate for the Legislature. He was an aspirant a few years ago.

Representative J. W. Vickerman, of Altoona, who is handling the Governor's local option legislative campaign in Western Pennsylvania in conjunction with J. Denny O'Neil, will be here next week to talk over the progress of his campaign. A number of candidates will be submitted to the Governor for his approval.

Friends of former Representative George W. Stoen are urging him to come out as a candidate for the Republican nomination for senator in the Forty-fifth District in Allegheny county, but he has not yet decided. Former Senator James L. Adams is also being discussed. George C. Bradshaw, who has been put in the race by David B. Johns, has started to circulate his name for the Twenty-fourth district, last Fall, has announced himself as Democratic candidate for national delegate in that district.

L. B. Weller, merchant, Ligonier, Westmoreland county, to-day filed a petition to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the House of Representatives in the First Westmoreland district.

Not only are there fewer applications for liquor licenses in Philadelphia, but liquor is under official city ban. Mayor Smith added his protest yesterday to retaining in the city service any employ who works in liquor to work with him or who drinks it while on duty. "Rum and efficient public service is impossible," said Mayor. "My orders to the heads of departments is to expel from their employ without pay any employ found using liquor while at work or found to be under the influence of liquor, or showing any evidence whatever of having been on liquor from duty. The suspension is equivalent to dismissal where the facts will warrant such action. No excuse will save a good police officer, no matter how good the reason. The Mayor said that he wants to make as definite as possible this policy as affecting all employes of the city. Because a formal notice of the ban on liquor has been issued in but a few instances by departmental and bureau chiefs, the Mayor said he regards it as necessary to have the statement coming from his own mouth. He has sent a circular or division under the control of the Mayor the warning against the use of liquor is to apply.

Asserting their case proved, counsel for the Rev. T. W. McKinney, the contestant, declared at Coatesville that quo warranto proceedings would be issued against L. W. Jones on "out" next Monday, asking him to show cause why he should have qualified as Mayor, when the evidence in the contest hearings proved that he had paid State and county tax of men in Coatesville who testified that they had never authorized any one to pay their tax.

The first Roosevelt boom in Philadelphia was sprung last night by a group of independent Republicans in the Forty-sixth ward, who organized the "Forty-sixth Ward Independent Republican Club." They expect to perfect organizations in other wards of the city with the idea of sending delegates pledged to Roosevelt to the Republican National Convention. The new organization plans to support for officers, from Congress on down, only candidates pledged to local option. Speakers at the meeting denounced the Fenrose-McNichol combination, the Vore-Brumbaugh alliance and the new "Citizens' Republican League and everything else.

LEFT BEHIND

[From Harper's Magazine.] "Children," said the Sunday school superintendent, "this picture illustrates to-day's lesson. Lot was warned to take his wife and daughters and flee out of Sodom. Here is Lot and his daughters with his wife just behind them, and there is Sodom in the background. Now, has any girl or boy a question before we take up the study of the lesson?" "Please, sir," replied the latest graduate from the infant class, "where did the boys' go?"

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—Come back agin, President Grace, and make a few more announcements.

—All the world loves a lover, but by the endeavors of lovers to find seclusion, the affection one may judge is not returned.

—Perhaps it's natural; at any rate about the time a girl begins to sit on a young man's knee is after he has promised to support her for life.

—It begins to look now as though the Car knew what he was doing when he transferred Grand Duke Nicholas to the South.

—Our opinion of the Owen Wister poem is that most of it is true but he shouldn't have said it.

—Why make such a fuss about attacking armed vessels, O. Kaiser, when the North Sea is chock full of 'em just waiting to be attacked?

EDITORIAL COMMENT

One Located at Last [Houston Post.]

A North Carolina girl saved two trains from being wrecked upon a broken rail. You may say what you please, the grand old red flannel petticoat is just as noble as it was in the good old days of yore.

Linguistic Note [Baltimore American.]

Posted in Russian are signs that speaking German is strictly forbidden. And in Germany speaking Russian is impossible.

THE SEARCHLIGHT

AN INSANE VILLAGE

A whole village is now being built in New York State for the care of the feeble-minded and insane. Already 1,200 patients are installed in the four dormitories erected, and buildings are going up which will accommodate 3,000.

The distribution of patients among the dormitories is made after a careful medical examination, which classifies the exact extent to which they are abnormal. Boys under 16 are kept separated from the adult males, and pointing out a kind of necessity of putting girls are housed separately from the older women.

One building is devoted to men who are only slightly deranged or subject to periodic lapses. Here they are studied and suitable work provided them. Often they are given continuing employment on farms surrounding the village. Thus they are able to help in maintaining the institution. Regular employment is also provided for the women and girls, and in this way many of the patients are able to become self-supporting.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

ON A PALM BEACH PLAZZA. Bangs yonder tells me he trusts his wife implicitly and absolutely, but— Well, I notice he carries his change and his fishhooks in the same pocket.

LEARN TO SAVE

By Frederic J. Haskin

If you would be really up-to-date, save money. This is a year of thrift in America. It is positively fashionable to have a bank account even if you work on a salary. This year is the centennial of the founding of the first savings bank in the United States. There are now 2,100 of them and they have ten million depositors. The National Educational Association has offered a prize of \$150 for the essay outlining a method of teaching thrift in the public schools. In Springfield, Mass., a "Thrift Week" was observed by practically the entire population not long ago. Sermons on thrift were preached in all the churches and lectures were given in schools and factories on how to save money. The movement was decidedly a hit with the people. A number of other cities, including Des Moines, Iowa; Dayton, Ohio; and Grand Rapids, Michigan, are planning to have thrift weeks. Women's clubs, which constitute an excellent barometer of public interest in any subject, are taking up thrift with all the enthusiasm for which they are famous. Some of them have organized thrift departments, and all of them are buying papers on thrift. There could not possibly be anything better for the cause of thrift. If the women decide they like it, it is here to stay. Furthermore, when Mrs. A. Clubmember prepares a paper on thrift, you may be sure that Mr. Clubmember and the Clubmember children will also become well posted on the subject.

The Civic Club of Philadelphia has introduced talks on thrift as a feature of its Leagues of Good Citizenship, which are organizations in the public schools for the purpose of teaching proper ideals of citizenship to the children. The American Bankers' Association has naturally taken up the cause as its own, and members of that organization in New York are delivering lectures on thrift before meetings of all sorts.

Back of this nation-wide movement to save there must be some fundamental force. No doubt, the sobering effect of the war, the realization that millions are in dire need, has fostered the spirit of thrift. But there is a reason nearer home why the American people must save. They can no longer afford to waste. It was the tremendous natural wealth of this country that made Americans a nation of spendthrifts. Now the end of natural bounty is actually in sight. All of the better public lands have been taken up. The government is carefully estimating our resources of coal and oil. Water power is being developed and husbanded. Wealth is not half so easy to create as once it was, and for that reason there is a nation-wide appreciation of the necessity for conserving it. Thrift means to the individual life exactly

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REQUISIT AT PACE

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Sir—It is to be hoped that the kind-hearted one who wrote that short letter to the Telegraph a few evenings ago, commending to human sympathy the stray pup who dispensed hopeful friendly waggings and trustful doggy smiles to the general Market street public, was spared the sight of his miserable and

Perhaps the great dark other world is a happier one for pups than this present one when it is but a vale of bitter cold and unprotected nights and of endless winter days of empty belly and gnawing hunger; and even if it should be taken into consideration that the dog mayhap doesn't endorse this view, it is perhaps a necessity of public weal that he should leave us for another sphere. Yet there are human ways and brutish ways of accomplishing a poor brute's end. To have sent the homeless pup on the long journey with a kind word, a pat of the hand, and then a sudden blast of oblivion, would have been perhaps both a necessity and a kindness.

But to see him dragged whirling and spinning up the alley on the end of a noose that choked him tighter at every struggle to a death preceded by the worse agony of panic and pain and fear, and horrid loss of faith in the race where he (like all his lovable ancestry) had placed his trust, this was not a beautiful sight to a public which was not altogether needless of his example of absolute grouchlessness and courageous ability to grin when the world was handing him his bumps.

Those of us who have owned a dog or two and have gotten down some small way into their bottomless depths of courage and big-heartedness and gentleness and patience in suffering and sweetness and miraculous faithfulness, so that we foster the hope, and even feel conviction in us some times, that these true friends will be lined up along the shore with the other ones we love (fairly squirming out of his hide for unspeakable dog-joy), when we step off of Charon's ferryboat—we who have owned a dog or two and are led to wonder if the cop who might just as easily have cajoled the friendly pup to his end instead of choking him on his whining, crying, frantically struggling drag up the alley to death, has half the heart in his body to face the stern jaws ahead of him in life as had the dog he might have killed as a man would have killed him.

As we think of the two of them going up the alley together the often quoted words of a true lover of dogs and humans comes to us again, saying:

Evening Chat

People who have been glancing apprehensively at almanacs to get lines on the weather in store for us or who have been musing upon the behavior of the groundhog, wondering how long the coal pile will last and whether it will be safe to lay off the heavy coat, may take heart. Spring is coming. The first robin has been seen in Capitol Park. Probably a couple have been on early house hunting tours to Wildwood and Reservoir parks, too. In any event, the first robin has been up in Father Penn's own domain on Capitol Hill and Spring will soon be here. For years, it has been usual among observers of the birds in and about Harrisburg that when Dr. John H. Fager found the first liverwort in Wildwood Park and the first robin had checked in on Capitol Hill that Spring would be along before many weeks. The doctor is yet to deliver his first plant. Chickweed has been noticed along roads and footpaths in the parks, the first robin has been at the Capitol and things are tending toward Spring.

Telephone bells rang a good bit in the Telegraph offices last night and to-day in compliment to the enterprise of this newspaper in giving the readers of all its editions complete accounts of the obsequies of Bishop Shanahan, the visit of President E. F. Grace, of the Bethlehem Steel Company, to the plant at Steelton, with an announcement of policy and the developments in license court. In spite of the efforts required the Telegraph was enabled to present to the readers of its first edition a complete account of the services for the lamented bishop together with the sermon of Bishop McCort in full. It was printed in time for the numerous visitors who came here for the funeral to take with them on the early afternoon trains and was the only first edition to contain an account of the services. Likewise the first edition of the Telegraph contained an exclusive account of Mr. Grace's visit. In other words the Telegraph's first edition was up to date and its first edition was as finished a product as its last.

County Recorder James E. Lentz has solved another of the problems of the "panhandler"—the professional borrower of a dime or a quarter who constantly figures that the public official is legitimate prey for the price of a drink. The other day an unshaven citizen slouched into the office, waited about awhile, and finally stepped up to Mr. Lentz. "You're Recorder Lentz, aren't you?" he suggested confidentially. "Could I see you a minute—privately?" The recorder glanced keenly at his caller. Then he settled the panhandler question for all time. "No, sir," he declared, in a tone that gave the caller a chill. "You can't see me privately. This is a public office and anything you may want to say to me must be said publicly." But his guest had suddenly departed.

The State Board of Education has conferred to Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State superintendent of public instruction; Dr. J. George Becht, its secretary, and William Lauder, secretary of State Industrial Board the project of considering a plan for the proposed State educational building which is to ultimately house the offices of the Commonwealth's educational system. The building will hardly be erected for years to come, but it will be thought of as a program of action when the State completes the Capitol Park extension. One of the features of the building will likely be a big auditorium for meetings of State-wide importance.

Recent announcement by the State Forestry Department that it had some millions of trees to distribute for reforestation of woodlands, but not for shade or ornamental uses, has resulted in a demand for trees which is held to indicate the widespread interest in reforestation. Many of the trees are of varieties which are especially fitted for improving water supplies and some organizations have asked for a couple of hundred thousand, agreeing to make reports on the planting. Because of the demand and the reawakened interest in trees as water conservators the State will plant many millions of seeds in its twenty-four tree nurseries this year.

Bishop Eugene A. Garvey, who was here yesterday for the services of his friend, Bishop Shanahan, is native of Carbondale, and was in charge of parishes at Pittston and Williamsport before being elevated to the Altoona diocese.

Joseph Canfield, former mayor of Johnstown, has started a savings bank in Johnstown.

Dr. E. H. Yunker, the new president of the State Veterinary Medical Association, is a prominent veterinarian.

Mayor G. H. Bally, of Uniontown, has created a stir by resigning some councilmen ought to resign.

Burgess J. S. Grubbs, of Washington, Pa., made the address at his annual celebration of Washington's birthday. This celebration takes the form of a carnival and has been held for many years.

Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer is to address the Cambria county school teachers at their institute next week.

Dr. William Patterson, former Philadelphia clergyman, now in Toronto, is visiting old friends in this State.

Dr. E. F. Eshelman, former Carbon county treasurer, is said to have legislative ambitions.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg iron is used for horseshoe making in a number of plants?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The first Harrisburg Academy was located in Front street, according to old records.

"How She Shops"

Careful observation indicates that the woman who chooses a coat or suit visits at least two stores before she purchases. She likes a comparative styles and prices—particularly styles. And for this same reason the woman is a reader of newspaper advertisements. She reads the advertising first and makes up her mind which store she wants to visit. Sometimes the advertising may be so definite and convincing that she goes to only one store—perhaps only one, to make her purchase.

Hard to Do So, Though [Rochester Union and Advertiser.] It is not difficult to appear brilliant if one can only resist the temptation to talk.