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TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 20

Let your religion make you more considerate, more loving and attractive, more able to think of and enter into the pleasure and interests of others.—BISHOP HALL.

PENNSYLVANIA FIRST

ANNOUNCEMENT from Washington that General Funston wants the Pennsylvania National Guard at the border first and as soon as it can be sent caused a thrill of pride to run up the spine of every loyal Pennsylvanian who read yesterday's dispatch from Washington.

We have been long aware that the National Guard of Pennsylvania is second to none in the Union, but we have never had that brought so prominently before the people of the whole country as is now the case.

General Stewart will tell you, however, if you ask, that the officers and the rank and file of the Pennsylvania Guard are very largely to thank for the excellence of the service.

CONSULAR PARTISANSHIP

WHILE it is generally known that the Wilson administration has been the most intensely partisan of any since Andrew Jackson established the principle that "to the victors belong the spoils," yet few people know the real extent to which the administration has gone in subordinating government efficiency to political party expediency.

But the public will not be left in the dark. Nor will President Wilson be permitted to mislead the voters by his present appeal for nonpartisanship.

After showing that the merit system in the consular service was firmly established during a Republican administration in 1906, Mr. Rogers shows that early in 1914 President Wilson began setting aside the merit system of appointments and promotions.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

publicans had established as a test of qualification. Thus, just as President Wilson had set aside the regulations by executive order, Mr. Bryan evaded them by making preliminary appointments to undesirable positions, but which could be made a stepping stone to permanent positions in the service.

As Mr. Rogers pointed out, the most serious feature of this overthrow of the merit system was not in the loss of the salary that is paid to inexperienced men who supplant men of demonstrated efficiency.

Moreover, it is discouraging to men who have made every effort to serve their country well, when they see inexperienced men given supervisory positions at large salaries, while there are thirty or forty men already in the service and fully qualified, left in the subordinate positions.

GIVE IT A NAME

BEYOND question it is in the minds of the people of Harrisburg that the river carnival which marked the celebration of the completion of the great public improvement enterprise in Harrisburg last year is to be made an annual event.

This water carnival, attractively named and elaborated, might be made in time as famous as any one of the many similar festivals held throughout this and other countries.

Thanks, Mr. Weather Man, in the name of the school boys and girls of the city.

DR. DOWNES' REPORT

PRINTED copies of Dr. F. E. Downes' report as superintendent of city schools, ought to be in the hands of everybody in Harrisburg interested in school affairs.

Dr. Downes approaches his problems in a decidedly practical way. Take for instance his recommendations concerning the opening of the school houses for uses of the public during the evenings.

That being the case, the people ought to express themselves in no uncertain terms. As soon as the school directors understand that there is an urgent demand for social centers in Harrisburg and that the people are willing to stand the small expense required they will vote the appropriation.

The way the railroads, the telephone and telegraph companies are responding to the needs of the moment indicates a thorough industrial preparedness that comes as an agreeable surprise.

CUTTING DOWN EXPENSES

SENATOR ASHBURN, of Arizona, recently offered an amendment to the Post Office appropriation bill to authorize the Post Office Department to send magazines by freight instead of by mail.

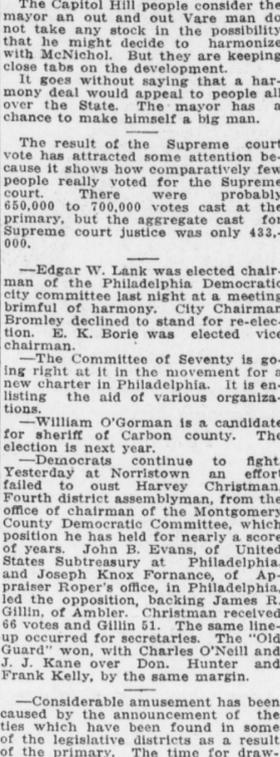
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When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS

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TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

Mexico's de facto government should be spelled de-fecto.

Philadelphia has a new aquarium - but not all the suckers are quartered there; nor the sharks either.

Of course Carranza will have the able, if secret, assistance of the G. O. P.—Rochester Times. Now doesn't that sound like a Democratic campaign argument?

Henry Ford's son engaged, news headline. Wise young woman.

Where is the bull moose of 1912? asks a Democratic exchange. Well, well, neighbor, haven't you seen him? This way, step to the right and observe him munching hay beside the elephant in the same box stall.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The esteemed Staats-Zeitung says that the Kaiser is now "Admiral of the Atlantic," and it might have added that for reasons over which he had no control, he might as well be a Democrat for the present.—New York Morning Telegraph.

The Democrats at Washington are preparing to raise \$100,000,000 more revenue. Optimistic Republicans believe that the chief Democratic need at present is to raise about a million more Democrats.—Chicago Herald.

Employment of Drinkers

Time was when a drinking man was not considered necessarily undesirable as an employe. If he was a good workman, he might even be promoted occasionally without incurring the executive displeasure.

Under the old common law, a workman injured while in a state of intoxication and because of his intoxication, was not entitled to damages. Consequently, there was no incentive for employers to be very strict on the subject.

Why a \$40,000 Man Got Fired

A big commercial house in the Middle West raised the salary of one of its officers to \$40,000 a year.

Under the compensation law, if you permit a drunken man to work for you, the liability for whatever may happen to him is yours, not the drunkard's.

NOTHING MEANER

I used to hear folks talk a lot about a pesky ill. They called "malaria," which brought first fever then a chill.

THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY [Philadelphia North American.] It is only stating an obvious fact to say that the Progressive party, as a political entity, is facing a well-nigh hopeless situation.

He believes that the nation is passing through a crisis; that it faces perils which are imminent or which will threaten in the not distant future.

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These deep-rooted beliefs leave him no alternative, as a loyal American, but to avoid any action which would contribute to a continuance of the Wilson administration.

Therefore, he is compelled by events and conditions to oblige his countrymen more powerful than considerations of party advantage, loyalty to friends and supporters or his devotion to Progressive principles.

According to the judgment of many Progressives of a majority, we think there is no alternative.

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STRANGE. Pop, can we see found? No, my son. And yet lots of things look like thunder, don't they?"

WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB LEARNED OF THE CITY [Questions submitted to members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and their answers as presented at the organization's annual "Municipal Quiz."]

How is garbage and ashes collected? Cost per year? By a private corporation under tract. Cost per year, \$3,948.00.

Preparedness Against Mosquitoes

By Frederic J. Haskin

IN almost all parts of the United States the mosquito season is at its height, and everywhere warfare against the mosquito is, or ought to be, going vigorously forward.

Within the last few years science has elevated the mosquito from the position of a trifling pest to be lightly brushed aside to that of man's most dangerous insect enemy.

There are three ways of getting at the mosquito problem. One is to kill the mosquito. Another is to scare him away or fence him out. The most effective is to prevent him from being born.

Every traveler in a mosquito-malarial country should provide himself with a bed canopy, and should see that it is always in perfect repair.

No variety of mosquito can endure smoke, and a smudge often is the best way to get rid of them, especially in camp.

The best way to smoke mosquitoes out of a room is by burning Pyrethrum powder, known also as Dalmatian insect powder, Persian insect powder, buhach and perhaps other names.

These powders are the finely-ground flowers of two species of plants, both belonging to the genus Pyrethrum.

Pyrethrum. The flowers contain a volatile oil, which is the constituent effective against insects, and the powder rapidly deteriorates with age and exposure.

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Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, upon whom has fallen the tremendous duty of preparing the Pennsylvania National Guard for mobilization, is the official who handled the Guardsmen of the Keystone State when they entered the federal service at the outbreak of the Spanish war and who not only handed over to militia well organized and equipped to the United States but organized a National Guard for home defense.

Stewart is the official of the State government longest in commission in a single office. Administrations may come and administrations may go, but Stewart stays.

Stewart has been the executive officer for twenty-one years and more. The re-organization of the Pennsylvania National Guard has swept over the Guard time and again and the general has done his work and done it all over again.

He has prepared troops for two mobilizations for war service, counting in this week's labors; and sent them out five times on strike duty. And he has not slipped a cog. Although no longer young, General Stewart works harder than any of the major state officials and in times of stress he does not go to bed. He just works. He has had many hours of sleep since Saturday night because all of the details must pass him and the men stand at either side of his desk attending to the telephones and telling him what is happening and what people want to know or hear. "Pronto," "carra," and other things while an enterprising grocer has posted a notice that he has chill on carne and to-matoes for sale.

The orders are that the camp to be established at Mt. Getta will be the mobilization of the Guard will be the mobilization with custom in honor of the governor in office. This was done when Camp Curtin was established in the Civil war at this city and also in the year of the Spanish war when Camp Curtin was pitched at Mt. Getta, where the Guardsmen will mobilize over the week end. Hence it will be Camp Brumbaugh.

Somehow or other the Mexican difficulties have their lighter side here and some of the men who know the border are engaging in expressions which are quickly followed. "For instance you may hear 'Pronto,' 'carra,' and other things while an enterprising grocer has posted a notice that he has chill on carne and to-matoes for sale.

The former members of the organizations of the National Guard in this city are getting into touch with the commanders and there are any vacancies they will be filled up because the organizations start for camp and chances are that there will be more than enough applications to fill every command in the territory. To the limit of the joyousness of the occasion, some of the veterans in the city are casting around to see if volunteers will not be needed and should Uncle Sam decide that he wants more than the Guardsmen he will be able to get a couple of organizations right here.

When one of the electric push buttons in a trolley car gets out of fix the buzzer makes a big 'F.' Last evening on one of the Hill cars a big buzber buzzed. She walked out to the accompaniment of a buzzing like a buzzer buzzed. She walked out to the racket and by her attempts to make it stop. The car was crowded and some young men in an effort to escape the noise jabbed at the buttons, adding to the joyousness of the occasion. The motorman, who had started the car, stopped and he and the conductor went around hunting the trouble, which was going all the time. Finally they found it and no sooner had the car started than a woman forgot she wanted off at the last stop and buzzed. But the exasperated crew went on to the next.

Emerson Collins, deputy attorney general, is still being congratulated upon the speech he made at Chicago. Mr. Collins' speech was a big 'F.' The task at the convention had been speeches for six hours and was facing a vote. The attention he received showed the merit of the speech.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Col. J. H. Bigger, former commander of the 18th Infantry, has offered to serve in the Guard again.

General C. A. Devo, quartermaster corps, U. S. A., is to attend the commencement of Chester Military Academy.

Supt. R. Robinson, of the Philadelphia police, is an officer of the National Guard and will go on duty with it.

Bishop M. J. Hoban, of Scranton, was the officiating clergyman at the dedication of the new Catholic church at Hazleton Sunday. He has dedicated a number of churches this year.

John C. Winston, chairman of the committee of seventy in Philadelphia, is taking a big part in the movement for the new Philadelphia city charter.

DO YOU KNOW

Harrisburg furnished organizations for every war in which the country engaged and that men started from Harris Ferry to attack Quebec with Montgomery.

HISTORIC HARRISBURG The Mexican volunteers were recruited from the front of the old State Capitol.

"Et Cetera"

By William F. Kirk. "I'd hate to see you go to war with any foreign nation." Said Deacon Craig to Abner Sprague, who ran the railroad station. "But punk is what I like to see, Et cetera, et cetera."

"If I was in the White House I'd contribute to the Red Cross." "If any nation wasn't square I'd ask for satisfaction!" "I'd make 'em kind of square to me, Et cetera, et cetera!"

"I wouldn't stop to write no note or say 'Dear Sir' to no one!" "If I got hit I'd throw a fit, and if I didn't get hit I'd fight on land or fight on sea, Et cetera, et cetera!"

"I told my wife the other day— She knows my disposition— That I'd fight from morn till night Would be my main ambition. 'Don't make me laugh!' she says to me, Et cetera, et cetera!"