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PROHIBITION INEVITABLE

NOTWITHSTANDING the public statement of Representative John W. Vickerman, the "dry" leader in the Legislature, that the friends of the prohibition amendment favor the resolution taking its usual course and without any effort to force a conclusion, the remnant of the "reorganization Democracy" in Pennsylvania is now insisting that the Republican leaders are back of a scheme to delay the measure while the other States are proceeding with the ratification of the amendment.

These pinhead critics declare that Republican organizations are playing the opportunist game of deferring action in the hope that if the amendment should be ratified by the required number of states the Legislature of Pennsylvania can follow suit without fear of hurting the feelings of the liquor interests. This in face of the fact that the real friends of the amendment are favoring a policy of the same treatment on the resolution to the end that there may be no failure by reason of premature action or forced discussion.

These little Democratic puppets are so saturated with the ingrained suspicion that all others act as they themselves would act, that they cannot treat with decency men who have given prohibition a fair chance and who are doing their utmost to bring about the adoption of the amendment in Pennsylvania. In short, they are paving the way for the puny explanation after the vote that in the event of failure it is to assume all the blame.

Representative Vickerman and Governor-elect Sprout are honestly of the opinion that the ratification of the prohibition amendment in this State looks more promising every day. It is the consensus of opinion on this question that prohibition is inevitable, and that Pennsylvania must line up with the other commonwealths in support of the amendment. But nothing is to be gained by misrepresenting the purpose or motives of men on this non-partisan issue.

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of employers, but the brains also of those whom they employ. It must be a co-operative and mutual period if we are to emerge from the war on higher ground and with a clearer vision of the future.

One after another the panels of the iron railing of the Court avenue side of the Federal building disappear. Boxes of shrubby next summer would be quite as much of a protection to the mail trucks as the flimsy rail that has been disappearing in sections and decidedly more artistic.

NOT ALL LIKE BURLESON

SAYS Postmaster General Burleson of the newspapers and Mr. Mackey, head of the Postal Telegraph Company: Mr. Mackey has found the newspaper press of the country very serviceable in the promulgation of his country's policy in the government operation of telegraph service, but notwithstanding the announced policy of the Postmaster General, that "there will be no change affecting the press-wire service except to improve it wherever possible," the general manager of the Postal Telegraph Company in his recommendation to the Postmaster General suggested that the newspapers be discontinued.

Can't Mr. Burleson get through his thick skull the fact that not all persons and interests are as selfish as he himself is? The newspapers are not opposing government ownership of telegraphs and telephones because Mr. Mackey wants them to do so. Neither are they going to favor government control because Mr. Mackey would take them from the newspapers something which he does not believe they should have. They are fighting government ownership because they believe it to be against the best interests of the people. The newspapers could make a lot more money if they bowed to corporate control, but they would be of small use to the public. Mr. Burleson's self-centered, everything-for-me-and-the-Democratic-party mind cannot grasp the idea of a personal interest that cannot be influenced by purely selfish considerations.

Real estate in Harrisburg is going to come into its own this year, and notwithstanding the high cost of building materials and labor it is probable many enterprises checked by the war will go forward. There is a general disposition among individuals and corporations to provide all the work possible to the end that returning soldiers and others made idle through the cessation of war work may be given employment.

THE HERITAGE

COLONEL ROOSEVELT has passed on, but no one can doubt that his virile personality and his robust Americanism will continue to be felt in this country for years to come. His passing is a great and almost irremediable loss to the country at this time, but the fact that he has dropped out of the activities of life imposes upon all who remain in the public service a great obligation of unselfish devotion to the public welfare.

Colonel Roosevelt believed in a higher type of American citizen and his constant effort to arouse his countrymen will bear fruit in an immediate awakening to individual responsibility and the beating down of those things which have threatened the perpetuity of our institutions. City Commissioner Lynch is giving much attention to the plans of his department for the year and expects with the opening of outdoor work to prosecute a vigorous program of street improvement. Of course, the widening of Third street between Walnut and North will be one of the conspicuous undertakings and likewise the resurfacing of Walnut street between Third and Fourth after the grade of the sidewalk on the Capitol Park side. With the ending of the war, there will not be so great a shortage of labor as during the last year, and all the activities of the city are likely to go forward with more vim.

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Of course, the Harrisburg Academy Cadets will have a place in the inaugural parade. They are a handsome lot of boys, and Harrisburg is proud of them. We shall hope to see before another inauguration a fine battalion comprising cadets from all the leading schools here.

PUBLIC WORK

PENNSYLVANIA is going to take her proper place in the matter of improved highway construction. No State is in better position to take a leading part in road construction. All public work should proceed with vigor and at the earliest possible moment. For this reason and in order that there may be no unemployment of returning soldiers or others made idle through the cancellation of war contracts, the State should, through the Legislature, make early provision for the monumental viaduct as part of the Capitol Park extension project, and for every other public improvement, including road building, that has been deferred during the war.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Earnest appeals for men of affairs of the state to take an interest in political matters and to lend practical aid during the four years he is the Chief Executive of Pennsylvania were made last night by Governor-elect William C. Sprout at a banquet, tendered him by 600 men, "who do not want anything." Seated in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford were men who lead in the various paths of city life. All paid a glowing tribute to the honor guest and collectively and individually they pledged their support in guiding Pennsylvania through the period of reconstruction.

Each of the speakers pointed to the tremendous task which confronts the Governor-elect. A letter was read from Isaac H. Clothier and among the telegrams read at the banquet were those from Senator Penrose and A. Mitchell Palmer. Senator Sprout was wildly cheered when he arose to speak. Among the diners were many graduates of Swarthmore, and they made themselves heard at every opportunity. The speaker began by thanking the men before him for the tribute they were there to pay, and he then told of how he will begin his term of office with a tremendous responsibility and a desire to do the right thing.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I have no delusions at all about the difficulties which I face, because I have seen a great many men go into office with the best personal intentions and the best desires to make good. But it is difficult when you serve in a Commonwealth like this to please everybody. I have been connected with the state government during the terms of six Governors. I have seen them in the heyday of their beginnings and I have seen them go into office with the best personal intentions and the best desires to make good. But it is difficult when you serve in a Commonwealth like this to please everybody. I have been connected with the state government during the terms of six Governors. I have seen them in the heyday of their beginnings and I have seen them go into office with the best personal intentions and the best desires to make good. But it is difficult when you serve in a Commonwealth like this to please everybody.

"I want you all to help. I need your help more to-day and I will need it more in the next four years. I never stand by you and I also want you to take an interest in what is going on in Pennsylvania. "The finest minds of the state sped to the support of the government in the time of crisis. They stood by the country and they didn't question the situation before them. Many of the leaders of business and thought retook an interest in the business of the state when the men of Pennsylvania did not complain. "Pennsylvania contributed real money to the war, and if you are so willing to give help in time of war, for goodness sake do not lose interest, and I appeal to you to give aid to Pennsylvania in time of peace and in the time of crisis. They stood by the country and they didn't question the situation before them. Many of the leaders of business and thought retook an interest in the business of the state when the men of Pennsylvania did not complain. "Pennsylvania contributed real money to the war, and if you are so willing to give help in time of war, for goodness sake do not lose interest, and I appeal to you to give aid to Pennsylvania in time of peace and in the time of crisis. They stood by the country and they didn't question the situation before them. Many of the leaders of business and thought retook an interest in the business of the state when the men of Pennsylvania did not complain.

Men from various sections of the state who have been on business at the State Capitol and observed things political in the offices of the state government are commenting upon the fact that when William C. Sprout becomes governor he will have chosen more of the heads of departments than has any governor in a generation. And by the same token there are more men of high caliber in the list than has been the case in years. Unusual circumstances of a most favorable sort appear to surround the launching of the new administration. It is quite as much as the harmony which marked the organization of both branches of the Legislature, was a refreshing contrast to some recent occasions of similar importance in Pennsylvania history. Ordinarily, governors have announced appointments on the eve of inauguration, and they have been confined, as a rule, to the attorney general, secretary of the commonwealth and adjutant general. Governor-elect Sprout has announced his appointments considerably in advance, and each one has met popular approval. The cabinet bids fair to be well on toward completion by the time inauguration day rolls around. One of the happiest matters in connection with the appointments is that practically all of them are men recognized and well qualified. It has not been necessary to look up any of the records of the appointees to see who they are. All have been in the public eye. Another feature which has been commented upon is that a number of the appointees, like their chief, are men of experience in legislative matters.

It is of passing importance to note that for the first time in quite a while neither Philadelphia nor Allentown will be in places in the state government. While it is true some of the officials of prominence hail from counties contiguous to Philadelphia, the fact remains that neither Philadelphia nor Allentown will be in places in the state government. While it is true some of the officials of prominence hail from counties contiguous to Philadelphia, the fact remains that neither Philadelphia nor Allentown will be in places in the state government. While it is true some of the officials of prominence hail from counties contiguous to Philadelphia, the fact remains that neither Philadelphia nor Allentown will be in places in the state government. While it is true some of the officials of prominence hail from counties contiguous to Philadelphia, the fact remains that neither Philadelphia nor Allentown will be in places in the state government.

LABOR NOTES

Owing to the scarcity of agricultural labor this autumn it is reported that in the fields near Fargo S. D., women composed nearly 70 per cent. of the workers who shocked grain. The quarterly report of the Farmington (Ill.) Co-operative Society shows that each member received a dividend of 10 per cent. based on the amount of purchases made.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



THE END OF A PERFECT JANUARY DAY.

ernment is going to be pretty well scattered.

When Governor Brumbaugh removes from Harrisburg next week to take up his duties as chief executive of early Pennsylvania prints of exceeding interest and considerable value. Throughout his term the Governor has been adding every now and then to his books dealing with early Pennsylvania and the religious denominations that settled in this state. His "finds" relative to the church with which his family has been identified for generations are said to be very complete and valuable. Few knew of this collection or of the Governor's interest in such works.

To Get Back Home

To get back home again—and there to see  
Old friends and faces of long vanished days  
To hear some friendly voice call out to me  
From street or corner or remembrance  
Where rain or shine or wind-blown winter snow  
The lights of home hold up their golden shield  
With soft, warm arms from out the long ago  
In waiting welcome from the silent field.  
To get back home again—to know at last  
The guns are still from Flanders to Lorraine;  
The day of sieging through the mud is past.  
The rain of terror in the driving rain  
Lies hidden in the midst of Argonne drifts.  
A grim, yet holy specter of the years  
That wait ahead, where every shadow lifts  
Before the smile that welcomes through its tears.  
To get back home again—oh, dream of dreams  
Too radiant to last but for a breath!  
The drip of purple nights and singing streams  
Beyond black dawn still life with ghosts and death.  
Beyond the dreamless sleep of those who wait  
To hold the line they fought for to the end,  
Eternal sentinels at Freedom's Gate,  
Where none shall pass save those whose whose whisper—"Friend."  
To get back home again—yes, that is all;  
The rest is less than nothing down the world;  
To hear no more the bugle's waking call—  
The tramp of marching feet—all standards furled—  
And only silent thoughts of those who stay  
To hold the guard across the endless years,  
Who will not come again the ancient way.  
Nor know the "smile that welcomes through its tears."  
LIEUT. GRANTLAND RICE,  
Third Army, A. E. F.

FAITH

Faith is the rite power of Hope. If it wafers for faith, there would be no living in this world. We couldn't even eat hash with enny safety, if it wafers for faith. Human knowledge is very short and don't reach but a little ways, and even that little ways is twilite; but faith lengthens out the road and makes it light, so that we can see tew red letters on the mile stuns. Faith has won more viktories than all the other passions or sentiments on the heart and head put together. Faith is one ov them warriors who don't know when she is whipped. But Faith is no milkop, but a live fighter. She don't set down and get stupid with resignashun and git weak with the buty ov her attributes; but she is the heroine of fortune and fires rite at the bull's eye ov fate.—Josh Billings.

The Sensible Program

[From N. A. Review's Weekly.] THE way to make peace is to make peace. That would seem to be a truism. Yet, strange to say, it seems to be ignored in most of the discussions and forecasts of the approaching peace conference. Judging from a large part of current discussion, even in high places, one might suppose that the principal function of the body would be to do almost anything else rather than make peace, and that the latter duty was to be relegated to the last place on the program, which have the logical, rationally, profitably, the processes of peace are threefold, in succession. First come cessation of hostilities and the surrender, which have in this case already been achieved in the armistice. Second comes settlement with the conquered enemy, including the fixing of the terms of the armistice, temporary cessation of fighting will become permanent, the exaction of suitable indemnity, and the securing of guarantees against a renewal of hostilities. The third and final part of the program has been disposed of in order. That third part will naturally comprise those readjustments of relationship among the Allies and the neutral powers which seem necessary or desirable because of the changes effected by the war or because of the lessons taught by it. It will include, for example, those proposals for a League of Nations, for the freedom of the seas, for the abolition of economic barriers, and what not, which some have been and are prematurely exploiting as though they were the be-all and the end-all of the conference. We have no doubt that these topics will be taken up for consideration by the conference, and that they will in some way be disposed of, though we should doubt if in all cases that end will be fully attained by the conference itself. It would be quite fitting, and far more convenient and business-like, to remit some of them, at least, to international commissions, for a subsequent report to the signatory powers for such treaty action as they might then desire. Some of these matters are so complex and require so much consideration that they could not be satisfactorily disposed of in a brief conference; and it would be an intolerable hardship to require such a body as this to be, including the chief administrators of the nations, to remain in indefinitely prolonged sessions.

Rum's Russian Resurrection

(Philadelphia Record.) When the late Nicholas Romanoff put the imperial ban on vodka, about four and a half years ago, and by a simple sweep of the pen placed all of Russia and Siberia on the water wagon, this great reform adopted as a war measure, was hailed as one of the wonders of the world. From one of the drunkenest countries on the globe Russia became one of the soberest. Never had the Demon Rum received such a knockout. But now he is staggering to his feet again. The Provisional Government that controls Siberia had a considerable part of Russia has removed the ukase against vodka, and the peasant can again drink himself into sudden forgetfulness of his woes. The Bolsheviks have been doing so for a year past, with eminently disastrous results. The great reform has come to an inglorious end.

The Railroad Puzzle

[From the Kansas City Times.] Government control of railroads has developed advantages and equalized obvious faults. Freight is no longer hauled all around the country in order to give various lines a share in the haul, and useless trains have been cut off. But the service has been badly demoralized. What Senator Cummins is trying to do in his new railroad plan is to combine the evident advantages of government ownership—unified operation, standardized equipment and public acquisition of the unearned increment—with the advantages of private operation—initiative, energy and good service.

The Universal Language

Money speaks all languages distinctly. The more the Yankee soldier develops his natural character as a spender in the occupied territory of the enemy the better he is understood and the more reconciled to his presence the natives become. From the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

No Longer Dollar Chasers

One momentous feature of the reconstruction period relates to reconstruction of Europe's mental picture of Americans as dollar chasers. From the Chicago News.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

But when Pershing's men come out of Germany, they will know their way back if anything happens. —Anaconda Standard. The Kaiser with his 500-odd uniforms seems to be all dressed up with no place to go.—New York Telegraph. When we think of the inexpressible glorious achievements of the British Army and Navy in the war for the preservation of the liberties and civilization of mankind, it makes us inexpressibly proud to have been able to put out such a gallant foe in the days we used to look back upon with such a sense of the matchless gallantry of the Yankee boys who have fought so wonderfully side with Dixie's sons, it makes us proud that we were able to lick their fathers until we were exhausted that we couldn't proceed with the job.—Houston Post.

Colonel Harvey Sez, Sez He

Among the pictures of the great war which the world will long cherish with untold delight is that of the Kaiser of the Huns disporting himself in camouflaged trenches for the benefit of the "movies," and that of a German pilot who, in the moment an electric annunciator reported the peeping of an Allied airplane above the remote horizon. Presumably the latter picture was effected to the accompaniment of the once-familiar strains from Olivette: "Now is the time for disappearing! Just take a header and down you go!" And what a branding of the "shining sword" and what communions with the "Old German Gott" there must have been in the subterranean retreat!

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Evening Chat

One of the things which the average man finds hard to understand about a legislature of Pennsylvania, is that it adjourns for about a fortnight immediately after it organizes. While this recess, which is a favorite theme for reform writers when things are dull, is for the purpose of making up committees and outlining a legislative program. It in reality overcomes one of the handicaps which the constitution places upon an incoming Governor. For some reason the framers of the basic law of the Keystone State provided that all Governors after 1873 should take office the third Tuesday of January following their election. While they stipulated that the General Assembly should meet the first Tuesday of January, The result has been that a retiring Governor has had to send a message to the Legislature has nothing to do for a fortnight. Years ago leaders of legislative bodies feeling that the incoming Governor chosen at the same time as he the State Governor, as all of the House and nine times out of ten of the same political faith, was entitled to outline legislation, hit on the idea of an adjournment until inauguration day. The result was that the Legislature presented a retiring Governor messaging the General Assembly and giving the benefit of observations and experience has to sit by and watch the election of his successor accepted as a sailing chart. The fact that his new predecessor hit the same time of it can be at best a melancholy reflection. Particularly, the Senatorial custom of laying over all recess appointments of the retiring Governor until they can be recalled, even though the Governor is one of the things that form a overlapping of administrations. It is very probable that when the time comes to change the constitution that legislative sessions of the gubernatorial tenures will begin at the same time. It is not of record in Pennsylvania history that a Lieutenant Governor has ever been called upon to issue writs of habeas corpus to fill vacancies caused by popular choice of Senators to fill the two highest offices of the state government. This obligation will fall upon Edwin E. Beaman, which he resigns as Dauphin Senator to become Lieutenant Governor and he will thus order an election not only for his own successor but for the successor to the two highest offices in the well. It is a most unusual situation and to a student of Pennsylvania history one of rare interest, because it is more than a generation since the last time a Governor was elected to a year when a man went from the State Senate to the executive's desk and as for two Senators being chosen to the two highest offices it is a situation as unprecedented as their majorities.

It was with much regret that many Harrisburg people heard of the death of Frank J. Torrey, one of our years president of the State Board of Public Charities, and one of our big businessmen of Pittsburgh. Mr. Torrey would have been a quarter of a century on the board and he lived until next summer and in all that time he never missed but three sessions. It is not generally known that he was one of the men who urged enlargement of the Harrisburg State Hospital for the Insane, and that he heartily supported the rebuilding program a number of years ago. For some time ago he had a new hotel for Harrisburg and when he heard of the new Penn-Harris, said Harrisburg had "struck its gait."

A number of philanthropic Harrisburgers have adopted French and Belgian children and are supporting them in their homes across the sea. These children, who are known as their foster parents and keep them advised of their progress in school and of their home life. In some cases they have lost both parents. These children, who are known as their foster parents and keep them advised of their progress in school and of their home life. In some cases they have lost both parents. These children, who are known as their foster parents and keep them advised of their progress in school and of their home life. In some cases they have lost both parents.

From all accounts the delinquents of the telegraph and cable companies in England and Washington would act if he were in his place. George Washington was a far-seeing man, and he may have perceived that his successors in the Presidency, the Queen of England on his arm, entering the banquet hall of the royal palace in London with court functionaries ahead walking backward and doing obeisance, but we doubt it.

Still more do we doubt that any manager of a Presidential election campaign ever pictured his candidate in such a worn and shabby place. No doubt, if it were necessary to go to all, it would have been more American like and more business-like to have left the women folks at home and some quietly to the Embassy in Paris and stayed there when the conference was not in session. Technically, then, he would have had an American soil and a French passport, and a passport for the signing of bills from Congress, etc. But when one becomes the guest of a nation, he must accept hospitality in the form tendered, and blame cannot attach to a host for doing it up brown. There is no point in the reference to a Presidential election. Mr. Wilson will not be a candidate. He has outgrown the United States.

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