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WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 4

MAYOR ROYAL'S MESSAGE

MAYOR ROYAL'S message to council yesterday contained a number of recommendations that deserve the careful consideration of that body. There can be no doubt that Harrisburg should inaugurate at an early date a civil service system for the selection of police officers. This important department has been regarded as a political asset, the legitimate prey of the spoils system at every change of administration.

The extension of the cluster light area is also a suggestion worthy of commendation. The overhead wires should come down as rapidly as possible. The mayor's recommendation that the minimum water rate be abolished should be looked into and there is no question about the advisability of properly marking the streets with their names prominently placed on every corner. Nor is there any question about the wisdom of a proper regulation respecting swinging signs of all kinds.

THE LYNCH RESOLUTION

WHEN the commission form of government was imposed upon Harrisburg under the Clark act without the consent of the municipality and against its protest determined to make the best of what they conceived to be an unnecessary and expensive change in the municipal system. They realized then, as they realize now, that the change was in the nature of an experiment and that in the working out of its several features there was likely to be more or less dissatisfaction.

Harrisburg had developed in every legitimate way under the old system and had become an example of civic progress throughout the country, so that the change was regarded as a rather doubtful proposition. But those in sympathy with the new order of things concluded that there might be an improvement in the business features of administration and proceeded to give the new system a fair trial. It was expected, of course, that there would be involved dismissal of some employes and appointment of others; it couldn't have been otherwise. It was, therefore, natural that there should be more or less comment upon every move looking to the dropping of officials and employes and the filling of their places by selections of the new commission.

So long as these changes are made with reference to efficiency and economy they will have the approval of the people; but should they be made on the score of partisanship or for merely political effect, those responsible are certain to lose in that proportion the confidence of the public. Commissioner Lynch's resolution, introduced at the session of the City Council yesterday, which provides that the services of all municipal employes except those whose terms are extended by the Clark act or who have been reappointed since the first of last December, shall cease on the first of March, has created somewhat of a stir in municipal circles. It is explained, however, by the author of the resolution and Commissioner of Parks Taylor that the whole purpose is to clear the decks for such changes as the heads of the departments may find desirable, and it is further said that many of the old employes will be reappointed. Under the circumstances the resolution takes on somewhat the quality of a fizz-cracker inasmuch as the whole matter of making changes has been left to the future discretion of the councilmen themselves.

There is undoubtedly some force to the suggestion of Commissioner Taylor that a nonpartisan government does not contemplate the taking over of all the employes of a partisan administration, especially where many of the employes are said to have been appointed without regard to the merit system and solely for political reasons. A number of important reforms in administration have already been introduced by the gentlemen of the City

Council and it is hardly reasonable to suppose that the move of yesterday is simply an exhibition of the rank partisanship which has characterized the Democratic administration at Washington. After all is said and done, the public is most concerned about the efficiency of the city administration and has little concern for the individual spokes in the wheel. Those who have given efficient service should be retained; those who are unfit or who for any reason are not in harmony with the new order of things should scarcely expect to remain in the service of the city.

There is much for the commission-ers to do and if the resolution is intended to clear the way for the more important business of the year then it may serve a good purpose; if it is not so intended, the new commission form of government will have received another black eye.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WEEK

THAT young people are not interested only in the theater, the dance, the movies and the card club, is being definitely demonstrated by the country-wide celebration of "Christian Endeavor Week." The celebration of the thirty-third founding of endeavor work was suggested at the Los Angeles convention by Francis E. Clark, and it met with instant approval. As a result, gigantic rallies are being held this week in every city and hamlet of the United States where Christian Endeavor work is known.

At these rallies who will direct the meetings; who will have charge of the programs? Young people! Young women and young men will lead in the inspirational work of the sessions; young women and young men will join in the universal prayer for better womanhood and a nobler manhood.

In the veins of these young people who have not forgotten how to praise and to pray there flows every bit as much energy and spirit as is evinced by their tangling fellows; the young men are doing the work of the church just as well as young dandies are doing the latest steps; and young women are doing their part of the Lord's work just as beautifully as the "society" girl is doing the "waltz bend," the "tango whirl and hurl" or "the split" with her grinning partner.

And these young men and women who are interested in the things of righteousness are numbered by the thousands at the attendance at this week's celebration shows. That there are these thousands upon whom the future of the church and the State will rest is largely due to the influence of the Endeavor Society.

NEW JERSEY AND PENNA.

SINCE the advent of the Wilson influence in New Jersey politics we have been hearing much of the excellent reform measures enacted by the Legislature of that State. It comes with somewhat of a jar, therefore, to learn that those at the head of the State government there are uneasy over their inability to take care of a deficit of more than two millions and a quarter, caused by the appropriation of money which was beyond the capacity of the commonwealth to raise.

The truth is that while New Jersey, like a good many other States that are figuring just now in the press as ultra progressive, has been spending much energy in the enactment of experimental and theoretical legislation, the crowd around the "pork barrel" has been gorging itself to the lips. New Jersey got into the money-spending habit in the days when its chief commodity in trade was charters for trusts and it has not yet gotten awake to the fact that in cutting off that source of "come easy" revenue it also reduced by just that amount its spending capacity.

Those who have been fond of holding Pennsylvania up to ridicule as a badly governed State might do well to contrast its present excellent financial condition with that of this model commonwealth of New Jersey. It is a well known fact that Pennsylvania has not one cent of debt and has more than enough money in its treasury to meet every need that may arise and every one of the appropriations made by the Legislature that the wisdom of Governor Tener permitted to become law.

STREET CAR PESTS

OF all the pests that frequent the trolley car the most obnoxious is the "drunk." On almost every car leaving the center of the city after 10 o'clock at night one or more of them, not drunk enough to roll into the gutter but still undeniably and unpleasantly under the influence of strong drink, may be seen lolling over in a seat annoying other passengers or hanging from a strap lurching against everybody within a five-foot radius.

The end seat hog, fortunately, is all but extinct in this city; the stale cigarette is, alas, still with us; the "spreader" who takes up two or even three seats instead of one is certainly not unknown; the silly "spooner," who apparently can not wait until he gets home to put his arm around the sweet young thing by his side is often seen; the trolley "whistler" who pours shrill or wheezy sounds into the ears of a distressed public, too, is heard. But compared with the set who leans his head on the back of the woman in the seat ahead, who engages in barroom conversation with the comrade of debauch by his side, who tries to start a quarrel with everybody in sight—compared with this loathsome object, all the other pests are as pleasant companions.

It is high time that the railways company instructs its employes to refuse to allow any man on its cars who is under the influence of liquor.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

And let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

EVENING CHAT

One of the things which the new Chamber of Commerce might take up is the flashing to the traveling public that Harrisburg is nigh. The Pennsylvania Steel Company's great electric sign at Steelton can be seen for miles and attracts attention of thousands and the Elliott-Fisher sign is one which heralds to the world the industrial importance of the city. These are in the lower end and people on the Philadelphia end of the Pennsylvania, the Northern Central and the Cumberland Valley can see them. But there is nothing in the north end and nothing in the east end. When a train speeds over the Rockville bridge the scores of lights mark Enola and the upper end of the Harrisburg yards and the glow of the thousands of lights announces that the gates of the State Capital are about to open. The river shore above or near the Rockville bridge, would be a fine place for a site to flash out the location and even the name of the city.

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POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS

—Wonder if the Democrats would have waited so long if they had taken control of the City Council. —Things seem to be getting bad when the president must be peace-maker among warring Pennsylvania Democrats. —Daniel Williams' appointment to a place as custodian on the "Hill" seems to pain our Democrats. —The adherents of the Democratic machine are still dizzy over yesterday's yell from Market Square about Ryan attempting to disrupt the "organization."

—Time was when "organization" was a word to cause people in Market Square to reach for hatchets to attack instead of hands to defend it. —Herr Roosevelt will have a hard time to line up the Democrats in the county. —That division plan which the Democrats are going to discard has been found to have its uses. —Wonder if Clyde Kelly will be satisfied to be dropped into second place on the Bull Moose ticket. —As a spectacle of lofty tumbling the Democratic State machine offers opportunity for the State. —The mourning defender of the organization will have his hands full when Mike Ryan gets started. —Palmer's letter is being anxiously awaited by the now open Democratic organization paper. —There was a time when "disruption" or "organization" was a proper object in a certain mourning newspaper office. Now its defense is an act of duty. —Progressives insist that Roosevelt will come into the State. There must have been doubt to cause so much insistence. —Ryan denies he ever told Palmer he would be a candidate. —It is intimated that President Wilson thinks Secretary Wilson should be the Democratic candidate and that both Ryan and Palmer should lie down.

—Justice Metzreath seems to be rather coy about that announcement of his candidacy for the Supreme Court reported as in type long ago. —Senator McNichol seems to be still sore on woman suffrage. —Speaker Alter is now mentioned for Congress to succeed Porter. —Ryan's remark on the suggestion of deal is that "newspaper politics." Can he be referring to Market Square?

FRIENDS OF HOUCK SAY HE WILL STAND

Denial of the Bull Moosers' Story About the Reported Switch to Sisson

DEMOCRATS FAR UP IN THE AIR

President to Act as Peacemaker If He Can—Bull Moosers Having Trouble

Friends of Secretary of Internal Affairs Henry Houck in this city to-day declared that there was no foundation for reports that Secretary Houck would not be a candidate for the Republican nomination, as has been rumored for a couple of days. The story was that Houck had determined not to be a candidate and to let the way be open for A. E. Sisson, ex-Auditor General. This city has always been one of the strongholds of Houck's friends and the report that he would withdraw was declared to have emanated from Progressive headquarters for the purpose of making trouble in order to hide the disturbances in their own party through the instigation of Clyde Kelly that he should be the candidate, and not Dean Lewis. The Democrats, who have a tremendous fight over control of their State machine, have been helping it along.

Secretary Houck is one of the most popular men in Pennsylvania to-day, and both in 1906 and 1910, polled more votes than the heads of the State Republican ticket. He has been a candidate for renomination to fill the office because it is probable that it will be his last year in his term. In the last Legislature proposed constitutional amendment to abolish the department and divide its duties among other departments. This was passed for the first time and it will be the subject of a going before the people in 1914. Friends of the Secretary contend that it would be a graceful thing to allow him to leave the office.

Another fact which should not be lost sight of is that Major Isaac B. Brown, of Corry, whom Houck defeated for the nomination in 1906, is the Governor-elect for 1914. Brown was formerly Secretary and has a number of active supporters throughout the Progressives, who realize the opportunity to make trouble. General Sisson would like to be a candidate for Governor and his friends here say that it would be improbable that he would consent to run for the secretaryship when it is likely to be abolished.

The Bull Moosers are said to have a new plan. They have just about decided to put Clyde Kelly in the nomination for Lieutenant Governor if he will only keep quiet. Kelly's Bull Moose nomination of the big deal is a thing which should not be lost sight of. Kelly is a Progressive and is not crusading for the deal. Kelly is a Progressive and is not crusading for the deal. Kelly is a Progressive and is not crusading for the deal.

The Democratic rules committee has decided, on suggestion of the bosses, that the union chairman plan, which used to be denounced by the reorganizers as one of the vicious things about the old machine, is a pretty good affair after all and is not only worth keeping, but that the reorganizers are now in power and mean to stay there from all appearances. Yesterday the committee made the draft of rules conform to the recently approved State primary law and actually to the law rules. Then it was determined to have eleven instead of nine divisions so as to have more bosses. The rules will be gone over by a new special subcommittee and then the executive committee will pass them on to the State committee.

It begins to look as though the Republican State committee at its coming meeting in this city would declare in favor of a prohibition amendment. The rules will be gone over by a new special subcommittee and then the executive committee will pass them on to the State committee.

Prohibition Amendment Being Urged

President Wilson is reported to have summoned Congressman Palmer, Pennsylvania's Democratic national committee chairman and Republican State chair-man, to Washington to urge them to take steps to bring about a peace plan.

AN UNEXPECTED REASON

MIXING THE BABIES

Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits & Overcoats \$5.00 Former Prices Were \$20, \$22, \$25, \$28, \$30
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Anxiety to sell is poor tactics in merchandising. It is needless if the dealer has the right stuff at attractive prices. We merely suggest that you may find this sale of Suits and Overcoats interesting for final clearance. All Sizes 34 to 48 Chest
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UP GOES THE PRICE

The type foundry has issued a circular to all printers that they have raised the price of printing material 25 per cent. Papermakers have raised the price of paper 100 per cent.

A PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

Under the direct primaries act passed by the last general Assembly of Pennsylvania no provision is made for State conventions of the several political parties. The result is that the State therefore, by which conventions formulated policies and adopted platforms is present in the name of the State committee. It is assumed that these committees shall be assembled at the proper time and indicate their preference for candidates as may be considered essential and logical for party candidates to represent.

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TAGGING THE DEMON RUM

Much of the alleged whisky that is sold over bars in this State is rank poison and ought to be so labeled if a way to stop its sale cannot be devised. The gentle art of coloring wood alcohol in imitation of hot and fiery beverages has reached a high stage of development hereabout, and if the Anti-Saloon League's bill providing for a skull and crossbones on each container should effect a lessening in the traffic it would do some good.

But who believes that any thirty-body would be dissuaded by the poison warning from introducing the stuff into his system? Men drink perfumes, hair tonics, and a thousand other liquids not intended as beverages in quantities that are very dangerous to their health. The patrons of a barrel house are not sticklers for pure food labels on the kegs they empty. The customers of more expensive drinking places generally do not need to be told that alcohol is a "habit forming, irritable, narcotic poison." Common experience and their own observation have informed them pretty fully as to its properties and effects. They will with it in reckless disregard of their own knowledge, either without thought of its probable consequences, or else in confidence that they can draw the line of indulgence inside the margin of safety.

Compelling the Demon to wear a uniform will not frighten his victims. He is not a hidden or secret menace. Everybody knows how dangerous he is. Can a man who knows that tomorrow will bring him a head like a bushel basket be expected to shy from a bottle because it bears a poison label?

A LITTLE NONSENSE



She saw by the papers that Congress was going to take up the canning trust question and for her part she thought it was time to be passed making every one pay cash.

Wife in city hotel, as the sugar is passed—Use the tongue, William! Bill from the country—"Taint 'ot, it is!"—London Tit-Bits.

Bobby—Pa, what is platonic love? Bobby's Pa—Platonic love, my son, is what a man feels when he does not like a woman quite well enough to marry her.—Dartmouth Jack o'Lantern.

NEWS-DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

Outposts Attacked Newbern, Feb. 1, 8 P. M.—To Major General Butler: Early this morning our outposts at Bachelor's great were attacked by the enemy, represented in force to be about 15,000, consisting of Hand's brigade and Pickett's entire division.

Drive Roddy Back Washington, Feb. 3.—The following dispatch was received at the headquarters of the army: Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 3.—General Dodge reports that on the 28th ult. our forces under Colonel Phillips drove Roddy to the south side of the Tennessee river and captured all his trains, consisting of over 20 mule teams, 200 head of cattle, 600 head of sheep and about 100 head of horses and mules, and destroyed a factory and mill which had largely supplied him. (Signed) John A. Rawlins, Brigadier General, Chief of Staff.

JAMES ADDAMS BEAVER

A general officer of the war for the preservation of the Union, who lost a leg and bore under grave other marks of battle, honored Governor of the Commonwealth and a judge of the Superior Court of the State from the creation of the tribunal, James Addams Beaver, who has just passed away at Beliefonte, Pa., in his 87th year, was a man whose career was distinguished and honorable in all of its many phases. The present generation was not well acquainted with this man, who was soldier, statesman and jurist. Service on the bench seldom brings one into the strong limelight. A judicial position is exacting in its requirement of studious, patient, unobtrusive effort, and for almost a score of years Beaver had been the judge, maintaining the best traditions of the bench. He had been a brave and dashing soldier. His courage and daring are a part of the thrilling history of the Civil War and should be remembered as a part of the service of the Commonwealth as in war to that of the nation. His was a long life and every point a useful one. The young men of to-day will be well repaid in a study of it and will find therein an example of high ideals, which, if they make their own, will cause them to be remembered as gratefully as this one of a country of distinguished men of Center county—his home by adoption—will be.

Too young to do anything? Too old to do anything? The time between is very short. Capitalize it by a policy in the PENN MUTUAL LIFE 103 N. Second St. Isaac Miller, Local F. O. Donaldson, Agents.

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