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THE BATTLEGROUND

PENNSYLVANIA is to be the battleground for the 1914 campaign. Penrose, Palmer and Pinchot will contend for political supremacy under the most unusual conditions that have ever confronted party leaders in this State.

It is obvious that the real contest is between Penrose and Palmer and it may reasonably be expected that President Wilson will do everything within the power of his administration to help the Palmer faction. Meanwhile Pinchot, as the representative of the Roosevelt element of the Republican party, will endeavor to check the back-to-the-party movement among Republicans.

Many good Republicans who voted for Colonel Roosevelt by way of protest against what they honestly believed to be arbitrary party management are now returning to the colors in such numbers as to confirm the conservative opinion of all students of political movements—that the division of the Republican ranks is not nearly so serious as the opposition to the party would have it appear for their own purposes.

It must be remembered that in the 1912 campaign more than 23,000 Republicans in Pennsylvania did not vote at all and adding these to the regular Republican vote this year plus fifty per cent. of the Republicans who voted for Colonel Roosevelt two years ago and the Republican ticket will have over 500,000 votes, making the situation far more interesting for Republicans than the statisticians of the Democracy care to admit.

A close analysis of the situation shows that the normal Republican vote will be so large this year as to swamp the Democracy and the other parties that are struggling for supremacy in this State.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

PRESIDENT WILSON shows no disposition to hurry the announcement as to whether or not he favors the public ownership of telegraph and telephone lines, as recommended by his Postmaster General. If he is wise he will withhold his approval entirely.

Having no competition, and being controlled absolutely by the government, there is not the disposition to oblige patrons or to extend lines or introduce new appliances or new departures that is so manifest in the United States. Here it is a matter in many cases of the best service getting the business, but it is also remarkable that in the face of what has amounted to practically a monopoly in some parts of the country, the cost of telephone service has been steadily going down, while the service itself is 500 per cent. more efficient and far-reaching than it was when the cost to the user was higher.

President Wilson is an astute politician. Perhaps he was well content to let his Postmaster General test out public sentiment on public ownership. If it proved popular doubtless he would have stood ready to father it, for the annexation of all the employees of the telegraph and telephone companies of the United States would make a grand addition to the party spoils system so much in evidence since the advent of the new administration.

There is much to be done by the City Council this year and it may be just as well to complete the reorganization of the several departments without further delay.

THE TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT

THE interesting announcement is made that the Rodman Wanamaker millions and the Glenn H. Curtiss brain are to be hitched together to produce an "ocean-going" airship of sufficient power to cross the broad Atlantic at a single flight.

The possibility of crossing the broad Atlantic in fifteen hours would unquestionably set the world to thinking along new lines concerning international warfare. With a fleet of such airships—or the much more powerful aeroplanes that are bound to succeed it—any nation might put an army into motion and land it on the shores of an unsuspecting neighbor over night.

Mr. Wanamaker believes, however, that this very possibility would hasten the day of world-wide peace, and perhaps he is right. At all events, his remarkable enterprise is worthy the widespread attention it is receiving.

WHERE DIXON IS RIGHT

WHILE opinion regarding the wisdom of teaching hygiene in the public schools, under certain restrictions, as advised yesterday by Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, in an address before the school directors' department of the State Educational Association, may and doubtless will differ, there can be no question in any one's mind of the soundness of Dr. Dixon's statement that an educational system which lacks the teaching of domestic science is deficient in the training of the wives and mothers of the future.

One of the places where there is just this deficiency in the educational system is Harrisburg. It is high time that the city directors make suitable provision for the teaching of domestic science in the schools. A committee recently appointed with a view to deciding the advisability of teaching this branch in the grades will likely report favorably at a meeting of the directors this evening.

With relation to the question of sex hygiene instruction in the school Dr. Dixon may or may not be right. He is, however, most certainly absolutely correct when he declares the public theater and the movie are not the correct disseminators of sexual knowledge.

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EVENING CHAT

In spite of the fact that snow has been trying to make us forget the recent warm period, the average Harrisburg kid refuses to believe that the thaw did not mean the coming of Spring and he has started in with his preliminary baselall work. It is a little too early for scrub games, but the boys are showing their delight at the coming of milder weather than usually occurs at this season of the year by engaging in limbering up exercises such as "passing" and practicing so that their arms will not be put out of gear.

Speaking about warm weather a couple of robins were noticed in Capitol Park the other day and some one from the country reported having seen a bluebird. The appearance of these birds, however, seems not followed by prolonged stays and the robins seem to be more on a scouting expedition than anything else.

"This month's a perfect square in the calendar line," remarked a fireside philosopher last evening as he gazed meditatively at the calendar and speculated whether he would have to buy any more coal this month.

In the notice of Smull's Handbook last evening it might have been added that the man who did the work of collecting the material for the first issue was W. L. Cooper, for years resident clerk of the House of Representatives and who placed the book in the legislative hall.

Once in a while checks go across the counters at the Capitol that make the clerks feel poor and they are wondering what they will do with the money. This is the season of the year when big fat ones go by because just now the insurance companies are paying in their taxes.

The Muzzle Club of this city, which is composed of the members of the staffs of the three daily newspapers, is planning to have a real old-time lively stunt next month.

William Fink, a life-long resident of New Cumberland, today is circulating facts about the building of Market Square Presbyterian Church back in the late fifties. This church was erected after the destruction of the old building of the Presbyterian Church at Second and Cherry streets by fire and when built was one of the sights in this part of the State.

THE WHITE HOUSE PRIMARY

[From the New York Sun.] The Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer proposes but the President disposes. On Tuesday there were two conferences at the White House between them. They discussed the political situation in Pennsylvania and the prospects of the Democratic party in that Commonwealth.

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FIGHT SLATE FOR STATE COMMITTEE

Democrats in County Go Up in Air Because They Are Not Represented on List

Opposition to the slating of Mayor John K. Royal and County Chairman Edward Moeslein as the members of the Democratic State committee from Dauphin county was started last night as soon as the announcement was made from Market Square that the Mayor intended to drag his office into factional politics and that Herr Moeslein hoped to "crown" his career by election to the party's high council in this State.

Moeslein has been a candidate for weeks and has been trying to placate those turned down for federal appointments, but has not succeeded owing to the fact that people have recalled his holding of an office himself. The Mayor, according to rumor, was inclined to be slow about getting into the race, fearing that he would be made a target in a campaign when he would have no one to tie to, but when McCormick announced that he would run for the gubernatorial nomination the executive qualms were chased away and he hastened into the limelight.

The chief point of complaint with Democrats not consulted in the slating of these two candidates for State committee was that the county outside of the city which has been loyal to the reorganization element was ignored and County Commissioner John H. Eby and other bosses in the borough and rural districts are reported to have been dazed when they found what they were against.

William H. Sponser, of New Bloomfield, made the significant statement last night when the recess was taken in the meeting of the Democratic caucus that the dropping of the effort to renominate a member of one candidate for governor was the best thing that could be done.

Now that the gubernatorial fight in the Democratic party is in full swing, attention is to be given to placating the warring factions of the Cumberland Democracy in the hope that they will cease from troubling the State.

The Central Democratic Club will be called upon to-night to line up for Vance C. McCormick, and it is just possible that backers of Michael J. Ryan will object, although the Van Dyke Democrats here have urged that nothing be done against McCormick in the club with which he is now actively connected.

William J. Brennan is a candidate for the chairmanship of the Allegheny Democratic county committee. He made the announcement last night in the following words: "Believing that a united party in Allegheny county would be the best ratification of the achievements of the Democratic Congress and the splendid service in the interest of the people of one of the greatest of Democratic Presidents, Woodrow Wilson, I submit my candidacy to the Democracy of Allegheny county."

At present the chairman of the county committee is elected by the members of the committee. The chairman recognized by the Democratic State committee is Joseph F. Guffey, but the followers of Brennan never admitted his status and have considered John J. McKelvey as the chairman. McKelvey is now the director of the Department of Charities.

WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE

—Frank L. Smith resigned as a member of Norrisstown council after serving for thirty-two years. —Judge Gustave A. Endlich, of Reading, mentioned as a possible candidate for the Supreme Court, is serving his third term on the bench. —Commissioner John Price Jackson will speak at Reading Chamber of Commerce dinner next week. —Captain William T. Easton, well-known veteran of Pittsburgh, has been appointed to the city's school board. —Senator Purose is to address P. O. S. of A. at Altoona next week. —J. D. McFarlan, the burgess of Doylestown, who was arrested a few days ago on a trifling charge, is over 70 years of age.

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS

—The name of one Mr. Wilson, of Washington, appears to be used rather recklessly by Democrats on both sides of the fence. —One Bull Moose who reported that many of his people were favorable to Stuart at yesterday's conference was more truthful than politics. —Ryan boomers say that they prefer McCormick to Palmer as an opponent. —Wonder if Palmer wasn't just scheming to be senatorial candidate all the time? —Watson would make Palmer go out and hustle more than he ever expected. —The Royal-Moeslein slate does not seem to have caused much hurrahing up to 2 p. m. to-day. —Federal officeholders will please remember that the Democratic State committee treasurer will be glad to see them at all hours. —Lehigh Democrats do not like the deal in the making of the slate, say dispatches from Allentown. —Eighth division Democratic chairmen yesterday adopted typewritten resolutions praising Palmer. —Bert Fritchey will not be a candidate for Democratic State committeeman. —It's about time for County Commissioner Eby and Poor Directors Walters and Boyer to do something. They are in danger of being crowded out because of pressure of the campaign news. —And to think that the election is not until November, either.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

[From the Telegraph of Feb. 6, 1814.] Sixty Prisoners Washington, Feb. 6, 3 A. M.—Sixty prisoners were transferred on Friday from Forrest Hall to Camp Distribution, where they will be sent to their respective regiments.

Yankees Retreated Mobile, Jan. 30.—A special dispatch from Okaloosa, Miss., says the Twelfth Mississippi entered Corinth this evening, and captured a quantity of arms, etc. The Yankees left as they entered.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of Feb. 6, 1814.] A Reel of the "Sixties" The major quartermaster contacted a lot of butter that was "weighed in the balance and found wanting," this morning.

HEADQUARTERS FOR SHIRTS

SIDES & SIDES

H. Marks & Son Suits & Overcoats Made By Hart, Schaffner & Marx were \$25 to \$35 Now \$15.00 The suits are Blue Serges, Dark Worsteds, Scotch Tweeds and Blacks; medium weights that can be worn all year 'round. The overcoats are Chinchillas, Lama Cloth, Shetlands, Meltons and other materials. Balmacaan and black silk-faced coats included. Clothcraft Suits and Overcoats That Were \$15 to \$25 Are now \$10.00 Men's Fur Lined Overcoats, Persian Lamb Collar Were \$60 Now \$30 Ladies' Furs at Big Reductions, Coats, Muffs, and Scarfs. H. Marks & Son 4th. and Market Sts. Try Telegraph Want Ads. Try Telegraph Want Ads.

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