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MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 9

THE CITY MOURNS TO-DAY

TWO of the most prominent and useful citizens of Harrisburg were removed from their spheres of activity by death to-day. Both had contributed much to the betterment of this community and the city has sustained a great loss that must be felt more and more as the work of these men is better understood and appreciated.

John Y. Boyd and Professor L. S. Shimmell were typical of the finest citizenship of Harrisburg. They had given to the community that which was best in them and civic, religious and educational circles will feel the departure of these excellent citizens in many ways.

They were men of the highest christian character whose ideals found expression in the support of men and measures in the up-building of the substantial and esthetic interests of the city.

Mr. Boyd was greatly interested in civic affairs, and was one of the earnest group which assumed leadership in the great improvement campaign in 1901. He was also foremost in the erection of the present Y. M. C. A. building and was also active in the work of the Y. W. C. A., having presided at the noonday luncheons which were a feature of the campaign that resulted in providing funds for the new building. He was also general superintendent of one of the larger Sunday schools of the city and was a ruling elder in one of the churches. His most important public service was as a member of the first State Railroad Commission. He likewise had demonstrated his interest in that which is best for the community in serving as a road supervisor in one of the contiguous townships.

Mr. Boyd was sympathetic and cordial in his associations in life and he gave freely and generously of his time and means to the advancement of the public welfare. Only those who were close to him can appreciate best the nobility of his character and the breadth and depth of his human sympathies. The loss of such a man is so overwhelming as to make difficult a proper tribute to his worth and usefulness as a citizen. He achieved much in a quiet and unostentatious way which will constitute the best record of his life.

Professor Shimmell was most conspicuous in his career as an educator. He was essentially a scholar and as a member of the faculty of the Central High school and later as a city supervisor of the schools he gave to Harrisburg the fruits of his more mature experience and learning. Throughout the city to-day there is deep sorrow, not only among the staff of teachers, but also among the thousands of girls and boys who learned to love and appreciate the modest, patient and devoted exponent of that which is best in our public school system. He was known far and wide as a broad-minded educator whose writings and teachings made his name a household word far beyond the limits of the city in which he did his splendid work.

Professor Shimmell was an authority in history and the files of the Telegraph contain many important articles on historical subjects which will prove to be of much value in the years to come. A kindly, unobtrusive and excellent gentleman has passed out, and like Mr. Boyd, that which he was doing in a quiet way will be best understood when there shall be opportunity to study the career that has now been closed.

When any community loses two such men in the same hour it is stricken indeed, but such lives do not end with the passing; they live on and the indelible impress of their service will remain throughout the years.

DON'T GET EXCITED

NEWS dispatches tell us that Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., has set a style for simplicity at Palm Beach by appearing in a $10 suit which she selected in preference to more elaborate garments submitted for her approval. After returning the costly clothing she walked into a small shop and bought a black dress of conventional cut. With the exception of a collar of green and white, it was severely plain in comparison with the very elaborate suits being worn this season.

Possibly Mrs. Vanderbilt felt as pleasurable a thrill in her $10 dress as some of her $10 sisters would in one of Mrs. Vanderbilt's gorgeous creations. Let us not believe that democracy has been born suddenly full grown in our millionaire set. The lady was enjoying a new sensation; that was all.

GOOD ADVICE

THE Telegraph has had always a strong admiration for the careful, conservative policies of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, unquestionably one of the most ably managed labor unions in the world. The following, from a recent speech of Thomas Fitch, vice-president of that brotherhood, but adds to that good opinion:

> If you don't like the law, then use your votes to change it. But while it is a law, drop the club and knife and the gun and the dynamite bomb and obey the law. If there is a worker who has what you consider to be bad taste and the poor judgment not to belong to a union, you are not obliged to associate with him or greet him with friendliness when you meet. But you are obliged not to assault or molest him. He may be, in your opinion, a scab, but he has a legal right to be a scab if he chooses. He has a legal right to work for whomsoever he pleases, and for whatever number of hours in each day he pleases. Persuade him to stand by his fellow-workman if you can. That is your right. But keep your hands off him. You may be sure that if you attempt violence there will step to the front a Deputy United States Marshal who will say to you with a voice of 75,000,000 of people, and with the bayonets of an army behind him, "Let that man pass to his labors."
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> I say to you, gentlemen, and I say it in all seriousness, that if this Government is to endure, this thing must stop, for no Government can permanently endure which long permits bands of insurrectionists to override the constitutional rights of its citizens, as this body of vampires has been doing.

Spoken like an American citizen and a far-sighted patriot. Violence and mob-rule may be in entire accord with such organizations as the I. W. W., but they have no part in any trades union that has for its purpose the true interests of its fellows and the advancement of civilization.

"Starting to-day the mines of the Lehigh Coal Company will work full time."—News item. Is it possible those pesky coal operators have inside information from the weather bureau?

CHINA AND OPIUM

WE should not judge too harshly of the new Republican form of government in China because of a recent press dispatch setting forth details of the execution of several violators of the new opium regulation. Nobody unacquainted with present day conditions in that country and the difficulty of blotting out the opium curse is in position to pass upon the manner of punishing those who refuse to be bound by the mandates of President Yuan and the national congress in their efforts to annihilate the drug scourge of the nation.

Yuan Shih-kai is seriously determined opium smoking shall cease to be in China. Elaborate steps have been taken to continue the "empire days" propaganda against opium, to prohibit and suppress opium-growing and the use of the drug. In order to make it perfectly clear that he is in earnest, Yuan Shih-kai decreed that deliberate violation of the anti-opium laws should be punished by the extreme capital penalty.

China, unfortunately, in earlier times was afflicted by too great familiarity with the public executioner. A certain not very considerable, but still hurtful, proportion of the Chinese populace has been taught through generations to regard all punishments, short of death, much as many of our own gunmen in the big cities regard all but the electric chair or hanging, with the sangfroid of ignorance or depravity.

Yuan Shih-kai and his representative council in Peking realize this. Without exception every political and social entity in China recognizes the opium evil and lauds President Yuan for his vigor in coping with it. And they laud him the more because he lives up to the letter of his decrees.

From quite reliable sources, it seems that several executions have taken place in several widely distant parts of China—about four or five, to be precise. Will it not be worth while if, through the decapitation of four or five incorrigibles, President Yuan Shih-kai can save China's 400,000,000 men, women and children from the awful curse of the opium habit; and, like another Moses, lead his people out of the worst possible sort of slavery?

Now that he has consulted a Philadelphia eye specialist, possibly President Wilson will be able to see a way out of the Mexican muddle.

HOUSING OUR GUESTS

THOSE in charge of the State firemen's convention here next Fall do well to lay their plans now for the accommodation of visitors who are expected by the thousand to attend the great gathering.

On ordinary occasions, with no big meetings in town, it is not uncommon to have all the hotels filled by 8.30 in the evening. We must have room for the many who will be with us in October. There is only one way to make sure of this. Owners of private residences must be prepared to "throw open" their homes to the strangers. In no other way can we hope to properly house the city's guests on that occasion.

We would like to know why that correspondent felt called upon to announce a revolution in Brazil and the fact that Colonel Roosevelt is having an enjoyable experience both under the same date line.

Popular dances have taken the National Capital by storm, says a society item in a Washington newspaper. The Wilson administration doubtless approves the "hesitation" waltz

EVENING CHAT

One of these days, when Uncle Sam commences to get rid of lost motion in the postal service, the wisdom of the people who are arranging for a larger government building in this city will be apparent. The plan to spend considerable money in making the addition to the big white federal building two stories beyond what was planned by the architects of the department is by no means caused by desire to have a large structure or to make the district loom up among those which have received appropriations, but is in fact based on a careful estimate of what is coming in the Harrisburg Post Office. The average man who sees the bags being thrown in and out of the temporary building at Third and Locust streets probably never thinks that this office is the distributing point for a number of smaller towns and that it is the place where the supplies for many offices are kept. As a matter of fact, this city's post office handles the mail for thirty-five other post offices, the bags being handled by trolley. The mail is made up for them just like it is made up for the Hill or Maclay stations and as it will be made up for the new post office in the Capitol. Thus the Harrisburg Post Office is the center of a network of lines, and one of these days Uncle Sam is going to abolish the expensive system of separate offices in the surrounding towns and is going to have the whole business handled here with substations in various convenient neighborhoods. The stamps, envelopes, blanks and other things needed to run offices are all sent from here to the neighboring offices, together with the mail, and the organization will be made closer one of these days. In fact, it may not be so far off.

Capitol Park was the happy hunting ground of the amateur photographers on Saturday morning when the trees and shubbery were white with the clinging masses of the snow. Right after the ghostly mist that accompanied the dawn began to disappear and people saw the beauty of the snow-covered trees and bushes in the park there was no time lost to get pictures before the sun got to work. The Barnard statuary was adorned in the most remarkable manner, most of the snow clinging in masses that made grotesque objects out of the "frozen emotion" of the worker in marble. The Hartranft statue as shown by the Telegraph photographer on Saturday looked like a spook on horseback and the Mexican monument resembled Cleopatra's Needle frescoed in dazzling white. Some exceedingly fine views of the park are being shown by people who were fortunate enough to snap them before 10 o'clock.

No announcement made by the new City Commissioners since they have assumed office will create more appreciation outside of Harrisburg than that the stretch of Derry street between Eighteenth and Twenty-third streets is to be paved this year. Hundreds of people in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Reading and other cities, to say nothing of numerous visitors from other States, will hail this announcement with pleasure, and as for the people of this city who have a jealous pride in the magnificent area of paved highway, they will no longer have to dodge the oratorical brickbats of people who have come into Harrisburg by its eastern gate. This portion of Derry street connects within a quarter of a mile with the main highway of the State system to the east, the road over which comes the bulk of the heavy automobile travel from the eastern and northern parts of the State and over which travel the great majority of visitors going to Philadelphia. The portion to be paved is one of the worst stretches of highway of any city in the State, a street whose condition is in such sharp contrast to the remainder of the city that it has brought down maledictions on the city from people who had otherwise found everything to praise. With the Cumberland highways improved, the Riverside road made one of the best in the country and the lower end connecting with the long stretch of pavement in Steelton, Derry street furnished one of the singular examples of municipal neglect that overcome many other commendable features. Maybe some of the new councilmen have ridden over it lately and can appreciate what it is like.

WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE

—Dr. W. H. Follmer has been elected president of the Medical Club of Williamsport.

—George Wharton Pepper has been elected a director of the Religious Education Association.

—David J. Davis, city solicitor of Scranton, is trying to untangle the mine cave problem.

—E. B. Thomas, president of the Erie, will be one of the speakers at the big South Bethlehem industrial meeting.

—Allyn R. Jennings, of Philadelphia, just home from Brazil, says that this country is letting trade get away.

—J. G. Simons, who will be the new school superintendent of DuBois, was long superintendent at Columbia.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Notable Triumph For Col. Boomerang

[From the Kansas City Times.]

Possibly his friends might not have been able to renominate and re-elect Senator Gore. But his enemies have insured his success.

She Ought to be Hardened

[From the Charleston News and Courier.]

Mary Garden has a severe cold. Having seen many photographs of Miss Mary in stage costume, we are not surprised.

WISDOM IN BRIEF

What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?—George Eliot.

All God's angels come to us disguised; sorrow and sickness, poverty and death.—Lowell.

Chance is but the pseudonym of God for those particular cases which He does not choose to subscribe openly with His own sign-manual.—Coleridge.

The gods approve the depth and not the tumult of the soul.—Wordsworth.

As a grail is the gleam of thy towers
and the glow of The Great White Way,
And a thousand ships have sailed and
sailed to the lure of the lights
on the Bay,
And the spell of thy song, O Enchantress, is sweet on the Southern
air,
And the shepherd far out on the plains
feels the sting of thy hair.

Thou art young with the youth of
them, strong with the strength
of them, filled with the beauty
of girls;
Thy throat where the River gleams is
beaded with lamps as with
pearls;
And the languor of night is around
thee and the waters rise and
fall,
And over invisible bridges slow fireworms crawl,
And the ferries that glide o'er the Bay,
o'er the rivers that lave
The feet of thy emerald towers, are
lighted swans on the wave,
As Merlin had walked on thy waters,
or Prospero's eye
Were watching alternate old cities line
out on the sky.

—Edwin Davies Schoonmaker in The Smart Set.

"However did you hear such dreadful things about Mrs. Huber?"

"You forget she was once my dearest friend."—Fliegende Blatter.

DETRICH AFRAID OF PARTY MACHINE

Seems to Think That It Is in Danger of Being Stolen Some Dark Evening

DEMOCRATS ARE UP IN THE AIR

Various Men Likely to Take Notion to Enter the Primaries Against Slate

Judging from the remarks being made by A. Nevin Detrich, chairman of the Washington party State committee, the Chambersburger is very much afraid that some one will walk off with the remnants of the party of which he is the titular head. There has been such a heavy movement among Bull Moosers to return to their former allegiance that the movement inside of the Washington party to name Brumbaugh for Governor has scared the young Franklin countian.

A statement issued yesterday declares that there is an effort under way to take away what is left and a frantic appeal is made for the Bull Moosers to stand firm. Yesterday word went out from the headquarters that the Bull Moosers needed money to run their campaign and needed it badly. Flinn is still in the South and no one seems to be coming across.

Witman and Garman May Enter Race

William Abbot Witman, of Reading, and Judge John M. Garman, of Wilkes-Barre, may be candidates for the Democratic nomination for Senator against Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer. Papers for Witman are now in circulation in Berks county, but it is said that they are not being taken seriously. Garman will be a dangerous antagonist if he gets into the fight and Palmer is said to be worried over such an outcome. The Democratic ringmasters will be here on Thursday to talk over matters and will probably frame up the rest of the slate. Saturday a meeting was held in Philadelphia to boom Palmer and McCormick, Col. "Bill" Fairman, of Punxsutawney, being one of the prime movers.

Lively Days Coming Up the River

G. Dallas Fox, a Milton merchant, and a past exalted ruler of the order of Elks, has announced himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of State Senator to succeed John T. Fisher, of Shamokin, who died in office. The district includes Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties. With ex-Senator William C. McConnell, Shamokin, a candidate for the Republican nomination and F. M. Reber, a Milton lawyer, seeking the Washington party nomination, politicians say there will be an exciting race for the office. Fisher defeated William H. Hackenberg, Milton, the Washington, and McConnel, who was the Republican candidate, at the last senatorial election two years ago.

Should Be Separate in Fight

In commenting upon the statement issued by Representative George E. Alter, of Pittsburgh, declining to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, Mr. Dimmick, candidate for the United States Senate, made the following statement yesterday:

"As far as my own candidacy is concerned, Mr. Alter thought he could be of greater service than if he would run for office himself. And there are very many of my friends who think that the contest for the United States Senatorship should be kept free from the gubernatorial fight."

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS

—Nevin Detrich ought to lock up his party at night when he leaves the office. Some one might steal it.

—"Bill" Fairman will lend picturesqueness to the Jersey slate if nothing else.

—Well, Penrose is a candidate and some bets will have to be changed.

—Wonder what Palmer thinks about Witman as an opponent.

—Dimmick says he is for woman suffrage.

—Light, Yeager and Focht make a team for Seventeenth district Republicans to think over.

—Roper apparently does not think it improper for a federal office holder to boost the Jersey slate for Pennsylvania Democrats.

—Mayor Royal is secretary of the boosters' committee for the Jersey slate. But he'll be busy enough at home with that State committee boom.

—Senator Heacock will fight Diffenderfer for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Montgomery-Bucks district.

—Congressman Butler says he is for national prohibition.

—Harvey J. Steele will run against Palmer's slate for Congress in his home district.

—Attorney General McReynolds does not seem to think much of Palmer's man, Carr, for federal judge.

—Schuylkill Socialists are after Congressman Lee's scalp because he favors a dry dock.

—J. Denny O'Neil threatens to become a candidate for Governor.

—The Democratic ringmasters will meet here Thursday to consider rule changes and also to make up the slate.

PRESIDENT WILSON

[From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.]

The President has done nothing as yet to check the extravagance of his party, which threatens to swamp the Treasury. His recommendations for further anti-trust legislation have been followed by the introduction of bills the text of which is in many cases ludicrous. He has, by intimation, acquiesced in a series of wild attacks on business as such, for a word from him would have been sufficient to restrain the mad hysteria of the demagogues. It is probable that he will veto any wanton legislation or prevent it, but he has erred grievously in not taking a positive stand to prevent the harassment to which business is now being subjected. Nor is it evident that he used his undoubted influence to prevent the passage of the good roads "pork barrel," and there is nothing to show that the Alaskan railway project is repugnant to him. The tight rein which he held until Christmas has been loose since then.

NO BABIES BY PARCEL POST

[From the Gallipolis Tribune.]

The Post Office Department has ruled that babies cannot be received as parcel post packages, not because the are perishable goods, but for other reasons which will occur to all familiar with the ways of babies. Some day in the future, when wet nurses become rural route carriers, the babies may be admitted, but not now. The risks are too great. And yet some babies are first-class male matte

A LITTLE NONSENSE

That since her brother's business hadn't been doing very well she had advised him to go far South, where she understood there were strong trade winds.

"DER INSPECTOR"

By Wing Dinger

Up in Albany der bunch
Of Lawmakers got busy
Discussing Tangos, Castle Walks
Und other dances dizzy.

Vun chap said, "Ugh, dey neffer saw
Such sights in grandpa's day
As can be seen most any night
About der cabaret.

"You'll see a couple slide about,
Ven suddenly dey slip
Und mit der knees dey hit der floor,
Dat's vat dey call der dip.

"Oh maybe in der middle of
A dance der girl vill faint,
Her partner holds her off der floor,
But she unconscious aint.

"Dat only is anudder stunt
Dat makes der dance unique,
Und dere's a heap of udder dings
About vhich I could speak.

"But vat I want to say is dis,
Dese dances shouldn't be,
So I vill resolution dat
Ve name a Committee.

"Und it vill go about der State
Investigating dings
About dese naughty dances, und
Make some recommendings."

Und ven der news got spread abroad,
Such crowds you neffer saw
For jobs on der committee to
Inspect dose dances raw.

"The typewriter saves time.'
"What I like about it is this," commented the lazy writer, "it never fails to dot an 'i' or cross a 't.'—Pittsburgh Post.

The Irishman pointed to a stack of green castile soap and said:
"Oi want a lump o' thot."
"Very well, sir," said the clerk, "Will you have it scented or unscented?"
"Oi'll take ut with me," said the Irishman.—New York Sun.

NEWS-DISPATCHES—OF-THE-CIVIL-WAR

[From Telegraph of March 9, 1864]

Raiders to Invade

Baltimore, March 8.—Reports are in circulation in this city, and have probably been telegraphed from here, of an invasion of Maryland by rebel raiders. It may confidently be stated that the only foundation for these rumors is the fact of a small rebel force having been seen in London county.

What Sherman's Doing

Cincinnati, March 9.—General Sherman has destroyed forage and provisions enough to subsist the rebel army from three to six months. In one place he destroyed over $2,000,000 of property, and at another place immense stores and thousands of bushels of wheat were consumed.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From Telegraph of March 9, 1864]

To Nominate Officers

Attention, Union Voters of the Fourth Ward,—You are requested to meet at the public house of William Hughes, in Canal street, on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of nomination of candidates for city offices.

Bogus Stamps

Look out for bogus fifty cents postage currency. They are getting to be almost as plenty as the genuine article.