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THE HOUSING CONFERENCE

THE State Housing Association's conference in Harrisburg this week is both timely and important. The period of carelessness and wastefulness that permitted the rental of dirty, unsanitary, inadequate buildings for the housing of the poor is almost past. The efforts of the housing association for the elimination of the slum are in harmony with those of almost every city and town in the Commonwealth.

As part and parcel of the new spirit that is developing along social welfare lines is this better housing movement. We have come to understand that an unsanitary dwelling cannot long be made to house an efficient workman. We have been shown that the slum casts its shadow far beyond its own sordid precincts. It is a breeder of disease and fosters the social evil and crime of all sorts. Man is largely a creature of his environments and the crowded tenement demands its toll of charity and taxation from the community in a measure that scarcely can be realized without a careful and painstaking study of the situation.

We in Harrisburg are improving conditions mightily, but we have still a long way to go before we can set ourselves up as an example along this line. The wiping out of the old Mulberry street district and that immediately adjoining, where the Pennsylvania Railroad Company proposes to construct its new freight depot and yards, will give real estate developers opportunity to provide better buildings elsewhere for those who have been compelled to seek other homes. The ripping out of that district, the Capitol extension section of the older part of the Eighth ward, offers another fine opportunity for improvements which builders have not been slow to accept.

Generally speaking, even our smallest houses are now equipped with conveniences that were unknown in many pretentious houses a decade or two ago. Hot and cold water, inside plumbing, gas, electricity, heating systems and bathrooms are included in the equipment of almost every house now built. Indeed, it is difficult to rent a house that does not now have these improvements. In this Harrisburg is far ahead of some cities of much larger population, and that this is so is largely due to the very reasonable water rate our people enjoy—a rate so low that water may be used from as many openings as the builder thinks proper to provide and in almost unlimited quantities.

But there still remain districts of which we are not only not proud but of which we are heartily ashamed. The time must come, and at no distant date, when State laws will forbid the renting for residence purposes of buildings on which the local health boards have placed their stamp of disapproval.

Carnegie has pensioned the keepers of the New York Zoo. Did we hear somebody suggest that the Steel King may be in danger of making a monkey of himself?

WILSON'S INCONSISTENCY
EITHER President Wilson was mistaken when he said that the tariff reductions would result in lower prices for the consumer or he is wrong in his Panama canal tolls argument.

When the tariff bill was passed the President said that the removal of duties would result in a corresponding reduction of the retail prices of goods brought into the country under the new law. It was contended by Republicans that the persons to receive most of the benefits would be the foreign manufacturer and the importer. The Republicans held that while under the Underwood tariff cheap foreign goods would flood the markets to the injury of home-made products, there would be little or no reduction in price. The President's views were exactly the opposite.

Now he calmly tells us that the difference between Panama canal rates with American shipping passing through the big ditch free would not effect prices; that if the shippers have to pay the tolls he proposes for them they will charge the consumer no

more for the goods than they would if they were transported free. Either the President is wrong in his tariff views or right in his canal views, but with true Wilsonian inconsistency he persists in trying to make the country believe he is right in both.

ARBOR DAY

G OVERNOR TENER has fixed the dates of the Spring arbor days by official proclamation, and they should be observed throughout the length and breadth of the State. Every one who plants a tree and gives it opportunity to grow is a conservationist. We hear much of conservation these days. It is a big word and has been made to cover a great many selfish aspirations for political preferment. But in its last analysis—although you may not find the word in your dictionary—conservationist means one who not only refrains from willful wastefulness of our natural resources, but who helps to restore them. So he who plants a tree and tends it is a conservationist in the best meaning of the term.

The love of trees is inherent. Rider Haggard put the thought most beautifully when he said:
I do love a good tree. There it stands, so strong and sturdy and yet so beautiful, a very type of the best sort of man. How proudly it lifts its bare head to winter storms, and with what a full heart it rejoices when the Spring has come against! How grand its voice is, too, when it talks with the wind! A thousand acacias, a harp of many strings, and thus, passionless and yet full of life, it endures through the centuries, come storm, come shine, drawing its sustenance from the bosom of its mother earth.
Plant a tree on arbor day and watch it grow. There is little more pure enjoyment in anything than to observe the development of the tree or plant which your own hands have given opportunity for life and expansion.

PASTE THEM IN YOUR HAT

I N Fitchburg, Mass., the school board has solved the problem of manual training in a cheap and effective way, having high school boys attend alternate weeks in school and the shop of some manufacturer willing to co-operate with the authorities by giving the students actual experience with tools. This is an admirable arrangement for a community that cannot afford a technical high school, but far more important and interesting are the rules that have been formulated for the student apprentices. So excellent are they that they ought to be pasted in the hat of every high school and college graduate. In their essentials they apply to every beginner, but particularly to the lad fresh from study who is inclined to believe that his "sheepskin," instead of being a badge of apprenticeship, is a mark of superiority. The Telegraph would like all its young readers to clip this code for future reference. Here it is:

Remember that the object of work is production. Your foreman measures you by the quantity and quality of your work. Social position does not enter. In the shop you are not a high school boy, you are an apprentice. Wear clothes accordingly. If you get the mistaken idea that any work given you is beneath the dignity of a high school boy, just remember you are an apprentice and get 100 per cent. busy.

DO NOT EXPECT any personal attention from the superintendent. He will probably ignore you entirely, but he knows whether or not you are making good, and in most cases, his idea of you depends upon your ability to please your foreman. Don't be a kicker and don't continually bother your foreman for higher wages.

NEVER try to conceal defective work. Take your full measure of blame, do not make the same mistake twice.
Watch in a quiet way, what things are being done around you, and don't be afraid to ask SENSIBLE questions. A good rule is to think over a question twice before asking. A reputation for having "HORSE SENSE" means that you are making good.

FOREMEN and WORKMEN will take pleasure in showing you, if you show yourself genuinely appreciative of little attentions. If they tell you something you already know, don't spoil their pleasure by telling them you already know it, but let it be impressed on your mind all the deeper; for the conversation may lead to something which is entirely new to you.

The apprentice who follows those rules will find himself a superintendent some day. There never was a general in the world that was not first a good soldier in the ranks, and there never was an efficient foreman who was not in the first place a good apprentice.

THROWING DUST

C ONGRESSMAN PALMER is trying to find some excuse for the sale of postmasterhips in Pennsylvania by the State committee of the re-organized Democracy. The best he has been able to do is to tell the public—"Well, the Republicans did the same when they were in power."

How false this is Palmer himself well knows, but if there had been any truth in it Palmer would have been a party to the crime by keeping quiet about it. If Republicans sold a single postmasterhip since Palmer has been in Congress and Palmer knew of it—as he now says he did—then Palmer is as guilty as the man who sold the job.

But isn't it foolish to think that if the White House candidate for Senator had any such knowledge he would have kept quiet about it while he went up and down the country crying out against what he charged was corruption in the Republican party? Why, his whole stock in trade has been a plea for "Democratic purity" as against what he has chosen to term "Republican unfaithfulness to public trust."

The truth of the matter is that Palmer has been caught with his fingers in the jam jar and, like the pickpocket in the crowd, he is crying, "thief, thief," hoping that in the excitement the public may look elsewhere for the offender.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

No man is poor who does not think himself so.—Jeremy Taylor.

EVENING CHAT

The late Maurice C. Eby, who was perhaps known to most of his fellow citizens as a former mayor or as a vigilant volunteer officer of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was one of the most ardent admirers of the scenic surroundings of this city, or rather to put it more literally, of the beautiful river on whose banks he was born and spent his life. Mr. Eby was very strong in his devotion to his native State and was keenly interested in the movement which has become so strong for the giving of Pennsylvania its proper place in American history. When abroad he always made it a point to talk of the Keystone State to those whom he met and his next step was to tell of the beauties of the Susquehanna. On his return from a trip to England he told of how he had sailed an enthusiastic man from the Rhine provinces. This man had met him in one of the English shires and began to talk about the splendors of the river of the Fens. "I let him go as far as I could and told him I did not think that some of the rivers of Europe could touch the river that flowed by my home," said Mr. Eby. "He was quite about it, but doubtful. I told him about the Rockville gap and of the valley just above it, but he insisted they could not compare with rivers of Germany. That evening I found in my baggage some books with pictures of Harrisburg and the Susquehanna. The next day I showed the photograph of the gap and after he had admired it, I told him I could see that scenery from my home." Mr. Eby related how on another occasion he had discussed the revolution with a man from New England, one of the kind that thinks the Hudson bounds enlightenment. This man was telling how New England had fought the Revolution. "I let him go on and he told me how New England had won the battle ground," said Mr. Eby. "And then I told him Pennsylvania had furnished the stiffest of the fighters for it." Mr. Eby's interest in animals was well known on a cold morning, especially a market morning he would go along the streets and spend five or ten minutes hunting up the owner of a horse which had not been blanketed since caused consternation by walking into a saloon one day when he was mayor because some one told him that a farmer had been inside for an hour and left his horse shivering in a snowstorm. Mr. Eby was quick to point out to the owner of the horse but the farmer was not so speedy in recognition of the demand that he blanket the horse. He asked for some authority for the order and he quickly whispered that it was the mayor. "Mayor? Where's his badge?" demanded the rustic. Mr. Eby wore a badge as an officer of the S. P. C. A. and promptly displayed it. The man did not blanket the horse. He drove away.

The death of Mr. Eby leaves only five former mayors of the city. They are Mr. Samuel W. Wilson, who served after the death of S. C. Wilson; Dr. John A. Fritchey, Vance C. McCormick, Edward Z. Gross and Dr. Ezra S. Meals.

Bishop Earl Cranston, who presided at the recent session of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference in Grace Church, has been doing some characteristically plain talking at the meetings of the Wilmington conference which have been in progress at Berlin, Maryland. The bishop said the other day in addressing a class of new ministers that the teaching of eugenics is the natural consequence of an effort to substitute scientific theology for genuine heart religion. The bishop said that he did not believe in teaching what is called eugenics in the schools, saying: "It is not necessary to teach the children how and why they are here. It is enough to make them realize that they are forever indebted to God for being born with perfect healthy bodies, alive physically and alive intellectually."

A group of people were going home in a car the other afternoon and nearly everyone was either scratching or nursing scratches on the hands and wrists. Some of them had swathed hands in handkerchiefs and all looked as though they had been in a clawing contest. A representative of the Public Ledger interviewed scores of Democrats in Mr. Palmer's district. He failed to find any great sentiment in favor of Vance C. McCormick for Governor. Everything was Ryan in Northampton and Monroe.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Bishop Darlington has been elected a vice-president of the Philadelphia organization of the Sons of the American Revolution.
—Cyrus G. Derr, the Reading lawyer, has one of the largest law libraries in the State.
—Charles S. Calwall, head of the Corn Exchange bank, of Philadelphia, has succeeded Francis B. Reeves on the Philadelphia Clearing House committee.

Dr. Leo S. Rowe, the international relations authority of the University of Pennsylvania, has declared against armed intervention in Mexico.
—Commissioner John Price Jackson used to be a great football player in his younger days. His assistant commissioner, Lew R. Palmer, was one of Princeton's star ends.
—Ex-Attorney General W. H. Hendel has sailed for a month in England.

CANAL TOLLS IN THE SENATE

The fate of the canal tolls exemption repealer now rests with the Senate, where, in the course of a debate which is expected to continue for six weeks or two months, it is hoped that the air may be cleared of partisanship or other ulterior considerations and the merit of the bill as an act consistent with national honor and dignity may be more fearlessly considered.

If the amendment shall finally be passed, it is not necessary or desirable that it shall become law in the identical language which the House has approved. If there is a shadow of doubt as to the right of the United States to use the canal with perfect freedom for its own naval fleet, or its revenue service, the language of the bill should be made so explicit that there can be no future dispute on that point. And if there is present in this concession for further demands on the part of foreign governments interfering with our national jurisdiction over the canal and its zone, the opening for such action should be stopped in definite terms.

In the final enactment there should be no suggestion that the United States is yielding in right upon foreign demand. In the course of the Senate debate there will be opportunity—which should be improved—by a clearer statement of the President's ground in asking for this legislation, whether he is standing on principle or shifting ground for expediency. The question of tolls or exemption is relatively immaterial, but the motive which inspires our national policy and the manner in which we go about it are of the gravest importance. Up to date the principle of the repeal of the exemption clause, as directed and inspired from the executive offices, has been such as to humiliate the principle rather than to summon it to the higher standards of national honor and dignity.

DINNER PLANNED TO BE LIFE SAVER

Machine Candidates Hope to Turn Ryan Tide at Next Week's Big Events

PALMERITES IN THE DUMPS

Lose Lycoming County Chairmanship—Ledger Says Palmer Is Up Against It

Democratic reorganization chiefs are depending on the meeting of the Democratic State committee and the Jefferson Day dinner of the Central Democratic Club next week to revive their strength, and efforts are being made to turn both occasions into demonstrations in behalf of Palmer and McCormick, although Harrisburg Democrats are insisting that factionalism be kept out of the dinner and State Democrats are fearful of a split in the State committee if an attempt to jam through a resolution endorsing McCormick is made.

The machine Democrats suffered a severe blow at Williamsport on Saturday, when Andrew G. Miller, conspicuous as a reorganization factionalist and the protégé of Postmaster Hugus Gilmore, was defeated by county chairman by Harris A. Spotts by 46 to 37. After doing this the committee rubbed it in by defeating C. E. Gilmore for secretary. Walter E. Kitter, former Democratic State chairman, declared Miller was the candidate of the Palmer-McCormick faction and that his defeat was "the natural result of an unwarranted attack on a short time ago constituted bosses in our local affairs." He added that the action of the committee should be a warning to bosses.

Up in Bradford, just visited by McCormick a short time ago, a mass meeting was held in the interest of "Fair Play," the attitude of the State committee chairman and the division of the county into two camps, being resented and a committee named to work for Ryan.

The machine Democrats in this city have started to oust the new Democratic County Democratic League tooth and nail, and daily some attack upon it will be made. The Democrats are getting into a new organization on Saturday and a number of the promoters and they threatened retaliation. The league, however, declared that Christian Nauss, named as treasurer of the new organization, has repudiated official connection with it and it is said that an effort to discredit the league will be made by the machineists. The league is to have a meeting later in the week and it will endeavor to counteract the attacks started on it.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger, the State's biggest independent newspaper, declares that Palmer is in credit in the circle in highland district in an article written ten years from Easton by a staff correspondent who surveyed the district. The Ledger says in part: "A Mitchell Palmer's leadership in Democratic politics is bitterly contested in his own district, the Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania, which comprises Carbon, Monroe, Northampton and Pike counties. In fact so strong has become the opposition to his autocratic leadership that the anti-Palmerites may win the nomination of their congressional candidate to succeed Mr. Palmer. Conditions also have arisen which even point to a defeat for Mr. Palmer in his own district in the senatorial primaries."

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A LITTLE NONSENSE

Smith has bought a talking machine. "Yes, after his wife left him it was so quiet he couldn't stand it."

TOO MUCH TO DO

By Wing Dinger
When it comes right down to troubles, And a heap of things to do, I think that Woodrow Wilson Beats the woman in the shoe.

First of all, he has the toll bill. To get through the Senate now, And in Pennsylvania politics He's kicked up quite a row.

He has to get that settled, If he can; and then quite soon From the White House one more daughter Will depart "en honeymoon."

Then he's trying, back in Jersey, To quite politics his way, And sometimes he has much trouble Getting Bryan to obey.

Those "Five Brothers," too, need tonic, If they'd survive this Spring, And, gee, there's a heap of things Troubles bout which I could sing.

So you see his time is taken Up each day with lots of work, And it's pretty safe to figure That some duty he must shirk.

But it shouldn't be the one of Which to date he's made a botch—That's involved the lives of thousands, While up here we "wait and watch."

NOTICE TO L. C. B. A. MEMBERS
Members of Branch 1067, of the L. C. B. A. are requested to attend an important meeting in Cathedral Hall, April 7, M. M. Hassett will make the address.—Advertisement.

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS

—Not much space given in Harrisburg this morning to the defeat of the machine candidate for chairman of the Lycoming County Democratic committee.

—Bonnell using court stationery for Ryan political letters and Ryan federal office holder, out touring the State for McCormick. Not much difference.

—Palmer got it back pretty swiftly from Penrose in the last interchange.

—Paul O. Brosius, the machine ad-

A rib taken from the side of the Public Ledger has been fashioned into the Woman's Ledger. Though but a part of the Public Ledger it is a complete woman's newspaper. For this department Dolly Wayne writes every day with the most amazing insight about things of supreme importance to every woman.

EDITORIAL COMMENT
Some of the Democrats who jumped off the national platform of their party at the demand of the President may have to look to their constituents for future honors—or whatever they may be called.—Philadelphia Press.
THE REIGN OF POLITICS
[From the Philadelphia Press.]
Just before his inauguration as President, Mr. Wilson resigned the office of vice-president of the National Civic Service Reform Association, a position which he had long held, and an organization of which he had been an active and oratorical member. Apparently he also resigned his former ideas upon the subject of merit appointments in the civil service. His actions as President have certainly spoken very vociferously in favor of the system of political spoils.
WHEN CHLOE PLAYS THE VIOLIN
Her heart a brook—her love its course— Expanding as it leaves its source, Outswelling in its onward glide, Till love becomes an ocean wide, Deep in my breast; ay, deep within, When Chloe plays the violin.
—When Chloe Plays the Violin, Harold Skinner, in National Magazine for March, 1914.
A Cheap Ticket and a Free Map and Pictures All About the Big West and Northwest Country
It used to cost a lot of money to go out West on the railroad, but it doesn't any more—not on the C. & Q. Railroad, anyway.
You can get a special cheap ticket to most any place in the far West or Northwest. Just write me and I will tell you how.
I will send you a map of the country, too, and interesting printed stuff with pictures that tells just exactly what you want to know about the country.
The railroad pays me to do this and it doesn't cost you a cent. You'll be glad to get this information anyway, whether you decide to go or not. So get busy and write me to-day and sell me where you want to go.
Wm. Austin, General Agent, Passenger Dept., C. & Q. R. R. Co., 33 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.—Advertisement.

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