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TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 7

DOWN TO BUSINESS

FOUR months have elapsed since the new City Commission began its duties and it ought now to be possible to complete the reorganization of the several departments and undertake the work which is pressing upon the commission.

It has not been an easy matter for the five men who constitute the city government under the new commission scheme to rearrange the system, but they are now in position to go ahead with their work and, stopping all political controversy, do the things which they have been elected to do.

Under present conditions many men are idle and these should be given every opportunity to procure employment on the public work which has been authorized by the people in the recent loan and in previous loans.

Harrisburg has made rapid headway for a period of years and nothing should transpire now under the new scheme of government to interfere in the slightest degree with the progress of the city. The organization of the City Planning Commission as agreed upon ought to be pushed forward to the end that this commission may take up the important work which it will have to do.

All paying ordinances and the opening and grading of streets and such other improvements as are under consideration should also be pushed through Council without procrastination.

One of the theories of the new plan of government was the concentration of authority and the saving of time by prompt legislative action and if the change does not accomplish at least this betterment it is even worse than was charged during the consideration of the measure in the last Legislature.

There will be a session of the Legislature next winter and it is desirable that all the defects of the commission scheme shall be developed during the present year. Those who are opposed to the new system are still of the opinion that it is no improvement over the old, but they have open minds and are willing to be shown. All over the State the transformation from the old to the new scheme of government has been accompanied by political discussion, controversy and all that sort of thing.

After two years. TWO years ago we were assured by the Democratic orators and newspapers that the taking over of the government by the Democracy would quickly reduce the high cost of living and all would be lovely. Now we are confronted with the statement that with the beginning of April the United States started out with an accumulated deficit for nine

EVENING CHAT

Chances are that practically all of the material in the fifty-two dwellings and stores in the Capitol Park extension area sold for the stuff they contain will be used in the construction of new houses within the next quarter year and that precious little of the material that is workable will be on the ground at a moment's notice.

Under the contract for the sale the persons buying the properties are required to remove everything and remove cellar walls and foundations to within three feet of the street level and fill excavations with clean dirt. By this means over 150 lots have been cleared off and fine places provided for boys to play ball and marbles and other things until the State gets ready to do some landscape gardening on an elaborate scale.

But to return to the buildings sold. In several cases half a dozen more were bought by single individuals and most of them went in lots of two and three or four. Many of the buyers were from nearby places, Steelton, Middletown, Highspire, Swatara, Lemoyne, Penbrook, Edgemont, Duncannon, Lingelstown and Paxtonia, being represented in the list, and there were several from the city. It is a curious fact that most of the buyers at these sales have been people from suburbs and they have torn down and carted away the materials, using them in everything from dwellings to barns to stables, and have found it worth while, but few city people have turned to these houses as a source of supply.

Charles C. Gilmer, who bought eight ten houses on Saturday, is an exception. Recently he bought several dwellings, but before that bought a whole row in Filbert street, using the bricks and material for houses in a section of the Seventh ward. It is probable that he will do the same with the materials from the old brick row in Steelton, which he bought at the Filbert streets, which he bought at the sale.

It seemed like a scene from Mexico yesterday to start in the Pennsylvania Railroad yards above the city bearing the sign "N. de M." They were cars belonging to the national railroads of the republic and they were to be up north on their duty when the war broke out. The chances are that some of them have not been home for months and if they were they would be in use for hauling troops or rations or guns for the armies. The cars seen here were in good condition and went east.

A big, stalwart railroader appeared the other morning at the office of the State Game Commission with a corking wild turkey gobbler, bronze feathers and red wattle and all that. He surprised the officers in that department by dropping in and asking if he could keep the turkey. They did not lose much time in telling him that it would be against the law and then he told his story. It appears that he runs on a line that passes through wooded sections and a flock of birds was on the track. The engine chuffed along and the birds scattered, all but one. He either bucked the engine or became confused in flight, because he hit head on. His neck was broken and the body was retrieved. He was allowed to keep the bird.

National Guardsmen here are taking considerable interest in the newly announced change of regulations for rifle practice, which will be effective on May 1. Under the old rules everyone qualifying above the lowest grade got recognition in the form of a medal or some other honor. The new regulations allow decorations only for those reaching the grade of marksman or over.

They're serving beer in paper "toots" in Harrisburg. This was the information vouchsafed to a couple of men on a Market street curb last evening. The men, who were waiting for a taxi, wondered whether the informant was not drumming up trade questions were asked. It appears that under the new State law the "growler" or "toot" must be made of paper and no more. Heretofore the kettle was filled and no questions asked, sufficient foam or froth or "collar" or "suds," according to the whim of the speaker, being added to make it "full" and no more.

Some genius devised a paper affair, much like a paper individual drinking cup or "envelope," as someone called one in the "Capitol" the other day. The "envelope" holds just one quart and it has a row of holes around the line to show where the legal measure and foam may begin. The appearance of the "toot" caused quite a brisk business at the dispensary during the evening.

Residents of Rackett street, New York, are protesting to the authorities that theirs is a quiet neighborhood, and they want the street name changed. Making an awful lot of noise about it.

THE CHAMBER'S ACTIVITIES. THE Philadelphia Public Ledger, a newspaper of distinctively constructive policies, devotes nearly a column of space in a prominent place to to-day's issue to a report of the splendid work the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce is doing for this city. In particular it commends the noonday luncheons at which men of national reputation in business are the speakers.

That these affairs are appreciated at home as well as abroad is amply illustrated by the very large attendance of members and guests. The hall in which the luncheon of yesterday was held was scarcely large enough to accommodate those who sought admission. Every seat was taken and not a few stood.

These meetings have the advantage of permitting the busy man to lunch and hear a good, sound business talk at the same time. They are highly educational, broadening in their effect and generally beneficial. They bring Harrisburg in touch with the methods of big business men elsewhere and give us a glimpse of how other communities are solving their problems. If the Chamber of Commerce did no more than make these noonday luncheons possible the organization would be well worth while. However, these luncheons form but an incident in the multitude of activities for the betterment of the city in which the Chamber is engaged, although not so prominently brought to the public notice.

The burglars' union will probably agree with the barbers' guild in placing the ban on the home shaving mug. A Manitowish man disabled a robber with his last night, using it as a weapon.

Chance for a man looking for steady employment—go after the job of operating the Mexican gullotine. About the only use the Navy now has for champagne is for the christening of battleships. The officers are learning that there is not so much difference, after all, between themselves and the men.

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BUDD AGREES TO OPPOSE PALMER

Philadelphia Reformer Gets into Battle For Democratic Nomination in Earnest

Formal announcement is made in to-day's newspapers of the candidacy of Henry Budd, noted Philadelphia lawyer and Episcopal churchman, for the Democratic nomination for United States senator against Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer. Mr. Budd is one of the old war horses of reform in Philadelphia and is well known through the State because of his battles against the Republican organization and successive Democratic machines.

Coincident with the announcement of Mr. Budd's candidacy and the statement that an active campaign would be waged in his interest came the statement that men opposed to machine rule would back the following against the White House: Lieut. Governor, John E. Jenkins, Wilkes-Barre lawyer; secretary of Internal Affairs, William N. McNair, for years active in the reorganization movement; out disgusted with the methods of Palmer and McCormick; Congress-at-large, A. B. Clark, Altoona, former county treasurer of Blair; Henry Meyer, business man, Pittsburgh; William K. Meyers, publisher, Harrisburg; Charles N. Crosby, manufacturer, Meadville, and rival of E. Lowry Humes, United States district attorney; Samuel E. Shull, lawyer and editor, Stroudsburg, a friend of Judge C. B. Staples, whom Palmer tried to put out of business last year and failed ingloriously. Dr. M. M. Dougherty, of Mechanicsburg, was mentioned for a few minutes, presumably as scenery, but excitedly took himself out of any opposition to McCormick by telephone.

Dauphin county Bull Moosers appear to be considerably disturbed over the split in their camp over the rival candidacy of Lewis J. Brumm for gubernatorial nomination and when the leaders in a meeting to-morrow evening an effort will be made to outline a campaign that will not get them into trouble. It is recognized here that William Flinn, to whom the Bull Moosers look for supplies, is for Lewis and yet the remnants of the rank and file here are for Brumm, especially in the upper end of the county. It is said that the Locks Valley contingent is very strong for Brumm and wants the city and Steelton wings to get into line.

Secretary of Labor Wilson cheered up the moving spirits of the Central Democratic Club's dinner last night by the word that he would attend Monday night's Jefferson day dinner and dinner and steps were also started to get Postmaster General Brumm to accompany Wilson and Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who is to be the chief speaker. The dinner is to be held in the Philadelphia Inquirer Auditorium, where Bryan spoke last winter, and in addition to Daniels and Wilson and Burleson, if he comes, Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer and State Chairmen of the who are honorary members of the club and Vance M. McCormick, a member, will be speakers. No Ryan men have as yet been announced as speakers, but the assurances are being given that they will not be.

A special dispatch from Pottsville to the Philadelphia Inquirer says: "Vance McCormick will be the main attraction at the primaries in May, said a prominent member of the Schuylkill county bar, and a Democrat. The entire county has been canvassed in a quiet way and the sentiment is almost unanimous to defeat him, was the Democratic assertion made by this Democrat. Ryan is the favorite north, south, east and west, and the party leaders in the rural districts have had their cue and they are instructing the Democrats in the several counties to vote for M. J. Ryan for Governor. The treatment of Judge H. O. Bechtel, of this city, by A. Mitchell Palmer, the Wilson administration representative in the State, and the refusal of the President to appoint Judge Bechtel to the position of Federal Judge, and the appointment of O. B. Dickinson, of Chester, to the office, will be resented by the Democrats of this county, at the primaries by 'taking it out of McCormick's hide' is the way the prominent Democrats put it. The President will also be rebuked in this manner, because in the several years of his administration in the State politics by Washington."

AT THE ORPHEUM. By Wing Dingler. The editor slipped me a ticket. Last evening, and said, "Won't you go to the orpheum to-night as the critic, and write what you think of the show?" Did I go? Why, of course, and I picked a seat down in front near the stage so I would be in good position. The work of the actors to gauge.

First Lawrence and Hurfills appeared on the stage as the curtain did rise, and their feats acrobatic were pleasing, and all that the last name implies. The Astairs were really refreshing. Their act was as clean as could be, and just of a type that most people, I'm sure, would like often to see.

Then came a surprise most delightful, whose equal won't come very soon. When Miss B. Lohmuller, bewitching, Sallied out o'er the house in the moon. John Hymans and Miss McIntyre (I'm sure you have seen them before) were simply themselves, that means "clever."

So why should I say anymore? McConnell and Simpson were funny in their act, and though I heard some say they made things a trifle too noisy, still, a good band must have a bass drum.

Then Lewis and Dody presented some nonsense with plenty of "go." And a new dog act, offered by Proles, "Wounded up this week's Orpheum show.

Miss Mabel would probably tell you it is really a "heavenly" show. For the moon, with its radiant beauty, surrounded by stars makes it so.

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS. —Some one experienced in Pennsylvania politics said a few years ago that one could always be sure of the oil country after it had voted. —Dinnick addressed a big meeting at Scranton yesterday and said the outlook for his nomination was bright. —Warren C. Graham will be run for the Legislature in place of Harry W. Bass in Philadelphia. —Philadelphia committees appear to be endorsing Ryan with singular regularity. —Doc Dougherty is real rapid in standing from under these days. —Charles B. Conkey is a mighty able speaker, but he has a hard job if he is going to be the official defender. —Henry Budd's candidacy is not pleasing in Market Square. —Pinchot told the local Bull Moosers to name their own tickets and not to fuse with Democrats.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY. [From the Telegraph, April 7, 1864.] WANT COVERLY HOUSE. We hear, through unofficial yet reliable sources, that it has been decided upon to purchase the magnificent residence erected by the late Wells Coverly, for the purpose of devoting it to the uses of an executive mansion.

FITTING OUT PARKS. The superintendent of public grounds and his assistants, are busily engaged in preparing the delightful resorts for usual summer frequenters.

HEADQUARTERS FOR SHIRTS SIDES & SIDES. AN EVENING THOUGHT. Prayer is the key of the day and the lock of the night.—Lord Berkeley.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—George W. Hensel, the philosopher of Quarryville and one of the wisest men in the State, will accompany his brother, W. U. Hensel, on his trip to England.

—The Rev. John W. Keough, a priest well known in Philadelphia, is in charge of the Catholic mission established for uneducated natives in the "terra incognita" of the mountains of the State, in the oldest judge in service on the bench in Pennsylvania.

—David Martin, former Secretary of the State, is the only man in the State to have some of the finest asparagus in the State this year.

—W. B. Bechtel, president of a Reading Democratic club, has just called this city hall of that city "a fool's paradise."

—Henry C. Frick has given \$50,000 to the McKinley memorial at Canton, Ohio.

—Henry W. Thornton, the American who is to manage one of the big English railroads, was an end on the University of Pennsylvania football team.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR. [From the Telegraph, April 7, 1864.] TO DESTROY BRIDGES. St. Louis, Wednesday, April 6.—Col. Clayton, with a small force of cavalry and infantry and one battery, went to Mount Elba, on the Salem river. Leaving the infantry there to guard the bridge and cover Pine Bluff, he proceeded with his cavalry toward Langview, turned down the Salem, and twenty miles southwest, where the main body of the rebel army was stationed, for the purpose of destroying the pontoon bridges and the army stores at that place.

FIGHTS FORREST. Memphis, April 3.—Grierson's cavalry had a fight with Forrest near Sumnerville yesterday. After skirmishing some time, the rebels being reinforced, and Grierson's supports failing to come up, the latter fell back before a greatly superior number, bringing with him seven prisoners. He will renew the attack to-day.

AN UPSETTING ADMINISTRATION. [From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.] Speaking of the reserve cities, a Treasury official said: "The course it upsets the established system of reserves. It was intended to upset it." The same official said: "The districts shall be apportioned with due regard to convenience and customary course of business."

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What's the Matter With Business?

[From the Joplin (Mo.) Globe, Dem.] Some time the Republican Interstate Commerce Commission may realize that transportation is the fundamental industry in this country—fundamental in the biggest and broadest sense.

When credit is pulled from under transportation the entire structure of American industry begins to crumble. Every era of railroad construction and upbuilding has been an era of prosperity with all industry directly and indirectly sharing in the advancement of transportation.

Every time there has been a recession in the railroad world the entire industrial structure has halted and at times has appeared to go backwards. It takes many years to build up an industrial structure with confidence of capital in manufacturing and the gathering together of effective, economical, unified and interrelated industries all based upon, or related to, transportation.

It takes but a few years to pull down the whole structure. Damage by floods, fire or famine do not dishearten. Men go forward and repair the waste, knowing that seed time and harvest will not always fail.

But when the political axe is laid at the root of the tree of prosperity—transportation credit—all enterprises are disheartened; capital flees from factory, rail and forge to the strong vault of the bank; and only low prices and cheapened labor can bring it forth to work again.

One-half of one per cent. in the railroad credit of this country represents \$50,000,000 per annum. This is the city ferreted to the transportation interests when the railroads have to pay 5 per cent. instead of 4 1/2 per cent. for money. At the present time in New York call money is being loaned at 2 per cent. commercial paper is discounted at 4 per cent., and 3 per cent. or higher is demanded on railroad accommodations.

But this is only the beginning. After its work of strangulation is complete, then the I. C. C. will see the connection between industry, transportation and general prosperity.

POLITICAL FABLES. (Continued.) William Penn was the owner of a large estate, the proper conduct of which required a governor and two senators who were sometimes envious, he called Bosses. His estate was free of debt and was conducted in an able and business-like way. As is common in such cases some men who were not Bosses, but who secretly wished to be, complained to Mr. Penn that his present servants were cheating him, were incompetent and should be discharged at once and in disgrace.

Mr. Penn had heard these same charges oft before and yet wondered why, if all these things were true, his estate should get on so famously. Being in doubt he asked these friends what he should do. They told him that Bosses were wicked and yet necessary, that he should have "leaders" who would attend to everything necessary. He would have no need for governors, senators, members of the legislature, or in fact any departments for the conduct of his estate. They themselves were able to do the whole thing and as evidence of their fitness

they again and again repeated how dishonest and corrupt the present "Bosses" were and besides that they themselves had often told him how well they could run his estate and what further proof of their ability was needed. However, Mr. Penn was not sure they were right whereupon, seeing him hesitate, they hurriedly crossed the boundaries of his estate and consulted long and earnestly with the School Master who had many "scholars" residing on Mr. Penn's estate. This School Master not only advised that "Leaders" should take the place of "Bosses," but kindly consented to and did name the men who should be the "Leaders." At once all the Scholars and these selected "Leaders" in order to prove their own worth, set up a wonderful din most of which was made by repeating again and again the words "Bosses," "Chief," "Bosses," "Gang," "Bi-partisan," "Unworthy Citizen," and many more vile names that were exceedingly unpleasant to the peaceful and quiet, law abiding Quaker, William Penn.

Moral: A rose is just as sweet by any other name.

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