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LET'S HAVE A DECISION

THERE is bound to be a deluge of protest over the condition of the highways throughout the State this year and it is only fair to the people that they should know the circumstances. It was clearly understood at the last session of the Legislature that the revenues from automobile licenses, amounting now to about a million dollars, should be used for the reconstruction and maintenance of the public highways under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth. No one expected when the bill was passed after the previous controversy that there would be the slightest question as to the availability of these funds for the purpose covered by the act. Highway Commissioner Bigelow and his entire department figured confidently upon active operations this year and arrangements were made accordingly.

Suddenly, however, Auditor General Powell raised a question as to his right to issue vouchers on this account, holding that under the specific appropriation act he could not make the payments. His position was declared to be untenable by the Attorney General and thus the controversy has proceeded with no solution of the problem.

As a last resort Attorney General Bell sought with a writ of mandamus to compel the Auditor General and State Treasurer to honor warrants drawn upon the auto license fund to cover the cost of highway repairs. Auditor General Powell asked for further postponement, but this was denied by the Dauphin County Court and the whole matter has now been set for trial next Monday, when it is hoped there will be a final decision of the question.

It has been charged against Auditor General Powell that he has resorted to technicalities in an effort to prolong the controversy and avoid paying out the money which the Legislature manifestly intended for the use of the Highway Department. He comes back with the explanation that he has been exercising only the ordinary precaution of an official charged with responsible duties. Attorney General Bell charged in the argument last Friday that the Auditor General had resorted to petty-fogging and technicalities and that there had been constant trifling with this question, which involves the interests of so many of the people of the State.

It is too bad that the political atmosphere has been permitted to obscure the more important features of highway improvement in Pennsylvania. Almost from the beginning the opponents of the State administration have in every way thrown barriers in the path of the work which the people are demanding shall be done. It would seem that under all the conditions and without any reference to politics all officials would stand united in a proper presentation of the whole matter to the courts that the question in dispute might be determined once and for all. It ought to have been possible to reach an adjudication of the matters involved before the opening of Spring and it is regrettable that we are now in the midst of the season of outdoor work with the whole subject still up in the air.

Highway Commissioner Bigelow is tied hand and foot by the legal technicalities that have been raised and without funds he is unable to go ahead with the construction of roadways which have been taken over by the State, and has not even been allowed to repair those for which the Commonwealth is now responsible. Unless something shall soon be done the highways of Pennsylvania before the summer is over will be a joke and a byword. But it is not fair to place this responsibility on the head of the department charged with the maintenance and repair of the roads. If, on the other hand, the Legislature has been careless in drafting the act setting aside this fund for the maintenance and repair of highways so that the Auditor General is not clear as to

his duty, then the responsibility under a proper decision of the courts should be placed where it belongs. In short, there should be a clearing of the air so that the people will not be guessing as to what the trouble is all about, but will have a clear understanding of the whole situation from beginning to end.

THE CO-OPERATIVE HOME

A NOVEL experiment in co-operative housekeeping is announced by the Feminist Association, which has decided to devote \$500,000 to the erection in Washington Square, New York, of a block of flats for the exclusive use of families of married women who are engaged in professional occupations outside their own homes. The building will contain 400 rooms divided into suites of from one to four rooms with baths. To enable wives to devote themselves to professional duties during the daytime arrangements will be made to relieve them of the care of their children as well as all household drudgery. All the children in the building will be under the charge of a trained staff of attendants and teachers. A school will be established on the roof.

The tenants will have a staff of cooks and servants in common and their meals will be served from a common kitchen by means of electric dumb waiters. Trained staffs will be engaged to perform all laundry work and to attend to the mending and sewing required by the different establishments. Why not have co-operative brides and mothers, as well as the aforementioned professional women might be able to forego the time necessary for courtship, marriage and the incident trials of impending motherhood? And wouldn't it be the merry life to be the husband of a professional woman and come back home from work to a co-operative house, sit down to a co-operative dinner, served by a co-operative servant, surrounded by his co-operative children! We can almost see a sheriff's sale notice on the front door of that \$500,000 building in Washington Square.

DEMOCRATIC NAVAL POLICY

HOW quiet are the "little navy" men of Congress just now! Democrats who have been insisting that the army and navy appropriations be trimmed to the point of niggardliness are suddenly silent. With a possibility of international complications as a result of the Mexican affair, not one of them wants to be placed on record as favoring anything that might decrease the efficiency of American arms in case of war.

Their attitude long should have been their attitude now since. None can say when the war cloud may arise in much more serious form than that which now hangs over our Southern border. In the past decade we have formulated and announced to the world a foreign policy as comprehensive as it is bold. We have stated our position as a world power in no uncertain terms. We have challenged interference. We have said "this we will do" and "that we will not do," and to other nations "this you shall do" and "that you shall not do," and all the while we have been cutting down our naval program while other world powers have been increasing theirs, regardless of the fact that a big navy is not only necessary if we are to maintain the foreign policies we have outlined, but is the best assurance of a peaceful outcome of any international controversy into which we may be drawn.

If the Democratic "one-battleship" policy was good a month ago it is good now. Let us hear the President defend it.

GASOLINE VS. CHAMPAGNE

THE much maligned automobile has been made the burden-bearer for so many sins that it is pleasant to view it in the light of a reform element. The Portland Oregonian quotes a high official of the United States census bureau as saying that the use of gasoline is cutting into the use of liquor. Says he: An examination of the statistics showing the importation of all kinds of liquors into the United States for the last ten years reveals some surprising facts. During that time the country has grown phenomenally richer. Now in the case of the cheaper grades of liquors, such as beer, ale, claret, and the other cheaper Rhine wines, the importation has kept pace with the growing wealth, the growing population, and the vastly growing immigration. But there has been no such commensurate increase in the importation of champagne and other costly wines. While some years have shown a small increase, some have shown a positive decrease, and the decrease has been marked during the past year. I was at a loss to account for this remarkable falling off in a period of increasing wealth and prosperity. Then I got hold of the automobile figures and the decrease became clear that the rich man prefers to put his surplus in his garage rather than in his wine cellar.

In other words, there is more exhilaration in gasoline than in champagne. When the automobile takes a drink the whole family enjoys it. When the man of the house takes a drink nobody enjoys it. When the automobile takes a drink it makes of itself a best-of-burden for the entire family. When the man of the house takes a drink he makes just a plain beast of himself.

NARROW STREETS

AS early as 1847 we find the New York newspapers complaining that Broadway is too narrow; "that is to say, it is very small for the central avenue of a large city." The writer goes on to say that "it seems to be the misfortune of fast-growing American cities that streets do not grow with the growth of the town, and as the city grows positively larger the streets grow relatively smaller." This condition prevails now in Harrisburg. It is plain to everybody that Second street, Third street, Fourth street, Locust street, Walnut street, Court street and many other thoroughfares in the heart of town are too narrow. Wise city planning when the town was laid out would have added

ten feet at least to the roadways of each of them. It is too late now. We must endure because there is no practical way to cure.

But we do have a city planning commission, and one of its chief duties will be to see to it that the blunders of our forefathers are not repeated in the laying out of new sections that shall be at some future time a part of the municipality proper.

EVENING CHAT

Williamsport's move to obtain a battery of artillery instead of its three companies of the National Guard's Twelfth Infantry has stirred up people in this city who have been agitating the location of a battery in the State Capital for years. They are anxious to move to organize a battery was started, but the State officials were not very enthusiastic about it and the project has not been taken up. Now that the State is short on the artillery it should have, the gunners are moving again. It ought to be easy to get the men here and probably it would not be hard to get the authority and the equipment owing to the recent discussion of the guard and federal service. Harrisburg is centrally located and it would be a good thing to have the third arm of the service. Within a year or so two or three batteries will probably be formed, and perhaps, if the people here get busy, one may come to Harrisburg. It is believed that one of the companies of the Twelfth Infantry will be added to the Eighth Infantry, making it a full twelve-company regiment. It is now one shy, but it ought to be easy to form a company, or if that would not be necessary one of the Twelfth could be put here. One thing is certain and that is that money matters have been given to National Guard matters than ever and the next Legislature will be asked to make appropriations that will conform to the requirements of the national government.

The new apartment houses being erected in the Tenth ward near the Camp Curtin fire house are a distinct advance not only for the residents of Harrisburg but for the whole city. They embody many of the latest ideas and the three-decker porches give them an appearance that is attractive and will probably lead to their being easily rented. Perhaps if some of the money going into blocks of houses could be put into such apartments Steelton and another up the Fourth street line. The conductors just grinned.

Last night's sudden shower caught a good many people and when the downpour was at its heaviest it was amusing to watch people in trolley cars decide to take additional rides. One man on a Second street car confessed to riding to the Square and then going clear back to Riverside and down again to the Square. He did not have an umbrella and he was not going to run any risks. Another man went to Steelton and another up the Fourth street line. The conductors just grinned.

It seems odd to think of men ploughing by electric light and water that is just what is being done in some of the outlying parts of the city. Tractors and men owning farms who are late because of the unseasonable weather have been compelled to work as long as the light holds out and last night men were actually in the fields when the electric lights were turned off. They did not stay very long because the rain put a stop to any work of that sort. The season is very late because of the weather and every hour of daylight counts.

"When will the locust blossoms come out?" was the question fired at a man who takes an interest in weather conditions last night. "Water," was the reply. "What are you asking that for?" was the reply. "That's when I change. The weather was pretty warm to-day," said the man who asked the question. And then he went to look in a window where athletic underwear was displayed.

The testimonial to Dr. J. T. Rothrock brought together more people interested in conservation yesterday than have gathered here in many months. Men and women who are busy in many ways gathered about the table in the Harrisburg Club represented almost every movement in conservation in the State for a quarter of a century.

The Rev. J. Andrews Harris, who has resigned from the rectorship of one of the Philadelphia Episcopal churches after fifty years of service, is well known here because during the days when attacks were being made upon Bishop Talbot as a result of the Irvine matter Mr. Harris was one of the committee and spent some time here.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

"Billy" Sunday has arranged to speak in Philadelphia this year. —Paul M. Warburg, the banker just named to the government board, once worked in Philadelphia. —James Kernan, the veteran assistant treasurer of the Bethlehem Steel Company, has resigned. —Dr. H. P. Godfrey, president of Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, is to be speaker at a big meeting at Chester.

ONE OF THEM! [From the New York Sun.] According to a gossiping Washington correspondent, Secretary Garrison is one of the strong men of the Wilson Administration. One of them? Who in thunder are the others?

A LITTLE NONSENSE

UP TO DATE Mother—When I was young, girls never thought of doing the things they do to-day. Daughter—That's why they didn't do them!

AN EVENING THOUGHT

Knowledge is the hill which few may hope to climb; Duty is the path that all may tread. —Lewis Morris.

DIMMICK GOES ON SOUTHERN TOUR

Meets Many Dauphin and Cumberland Counties While in This City Last Night

M'CORMICK'S CARAVAN SAD

It Does Not Meet Up With Many of the Farmer Folks—Creasy Makes New Outbreak

J. Benjamin Dimmick, candidate for the Republican nominee for senator, left to-day for Gettysburg, where he will take up his campaign through the southern tier. To-morrow he will be in Chambersburg and McConnellsburg and then go on west. Mr. Dimmick's visit here was marred by the death of his friend, Lyman D. Gilbert, and nothing formal was held for him. He received twice at the Senate Hotel and many residents of Dauphin and Cumberland counties called upon him. Mr. Dimmick discussed the conditions with a number of people and issued a statement of his reasons for being in the city.

According to reports which are coming from the Cumberland Valley, the M'Cormick caravan has not excited many people except the men traveling with it. Last night "Farmer" Creasy broke loose with a series of questions intended to offend the M'Cormick by Ryan. This took place in the court-house at McConnellsburg where the caravaners spoke to a small audience after a hard and rather chilly day. Altogether seven towns were hit and hit back. According to a report reaching here from Neville, twenty-four voters turned out to greet M'Cormick. Thirteen of them were Democrats. The Democratic enrollment of Neville is 216. In Chambersburg and other Franklin county towns people were too busy to bother much about the caravan, the prospective officeholders being the only active ones.

The Philadelphia Ledger's Washington correspondent "Jollies" Big Boss Palmer in a dispatch from the national capital printed to-day. This is the way it is handed to the Stroudsburg man in the dispatch. "I predict, after my trip into most sections of the State and reports from county committees, that the reorganizers will carry sixty of the sixty-seven counties in the State," declared Mr. Palmer. "What comes will be carried by Mr. Ryan," he was asked. "I do not wish to name them," he replied. "He was reminded that according to himself they were only seven and would not tax his efforts greatly. Still he declined to furnish the enemy with information. Mr. Palmer was evidently afraid of political snipers and therefore refused to name the sixty counties claimed by Mr. M'Cormick and himself or give the list of seven conceded to his rival. "He estimated that the Democrats would cast about 300,000 votes in the primary. The total vote of the party in 1912 was 325,637."

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS

—Speaking of questions asked, did not Mr. Ryan ask four questions of Vance C. M'Cormick several days ago? —Suppose someone was to start asking Creasy questions. —The Cumberland Valley tour does not appear to have been very interesting among the officeholders. —The M'Cormick campaign party will hit Bedford just about right. They are tearing down blast furnaces in that district. —Under the Patriot's rule, any Democrat that does not vote its way is not a "true Democrat." —As a bunch of prophets the Pa-Mc League goes some. That prediction of 600 votes for Ryan in Harrisburg will be worth noting. —Erie registration shows a big Republican gain. —Congressman Palmer is rather more conservative in his estimates than the Pa-Mc leaguers. —Herr Spatz has found that he cannot withdraw from the Berkley-Lehigh Democratic congressional row. He was too late in finding out he was between millstones. —Senator Kilne says the Pittsburgh registration marks the passing of Flinn. —Hazleton dispatches say that hundreds of men marched for Ryan last night. —Marge men are lining up for Penrose in Allegheny county. —J. Burwood Daly, who was prominent around State Chairman Morison, whose total reorganization was starting in Schuylkill with a broadside against Blaklee and a cheer for Ryan. —McCormick is in Bedford and Huntingdon counties to-day. —Fred B. Gomez is out leading the Dimmick forces in Lehigh. —Doc Dougherty was out to greet the bosses as they sped through Cumberland yesterday.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of May 5, 1864.] TROOPS AT RAPIDAN Washington, May 5.—2.30 P. M.—Our army moved on Tuesday night and has now crossed the Rapidan. The crossing was made at Jacob, Culpeper, Germanna and the United States Fords, and was effected without serious opposition.

REBELS PRESS MANY TO ARMS New York, May 4.—The rebels have already commenced massacring all who have accepted President Lincoln's amnesty proclamation, and pressing into their service all capable of bearing arms.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Error in Diagnosis [From the Atchison Globe.] Sometimes a man imagines he's a social lion when he's on the goat.

Attil Some Days of Grief [From the Atlanta Journal.] We shudder to contemplate the number of highballs that will be consumed by the Union army between now and July 1, when the lid goes on.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



The Diagnosis Mrs. Chatterton "I wish you'd prescribe something for my husband. He talks in his sleep." Doctor "Let him do so. It's probably the only time the poor fellow has the nerve."



Rejected Be mine after you will make me the happiest man in the world." "I'm very sorry, but unfortunately I was to be happy myself."



A Different Point of View "I have a face that painters rave over." "I don't wonder it drives them crazy."

"LONG LIVE THE PRUNE" By Wing Dingee These days of living costs so high, One thing has been a boon— It is the sweet: three-times-a-day. Morn-noon-and-night, stewed prune.

But now, alas, there comes sad news From California's clime— The prune crop is a failure, yes. The worst in a long time.

For boardinghousekeepers have hoped Of making profits on their meals. But now they'll sit and mope. I do not know if duties have Been taken off the prune, But if they haven't Congress should Revise the tariff soon.

Let war with Mexico go on With all its dire ruin, A nation cries, let Congress heed Its plea, and save the prune.

CORRECTING A MIS-STATEMENT [From the Bristol Courier.] In endeavoring to explain to an inquiring reader just what it means by accusing Senator Penrose of political corruption, Ledger in an editorial yesterday repeats an assertion that it has made several times previously.

It says that Senator Penrose "openly engaged in land damage frauds at the expense of Pennsylvania." The fact is that the road viewers' bill which put an end to the men-damaging policy within the cities of the State was originated by Senator Penrose and prepared by him in conjunction with his legal associates.

It is not only untrue that Senator Penrose "openly engaged in land damage frauds" but he prepared the road viewers' bill for the express purpose of preventing others from doing so, and through this bill, he saved enormous sums of money to the municipalities of Pennsylvania.

The Ledger also accuses Senator Penrose of responsibility for all that is evil in Pennsylvania politics in the past twelve years. Will it also give him credit for all that is good in Pennsylvania politics in the last twelve years? And does it mean to assert that the bad in Pennsylvania politics within that period is all comparable with the good? It was Senator Penrose and his brother, Charles B. Penrose, who prepared the bill creating our people's State Department of Health and who recommended the appointment as its chief, Dr. Samuel G. Dixon.

It has been within the last twelve years that the Department of Labor and Industry has been created and that Pennsylvania has forged to the front among the various States of the Union in the creation of a national conservation of natural resources. It is within the last twelve years that a handful of men who stole large sums of money from the State in connection with the building of the Capitol have been punished by a Republican Governor supported by Senator Penrose and much of the stolen money refunded.

It is within the last twelve years that Pennsylvania has risen to the proud distinction of being a State without debt, notwithstanding the fact that its appropriations to schools and charitable enterprises are far and away in excess of similar appropriations by other Commonwealths. Does the Ledger give Senator Penrose credit for all that is good? Oh, no! It merely contents itself with that vague and meaningless generality to the effect that he is responsible for "all that is evil in Pennsylvania politics."

Will the Ledger please tell us who is responsible for all that is good?



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L. W. COOK

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY COMET COMING FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE, ETC. The comet that is expected to annihilate this sad and wicked world will come along in 1865. TO DEDICATE CHURCH The part of the Second English Lutheran Church which has been completed will be dedicated next Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. Our organizations are stronger in the faith than ever before.—Progressive cable message to Colonel Roosevelt. Unless recent elections were Annals the Progressives are a good deal stronger in faith than votes.—New York Sun.

Pumps For Growing Girls Any growing girl can be fitted perfectly here in a pump that will insure her feet against any discomfort. Our Ariel last was specially made for the purpose of supplying growing girls with a pump that was as large as a woman's and yet not made on a woman's last. It has a low heel and medium toe—and will not slip at heel or gap at the sides. Can be had in Gun Metal, Patent and Russet, also in White Canvas. \$3.50 We carry the largest range of widths in every size of any shoe store hereabouts.

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