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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 22 DECADENCE OF PUBLIC SPIRIT

UNLESS the people of Harrisburg get awake to the situation their boast of civic pride will be as empty as the air. For more than a decade there has been wide public interest in the various projects of improvement which have been carried forward so successfully as to excite the admiration of all visitors. But recently there has been a gradual letting down in matters which directly concern the people.

Taking advantage of this situation, contractors and others have been doing about as they please, and work which should have been finished months ago is dragging along at a snail's pace. The municipal officials and the people themselves are apparently indifferent to these evident signs of the decadence of civic pride and interest.

An instance of this is the consent of the City Council that a large water main shall be laid in the river park from North street to Faxon, practically the entire length of the old city, simply because this was the cheaper way to do it. No matter about the recreation places which have been created for the people at much expense and palmtaking care.

Against the vigorous protest of the head of that department, rip open the parks for the water mains, destroy the beautiful planting, drive carts and wagons across the grass, and force the thousands of men, women and children from these open air and healthful surroundings.

WHAT TO PLATFORMS HAT shall or shall not appear in the platform of a political party nowadays and under the new order of things is not very material. The people are more concerned about the personality of the candidate and his fitness to discharge the duties of the office he seeks than they are over any high-sounding phrases which are often invented to catch the unwary voter. Since the enactment of the open primary law candidates are nominated directly by the people and stand upon their own utterances rather than upon any pronouncement of a party.

It is a rather peculiar situation that candidates nominated at a primary election are supposed to be guided by a platform promulgated by members of a committee chosen at the same election. In the old convention days the platform was of some importance, inasmuch as the candidates were consulted before the enunciation of the party's principles, and thus stood before the people as the champions of those principles. Since the adoption of the State-wide primary, however, the candidate goes before the people upon his own declaration of principles, which are binding and personal, whereas the subsequent platform adopted by a committee after his nomination counts for very little in the public mind.

For instance, the nominee on a nonpartisan ticket must go before the people upon his own declaration of principles, and in this respect he is no different from the candidate of the political party who is compelled to take the public into his confidence in the primary contest. It is for this reason that the ponderous documents which are put out after the nominations have been made by the people themselves fall to make a very deep or lasting impression.

WILL CLEAR THE AIR PRESIDENT WILSON is doing well to consult the businessmen of the country, but a number of those who have been summoned to the White House are hardly of the sort to give him a fair report on fundamental conditions. However, he must learn directly or indirectly of the disaster which has come through a continued policy of legislative experimentation.

There has been so much of theoretical government during the last year or two in the State and the nation that those who are in daily touch with the substantial interests of the people hesitate to push ahead without knowing what is before them.

With enormous crops and the basic conditions right for a great period of prosperity, it is amazing that business halts and hesitates. If the policies of the Administration at Washington are not at fault, then an even more difficult situation is presented, inasmuch as it is the common belief of all who have made a study of conditions that the uncertainty and depression are the result of the lack of confidence in the Administration.

There is certainly a reason for it all, and it is believed that a general turn-out at the November election would clear the air and permit the industry and commerce and activities of the nation to boom along as they should be booming now save for the blow they have received at the hands of Democracy and the nameless fear of further harassment at Washington.

BOATING FACILITIES

ANY consideration of the elimination of "Hardscrabble" from the city map it is only fair and just that the boating interests which have been developed during a long period of years shall not be overlooked. It is out of the question to deprive those who have been catering to the large number of young and old people in the way of boating facilities of a proper concession for the future conduct of their business.

We have discovered no disposition on the part of city officials to do anything of the kind, but there has doubtless been apprehension among the persons most interested regarding the probable outcome of their industry.

Inasmuch as the water frontage of Harrisburg covers more than three miles, it will be necessary to have not one boathouse but several, in order to accommodate those who make use of the river. With the completion of the dam and the River Front wall there is certain to follow the formation of many boat clubs and river craft organizations of all kinds, so that it will be necessary to provide facilities for this sport.

In view of the fact that the "Hardscrabble" frontage will have a considerable width from the western curb line to the steps, it will be an easy matter to provide for a boathouse or two close to the slope, which will conceal the buildings, and at the same time furnish ample accommodations for owners of boats or those who desire to provide public facilities.

SEE HARRISBURG FIRST

GOING on a vacation this summer? But of course you are! What, you haven't the money! Well, why not spend it at home and "See Harrisburg?" In this convention-bound world there are lots of people who believe that a man who spends one day of his vacation in his home town is a poor "hoob" without any sense. But is he?

Harrisburg has the woods, the streams, the mountains right at its door. You want to fish? Oh, very well, let's go for bass in the Susquehanna or the Conodoguinet, or for trout in one of the nearby mountain streams. And if you think there isn't as good angling hereabouts as any place you want to find it's because you aren't acquainted with the waters.

If you yearn for a swim, why not take a dip in the river long famous as a swimming stream among the Indians of two centuries ago? If you want to lie on your back, "pull your straw hat across your eyes and peek through at the clouds," the hills of Reservoir Park are just about as fine a place for the stretching process as you can find this side of the Azores, and most of us do not go farther east than that for the annual "lay-off."

And there's not a thing the matter with the Reservoir tennis courts or golf links if you are fond of these sports. Or if you tire of doing the strenuous yourself, there is the ball game on the Island where you can watch others do it several days each week.

What is more, if you spend the idling hours on your own back porch instead of on that of some resort you can wear that old flannel shirt that always feels so good and tell the world of fashion to go hang. Furthermore, you will not need a cane nor nearly as much of the "long green."

WASHINGTON PARTY "CROWDS"

TO read the North American and some of the Democratic newspapers interested in promoting a split in the Republican ranks one would imagine that the voters are flocking in droves to hear Dean Lewis and the other Washington party candidates who are now touring the State. These newspapers, ever since Lewis and Pinchot started on their round of speech-making and handshaking, have published daily accounts of the great throngs that have turned out to greet them and assure them of support.

To a man in Dauphin county, reading of these receptions in distant parts of the State, one would gather that the Progressive cause, far from being on the decline so evident from the

primary returns, is flourishing like the proverbial green bay tree. Unfortunately for our future belief in these accounts, we have had opportunity to study popular sentiment first hand this week. The candidates have been circulating in towns within telephone call of Harrisburg. Instead of hundreds of cheering supporters thronging to the well-attended places of meeting, the numbers of those in attendance have been confined to half-dozens and dozens, with a few more in Williamsport last evening, drummed together after a walk-around by the local band.

Dauphin county people have had a chance to count the attendance themselves, but it will be noticed that the Progressive and Democratic newspapers of to-day report the "crowds" as big or bigger than they were in other counties.

If we are to estimate the "crowds" elsewhere by those here, and judge these misleading newspaper reports in that light, they will show up pretty regularly as bald-faced fiction published to bolster up what its few remaining adherents realize is a hopeless cause.

EVENING CHAT

People hereabouts are familiar with pictures and stories of farming operations in the Far West and North-west where fields are ploughed by traction engines, which have been found to be more efficacious and economical than the sixteen-horse teams that were so much talked of a few years ago. Ploughing by a traction engine has never been tried here very much, chiefly because the fields are not large and the horse has been the mainstay. But a few days ago some experiments made by a farmer not far from the city with a small traction plough attracted attention. Dr. H. A. Surface, the state zoologist, who is widely known as a fruit grower, says that in a few years there will be plenty of ploughing by tractors and orchards by traction engine.

What is needed is a light, high-powered engine, capable of quick turns. There are some firms now making them, said he. "The time is coming when the orchards in Dauphin and Cumberland counties will be ploughed by machinery. The tractor ploughs take a wider space than horses and get better results. The ploughing by machinery is coming just as motor harvesting is coming. We never thought to see motor lawn cutters a short time ago, but next year I expect to plough my orchard by a machine."

"A lot of people have just gotten in on time the other day," said a department superintendent yesterday as he ate at lunch. "Fact, I think about a quarter of the force was late Monday and today. We did not say anything because after a heated argument we had the mornings are nice to sleep. I guess everyone slept well and hard and had to hustle to get breakfast and get to work. It always that way when cool spells come along."

The presence of the army worm in the city has stirred up much interest ever since the crisis and the number of caterpillars and worms of various kinds that have been sent to the office of State Zoologist Surface for identification is surprising. Some of them are species totally different from the army worm, but the senders insist that they are some new and terrible varieties of pests. Most of them have been annual visitors and never attracted attention until now.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, the State Commissioner of Health, is expected home from the State next day and will tell him he should not ruin his own health saying that of the people. The commissioner thought it over and reluctantly took a fortnight off. But it's still an annual struggle to make him go away.

In his farewell sermon at the Market Square Baptist Church last Sunday morning the Rev. Dr. Ritchie Smith highly commended the harmony of the choir during the nearly fifteen years of his ministry. He said that the choir in that church meant harmony in the congregation and he paid a tribute to the work of the choir and to the great assistance it had been in the services of the church.

J. Rowe Fletcher, former sheriff of Dauphin county, will be 50 years old to-morrow and will entertain the majority of his friends in honor of the event at Guadalupe. Friends of the former sheriff are making ready for a notable observance of the ceremony and some are coming from a distance to extend their congratulations.

Colonel Theodore Burchfield, of the State Library, is a resident of Altoona, but he belongs in part to Harrisburg because he learned his trade as a printer on the Harrisburg Telegraph when it was published in Third street and was editor and National Guardsman the colonel has been a prominent figure in affairs in Blair county and in this city. He was for a quarter of a century a member of the Fifth Regiment. Since 1902 the colonel has been connected with the library.

A man who visited one of the smaller towns in Maryland recently with a party tells a good story about his trip. He was with one of the leading cars of the run and the coming had been herded. When he reached a hotel around came one of the hotel-handlers. After some remarks he pulled out a card bearing the signature of the chief of police. "The town's yours," he said. "The town's yours. You can get into trouble with that. Show it to any one of our 5,000 people," said he.

AT THE VICTORIA

The big picture at Victoria to-day is one in six reels, "The World, the Flesh and the Devil." A story of murder placed upon the innocent half-brother of the murderer. Also, the theme of love is woven into the story. An attempt to take the innocent man's life is foiled by her lover, although he is later arrested and tried. Having the punishment of an innocent man rest upon him, the man whose wife has been killed has his daughter tell the truth in court, with the result that the murderer, half-brother to the accused, and who is his defense, is placed under arrest and in a fit of insanity, seeing the partner of the woman he murdered, confesses and is then on the stand commits suicide. Also "The Mutual Girl" and "The Lure of the Sawdust" will be shown. In the same program with this six-reeler.—Advertisement.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

"The great object I wish to accomplish is to open the avenues of scientific knowledge to youth so that they may be able to understand the laws of creation and enjoy its blessings and learn to love the author."—Peter Cooper.

MORRIS TRYING TO STRAIGHTEN KINKS

County Bosses Will Confer With Him on the Second of the Receiving Days

MACHINE BOSSES SCARED

Story That They May Abandon the Contests—Bryan Will Be Greeted by Democrats

State Chairman Roland S. Morris will make an effort to straighten out the kinks in the Democratic machine to-morrow and will bend every effort to secure harmony in central and western counties where rows have broken up since the primary and where new ones have been started over the distribution of such federal plums as judgeships, revenue jobs and post offices.

At the Democratic windmill it is stated that Mr. Morris has arranged to come here on Thursdays to talk over campaign plans and that he will meet a number of leaders. The truth is that he has sent for a number of smooth-tongued men to get some semblance of harmony in the Democratic campaign.

First and foremost the county leaders who come here are to be urged to make a noise like a united party, then they are to secure may drop Democrats to serve on committees, also to exert pressure on Congressmen of Democratic faith to sign the Palmer peace pledge paper and lastly to help take the campaign of financing the campaign of Candidate McCormick.

So alarmed are the bosses of the State machine over the resentment against the slating of Guffey's man, Thompson, for the western, that they are now dropping the campaign of Candidate McCormick. Willing to Concede a Seat or So gressmen that they are showing signs of conceding concessions. Friends of Michael J. Ryan are being patted on the back and it is even intimated that he may be asked to make a speech or two. Then the word comes that there is a possibility that the machine will drop the contests against men elected to the Philadelphia city committee instead of forcing the issue. Efforts to straighten out the ructions in Huntington and Susquehanna county are on the way.

The Democratic party is all shot to pieces over Wilson and Morris is afraid of leading a party that will be third in the coming campaign.

Democrats who remain faithful to Bryan will have a chance to show their fealty to-night when the Secretary of State will be in this city and the Secretary is here on a Chautauqua tour and is to arrive shortly before 6 o'clock. A committee of members of clubs will meet him here and what him to McCormick. The bosses have found that Doc Dougherty will be held. This will be at the Business Men's League and will be for everyone regardless of politics. The Secretary speaks at 8 in the Chautauqua hall and will return late in the night to hustle to Washington to make up for lost time. There is no politics in Bryan's visit, but if he escapes being drawn into it he will be a wonder.

The Palmer-McCormick League being formed in Philadelphia has aroused considerable antagonism from the officers of the city committee elected by the people and some sharp comments are being made. It is also said that Dr. Horace Hoskins, who was turned down for a job and who has since been a quiet member of the League and that he may represent only a segment of the reorganization faction. City Chairman Bromley, of the regular committee, says the Wilson League, which was a Palmer-McCormick invention in 1912, interfered with the campaign and kept Wilson from getting 100,000 votes in that city. The scheme of the league is to displace the city committee and it appears to be interfering with itself.

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS

To-morrow will be Mr. Morris' receiving day at the windmill. Mr. Bryan has endorsed a candidate for Senator in Illinois. Mr. Creasy has not been heard from since he made his statements on filing expenses as secretary of the State. Fritz Kirkendall is looking with longing eyes on that Scranton collectorship. Wonder if Doc Dougherty will get the Ninth revenue collectorship when Kirkendall gives up. Michael J. Ryan and some of the Philadelphia city directors appear to be very much at odds. Palmer does not appear to be making much progress with his peace pledge paper.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

J. J. Turner, vice-president of the Pennsylvania lines, is on a tour of eastern railway lines. Secretary of the Commonwealth McAfee is enjoying the breezes along Lake Erie. Gardner C. Lowry, of Butler, president of the Butler Young Men's Christian Association, opened the new building Monday with a handsome silver key. Colonel P. C. Boyle, the Oil City editor, has been visiting in northern tier counties. Mitchell Harrison, a prominent Philadelphia, has gone to Europe. Dr. Richard Harte, Philadelphia director of safety, says that people ought to think well before choosing vacation places in the country.

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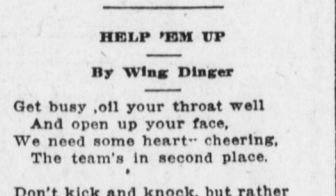
OUR DAILY LAUGH



Mean Thing Mrs. he says his father gives him \$10,000 a year for spending money. I guess from his claims that he spent it all before he came down here.



A Sore Thing 'I've got a scheme that will make me both rich with a little capital.' 'I would help you out if I hadn't already lost all my money on a similar scheme.'



Not Her First He - Is this your first plunge this year? She - I got married in January.

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NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of July 22, 1864.] The Story of the Lost Cause Washington, July 21. - Rebel prisoners from Pennsylvania, in large and small bodies. They, one and all, tell the same story of the hopelessness of the rebel cause, and of the despondency of the people.

All-day Attack on Fort City Point, Va., July 20. - 8 A. M. - There was constant and rapid artillery firing all day yesterday on the fort of the Fifth and Ninth Corps joined at length by the Second and Eighteenth Corps.

PALMER'S SENSE OF HUMOR [New York Sun] The Honorable A. Mitchell Palmer, M. C. Democratic candidate for Senator from Pennsylvania, has a lovely sense of humor. He writes Senator Bankhead that "Senator Penrose is continually absent from Washington engaged in the prosecution of his campaign for re-election to the Senate. Whereas Mr. Palmer is not continually absent from Washington. He was there when he complained to Mr. Bankhead that he was absent from Pennsylvania for the service of the Democratic party and humanity. Whereas Mr. Penrose 'holds up' Mr. Palmer's postmasters."

DOCTOR BRUMBAUGH'S RESIGNATION

[Philadelphia Inquirer] Doctor Brumbaugh's letter to the Board of Education resigning his position as superintendent of schools, to take effect September first, is just what was expected by his friends and admirers and will have the effect of strengthening the goodwill in which he is held by the people. He feels properly, although he does not say so in as many words, that the schools should be kept free from even the suspicion of politics, and that having been nominated for governor, it was wise and prudent to sever his official connection with the schools before entering actively upon his political campaign. His action will no doubt be regretted by the members of the Board of Education who were anxious to have the benefit of his services until the last moment, but on mature reflection they will agree that he has done the right thing in the right way.

Doctor Brumbaugh has made a most excellent superintendent of schools, and the Board of Education will do well if they succeed in getting a successor who can adequately fill his official shoes. During the eight years he has been in charge of the public schools they have steadily advanced in quality and usefulness. Doctor Brumbaugh was of Porto Rico, and the experience gained there no doubt contributed to his value as an executive of the Philadelphia school system. In any event the teachers and all of those connected with the schools will regret the severance of a relationship which has been agreeable to all concerned. The Board of Education, in its wisdom, has postponed action on the resignation until a September meeting, but Doctor Brumbaugh has the satisfaction of knowing that he has recognized the fitness of things and has placed himself and the board beyond the reach of reasonable criticism.

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SHIRTS SIDES & SIDES

HEADQUARTERS FOR SHIRTS SIDES & SIDES

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph of July 22, 1864.] Building a Sewer Workmen have been engaged upon the sewer in River alley for several days past.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS ARE ANNOUNCED FOR HARRISBURG

Civil Service examinations have been announced to be held in this city during July and August. Persons who desire any of the examinations should at once apply for the necessary papers to the secretary, Third District, Washington, D. C., or local secretary, Harrisburg, Pa. Stenographer and typewriter, male, \$840-900; motor car mechanic and engineer, male, \$3,000-\$4,500; August 3; organic chemist, male \$1,800-\$2,500, August 3; domestic science teacher, female, \$600-\$700, Indian Service, August 6-7; motor car mechanic and driver, male, \$1,200, August 10; statistical expert, male and female, \$2,000, August 10; social service expert, male and female, \$2,000, August 10; highway bridge engineer, male, \$1,500-\$1,200, August 19; Junior highway bridge engineer, male, \$960-\$1,200, August 19; mechanic, male, \$900, August 17; junior fuel engineer, male, \$1,200-\$1,500, August 19-20; engineer, Indian Service, \$480-\$1,000, August 19-20; telephone lineman, male, \$85 per month, August 24.

BIBLICAL BASEBALL

"I heard two colored baseball fans discussing the age of the Great National Game the other day," says De Wolf Hopper, who is well known as a baseball enthusiast, "and one said he had traced it back to 1850. 'I kin trace it back to de beginning ob de world,' replied the other. 'De Bible tells us dat Eve stole first; Adam got out at de Garden of Eden; David struck out Goliath; de Prodigal Son made a home run; and Moses shut out de Egyptians at de Red Sea!'" - Green Book.



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