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WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 18

FRESH AIR AND EFFICIENCY

FRESH air and ventilation reforms are emphasized in the general movement for the improvement of working conditions and the raising of the standard of efficiency.

Referring the other day to safety first conditions, a metropolitan newspaper recalled that when the Pension Bureau in Washington was housed in small buildings, poorly ventilated and indifferently cared for, the aggregate loss of time by clerks absent on sick leave averaged 18,736 days annually.

That the death rate in children's hospitals has been lowered 35 per cent. by improved ventilation is the assertion of Professor S. H. Woodbridge, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Other figures are tobacco workers, 28 per cent.; candymakers, 22; tanners, 18; harnessmakers, 17; glove-makers, 13; shoemakers, 19; millers, 15; bakers, 20; grain handlers, 28.

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Other newspapers of the State have joined the Telegraph in its observations as to the nonpartisan ballot failure. Instead of making voting a comparatively easy matter there has been a constant increase of the difficulties in casting an intelligent ballot.

Nonpartisan may be all right in considering candidates, but the nonpartisan primary and the nonpartisan ballot and other nonpartisan machinery have been demonstrated to be utter failures. This is one subject that the Legislature might consider with profit to the people.

THANKSGIVING SHIP

HARRISBURG has done admirably in its prompt response to the Telegraph's appeal for funds for the starving people of Belgium.

There is still much to be done, and instead of the usual Christmas-stocking campaign for the poor of Harrisburg, the young people of this city are urged to contribute to those whose need is greater in Belgium.

The Thanksgiving ship sails next week.

Tree planting is going forward in the river parks under the direction of City Commissioner Taylor's corps, and when this work shall have been completed many open spaces will be provided with trees, and a line of high-top trees from one end of the city to the other will give a finish to these parks which they have not had heretofore.

We agree with the National Bureau of Municipal Research, which seems to be devoted to "original and practical solution of civic matters," that in purely local matters a city should have undisputed right of control.

EVENING CHAT

The foot and mouth disease, which has caused a general tie-up of all cattle shipments in Pennsylvania without state permits, has caused no end of speculation among people here as elsewhere in the state because of its unusual name and the extraordinary precautions taken by the public health authorities to prevent its spreading.

The disease, to begin with, has been known to attack human people, but such instances are rare. This statement is made on the strength of some remarks by no less an authority than Dr. Samuel G. Dixon. However, people can "catch" it, and it may be transmitted through milk, so that if there is any fear milk may be pasteurized. Dr. C. J. Marshall, the State Veterinarian, who has studied the disease in this state and abroad where it is not uncommon, says that it causes much loss among cattle. The disease is marked primarily by fever and then there are outbreaks of ulcers on the surfaces of the mouth and tongue and even the nose, while about the feet similar sores occur.

Harrisburg has not forgotten that it was getting along quite comfortably under the old system of government until certain smaller cities of the State determined that they wanted a change; and because this city was bunched with all the others of the third class it was compelled to swallow the new scheme of administration without regard to its own wishes in the matter.

We believe that Mr. Howland is on the right track and that cities have a right to govern themselves so long as they do not violate any feature of the organic law designed to protect the people at large, but it would probably be just as well to suffer our present ills until the people shall have been fully aroused to the need of greater freedom in handling their own affairs.

Those who are interested in the rapidly-changing conditions in the southern part of the city have been greatly impressed with the photographic work of the Telegraph's camera man from time to time. These pictures are not only interesting to those of us who live in Harrisburg, but are studied closely by former citizens and others who are watching the development of the city in every way.

THE SPEAKERSHIP

WHATEVER the final determination of the Legislature regarding the Speakership, the activity of a number of experienced legislators indicates a wholesome rivalry that will do no harm. Each community is pushing forward some favorite son and it will be up to the Republican caucus to choose out of the considerable list of aspirants already in the field a proper person for presiding officer.

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There will be several men in the field as candidates, but Powell's friends want to put him in early. William Flinn will not try to run. Mayor Cautlel, of Johnstown, is starting a movement for some changes in the third class city laws. John V. Kosek, Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, will be a candidate for re-election. The boom for J. Lee Plummer, of Blair, for State Treasurer, is being pushed by his friends in a number of parts of the State. His work in Blair is being pointed to.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

DISCOURAGED. The Lovelorn One: Say, Edgar, are you too tired to dig me a grave? I feel like 'jes' endin' ever'thing!

"IT CAN'T BE DONE"

By Wing Dinger. "Huh, Winga da Ding, you make me vera seck; You write-a da verse one fine day lasta week 'Bout da great beega turkey, and pie made uv punk. Da fine plum-a pudding, but dat's alla bunc. Me one-a poor Dago, me no gotta cent. So please, Meester Ding, be one nice, fine-a gent And tell-a me how all dees good things I know On Thankseeva Day, when I gotta no dough."

Dear friend, that's a problem that's bothered me, too. To figure it out I've spent hours not a few. But with prices existing that soar to the sky I'm afraid that we'll have to depend on the pie. Without any turkey or pudding so fine I think it will be sparrow potpie for mine. For although I'm not broke to your saddening extent, I'll tell you quite frankly I'm darned badly bent.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph, Nov. 18, 1864.] Plan Prison Break. Chicago, Nov. 18.—The rebel conspirators that were captured here confessed that they intended to attack Camp Douglas and release the rebels confined there. Sherman Going Fast. Cincinnati, Nov. 17.—Little resistance is given by the rebels against Sherman's march to the coast. General Canby Dead? St. Louis, Nov. 17.—Rumor that General Canby had died, is reported false.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. OUR PAVED STREETS. Elizabethtown, Pa., Nov. 18, 1914. To the Editor of the Telegraph: Will you permit me to voice the appeal contained in your short editorial of November 10, headed "Come to Harrisburg." As a veteran bandsman I covered the entire route of the firemen's parade of October 8 in addition to the almost two miles of marching between our line of the march and the engine-house at which we were quartered. The people of Harrisburg certainly have no cause for complaint for the time and money spent in placing the streets in such excellent shape, and they should indeed feel proud of the results. My last march in Harrisburg previous to the one of October 8 was almost thirty years ago, and I think a few of your older inhabitants can give you a slight history showing the condition of the streets as they were at that period. I hope it will be my pleasure at some future time to again take up the line of march and tread its well-paved streets in answer to your call "Come to Harrisburg." Yours very truly J. W. COOKE.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY. [From the Telegraph, Nov. 18, 1864.] George Wenrick Dies. George Wenrick, Sr., one of the oldest citizens of the city, was buried this afternoon. Death was the result of injuries which he received several weeks ago. Court Monday. November term of Dauphin county court begins next Monday. New Band. A new band has been organized in the city.

We Win a New Victory in Overcoatdom! NEVER in all our service to this community have we known a garment to achieve so instant and decisive a success as has the Klavicle--the new overcoat production from America's greatest overcoat makers-- The House of Kuppenheimer Men who are accustomed to the better things in clothes and who know real excellence when they see it, are honoring the Klavicle with their indorsement and their choice. "Incontestably, the high water mark of overcoats tailoring" is their verdict. With its dashing, militaristic style, its capacious lines, its painstaking workmanship, the Klavicle is admirably cut out for the task of ministering to your comfort, your ease and your appearance through the wintry days that loom ahead. The man who would make his overcoat selection without seeing the Klavicle is the same man who would tour America without seeing the Yellowstone, the Niagara or Pike's Peak. The Klavicle, in foreign and domestic overcoatings—Chinchillas, Elysians, Vicunas, Boucles and Fancy Chevots at \$20, \$25, \$30 BALMACAANS \$15, \$20, \$25 Doutrichs Always Reliable 304 Market Street Harrisburg, Pa.