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WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 2

HARRISBURG'S FUTURE

WHEN the act of the Legislature creating a City Planning Commission was accepted by Harrisburg and five public spirited men were appointed as the first commission a few months ago, the public generally did not appreciate, perhaps, the full importance of this step.

Since 1901, when the people became fully aroused to the necessity of a change of old-time methods and the adoption of new and modern ideas, there has been tremendous progress in every direction, but it is doubtful whether any feature of our development has been so important as that which is now being outlined by the City Planning Commission.

The city has expanded far beyond the dreams of its original builders, but there is still much to do, especially in the avoidance of those mistakes which are not only expensive, but which are serious in their effect upon the general harmony of modern development and growth.

There are already many inquiries regarding the river carnival and historic pageant under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce next year, and it promises to be one of the biggest celebrations in the history of Harrisburg.

OUR SHADE TREES

FOR several years there has been a growing interest throughout the city in the care of the shade trees of Harrisburg. Owing to the increasing area of paved streets and the necessary reduction of the space devoted to the growing trees on the sidewalks the need of careful supervision in order that these trees may grow and flourish has become more and more apparent.

The Legislature of 1907 provided by law for the creation of a Shade Tree Commission with certain powers over the trees of the city of the third class, but this act has never been accepted by Harrisburg and it has encountered persistent opposition in official and other quarters.

and experienced tree expert to look after the trees and supervise their care and planting. In the absence of a Shade Tree Commission this is, perhaps, the next best step and pending a trial of the experiment public judgment may be suspended. Obviously the competency of the Forester and his ability to discharge the duties devolving upon him will constitute the essence of his efficiency.

For years the shade trees of Harrisburg have been butchered in a shameful manner by alleged tree trimmers who seem to think that their chief joy in life is to grab a saw and amputate the limbs of trees without regard to necessity or appearance. It has also been the practice of overhead wire corporations to cut out the tops of trees or rip off a branch wherever it suited their purpose and whether it be a Shade Tree Commission or a City Forester this sort of thing ought to be stopped without delay.

It is also fair, and only reasonable, that the Forester to be appointed shall have a chance to show his worth. He should have the co-operation of the people and the support and the backing of the city officials. Municipal control of the trees is absolutely necessary to their life and care.

FALSE CONCLUSIONS

THE usually accurate New York World is away off in its analysis of the recent Penrose landslide in Pennsylvania. The World, commenting on the results of the election, says:

The official count of the vote cast November 2 in Pennsylvania shows, as The World in advance of the election predicted, that Senator Penrose's defeat was made certain through the failure of the Progressives and Democrats to make common cause against the boss of the old Republican machine. Penrose received 513,021 votes. Pinchot 269,986 and Palmer 256,455. Not only was the winning Progressive and Democratic vote for United States Senator 27,560 larger than Penrose's, but containing the Prohibitionist, and scattering vote, he fell 78,327 votes short of being the majority choice. No doubt the Progressives were sincere in their opposition to Penrose. His defeat they declared to be the one object of the campaign; they could not hope to gain control of the Senate, as against the Democrats or Republicans. It was solely due to partisan motives that they persisted in keeping Pinchot in the field after fusion had been effected on McCormick for Governor.

The World errs in its comparisons and deductions. To have taken Pinchot out of the race would not have altered the result, except to give to Senator Penrose a clear majority of all the votes cast for that office. This is shown in the Governorship fight. There Lewis was withdrawn, resulting in a large number of Progressive votes being swung to Brumbaugh. Progressives in Pennsylvania are Republicans at heart and they would not have voted as a whole for any Democrat. Certainly, nobody knowing conditions and sentiment here would say that Palmer could have mustered more than half of the vote that went to Pinchot. This being used as a basis for argument—and that it is both accurate and conservative is shown by the McCormick fusion vote—the falsity of the World's conclusions is at once apparent.

OUR PAVED STREETS

WITH the taking over by the city of the repairing of the paved streets on the first of April, it will be the duty of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements to see to it that the general contractor shall have placed the streets in first-class condition before that time under the specifications of his contract. Of course, the guarantees of the paving companies continue without regard to the change in the system of repairs and City Commissioner Lynch will doubtless see to it that the interests of the city are fully covered in all these matters. Harrisburg is justly proud of its reputation as a well-paved city and great care should be exercised that nothing transpires to affect our standing in this respect.

COPYING AFTER US

WE are inclined to stand in awe of German commercial aggression and enterprise. Their zeal in trade extension has been so widely exploited that we have given them credit for greater acumen than they really possess.

For instance, they have had to copy from America the idea of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, which is far and away ahead of anything of its kind in the world as a foreign trade promoter. Because, through this medium, perfected by Pennsylvanians, the United States gained rapidly in export business, Germany sent its experts here and is now operating in similar manner, but on a much smaller scale. It may be said, in passing, that Japan, the Pan-American Union and the United States government have also adopted largely the Museum's methods and systems.

We have heard much about what Germany and other European countries are doing to advance their interests abroad, but little of the splendid and productive efforts of our own country. The whole world has come to Pennsylvania to learn how to increase its exports. It is all very well to have respect for our competitors in trade, but there is no reason why we should ascribe greater virtues to them than they possess.

ness, nor that we undervalue what we ourselves are doing along the same lines.

EVENING CHAT

The proposition to have the State improve the historic highway between White Deer and Loganton calls to mind some interesting incidents in the social life of the State years and years ago. There are probably some Harrisburgers living who recall hearing their parents tell of visits to White Deer Springs. These springs, which are located right at the present town of White Deer, are of pronounced medicinal value and long ago were rivals of Bedford and other famous American spas.

Telephone lines are looking carefully at the skies every morning these days because now is the time when they must look for trouble. Generally early December brings a heavy wet snow and makes trouble for the telegraph men at Harrisburg.

Alexander Roberts, who celebrated his ninety-first birthday yesterday at the residence in Market Square which he has occupied for considerably more than half a century, is Harrisburg's oldest native born citizen and was congratulated yesterday by many of his friends.

There were some pretty hard times said about the new war tax yesterday in the line of the people who stood about waiting to buy their supplies. One man who was rather quiet about it was called at by some of his neighbors.

"Maybe you ain't going to be hit hard?" was a question asked of him.

The man shook his head and another man asked, "Haven't you got the money to pay the stamps?" "Cut it," he tennely replied the man addressed. "I am a Wilson Democrat."

Yesterday the first war tax stamps appeared on documents throughout the State and there was a question about them. Some officials thought that stamps should be required on certain papers and were at first inclined to return those which were not stamped. However, they received them and they are provisionally filed.

Justice George Kunkel continues to receive from admirers throughout the State expressions of gratification at the fine showing he made at the election and there is a generally manifested desire that he shall take a seat on the State's highest court at an early day.

Harrisburg Railways people are engaged in the business of putting lines along which people have petitioned for additional car service and the results are being awaited with eagerness. It has been generally said that trolley cars are a necessary transportation is a business like everything else. In this case the conductors are taking note of the points at which people enter and leave cars and if they happen to see the conductor put down a stroke when you get off the car you may know that a problem is being worked out systematically.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Clyde A. Heller, Philadelphia mine owner, has gone to Nevada to inspect some of the new developments. —Francis W. Bird, of New York, well known newspaperman, will manage the two papers in Boston just bought by his father. —John Vance, Chester chief of police, has arranged a plan for feeding the idle unemployed.

DO YOU KNOW

Elliott-Fisher writing machines, "made in Harrisburg," is the only flat principle writing machine anywhere in the world?

Johnny's Letter

Dear Santa Claus: "Won't you please bring me some of the nice toys that are being advertised in the Telegraph?" "I would like a gun and a velocipede and some books for boys. "I know if you will pick them out for me advertising in the Telegraph they will be good. For my mamma buys all her clothes after reading the advertisements and mine is the best dressed mamma in town."

BULL DOGS SPENT MUCH CASH

Official Washington Statement Shows That the Campaign Was No Picnic This Year

KICK ON A LEGAL BILL

Frazier Committee Contends That Certain Legal Services Were Not Authorized

The official statement of expenses of the Washington party in the campaign just closed, filed at the Capitol to-day by Robert K. Young, the treasurer, and P. S. Staugh, fiscal agent, accounted for in the primary campaign the party received \$22,476.07 and expended \$31,756.34, a bill for \$78.33 being in dispute with the chief items expenditures were clerical services, \$2,654.45; printing, traveling expenses, etc., \$17,867.80; dissemination of information, \$2,306.35; offices, \$1,484.30; meetings, speakers' expenses, \$130.45; \$5,595.11; county committees, etc., \$400.00. William Pinn was the largest contributor, giving \$8,556.86; Mrs. Charles E. Wright, \$2,000.00; J. W. Allen, \$1,500.00; Vance C. McCormick, \$1,500.00; and other state candidates amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1,500; Amos J. Inghart, \$4,200; William B. Lewis, \$300; there being many other contributors of sums from \$1 to \$200, including Herbert Parsons, New York, \$100.

Gifford Pinchot accounted for these expenditures: After primary, \$5,875; to P. S. Staugh, secretary, \$142; \$735.62; to Washington party, \$500; and traveling, \$164.39.

—Superior Court Judge Frank M. Trece gave \$5,116.46, of which \$5,000 was to the Harrisburg party. He received no contributions. His rival, James E. Clark, received \$203, spent \$2,203.22 and owes \$1,254.65. The Justice Court campaign committee accounted for \$2,203.22 spent and \$825.60 unpaid.

—Other statements filed included: Henry H. Secretary of Internal Affairs, spent \$2,194; John R. K. Scott, congressman-at-large, spent \$3,050, of which \$220.

—The account of Alexander Giffelin, of Pittsburgh, treasurer of the Frazier campaign committee, was filed at the Capitol to-day, showing receipts of \$8,902.19, of which the Judge gave \$1,574.80, other gifts being from \$100 to \$500 by friends. The money was all spent, chiefly for advertising and to the Harrisburg party for expenses and dissemination of information. Attached to the account is a statement that a bill for \$300.62 rendered by Allen & Coll, of which Representative George W. Allen is a member, is in dispute, "the services for which it is rendered not having been authorized," according to the statement.

—Other expense accounts filed at the Capitol included:

—Progressive Volunteers of Delaware, \$37.50; Pennsylvania Republican Association, \$250; John C. Hinckley, expenses of Knox dinner \$250, which sum was received from the Pennsylvania committee.

—Edwin J. Durnell, executive committee of Washington party, Swarthmore, received \$307.97, and spent it all.

—C. S. White, treasurer York county Democratic committee, received \$2,960, spent \$2,949.34, unpaid \$136.66.

—John G. Fox, Twenty-sixth Ward Palmer-McCormick League, Philadelphia, received \$262 and spent 50 cents more.

—E. S. Shery, Seventeenth Ward Democratic committee, Philadelphia, received \$120, of which \$70 was from the Palmer-McCormick League.

—Harry Summers, Thirty-ninth Ward Palmer-McCormick League, Philadelphia, received \$195 and spent \$188.50, getting \$147 from the league.

—Michael R. Kerwick, Thirtieth Ward Palmer-McCormick League, Philadelphia, received \$151, spent \$143.50, including \$117.50 for watchers.

—Gifford Pinchot, late Washington party candidate for the United States Senate, yesterday returned to Philadelphia from his post-election vacation and in the course of an interview asserted that the Progressive party in the nation should be continued as a political organization and that he himself intended to remain a factor in Pennsylvania politics.

Mr. Pinchot's statement, when he was asked to tell of his present and future plans, was in substance as follows: "As to what I am doing now, the next thing after filing the account of my campaign expenditures is the meeting at Chicago. You may be interested in a study of the party and 80 per cent of the money I spent in the primary and general campaign, was for publicity—that is, for postage, printing, buttons and the distribution of campaign material. The total amount I spent in both campaigns was \$49,275.95.

"As to my plans for the future, the first thing I have to do is to get into action at Chicago. Of course, there is but one thing for that conference to do, which is to make plans for the largest of the party. One of the things that has most pleased me since election is that in the immense amount of correspondence from all parts of the country, which has been coming into my office there has not been a single letter which advocates giving up the fight.

"For myself, I do not propose to abandon the 270,000 voters who gave me their suffrages in the last election, and, as I said on the morning of November 4, 'Win or lose, I will keep on with the fight for conservation of national resources for the use of the people against the monopolies and special interests, and in particular against the kind of government that Penrose represents."

AN EVENING THOUGHT

I find that doing the will of God leaves no time for disputing about His plans.—George MacDonald.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



A Dog's Life I understand Smith's wife leads his regular dog's life. Well, she has more to wonder he don't have to do anything but sit around the house all day.



On a Street Car Madam, that child looks older than three years. Yes, indeed he does. I'm afraid that child has had a lot of trouble.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE LILY POND FOUNTAIN To the Editor of the Telegraph: It is not often that the fountain in the Lily pond at the city pumping station at North street can play until the first of December, but I noticed the water spouting from the center of the pond to-day and fear that unless attention is given to it pretty soon there will be some burst pipes to tell the story. FROSTY.

AT HOME NEW YEAR'S DAY

To the Editor of the Telegraph: As chairman of the publicity committee and chief marshal of the Mummies' parade, I desire at this early date to extend to your paper my sincere thanks for the active and effective co-operation you are giving us in our hard struggle to make the celebration on New Year's Day a success, and you can aid us still more by announcing to the public through your paper that there will be no necessity for their going to Philadelphia to view the annual parade this year, as I feel absolutely sure, knowing the plans of the many organizations who will participate in our celebration, which, by the rules of the parade, will start here at 10 o'clock until the time of the parade, that a surprise awaits our people and I wish you would refer to your paper at some time on that day and lead their efforts in making Harrisburg's demonstration a grand success, which will be a boost to our city, a benefit to our business men and a pleasure to the citizens in general. Yours truly, C. O. BACKENSTOSS, Chief Marshal, November 30, 1914.

THE SHIP

I march across great waters like a queen. I whom no man wisdoms helped to make; Over the uncruffled billows of seas green I blunder the bubbled highway of my wake. By me my wandering tenants clasp And know the thoughts of men in —John Masenfeld, in Harper's Magazine for December.

WHY THESE "WAR TAXES"

[From the Philadelphia Press.] Yesterday the "war taxes" of this Administration were put into full effect in a period of profound peace the people of the United States are asked to pay a "war tax" of one hundred million dollars a year. It is properly called a "war tax" because it is that form of taxation on all the more common forms of business, travel and investment which heretofore has never been levied except in times of emergency, government necessities in time of war.

The depressing effect of the European war on the present is the excuse given for this tax, but the direct influence of the war does not at all justify a special tax of this magnitude. The resources of the Government have run low mainly because of the extravagant expenditures authorized by Congress and carried out by the Administration and in addition the blundering tariff law purporting to stimulate the importation of foreign goods is not yielding the revenue which the Government requires. The framers of the measure expected that this being so Congress before venturing to adjourn had to find some other source of revenue which had just become operative.

The Treasury statement shows that for the five months of the present fiscal year up to November 23 the Government's expenditure has exceeded its income by \$70,000,000. There has been a steady increase of income and as steady an increase of expenditure in many forms. Though there was very reason in decreasing receipts from practicing economy and cutting off expenditure there is no evidence of a single effort in that direction. It was more agreeable for those in power to impose new taxes on the people.

A large book of 172 pages showing all the appropriations in detail made by the present Congress has just been published. It is an official publication and it shows that the appropriations of this Congress were \$1,116,118,138, the largest on record. The last party more than the estimated revenue for 1914. Contracts for \$40,000,000 in addition were authorized and not the Republicans compelled a cut of \$30,000,000 in the rivers and harbors bill the showing would have been that much worse. The country is reaping in this way the benefit of Democratic administration which has as its necessary result the heavy "war taxes" that the people are now compelled to pay.

WHY GOOD BLOOD IS RED

Why are we continually being told that good blood must be bright red? What has color to do with the quality? Just this. The oxygen in the air is the great supporter of animal life. One business of the blood is to take oxygen from the air (which it meets in the lungs and deliver it to the tissues of the body. When the blood, filled with life-sustaining oxygen, is sent out by the heart it is bright red. When it returns, filled with impurities, and deprived of its oxygen, it is dark.

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NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of Dec. 2, 1864.] Believes South Wants Peace Washington, Dec. 2. — President Lincoln, in his message to Congress, stated that he was sure most of the people of the South desired peace and the Union. Sink "Vixen" Washington, Dec. 2. — Navy Department announces the sinking of the blockade runner "Vixen," loaded with arms and ammunition for rebels. In Harrisburg Fifty Years Ago To-day [From the Telegraph of Dec. 2, 1864.] Butter 55 Cents a Pound Butter is fifty-five cents a pound. Sixteenth Leaves City The Sixteenth Regiment left here to-day for McConnellburg. Captain Hoover Released Captain B. R. Hoover, Company B, Two Hundredth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, was honorably released from military arrest. BOOKS and MAGAZINES David McKay, the Philadelphia publisher, 64-68 S. Washington Square, has just issued a splendidly illustrated volume of "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens. We can imagine nothing more appropriate for a Christmas remembrance than this beautiful volume. Nothing that Dickens wrote has lived as his Christmas Carol. The illustrations are by Arthur I. Keller.

There has also been issued recently by the publishing house of G. P. Putnam's Sons, West Forty-fifth street, New York, has just put out a fine selection and arrangement of political quotations compiled by Marion Mills Miller, Litt. D., from the works of George Lansing Raymond, L. H. D. Illustrations by Howard Chandler Christy. Price, \$1.50. It is a careful and authoritative compilation from many successful volumes of prose and verse. The quotations are arranged alphabetically by subjects, and the volume presents in this compact form the substance of the au-

PEARLS

Of all the precious gems which nature provides for the adornment of man and (more especially) woman, pearls alone are perfected by nature and require no skill of ours to enhance their beauty. The diamond and ruby become valuable as articles of adornment only when the artisan has transformed earth's crude material into the sparkling jewels of commerce, but the pearl comes to us full formed—mature in all its chaste loveliness with a delicate iridescence and color that the art of man cannot improve and which after many centuries it has but just learned to duplicate. To write the history of pearls is to record the story of the human race.

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