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BUSINESS LOOKING UP

WHILE business is by no means good, prospects are better than they have been for some months. One of the bright signs of the times is that within the past ten days the Pittsburgh Foreign Trade Commission, through its London office, has transmitted to Pittsburgh and Central-Western manufacturers inquiries for close to 100,000 tons of steel.

PROTECTING CANAL ZONE

THE Administration's expressed intention of dispatching warships to the Panama Canal zone is a tardy recognition of the request repeatedly made by Colonel Goethals, the military governor.

MOTHERS' PENSIONS

THE State Federation of Labor recommends that the appropriations for mothers' pensions in Pennsylvania be increased by the next Legislature to at least \$2,000,000.

PLAYING POLITICS

IT is to be hoped that Republican Congressmen will raise such a storm over the proposal of the Democrats to abolish the office of assistant postmaster in cities that the party in power will not dare put it through.

do the work now done by one, and both of them untrained and therefore inefficient. The whole idea is wrong and a product of the spoils system that has disgraced the Democratic party ever since the election of President Wilson.

PNEUMONIA

DR. SAMUEL G. DIXON'S weekly health article dealing with the dangers of pneumonia and how to avoid the disease ought to be read by everybody capable of reading, not that it contains anything particularly new, but that it sets forth long-known truths in such simple language that all may understand.

THE ISSUE OF 1916

FORMER REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM B. MCKINLEY, for several years chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, who has been re-elected to the next Congress, sizes up the tariff situation briefly as follows:

When a good Democrat like Norman Maclean is quoted as continuing to champion a protection policy as a relief for the bad times, and when men like Governor Baldwin, of Connecticut, urge amendments to the tariff bill, even the Wilson businessmen begin to admit that the Underwood tariff is responsible for the sad condition in this country.

THAT PROJECTILE FACTORY

PHILADELPHIA wants Secretary Daniels to locate the proposed new government projectile factory in that city, and the Secretary is said to look favorably upon the idea.

THE DONKEY CAN'T LOSE

ASIDE from the injustice of the Democratic additional revenue tax and the hypocrisy displayed in cloaking a measure aimed to save the treasury from the embarrassments of the low tariff by calling it a "war tax," here is a situation quite typical of the underhand way in which the present administration goes into things.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

Does the world owe you a living? or do you owe it a life?—Anon.

EVENING CHAT

Capitol Park Plaza held its own yesterday as the coldest place in Harrisburg and the Mulberry street bridge, Oak Knob and the Riverside had nothing on it. This particular spot, which is about 650 feet long by 100 wide, is so placed that the winds sweep down it when there is any air going.

Members of the Governor's Troop and other organizations of the National Guard in this city believe that the granting of the use of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church building in State street to the cavalry for militia uses until such time as it is necessary to tear down the building for Capitol Park extension is the foremost of establishing the guardsmen in that section.

The question of rural education and the improvement of advantages for learning in the country districts is going to form an important part of the discussion at the meeting of the State Educational Association in this city late in the month.

John Gribbel, elected president of the Union League at Philadelphia, is well known to many people in this city, as he has been here a number of times with committees and was a visitor to the sessions of the last Legislature.

Senator Joseph H. Thompson, of Beaver Falls, who has been here a couple of days, is an officer in the tenth Regiment, a lawyer and a legislator.

The Governor's Troop, which is to have the use of a church as an armory was organized in the City Grays Armory in February, 1888. Then it moved to Koller Street Hall in 1890 and stayed for about five years, since April 1, 1895, it has held forth in Russ Hall.

"Trees along the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad between Frazer and Wayne give one a pretty fair idea of what artillery fire can do to woodlands," said a man who travels frequently.

The snow lying on the mountains near the city gives some idea of the havoc wrought by the forest fires which swept over this part of the State and ruined valuable tracts of woodland.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—W. E. Lawson, prominent Allegheny county physician, has been elected head of the Homestead board of health.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has more paved streets than any city of its population in the country?

Retail Storekeeping Is a Hard Business

Competition is keen. Expenses are increasing. The profit margin is small.

TOILET SETS

Silver Plated Comb, Brush and Mirror, from \$3.00 up. JOS. D. BRENNER Diamond Merchant and Jeweler No. 1 North Third St.

HARRISBURG TO TURN OUT ITS CLUBS

State Capital Will Be Well Represented in the Brumbaugh Inaugural Procession

OLDEST CLUB STARTS MOVE

Said Now Dr. Brumbaugh Will Make Up His Own Special Legislative Program

The Republican clubs of Harrisburg will take a prominent part in the inaugural procession of Governor-elect Martin G. Brumbaugh a little more than a month hence, and it is expected that a splendid showing will be made by the organized Republicans of the city.

The fighting in the Democratic Club of Philadelphia between the Morris and Hoskins wings of the regular club has led to the formation of the new Democratic club so long urged by men identified with the Old Guard wing of the party.

The Philadelphia Ledger to-day says: "Governor-elect Brumbaugh will have his own legislative program. This was one of the chief developments yesterday, following the Penrose-McNichol-Vare conference, which decided the matter. His friends made it plain, just what legislation should be enacted and just what legislation should not be enacted.

—City Solicitor E. C. Higbee, of Conestoga, is advocating a legislative commission to make a study of the third class city law situation and to draft a code of laws for the municipalities. This is the latest movement in the much mixed third class city law movement.

—People connected with the committee of seventy at Philadelphia say that notwithstanding the decision of Republican leaders not to make any change in the Philadelphia council, the act to rip out the present legislative body and substitute a small council will be presented.

—Senator J. P. McNichol has gone to Florida where he will remain until January 2.

THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME

There's plenty of time for everything good. There's time to laugh when you're in the mood. Time to labor and time to sleep. But not a minute of time to weep.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of Dec. 16, 1864.] Hung Five Deserters. Headquarters Army of Potomac, Dec. 16. —Five deserters are to be hanged, two from New York, one from Maryland and two from New Hampshire.

Capture 1,000 Men. Washington, Dec. 16. The right wing of the Union army, at Nashville, has advanced five miles, repulsing the rebels. About 1,000 prisoners and sixteen pieces of artillery were captured.

Business Local. KELLBERG DOESN'T CARE if the sun never shines. He can take pictures of the finest kind with the aid of the new powerful light that is as efficient as sunshine in producing the best results.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH



What Interested Him Most. —Are you interested in the result? —Second Candidate —Not yet. What I am interested in is a means of getting somewhere in the first place.

QUARANTINE. By Wing Dinger. In these days do not be surprised at what they quarantine. Such effort to clamp down the lid so widely I've ne'er seen.

Humanity was first to be put underneath the ban To overcome widespread disease And prolong life of man.

Quite recently, you will recall. In north, east, west and south They quarantined the farmers' stock Diseased in foot and mouth.

And now I learn that Christmas trees From Canada are brought, Because the Maine growths have this year By quarantine been caught.

I wonder whether they have put Another quarantine On money, for my purse, for weeks, Has been shy of long green.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY. [From the Telegraph of Dec. 16, 1864.] Butter Seventy Cents a Pound. Butter ranged from 60 to 70 cents a pound this morning.

Express Heavy. The express wagons are crowded with boxes enroute for the army. Many of them were filled with things for Christmas dinner.

Shoots Sentry. One of the sentries at the arsenal was shot this morning. His assailant escaped.

THE MYSTERY. I am a coward, that I know. I am a nothingness, a sham; And yet I feel I am Fine-chiseled as a cameo.

I am a crust of silly mire. A slave to fear, to doubt, to shame; And yet I feel within me flame A soaring spark of solar fire.

I am a clotted, earthy clod. A shade, a mere nonentity; I know the beast that lurks in me, And yet I feel that I am God.

—Edward H. Pfeiffer, in January Smart Set.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

Under the auspices of The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis and The National Organization for Public Health Nursing, the Putnam will publish, early in 1915, "The Tuberculosis Nurse, by Ellen La Motte. This is essentially a practical book which answers the questions arising in any crusade against the great white plague.

EDUCATIONAL

Harrisburg Business College 329 Market St. Fall term, September first. Day and night. 29th year. Harrisburg, Pa.

WINTER TERM

BEGINS MONDAY, JAN. 4TH DAY AND NIGHT SESSIONS SCHOOL OF COMMERCE 15 S. MARKET SQUARE HARRISBURG, PA.

Be Independent A Bank Account will make you so. Start one to-day. The First National Bank invites your account for any amount over one dollar. You can deposit large or small amounts, and get a regular pass book, which enables you to draw or deposit your money at will.

CITIZEN'S BANK THIRTEENTH and DERRY STREETS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY EVENING Will Open a Christmas Savings Club Club Year Reckoned From, and Regular Payments Begin MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1914, AT 9 A. M.



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