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TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 22

WAKING UP PENNSYLVANIA

If there was nothing else to mark the tender administration of State government in Pennsylvania, the Governor who is about to retire could feel considerable satisfaction over the way certain State departments have inaugurated work to make the people realize the value of life, limb and resources.

All one needs is to read the news from day to day about what this or that department is doing to better things. It is not long since, in a somewhat wider field than the Keystone State, that various projects, most laudable in their purpose, were broached amid cheers, launched with acclaim and pushed along for a while to the music of applause. But in the last three and a half years some things have been done in Pennsylvania which have attracted little more than passing praise, and frequently not that, and yet which have been distinctly worth while.

Everyone is familiar with the advanced position taken by the State Department of Health.

But it is not realized that in almost every branch of industry committees have been working to establish rules for safety and sanitation, and the "Safety First" idea has been so thoroughly inculcated that no less a personage than the chief of organized labor says the results are astonishing.

For the first time the State has been able to get figures on railroad accidents, showing just what service is most hazardous for men.

The extent of the destruction of timber by fire has been definitely ascertained and plans made, in conjunction with conservation associations, to give the State an effective forest fire service, while the acreage of State forests has been sent beyond the million acre mark, valuable rights secured and a way opened through auxiliary reserves for doubling land needed to conserve the water supply.

In a short time the State will be given authentic data as to its water resources, especially in regard to water power which is now going to waste, but which can be made a wonderful source of public income.

The State now has official crop reports, demonstrating that it is not only a coal, iron and oil Commonwealth, but a rich "farm State."

Furthermore, studies have been made and reports prepared on the best ways to build not only for safety, but for the future; on a plan whereby effective compensation for mishaps can be secured for over 2,000,000 workers in industrial Pennsylvania; on sensible penal laws; on equitable fire insurance and on economy and efficiency in the spending of the millions devoted annually to the government of the State.

There are more, for in spite of the showers of brickbats hurled in the late campaign, earnest men have not only been doing their duty by 8,000,000 persons, but thinking of the welfare of many, many more to come.

What has been done and ascertained is awakening Pennsylvanians to a realization that much unselfish work must be done in the next decade.

ROADBUILDING PROGRESS

That remarkable progress has been made in the building of good roads throughout the United States during the past few years is proven by data recently obtained by the American Highway Association and soon to be published in the official Good Roads Year Book for 1915.

More than 34,000 miles of surfaced roads have been constructed during 1913 and 1914, and during the ten-year period from 1904 to 1914 more than 96,000 miles have been completed. That this progress has been really amazing may be understood from the fact that in 1904 there were only 153,000 miles of surfaced roads of all types in the United States. That the movement is attaining momentum as it goes is proven by the fact that while the average mileage constructed per annum during the past ten years is 9,600 miles, the total completed for 1914 exceeded 18,000 miles.

The report shows also that something like 30,000 miles of highway have been completed with the aid of State funds, of which over \$200,000,000 have been expended. The State-aid movement began in 1892 and has therefore continued for twenty-two years. Only recently has it gotten well under way, as the results accomplished for 1913 and 1914 comprise a total of 10,000 miles of State-aid highways

completed, or in two years' time one-third of the entire mileage constructed with the aid of State funds has been completed.

Only six States now, out of a total of forty-eight, are without State highway departments and thirty States have granted actual money aid to the building of roads. An interesting fact is that roadbuilding is going forward most rapidly wherever automobiles are most numerous. In the end it is the farmer who profits most by good roads. But he owes the progress of the movement in recent years to the energy of the automobilist.

START TO SAVE NOW

CHRISTMAS savings clubs will be started during the next ten days by fully a half dozen Harrisburg banks. There is not a man in Harrisburg, no matter how little he may earn, who should not well consider joining one of these clubs.

This year more than half a million dollars was distributed by the savings clubs to the people of this city and vicinity. Many found, when the shopping days came around, that they had more money than they really needed to buy Christmas presents, and, as a result, many a neat little nest egg is reposing in one or other of the banks in the names of people who never before knew what it was to have a bank account.

Will you be one of those fortunate ones who next Christmas will have enough and to spare? You will be if you are thrifty enough to lay aside a certain sum each week. The savings club plan makes it possible for you to store up a goodly part of your savings.

KEEPING THE STREETS OPEN

ARE you one of those nowadays who are making traffic policemen undergo all sorts of mental and physical agonies because of their carelessness?

Now that the streets are jammed with shoppers every citizen should do his share to prevent accident. If it were not that many shoppers have charmed lives, apparently, scores would be injured where one now is, for dozens leap under the very noses of horses, dash across the streets in front of automobiles or cars, absolutely disregard the directing of the corner officers, and each hour, in the downtown districts, furnish enough thrills to keep a movie audience gasping for breath a whole evening.

One of the worst traffic problems, according to the police, is "the woman with her arms full of bundles, who just must catch that 5.30 car." Squirrel-like she darts through the thick of the traffic and it is impossible to stop her. If a brave patrolman does try it he almost gets his ear bitten off for his trouble.

Other nerve-racking problems are the spry old man, who "goes where he pleases when he pleases," and the man or woman with the baby coach. Only by the co-operation of every individual in the city can the traffic congestion be opened and accidents kept at a minimum during the present rush.

HARRISBURG WEATHER

RESIDENTS of the Wyoming Valley may now come out of their storm cellars. Wilkes-Barre and the surrounding country are not subject to any more intense storms than other sections of Pennsylvania, according to a special report submitted last week by the United States Weather Bureau.

Following the recent cyclone, the Government Bureau was asked to investigate conditions in the Wyoming Valley because it was feared that the two cyclones which devastated parts of Wilkes-Barre in the last twenty years meant that the city and the valley were in constant danger.

The investigators of the government say they find nothing unusual in conditions there. Their observations were that the two cyclones of the valley were nothing more than accidents and similar ones are just as likely to visit any other section of the State. The investigators found that Pennsylvania has had twelve severe storms in the past nine years. Three of them were in the vicinity of Reading; three in the Wilkes-Barre section; one in the region of Harrisburg; one in Scranton; two between Philadelphia and Chester; one between Towanda and Elmira, and others in the vicinity of Stroudsburg.

This is interesting data to Harrisburgers, but tells us nothing we have not known for years. Not only is Harrisburg almost "storm proof" so far as cyclones go, but we are also fortunate in escaping many of the lesser weather disturbances that visit other parts of the State. Weather observers tell us that this is due to the peculiar formation of the hills that surround the city. At all events, it is true that the snows here are seldom so deep, the sleet storms not often very destructive and the storms generally less severe than at points both to the east and west of us. Evidently Father Harris was something of a "weather shark" or he was particularly fortunate in selecting for his settlement a spot where the sun does not shine so hot, where the cold is not so biting, where the winds blow more lightly and where the snows and the rains fall more gently than in the surrounding cities of the State. This is no idle flattery; the weather records prove it, even those of the past week, when they are compared with similar figures in other parts of the State.

THE NEW PENITENTIARY

BEFORE it is completed Pennsylvania's new Western Penitentiary near Bellefonte is attracting national attention. Henry Smith Thompson, of Beacon, Mich., a representative of the governor of that State, spent a part of last week as the guest of Warden John Francis, going over the plans and ideas worked out largely by Warden Francis for the construction and operation of the great prison that will eventually house the State's entire convict population.

The new penitentiary will be like no other one in the country. From behind its walls the inmate will have view of the whole countryside round about for miles. Its prisoners will

work in the open, free from the contamination of the city, and they will live and sleep in sanitary surroundings, where the spectre of the great white prison plague will never stalk, where shattered physical constitutions will be repaired and mental equilibrium recovered. The whole purpose will be not to punish, but to reform.

The very best thought in modern prison management is being employed in the building and organizing of the new penitentiary, and in all likelihood Mr. Smith's visit is only the beginning of a long series of such.

EVENING CHAT

Governor John K. Tener and Mrs. Tener planned to spend the last Christmas and New Year's day of the governor's term at the Executive mansion and for the first time in years a number of the State officials will pass part of the holidays at least in the State Capital. The governor has spent the holidays here ever since he took office and the New Year's day celebrations inaugurated at the mansion by Mrs. Tener have been the big social events of the first day of the year.

The State is already taking on a holiday air and tomorrow most of the officials and attaches living in other places will be on their way to their homes. A few of the fortunate ones get away today. Lieutenant Governor, John N. Reynolds, who came here to attend the meeting of the State Board of Pardons, from which he is to return to his home next month, will come here shortly before the legislature convenes to prepare for opening the Senate. Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, Commissioner John Price Jackson, State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery and superintendent S. B. Rambo, will spend the holidays at their homes in this city, but all the other chiefs will go home to eat turkey and play Santa Claus. Some of the offices at the Capitol will be decorated with Christmas greens. The Executive mansion will be decorated as usual and the customary distribution of candy to children will take place in the morning, this being a custom long ago established. The Governor's wives the candy and there is always a mob on hand to get it.

Members of the next House of Representatives appear to be exercising a great deal of discrimination in regard to the seats they will occupy judging from the manner in which they are writing requests for seats. Some of them appear to think that there are 207 aisle seats, while the number of applicants for the second row is far in excess of the number asking for the first.

In some parts of the terraces, Capitol Park gives a pretty good imitation of a wooded hill. From the top of the trees removed this fall has been cut into lengths and has been piled in neat piles, just like wood to be used about a camp. The gardening force had planned to remove the wood, but the snow came along and stopped things.

"We are having considerable trouble to get people to save money for themselves," said one of the tax collectors yesterday. "The time for making payments without penalty is almost expired and the manner in which notices are being ignored makes one suggest that some cash is being used for Christmas shopping that could be applied in taxes and save penalties after January 1."

The icy condition of things last evening made some pretty sights about Stroudsburg. The snow was blown from furnaces and mills was piled up on the ice covered buildings and thrown against the sky until at times it looked as though a conflagration was raging in the streets. South Harrisburg, however, was pretty cold place by contrast, the three furnaces and most of the mills being idle at present.

The action of the flag transfer commission in turning back a balance of over \$2,500 out of a \$6,000 appropriation and furnishing one of the most interesting and enjoyable spectacles ever known at the Capitol, establishes a record on Capitol Hill. There have been many instances in which the turned back large balances of money to the Education Commission which did not use it, but \$1,300 for instance, but none has turned back as much in proportion to the size of the appropriation. The practice of eating up all the funds is not as general as some folks would have us imagine.

George W. McIlhenny is the possessor of an old-style silver watch by which he sets great store. Likewise he follows the old-fashioned practice of carrying a watch chain in the fob pocket of his trousers. The jeweler has a steady income from the new crystals he buys, for the watch turns blue and of his pocket every few days. Not long ago he was in the cellar of his home to prepare the furnace fire for the night. After he had shoveled into the firebox two scoops of coal and was ready to light the fire, he discovered that his watch chain had been hooked in the coal bin. Nothing there! Then he thought of the furnace, rushed over and threw open the door. There, in the very midst of the fire, with the flames playing up all around it, was the watch, still ticking away. Mr. McIlhenny rescued it with a shovel and thoughtfully picked up the timepiece to ascertain the damage. Of course it was hot and he dropped it. Result—two blisters and one crystal smashed. But the watch never stopped going.

The cold weather and snow of the week just closed caused many a barnyard in the vicinity of the city, and indeed, in the country, to be visited by flocks of crows. The crows apparently had a hard time to find food and as is usual when the weather is severe and the food is scarce, a number of big flocks appeared on the grounds of the State Insane Hospital and made themselves at home while people living in the Reserve and Paxtang districts have grown accustomed to seeing the big black-coated birds stalking around looking for food and taking a tremendous interest in the outgoings of people from kitchen doors.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Dr. Lincoln Hulley, formerly of Bucknell, is being entertained on a visit to the State. He is now head of a college in Florida.

—Dr. H. M. Armitage, of Chester, is at the seashore.

—T. J. Keenan is taking a prominent part in peace meetings in Pittsburgh.

—James McKelvey cut and donated Somerset's Christmas tree. He took it from his own land.

—The Rev. J. Berg Eisenstein has gone to Springfield, closing his home in Philadelphia.

—Harrison Townsend, noted Philadelphia golfer, will retire as secretary of the Philadelphia Golf Association.

—D. T. McCabe, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Lines west, is at Atlantic City.

—Dr. G. A. Dellinger, Pittsburgh oculist, attacked by a thug a few nights ago, is recovering.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has more bridges than any other city along the Susquehanna?

LEGISLATORS IN CAUTIOUS MOOD

Not inclined to be Making Declarations on the Speakership at Present, It Seems

DAUPHIN MEN ARE SILENT

Have Not Declared For Amblor—Bell Is Mentioned For Attorney Generalship

Men elected to seats in the next House of Representatives are showing a disposition to be exceedingly wary in regard to committing themselves to the candidacies of any of the aspirants for speaker and some of them have daily declined to make any statements. The friends of Charles A. Amblor and Richard J. Baldwin are very active in their behalf and the booms of half a dozen other members are being pressed as well, everyone hoping to fish up something from the troubled waters. The Republican caucus to be held here on the night of January 4 will decide who will be speaker.

Members of the Dauphin county delegation to-day denied the statement in a Philadelphia morning paper that they were in line for the Montgomery county man. One representative said that he has not made up his mind and another remarked that he was more concerned about his business than the speakership just now.

The Lebanon and Cumberland county members are also said to be uncommitted, while Allegheny has not endorsed any one.

—Both Amblor and Baldwin predicted victory in statements made last night. Amblor said: "I am confident that the members throughout the State will be for me and certain that I will be chosen by the party caucus."

"There has been no slate," said Baldwin. "The fight is still an open one and I expect to win. Senator Penrose has assured me that he will keep hands off, and I trust him. The members will select the party candidate, and my advice from all sections of the State indicate my success. Governor-elect Brumbaugh has not interfered, nor do I believe that he will. He has always opposed a dictation in matters of this kind, and I feel sure would not seek to dictate himself. The use of his name as opposed to me is a blind to confuse the members. The question of local option has nothing to do with the issue. I voted for George E. Alter, a local option man, for Speaker, two years ago. I am prepared to give all sides a square deal on any question."

—The Philadelphia Inquirer to-day prints the following: "Should the contest between Amblor and Baldwin develop factional bitterness, friends of Henry I. Wilson, of Jefferson county, will propose him as a 'harmony' candidate. He has been a Penrose supporter for years. Opponents of local option have been claiming 144 out of the 207 votes in the House and say they are not concerned about the outcome of the issue when it shall be submitted to a vote in that body."

—At Washington yesterday Senator Penrose said: "I have no candidate for the speakership of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg. The selection of a Speaker is a matter for the Representatives at Harrisburg to decide. I have no objection to the Republicans will select their candidate at the caucus which is to be held, and, for my own part, I have not taken any part in this matter. There is much to be done in Washington and my work here will require all my attention. I do not intend to take any part in the contest over the speakership. I have no doubt that Representatives at Harrisburg will select a Speaker who will preside over the House competently and impartially."

—Governor-elect Martin G. Brumbaugh has refused to accept his salary for November as superintendent of schools of Philadelphia. Returning a check for \$900 from the Board of Education, Dr. Brumbaugh explained that he had been on a vacation in the South during the greater part of the month, and did not deem it right to accept the money. Dr. Brumbaugh obtained a leave of absence after his nomination, but the furlough expired November 1. The salary of the superintendent of schools is \$9,000 a year.

—Philadelphia people are commencing to think that Governor-elect Brumbaugh may decide to retain Attorney-General Bell. It certainly looks that way.

—There is an interesting piece of political gossip going the rounds in Western Pennsylvania about the Brumbaugh dock and protest against the confirmation of the man named may be made. It is said that the office was placed at the disposal of Congressman McKelvey, who returned for help he has given to the Democrats.

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Feed, with promise, the hungry maw;
Whet the craving of tooth and claw;
Over the quivering muzzles draw
The bloody lure of the hunting!

Then up, and away!—for the trails
Are free,
And the world was made for the hunting.
Over its homes, and its hoardings go!
Ride, and ravage, and tramp the low!
Wreck, and ruin, and woe on woe.
To all—but the lords of the hunting!

OUR RISING NAVY
(Greenburg Tribune)
Our navy is growing and soon promises to be the largest in the world. That is if the other fellows keep sinking ships as they have been doing regularly recently.



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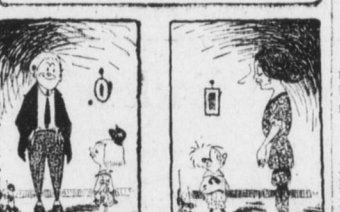
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STEIFF WAREROOMS, 24 N. Second St.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



Looking Ahead
I suppose you are already looking forward to Christmas. Yes, I hope Sis has a beau by day-time what a good sweater!

Oh, I see!
I didn't want to school to-day, Ma! I'm sure you didn't learn that kind of grammar at school. No, I learned it from Pop.

SUCH A DAY
By Wing Dinger
The editor jumped into me because I didn't write some verses for the Telegraph. Which reached your house last night. He got real nasty 'bout it all. And wanted to know why I hadn't written one, and then I looked him in the eye.

I said to him: "You great big boob, I hustled through the slop that covered sidewalks yesterday. For orders for the shop. My feet were soaked, my body chilled, my temper worn out. On such a day, pray, what was there that I could write about?"

FACTS AND FUN

Briggs—We are coming around to see you this evening.
Griggs—That's right; but do me a favor, old man. Don't let your wife wear her new fall suit; I don't want my wife to see it just now.

Briggs—Why, man alive, that's just why we are coming.—Boston Transcript.

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NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of Dec. 22, 1864.]
Promote Farragut
Washington, Dec. 22.—Rear Admiral Farragut has been promoted to be a vice admiral in the United States navy.

Bring In Exchanged Men
Annapolis, Dec. 21.—The steamer New York has just arrived with 300 paroled Union prisoners, most of them in a very serious condition, due to exposure.

Bring Letters Home
Washington, Dec. 22.—The mails have been distributed to Sherman's army. About 10,000 soldiers' letters were brought back to be delivered to their homes.

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The mayor has appointed Dr. Charles B. Fager vaccine physician of the Fifth and Sixth wards of the city.

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IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph of Dec. 22, 1864.]
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The editors and publishers of the country exchanges will not issue papers next week.

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WHAT TO GIVE "HIM OR HER" Here's Your Answer

WHAT to give as a Christmas gift is the old, old question and is just as perplexing as ever. Many persons are daily solving this question by selecting a Diamond, a Watch, a piece of Jewelry, or a piece of Cut Glass from the large and varied Tausig stocks. Here women may choose gifts for men—and men may select appropriate gifts for Ladies—gifts that are thoroughly reliable in every detail and at prices that are very moderate.

- DIAMONDS
Rings, 1-61 to 3 karat, from \$3 to \$600.
Cluster Rings, \$5 to \$1,000.
Lavaliers, \$7 to \$200.
Bracelets, \$8 to \$200.
Earrings, \$6 to \$550.
Cuff Buttons, \$5 to \$50.
Scarf Pins, \$3 to \$200.
Emblem Buttons and Charms, \$3 to \$10.
Signet, Plain and Set Rings, \$1.50 to \$10.
Lavaliers, hundreds to choose from, \$2 to \$10.
Watch Bracelets, \$7.50 to \$25.
Solid Gold Bracelets, \$1 to \$15.
Set Bracelets, \$3.50 to \$7.50.
Tango Bracelets, \$1 to \$3.00.
Baby Bracelets, \$1 to \$1.
CUT GLASS
Bowls, \$2 to \$7.50.
Jugs, \$2 to \$7.50.
Water Bottles, \$2.50 to \$4.
Nappies, 75c to \$2.
Celery Brushes, \$2 to \$1