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THE STATE EDUCATORS

It is with particular pleasure that Harrisburg welcomes back to the city its organization the State Educational Association. There are few like it in the country and none has a record of doing more in the cause of training of youth.

Furthermore, the people of the second State in the Union have shown appreciation of the worth of educators by selecting for Governor one of the former presidents of the association and a conspicuous figure in its councils for well nigh twenty years.

In the sixty-five years of its existence this association has played a big part in shaping legislation and its new custom of meeting here just before the assembling of the State's lawmakers affords a means of securing the opinion of those vitally concerned in various measures suggested for the betterment of the school system and administration of its affairs.

All Harrisburg joins in welcoming the teachers and their friends and wishes them a pleasant visit to the city which has often entertained them.

ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM

The State Economy and Efficiency Commission hit the nail right on the head in its references to the State Highway Department when it declared that the duty placed upon the department should be "in accordance with anticipated revenues" and that "sufficient appropriations" be made for the work.

The last Legislature gaily voted money the State did not have and the Governor had to cut down the amounts appropriated to make them fit the revenue. When the bills left the legislative halls it appeared that magnificent provision had been made for a splendid scheme of highway improvement.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS

There is sound common sense in the proposal to place the conduct of rural public schools in the hands of county boards of directors. The recommendation comes from a special committee, headed by Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, appointed a year ago by the State Educational Association, and is the basic conclusion of a report covering many points of school betterment, following a survey of the entire educational system of Pennsylvania.

present system of township control is cumbersome and obsolete. The tendency now is toward centralization of schools and increased efficiency. Little can be done in this direction until the township school limit is wiped out and districts rearranged to permit of centralized effort.

It is logical to suppose that a small board elected to serve an entire county would be composed of bigger, broader men than can be found in any one township, no matter how carefully the district selections are made.

No less percentage than Dr. Schaeffer subscribes to the recommendation will warrant the Legislature in giving the subject most serious consideration.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

No institution in Harrisburg has taken greater strides in the last half-dozen years than the Harrisburg Academy. From a school with hardly two score pupils and a reputation confined to a few colleges it has become one of the best known of the secondary schools of Pennsylvania, a real preparatory school, and with opportunities that are large indeed.

The Academy has reached that point where it can be made a great institution of its class, a credit to the city, something in which everyone can take the pride that is taken by the people of Andover, Lawrenceville, Concord and other towns in the preparatory schools within their limits.

MORE THAN JOB AT STAKE

All records have been broken during the past thirty days at the naturalization bureau of the New York county clerk's office when 4,143 men applied for papers admitting them to citizenship. This is the largest number of applicants ever recorded in any one month.

The rush for citizenship is attributed by officials to the steps taken to enforce the law providing that only citizens of the United States shall be employed on public work, thus barring aliens from employment on the new subway construction.

OPPOSITION WITHIN PARTY

There should be no surprise over the news from Washington that opposition is developing in the Democratic party to the renomination of President Wilson in 1916. Any President who has conducted himself in office as has the present incumbent since the very moment of his inauguration must expect to have enemies even within the ranks of his own party organization.

Texas and Louisiana are developing strong opposition to the President's second term ambition and it is by no means surprising that this is so. The tariff slashing dictated by the White House has been responsible to a large degree for the deplorable business conditions the South is at present experiencing, and the two States named have been particularly hard hit, not only in this respect but by what many of their people believe to have been neglect on the part of the Administration to come to the aid of the cotton growers in their recent distress.

hostility aroused in certain quarters over the President's non-committal attitude with regard to woman's suffrage and his open opposition to the Hobson amendment for national prohibition. In these matters the President was evidently playing politics, but in such a blundering manner as to do himself more harm than good.

Then, too, there is yet to be explained that one term plank in the Baltimore platform. William Jennings Bryan was the author of that paragraph, and when he accepted the nomination President Wilson subscribed to it. It would be interesting indeed to hear from the Secretary of State just what he meant when he wrote it and how, under present conditions, it is to be interpreted.

EVENING CHAT

The Pennsylvania State Educational Association, which began its sixty-first annual meeting in Harrisburg to-day, is one of the oldest organizations in the State and has a notable record of regular meetings. The organization met in the summer time, but lately it has been meeting in holiday week, the session preceding a legislative meeting being held in Harrisburg. Last year it met in Pittsburgh and this is interesting because the first meeting was held in Harrisburg in 1837 and the second meeting in Pittsburgh. Thomas Henry Burrows, later Superintendent of Public Instruction, was its first president.

In 1884 the association met next year in Pittsburgh. After Pittsburgh the association met in Lancaster, Pottsville, Lewisburg, Philadelphia, Williamsport, Scranton and West Chester. In 1880 it met in Greensburg and next year in Lewisburg. In 1881 it was stated no meeting was held because of "threatened invasion by Confederate army," but next year at Reading eighty enrolled and the name of Henry Houck appears as a secretary. In 1882 the association met at Altoona, electing S. D. Ingram, of Harrisburg, as president. Then came meetings at Meadville, Gettysburg, Bellefonte, Allentown, Greensburg again and in 1877 it met in Harrisburg and next year at Philadelphia in 1878 Henry Houck became president.

George P. Hays was elected president of the Harrisburg section. Next meetings were held at Shippensburg, Wilkes-Barre, West Chester, Erie and Reading, the 1879 meeting being merged with the national association in Philadelphia. In the sixties the meetings were in York, Washington, Pottsville, Williamsport, Meadville, Harrisburg, Allentown, Clearfield, Scranton and Altoona. In the nineties meetings were held at Mauch Chunk, Bedford, Beaver Falls, Media, Mount Gretna, Bloomsburg, New Castle, Bellefonte, in the Spanish war, when Dr. Brumbaugh was elected president, and Gettysburg. In 1893 the Columbian Exposition took the place of the annual meeting. Beginning with 1900 meetings have been held as follows: Williamsport, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre, Reading, Altoona, Greensburg, State College, Bellefonte, Erie, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and here again. Recent presidents have been J. George Becht, F. W. Robins, C. J. Herrick, Charles Lose, Charles S. Fisher, J. E. Ritcher, L. E. Tietrick, L. E. McGinnis and Samuel Andrews.

A subject which will probably attract much attention at the meeting of the educators and which will interest many residents of this vicinity is vocational education. This line of work includes industrial and technical training, two of the most important topics that teachers can be concerned with these days. In this city technical training has been established but there is a great untouched field in such a railroad and manufacturing center as Harrisburg and the time that the school is in session the regular pupils could be in use by the regular classes. In this county there are several township high schools, which, with proper encouragement, could introduce industrial courses and be of great value to the productiveness of Dauphin county.

This interesting bit of news about a man well known to many Harrisburgers was published in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin last night: "Former Governor Stuart is sixty-one years old. He left his home in Erie on his way to his office here before 9 o'clock and among the first to offer congratulations was his friend and neighbor, Francis Shunk Brown, who rode in to Broad Street Station with the State Street Street Governor, a picture of health, was a trifle late in reaching his office. The man who kept the date in mind stopped him, and he was overjoyed with good wishes. The former Governor has not aged in appearance since he left Harrisburg and he said he was feeling better than ever. Asked the secret of his splendid physical condition, the former Governor said he had been busy since he was fourteen years old and that he takes plenty of exercise in the open air. Formerly he walked from his home at Broad and Tasker streets to his place of business on Ninth street. Since his removal to Overbrook, he walks from Broad Street Station to the Union League and then to his office, walking back in the afternoon."

The Legislature which will meet at the Capitol a week hence will be the one hundred and twenty-first in the history of Pennsylvania, although only those sessions from 1812 on have been held in Harrisburg. The thirty-seventh was the first to be held in this city, meeting soon after the bill to transfer the seat of government from Lancaster to Harrisburg had been put into effect in the year of the second war with Great Britain.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Barry Pain, English author, is visiting in Philadelphia.
William Bailey, one of the well-known men of Philadelphia, celebrated his golden wedding anniversary this week.
Dr. W. J. Crookston, connected with one of the Pittsburgh regiments of the National Guard, has gone to war in Europe as a member of an Austrian Red Cross corps.
D. R. Schnabel, young Johnstown businessman, is a candidate for mayor.
M. H. Cahill, stationed at New Castle, has been transferred to Baltimore by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has been a maker of iron and steel for over a century?

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

Rebels Want More Men
Confederates Losing
Louis, Ky., Dec. 29. — The rebels have been routed near and more than twenty millions of dollars worth of property has been destroyed.

CLUB PLAYS FOR GREAT GAIN

Harrisburg Republican Club Members Gather to Put Down Their Names as Marchers

WILL BE IN INAUGURAL

Speakership Candidates Are Opening Headquarters Here For the Caucuses

Members of the Harrisburg Republican Club, the city's oldest Republican organization, rallied to their traditions last night when they determined to turn out one of the largest marching squads in the history of the club for the inauguration of Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh as Governor. The club has been a figure in every inaugural parade since it was formed and it will outdo itself.

The annual meeting of the club was held last night and E. M. Householder, one of the old-time members, was elected president without opposition, while James Thompson, re-elected secretary for the tenth or eleventh time. Charles K. Hess was elected vice-president and Fred M. Trittle treasurer. Charles Tress, Herman Geiger and George B. Neibinger were elected trustees, and W. D. Block, Joseph Bongardner, George W. Vint, Norman Callender and W. A. Adams to the membership committee.

President Householder appointed the following committees: Finance—D. L. Keister, L. R. Metzger and James Thompson. Entertainment—William Pavord, E. L. Fry, George W. Vint, Frank Hoffman and H. Eisenberger.

The proposition to take part in the inaugural parade attracted much attention from the members present and orders for the new uniforms were handed out rapidly. The coats will be furnished by Bowman & Co. and December 31 is the last day for measurement. The secretary will be at the club each evening to give out orders for the uniforms.

New Year's Day appears to be the day set for the opening of headquarters for the speakership caucuses. Judging from the manner in which reservations are being made. As indicated in the Telegraph, there will be three headquarters opened here on that day. Now it looks as though there would be more.

Representative Charles A. Ambler, of Montgomery county, secured yesterday with the first formal indorsement from any county delegation on the speakership when the three Representatives from Chester county, Samuel Whitaker, Martin H. Hollingsworth and Charles P. Greenwood, adopted resolutions pledging him their undivided support. The resolutions set forth that they believed in the belief that Mr. Ambler possesses the proper qualifications to preside fairly and impartially and that "through his legislative record he has stood by those policies which the Republicans of Chester county have repeatedly declared for, and for those policies which were advocated in the personal platform of Governor-elect Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh."

Insurance Commissioner Charles Johnson yesterday predicted Mr. Ambler's election, and will head a delegation of Montgomery county Republicans that will come here in his behalf. They have opened Ambler headquarters in the Harrison Building in Philadelphia, and will hold forth in the Commonwealth Hotel beginning next Saturday.

Representative Richard J. Baldwin, of Delaware county, called on Governor-elect Brumbaugh yesterday and afterwards said he believed he will be elected Speaker.

The Philadelphia Press to-day says: "Senator Charles H. Kline, of Pittsburgh, Speaker pro tem. of the Senate; County Chairman Walter M. Christy, of Allegheny county, and other members of the Pennsylvania Republican party expressed a desire to arrange for a conference with Dr. Brumbaugh to talk over the legislative needs of the western part of the State. The Governor-elect not only gave them a friendly ear to the suggestion, but went a step further than he was asked to go. He took the position that it would be easier for him to go to Pittsburgh than to have a group of Pittsburghers come all the way to Philadelphia, and he therefore arranged to visit the western metropolises of the State to-morrow."

BELGIUM

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox
(The following poem was contributed to King Albert's Book, which was published last week in London and more than one million copies sold for the benefit of the Belgian refugees. Only one hundred and fifty people were asked to contribute to this volume. This is the first publication of these lines in America.)

Ruined? Destroyed? Oh no; though blood in rivers ran
Down all her ancient streets; though treasures manifold,
Love-wrought, time-mellowed, and beyond the price of gold,
Are lost, yet Belgium's star shines still in God's vast plan.

Rarely have kings been great since kingdoms first began;
Rarely have great kings been great men when all was told,
But by the lighted torch, in mailed hands, behold
Immortal Belgium's immortal king, and man.

Some Good Advice

Here is some advice given to merchants who think they are cutting down expenses when they stop advertising.
The speaker is a very eminent authority. He says: — If it is advertising worthy of the name — is your best salesman, and more so, because he is not paid, but indefinitely because business was bad yesterday.
Your advertising is a bigger factor in your business than your location — and you'll move it down a back street or wipe your advertising location off the city map because you're not feeling right to-day.
Your advertising is the big sign over your door and you'll take it down and store it in the cellar; your advertising is your most profitable and most economical tax for insurance against loss, and yet you'll lightly "save" it — God save the day — that expense for a few days if your dinner or business conditions don't suit you.
Advertising is a great force in business and many great and many foolish claims are made for it, but it is not greater, nor more powerful than any other factor of your business. It can't be the impossible. If you expect to get any good from it you must keep it "on the job," make it work and you will succeed.

SIDES & SIDES
MID-WINTER SALE
All Suits and Overcoats
1/3 OFF
SIDES & SIDES
Commonwealth Hotel Building, Harrisburg, Pa.

FACTS AND FUN

Greece is practically without industries, and for this reason is largely dependent upon the outside world for all sorts of manufactured products and many lines of agriculture, notably cereals, the domestic production is insufficient for home consumption.
"Texas goes Miss Van Antler. Weren't her father's and mother's divorce involve in some kind of scandal?"
"Yess. But she is so pretty and engaging that she hopes to make her way without taking advantage of that." — Life.

Texas bankers have pledged themselves to co-operate to prevent the sale of Texas cotton at less than eight cents a pound.
"Where are we to go for fashions, if the war in France continues?"
"Wear as little as we can and wait." — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The highest waterfall in the world is the Chocoma cascade, in the Yosemite, which is 2,364 feet high.

"Sen, if you must enlist," said the wise old man, "enlist in the navy."

"Why, dad?"
"A Government sustains no actual loss if a company of soldiers is shot to pieces, but a new battleship is too valuable to take chances with." — Louisville Courier-Journal.

In proportion to its population, Switzerland spends more on poor relief than does any other country.

Anxious Mother — But, John, dear, when do you find time to sleep?
John — Oh, I'm taking four lecture courses. — Cornell Widow.

Large quantities of explosives are manufactured in Natal and the Transvaal.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Great Aid to Medical Profession
[From the Atchison Globe.]
Appendicitis probably has helped the doctors more than any other recent discovery.

Hardly Tell 'Em Apart
[From the Cincinnati Times-Star.]
The condition of the sidewalks Sunday night made the whole city kin. The sober and the bibulous walked with the same unsteady gait.

Samantha's Piety
[From the Chicago News.]
Samantha Ann goes to church every time she gets a new dress.

Kind Word For Mr. Pinchot
[From the Anaconda Standard.]
To give Pinchot's credit, it should be said that nothing but silence is issuing from the cavity of the earth in which he was deposited.

Everyone Seems Happy, Though
[From the Birmingham Age-Herald.]
In these latter days Colonel Roosevelt shows a disinclination to talk which amazes friend and foe alike.

AFTER

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.
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Over the din of battle,
Over the cannons' rattle,
Over the strident voices of men and their dying groans
I hear the falling of thrones.

Out of the wild disorder
That spreads from border to border
I see a new world rising from ashes
Of ancient towns;
And the rulers wear no crowns.

Over the blood-charged water,
Over the field of slaughter,
Down to the hidden vaults of Time,
Where lie the wretched things,
I see the passing of Kings.

AN EVENING THOUGHT.

What do we live for, if it not
to make life less difficult to
others? — Geo. Eliot.

Storm Defiers
Hub-Mark 4-buckle Overhoes simply scorn storms. They are the surest foot protection against mud and cold weather that money can buy.
They are almost as good as rubber boots; lighter in weight, and warmer.
Heavy weight cashmere cloth top, fleece-lined snow excluders. Also made "railroad" and rolled edges.
Solid wear is built into every part of Hub-Mark 4-buckle Overhoes.
A Famous Product of the Boston Rubber Shoe Co.
HUB-MARK RUBBERS
Look For HUB-MARK
Look for the Hub-Mark on all kinds and styles of Rubber Footwear for Men, Women, Boys and Girls.
Note this — You can rely on anything you buy from dealers who sell Hub-Mark Rubber Footwear. They are dependable merchants.
Boston Rubber Shoe Company
Malden, Mass.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

Discovery
Now get your winter clothing out with sinking heart if notes were dining table — but alas! Or eating a la carte.

Both Necessary
The parting from brother
Was tearful
And sad,
"Be good," whispered mother,
"Take 'ood," counseled dad.

Tennyson Adapted
When I fuzzle a shot with my putter
That would give me the hole in three,
O would that my tongue could utter
The thoughts that arise in me.

SKATING TIME
By Wing Dingee
Why go by foot or trolley
A mile or two to skate.
The pleasures of the pastime
Will come to you — just wait.
'Tis years since I have skated
And yet, dear goodness knows,
This year I've had the pleasure
That with the pastime goes.

For instance, just this morning
I found a lot of ice
On my front steps and sidewalk
Which, you know, isn't nice.
The car was coming swiftly,
I hurried — then a jar,
My feet slipped on the top step,
I slid out to the car.

So why waste time and money
To go a distant pond
Or lake or creek or river —
Dear reader, if you're fond
Of skating, choose the sidewalk,
With all their icy lumps,
You'll find them more convenient
And just as good for bumps.

I have fitted 20,000 eyes in Harrisburg and vicinity with glasses.
I guarantee satisfaction and my prices are as reasonable as you can get reliable service for anywhere.

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BRICK THAT'S EVERLASTING

Red Shale Building—Paving—Side Walks—Rough Texture—Good Seconds for Factories—Barn Floors and Farm Buildings.

MILTON BRICK COMPANY

Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa.

For 1915
King Oscar Quality
If the cigars you have been smoking make you feel like "cutting it out"—blame yourself and make friends with
King Oscar 5c Cigars
They'll satisfy you and make you feel prosperous, You'll find you don't have to make any New Year's resolutions as long as you stick to this quality smoke.
Regularly good for 23 years.