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THE PEOPLE'S MARTIN

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH'S public request that people who have ideas that are practical, sound and sane, on the systematic improvement of the roads of Pennsylvania send them to him, is exactly what was expected of him.

Nothing could be more mainly and in line with his announced policy than his statement yesterday afternoon that he would welcome ideas that would help in the solution of the questions of how to construct and maintain the highways.

It is to be hoped that the Governor will get the help he asks and that he will not be bothered with cranks, but be given good ideas, because that is what he wants and which everyone can be assured he will consider with the hard commonsense that is one of his great characteristics.

NEIGHBORLY SYMPATHY

EVERY resident of Harrisburg ought to read what William Perrine, editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Bulletin, has written for that bright and interesting newspaper concerning his impressions of this city.

We are proud in no small degree of some of our accomplishments and just as heartily ashamed of our failures and shortcomings. For instance, we know very well that we are lacking in hotel facilities and that we sorely need an auditorium of sufficient size to properly accommodate the great gatherings so frequently held here.

Of our strivings and attainments and our needs Mr. Perrine writes in a kindly and helpful manner. His praise is pleasant to the ear and his criticisms couched so politely that, in the words of Frank Daniels' old song, "we cannot be other than charmed."

We are glad to learn that our efforts at civic betterment and municipal improvement have the approval of our visitors. Mr. Perrine sees a bright future in store for Harrisburg. In that we all agree, but we would like him to know that we are not sitting at ease awaiting the coming of that future—we are, so to speak, going to meet it half way.

Thanks very much, Brother Perrine, we wish there were more like you.

RETURNING PROSPERITY

STEELTON added another open hearth furnace to its operating department yesterday. New orders, some of them large, are being received constantly. Every day brings cheering news of business improvement with signs certain that optimism is to be the keynote of 1915 in the business world.

Frank Trumbull, chairman of the advisory committee of railroad presidents, told President Wilson this week that the transportation companies of the country are on the upward trend, with general improvement in sight for the next few months at least.

night, said for the first time in history the United States is "experiencing the sensation of a real trade balance," predicting a new era of commercial prosperity and with practically no limit to our market.

There would seem to be every reason for these optimistic forecasts. In the first place, the steel trade beyond question has felt the stimulus of the 5 per cent. increase granted to the railroad companies, and the railroad companies in their turn will begin at once to respond to the increase in traffic produced in large part by their own orders for material and supplies placed with the steel companies.

Whether or not the Underwood tariff is modified immediately following the 1916 election, its disastrous effects on American industry will be offset to a very great degree by the fact that when the war is over European manufacturers will find themselves short of men, wages will necessarily be increased and the output of before the war necessarily lower.

All that is needed is a continuance of the confident, optimistic policy that now seems to be prevailing. Natural conditions and business needs will do the rest.

CHAOS IN MEXICO

THE elimination of both Carranza and Villa has been proposed by a new movement in Mexico having for its stated purpose the permanent peace of that chaotic republic. The movement is headed by General Alvaro Obregon, formerly military chief to General Carranza, and it is one to judge from the past, he is hardly likely to be more successful than were the leaders of the nine or ten preceding attempts to place in the chair of Diaz a man sufficiently strong to curb the revolutionary tendencies of the various district chiefs.

Since Diaz was ousted from the presidency no less than eight men have attempted to fill it. Some of them have done so for a brief period, a few of them have escaped with their lives, others are under the sod and still others who have been deposed are contending for the supremacy which they have lost. One doubts whether there is a real patriot in all Mexico. So far as can be judged every one of the numerous chieftains, from Carranza to Zapata, are interested only in promoting their own selfish ambitions.

President Wilson has said that so far as he is concerned, which means the United States government, as long as he is in the executive chair, Mexicans may go on with their blood-letting and pillaging to their hearts' content. With absolutely no restriction and no fear of interference upon them one wonders where the unscrupulous bandits who are posing as the saviors of the republic to the south will end.

THE SHIPPING BILL

PRESIDENT WILSON seems determined to push for the passage of his ship-purchase bill at all cost. The President has convinced himself that it is a great piece of constructive legislation and that the country will benefit immensely thereby. He refuses to heed the advice of experts who have made a careful study of the measure and its probable consequences. Many of those who have given the matter much thought have come to the conclusion that it would be a great economic mistake for Congress to write on the statute books such a law as the President advises.

Not only would it not fulfill the purpose for which it is designed—the up-building of an American merchant marine, but it would merely put the government into competition with private steamship companies, many of which would soon have to go out of business, thus destroying forever any hope of an American merchant marine unless the government were willing to spend millions of dollars of its money to that end.

We are witnessing now in the Dacia incident some of the consequences of rushing foolishly into ill-studied attempts to increase the shipping flag of the American flag. The President was just as sure of his ground when such transfers were proposed as he is now with respect to the ship-purchase bill and there is no more reason to believe he is right now than at that time.

Experts say that there is no present need for government ownership of shipping as regards Central and South America. The allotment of trade with those countries is especially attractive to those who know little or nothing about it and while it is unquestionably an important field our exports thereto are being pretty well carried now by privately owned boats. Further than that, there are often serious objections to the United States government employing ships as is proposed and it is unquestionably true that in the end the proposed legislation will not furnish a desirable method of building up an American merchant marine, and as this is its only excuse for existence there can be no excuse for enacting the Wilson measure into law.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

O that I could a sin once see! We paint the devil foul yet he Hath some good in him, all agree. Sin is flat opposite to the Almighty, seeing It wants the good of virtue and of being. —George Herbert.

EVENING CHAT

Fully forty members of the Legislature plan to spend all of their time in Harrisburg during the session and probably more will stay here most of the time and slip home for an occasional week end. Last session more members remained here through the long weeks of the Legislature than ever known before and a few of them went home but two or three times during the six months the lawmakers spent at work.

The daily digest of news from the various European fighting fronts is a real man-size job these days and sometimes it is difficult in the extreme to come to any intelligent conclusion even after the reader has waded through the various "official communications" that are daily being sent to "your correspondent here."

Frank J. Byrne, who was the correspondent of the Philadelphia Evening Times at the last legislative session, has entered a new field of endeavor. Mr. Byrne, who is an accomplished linguist, has recently opened offices in the Bulletin building, Philadelphia, where he is devoting his attention to the translation of advertising and printing matter from the Italian, Spanish and French into English.

William Draper Lewis, the former dean of the University of Pennsylvania law department, has been here for a couple of days attending the hearing in the Philadelphia Electric case at the Capitol. He is now practicing law in Philadelphia and doing politics alone, although not out of it.

The village wit was in a crowded car on a suburban line the other day. There were 91 fares rung up and everyone was jammed into the least available space. A big bunch of men began to board the car at a corner and the conductor shouted: "Move up front."

The Rev. Dr. M. D. Lichteiter, who has just been elected president of the State Federation of Historical societies, is an active member of the Western Historical Society, and is well known to many Harrisburgers. He is chief clerk of the Department of Agriculture and commander of Pili-grim commandery, Knights Templar.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—George Wharton Pepper, the attorney defending the national commission in the baseball suit, is one of the biggest lawyers in Philadelphia. —General A. J. Logan, of Pittsburgh, is planning a group of model cottages for workmen. —Sheriff William Tate, of Warren, had to levy on the tabernacle in which evangelistic services were being held.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg used to be the center of the rafting industry on the lower Susquehanna?

Helping the Manufacturers

In our advertising talks we often speak of the Bureau of Advertising. The Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers Association, is the link between the daily newspapers of North America and all national advertisers. Its purpose is to promote national advertising for newspapers, and to make general newspaper campaigns as nearly 100 per cent. profitable for the advertiser as possible.

GOVERNOR WANTS SOME ROAD IDEAS

Says He Would Like to Receive Good Suggestions About the State Highway System

OUTLINES SOME POLICIES

Proposes to See That Farmers Are Reimbursed For Cattle Killed Because of Disease

—Governor Brumbaugh said yesterday afternoon that he would be glad to receive good, sound suggestions, especially about highway matters. The Governor said that in the course of his late afternoon talks with newspapermen who called to ask him how he was enjoying his office. In talking about legislation he said that Attorney General Brown was drafting bills and that a lot of attention would be given to highway matters.

—The new Governor said that the details of the compensation bills, child labor and agricultural conservation were being worked out by the Attorney General and that other matters would be taken up in order just as rapidly as he could familiarize himself with the state government. In reply to questions he said that there were many matters on which he desired information, but that the bills in which he was interested would be worked out as rapidly as possible. On local opinion he said he thought a bill could be worked out without much trouble and did not appear to be particularly where it came from as long as it met his views.

—Representative C. J. Roney, of Philadelphia, says the proposed bill for a constitutional convention is his own idea and that he has neither the new governor or the Vares behind him on it.

—The developments in the New

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Jersey State highway department are being watched with a good bit of interest here. —Harry K. Dougherty, ex-representative from Mercer and one of the early Roosevelt men in the State, is reported as having left the Washington party for good and all. He is a candidate for Republican county chairman. —Senator Penrose will personally examine J. P. McMahon, the Susquehanna county postmaster, whose appointment has been criticised. The examination will take place before a senate committee next week. Frederick W. Feltz, former State Water Supply Commissioner, and one of the best known lawyers in the State, was last night initiated as a member of the famous Clover Club of Philadelphia. It was some ceremony, too, but the quick-witted and affable Scranton lawyer got away with it. Lieutenant Governor Frank B. McClain was one of those who were called upon by the club for a declaration.

Jerauld Shoe Co.'s SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE Begins January 23rd, 1915 Shoes are advancing rapidly and while we cannot replace our stock at anywhere near the price we paid for it we feel that your valued patronage all these years entitles you to the same consideration this year you have enjoyed in the past. Therefore we are going to give you an opportunity to buy practically any style shoe in the store at the same reduction we have always allowed at these special sales. Note the Reductions \$9.00 Grades Now \$7.98 \$5.00 Grades Now \$3.98 \$8.00 Grades Now \$6.98 \$4.50 Grades Now \$3.69 \$7.00 Grades Now \$5.98 \$4.00 Grades Now \$3.29 \$6.50 Grades Now \$5.48 \$3.50 Grades Now \$2.89 \$6.00 Grades Now \$4.98 \$3.00 Grades Now \$2.39 \$5.50 Grades Now \$4.48 \$2.50 Grades Now \$1.89 \$2.00 Grades Now \$1.69 These reductions apply to all departments, Men's, Women's, Boys' and Girls'. Banisters for Men and Laird Schober for Women are included in this sale. The same guarantee and privilege of exchange or refund of money as when sold at full price holds good at this sale. We are confident that it will be a long time before you will have an opportunity to buy shoes of these grades at these prices. May we suggest an early call if interested. Jerauld Shoe Co. 310 Market Street