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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

As intimated in the gossip that travels up and down the corridors of the State Capitol, Governor Brumbaugh has been asking questions indicating that he has in mind an effort to work out the suggestion for a department of conservation and should be able to bring about, together with his plan for agricultural progress, no will have done more than the conservationists have asked of him. Some people in Pennsylvania will not agree to the idea that the Department of Forestry which has built up the million-acre reserve and established the plans for systematic reforestation should smk its identity in any other department and the men familiar with the work of the State Game, Water Supply and Fisheries Commission will probably feel the same way about those energetic branches of the State government.

Looking at the matter in a business-like way, however, there is some merit in the proposition to consolidate. It would certainly reduce expense. The merging of the field forces of the departments would make the patrol work more effective and if the State police could be called upon by rangers and wardens to aid in times of emergency, so much the better. Whether it will be practicable now, when a couple of the departments have on hand some great projects requiring special skill to handle, is a matter for thorough consideration and study. Governor Brumbaugh is not without high qualifications as an administrator and will doubtless arrive at his conclusions after he has had time to make his survey and to prosecute inquiries as to the details of departmental business. The Governor is not going to turn the whole State government upside down or to curtail in any way the notable conservation work of the State. Instead, he means to further it all he can.

CAMP HILL'S CIVIC CLUB

HEREVER you find a live, energetic Civic club there also will you find a lively, progressive town. In this respect our little neighbor, Camp Hill, is indeed fortunate. The Civic Club of that pretty and growing suburb has gotten so far along with its plans for borough improvement as to be thinking of a public library and a reading room. Its committees are already preparing to make Camp Hill a flyless town next summer and while the residence character of the borough is such as to make unnecessary any large contributions to charity, the club is not asleep in this respect and has appointed a standing committee of three to see to it that nobody in Camp Hill suffers for lack of food or clothing.

The club called upon a very well versed and enthusiastic speaker when it asked Miss Alice R. Eaton to address it on the subject of public libraries. Miss Eaton has done a good work for Harrisburg and we predict success for Camp Hill if she is interested in the enterprise!

THE BUREAU OF STANDARDS

LEGISLATORS have very properly advanced without opposition a bill presented early in the session designed to place the State Bureau of Standards on a firm and permanent footing. When this Bureau was created Pennsylvania had no standards of commodities to speak of and the law providing sealers of weights and measures for cities and counties was purely optional. Under the administration of James Sweeney the Bureau has been developed until to-day there are about thirty inspectors of weights and measures operating in the State and interest is growing in the work continually.

At the instigation of Mr. Sweeney a net container law has been passed requiring that all goods sold in packages be distinctly marked with the net quantity contained therein. The savings thus affected alone would justify the maintenance of the department. Wherever communities have established the office of sealer it has been found that hundreds of dealers intentionally or unintentionally were giving their patrons light weight or short measure, or both. Right here in Harrisburg and Dauphin county hundreds of sets of scales and scores of measures either have been con-

damned outright or corrected to bring them up to standard. It has been estimated by those familiar with conditions that the loss to the consumer in these ways has been far in excess during the average year of the amount paid in school or road tax.

The dishonest dealer has been taking out of the pockets of his patrons from a fraction of a cent to as much as two and three cents on every sale. The total of such shortages when applied to any household grocery, butcher or produce bill may readily be estimated. The honest dealer has no complaint to make. He realizes the importance of co-operating with the State in this respect. With a vigilant sealer on the job, he is no longer placed on unfair competition with the man who has been cutting prices and quantities at the same time.

Anything that the Legislature may do to promote the efficiency of the Bureau of Standards will be felt directly in a beneficial way by the consumers of the State.

A USEFUL ORGANIZATION

THE Chamber of Commerce of the United States in session at Washington this week has set before the country some very decided views concerning the government's relations to business. The only trouble is that we have at the national capital an administration not at all responsible to public opinion so expressed. The demand for the State's book on the Gettysburg reunion has proved a source of embarrassment to many people at the Capitol because the supply has run out and people in every State in the Union are writing Harrisburg asking for copies. One of the surprises has been the number of requests from Pacific States where former Pennsylvanians are living and they have offered to pay whatever the State demands for it. Many requests have also come from the southern veterans who participated in the reunion. The book is being sent in the Senate will provide for the further publication of the book.

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THE FIVE CENT LOAF

ONE simple John Tomkins once said when the price of meat made it impossible for him to dine sumptuously as was his wont on a juicy steak or a prime roast of beef—"For why should I grumble and murmur he said; if I cannot get meat I can surely get bread."

One wonders what the optimistic Mr. Tomkins would add under present conditions with meat high and still soaring and the bakers threatening to advance the price of bread. One must pity the small baker, who has been unable to take advantage of the market and lay in a sufficient quantity of flour to insure him against sharp and sudden increases in the price of grain. He is, indeed, between "the devil and the deep blue sea." He has seen flour go up \$2 a barrel in the past few months and he has not been able to increase his earnings by one penny. Just what is going to become of him in the present melee neither he nor anybody else can at present guess.

But one thing is certain, the American people ought not to be taxed the threatened additional one cent per loaf in order that grain speculators may send vast quantities of our foodstuffs abroad. If Europe is willing to have her men destroying each other in warfare instead of planting and sowing and grinding and baking, why should the United States encourage that sort of thing by feeding the worse than idle millions in camp and the trenches. The thing to do now is what we will unquestionably come to at a later period. We must lock the door before the horse is stolen—if the animal is not already on its way across the ocean.

The government must declare an embargo on wheat. European governments are absolutely indifferent to the interests of the United States, except insofar as they balance with what the rulers of the warring nations deem to be for their own good. We owe England nothing. We owe Germany nothing. But we do owe our people the reward of their own thrift and enterprise, and we should see to it that nothing stands between them and the enjoyment of the bounty that nature has given in the record-breaking grain crops of last year. It is the height of folly to starve our hard-working, peace-loving men and women at home in order that the soldiers of Europe shall live on the fat of the land and that speculators shall grow rich with ill-gotten gains.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is one of the big distributing centers of the grocery trade in Pennsylvania?

SONG

She's somewhere in the sunlight strob, Her tears are in the falling rain, She calls me in the wind's soft song, And with the flowers she comes again.

Do Business

In a Daylight Way The storekeeper who makes a practice of putting up his prices and advertising articles asked for is doing business in the dark. He is trying by subterfuge to take advantage of the good will created by some one else.

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EVENING CHAT

"If the people who are thinking of setting out acres in fruit trees would give their thoughts to raising live stock they would not only be embarking in an enterprise that promises more in the way of early returns, but would add to the wealth of the State as well," said Dr. H. A. Surface, the State zoologist, in talking about numbers of applications that have come to him for advice about planting orchards. "The trouble is that this State is being overstocked with orchards. Everyone seems to be wanting to set out orchards. Last year was an unusually good one for fruit but the returns were small. What the people want to do is to plant fewer trees and to cultivate those they have and then to keep the trees in such a way that they can be thinned out. If the fruit growers of this State will thin out their crops they will be surprised at the fine fruit that can be raised. We raise now in our apple belt as good looking and as finely formed fruit as anywhere in the West and the flavor is better here. We have enough new trees for a while. Beyond that there is a demand for livestock, for horses, cattle and everything that furnishes food and animal products. The war will not only create a demand for the food producer but also for the leather that will be required and of the draught animals that will be needed. Turn some of the land on which it is planned to set out fruit trees into clover or grass and feed it to livestock. The returns will be as certain on the products as they will be on wheat for a while. This State has a wonderful agricultural opportunity now if it takes advantage of it."

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"Talk about Lochinvars comin' out o' the west," said an Allison Hill man the other day, "here's a cat out our way that has anything beaten I ever saw in the feline realm. We have a pretty malleas cat," he explained, "and she has a host of admirers, but there's only one yowler in the lot she seems to care a meow about. He's a great big black fellow and he pays our back yard a visit as regularly as clock work every afternoon at 4. Sort of an afternoon tea, as it were. And do you know where that cat lives? Exactly four squares away from our house."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Robert Swan, a director of public works in Pittsburgh, is inspecting Cleveland operations. —The Rev. R. M. Russell will leave the presidency of Westminster College to go to Chicago. —Judge M. B. Stephens, of Cambria county, is in favor of reducing licenses. —Park Snodgrass, of Canonsburg, has gone to Florida. —Senator Theodore C. Burton denounced the ship bill as full of holes, in a speech to Philadelphia hardware men. —Bayard Henry has been elected president of the Princeton club of Philadelphia.

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PA-MC LEAGUE MAY BE INVESTIGATED

Anti-Penrose Resolution Turns Out to Have Prongs on Many Sides Nowadays

PALMER BADLY TRIMMED

Election of Casey as His Successor Was Against His Wishes and His Candidate

Democratic machine adherents who have been shouting for an investigation of the nomination and election of Senator Boles Penrose who was chosen senator by a plurality of something like a quarter million votes, were quiet to-day when they learned that there was provision in the Senate resolution for the "probe" which would include their own party's election campaign. Some of the Democrats who had read the way the Senate committee on elections had amended the resolution saw a chance for Mr. Penrose and his friends to use the artillery planned against the Senator to shell the Democratic camps in Clinton and other counties where there have been charges made regarding the expenditures and methods of the adherents of A. Mitchell Palmer and Vance C. McCormick. It will be recalled that the State rang with charges made against the primary methods of the Democratic machine and there should be some "good hunting" under the Penrose resolution.

A Washington dispatch says: "The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections to-day voted to report favorably to the Senate the resolution of Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, calling for an investigation of the primary and general elections in Pennsylvania and other States. Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana, chairman of the committee, said he would make the report to the Senate at its next meeting Monday. If an investigation is ordered a probe of the election in Indiana, Alabama, South Dakota and California, in addition to Pennsylvania and Illinois, will be asked when the resolution is considered. A to-day's meeting of the committee the resolution was amended to read as follows: "Resolved, that the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to make an investigation for the purpose of ascertaining the expenditure of money made by candidates, organizations, committees, associations in the nomination of candidates for the United States Senate at the primary elections recently held in the State of Pennsylvania, Illinois, and such other States, and in any other States where such evidence is presented to said committee, as in their judgment will warrant such an investigation." The resolution further directs that the same investigation and recommendations be made in regard to the collection and expenditure of funds in behalf of the election of the candidates who were nominated at the primaries."

Senator Penrose said in discussing the resolution last night: "The statements originally submitted to the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections were intended solely for campaign purposes. The object was so apparent that members of the committee refused to consider them until after election. There is no foundation in fact for the charges, and so far as I am concerned, it makes not the slightest difference whether or not there is an investigation. From the beginning I have held this position and I shall be satisfied with any action the Senate may take. The election in Pennsylvania resulted in such an overwhelming Republican victory that the responsibility of the utterances of defeated candidates are hardly worthy of consideration. According to well-defined reports there were flagrant abuses in the elections in several States and it is the attention of the Senate will be called to these reputed violations of the law. In this way the investigation will be a benefit to the States where Senatorial elections were held."

Next to the unexpected development in the probe which was planned to unhorse Penrose, by which many cause many anxious weeks to Democratic bosses instead, the adherents of the discredited Palmer-McCormick Morris Blake and their ilk in Pennsylvania Democracy. A Washington dispatch says: "To the so-called 'Old Guard' of Pennsylvania Democracy belongs the chief credit of Casey's victory and in achieving in the Legislature a new page to Ways and Means Committee history. Casey is the first union labor leader ever to gain a seat in this all-powerful committee and he is the first Pennsylvania Democrat thus honored. The first Pennsylvania Democrat ever chosen on the Ways and Means Committee was the late William L. Scott, of Erie, and a rather peculiar coincidence is remarked because of the fact that Michael Liebel, Jr., an 'Old Guard' Democrat of the most stalwart type, who will represent the old Scott district in the next Congress, is one of the most potent leaders in the movement to bring about the election of Casey. Mr. Liebel, despite the fact that he is a Wilson Democrat, was openly opposed at the last election by Mr. Palmer and other reorganization leaders, through their friends and lieutenants in his district. Mr. Liebel has been here since Monday morning in Casey's behalf. Still another peculiar 'Old Guard' coincidence is the fact that in the caucus last night Casey was placed in nomination by Arthur G. Dewalt, of the Lehigh-Berks district, who was one of the numerous Democratic leaders slated for the political scrap heap by Mr. Palmer and the reorganizer leaders."

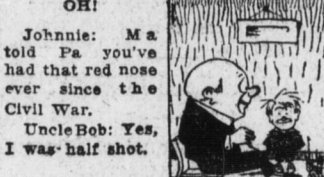
William Flinn left Philadelphia yesterday on his way to Florida and the plan of forming a new progressive party to catch the kickers at municipal elections is under way in earnest, but also under cover. Men in several counties where there are chronic insurgent movements have been sounded out as to whether they would care to align themselves with a party of protest again.

Organization was effected by the Seventh Ward Progressive club at a meeting at 1320 Cowden street. These officers were elected: President, John Jackson; vice-president, Edward Burris; secretary, George Johnson; treasurer, Nole Brown. Addresses were given by Mr. Dunlap, William Burson, William S. Moser, John Johnson and Edward Burris.

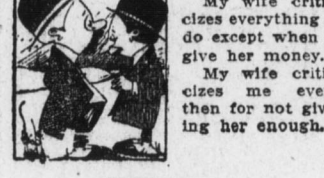
OUR DAILY LAUGH



OH! Johnnie: Ma told Pa you've had that red nose ever since the Civil War. Uncle Bob: Yes, I was half shot.



EVER TROUBLED THUS? By Wing Dingier. A friend of mine, who fixes eyes, Told me to-day that he Hears lots of funny things from folks Who find it hard to see. But probably the funniest He's heard for quite a while Is that which I'll pass on to you— I'm sure will bring a smile.



IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph, Feb. 6, 1865] Chief Justice Here Hon. Joseph Casey, chief justice of the United States Court of Claims, was in the city to-day. Planting Shade Trees A large number of shade trees have been ordered for planting by some of the citizens. Beggars in Evidence Street beggars are again working. The Mayor has given warnings.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph, Feb. 6, 1865] Big Artillery Duel Washington, Feb. 6.—A heavy artillery duel took place near the Appomattox. Sherman Moving Charleston, Feb. 6.—Sherman is moving against Branchville. Capture Guerrilla Chief Cumberland, Feb. 6.—General Harry Gilmore, another Guerrilla chief, was captured to-day.

STORY RITEN

By the Messenger Boy

Our boss is a good bit of a humorist and I often wondered how he kept so, with everyone botherin him every two minutes with telephone calls or requests for raises, or someone jumping in him because somethin wasn't done right the week before last. He don't chew tobacco nor drink beer, and only swears occasional, and I couldn't figger out how he was so good-natur'd till the other day I hear him talkin over the telephone. "Hello, is that you?" he said, "what is it?—what I want for dinner to-night?—well I dunno, I ain't had time to diges my breakfast this mornin, and I haven't considered the kwestion of dinner yet—what you say?—How would I like a stuffed rib roast?—Hully-gee, that sounds good—Haw-haw-haw-hooray.—You're all right to think of that—Yes, and be sure to put the potatoes in the pan so they get good—and brown and—well you know how." After he hung up he was laffin and chucklin to himself all day about that stuffed rib roast he was to get at dinner, till I wondered what there was in the cookin of it that could make a man think all day about it.

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He was in such a extra good humor that he give me a couple of messages to a place where they always give a tip to the messenger boy. There is lots of women dont bother to call up their husbands in the middle of the mornin to ast what they want for dinner in the evening, but they just hash up any old thing that's easy to get. Lots of men dont care whether they gets home on time for dinner or not. It must be pretty nice to have someone at home that knows just what you like and tries to fix things up the way you want em, so you feel anxious to get home in the evening, and find your slipper ready to put on, and hear her singin in the kitchen while the kettle is a boilin on the fire. I wish I was 21 and had my job reportin at four a week—I'd go get Sally Jane that lives across the street and elope to Philadelphia or somewhere.

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