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A POPULAR DIVERSION

POPULAR diversion at the White House seems to be the accusation of everybody not agreeing in all particulars with administration policies. One might imagine President Wilson saying to Secretary Bryan:

"I do not trust this man. I fear there is something crooked back of his schemes."

And Secretary Bryan replying: "He has impressed me that way, Mr. President. He has not agreed with our policy in so-and-so. Therefore he must be a crook."

When business men went to Washington to protest against certain features of the Underwood tariff bill and other legislation they deemed inimical to the best interests of the country, they found President Wilson and his colleagues in just that attitude. That conditions have not changed is evident from the fact that by Presidential decree a Senate committee is now trying to find out why the administration shipping bill failed of passage and to discover what influences were lined up in the opposition.

The President assumes that there must have been some improper lobbying against this measure, in view of the fact that senators declined to obey the behests of the White House and "put the bill across" despite the storm of protest from all parts of the country.

There is absolutely no reason to believe that the senators who rendered futile the efforts of the administration to foist this piece of obnoxious and really dangerous legislation upon the nation acted otherwise than according to the dictates of their own consciences.

The high-handed conduct of this committee in demanding the reason why a newspaper editor of high repute and unquestioned integrity saw fit to write in opposition to Presidential wishes is an insult to the press of the entire country, and one which will not be easily overlooked by men accustomed to the freedom of the press. Such cross-questioning implies a suspicion of motives that do not exist save in the minds of those who can see no good in their opponents.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger, in discussing the investigation, says that "if this sort of thing keeps on the impatience of the country with the New Freedom will become clamorous long before 1916."

The constant imputation that all of those who disagree with the President do so for dishonest reasons, is not only foolish, but it denotes a narrowness of view and a falsity of judgment not at all commensurate with the qualifications one might hope to find in the occupant of the Presidential chair.

MAYOR CURLEY'S RULING

MAYOR CURLEY has decreed that the classic arts of Greece must be properly shod when they appear in public in puritanical Boston. He has ruled that the young women who are to take part in a benefit performance to be held in that city must wear stockings when they execute the mazes of the classical dances of ancient Greece. Aside from the fact that little objection has ever been noted against the exhibition of bare feet on the stage—it being what comes above the feet that most often calls for criticism—one might be excused for feeling that Mayor Curley is straining at a gnat while swallowing at a gulp whole caravans of camels. There are worse things every day on the stages of Boston than the bare "tootsies" of society girls.

To paraphrase the language of an English writer concerning similar conditions in London a century and a half ago, it is remarkable that theatrical critics will lay such stress on trifles while far more objectionable things are permitted to continue undisturbed. It is one of the unaccountable things of the present, just as it was of that period, that the lewdness of the theater should be so much complained of, so well exposed and so little redressed. The Athenian plays of the period that witnessed the perfection of the dances to which Mayor Curley objects were written with such regard for morality that Socrates used to frequent and enjoy them. Yet the dances most favored in that day must be all tugged out in modern habiliments to make them decent enough for exhibition in Boston, while in a playhouse next door there proceeds undisturbed performances that would not have been tol-

erated for a moment in the heyday of the ancient Grecian theater. Times change. So does public opinion as to what may and may not be regarded as permissible.

TOO MANY BILLS NOW

ONE of the features of Harrisburg's two automobile shows, which will close to-morrow evening after a very successful week, is that American-made cars not only predominate, but in the past few years have pushed the cars of foreign manufacturers practically off the market. Not so very many years ago French-made machines were in great demand in America. Every automobile show gave them a prominent place in the display and dealers who were fortunate enough to have agencies therefor regarded them as their leading lines.

How great a change has been wrought in favor of the American automobile is illustrated by the fact that not a single car of foreign make is shown by any Harrisburg dealer this year.

Another remarkable feature of the shows has been the fact that the attendance has been general and not confined in any sense to owners of automobiles. Of the many thousands who paid admission it is said that more than 60 per cent. were nonowners, but it is safe to say that all of them would like to be, and that the majority of those who found interest in the exhibition are making plans to be included among the happy number, for possession of a motor car is no longer to be regarded as a privilege of the favored few. An inspection of the machines on display at either one of the two shows will convince even the skeptic that both price and upkeep are rapidly being reduced to a minimum and that many people who would like to drive cars of their own, but who have looked upon them as expensive luxuries, will soon be able to enjoy the proprietorship they have envied in others.

When it is considered that 675,000 automobiles were manufactured and sold in America last year, the sales agents are not overdrawn when they assert that the automobile is really a democratic conveyance.

If reports of sales on the floor of the local shows are to be accepted at face value, the outlook for the present season in the automobile trade is brighter than that in any other line of business of like importance. One reason for this is that many who have been saving for years for the purchase of automobiles now have the required amount to indulge their fancy, and it is also reported that not a few people who formerly spent their summers abroad will devote the coming season to automobile touring and these are already purchasing machines in numbers that must be gratifying to manufacturers and dealers.

Harrisburg has always been reckoned among the leading Pennsylvania cities with respect to automobile ownership and it is gratifying to note that it is not to fall back, especially as this fact denotes a rising prosperity and a confidence in the future that permit conservative businessmen to spend some of their surplus on pleasure that otherwise might be held in reserve to meet financial emergencies.

WORTH THINKING ABOUT

HENRY HALL, the well-known newspaper writer, when he addressed the House of Representatives of the Pennsylvania Legislature yesterday, of which he was once an active member, gave expression to something well worth thinking about when he said:

"I have sometimes thought, my friends, that the people of the State think too lightly of their legislators. It is customary for some people, to speak slightly of our lawmakers. It extends to the national Legislature as well. But when we come to the last analysis of the matter, my friends, all that laws can do for the peace, the prosperity and the glory of Pennsylvania has been the work of our several Legislatures. I think that if the people stopped to think of this they might place a higher estimate upon their legislators, for no citizen can hold a higher office than to represent the people in the assembly that makes the laws which shall govern them."

Mr. Hall's reflections are all too true. There are those who make it their life work to drag the fair name of Pennsylvania in the mire and who delight to attribute to every public official not of their own political faith motives that would bring the blush of shame to a life-terminer in Sing Sing. Not all public men are good; not all are bad. They are, barring the accident that occasionally places the candidates of a minority party in power, usually fairly representative of the people who elect them, and to direct undue aspersions at their integrity and honesty as a whole is to insult at the same time the great majority of people who voted them into office.

The man who persistently misrepresents his fellows, be they in politics or not, is as dangerous to the peace and permanence of the country as the anarchist with his bomb—far more so, indeed, for there is a law that makes bomb-throwing a hazardous undertaking, while the slanderer may go about his cowardly work day after day hiding behind the freedom of speech guaranteed to him by the constitution.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is the center of a dozen State highways.

The Efficiency of Your Salesmen

"Probably it is excellent — or you would be busy chopping off heads. "But a careful study in many lines of business shows us that after all sorts of ginger-up plans, bonus offers, honor buttons and tongue-lashings have come to their limit in showing up the call efficiency percentages of salesmen, localized advertising has never failed yet, when done under good guidance, to boost up these percentages out of all proportion to the cost. "Don't expect the impossible from your salesmen. Dealers are sick of promises and general scattered advertising that they can't check up. They are looking for concrete demand-raising work directly on the big bulk of their local customers. In other words, they are 100 per cent. responsive to local newspaper advertising only — and for good reasons. "The Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers Association, World Building, New York, is prepared to help you figure out how this might apply to your business."

the wheels. There is big legislation to enact this session and time should not be taken up fussing with trifling matters when subjects of wide moment demand time.

Bearing in mind the fact that meritorious legislation can always be presented when properly brought before legislative bodies, it would seem that the time has come to put a stop to the introduction of bills, many of which are not intended to see the light of day and some of which only disturb the public mind.

EVENING CHAT

Placing of the tots who lost their home in the fire that destroyed the Watts mansion at Maple Hill in the Citizen firehouse the other night recalls the fact that the fire engine houses have been little used for outside purposes in years gone by. Some of the older residents remember the Civil War days when the youngsters in the Lancasterian schoolhouse, where the Technical high school stands, had to give up their rooms to provide hospital room for the wounded soldiers and went to the Citizen house, while others mention the fact that the Friendship, Hope and Paxton houses were also used for school purposes, because the schools were requisitioned for hospital purposes, especially after Gettysburg. Once in a while in time of disaster firehouses have been used for schools and for religious meetings. Some of the firehouses up town and out on the Hill have been taken for public meetings occasionally, but never have they been the temporary home of children who have suffered loss by fire, and the long record of the Citizen will have a unique entry as the result of Tuesday's blaze.

As Bishop Darlington said in his short and pithy speech at the banquet of the State Editorial Association last week, Harrisburg people and Pennsylvanians in general are entirely too apologetic and meek in their attitude when comparing notes with citizens of other states. He said we should stand up boldly and proudly for our things at home, which are worthy of comparison with the best elsewhere. In proof of this assertion he quoted distinguished visitors who have declared the scenery and natural advantages of the Susquehanna valley in the neighborhood of Harrisburg are unsurpassed and are the envy of many other places which are nevertheless more boastful of their own surroundings.

Another proof of the approach of Spring is the reappearance of the fleet of coal dredges and "sand suckers" in the river off the neighborhood of Keeler street. They have started in on the season's work of "reaping the harvest" of deposits left on the old bars in the middle of the river by the winter floods which every year bring down the distinct beds of coal or sand according to the density of the particles or the force of the current.

It has been remarked at the Capitol that Harrisburg people have not been taking much part in legislative hearings this session. Last session they were quite prominent, especially at third class city sessions, but this year they have not been very active. Except for the hearings and proceedings in relation to suffrage and child labor, the visits of Harrisburg people interested in legislation have been confined to the fire department city service and the third class city steamfitters' license.

Governor Brumbaugh has not forgotten days on the farm. Yesterday in chatting about the weather he was told that onion sets were being put out.

"A little early, a little early," said he.

Two Philadelphia councilmen were among the visitors to the city yesterday. John P. Connelly, chairman of the finance committee, who has been a storm center in transit matters, was one, and John Baizely, the chairman of the committee on the celebration of the Year's parades, was the other. Baizely came to attend a port bill hearing and talked to all comers about the big shows Philadelphia has on the first day of the year.

Some of the members of the Legislature are displaying pieces of the bottle of champagne used in the christening of the battleship Pennsylvania. Some of them are an inch in diameter and some are small enough to serve as settings for jewelry. The bottle must have been under good guidance, to boost up these percentages out of all proportion to the cost.

Speaking about the antics of a mule which held up work in the Second street subway the other day, a man who deals in horseflesh says: "I have not noticed that the automobile has put so many mules out of business. In fact, I think that while the auto truck has banished horses from a good many lines of hauling, there is just as much demand for mules. The average farmer will buy a pair of mules mighty quick. The mule has a definite place and always brings good prices."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—William Disston, Philadelphia saw manufacturer, was brought home from Florida in a serious state of illness. —The Rev. A. S. Faisiek, prominent in the Shamokin conference, was formerly a minister in this city. —To-day is the birthday of Dr. L. Webster Fox, the prominent oculist. —H. M. Minker is the new president of the Reading Automobile club. —Ex-Governor William A. Stone favors revision of the Constitution. —Henry W. Shoemaker, Altoona publisher, is ill at his home.

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GRIM'S IDEA GETS COMMENT ON HILL

Members of the Legislature Discussing the Proposition For Constitution Changes

DEMOCRATS ARE WRANGLING

Unable to Get Together on Any Legislative Plan; Washington County's Men Row

—The suggestion of ex-Senator Webster Grim that the Constitution be changed so that amendments can be made in a year instead of three, as now required, has caused much comment at the Capitol and it is likely that a resolution to that effect may appear.

—The constitutional situation is much discussed. Efforts are being made in certain quarters to obtain popular sentiment on the matter and it is a notable fact that lawyers are divided on the subject. In some parts of the state distinguished men declare that the Constitution is a nuisance and support views of men who have declared for revision. Others think that amendments can cure the difficulties without upsetting business.

—Democratic members of the Legislature have not gotten together on a legislative program and it is possible that very little attention will be paid to bills presented at the instance of the bosses. It was said yesterday that a couple of Democrats intended to put in bills of their own without regard to State Chairman Morris.

—The Philadelphia North American to-day says: "Ex-Governor William A. Stone, of Pittsburgh, is among the men of wide public experience in Pennsylvania who are in favor of a revision of the State Constitution. In a letter responding to a request from the North American for his views on the subject, ex-Governor Stone sets forth a number of reasons why, in his opinion, a constitutional convention should be called. Departing from the lines of revision suggested by Supreme Court Justice von Moschisker, Attorney General Brown, Chief Justice Ryan and others, the former Governor brings forward several new subjects for consideration in changing the state's fundamental law. His long service in Congress and as Governor of Pennsylvania gave him broad viewpoints, some of which are reflected in his suggestions."

—The Washington county Democratic committee is in a war. At the recent meeting to elect a chairman to succeed Joseph Martin, who was named postmaster, there were five candidates, and the committee could not agree. Things are now off until to-morrow.

—According to the inspired mourning organization of the machine, A. Mitchell Palmer will not become a justice until June. This means that there will be time taken to line up the state committee for McCormick as national committeeman. A meeting of the state committee now would likely mean a demand for Morris to resign.

—Councilman Trainer, of Philadelphia, well known here, is stirring up people by charges that ordinances are tampered with in council in that city.

—Additional election bills, including one to abolish the nonpartisan feature of the third class city law, are due to appear next week in the Senate.

—The Central Democratic Club, which was held to drive two years ago, has been told by Senator Underwood that he cannot come to address it. The President and Senator James have not yet made up their minds.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph, March 19, 1865.]

Legislature will adjourn next week.

Waterproof Pumping Station Action has been taken on making the water works and pumping station waterproof.

Remove Mud Citizens whose homes were flooded are busy taking the mud from their cellars.

WHEN SPRING ARRIVES

By Wing Dinger Well, this weather sets one thinking Of the coming of sweet Spring, And the poets 'bout her flowers, And her other charms do sing. Like them I could write some verses On the joys that she will bring— But her coming, too, brings with it Things 'bout which I cannot sing.

There'll be many pretty flowers In the garden, field and dell, Trees and plants will start their budding— All these things, I know full well. But I just can't help recalling, That the green grass, too, will grow, And it won't be very long, bo, 'Till I'll have the lawn to mow.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

I know not where His islands lift Their fringed palms in air; I only know I cannot drift Beyond His love and care. —Whittier.

In the wheat market the most dangerous combination that the public has to fear is that which incorporates a rate of supply and demand.—Boston Herald.

Keep Your Lungs Strong

This advice is doubly important with the knowledge that every three minutes some one in the United States succumbs to consumption and many refuse to realize they are afflicted until it is too late. It is after colds or sickness, from over-work, confining duties or when general weakness exists that tubercular germs thrive because the resistive powers of the body are weakened. Only with fresh air, sunshine and abundant rich blood can one hope to arrest their progress, and the concentrated fats in Scott's Emulsion furnish fuel for rich blood, and its rare nourishment helps strengthen the lungs while it builds up the forces. If you work indoors, tire easily, feel languid or run-down Scott's Emulsion is the most strengthening food-medicine known and is free from alcohol or stupefying drugs. Avoid substitutes. Scott & Borne, Bloomfield, N. J.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

SHE KNEW. He: I wonder what makes divorce so common nowadays? She: Alimony.

JUST SO. Do you think bachelors should be taxed? Not unless bigwigs receive pensions.

HAVING FUN IN NEW YORK. Did you have a good time in New York? Great. We paid \$5 each for \$2 seats for a show that wasn't worth 50 cents.

REGRET. Rounder wishes now that he hadn't married a widow. Why? He can't use any of the old excuses for coming home late.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph, March 19, 1865.]

Sheridan May Joint Grant Washington, March 19.—Several officers, including General Sheridan,

What we say it is, it is

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There has never been a time when one could secure such attractive moderate-priced jewelry as to-day. The manufacturers of Bracelets, LaVallieres, Rings, Pins, Chains and other ornaments worn by women and men have produced wares of exceptional merit in filled, gold and silver substantially made. In these days of general high prices it is certainly gratifying to know that in jewelry necessities you can buy better quality for less money than you ever could.

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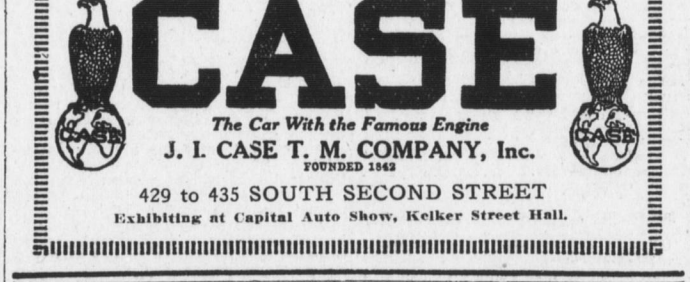
were at the White House. It is reported that a union of Grant's and Sheridan's armies may take place. Goldsboro Taken Newbern, N. C., March 19.—Sherman and Schofield have captured Goldsboro. Rumor of Another War New York, March 19.—Rumor from London contains a report that England expects an attack from the United States after the close of the present one between the North and the South.

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