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THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 25

THE PEOPLE WANT IT

MEMBERS of the Legislature who have been thinking that the people would lose sight of local option in the discussion of workmen's compensation, highway improvement, child labor regulation and other big legislative problems of the day are commencing to change their minds and are being impressed more and more every day with the strength of Governor Brumbaugh with the people.

The Governor has met the opponents of local option more than half way. Although backed by a clear majority of the committee in charge of the bill he has urged a hearing for the other side. The liquor interests did not want a hearing for a time. Then they did. Now the Governor has joined with them.

Everything the Governor does in behalf of local option is met by cries that it is not fair and discussions on the subject have been magnified into open warfare. The liquor interests are being fought by a strong-willed Governor, backed by the people of a State and they are "up against it" at last.

HOME FOR THE BIRDS

ONE of the most delightful features of life in early Spring-time is the return of the song birds from their winter homes in the southland. Long before the first crocus has dared to push its sturdy stem from the half-frozen soil, the robin, the bluebird and the blackbird are heralding the approach of warm and pleasant weather.

Stringent laws have been enacted to protect these cheery songsters who, unlike some human stars of the musical world, are useful as well as melodious. They not only please us with their songs, but they go about freeing our gardens and our trees of millions of the insect pests that prey upon our flowers, our fruits and our vegetables. But while statutes have been provided and policemen have been hired to prevent the killing of the song and insectivorous birds, little or nothing has been done to encourage their propagation and to attract them from the sylvan glades where nature provides for them to the haunts of man.

Here and there some thoughtful citizen has erected a birdhouse on his lawn or in his trees. This occasional bird residence is never without a tenant. The little feathered summer boarders delight to occupy such well protected resting places as these, where their offspring are not only safe from the weather, but out of the reach of marauders as well.

One of the most delightful memories that visitors to Harrisburg carry away with them is the squirrel-life and bird-life of Capitol Park where the little furry "bunnies" and the pigeons are so tame that they make ready friends with all comers. How fine it would be if this could be so enlarged as to take in all forms of wild bird life. Birdhouses in the parks and about private residences would not cost much, but they would add wonderfully to the pleasure of summer days in Harrisburg.

THE 1916 CAMPAIGN

SPEAKERS before the Union League in Philadelphia heralded ex-United States Senator Elihu Root as the foremost leader of the revitalized Republican party and the one man to lead the party to victory in 1916.

There can be no doubt about the ability nor the popularity of ex-Senator Root. But as for him being the one man to insure Republican victory next year, that is putting the matter a bit strongly. Indeed, there are many who believe that a Republican President and a Republican Congress will be the result of the 1916 elections, leadership or no leadership. The country is so dissatisfied with the Democratic administration that nothing now apparent can prevent an overwhelming Republican majority when the time rolls around for the election of a successor to President Wilson.

Ex-Senator Root is right when he says that business men should not be called upon to endure the aspersions that have been heaped upon them and there is no sign that they will choose to do so. If Mr. Root be chosen to lead the Republicans in 1916, he will find behind him such a host of workers and supporters from the ranks of

these as never a Republican manager had, but it will not of necessity require the services of Mr. Root or any other one leader to bring this about. Whether Mr. Root accept the tender of campaign generalship or whether he elect instead to stand as one of the advisers behind the throne, the result promises to be the same. A magnificent Republican outpouring is assured and nothing less than a woeful mistake in the selection of candidates, of which there at present seems little likelihood, could possibly withhold it. Even a mediocre nominee for presidential honors next time might be elected easily on the Republican ticket, but there are indications that the best the party has to offer in both candidates and platform will be none too good to place before the voters at that time.

LIGHTS ON BY JULY 4

ARK SUPERINTENDENT M. HARVEY TAYLOR makes the gratifying announcement that the lights on the ornamental standards along Harrisburg's "Front Steps" will be turned on by July 4.

Might it not be well to make that a feature of Harrisburg's celebration this year? What could be more attractive than to turn the current into the great line of river wall lights for the first time on the evening of July 4? When this improvement is completed it will be unique among the cities of the country. No other municipality has anything just like it. The path along the top of the steps leading down to low water mark will form a promenade somewhat comparable to the seashore boardwalks and with an outlook as beautiful as that of any similar river front in the whole country. Not only that, but the lights which are proposed for it will give it a charm otherwise impossible and make it a place of popular resort by night as well as by day.

THE BOYD MEMORIAL

ANNOUNCEMENT that work on the John Y. Boyd Memorial building for men and boys will be started within the next few weeks brings to mind anew the thought that all too few Harrisburgers are as thoughtful and as generous as was Mr. Boyd in their bequests. Scores and scores of Harrisburg men and women enjoy through their lives the incomes of fortunes founded, if not made entirely, within the boundaries of Harrisburg, yet but very few of them remember the city or its people when they come to make their wills. A proper regard for the stewardship of the talents entrusted to him ought to make any man who is the possessor of a large fortune look about for some public need on which to settle at least a portion of his wealth.

There are so many needs and the available revenues are so small that one wonders at the narrowness of vision that limits the bequests of those who in life are regarded as the big, broad-minded men of the community. This is true not only of Harrisburg, but of the country at large.

ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY

THE plan underlying the two bills presented last night to reorganize the legal business of the State is excellent, and it is to be trusted that the measures will go right through. They are plain enough and the additional expense which appears to be involved is really a saving.

For years the State has had a multitude of attorneys. Most of the departments or bureaus had their own lawyers, and attorneys' fees have mounted, the counsel expenditures of the Auditor General's department being extensive indeed at times.

Now it is proposed to place all legal business under the chief law officer of the State, cutting out all extra lawyers, centralizing the control and giving the best of advice for the Commonwealth.

A DIGNIFIED CAMPAIGN

WHATEVER may be said for or against woman suffrage, it must be admitted that those who are waging the campaign in Pennsylvania to be decided at the polls next November are preserving a conservative and dignified mein. They have permitted nothing "freakish" to enter into their activities and in this they differ very widely from their sisters in New York and neighboring States. Possibly that is one of the reasons why their resolution was passed by two sessions of the Pennsylvania Legislature with so little opposition.

This being true, the women in charge of State headquarters here no doubt were astonished a day or two ago to discover that an enterprising newspaper reporter had placed overalls on the suffragists who are to preside at the casting of the suffrage Liberty Bell that is to play a prominent part in the campaign next Fall.

The Telegraph is pleased to quiet their fears and to set at rest the minds of male voters who might be considering a trip to the foundry upon the occasion of the casting by letting it be known that the suffragists who will pour the hot metal are men and that no women will have any active part in the ceremony.

SPORT ROYAL

THE war game of the present day is a costly pastime, even for kings, as statistics from Europe published from time to time have indicated. The climax came the other day, however, when the French warship Bouvet, valued at \$5,592,850, and the English ships Irresistible and Ocean, valued respectively at \$5,249,680 and \$4,241,890, were sent to the bottom within a few hours. A total loss of \$15,163,420 in almost less time than it takes to tell it, to say nothing of the enormous damage inflicted on the Turkish forts during the same period, knocks bookkeeping balances about on a gigantic scale.

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A FOOL THERE WAS. Here I've gone the whole darned winter without catching any cold; Tramped through snow and slush and G in a manner very bold, But I bobbed up quite serenely Every time—no damage done— And the elements defying, I considered heaps of fun.

THE CATBIRD. It mimics the vireo's song, Insistent and jerky and sweet; Like a robin it ripples along, Like a sparrow it rhymes with the street.

Its call is now fluty and far, Like a veery at sunset alone; Now sad as the wood pewee are, Now bright as the oriole's tone. Now mocking the doughty chewink, Now bold in the call of the jay; Now matching the crazed bobolink, Or the meadowlark's brisk roundelay.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY. [From the Telegraph, March 25, 1865] Bishop Alonso Potter, of the Prot-

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stant Episcopal church of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has gone to California for a complete rest.

Ex-Governor in City. Ex-Governor Ritter was in the city to-day.

More Losses Reported. Heavy losses, caused by the flood, are reported from the northern part of the State.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph, March 25, 1865] Hardee Reports Victory. Richmond, March 25.—Gen. Hardee reports the repulse of one column of Sherman's army which is moving toward Raleigh.

Stop Newspaper Circulation. Cairo, March 25.—Rebel General Slaughter has prohibited the circulation of all newspapers in Texas. No explanation is given.

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