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THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 1 A BUSY SUMMER AHEAD INDICATIONS are that Harrisburg is going to enjoy a busy and prosperous summer. Every day brings with it the announcement of contemplated building operations and public improvements.

has at his command the experience of man through the centuries to guide him. In our own Technical High school here in Harrisburg we have wisely combined the classical with the practical. The boys who go out from its doors after completing the course prescribed, have at their command the fundamentals of a classical education, and they are fitted likewise either to take up work in the shop and to pursue their literary studies at leisure, or to enter one of the great universities to complete their education along whatever professional line may most appeal to them.

THE EASTER SPIRIT IN his Palm Sunday sermon a Harrisburg minister is quoted as saying that the Christian people of the city care more for Easter clothes than they do for the spirit of Easter in the church. This statement, if true, one is entitled to believe overdrawn. Of course, there are many who place dress and other worldly frivolities above their Christian duties, but it is doubtful if there is one church member worthy of the name who lays more stress on his or her Spring suit than upon the celebration of Easter in the church.

DO YOU DARE LAUGH? ONE of the characters in Maude Adams' delightful little play, "Quality Street," presented at the Majestic Theater the other night, persisted in asking one of the other characters, "Are you laughing, sir, are you laughing?" And when he did laugh she was convinced that he had attained a point where he could see the critical situation involved in a philosophical and human light.

WORK FOR IDLE MEN OFFICIALS of the Lackawanna Iron & Steel Company have done a very worthy thing in throwing open large tracts of company land near Lebanon for cultivation by its idle workmen and the distribution of seeds and gardening tools among those who desire to take advantage of the opportunity thus afforded to provide for their table during the summer.

EVENING CHAT It is interesting to note in view of the manner in which the House of Representatives handled the bill to require all vehicles to display lights at night that it is not the farmer who is the offender in this part of the State, but what some rural dwellers call "the city guy."

Market Square is a queer place to play games, but the other evening a crowd of boys entertained a number of people who were not employed themselves by playing "fox in the morning" on roller skates. The boys made a lot of racket and went through a lot of evolutions that made spectators gasp. The policemen were as much interested as the boys.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —Dr. H. A. Hare, noted Philadelphia medical man, is at the Philadelphia hospital recovering from an operation. —Representative M. S. Shaaber, of Reading, served in all four years of the Civil War.

DO YOU KNOW That steel plates for coal cars and steam lighters are rolled in Harrisburg? "April Fool" It's a sad sort of "April Fool" when a retailer tries to persuade you not to buy the article you want, but to take something "just as good."

SWEET PEAS BOOMED AS STATE FLOWER Representative Brumbaugh Gives His Reasons For Suggesting That Blossom Just Now IT IS VERY EASY TO GROW Members Do Not Look For Ad-journment Much Before the Middle of May

Representative W. Atlee Brumbaugh, of Blair county, who presented the bill to designate the sweet pea as the State flower, has outlined his reasons for the bill. Messrs. Dunn and Phillips, who back the myrtle and wild honeysuckle, respectively, have not put their reasons on record. Mr. Brumbaugh's reasons are as follows: "The sweet pea is accessible to every individual in the state. It can be grown in any flower garden and therefore gardening would be encouraged. We are teaching school children the habits of industry by providing school gardens and such a flower as this would fittingly decorate many school grounds. Its habit is worthy of study and the flowers can be plucked with an accommodation to the plant. Its domestication has increased the admiration and popularity. The cultivation of this flower upon the residential lawns as well as in public parks and grounds would be largely increased. I do not know whether there is much sentiment for this particular flower, but the procedure suggests a more appropriate one than an exceedingly satisfied."

BOOKS and MAGAZINES A striking illustration of the educative and commercial advantages of public exhibitions of books is offered in the results of such an exhibition held a few months ago in the public library of a town in Massachusetts. Among the publishers asked to contribute was the well-known Boston firm of Houghton Mifflin Company, which sent a large number of juvenile books. Of these books more than half were purchased by the library holding the exhibition, while orders were received also for many titles by representatives of other libraries visiting the exhibition.

WHAT CAUSES COLDS? This question and "How to Prevent Colds" is asked a thousand times every day. A cold is really a fever, not always caused by the weather but due to a disordered condition of the blood or lack of important food-elements. In changing seasons fat-foods are essential because they distribute heat by enriching the blood and so render the body better able to withstand the varying elements. This is the underlying reason why the medicinal fats in Scott's Emulsion quickly overcome colds and build strength to prevent more serious sickness. It contains nature's medicinal fats, so skillfully prepared that the blood profits from every drop, and it is free from harmful drugs or alcohol.

OUR DAILY LAUGH Chorus girls are kickers who are always admired. A QUALIFICATION. Mabel: But have you decided on a profession, Clarence? Clarence: Well—I've had my beard trimmed to become a doctor.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR (From the Telegraph April 1, 1865.) Fleet on James Washington, April 1.—A Union fleet is now on the James River near City Point. Rebels Repulsed Again Washington, April 1.—Grant reports several Rebel attacks along the lines near Fort Steadman. The enemy was driven back each time. In some places the troops have advanced two miles. Sheridan's cavalry has reached Grant's rear sentinels.

Stieff Summer Home Open During the Spring and Summer—while the Stieff home at 24 North Second street is being rebuilt—Stieff pianos and players will be on display at 212 North Second street. Visit our "Summer Home" before you put that piano in your home and let us show you the beauties and superiority of the Stieff. You have only to hear it to understand why the Stieff is nationally known as "The Piano With the Sweet Tone."

"THE QUALITY STORE" Unparalleled Values FOR FRIDAY ONLY EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL—To see how many Ladies' and Misses' Suits we can sell in one day we are going to give you ABSOLUTELY FREE, with every suit worth \$20 or over, one of our new Spring Dress Skirts worth \$5.00 and with every suit worth under \$20, a new Spring Dress Skirt worth \$3.50. EXCEPTIONAL—We have about 20 Men's Auto and Raincoats in a good line of sizes—regularly a \$5.00 value; special for Friday at, each \$1.50 Ladies' Crepe de Chine Waists in white, maize, flesh and light blue colors—excellent qualities—beautifully made; unusual value at \$2.50 to \$5.69 Our one-dollar Waists for ladies and misses are the finest we've ever shown—made of voiles, lawns and China silk, in white and colors—some plain—others are lace and embroidery trimmed with long sleeves and all the latest neck effects; matchless values at \$1.00 9x12 Tapestry Brussels Rugs in the latest designs and most approved colorings—all new Spring patterns; special for Friday at \$6.98 Just received a new lot of Rubber Stair Treads, all new live rubber; special for Friday—9x18, regularly 18c; Friday at 12 1/2c 7x18, regularly 15c; Friday at 10c 6x18, regularly 12 1/2c; Friday at 8c Lot of the regular 25c Curtain Lace and Net, in white and cream—new Spring designs; special for Friday at, per yard 19c Lot of Figured Rep for curtains and upholstery purposes, in brown and green—an exceptional value at 39c; special for Friday at, per yard 29c 45x36-inch Bleached Pillow Cases made of good serviceable quality muslin, medium weight, 3-inch hems, worth 12 1/2c; special for Friday at, each 9 1/2c Beach Bonnets for house or outdoor wear—just the thing for this time of the year, 25c value; special for Friday at, each 13c 36-inch Unbleached Muslin, a good weight cloth for all-around use, 8c value; special for Friday at, per yard 5c Short lengths of the best Prints in indigo, blue, black, grays and light colors, worth 7c; special for Friday at, per yard 5c Good Brown Twill Toweling, full width, 6 1/2c value; special for Friday at, per yard 4 1/2c opinion of the citizens of Harrisburg than to believe these would justify the taking of these properties without sufficient remuneration to the owners to purchase homes at least as good in some other part of the city. I heard a lecture once by a distinguished German, who travels through Europe. He stated that in Germany he passed a house of the smallest possible dimensions, but over the door were these words: "Klein aber Mein" (Little, but Mine). The houses of these people in "Hardscrabble" are not as palatial as they might be, but the owners have paid their taxes for years on them. They have observed the laws, and to my mind they are entitled to the fullest consideration at the hands of whomsoever it is a fair-minded set of viewers, at least they so impressed me as a "Looker-on in Venice."

L. W. COOK GIVES VIEWS ON "HARDSCRABBLE" Dear Sir: I am not a resident nor a property holder in that portion of Front street called "Hardscrabble," but I was present for an hour or more at the hearing held in the Council chamber of the Court House, last Friday. The hearing was for the ostensible purpose of finding out the values attached to the properties to be taken over by the city of Harrisburg for the purpose of beautifying the River Front. I listened at that hearing to men who were sworn, giving an estimate of what they thought their property was worth, and it seemed to me that the people of that section were at a decided disadvantage.

Nurse Proclaims Skin Cure Myrtle Hahn Says D. D. D. Prescription is Worth Rockefeller's Millions to Her "Ten years I suffered with eczema—three years of that time I could not appear in public. My entire body was covered with the disease. I could not eat, I could not sleep, I could not live. I have at last found the great Prescription D. D. D. My body is clean, smooth. If there were one bottle only of D. D. D. in the world and I had it, Mr. Rockefeller's millions could not buy the golden field." Nurse Myrtle Hahn, address on application. If you have any skin blemish or a little rash, do not let it develop into something more serious. D. D. D. Prescription, a compound of oil of wintergreen and other soothing elements, has been recognized for fifteen years as the standard skin remedy. It always helps, and if used according to directions, it should cure in a short while. All druggists sell this standard remedy, 25c, 50c and \$1, but if you come to us, we will offer you the first full size bottle, with the guarantee that unless it stops the itch at once we will refund the purchase price. GEORGE A. GORGAS, Druggist, Harrisburg.

D.D.D. Soap Keeps Your Skin Healthy Prove, Yourself, That King Oscar Cigars are regularly good. Stick to King Oscar quality for a while. Smoke them to-day, to-morrow and the other days that follow for a week and satisfy yourself that all this talk about regularity of quality does not over estimate the unvarying goodness of King Oscar 5c Cigars A week's trial will convince any man that this brand is far removed from the average nickel smoke. It is so far removed, in fact, that it enjoys the distinction of having been the standard nickel smoke for 24 years.