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TELLING THE PLAIN TRUTH

THE TELEGRAPH is in receipt of the following letter from a well-known Harrisburger of independent political views:

I read, with a great deal of pleasure, your recent editorial headed "Purpose of Attacks."

To my mind these straight-from-the-shoulder, honest, sincere, and absolutely plain-truth editorials have more weight than columns of partisan argument in favor of or against anything or condition.

The ultimate result of such unreasoning and unreasonable criticism as has been indulged in against the present Council can only result in one of two things, and probably both--that the qualifications of the candidates who offer themselves as City Councilmen will not be up to the standard the city is entitled to, or those who do offer themselves will have beforehand made up their minds to pay no attention to criticism, and when we have elected this last kind of a man, the trouble is that he is not open to criticism or argument, good or bad.

In fact, it is the old story of wolf in wolf's clothing, until both the wolf and the lamb become hardened and accustomed to the cry, with results disadvantageous to both.

The foregoing is published with no vain-glorious notion of self-laudation, but to emphasize what this newspaper many times has insisted is a stumbling block to efficient public service and a grave peril to good government.

The Telegraph's correspondent sets forth what is unquestionably true when he says that much of the criticism directed toward the Republican majority in City Council is "unreasonable," and that its effect cannot be other than disastrous upon the minds of voters who accept it as truth, if there be any so thoughtless.

Figures that anyone may verify show that the Republican councilmen (for the three Republicans alone are responsible for the constructive portion of the councilmanic program) have saved to the city over and above the salaries paid them, about \$50,000 during the first year of their terms in office. In addition, they have made many improvements and there is no point upon which they have not done all in their power to conserve the interests and the moneys of the taxpayer.

Every attack that has been made upon them has come from one-quarter and has been made with the sole purpose of so discrediting them in the eyes of voters that it will be possible for the Democratic machine to elect a majority of the councilmen to be chosen in November. There is no other reason for the course that has been adopted by the mouthpiece of the Democratic bosses in this city.

At every turn the councilmen have done their best for Harrisburg. They have performed their work conscientiously, and as the figures will show anybody who desires to consult them, very efficiently. It is discouraging to be adversely criticized in any case, but much more so when one has done his utmost. The whole tendency of this policy is to force upon public officials the thought that conscientious effort is not appreciated, and that they may as well be slaughtered for wolves as for lambs. Fortunately, those who in the service of the city are not weak enough to take that view of the situation, but who shall say how those who succeed them, when they may be, will view the matter?

APPOMATTOX

FIFTY years ago to-day General Grant accepted the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox. The United States had justified itself. The government of Washington and Lincoln was perpetuated for all time. Then the future was as dark almost as the present. Nobody could peer through the awful curtain that hung between the destruction of war and the reconstruction of the peace that was to follow. General Grant it was who struck the keynote. Grant it was who extended all the courtesies and kindnesses that one brave man might expect of another to Lee. Grant it was who, after the tiger strife was over, first extended the good right hand of American brotherhood to the rebel leader and stood by his action with the threat of resignation when Stanton would have dealt harshly with the defeated general.

As one writer has said, it was the humane and generous terms offered to the beaten, disorganized and famished army of Northern Virginia that decided Lee not only to sheathe his sword but to urge his men "to go as quickly and quietly to their homes as possible, to resume peaceful avocations, and to be as good citizens as they had been soldiers."

and there is no South, save in the geographies. This country is the United States of America and it is so because Grant set the example of "letting the dead past bury its dead." This, and not the victories that went before nor the Presidency that came after, was the crowning point in Grant's remarkable career.

FORGING THE FINAL LINK

THERE is good news in the announcement that surveys for the proposed three-mile stretch of driveway that is to wind through the city parkway from the present terminus of Cameron parkway to the Reservoir have been started by the engineering corps of the Park Department and that within the next few weeks City Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor, superintendent of parks and public property, will be ready to ask for bids for the construction of the road.

An outline of the city park system, as published by this newspaper yesterday, gives one a very fair idea of the magnificent stretch of driveway that will surround the city with the forging of this final link. Few inland cities have anything to compare with it. A motor trip or a tramp over its entire course takes one through quiet dells where birds twitter and violets bloom and rivulets trickle; across green meadows and through the wild-wood, along picturesque Paxton creek, over the heights and across the lowlands, by the broad Susquehanna and beneath the low brows of the mountains. Lake, forest, picturesque bits of natural growth and broad sweeps of landscape; all fall within its scope. It has been a long time coming, but the glory of difficult accomplishment lies in it; the unselfish devotion of many men who have labored for it, the enthusiasm of our people who voted their taxes to it, and the generosity of those who gave their land to make it possible. The city is a better place in which to live because of it and the people are the sole beneficiaries. Truly, it is an improvement worthy of all the work and money expended upon it; one that requires the creation of no depreciation fund in its behalf, no insurance fees for its protection, but that will grow steadily in value as the years go by.

ON THE TANNING OF HIDES

ORDINARILY one is not encouraged to look in the editorial columns of a local contemporary for sentimentally expressed wisdom. In more ways than one the exact opposite is the rule there. However, the unexpected happens occasionally, as witness this apothegm which occurred in an editorial criticizing the School Board on Thursday morning:

Constant lashing of the whip will harden any hide.

It is not worth the while of the reader to point out that this is but a well-worn and not too elegantly expressed proverb. Origin and form are of small moment in this case; the important point is that the statement from such a source comes with all the refreshing effect of a truth new born.

Few whips have been used more vigorously and ruthlessly than that wielded by the publication mentioned. Seldom has an equal amount of energy expended ostensibly with the purest of intentions been productive of such meager results. But reason has asserted itself at last. The fact, long apparent to others, that mere castigation defeats its own purpose, is admitted. Hereafter when this particular lash hisses through the air it will be fair to assume that it is not because good is expected to result.

THE STATE AND BRIDGES

SENATOR BRIDLEMAN has presented a bill in the Senate appropriating \$275,000 for the erection of a bridge across the Susquehanna river at Millersburg. There can be question of the need of a bridge at that point. There is no bridge nearer that thriving community than Clark's Ferry. Millersburg lies at the end of a fertile and thickly-populated valley. The road that runs through it goes into Northumberland and Schuylkill counties. On the west side of the river lies an equally well populated territory. Millersburg could be made a business place of far greater importance than it is and the people of a great surrounding territory would be benefited by such a bridge as is proposed.

The time is fast approaching when the State will have to go into the bridge building business on a large scale. Bridges that join two sections of State highway must belong to the State. It is absurd that a condition should be allowed to exist such as confronts the motorists going in or out of Harrisburg to or from the West, where two sections of improved highway, one built by the city and the other by the State, lead up to either one of two toll bridges.

"THE STEPS"

IT is to be sincerely hoped that Commissioner Lynch's plan for the completion of the river wall steps along the abandoned coal wharf between Market and Walnut streets will be adopted by Council. There is no longer any need for wharfage facilities at the point named and the logical thing to do is to remove the wall that has been erected there and replace it with a continuation of the concrete steps that now run almost from one end of the city to the other.

Only in this way can be maintained the harmonious effect of this great promenade, the like of which there is not elsewhere in the whole country. If there is any doubt about money at hand for the completion of the improvement along the plans suggested by Mr. Lynch, then it would be much better to let the matter stand as it is for the present. The permanent establishment of what amounts to a wharf at that point would be a very serious interruption of the unquestionably artistic effect of the whole improvement. But the amount involved is not so large, it would seem, as to seriously hamper councilmen in their efforts to finish up this great work all at the same time.

EVENING CHAT

"Bob" Magee gave his pigeon flock small attention yesterday. The martins are due from the South and he wanted to see that they found their nests beneath the Bates & Co. awning in Market street. No less than a score of other folks waited for several hours yesterday in the hope of seeing the martin family arrive. These lively, chattering blackbirds from the South are late this year. Last year they arrived on April 6. During the Spring of 1913 they were in their nests on April 3. It is the belief that the snowstorm of last Sunday is holding the Spring messengers back this year. Once the martins are here and start work on their summer home, everybody realizes that warm weather is a certainty. Until the awning of the Bates opera house was torn away these martins made their nests there. It is that time they have been holding forth at the Bates awning, adjoining the police station. The martins usually come under the awning in the darkness. They get busy at once and before many weeks there will be a large family of these birds. They are scrappy birds, pull each other around by the feathers, knock each other from the nests and keep up a chatter that is heard from early morning until late in the evening.

While "Bob" Magee was discussing the goodly qualities of his favorite topic, the martins, the question of early telegraph messages came up. The manager of the Stanley Apartments was not long in producing proofs that he had an original copy of one of the oldest messages now in existence. The message was sent from Wrightsville, Pa., to Philadelphia, June 29, 1863, by the Atlantic and Ohio Telegraph Lines. The message was sent by Mrs. H. F. Boyd to Mrs. Martha Smith and read, "We are all safe." Mrs. Smith was at that time located at 936 North Fifth street, Philadelphia. Subsequently she became the wife of the late Colonel Frank J. Magee, father of "Bob" Magee. The message was sent at the time the rebels threatened to burn the bridge across the Susquehanna river at Wrightsville. The Atlantic and Ohio telegraph lines extended to Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Louisville, Chicago, Philadelphia and intermediate points. The Philadelphia office was located at 105 South Third street, Philadelphia. The president of the company was the late J. B. Ferryhill, of Harrisburg, and the superintendent was J. W. Crooks, of Philadelphia. The message is in good condition and is valued very highly by the owner.

Some of the members of the Technical high school faculty have been chuckling for the last few days every time they recall a little incident in which a very absent-minded fellow member figured. It appears that the instructor's wife had been afflicted with a severe cold and was using several quinine pills every few hours. The other day the wife called to her husband to bring a pill and a glass of water to her room. She waited a few minutes and then to her amazement she saw the instructor say, "Gee, I'm sorry, Mary, but I don't think what I was doing--and I took that pill myself. I didn't remember until it was too late!"

Now and then the small son or daughter of the house presents a problem in psychology that, figuratively speaking, makes father or mother "sit up and take notice." An admiring parent recently enjoyed that experience when his small son exhibited a painful burn on his hand. The Cumberland "cotton" bridge construction work over the Front street subway. The small son, who lives nearby, had wandered over to the job and had picked up some of the little furnaces which the rivets were heated. Incidentally he picked up a rivet which he believed was cold enough to handle.

"I had a good idea," explained the boy, "and I just had to try." Mr. Smith, who works with you, he burned himself on the hand, too, but he didn't cry--he swore. But I didn't swear, because I knew if I swore, you'd give me a whippin'." "Why, son," genially laughed his parent, "I burned myself the other day in about the same way, and you 'Daddy' you 'Daddy' came from the mouth of the babe, 'or did you swear?'"

"I can tell when Spring is here by the blossoming of the cherry trees," said one of the city's well-known real estate men. "These night blooming flowers tell me when Spring is here. The cherry trees get busy on street improvements and the cherry blossoms are to be seen after nightfall on every side. It is a never-failing sign of Spring."

Among visitors to the city to-day was Dr. L. W. Chaney, of the federal department of labor, one of the most eminent men in statistics in labor matters in the country.

For nearly a minute a downtown business man waited for a reply when he rang up his wife on the phone. Finally he heard the receiver click and his wife's voice chirped: "I want you to come home right away. I've lost my key and can't get in the house." "Then how in the name of all the saints were you able to answer the phone?" queried the puzzled man. "Oh, I'm at Mrs. Jones--she's on the line," he answered the ring.

Now who says a party line is a snare and a delusion?

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

T. L. Eyre, active in the local option contest, was formerly deputy secretary of internal affairs.

Mayor Armstrong has called a child welfare week in Pittsburgh.

Judge Joseph Cohen, of Pittsburgh, says that the day has come when women should not own saloons.

William Rieck, ex-mayor of Reading, is active in movements for betterment of prison conditions at his home.

Lawrence H. Rupp, district attorney of Lehigh, is cleaning up the towns in various ways in his district.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg used to be a great lumber center in rafting days?

Church Advertising

One of the leading clergymen of New York has proposed that a fund of \$500,000 be raised to advertise the city's churches. The idea is receiving serious consideration. Thoughtful church people are beginning to realize that newspaper advertising is an effective help in solving the problem of empty pews. Many men and women only need the stimulus of a regular reminder to become more active. The plan proposed for New York is one every other city can study with profit.

HOUSE FLOODED BY NUMEROUS BILLS

Number Not as Large as Last Session, but There Are Many Remaining Undisposed Of

DAUPHIN MEN ORGANIZE

Form Branch of Wild Life League; Governor Brumbaugh Has Many Bills on Hand

Less than half of the 1,517 bills presented to the House of Representatives have been acted upon by committees, but next week every committee will have a meeting to discuss measures in their charge. The big bills will be out of the House next week and it is the plan to devote attention to the borough code and various administration bills including the revenue raisers on which committees may give hearings. A hearing will also be held on the bill for the proposed constitutional convention.

The number of bills presented to the House is far less than the total of last session in the lower branch which was 2,761. An interesting fact in connection with the bills is that the date when they were stopped last session was March 17.

The Senate has thus far received 825 bills. Just 104 bills have reached Governor Brumbaugh, of which number fourteen have been recalled for amendment. The Governor has signed thirty-five.

The people back of the Gibboney plan for compensation for business knocked out by local option or prohibition have been demanding a hearing and it is understood that Chairman Williams will grant it next week. The bill has little show.

New Orleans legislators took considerable interest in the meeting held in the Senate caucus room last night for the formation of the Dauphin branch of the Wild Life League. Members of the committees on game were present and Secretary Joseph Kaibfus took part as did James B. Sanson, of Pittsburgh, one of the organizers. William B. McAleeb, member of the game commission, presided, and Casper Dull was elected temporary secretary. A permanent organization will be formed later on. A number of prominent men have become charter members.

Governor Brumbaugh has expressed his interest in the movement to make the Fourth a national celebration in Philadelphia. He told Philadelphia councilmen yesterday that he approved of the idea heartily.

Endorsements of Judge Orady continue to be made all over the State and great interest is being shown in legal circles.

Ex-Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer plans to live in Washington, but to retain a voting interest in this State when he becomes a claims court judge. He is the youngest man ever named for that court, being only 42.

Edward Beck, member from Franklin, was married last evening at Waynesboro and some of his colleagues sent him messages.

William Jennings Bryan Once Again Announces His Presidential Aspirations

Washington, D. C., April 9.—Secretary Bryan will take the lead in the fight against the liquor interests. He promised to-day to go into Pennsylvania to make speeches for the local option. He is more interested in the anti-liquor movement than any issue of the many that he has adopted.

If his duties permit, Secretary Bryan will begin his fight in Ohio this week. To-day he promised Ohio Democratic leaders to take the stump in that State for State-wide prohibition. If he cannot get away he would write a letter to the people of that State favoring the issue.

Mr. Bryan, it is said by keen political observers, is taking up this issue, in which he is undoubtedly sincerely and devotedly interested, in the hope, if the situation should properly develop, of being the Democratic candidate for President in 1916.

Mr. Bryan said to-day to a Philadelphia admirer that the biggest question before the American people was the liquor problem. His activity in this regard shows that he is either preparing to become either a candidate for the fourth time for President or to enlarge his lecture field.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

No man can get a blessing and keep it all to himself without having it like stagnant water in his soul; but if it overflows to others it becomes a perennial spring to himself and to the world.—Wilton Merle Smith.

WAR

The thrill of war's base deceit; The rattle of drums that aye; It lures brave men with surrying feet; To go where many dangers lie; It sings a soldier's death is sweet; It tells how great it is to die.

And yet no death can splendid be That's caused by selfishness and pride;

The weeping widow—does not she Long for the husband at her side? Can any selfish victory Restore the loved one that has died?

To die for others may be fine, But not to die for others' gain. The thin and faltering battle line, The dead men on the bloody plain Are seldom there by God's design; Some human soul must wear the stain.

MURDER IN UNIFORM IS WAR

Excited only by a thrill, And how long must it be before Men will not blindly rush to kill? How many generations more Before the cannon's voice is still? —Detroit Free Press.

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ANOTHER KIND. I'm glad Xmas is over, I'm sick of carrying home bundles. I shall still continue to take home a bundle occasionally until I swear off on New Year's.

YES, IT PAYS. By Wing Dinger. Some folks, considered pretty wise, Declare "It pays to advertise." And while I've always felt that way I'm certain sure of it to-day.

When yesterday I wrote my poem About the folks away from home, I thought no more of it, but gee, It surely brought results to me.

Last evening, ere the clock struck nine, I got two calls from friends of mine Inviting me to dine with them Some day next week. Will I? Ahem.

I don't know what they'll have to eat. It may be fish or may be meat— But this I know, those folks are wise Who say "It pays to advertise."

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of April 9, 1865.] Lee Surrenders to Grant. Washington, April 9.—Rebel General Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia completely surrendered to Grant to-day on the terms of the armistice. Officers were appointed to carry out the stipulations. Lee expressed his desire to have peace yesterday, but would not concede to Grant until Grant repeated that the terms would not be changed.

War Ended—Thanksgiving Proclamation. Washington, April 9.—A Thanksgiving proclamation was issued to-day following orders for a salute of 200 guns to-day on the interior of the country, at every post or arsenal in the United States in honor of the surrender of Lee and the end of the war.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY. [From the Telegraph of April 2, 1865.] Big Celebration Planned. In addition to celebrating Grant's recent victory on April 9, Saturday the entire city will turn out for a jubilee because of the close of the war with the surrender of Lee to the army. Pastors are preparing sermons for Sunday in connection with the victory.

Ward Committees Meet. Ward committees in this city will meet to-night to plan for the celebration in each ward on the 15th.

WHY HE KEPT A SERVANT. In the days when he was superintendent of the Portsmouth dockyard in England, Lord Fisher, the present Admiral of the British Fleet, had the same attitude toward the men; he frequently treated them with all the harshness of a whaling captain; they, in turn, treated him with a half-hearted, half-hostile familiarity.

Several years after his Portsmouth days, Fisher visited one of his old associates of the fleet who was then living on half pay. He found the old man comfortably settled in a cottage, attended by another superannuated seaman.

"Why do you have this other man here?" asked the Admiral. "I keep 'em," said the pensioner, "to come into my quarters at five o'clock in the mornin' an' sing out 'Hi there!' The Admiral wants to see you," said the pensioner, "and he's my bed and says, 'Tell Old Fisher to 'ell.'—'World's Work' for April.

EASY. Yankee—"If some one were so ill-advised as to call you a liar, colonel, in what light would you regard the act?"

Kentucky Colonel—"I would regard it simply as a form of suicide, sah." Dallas News.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES. Few authors are so much in the public eye at present as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, for a double reason. His new novel, "The Valley of Fear," published on March 1, brings Sherlock Holmes back to the world, and not only is it the first new Sherlock Holmes story for ten years, but also half its action is laid in America, for which reason it attracted great interest in America even before its publication.

The second reason for the keen interest in Conan Doyle is his active share in presenting the English side of the present war; its causes and conduct. How widely his influence was felt may be judged from the fact that when the Germans established their war zone blockade, on February 18 there was carried on the cables and printed all over England a wild-cat story to the effect that the Germans had been inspired to that action by reading "Danger," a short story by Doyle published at about the beginning of the war. In this story he pictured the conquest of England by a mythical country called "Norland," by means of a submarine blockade. Naturally, the rumor was not received with enthusiasm by the ardent admirers of the author.

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