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FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 16.

NOT A PARTY ISSUE

Governor Brumbaugh and United States Senator Oliver are absolutely correct in their assertions that local option is not a party issue in Pennsylvania.

Loyal Republicans and staunch Democrats are lined up together for the Williams bill and the liquor interests claim supporters alike in both parties. Democrats and Republicans went to the Legislature pledged to local option and it scarcely can be questioned that not a few legislative candidates on both sides had the support of the booze forces.

The vote on local option next week will not be in accord with partisan alignments. Indeed, party lines will be broken down upon this one measure as possibly they will not be on any other matter that will come before the present session for decision. All indications point in that direction.

The local option issue is bigger than any party. It is not political; it is moral, and legislators must face it on that high ground. Whether they be Democrats or Republicans they should vote according to the dictates of their own consciences, and if they do that there can be no doubt of the adoption of a local option law by the Legislature at that time. They must decide whether they shall grant to the people the right of local self-government or whether they prefer to place around their necks the collars of the liquor ring and give favor to special privilege over the will of the people.

No legislator may excuse a vote against the Williams bill on the score of party allegiance. Each individual must shoulder the responsibility personally. When it comes down to the selection of legislators next year, if by chance the local option measure should fall of passage next week, the people will not blame it on any one party so much as they will upon the individual. They will choose men at the primaries preferably who will be pledged to the enactment of such a measure as is now before the House, or at the general elections if their wishes miscarry when nominations are being made.

National and State issues next year will be distinctly separate. In the nation at large there can be little question of Republican supremacy, unless all present signs fail, but in the State the big issue—and it will be nonpartisan—will be local option, in case the present bill should fail, and it is safe to predict that the voters will take Senator Oliver's advice to heart and go outside the party of their preference on national questions if they cannot find candidates within it who will be pledged to the enactment of an option law.

The people regardless of party want local option, and they are going to get it regardless of party.

THE MAN FOR THE PLACE

President Wilson tacitly admits that all his pre-election talk of being a one-term President was merely for political purposes. Two days have passed since Mr. Bryan at the Jefferson dinner in Philadelphia heralded his chief as the candidate of the Democratic party in 1916, and not a word in contradiction has come from Washington. To be sure, nobody expected the President to chide his Secretary of State for the suggestion. Indeed, it is generally understood that Mr. Bryan and President Wilson went over the Bryan speech pretty carefully before it was delivered.

Even Julius Caesar, we are told, "did thrice refuse a kingly crown" when his friends would have thrust it upon him, but not so the President. He accepts even before he is asked. Well, so be it. What other Democrat would thank for the honor under present conditions? Let us look back a little and then forward.

The legislative history of two years of Democratic rule was completed March 4. Those two years have been marked by one of the most active periods of lawmaking this country has ever seen. With a House ready and able to execute his decrees down to the last word and with a working majority in the Senate, President Wilson took the oath of office March 4, 1913. With prophetic eagerness he summoned Congress in extra session a month later. With the exception of six weeks of respite last Fall the party machinery has been in operation ever since, grinding out experimental laws

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What does a study of that record show? It discloses the fact that during that time the Democratic Congress has enacted and the Democratic President has signed more crude, imperfect and nugatory laws than ever were written during the same length of time by any American Congress. It furnishes an indictment of haste and lack of legislative intelligence that is bound to be humiliating to the party responsible.

That there has been a tremendous quantity of legislation cannot be denied. More than four hundred public laws have been placed upon the statute books by the Democrats since they came into power. These are designated "public" because they appropriate money for general purposes or affect general law. In addition to these, hundred of private bills have been passed.

Those who have closely observed the methods of legislation used by the Democratic majority are not surprised at the faulty results. The present administration has been admitted, by notable, even notorious, for its steam roller short cuts in enacting laws. Every important bill passed has been put through with small consideration beyond that of party expedience. As soon as the President proposed a law, then the caucus approved it, the majority rushed it through committees and back to the President for his signature—all with as little debate as possible, and under ironclad special rules that permitted no chance for intelligent consideration or amendment.

It is conceivable that a few bills might be put through a legislative body in this way and emerge in perfect form. But to use such methods indiscriminately, as the Democratic Congress has done, is practically to insure the enactment of laws which future Congresses must either repeal or spend many weeks to amend. This is the task which Democratic haste and lustful use of a powerful majority has created for future Congresses.

Specific examples of blundering need not be enumerated. It is enough to make the general statement that the Democratic party has "sown a wind of legislation and is reaping a whirlwind of mistakes." That being true, it is not surprising that knowing Democratic politicians are willing to let the President shoulder the burden of responsibility and lead the forlorn hope that his chief lieutenant, Bryan, is organizing to hurl against the Republican trenches in 1916.

PLAY BALL

THE Allies have begun the great Spring offensive movement in the West, and there is terrific fighting in Flanders.

Yes, but the Phillies won the second game of the season yesterday. The Austrians and the Germans are making a desperate stand against the invading Russian hosts in the 'Carpathians.

Very well, but Connie Mack's rejuvenated team couldn't connect with the Red Sox's pitcher yesterday and were beaten 5 to 3.

Huerta denies that he was responsible for the death of Madero and hints at deep dark secrets in Mexico. Yes, yes, but they say that "Home Run" Baker is coming back to the Athletics and "Rube" Marquard is getting into great form again.

Governor Brumbaugh declines to offer any explanation for his removal of the Public Service Commission, and it is reported that the liquor interests are making a last desperate stand against local option.

Well, well, nobody denies it, nobody denies it, but the Yankees put it all over the Senators yesterday to the tune of 3 to 1, and they say that we are to have a crackerjack semiprofessional team at Island Park this year.

So you see?

FOUR MORE PROPERTIES

THE announcement of the Capitol Park Extension Commission that it has bought four more properties in the park extension zone indicates that the commission is going right along attending to business and permitting its bill for the appropriation of \$300,000 for the taking over of the remainder of the real estate to take an orderly course through the Legislature.

The commission is in a position to do just that. It has accomplished what many thought would be impossible at the start of its activities—the purchase of hundreds of pieces of real estate at prices that are not only admittedly fair to the State, but acceptable to the owners as well.

The whole spirit of the transactions has been commendable, both on the part of the commissioners and of the public.

Calm in their knowledge of a work well done the members may go serenely on with their duties, firm in the conviction that the Legislature can do nothing less than comply with their very reasonable request for the comparatively small additional appropriation necessary to complete the work.

GOOD POLITICS

THERE is wisdom in the decision of the woman's suffrage leaders not to sanction any "frank" methods of attracting attention to the suffrage cause in Pennsylvania during the coming campaign. Either the women in charge are better politicians than those of New York and other States whose sensationalism has marked the progress of the suffrage movement, or they have learned by experience that such methods gain no votes.

A quiet, dignified, but energetic, campaign will do more in the cause of "votes for women" in Pennsylvania than could be accomplished in any other way. The suffrage leaders are "playing good politics."

AN EVENING THOUGHT

Whom the heart of man shuts out, Sometimes the heart of God takes in. —Lowell.

EVENING CHAT

It is only when one gets out into the sections of the city beyond the built up section that the number of small gardens conducted about Harrisburg is realized. Take a ride any afternoon after 5 and you will see dozens of these just ordinary patches, some of them just ordinary-sized lots, but cultivated with an ardor that makes intensive agriculture in the Eastern States seem like child's play. And then, there are many women and girls and even youngsters to be seen working in the ground.

The smart garden idea has taken hold of Harrisburg in earnest and the amount of vegetables that will be set out would furnish some interesting statistics for the Chamber of Commerce's report on food supply. Some of the small patches, not as large as a quarter of the Post Office lawn, are being set out with a dozen different varieties and tomato and cabbage and the vacant garden idea has taken hold of Harrisburg in earnest and the amount of vegetables that will be set out would furnish some interesting statistics for the Chamber of Commerce's report on food supply.

Some one has said that the State ought to make the dandelion the State flower because it is certainly the most numerous of the blooms about the State. It will soon be in flower, and the attacks on it do not seem to have much effect. Just now an army of young folks, and some older ones, are going into the backyards and on the vacant lots cutting out the weeds for table use and for sale and for the sake of getting rid of them. Dandelion cutting is a recognized industry at this season of the year and apparently the State is not doing them any harm.

"Me hungry," was the short complaint of a foreigner who was being taken to an Alderman of the city, on a petty charge.

"Well, what do you want to eat?" came the query from the officer.

"Pie," answered the foreigner. "All right, you can get it here," the officer said walking into a quick lunch with his prisoner. The foreigner bought a pie and ate it, and then the alderman and coolly ate it while the justice gave the sentence.

Speaking of Fort Washington, it was recalled that in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the surrender of Lee that it was just fifty years ago that the work of removing military stores from the works on the hill opposite the city began. The earth works were maintained from the time they were constructed during the invasion until the end of the war because the national and state governments did not intend to be caught napping by any raiders. An old resident of the city says that going over to the fort was a favorite diversion of soldiers from the army. The earth works were maintained from the time they were constructed during the invasion until the end of the war because the national and state governments did not intend to be caught napping by any raiders.

THE LEADER-TO-BE

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox (Copyright, 1915, Star Company) What shall the leader be in that great day When we sleep and dream that day we are slaves? Shall wake and know that Liberty is ours? Mark well that word—not yours, not mine, but ours. For through the mingling of the separate streams Of individual protest and desire, In one united sea of purpose, lies The course to Freedom.

When ex-President Taft reached here yesterday the first person to greet him was Howard C. Conroy, secretary to the Attorney General, who was with Mr. Taft when he was in the internal revenue service in Cincinnati. "Do you remember me, Mr. Taft?" asked Mr. Hoke. "Do I? Well, I am glad to see you again Hoke," replied the ex-president. Mr. Taft recalled the days when he was in newspaper work in Cincinnati and how Mr. Hoke had charge of a good many things for him in the first federal office he had ever held. The ex-president appeared to enjoy his reminiscences.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Ambassador Naon, of Argentina, will be the Founder's day orator at Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh. —Dr. George Woodward, well-known in Philadelphia, will build a fire house at his own expense and give it to the city. —Dr. Louis Francke, prominent Johnstown man, is a candidate for mayor of his city. —Colonel Richard Coulter has concentrated the whole organization of the Tenth Regiment, including the band, at Greensburg. —Chancellor S. M. McCormick is taking an active part in the movement for better playgrounds in Pittsburgh.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg's playground system is attracting much attention these days, especially in the smaller cities of the State?

The Company

He Keeps

A storekeeper is judged by the company he keeps — on his shelves. If his goods are live, and popular, he is known as an alert merchant. He thrives accordingly. Newspaper readers who make up the larger percentage of a store's patrons are interested in the goods they see advertised in their favorite publication. They look on these brands as friends; properly introduced. They want to meet them and they will go to the store that keeps them. The live merchant co-operates with the manufacturers who advertise in the newspapers. They show the goods in their windows and on their counters and they profit by the manufacturers' advertising.

SPEAKER'S BILL PEASED BY HOUSE

Says That It Has Given a Fine Example of Getting Busy and Sticking at It, Too

EXPECTS TO LEAVE EARLY

May 6 Adjournment Date Finding Favor Among Legislators; Grangers Coming Soon

Speaker Charles A. Ambler went home yesterday afternoon well pleased with the way the House has been working. "This has been a great week and I am proud of the manner in which the House worked. We are argument getting into shape to close up on May 6," said he. "I am convinced that the House will be ready. The big bills will be out of the House next week and we will have made a substantial headway on the appropriation bills. Things are moving along splendidly and the committees will clear up in the next few days." The Speaker expects to start three sessions a day in the House very soon and looks for some hard work in the next three weeks. The appropriation bills reported this will be followed by another batch next week and they will go through on special orders.

The agricultural reorganization bill came out of committee last night and will be reprinted. It is practically the same as when presented, but worded differently. The Governor intends to get behind it, but to listen to arguments against the proposed commission.

The bill to repeal the nonpartisan ballot for judges is due to come to the floor next week. It is in agreement to push it so that it will become effective on January 1, 1916, has been reached. This is in line with what was determined upon weeks ago, but abandoned. —Highway Commissioner Cunningham is being congratulated by many people at the capitol. He entered the House yesterday with his former colleagues of the Senate and was well received. His appointment must be all right because the Philadelphia North American is criticizing it.

State Grangers are coming here in force next Tuesday for the hearing on their Highway Department bill. It would create a highway commission somewhat like that proposed in the administration agricultural reorganization bill and they hope to get the Governor to favor it.

The appearance of the Stern bill for the commission to study revision of the constitution is taken to mean that people back of the proposed constitutional convention do not expect it to get very far. —Congressman Lafean and ex-Representative Frey, of York, were here yesterday to hear Taft speak. "Farmers' Creed" came to town yesterday to look after some legislative matters. Things are not breaking well for the "Farmer" to make political capital.

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Bunion Tortured Feet Quickly Made Well

Try this wrinkle—it's a good one—thousands say you can't beat it. Soak the feet well to-night in hot water—a long hot soaking helps. Then paint on a thin coat of that old reliable "Putnam's Extractor." Next morning the pain is gone, you feel a whole heap better. Keep up the treatment simply follow the directions given and off will come the bunion, away will go the corn, you'll feel like a tango artist. For foot comfort there's nothing to beat Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, 25c, at dealers everywhere, and C. M. Forney.—Advertisement.

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There are two wonderful Expositions in 1915, and the most comfortable and interesting way to get the most out of your trip to California is by including the marvelous ride through Colorado and Utah on the way out. There are several ways of taking it all in, but only one best way, without extra expense and inconvenience. Everybody knows that the Burlington Route (C. B. & Q. R. R.) is the standard, highly equipped "On Time" railroad to Denver; but I want to tell you in particular about our through service to California, passing in daylight, Denver, Colorado Springs, Pike's Peak, Pueblo, the marvelous Royal Gorge and Salt Lake City. And then I can tell you about coming home by way of our Glacier National Park or Yellowstone Park. In fact, I will gladly help you plan your trip and suggest the most comfortable, interesting and economical way of going and returning. That is my business and my pleasure. Will you allow me to be of use, and furnish you without charge such pictures, maps and train schedules, as will enable you to determine just what to do. Will call on you at any time, or shall be glad to see you at my office. Write, telephone or call. Wm. Austin, General Agent, Passenger Dept. C. B. & Q. R. Co., 326 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.—Advertisement.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

LUCKY GUY. The Poor Little Rich Boy: Gosh! You're lucky. All I got was an auto and a check for \$10,000 and 100 shares of railroad stock.

REAL HELP. Can I help carry your burdens? Sure, lend me \$25.00 till after the first of the year.

MY HOPE. By Wing Dinger They say that John Bunney is dying—I hope they are wrong in their guess. For his death would bring sorrow to millions— 'Twould do so to me, I confess.

He has made people brighter and happier For years by his clean, wholesome fun; He has made the world laugh and thus lifted From shoulders dark cares by the ton.

For what in the world's so effective In driving one's trouble away As good, hearty laughter, and Bunney Has done it for day after day.

In life's book of prominent mortals I'd like to write Bunney's name down, For he's made the world brighter while in it. He's worthy, I think, of renown. Let's hope that he'll live many more years And keep the world laughing, for gee. There's no balm for ills like good laughter, On which I believe you'll agree.

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BOOKS and MAGAZINES FRANKLIN IRVING ANDERSON who will be remembered as the author of the Farmer of To-morrow, one of the most practical of recent books in the field of agriculture, has a new volume of similar appeal nearly ready for publication. It is Electric for the Farm, a simple and usable discussion of inexpensive methods by which the benefits of electricity may be enjoyed by the farmer.

A volume in which lovers of verse have already expressed considerable interest and which has been most enthusiastically praised by those who have read it in manuscript form is Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology," announced for April publication. "Mr. Masters speaks," says Eunice Tietjen, "with a new and authentic voice. 'Spoon River Anthology' is an illuminating piece of work and an unforgettable one." Jack London's Spring story is entitled "The Scarlet Plague," and will be issued in April. It is a highly imaginative piece of work, written in Mr. London's best style. The scene is California, a century or more hence.

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