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MR. TAFT'S LECTURE

MR. TAFT has grown and broadened since he left the White House. His lecture here on Thursday evening reveals him as a bigger, stronger man than he was even at the zenith of his political career.

Professor Taft dwelt largely on business, and politics as it relates to business. He talked common sense, which is so rare among statesmen touching on commercial affairs these days that it is worthy of comment.

As has been repeated so many times that the saying is trite, this is a commercial age. But, as one writer has pointed out, business is as much a promoter of civilization as civilization is of business.

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Yet the very first thing he does when he acquires a few surplus dollars is to rush out and buy a couple of shares of stock in some company that happens to appeal to him.

And the bigger the prospective profits the better he likes it. Standard Oil, long held up as the worst example extant of the wicked corporation, has been for years one of the most popular investments on the market.

And having become a shareholder, how the average man does glare over the fact. If you happen to be among the fortunate, do you not remember with what a swelling of pride you showed the certificates of these first few shares of stock in heretofore hateful corporations to your wife and bosom friends?

And do you recollect how artfully you drew the conversation around to the point where you could refer to your "holdings" in what might appear to be a merely incidental manner, but the thought implied that this thing of stock ownership was nothing new to you?

And if you are not among the elect, wouldn't you grab at a chance to "get in on the ground floor on a good thing?"

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duces the amount of that tax. In several towns in the extreme West this reduction amounted to an embarrassing figure.

The public is always interested in obtaining the best possible transit facilities, and there are some communities where the existing system is so unsatisfactory that any improvement, no matter what the cost, would be welcomed, but at the same time there are cities where discrimination in the matter of taxation would be rank injustice both to the existing interests and the taxpaying citizens.

From prejudice, bitterness, unkindness, deliver me. Make me charitable in thought, slow to condemn, and may my heart and soul be free of the poison of malice, intolerance, bigotry and hate. Amen.—From The Harrisburg Patriot.

At last! The Philadelphia North American tells us on having placed an advertisement of the Taft lecture under the head of amusements. We regretfully plead guilty. The make-up man mistook it for a picture of "Bill" Plinn.

GOOD NEWS

THERE are distinct indications that the big war orders now being placed by European nations in this country are having a stimulating effect upon the business of the nation. This was first reflected in Wall street, where stock activities and new records for stock valuations give sign that bankers and financiers in general foresee an upward trend and are preparing to take advantage thereof.

Most significant of the prosperity dispatches of the past few days is the announcement that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is to immediately expend \$20,000,000 for equipment and improvement and that the Lehigh Valley railroad, one of the most carefully and conservatively managed of the public utilities of the east, will soon award contracts involving an expenditure of almost \$1,000,000 as a result of what E. B. Thomas, president of the road, recently told President Wilson are "improved business conditions at this time."

Right here in Harrisburg we have been for some time enjoying the benefits of railroad activity along this line. The Pennsylvania railroad is proceeding with its subways, freight station and freight yard improvements in the lower end of the city and the Cumberland Valley Railroad company with the construction of its almost mile-long double-track concrete bridge at Mulberry street.

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"Villa loses 14,000 in battle," says a newspaper headline. If this thing keeps up the Mexican problem may be solved before the close of the Wilson administration.

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who uses a club on a corporation simply because it is a corporation is either bent on damaging some of his own property or a property in which he hopes some time to have a share. Yet we all do it. We're a curious lot.

EVENING CHAT

The amount of public improvement work under way in Harrisburg just now has been attracting attention of a good many of the legislators, especially those from the third class cities and even of some from larger municipalities and the way in which Harrisburg has undertaken its work is much commented upon.

Front treatment is particularly interesting to the men from the towns along the Susquehanna and some of the Pittsburgh members, where river front is at a premium for business, congratulate Harrisburg on the way it has preserved its great natural feature. The other day a couple of legislators walked the whole length of the River Front steps and made notes of the scheme, supplementing them by some data on costs.

The way the river bank has been treated appears to be something unique in the State and it would not be strange if some of the cities adopted plans to preserve what remains to them of riverside. Every one from the third class cities appears to have heard of the Harrisburg plan for public improvements launched some dozen years ago and the results, especially in the handling of the finances, have impressed many visitors. The extent of the paved streets is another source of much comment and the cleanliness is talked of by everyone.

What is interesting, several men from the cities in the State and Harrisburg will eventually treat its sewage. They have studied the relation of sewers to the general park, river front and street systems and the erection of the disposal plant is being awaited. When that comes, say these men so well posted on municipal affairs, Harrisburg will present one of the best general plans for city improvements in the country.

It has the parks, the paved streets, the River Front treatment, filtered water, water closets, bridges and sewer system and all it needs is the disposal plant.

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission, is having a good bit of quiet amusement over the developments in the prosecutions of the same bounty frauds that have been unearthed in a dozen or more of counties and he believes not only some of the alleged pot hunters, but some justices will go to prison for the parts they have taken in the frauds.

The cheating that has been going on, says the doctor, is something unheard of and he has been making a list of the funny things. In one county it was brought out that a justice simply took the word of a prospector's heads and his excuse for not looking into the bag was that the odor was too strong. How many times the heads had been used for claims does not appear.

In Lebanon county the returned in anywhere from a dozen to twenty-five heads which he alleged were cowhairs. "As a matter of fact, this man was a genuine," said the doctor, "when we asked how he got so many birds he said that he climbed trees with telegraph pole climbers and took the cowhairs out of their nests. Now goshawks do not nest in this State at all. They breed in other climes and come here when they are able to fly. But that did not bother the Lebanon man. He just told his tale and stuck to it."

Thirteen of the city's crack fire horses will be put to a job within the next three months. With the arrival of the three new motor tractors and the two motor chemical combination wagons just that many pieces of apparatus which would ordinarily have been horse-drawn, will be horseless. So thirteen horses which have led a more or less exciting life for some years will have to be content with the routine of a fire station.

The meeting of the State Board of Pardons next week will be unusual in that for the first time in months there will not be a case of a murderer asking the clemency of the State. For the last six months there have been appeals for commutation at every meeting and with one exception all of them have been from sentences of electrocution. The people at the Capitol figure out that there are but two men awaiting execution by hanging in the State and their cases are in the courts on appeals for new trials.

The ringing of the courthouse bell this morning at 9:20 o'clock marked the end of comment in the business section of the city. The people here are accustomed to court starting at 10, except in criminal court week, and when the bell boomed the assembling of court they thought it was a fire alarm.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—William A. Law, well-known here, has been elected president of the First National bank of Philadelphia.

—Joseph Pennell, noted etcher, has been visiting in Philadelphia.

—W. J. Holland, curator of the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, has returned from Europe where he superintended the taking out of remains of some prehistoric monst'.

—Dr. C. L. Howe, of Mercer, has returned from Alabama, where he spent the winter.

—Dr. H. S. Drinker, president of Lehigh, has gone to Jamaica.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg gets the best oysters of any inland city? It is on the direct lines from the bases of supply.

Give People

What They Ask For

It never pays to argue with a customer — the latter is always right.

When an article is asked for by name the inquirer resents being told something else is "just as good."

Up-to-date retailers realize this. They are as much opposed to the substitution practice as the manufacturer.

They know it doesn't pay.

When you see an article advertised in this newspaper ask for it by name.

The reputable storekeeper will give it to you without quibble or question.

Up-to-date retailers know it is good business to back up the manufacturers' newspaper advertising.

ROWELL'S TAKING A REFERENDUM

Philadelphia Member Wants to Find Out How His Constituents Feel on Local Option

ASKS 10,000 FOR ANSWERS

Special Election For Philadelphia; Democrats Not Making Much Headway Nowadays

People at the Capitol are watching with intense interest the result of the referendum by mail which Representative Clarence J. Rowell, of the Nineteenth Philadelphia district, is taking on the question of local option. It is believed that he will swing in favor of letting the people decide the liquor question and has determined to find out what his folks think. Being a business man he started in on a business basis and sent out about 10,000 letters asking representative people what they think about it.

The same plan is said to be under way in a number of districts, where members let it be known that they would appreciate information.

—J. Denny O'Neil, one of the leaders of the local option fight who has been ill, is improving and is expected to get here next week. T. Larry Eyre, the other leader of the local option battle, was one of the speakers at a Clerical Club dinner and put over some keen remarks.

—Philadelphia newspapers predict that Samuel W. Pennypacker and Milton J. Brecht will be appointed public service commissioners.

—Governor Brumbaugh is getting close to a record in vetoes. He is up to the Pennypacker battling average.

—The Religious Society of Friends, acting through a committee consisting of William Bishop, Charles S. Carter, Davis H. Forsythe, Edward G. Rhoads, W. E. Huston, James Al. Moon and George M. Warner, yesterday issued a protest to the Governor and the Legislature against the Cullin bill to permit betting on horse races.

—Governor Brumbaugh's approval yesterday of the bill authorizing Philadelphia Councilman vacancies to be filled at special elections was followed later in the day by a proclamation by Sheriff Acker. This calls for the selection of Selectmen in the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-eighth wards, and a Common Councilman in the Twenty-fifth ward when the transit loan is voted upon on April 29.

By Kate P. Fienikien, in the Sunday School Times. Who hath not stood with wavering trust In some obstructed way, Or hasten our delay?

Perplexed with doubt, and sore distressed, We bring thee an earnest prayer To heaven for help; but no appeal Opens an entrance there.

And thus we stand, with eager hands, Cling to the rafters of our fate, Afraid to venture farther on, Not daring to retreat.

But when at last we learn to trust, And, trusting, to obey; We look, and lo! an angel now Has rolled the stone away.

All worthy he who prompt responds, Prepared for every trial; But wretched he of higher praise Who, trusting, learns to wait.

DUMMY "AVIATOR"

The Germans had two balloons for observation during the siege at Tsing Tau. One of them hung like a yellow bubble in the sky each day until the Japanese brought up light artillery and filled it with shrapnel holes. The other, an old one, was sent up later to draw the fire of the Japanese and reveal the positions of the Japanese guns. It contained a dummy looking fixedly at the landscape below through a pair of pasteboard glasses. But this happened to give a strong wind which set the balloon revolving and finally broke it loose and sent it prouetting off over the Yellow Sea, the whole exploit, it learned afterward, being a great puzzle to the British and Japanese observers outside.—Alfred M. Brace, in the "World's Work."

AN EVENING THOUGHT

Knowledge by suffering entereth And life is perfected by death.—Mrs. Browning.

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J. B. MONTGOMERY

Both Phones Third and Chestnut Streets

OUR DAILY LAUGH

A LONG-FELT WANT.

Is Hodge a mechanical genius? Yes, he's just invented a furnace that will heat the janitor last.

THE EDITOR'S CHANCE.

Contributor: (gathering up his manuscript) You don't seem to care much for original ideas. Editor: No, we'd rather have good ones.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

(From the Telegraph, April 17, 1865.) Several veterans re-enlisted to-day and started for the front.

Rebels in City. Several Rebels came into the city last night, tore down the Stars and Stripes from some of the buildings, and insulted the people. Rewards are offered for the arrest of the men.

Business Places Closed. Practically all of the business houses in this city will be closed on the 19th, from 11 to 3 o'clock, while Lincoln's funeral services will be held in Washington.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

(From the Telegraph, April 17, 1865.) Mobile Captured. New Orleans, April 17.—The capture of Mobile, together with 5,000 prisoners, was reported here to-day.

Johnston's Surrender Expected. Washington, April 17.—Sherman reports that he expects the surrender of Johnston at any hour. Sherman will offer the same terms given Lee by Grant.

Arrest Surratt Family. Washington, April 17.—Surratt and his family, charged with attempting to murder Secretary Seward, was arrested to-day.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

Wants Mark Twain Letters. —Albert Bigelow Paine, author of "Mark Twain: A Biography," is about to compile a collection of Mark Twain's letters. In the biography, he says, he was able to use only occasional examples of the humorist's letters, filled with philosophy, comment on public affairs and public gossip, to illuminate the text. Mr. Paine is asking that all owners of Mark Twain's letters will contribute to this important work by sending him, in care of Messrs. Harper & Brothers, copies of their precious documents, for all of which he will be happy to make acknowledgment in the work itself.

Morgan Robertson, whose death took place last week, made use in his books of sea tales, "Down to the Sea," "Land Ho!" etc. of submarine and imaginary devices, which resulted about ten years ago in his invention of a different kind of periscope. The manager of a well-known submarine building company stated: "Our company has bought Mr. Robertson's invention, and has made an arrangement with him by which he will continue his work on it and perfect it in certain details. It is true that it renders objects visible all over the surface of the sea in all directions, but it is not true that it will penetrate with its rays beneath the surface. If it proves to be what we think, it will, we believe, rather revolutionize modern warfare."

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