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WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 21

ARBOR DAY AT WILDWOOD

THE school board and the park authorities are to be commended for the co-operation that is to result in a great Arbor Day demonstration in Wildwood Park next Thursday afternoon, when 5,000 school children are expected to participate in the setting out of as many trees.

Every school boy and girl who attends the ceremonies will be permitted to plant a tree—that is, place it in the hole prepared for it while workmen fill in the earth. It will be a pleasant thing for these youngsters in future years to point out "their trees" in the park.

The park officials have displayed excellent judgment in their choice of trees. The pines and spruces are almost extinct in the park and the planting of 5,000 of these will give them a fresh foothold and add greatly to the beauty of the resort in years to come.

Another effect of the Arbor Day celebration will be to introduce to Wildwood hundreds of little folks who once they know it will love it, but who have never had opportunity or inclination to become acquainted with its broad reaches of field and forest, its fine woodland and water views and the beauty and the charm that make it the delight of all frequent it.

It appears that some of Roosevelt's remarks concerning Barnes were not only Pickwickian but also abstruse. The Colonel was always original.

TOO EARLY TO HOPE

HOPE expressed in some quarters that the defeat of Villa in Mexico may witness a cessation of hostilities there is premature. It is too early to forecast the results of the campaign that at present appears to be going against the heretofore invincible Villa. The brigand chieftain has survived so many hardships and has extricated himself from so many difficult positions that it is not safe to predict the ultimate outcome of the present fighting.

Let them call us anarchists, if they choose, but we want to declare openly and in strong terms against the law of necessity that keeps us chained to a desk when we want to go trout fishing.

CAMP CURTIN MEMORIAL

THE State and National Governments not having seen fit to properly mark the site of historic old Camp Curtin, it is by no means unfitting that the congregation of the Curtin Heights Methodist Church should rename its organization and erect a new church building to be known as the Camp Curtin Memorial Methodist Church.

The site of this edifice will be almost the very center of the great camp from which so many thousand boys in blue went out to lay down their lives for the Union. It will mark for all time the noted encampment, the location of which has been well nigh lost in the rapid growth of the town that has swept out over the open fields above Maclay street, where formerly was the tented military city, and has transformed them into populous, closely-built residence districts.

Perhaps some day a proper monument in the form of a memorial arch or a statue of Andrew Curtin, for whom the camp was named, will be erected at Sixth and Maclay streets, the entrance to the camp, but there is no movement of that kind afoot, so that the Camp Curtin church will, in all likelihood, stand for years as practically the only memorial of its kind.

There are those who would do away with the public school vacation in summer time. A man with a disposition like that could drink vinegar and sweeten his disposition.

MINERS AND COMPENSATION

SENATORS BEIDLEMAN AND M'NICHOE were justified in making their fight yesterday to have the anthracite mine workers included in the benefits to follow the enactment of workmen's compensation laws. The amendments they caused to be inserted in the anthracite code ought to be extended to the men of the bituminous fields and no doubt will be at the proper time.

It would be wrong to pass a compensation law that would require the small manufacturer and the employer of a limited number of men in occupations not generally considered hazardous to come beneath its provisions, and at the same time would

permit the employers of thousands of men engaged in the perils of mine work to go scot free. Such a law would be unfair both to the miners and to employers thus discriminated against.

President Wilson is a daring man. He had the nerve to talk peace before a session of the national congress of the D. A. R.

MAJOR BENT'S DEATH

THE death of Major Luther Stedman Bent removes from life's activities one of the most picturesque figures of what are now looked upon as the "early days" of the iron industry in this country—for it was not until he and others like him loomed large on the horizon of the steel world that the wonderful development of the industry as we now know it began. He was at once a type of the old-time manager, whose personality was a factor entering into the lives of the entire working force under him, but he was as well one of those far-seeing pioneers who blazed the way for the great growth that has attended the corporation with which his name will be identified always.

Major Bent, like Carnegie, Rockefeller, the elder Armour and many others of that type, came up from the ranks and he lived in a day when it was the part of the general manager to know personally the men under him, to mingle with them and to occasionally take a hand in the actual operation of the plant. His powerful personality and wonderful magnetism were at their best in that kind of work, but he was no mere "outside" manager for all that, and few there are who in their day enjoyed a broader, more comprehensive knowledge of the steel business than he.

Although long out of active management of affairs at Steelton, he is nevertheless remembered there as one of the most influential and powerful figures ever associated locally with the conduct of the Pennsylvania Steel company.

What a happy world this would be if all the "kippers" would turn their energies thus employed to "swatting" flies.

WILL YOU HELP

STATE FIRE MARSHAL JOSEPH L. BALDWIN, in a recent bulletin, asks the co-operation of the public in the work of fire prevention to which his department is devoted. In view of the fact that Harrisburg within the past few days has suffered severely from the effects of fire his advice ought to have the attention of everybody. He says:

The season for Spring cleaning will soon arrive. During the winter much useless material may have accumulated and been stored away in closets, cellars, attics or other out of the way places. It is a simple matter to place it in a pile in the spring clean-up. This should not be, it is a dangerous practice. There should be no packing away of useless articles or other material of inflammable nature. All such should be immediately removed and destroyed. If this is done it will make housecleaning much easier and lessen the cause of many fires. Use care in getting rid of rubbish. If burned, do not do so on a windy day; nor should it be piled near a building. Be sure not to leave a smouldering fire. Few sparks from a rubbish fire may fall on a roof and cause a destructive fire. Won't you adopt the plan of having a Clean-up Day every day and help reduce the fire waste, which is of such enormous cost, not only to you, but to all your neighbors. Help in the good work.

Mr. Baldwin is right. The Board of Health, which has taken hold of the clean-up work in Harrisburg, ought to be heartily supported. Much can be done by the private citizen in this direction. All the forces of Harrisburg ought to be organized for co-operation in freeing the city from the refuse of winter that not only invites fire, but harbor germs that warm days will breed by the million.

PARK CONCERTS

HARRISBURG owes a debt of gratitude to the newly organized Band Concert Association for the arrangement of fifteen band concerts at Reservoir park during the coming summer.

There is no more delightful way of spending a summer evening than listening to a good band on the cool slopes of Reservoir park, but the city has had all too few of such entertainments during the past several years. The fault has been chiefly that the duty of raising the necessary money did not lie properly with the park authorities and there was nobody else authorized to take up the work. The Concert Association was formed during the winter as a result, and its members have pledged themselves to procure sufficient subscriptions to make the concert season possible. They deserve all the support they will need. No doubt they will find little difficulty in obtaining the necessary funds.

"Prosperity is returning," is the way a headline reads in a Democratic newspaper of to-day. Why, how's this? We thought the Democratic papers had been insisting all along that the country never has been anything but prosperous.

One man who will oppose a change of administration is Louis Brandeis. He's an almost-President now who might not carry so much weight nor pull down such big fees if Wilson is not re-elected.

The number and extent of the forest fires now raging leads one to the belief that after all Pennsylvania's woodlands are far from being as nearly obliterated as some conservationists would have us believe.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

Cleave then to the sunnier side of doubt, And cling to Faith beyond the form of Faith; She reels not in the storm of warring words, She brightens at the clash of "Yes" and "No." She sees the Best that glimmers through the Worst. She feels the sun is hid but for a night, She smiles the summer through the winter bud, She tastes the fruit before the blossom falls, She meets the lark within the songless egg, She finds the fountain where they wailed "mirage." —Tennyson.

EVENING CHAT

Through the presentation to State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery for the use of the Commonwealth of the "Rattlesnake" flag of the Westmoreland County Provincialia Pennsylvania secures what is regarded as the oldest American flag and it will be preserved for all time in the Capitol. The flag is one which is familiar to every school boy because it bears the famous legend "Don't Tread on Me" with the rattlesnake that was adopted as one of the earliest of the First Battalion of the Westmoreland County Provincialia, men who organized when the first troubles of war began to be heard in the land and was carried in Col. John Proctor's command by Samuel Craig, of Westmoreland county, whose descendants have kept it ever since. For years this flag has been one of the treasures of the family and through efforts of Jesse E. B. Cunningham, former deputy attorney general, they agreed to present it to the State. Miss Jan Craig, who owned it for years, provided in her will that it should go to the Commonwealth if the family desired and while desiring to have it placed in the hands of the descendants of Col. Craig determined that it could be better taken care of in the Capitol. Yesterday afternoon it was brought here by Edmund S. Craig, of New Alexandria, and P. M. Hill, of Greensburg, who formally presented it to Mr. Montgomery. Governor Brumbaugh, who had hoped to be present, was unable to do so, but sent word by Mr. Montgomery that he was delighted to know that the flag was to be State property and that he personally thanked the donors and hoped they would come here to see it when displayed. This oldest American emblem is of heavy red silk, worked in gold and bears in the center the rattlesnake with head and rattles raised, with the initials "I. E. W. C. P." the name of the organization and the initials of the colonel. The snake's head points toward a replica of the Union Jack in the upper corner. It is in a splendid state of preservation, showing how carefully the descendants of the colorbearer kept it. The State now owns the flag of the Hanover Association and the Philadelphia City Troop has the flag of the Philadelphia Light Horse, relics that are of high price.

FIRST BALL GAME OF LEGISLATORS

Hackett and Roney Teams Cross Bats at the Island and Future Game is Necessary

ARGUMENTS PRINCIPAL PART

Legislators to Have the Biennial Dance This Evening; Many Legislative Visitors

The legislative baseball season was opened yesterday afternoon at Island Park, when two teams, captained by Philadelphia members, battled for several hours. It is expected that a series of games will be played next week to settle points of law, procedure and technique which arose yesterday. One team was headed by Messrs. Hackett and Graham, who were in the points, and the other by Messrs. Roney and Porter, who acted as the battery between arguments. The Hackett team won by 9 to 8. Several umpires were used to keep the game going. Ex-Senator W. A. Martin, of Gettysburg, was at the Capitol last evening. Ex-Representative John S. Lowers, of Allegheny, now deputy register of wills, was at the Capitol. E. M. Abbott, former Philadelphia member, was at the House session last night. A petition for local option signed by 587 Philadelphia lawyers was presented to the House last night by Mr. Graham, Philadelphia. Speaker Ambler yesterday put his foot down on the practice of members calling out bills out of order and thereupon adopted advantageous positions on the calendars after making amendments and advancing them one stage. Yesterday there was considerable calling up going on and the Speaker said that the House must cease because it gave unfair advantages and also resulted in the work of the clerks in preparation of the big calendars being considerably interfered with. Representative William Haggerty, of Lackawanna, who has been ill most of the session, has been sticking to his desk and attending the meetings of the House. He plans to remain here until the close of his health permits. J. Horace McFarland, former city park commissioner, attended a hearing at the Capitol yesterday. Richard E. Cochran, former Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, and James E. Glassner, of York, were among visitors yesterday. R. C. Miller, former member from the Norristown district, was at the Capitol. Hyatt M. Cribbs, the new county controller of Allegheny, was a member of the House for several sessions and is well known here. He was selected by the board of judges to succeed Robert J. Cunningham, the new Highway Commissioner. Ex-Representative Brooks, the sponsor of the high license law, was an interested spectator of the legislative doings. He was a colleague of City Clerk Charles A. Miller in the House many years ago. Representative C. N. Berntheisel, of Lancaster county, has been an active member of the Fourth Regiment for several years. The superintendent of roads of Allegheny county, was at the Capitol.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

This is how Richard Deban in "The Man of Iron" pictures Prince Otto von Bismarck: "Walking alone through the streets, as, indeed, he loved to do, his keen eye scanned the faces of the people who came to him, and from the assassin's bullet he was never saved. And you could not look upon the golden-robed figure, full of power, as an enemy to be excoriated or a leader to be despised. He was a high-domed head was scantily covered, and a grayish lock or so at either temple, and thinning behind. The eyebrows were thick—of gray mixed with dark. A mustache covering the large, somewhat sarcastic mouth, grew heavily as any other hair on his body. He was rounded at the end like the point of a broadsword. And in the indomitable vitality of the heart he was a battle hidden under thick and level lids. You felt the master-mind, as they coldly called it, of the man. He was a man of diplomacy, or blazed challenge and defiance, scorn and irony. And in the service of his powers, he was a man of the past pursuit of pleasure, as by present indefatigable, unsleeping toil, his brain, voice, and pen in the service of Throne and State."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

G. L. Peck, vice-president of the Pennsylvania lines, west, personally attends to the buying of the big lot of equipment in Pennsylvania. He also has Hyatt M. Cribbs, the successor of Robert J. Cunningham, as county controller of Allegheny, is a banker and insurance company director. Dr. Doberman, prominent Franklin man, won a suit involving millions in Washington. Director Porter, of Philadelphia, says the Sunday campaign had nothing to do with the crime wave. Robert S. Bright, late a candidate for Congress, heads the Philadelphia Democratic club.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg furnishes large amounts of building stone for nearby towns? The Demand Definite

Few goods are indispensable. There is generally something that can be sold in their place. Demand for your goods must be definite. It must specify them by name. It should be of a character that makes substitution undesirable. Newspaper advertising creates that definite demand for the manufacturer.

It brings people directly to the dealer's store who ask for the goods by name. Dealers co-operating with this kind of advertising. Manufacturers interested in increasing the demand for their products should address the Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers Association, World Building, New York.

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"Take your man on a thousand dollars a year—and a thousand dollars is a handsome wage as things are in the world," tells the story of a young working girl of herself and his wife and his three children? Studies of budgets of wage earners show that in this country from 40 to 45 per cent. of incomes averaging \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year must go for food. Put it all at 45 per cent., or \$450—\$50 a year per person, or 25 cents a day. Evidently there will be few twenty-cent dinners eaten in that household, yet there are thousands of such homes where there is health, gaiety and thanksgiving.

"Moreover, if you study the conditions under which much of the most brilliant work of the world has been carried on you will find that the twenty-cent dinner was often the feast for holidays."

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