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SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 1

TAXING THE "JITNEY"

OBVIOUSLY the "jitney" must be made to pay its share of taxation. Vice-President Musser, of the Harrisburg Railways company, is correct in his views in this respect. The "jitney" is nothing more or less than a modified form of street car, and we require the street car lines to yield the city revenue amounting to thousands of dollars each year. As this revenue is based on the earnings of the trolley lines and as every "jitney" passenger reduces the revenues of the company by five cents, the effect will be to cut into the money the city receives from traction operations. The "jitney" no doubt has come to stay, in one form or another, but just now it is in its experimental stage. "Jitney" operators are "going it blind." Men who have machines are turning them to account by collecting nickels from all who care to ride. The whole movement is feverish and frenzied. Few who have entered the business know how much they are actually making or losing. They see the ready cash at the end of the day and reckon it as profit, but they have not calculated running expenses, wages of driver, insurance, tire costs, wear and tear, yearly license and sinking fund. Six or eight dollars a day looks big enough to attract many people into the business, but the profits shrink tremendously when the items of expense are taken into consideration. More than one automobile owner is destined to be "stung" most painfully before the "jitney" works itself down to a legitimate business proposition. In the meantime the city should be studying the situation, prepared at the proper time to tax this form of transportation as it does all others.

THE USE OF PUBLICITY

PUBLICITY properly presented possesses virtues untold, when the truth is in it. Rightly used, its power is beyond computation, but when it is prostituted, when facts are misrepresented or distorted to influence opinion toward false conclusions, it possesses boomerang possibilities of staggering proportions. This is well illustrated by a letter issued to the public a day or two ago from the pen of Thomas A. Edison in defense of his views on reinforced concrete construction work. Mr. Edison points out that the fire at his factory in West Orange has been made the subject of pictures and articles discrediting the use of concrete and steel in factory buildings. The intent was to show that Mr. Edison's contentions in behalf of concrete as the building material of the future were set at naught by the fire and the aged inventor says distorted photographs were used to emphasize the arguments. The effect has been just the opposite of that for which the promoters strove. Whereas their articles and photographs appeared only in a very few privately circulated catalogs, Mr. Edison's letter in reply has been published by almost every newspaper in the land. Advertisers and those who attempt to use the newspapers and other publications for "publicity" purposes should see a lesson in this. No advertising and no publicity is worth the paper upon which it is printed that does not rest its arguments and conclusions upon truth.

A ZONE OF PEACE

SPEAKERS before the American Academy of Political and Social Science in Philadelphia yesterday voiced the thought that instead of establishing war zones America should be interested in the maintenance of a great zone of peace which should constitute all of North and South America. The people of both continents, the speakers held, ought to get together to preserve law and order at home and to unite against invasion from across the ocean. This voices the sentiments of millions of Americans. The European war has given to the United States an opportunity that ought not to be neglected to formulate new bonds of friendship and amity between this country and every nation embraced by the two Americas. The war has given us a temporary advantage in this respect. If we do not avail ourselves of the chance that is offered it will pass with the declaration of peace and the resumption of European relations now suspended. If the nation is to act at all, it must act quickly. This is not alone a matter for governmental activity, although much can be done

through the diplomatic service, but it should have the attention and effort of every progressive business man in this country. Opportunity often knocks but once. It is at our front door today. Denied admission, it may never return.

THE RIGGS BANK CASE

PRESIDENT WILSON declares that the Riggs Bank controversy is not an affair of the administration. President Taft took the same view of the Ballinger charges when they were brought to his attention, but the people would not view them in that light and it is extremely probable they will not accept so lightly President Wilson's dismissal of the accusations brought against his comptroller and secretary of the treasury. The case is purely a departmental matter, the President asserts, and the administration will be content to lay the facts before the courts calm in the assurance that the officials under fire will be justified thereby. This sounds very well, but if the officials so seriously charged by the management of the Riggs Bank feel that way about it why have they, through the Department of Justice, found it necessary to call to the assistance of the government's legal representatives engaged for their defense such well-known attorneys as Brandeis and Undermyer, with the possibility of adding a no less personage than Pam, of Chicago? Certainly, "the plain facts in the case" could have been laid before the court by almost any attorney in the employ of the government, but the suspicion must arise in the mind of anybody who has given the matter any consideration that the administration is very much alarmed, indeed, and that it expects to win, if win it can, by sharp legal practice and is preparing to have its case formulated and submitted by some of the best financial minds in the legal profession. Just as the Ballinger case, whether justly or unjustly, had its effect on the election of 1912, so these Riggs charges will be very much an administration affair when President Wilson comes before the people for endorsement in 1916.

MEDICAL FREEDOM

MANY will agree with Senator Works, of California, who is making a fight against a bill to be reintroduced when Congress convenes again having for its object the creation of a national department of health designed to turn the health control of the nation over to one school of medicine. Senator Works, in a recent address, summed up his views thus: I would not abolish or overthrow the Public Health Service if I could. I would make it broader, more tolerant, more humane. I would have it presided over by a man of broad, tolerant and humanitarian views, who could look beyond the dead-line of the so-called regular school of medicine and seek for, and find, and apply for the common welfare all that is good in every school of medicine, old and new, and all other methods of healing, saving none, favoring none. There is no profession that ought to be more liberal in its views than that of medicine. Any science that is not fixed must be progressive, and there is no indication that medical men have reached perfection. Far as they have gone and remarkable as their accomplishments have been, physicians have merely begun to see the light in some directions and are groping in absolute darkness in others. Yet there are many otherwise admirable men in the medical profession who can see no virtue outside the limitations of their own particular school. But the man seeking health is ready to accept that which offers him relief from suffering and a cure for disease. He is not interested in "schools" and theories, some of them none too well established. What he wants is efficiency and the physician who is rendering full service to his patient is ready to admit virtue wherever he finds it and to search for it wherever it may be found. No school of health promotion yet devised possesses a monopoly of curative agencies.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

IS business improving? It is, and we submit the following as a bit of direct evidence: Mr. Union, Pa., April 29, 1915. Circulation Manager the Telegraph: Please send me thirty-six more papers. Work is getting more plentiful and I can sell more. Yours truly, HERBERT MOSSER. Herbert is one of the hustling young lads who sells the Telegraph along the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. When he says business is improving he backs his assertions by an order for more papers. Herbert's views are held by other newsboys and agents throughout the Central Pennsylvania field who are beginning to improve their orders, but who have not been thoughtful enough to give the circulation manager their reasons therefor. There is a hint in this for hold-back advertisers that need not be pointed out.

PROTECT THE LOBSTER

THE lobster is not a domestic animal. Therefore he may have his claws pegged, may be boiled while still kicking or broiled to a turn over a red-hot fire like a red Indian being burned at the stake. Thus have the learned courts of Philadelphia decided. Tender-hearted women who carried the case to the tribunals of the people are tearfully preparing to have a law passed to save the lobster from the ignominious and awful fate that constantly impends. This is a grand and glorious work. Having saved all the babies from death from impure milk, having cleared up all the slums, having provided jobs for all the jobless, having removed all the evils of the cities and established society upon a plane beyond the wildest utopian dreams—in short, having solved all the problems for the betterment of mankind—it is more that we turn our attention to the lobster. Poor downtrodden, lowly creature, who can conceive a nobler work than the enactment of a law to protect him from the heartless cook. But having eman-

ipated his claws from the cruel peg, might we suggest that those in charge of the movement include a clause in the proposed statute providing muzzles for lobsters of sour-disposition, at least during that season of the year which is to the lobster as the dogdays are to the dogs? We would not be put into a position of suggesting anything that might in the least limit the liberties of the lobster, but we must insist that the minnows, or the sardines, or what ever it is that live about the lobster beds, receive some consideration, too.

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GAS is making pages of pleasant household history. And a Lot of Harrisburg housewives have got into the "Joy Ranks" this week by installing a Gas Range. "Gas Range Week" ends Saturday night. Have you lifted your home out of the rut? This is a good time to make the stroke that counts for better living, better cooking. Close up your kitchen early to-day or to-morrow. See the Gas Range demonstrations at our store. You will learn how to close up early every day. Biggest Display of Ranges We Have Ever Shown. A \$2.00 Reduction on Any Cabinet Gas Range Bought This Week. USUAL EASY TERMS. HARRISBURG GAS CO. 14 S. Second St. Bell 2028 Cumb. Valley 732

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NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR. [From the Telegraph of May 1, 1865.] Raise Rebel Ram. Fortress Monroe, May 1. The rebel ram Albemarle, was raised here by command and will be taken to the navy yard at Gosport. Secretary Surrenders. New Orleans, May 1. Secretary Mallory, of the rebel Navy Department, surrendered himself to-day to Captain Gibson, of the U. S. Navy. Destroy Rebel Floating Battery. Washington, May 1. A rebel floating battery was destroyed off the North Carolina coast recently by Commander W. H. McComb.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY. [From the Telegraph of May 1, 1865.] Frost Last Night. The city and vicinity was visited by a heavy frost last night. It is thought that the fruit crop has been injured. Captain Penn Alive. Captain Penn, of this city, who was reported dead, has returned to his home. Special Election. May 17 has been set as the day for a special election in the Second Ward to select a Councilman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Daniel E. Will.

WORK AND PLAY. By Wing Dingler. We're coming to the season. When it's too hot to work. The lawn grass will need cutting. And our duty we will shirk. But for two solid hours. Out in the broiling sun. We'll play a game of baseball. And credit it to fun. And in the downtown office. You'll hear the high-deck clerk. Complain that it's too nice to stay in-doors and do work. But at a little table. In a room that's closed up tight. He'll smoke and play at poker. For more than half the night.

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