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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 5.

FACTS ASSERT THEMSELVES

It is given out through Democratic sources at Washington that President Wilson will run again on his record in handling the war problems and that the tariff, if possible, will be shifted to the rear. It is understood that the administration's attitude toward the war in Europe and the problems growing out of it will be pushed to the front, emphasized and reiterated at every opportunity.

Washington dispatches state that the revision of the tariff, with its promised but unrealized reduction of the cost of living, will be tucked away for a nice, long sleep, to be disturbed only when it is necessary by way of defending the Administration against the attacks of Republicans.

The country will be asked to re-elect Woodrow Wilson as the great peace President, the man who steered the nation safely through a world at war and made possible the great commercial advantages that have flowed to the United States from the European struggle.

All other rallying cries will be subordinated to this if the plans of the Democratic leaders meet with no setback. A veil will be thrown over industrial conditions as they were in the United States before the declaration of war and the voters of the country will be invited to view "the new prosperity" and the enormous trade balance which the United States has rolled up in its favor against Europe.

Secretary Redfield in his frequent statements that the country is phenomenally prosperous, however, is refuted by Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor, who has given out a statement saying that 369,000 persons are out of work in New York alone. It's going to be mighty difficult for the Democratic managers of the Wilson propaganda to deceive the people in the belief that the country is prosperous through Democratic policies when exactly the opposite has been true.

Harrisburg is having its usual clean-up, but would it not be well to have close inspection of back yards and cellars at least four times a year, with a view to keeping clean the entire city and reducing the menace of filth which is permitted in some localities from one clean-up period to another?

CONSTRUCTIVE WORK

THE Rotary Club, through its educational committee, has undertaken a distinctly constructive piece of work in the survey it proposes to make of the Harrisburg school district, with special stress on the local high school problem and its solution.

Those who have given the matter attention believe that the public school system is full of faults that might be corrected at no great expense or labor. The course is considered by many to be too lengthy for the results achieved, and that while the pupils turned out of the high schools are equipped to enter college, they are not well fitted for the duties of life, upon which a large majority enter immediately without further training. Shorter and more practical are the watchwords. If the Rotary Club is instrumental in starting Harrisburg in that direction it will have performed a large service.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION

THE Legislature should go slowly with any bill that has for its object the curtailment of the powers of planning commissions in third-class cities. These commissions have none too much authority as it is. That they have not accomplished more in the nearly two years of their existence is due to the fact that they have been without adequate funds. To restrict the veto power of the commissions, as is proposed under the terms of the Alexander bill passed by the House last night, would further hamper their operations.

The planning commission law as it stands has not been on the statute books long enough to demonstrate to the full either its weaknesses or its strength. Next session would be ample time to consider changes, except that the Legislature should pass an amendment making it manda-

tory on the part of councils to provide the commissioners with money sufficient to carry on the important work entrusted to them. Harrisburg is suffering to-day from haphazard growth and development. The city must be safeguarded against a repetition of such errors and carelessness. The city planning commission is the bulwark between public interest and private selfishness and thoughtlessness, and it should not be weakened, but rather strengthened for the sake of the future of every third-class city in Pennsylvania.

THE CITY AND STATE

IT is most gratifying to the citizens of Harrisburg that the visitors who come here from time to time have manifested so much pleasure in the progressive spirit of the city. Especially is this true among members of the Senate and House and those in official life on Capitol Hill. And the most enthusiastic admirers of the city are those who have given attention to civic matters in the way of permanent betterment and esthetic improvement.

As a municipality Harrisburg has been doing its full share in the making over of the city so that it may conform in every way to the best thought of those in authority in the State government who are endeavoring to create a dignified Capitol and harmonious environment. It is not realized, perhaps, by our friends from the outside just how much Harrisburg has done within a few years to improve the city. Following an energetic improvement campaign in 1901 the first loan of \$1,090,000 was authorized for a filtration plant, the extension and improvement of the sewer system, the construction of a dam in the Susquehanna river, for acquiring land and property for parks, and for the paving of street intersections. Three years later another loan of \$400,000 was authorized for the reconstruction of Mulberry street viaduct, the extension and improvement of the sewerage system and for additional paving. About five years later another loan of \$641,000 was authorized for eliminating the Paxton creek nuisance, for additional sewers, for an intercepting sewer along the River Front, for the construction of a bridge over the Philadelphia and Reading railway at Thirteenth street, and for additional paving. Still another loan was authorized for \$300,000 to enlarge the sewer system, for bridges, for an island of safety on Market Square, for a municipal asphalt repair plant, for additional park land and playgrounds, and more paving.

This is a record of which any city may well be proud and the improvements have been carried forward without the breath of scandal and with a full return on the investment. It is, therefore, a gratification to know that the thousands of visitors who come here from year to year realize that the Harrisburg of to-day is an up-to-date and progressive city.

Nor are the activities of our citizens confined only to civic betterment; the public utilities and industrial and commercial enterprises of Harrisburg will compare favorably with those of any other municipality in the State or nation.

MR. CUNNINGHAM'S POLICIES

THE assurance of State Highway Commissioner Cunningham, given to his assistant engineers upon the occasion of their first conference this week, that politics is to have no place in the department during his term, that incompetents are to be dismissed regardless of connections, and merit rewarded by promotion, has the right sound. It is good business and good politics, too. A political party's best asset is efficient and economical administration of office. This is well illustrated in a negative way by present conditions at Washington. The Democrats have played fast and loose with governmental affairs. They have disregarded merit at every turn. Tried and capable men have been turned out, to make way for political favorites. Money has been squandered in unheard of quantities, and results, as in the postal service, for instance, are generally unsatisfactory. So unsatisfactory, indeed, that the election of a Republican to the Presidency next year already is assured. Evidently Mr. Cunningham has seen this peril and does not intend that his department shall be permitted to suffer thereby.

Promotion within the ranks, as the new commissioner has promised the worthy ones of his corps, is always an assurance of activity and efficiency. Mr. Cunningham has placed the feet of his assistants squarely on the ground, has vested them with ample authority and has promised them reward for good work. The public will watch developments with interest and confidence.

FULFILL ALL PLEDGES

WITH the rapid approach of final adjournment the Republican leaders in the Legislature must realize the importance of fulfilling the party pledges in the last campaign. There must be no finching at any point. Definite and distinct promises were made to the people and co-operating with Governor Brumbaugh these pledges should be made good in every particular. There should not be any disposition in any quarter to trifle with the solemn obligations of the party. Just now the people are looking toward the Republican party in the State and the nation to do the things which make for prosperity and the welfare of the people. There must be no falling short in this duty.

During the few days that are left of the session, provision ought to be made for placing the highways of the State in the best possible condition and reconstructing such stretches of roads as is possible with the reduced revenues, and every step ought to be taken that will complete a program of legislation necessary to the fulfillment of party pledges.

EVENING CHAT

Wildwood park these days is abloom with dogwood and hundreds of people spent Sunday in the woods. A park regulation prohibits the tearing off of branches from the trees or otherwise destroying the flowers but despite this precaution lots of visitors have ruined small trees in their efforts to get at the blooms. A city official the other day advanced a curious explanation as to why so many people carried the dogwood away from the park. Many of the auto tourists - and hundreds went through the stretch of woodland - carried tonnage loads of the blossoms. As a rule these were taken from the nearby mountains. "Now to my mind," said the observing official, "a lot of pedestrians who see autoists going through the park carrying dogwood think that the flowers were taken from here. Then they act on the assumption that if the folks who can ride in autos may have the dogwood, why can't we?" So they go to it and the trees naturally suffer.

How Henry Schuddegnage had the great stretch of pavements around the North Front street home cleared of snow at a bargain price was amusingly recalled the other day by Mercer B. Tate. Someone had sarcastically commented on the change of the weather and the snow shoveling possibilities - which reminded Mr. Tate of a story. "That Mr. Schuddegnage has an unusually long stretch of pavement to clear of snow is pretty well known," said Mr. Tate. "Some time ago, when the snow runs, the city had repeatedly notified him to clear his pavements. For some reason or other the pavements were not cleared and the police department, I believe, finally had the snow removed and imposed the costs on Mr. Schuddegnage. Shortly afterward he called at police headquarters to settle the bill. "The bill I think amounted to something like twelve dollars. "Well, I'll pay it," smiled Mr. Schuddegnage. "I had had that done myself it would have cost me about twenty-five dollars."

The big bird "hotel" which was recently presented to the park department by the State Game commission will not be the only summer quarters provided for the feathered guests of the city this year; the other day half a dozen myrtle bird "cottages" were received by the department from a Lansing firm. These are made of wood and covered with natural tree bark and are just about big enough to accommodate one or two families. These will be placed in the three tops in the city parks within a week or two.

If it had not been for the Tech high athletes there would not have been any track meet at Mercersburg last Saturday Tech not only put it, all over Mercersburg, but had to furnish some of the equipment to pull off the events. On the day previous to the track meet the Tech team received a letter which read as follows: "Varsity team and second athletes gone to Cornell. Bring your hammer."

There is one amateur manager in Harrisburg who will not schedule a game at Carlisle very soon. He was telling about his visit to Carlisle last Saturday when the Harrisburg players were given a hard bump and added: "Some managers wonder why they cannot book games. If one manager were like the one we met at Carlisle I wonder how they manage to get games up there. We were defeated, and took our medicine. However, the Harrisburg boys came back home without some of their clothing, and to make matters worse the Carlisle manager refused to pay us the guarantee. Harrisburg should be careful about making contracts."

Among visitors to the city yesterday afternoon was James B. Sheehan, register of wills of Philadelphia and one of the best known men of Irish descent in the State. He has been prominent in the Hibernians and is well-known as a public speaker.

"People must have gone jitney mad," remarked a man on an up-town car to-day. "There's jitney buses, jitney sales, jitney punchboards and jitney everything else. Why only a while ago I saw some boy with a jitney bicycle. In front of the Hamilton grammar school he stood with his bike, evidently waiting for school to dismiss. On the rear of his 'bike' was this sign, 'Jitney, 5 cents.'"

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

County Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil is working up the interest in good roads day in Allegheny county. James B. Beale, of Pittsburgh, has gone to the Pacific coast for a visit. Walter S. Beers, prominent Oil City man, is head of the new gun club in that city. Charles A. Finley, head of the bureau of venereal diseases, says that there is less typhoid than in many years in that city. Thomas J. Nolan has succeeded his father, the late Thomas Doan, on the board of the United Gas Improvement Company. Henry Kissinger, county controller of Fayette, announced yesterday that he had burned the fast of the county bonds and that the county had no more debt.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is noted for the electric plant engines it turns out?

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The principal criticism of our neutrality is based on the fact that it's too darned neutral.—Chicago Herald.

Can it be that the rapid spread of prohibition in Europe drove Huerta to these hospitable shores?—New York Tribune.

Champ Clark says the idea that any American boy can be President is wrong. Now let's hear from Mr. Bryan.—Toledo Blade.

CLEAN-UP NIGHT

By Wing Dinger

Reader, as these lines you're reading I'll be working very hard. For I have a heap of duties To perform in house and yard. Folks are coming home to-morrow, And I've got to make the place Look attractive—right at this time It looks more like a disgrace.

Grass needs cutting, flower garden is choked pretty well with weeds, Furniture throughout the household Rearrangement sorely needs. Everything that's been neglected Must be straightened up to-night And till late this eve I'll hustle With all bloomin' blowsted might.

MEMORIALS HELD BY THE SENATORS

Tributes Paid to the Memory of J. K. P. Hall and John T. Fisher Last Evening

The first memorial services of the session were held in the Senate chamber last night in memory of Senators J. K. P. Hall, Elk, and John T. Fisher, Northumberland, who died last year. President Pro Tem. Kluge presided.

Senator Hall, who declined to be a candidate last year, had been a member for almost 20 years. He was eulogized by Senators Sones, Lycoming; Homsher, Lancaster; Hilton, McKean and Clark, Erie.

Addresses on Senator Fisher were made by Senators McConnell, who succeeded him; Hilton, McKean; Thompson, Beaver and Sains, Philadelphia.

—Register of Wills Connor, of Allegheny, was a visitor to the Senate.

—Representative William H. Wilson, of Philadelphia, chairman of the House judiciary general committee, was guest of honor at a dinner given by the committee last evening at the Senate. Representative F. E. Geiser, Northampton, presided, and Representative H. I. Wilson, Jefferson, presented Mr. Wilson with a diamond pin on behalf of the committee, expressing their appreciation of him. Speaker Ambler was also a speaker.

—Ex-Congressman James B. Reilly, of Pottsville, was among the legislative visitors.

—Councilman R. D. Dripps, of Philadelphia, was a visitor to the House. He is interested in Charities legislation.

—Ex-Representative Paul W. Houck, of Shenandoah, was a capital visitor.

—Representatives Wildman, Hackett, Steedle and Bernthezel joined the Society of acting speakers yesterday. They were named by Speaker Ambler.

—Ex-Senators Murphy, Philadelphia; McNichols and Blewitt, Lackawanna; James, Luzerne; and Fisher, Indiana, were legislative visitors.

—The House education committee is not likely to act further on the teachers' pension bill.

—Congressman D. F. Lafane, of York, was at the Capitol.

—Ex-Representative T. Henry Walnut, of Philadelphia, was here on the civil service bill.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

People seldom improve when they have no model but themselves to copy after.—Goldsmith.

This is the Birthday Anniversary of



HOWARD C. FRY Born in Harrisburg, May 5, 1875, head of the Fry Coal Company and secretary of the Harrisburg Rotary Club. The Telegraph wishes him many happy returns.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

FLUSHES. He sat and played amid the crush (Excuse this tear-and-sob tale) Upon his cheek a hectic flush. And in his hand a bobtail.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES

It is refreshing to hear of some good things this country has done in these days when we read so much about our failings as a nation in "Uncle Sam's Modern Miracles." William Atherton Du Puy makes a picturesque and entertaining exposition of big things America has done and is doing for the

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NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR [From the Telegraph of May 5, 1865.] Declare Indefinite Armistice St. Louis, May 5. — It was reported here to-day that an indefinite armistice had been declared between the Union forces and those commanded by Kirby Smith. Mosby Bids Farewell Faquier, May 5. — General Mosby to-day bade farewell to his guerrilla band shortly before he disbanded the organization. Executive Orders Revoked Washington, May 5. — The Executive orders given in 1862, prohibiting the export of arms and ammunition from the United States, was revoked to-day.

HARD TO FIT? No. You may think you are, and perhaps you are---in the ordinary store. But not at Doutrichs. You see it's this way. Clothes making has been developed to such a high degree that ready-to-wear suits may now be had in sizes and proportions to fit men of the most unusual build. But few indeed are the stores doing a business large enough to warrant carrying all these extra sizes. Thus it happens that many a man whom we fit without any trouble at all finds it impossible to get promptly fitted anywhere else in Harrisburg. The stout man shown here isn't a circumstance beside many that we fit--the 7-footer with a 32 waist, for instance; or the extra-tall, stout man; or the chap as broad as he is long. The House of Kuppenheimer ---devotes special and expert attention to the tailoring of clothes for men of unusual build. As large makers they can afford to do this, just as we, as large retailers, can afford to carry such clothes in wide variety. Kuppenheimer Suits and other good makes for men of all shapes and sizes are here at \$15 \$20 \$25 \$30 Always Reliable 304 Market St. Harrisburg Pa.