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THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 20

Lead life of love; that others who behold your life, may kindly too with love, and cast their lot with you. —Christina Rossetti.

BOATHOUSE PERMITS

IN the matter of possible boathouses along the River Front, it ought to be understood at the outset that these structures should be as unobtrusive as possible. This can be accomplished by placing the buildings, which should be of concrete, against the high embankment at points where the vines and planting will serve to cover the tops of the houses and save the view of the River Front from the walk at the top of the slope. It might be well for the heads of the Departments of Parks and Public Works to provide specifications for such buildings so that there may be no disfigurement of the river embankment.

The third class city law amendments now in the Governor's hands give specific permission to the city to erect boathouses which can be maintained by the city or leased to concessionaries. We believe that there will be encouragement of such enterprises, but the permits should be confined to associations only. Individual boathouses ought not to be countenanced, inasmuch as such structures would soon line the River Front from one end of the city to the other and destroy the beauty that has been the admiration of the city and its visitors. Now that the River Front improvement is practically completed insofar as the concrete steps and walks are concerned, everybody is enthusiastic over the admirable treatment of a difficult problem. With the closing of the gap at Market street, which Commissioner Lynch has given assurance will not be delayed, the line of steps will be continuous from Macay street on the north to Iron alley on the south. Much credit is due the heads of the several departments for their co-operation in pushing forward the work thus far and harmonious efforts to accomplish that which is best for the city.

Nothing could be finer than the spirit of progress manifested at the reunion banquet of the former Councilmen of Harrisburg. City Solicitor Seitz, than whom there is no more able legal municipal guide in the Commonwealth, sounded the keynote when he declared, as toastmaster, that "we must not keep still; it is up to us to keep pace with the times." That is the sort of talk which means constructive effort now and hereafter.

THE SUN'S DEFINITION

COMMENTING upon the unanimity of sentiment in support of the President's course in the existing crisis over the sinking of the Lusitania, the New York Sun says: Save from a squad of political enigmists and a cabal of inveterate aliens there is no dissent and no division.

Interesting word that—energenum. The dictionaries say it means "one who is possessed by evil spirits; a demoniac; a fanatical enthusiast." Is it possible that at last the faunal naturalist himself is being scientifically classified? Or does the Sun more particularly have in mind Terrible Willie Hearst, the man who had to be restrained from invading Mexico all by himself, and Frank Munsey, sometime fiscal agent of the army at Armageddon and now angel for a little string of near newspapers? Only by great effort and a patriotic desire to avoid seriously embarrassing the government, does that pair refrain from printing their real sentiments about what they evidently consider the trucking character of the note to Germany.

"Boost Harrisburg," says City Solicitor Seitz, and he is a mighty poor citizen who will not act on the suggestion.

MILLIONS FOR EDUCATION

THE Legislature which expired at noon to-day has provided millions of dollars for public school purposes in Pennsylvania and under Governor Brumbaugh's guidance and with his large experience in educational affairs a new era in the work of education in this Commonwealth is about to be ushered in. While the Legislature has been generous in its grants, it will be the duty of those in charge of the work to broaden the scope of the State's efforts along these lines and to make

as practical as possible the courses taught in the schools. If there has been one criticism of the public school system more frequently heard than another, it is that it is designed apparently to prepare a comparatively small percentage of boys and girls for higher institutions of learning at the expense of the great body of public school pupils who get no farther than the high school. This criticism has considerable force and whatever is necessary to improve the schools from the standpoint of the girl and boy who must finish in the high school should be provided in the reorganization that is bound to follow the suggestions of the Governor and those associated with him in educational work. Governor Brumbaugh combines in his person at the present time the executive of the Commonwealth and the inspirational fount of the spirit of education as well. He will give a new impetus to the practical side of the educational interests of the State. His long years of experience in the work and his devotion to the cause give assurance of such comprehensive and practical changes as will make the Pennsylvania system a model in the educational world.

Senator Sprout has never lost for one instant his practical interest in the making of good roads for Pennsylvania. His name will ever be associated with improved highways of the State, and his proposal to recommit to the people an amendment to the Constitution permitting a loan of \$50,000,000 for road work has been approved by the Legislature. Senator Sprout believes in persistent effort, and thousands have come to his way of thinking on the subject of improved highways.

THE MUNICIPAL CELEBRATION

THE Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce will have the hearty support and co-operation of the people as a whole in its plan for a municipal celebration to mark the completion of the first great public improvement campaign that was begun some fourteen years ago and which has been carried out with such splendid results for the city. But this celebration does not mean that Harrisburg is to stop or even to pause in its work for a bigger, better city. The demonstration will be merely a milestone in the progress of the community; it will mark the closing of one era of public improvements and the beginning of another. From a review of the vast and splendid work already done our people will be inspired to still greater accomplishments, to nobler achievements in city building.

What has been done has placed Harrisburg well up in the front rank of progressive and enterprising cities. When the gigantic task was proposed there were some who sincerely objected to the expenditure of the large sums contemplated, on the ground that it would not pay, or that the money might not be wisely expended. The improvement work has paid, both in better living conditions for Harrisburg people and in dollars and cents as well. It is too apparent to require illustration or demonstration here. That the people's money has been conserved and made to buy a full dollar's worth for every dollar spent, and that work so faithfully done by devoted public servants will for a moment question.

William Jennings, who introduced the resolution in the Chamber of Commerce, the adoption of which started the movement for the coming celebration, was one of the leaders for public improvements when City Council's first came to a consideration of the initial loan for \$1,000,000 and it is fitting that he should have been instrumental in rounding out the great enterprise with such a public jubilee as is proposed.

SEE PENNSYLVANIA FIRST

WHAT was a good suggestion Governor Brumbaugh made to the newspapermen who were his guests at dinner the other evening when he threw out the thought of an organized effort to promote public interest in automobile tours through Pennsylvania. The Governor said that just as soon as duties of office permit, he intends to use all the influence at his command to induce Pennsylvanians and people of other States to learn by the medium of automobile parties the beauty and charm of Pennsylvania scenery.

Pennsylvania is more attractive from many standpoints than the great automobile routes of the New England States or any of the other districts favored by eastern motorists. It abounds in picturesque forest and field, mountain and vale, lake and stream. Its landscapes are as varied as they are beautiful and no State in the Union can match it for agricultural development on one hand or for primeval conditions on the other. It lies in the path from east to west and from north to south. With the improvement of our roads and the betterment of hotel conditions, Pennsylvania will become a veritable paradise for motorists.

But, as Governor Brumbaugh says, the roads are good enough now to attract any motorist and the hotel facilities are by no means poor. Touring in Pennsylvania is only in its infancy. It would be well for the guide books to pay a little more attention to routes and hotels in the Keystone State.

MOTOR CLUB'S GOOD WORK

THE Motor Club of Harrisburg is engaged in another of those constructive tasks for which it has been noted ever since it was largely instrumental in the removal of the toll gates from the River Road and the improvement of that important piece of highway. This time the club is preparing to buy materials and employ 200 men for the repair of several main lines of travel in Cumberland county, on Good Roads Day, May 26. Cumberland county highways in need of attention are also to be looked after by volunteers from the club. President Frank Dosch, himself a skilled good roads man, will be in charge of the work, which will be done under

the direction of the State Highway Department. One of the best features of the enterprise is that the people of Cumberland county, especially those of Mechanicsburg, are working in hearty co-operation with the club.

Evening Chat

High links in legislative halls caused much entertainment for residents of this city who crowded the legislative halls and roamed through the Capitol last night to the musical extent. People came from Steelton and other nearby towns to witness the fun which is connected with the close of a legislative session and said in the galleries early this morning. The closing of a Legislature always attracts much attention from Harrisburgers, many of whom spend hours watching the lawmakers at work on the floor of the paper battles and the stunts. Last night was no exception. Harrisburg visitors were fooled by the amusement. A couple of people started to cry that someone had been hurt and was being carried out on an ambulance, but the fact was it was only some page boys taking one of their number out to duck him in a fountain. Someone smashed a bottle of red ink and a rumor started that a serious cutting affray had occurred.

Professor Howard G. Dibble, new principal of the Central high school, although to the city only a few days, remarked about its cleanliness. He said that, compared to the many other cities he has visited, Harrisburg is one of the cleanest he has ever seen. He also said that he believed that a number of people of this city do not appreciate the beauty of the vicinity, particularly the scenery along the river.

Much comment has arisen in some parts of the city in favor of a private ambulance for the Harrisburg Hospital. Although the board of managers of that institution has taken no action on the subject, it has occasionally been discussed. W. M. Condon, recently superintendent of the private ambulance for the hospital, is in evidence, and although not opposed to the present system in use, he is a strong advocate of a private car.

A number of actors who have appeared on the various vaudeville stages in this city in the past few seasons have said that Harrisburg is the city in which to work illustrations. Magicians in particular who come to this city to perform have often said that some of their oldest tricks can be worked with safety and the people with few exceptions are at a loss to understand how the "stunt" is pulled. One actor, in speaking of the city, said that he was in the street one day and spoke to a man who was gazing in amazement at the posters outside the theater. The man, not recognizing the actor, readily stated the pleasure of the actor, asking his opinion of several of the illustrations being shown that week. The actor, in speaking of the people, how he did one of his magic tricks, but the man, not knowing his acquaintance by name, refused to believe him after the illusion had been explained.

"Talk about tough luck," growled a tennis enthusiast at Reservoir the other afternoon, in speaking of the rain. "Here I've been waiting for three hours and a half waiting for a set and then I have a chance to play it starts to pour." The popularity of the courts is shown every day at Reservoir, where at any time of day dozens of people can be seen reposing on the benches and grassy terraces awaiting their turn at the courts.

It's remarkable how many people every day watched the progress of the river and what steps. At dinner time parties of a roll along the river front anywhere from 11.00 to 1.00 proved that the tired businessman as well as his stenographer and clerk were almost equally interested in the "chug-chug" of the asphalt mixer as in the trees and birds and flowers that make the park one of the city's beauty spots.

"It's funny," said a resident of the city today to tramps almost as much as "Don't Fager," that more people don't know the beauties of the little wooded hollow through the Paxtang hill dam and the rear end of Prospect Hill Cemetery. It's one of the prettiest places within a ten-mile tramp if you take a Paxtang and Reservoir car—one bringing you close to the one end of the hollow and one close to the other end. About this time of the year the dell is chock full of velvet violets, buttercups, wild honeysuckle, jack-in-the-pulpits and hundreds of other Spring flowers. There's a little stream in the hollow, too, and place and on each side are high hills covered with majestic trees. Never knew it?—H-m, that's not strange."

Bishop Darlington was pleading with the convention of the Diocese of Harrisburg last week for more automobiles for rural missionaries. "We need low-priced touring cars," he said. "A high-priced car won't do, even if given to us; the cost of upkeep is too great. A touring car is needed because the missionary often has to carry an organ and some choristers with him. The more automobiles we can get the better. They're necessities, although some persons seem to think they're luxuries."

AS IT IS IN KANSAS

[From the Topeka Capital.] Nothing is more expected to have your name publicly connected with happens after 12 o'clock at night.

Letter List

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN THE Post Office at Harrisburg, Pa., for the week ending May 15, 1915: Ladies G. Adams, Mrs. Lucia Barlow, Mrs. Norine Benr, Mrs. Margaret Bill, Miss Esther M. Boyer, Gertrude C. Davis, Mrs. E. E. Davis, Mrs. James Donahue, Miss Lida Duffield, Miss Catherine V. K. Enger, Miss Cecelia, Mrs. E. E. Getman, Miss M. C. Foster, Mrs. F. G. Ginzler, Mrs. Frances Green, Miss Mayme Hafley, Miss G. H. Harnish, Mrs. C. A. Horesten, Miss Ruth Houz, Miss Katherine Howard, Miss Tannie Kess, Mrs. Katharine Kestner, Mrs. Lydia Kroninger, Miss Francis LaVan, Miss Fannie Levan, Mrs. Margara, Mrs. H. E. Lewis, Mrs. Ruth McCullough, Mrs. Flossie McFadden, Ethel Megaline, Mrs. Stella Miller, Mrs. Marg. Moyer, Mrs. Camie Pfitzer, John. Robertson, Mrs. Ida Runfield (D. L.), Miss Schiffer, Miss C. W. Smith, Mrs. Harry Steinflies, Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart, Mrs. O. Taylor, Mrs. Waldmann, Mrs. Mary Wenrick, Miss A. E. White, Miss Gladys Wilson, Mrs. W. Wolfe. Gentlemen's List—James J. Anderson (D. L.), Hon. and Mrs. O. Baird, Charles E. Bannan, Mr. E. J. Beck, James Beneghy (D. L.), Ross Blessing, L. D. Brewer, Melvin Butts, Theodore Thornton, Van Ruesdick, G. S. Wagner (D. L.), H. W. Westfall, William M. Williams.

DO YOU KNOW

That the Rockville bridge is still visited by engineers as one of the railroad marvels?

Not Endorsed

Mr. Retailer, did you ever deposit a check, forgetting to endorse it? You know you didn't get the cash. But when you supplied the missing name the check was good. When a national manufacturer advertises in this newspaper he is in effect drawing a check to the credit of the stores that carry the goods.

LABORERS CUT UP UNUSUAL STYLE

Members of the House Have Lots of Fun in Commemorating the Close of Session

PATRIOTISM RUNS VERY HIGH

Shaaber Bears the Stars and Stripes and Recites Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

Members of the House kept up traditions of the last night of the session and cut loose, keeping the hilarity going until early this morning. The Senate was a decorous place. Its members had much to think of. The House was care free and business free and had all kinds of time for all kinds of fun. The hall was crowded from early evening and before the gavel, which was a mallet bought to replace the ivory affair used in easy times, fell there were paper fights in which various members flung the paper, throwing went on and songs and cat calls abounded. Some of the members donned paper hats and bearing tin horns marched about the building.

Representative Mahlon H. Shaaber, Civil War veteran, was the central figure in a patriotic demonstration that attracted much attention. He was given the American flag from the rostrum and the House. Putting on his Grand National uniform he headed a parade which visited the Senate and was made up of members singing "Marching Through Georgia." When the parade returned to the chamber, Representative H. L. Hackett, who was presiding during the fun, called Mr. Shaaber and at his request the veteran recited Lincoln's address at Gettysburg. The big feature of the night was the mock parade when members put on paper hats and marched about singing and shouting to the music of various leaders to join in the parade. The parades and two suppers. Five bottles, she says, is very much too far. For her to go without a motor car. Yet a tango master would surely show she danced that day a few miles or so.

Chaplain Thomas W. Davis, of the Senate, led the march. The pleasure of the evening by singing several solos, the members joining in the chorus. His leading out the finest singing of the night, hundreds of voices being heard. The parson then led in "America," the latter being the occasion of a big demonstration. The chaplain then led "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" for Speaker Amble.

Several interesting incidents of the night was when a quintet of colored boys was brought in to sing. Four sang everything from "Pippery" to "Stein Is Given a Chance." A White Hackett then called on "Equal Rights." Stein, author of the colored men's bill to congratulate the quartet, which he did until driven away by the showers of paper. The concert was presided over by Postmaster Hilligass and proceeded with much variety and hilarity.

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"Quarrels with the neighbors because of the children, domestic differences, debts that were long due and could not be collected, treatment of the children, domestic differences, treatment meted out by foremen and others to their subordinates—questions of all kinds were brought up. I became the father confessor, and was called on to settle all sorts of questions raised by all sorts and conditions of men, women and children."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VANDALISM. To the Editor of the Telegraph: "If you have anything on your mind that may be of public interest, write a letter to the Telegraph, always aiming to be as brief as possible."

In pursuance to the above, which is copied from your editorial column of the seventeenth instant: Last Friday evening, in a canoe I paddled along the entire length of the new "front steps," and in not one section, the length of which is about eight feet, are there two steps from which the edge has not been broken by small boys throwing stones, large and small, from the top of the bank. This is certainly vandalism in one of its worst forms. A little vigilance for a time on the part of park and city policemen might save us for a time this beautiful improvement, which has not yet even been turned over to the city by the builders.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph, May 20, 1865] Soldiers Leaving. Hundreds of soldiers who were in the hospitals in this city are being discharged and are going home.

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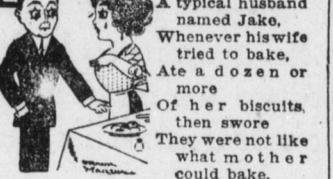
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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY



—From the Chicago Tribune.

Our Daily Laugh



A typical husband named Jake. Whenever his wife tried to bake, Ate a dozen or more Of her biscuits, then swore They were not like what m o t h e r could bake.

WHEN THE WAR ENDS

By Wing Dingier. Throughout this war I oft have tried To pick the winner out; Are being put to rout, Sometimes the German arms will win— The next day they will lose— Until at last I've given up— The winner I can't choose. But after all, whoever wins I wish the war would cease, And warring nations, one and all, 'Would mean so much to all the world, For war to end, and yet They all might go to war again O'er what each one's to get.

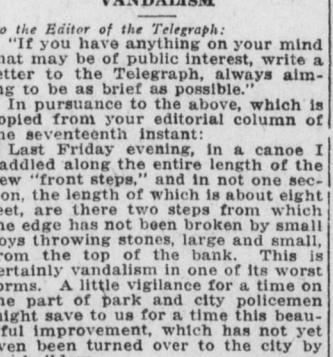
EDITORIAL COMMENT

"Drag the Roads" The Elmhurst Signal reprints the following timely poem from the Kansas Industrialist as a contribution to the "State-wide Good Roads Day" sentiment: "DRAG THE ROADS" When the smiles of Spring appear, When the summer time is here, Drag the roads; When the corn is in the ear, In the winter cold and drear, Every season of the year— Drag the roads. When you've nothing else to do, Drag the roads; If but for an hour or two, Drag the roads; It will keep them good as new; With a purpose firm and true Fall in line; it's up to you— Drag the roads.

WHERE WILL IT STOP?

[From the Christian Herald.] The center of population has moved steadily westward for more than a hundred years without being deflected either to the north or south. It might be expected that the development of some section of the country would have drawn the mystical point far from the horizontal, but such has not been the case. The wonderful regularity of the movement of the line westward indicates the steady movement of the population.

Italian Writer Who Has Stirred All Italy



GABRIEL D'ANNUNZIO

Italian Writer Who Has Stirred All Italy. Gabriel D'Annunzio, one of Italy's foremost writers and literary men, whose anti-Austrian speeches have done more than any one other thing, perhaps, to bring about the present crisis in Italo-Austrian affairs.

The Slaughter of the Innocents

BY Capt. Stanley Huntley Lewis

[Captain Stanley Huntley Lewis is well known in Harrisburg, and especially to members of fraternal orders, as the publicity director for the Washburn Carnival Shows, and has been coming to Harrisburg regularly each season with circus attractions for several years. He is writer for magazines, and is the author of "Rog and Rags," "The Wrecking Crew," "Hannigan, of the Seventh," and "The Top-Sergeant" of K. Troop. Captain Lewis served in the United States army, and was in charge of a company during the Spanish-American War. He has also written excellent military records. He is also a cartoonist and writer of humorous stories.]

UNSEEN, the vicious viper lurks Above the sun of glad noonday; Below, the deeps are ghastly gray, That nerves the guiding hand! Above her deck the heaving play, The scaly bakes and sculpin stray, The gaping weakish throng; The seaweed, where the swift tide Hangs from her sides in floating curls Like sodden hair of long-drowned girls; Half-blind, she gropes along; Above, the sun of glad noonday; Below, the deeps are ghastly gray, Where, in the broad sea-lane, Securely safe from watchful eyes, Stinking and venomous she lies, Awaiting Death's most pitious prize— To choose the Sinless Slave!

Taft on the Recall

"You send your legislators to the Legislature because they are experts. They go there and listen to the measures, and amendments are proposed. That is their work, a work to which the great body of electors is utterly unadapted. I do not care how intelligent they may be. The electors, through party platforms and in other ways, indicate the general principles upon which they want the government to be conducted. Then they select those experts to go and formulate into constructive legislation the policies they desire them to support. "When you have a sick child you send for a physician; you do not send for a lawyer or a businessman. When you have a bridge to build you send for an engineer. When you have children to teach you send for a teacher. When you have a law to make on a complicated subject you send it to men who are familiar with the duty of making laws, and who have the time, the opportunity, and who are paid for the purpose of studying the questions and formulating into the statutes that which by your general declaration you have indicated would be the policy. "Then, too, they seek to establish a system of recall, as the result of which a man has his ear down to the ground every day listening to see what the people think of what he did yesterday. How can you expect a policy formulated in that way to be a real policy?"

"He has got to have courage. He has got to look ahead, and he cannot be explaining every day to an entire people just what he is doing and why he is doing it, when he assures them that he is carrying out their policies and he wishes to be vindicated when he finishes the term for which he has been elected. "Just think what would have happened if he had had the recall of Presidents in Lincoln's time. He would have been recalled just as certain as the word. Could you have an example stronger to show the absurdity of keeping a man engaged with his face tight on the ground and with his feet down there listening to something that ought not to be in his ears at all, but that he shall realize the great trust that he has to-day, that which the people put him in there to do, and should have the time in which to do it, and then manifest by the results of his trust that he is worthy of his election."

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