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GOOD ROADS DAY

WITH the Governor, it is not only do as I say, but do as I do, in the matter of better highways for Pennsylvania. He is on the job himself to-day and is leading the forces of the State in actual physical work upon the roads which are the arteries of trade and intercourse for the people of the State.

"Good Roads Day" is a practical setting apart of the people to a united effort in behalf of modern and substantial highways. For several years increasing interest has been manifested in this subject and that element of the population which at first opposed the idea of scientific road building is now on the side of the workers for better highways and improved facilities for communication between the urban and suburban communities.

It is no longer a matter of doubt that ease of access between the rural districts and the cities will figure largely in keeping down the high cost of living. A partial elimination of the middle man, who waxed fat under the old system of transfer of commodities, will work a vast change in the relation of the city to the country. Farmers and city folk must get together and the only way that this is possible is through proper means of communication.

The coming of the automobile has undoubtedly increased general interest in road building and the farmer at last has realized that the improvement of the highways is a distinct benefit to him. In the beginning he was hostile on the score of expense and antipathy to the gasoline rival of his horses. All this has passed away and there are few farmers nowadays who do not use automobiles and trucks in their own business.

Motor clubs and good roads associations all over the State are active in boosting better highways and now that the people are co-operating in practical fashion the proposition of a large loan for this immediate work is more favorably considered. By the time 1917 rolls around the electorate will place its approval upon the Sprout amendment for a \$50,000,000 loan for construction of highways.

To-day the forces of the State Highway Department are doing their level best all over Pennsylvania to instruct the local authorities in proper road construction. This will be of incalculable benefit to thousands of those who have not heretofore given the matter much thought. Governor Brumbaugh's discussion of the subject in his campaign and his consistent attitude since his inauguration, with the hearty co-operation of the organizations formed for the promotion of better highways, have done much to change old conditions.

A steady improvement in the style of architecture in the residential districts of the city is a marked feature of recent building operations. It is a good thing when those who build the homes of any city realize the importance of attractive dwellings and surroundings. It is a good thing for the builder and an equally good thing for the city.

people, snags beneath the strain of a heart appeal like this. Certainly the formalities of the law must take their course, but we can imagine that in the present instance the word formalities will define the conclusion. Criminal law is after all but a formal agreement among men that certain acts shall be followed by certain punishments, and when men and servants of the law agree in their minds that law shall not apply, there is no power left to enforce it. The present case promises to provide an illustration of this.

City Treasurer Copelin is manifesting a proper appreciation of the obligation of a public official to the community in notifying the taxpayer that his office will be open for the receiving of taxes from May 27 to 29, inclusive, at night and also next Saturday afternoon between the hours of 2:30 and 5 o'clock. These little attentions in the interest of public convenience are always appreciated.

Every town within twenty miles of Harrisburg must be regarded as a suburb of this city. For this reason the road making propaganda should emphasize particularly the desirability of improving all the highways extending like the spokes of a wheel from the capital of the Commonwealth.

FREAK LAWS PENNSYLVANIA is not alone in its possession of legislators whose minds are constructed along lines that would have made them successful as the proprietors of dime museums or exhibitors of freaks. Only in this State sebor-mindedness predominates in the Legislature at least sufficiently to prevent crazy bills from getting beyond the pigeonhole stage. The Brooklyn Times has made a collection of statutes passed by other States, a perusal of which cannot but give rise to a higher appreciation of our own Legislature as compared with those of some other Commonwealths, not a few of which have appeared from time to time in the ultra-progressive column. Among the freak laws enumerated are these:

Minnesota—Law to prohibit the catching of frogs. Kansas—Law to prohibit the use of face powder or the wearing of the piercing of ears and wearing of earrings. Colorado—Law to compel chickens to go to roost before 7 p. m. daily. Providing that bulls driven over the roads shall be kept well walled. Massachusetts—Prohibiting the wearing of whiskers by doctors and dentists. Nebraska—Law compelling the National Guard to do ninety days work each year on the roads and bridges of the State. Texas—Compelling churchgoers to leave their artillery on the outside of church buildings.

Texas—Prohibiting the giving of tips to barbers, porters, etc. Minnesota—Law providing that lumberjacks shall be furnished with individual bathtubs. North Dakota—Law establishing uniform thickness of sleigh runners.

To this collection we may add that in Massachusetts a bill taxing bachelors \$5 was adopted, and Illinois saw and raised the levy to \$50 per annum. It would be interesting to know just how successfully the laws tabulated in the foregoing paragraph are enforced and what the fate was of the persons responsible for them. We can imagine, for instance, what would become of the National Guard of Pennsylvania if it was required to spend ninety days a year repairing roads and likewise what would happen to the farmer who attempted to tie a red lantern to the horns of a Pennsylvania bull, but what in the name of zero weather would a Minnesota lumberjack do with an individual bathtub? Or would he know one when he did see it? One can understand how some accidental member of a Legislature might, to satisfy a whim of his own or the hobby of a constituent, introduce some such bill as those enumerated, but the state of mind that permits a supposedly dignified Legislature and a supposedly common-sense Governor to enact one of them into law is beyond comprehension, except on the score of perverted humor.

Gradually the bonds of sympathy between the Latin-American countries and the United States are being strengthened through the wise mediation of representatives of both sections of the western continent. It is anomalous in the development of this great continent that natural neighbors have been so long separated. One of the good results of the awful conflict in Europe has been the growing intimacies of the Pan-American peoples.

Signs of prosperity are shown upon every side. Less than 10,000 furnace ovens were in blast in Fayette county at the beginning of the year. It is now predicted that the five additional ovens this week that more than 22,000 coke ovens in the county will be in operation within the next two months. Contracts for road rails and locomotives and equipment by the railroad companies running into the millions of dollars also indicate the rising tide of confidence in better business.

THE WILKES-BARRE SPIRIT SAYS the Wilkes-Barre Evening News, commenting on speeches made at a recent Chamber of Commerce dinner in that city: Very properly, much stress was laid upon the Greater Wilkes-Barre project at the Chamber of Commerce dinner held during the present week. It is the one big thing worth attaining that has not been attained in the way of municipal progress the Attorney Franklin Slattery, in his speech as toastmaster, called attention to the fact that by adding the contiguous municipalities to Wilkes-Barre this city would become the third largest in the State, the metropolis of Northeastern Pennsylvania and far more imposing in rank in the metropolitan area of the nation which lays much stress upon its importance as a trade and industrial center because of its population figure.

It is such an attainment not worth while striving for in a municipality which has made its name as a feat of the movement some years ago by the citizens of the contiguous municipalities no serious attempts have been made to realize this metropolitan ideal. But the citizens of some of these municipalities have perceived the errors of their ways and would gladly annex themselves to the city that has offered them the opportunity to do so. In fact, there is a new law extant that permits the municipalities to express an annexation desire.

Lemoine, Wormleysburg and Camp Hill. Eventually this will come and the advantages of city government for suburban localities to be taken in will be worth more than the cost.

In former years the up-keep of streets, lighting, police and fire departments, filtered water and sewer systems were the preventative factors. To-day the suburb must correspond to the city in public improvements if it is to amount to anything. The State requires that its water shall be pure and the time is fast approaching when the small town will have to face State intervention in the disposal of its sewage. Electric lights are demanded in even the smallest villages and fire protection has reached the motor-vehicle stage in even boroughs of New Cumberland's size, while Camp Hill has established its own very efficient high school and is facing a \$30,000 paving loan. Naturally, when the city shall extend its limits and its advantages to points beyond these suburbs the burden of taxation still will remain on the business and closely built up sections, while efficiency will be gained in municipal administration through a lowering of the overhead charges. Thus both Harrisburg proper and the outlying sections will be benefited. Beside, there is the always larger factor of a larger population as a drawing power for new industries and businesses.

Mayor Royal is entirely right in his attitude toward the regulation of automobiles and other vehicles. Simply because a man happens to sit at the wheel of an automobile is no assurance that he knows how to drive the machine. He may be a positive menace to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians. Indeed, it may become a question whether the police department will not be compelled to act as first aid to many of the reckless jitneyites themselves.

Many of the most enterprising citizens of Harrisburg are natives of Italy. Those who have become citizens of the United States will regard with natural interest the developments in the homeland, but there is nowhere evidence of a lack of fealty of the naturalized Italian to the country of his adoption.

What the average consumer is interested in with respect to the new tax on anthracite coal is not how long it will take to decide the appeal on the tax imposed by the Legislature, but how long the anthracite coal barons will be permitted to soak the consumer with the higher fuel price. Local dealers declare they are helpless against the imposition of the operator. It's the old story of the consumer paying the freight.

Wonder how many of the busy little knockers on the public improvement work and the heads of departments really know what has been accomplished during the last year. These public officials are entitled to a square deal and it is only fair that good citizens should investigate before they criticize.

Governor Brumbaugh has done very well thus far in swinging the veto ax, and we must believe that his experience as a youth in the woodlands of Huntingdon county has been helpful in fitting him for the task that is now before him in disposing of a great mass of legislation upon his desk.

What Mr. Weatherman, we arise to ask, is the use of having a new straw hat and linen suit during such days as this?

Members of the little German band about town for the past few days are the only persons we know who are able to raise money on bad notes.

The way a trout rises to a fly has nothing on the way a baldheaded man does.

The Locomotive Engineers having declared for prohibition, we shall await with eagerness one of the usual explanations of the liquor press agents as to the necessity of alcohol as an adjunct to safety first in the operation of railroad trains.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

[Washington Star.] While not more friendly as yet, Colonel Roosevelt and Mr. Barnes are better acquainted than they ever were before.

[Rochester Herald.] If the war lasts months longer, it will take more money than there is in the world to pay the bills. As wars are fought on the installment plan, it doesn't worry the Hohenzollerns so much who bring them on.

[Washington Herald.] Motorist Burns, of the Barnes-Roosevelt libel suit, might have become famous if he hadn't weakened.

[Manchester Union.] It looks as if Great Britain might have as much difficulty in picking a satisfactory coalition ministry as she would have had in going along with the old one.

STILL, SHE PROBABLY WILL [Columbia State.] We certainly don't see how Italy will have the nerve to explain that war was forced on her.

SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE [Houston Post.] Colonel Roosevelt told a friend he was ready to return to the Republican party. Now that his purpose is known, we suppose the smart old foxes of the G. O. P. will proceed to sue out a writ of injunction.

AND THEY BELIEVE IT [Cincinnati Enquirer.] When a girl has a fat mother and a thin father she always tells the young men that she takes after her father.

"Politics in Pennsylvania" By the Ex-Committeeman

—Governor Brumbaugh not only proposes to build up an organization in the State that will bring about the election of a local option legislature in 1918, but one pledged to enact administrative measures as well. The chief executive has become aware of the fact that some of his predecessors have found legislation not inclined to follow the lead of a governor in all things in the third year of his term and he does not propose to be in that position if he can help it.

—It is less than a year ago that the Governor or the less informal character here and at other places in the State where friends of the Governor can gather to discuss the situation and plan the work. Some of the new Public Service Commissioners and their friends are expected to have a part in the general campaign plan.

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—Close friends of the Governor intimate that he will not take part in the affairs that will be presented to the State meeting with traveling about the State making speeches every now and then, renewing acquaintances, as it were. Late in the summer he will go to the Pacific coast, traversing a number of States where he is personally known.

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—No date has been set for the meeting of the State-wide committee, but it is expected that it will assemble in the middle of June. According to some intimations the meeting will be held here with "annex" meetings in various places.

—Present men connected with the State-wide committee will make speeches this summer in which local option will be the keynote. Some are planned for this section and a stiff fight is in sight for Harrisburg.

—It is noticed that Congressman S. V. Vore has been named on the Independence Day celebration at Philadelphia and this fact has been much commented upon at the Capitol as showing the close relations existing between the Governor and the Vore.

—James F. Woodward, chairman of the Home Improvement Commission, will be the guest of friends on a yachting trip along the coast next month.

—Senator Charles H. Kline, Pittsburgh city chairman, will leave for Alaska next week. He says he wants to see the midnight sun.

—David H. Lane, the Philadelphia city editor, will go to Atlantic City tomorrow to open what he calls his summer headquarters.

—E. E. Altohouse, Burgess of Sellersville, well known to a number of eastern men, is a candidate for county treasurer of Bucks county.

—Representative A. C. Stein, of Pittsburgh, has been appointed by the Republican ward chairman of Pittsburgh to draft explanations of the election bills now pending.

—Charles Thompson, of Philadelphia, who replaced James Wagner, the baseball player, on the State Fisheries Commission, had a hard time getting to the meeting of the commission on Wednesday night.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY "A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE IS A DANGEROUS THING"



A WINTER-TIME DIRGE

THE following poem was written by Mrs. Mary Fleming Labaree, daughter of Samuel Fleming, of Harrisburg, now in Persia as a missionary, on the massacres of the Christians by the Kurds in the East. It was read last week before a meeting in Market Square Presbyterian Church:

It was cold and barren winter. When the Kurds came down in Spring flood To hunt and harry, and fatten Upon our bread and blood.

If it had been golden summer, The dead had not lain near and far On the road that leads from Urumiah, Up to the land of the Czar.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph, May 26, 1865] Man Hurst at Sawmill John Brinzer, employed in the saw-mill of Zimmerman & Leasure, Middletown, had his leg severely cut when it was caught in the shaft used for moving lumber.

Philadelphia Robbed Samuel Heiss, Philadelphia, was robbed of \$75 while sleeping in a room in the United States Hotel. It is believed that the thief was hidden under the bed when Heiss entered the room.

Prepare For Soldiers Preparations are being made for a reception of the soldiers who were mustered out at Washington this week.

HOW TO BUY WINDOW BOXES One Woman Found a Shop Where They Could Be Had Complete "My husband asked me recently what I would buy as a bit of extravagance. If he should give me \$25. Economy has this year come to be so natural a mode of behavior that I thought he was joking. We sat silent under the trees along the Drive, watching the cars whirring past, and I said nothing. 'I mean it, Nell,' he repeated. 'Suppose I should give you \$25; what would you do with it?'

WITH BARNES OUT OF IT [From the Brooklyn Times.] With the elimination of William Barnes, of Albany, as a candidate for United States Senator, which has been so thoroughly accomplished at Syracuse, Republican attention naturally gravitates to other possible nominees.

BURNS' LETTER BRINGS \$405 At the first session at the Anderson Art Galleries, Madison avenue and Fortieth streets, New York, of the fifth part of the John Boyd Thayer photograph collection, George D. Smith paid \$405 for a letter which Rogers Burns wrote in 1783, denouncing the city of poverty.

TRANSIENTS "Do you keep any servants?" "No, of course, not." "But I thought I saw one in your kitchen." "Oh, we have servants on the premises a day or two at a time; but we don't keep them."—Houston Post.

BOUNDARIES NEEDED "Ma! Ma!" bawled Freddie as the usual morning wash was going on. "Do my ears belong to my face or my neck?"

THE "OTHER HALF" ESCAPES Society Dame—Oh, doctor, I'm so sorely troubled with ennui. Doctor—H'm! Why don't you interest yourself in finding out who the other half lives? Society Dame—Gracious! Why, I'm not looking for a divorce.—Chicago News.

Persons who attempt to repeat in the suburbs of the city some of the robberies and second-story enterprises that have been going on lately will be apt to be shot full of holes, because residents of some of the surrounding towns have been going the allies some better in the purchase of munitions of defense. Men living in several boroughs have been buying revolvers and a few have been purchasing shotguns, while others have arranged for a system of signals to call for help. In a couple of places regular vigilance committees have been formed to break up petty thieving and the residents will not content themselves with chasing off any men who may try to break into their homes, but will endeavor to capture them. Most of the boroughs, like the outlying sections of the city, are without police protection and people have apparently decided to protect themselves and not to lose any time about getting ready for it.

When Highway Commissioner Cunningham goes into Washington county to-day on Good Roads Day inspection and encouragement he will make an effort to call on Dr. E. B. Martin, the western man who originated the "good roads" idea. He is now present in California, a borough in Washington county, and he will be asked to make a speech and to visit some of the parties at work.

The new Hope fire engine has been attracting a good bit of attention as it is being driven about the city to give the men in charge the practice they need. The machine has been driven into narrow streets and alleys and around piles of building material so that the drivers will be used to such things when they are in service.

Friends of Edgar R. Kless, of Hughesville, one of the new Public Service Commissioners, will be interested to know that Mr. Kless plans to spend practically all of his time here except when the commission is in vacation. He is well known to many Harrisburgers through his chair dance here while a member of the Legislature and because of the many from this city who go to Eaglesmere in summer time.

Among Harrisburg visitors yesterday was Judge Thomas J. Baldrige, of Blair county. He came here to see friends and to see the Supreme Court in session. The judge is one of the youngest and best known jurists in the State.

"You'd be surprised," said an expert photographer the other day, "just how many people there are in Harrisburg who don't use the camera. It seems to get 'em hard around about this time of the year when the woods and streams are ripe for strolling. And what's more, lots of amateurs know a lot about the technical side of the art. Many a film or plate is brought to me for developing that transcends the work of experts in the results attained. Almost every school boys and girls set up a camera nowadays and there are thousands of people who own 'boxes' of various values in this city and the surrounding towns. A lot of my developing work is brought in by fond mamas and papas who are keeping a picture story of their children's growing days. Then, too, the outfitting of school boys and girls sets us fellows a lot of work. Some of the pictures taken by the lads and lassies are very entertaining, for the young people are just brimful of joy and laughter when the snaps are made, and those are the things that help to make a picture worth while pasting in your album."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —The Rev. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, a new Presbyterian moderator, is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson. —Burgess D. Warner, of Newtown, well known here, was attacked by a man who appeared before him for a hearing. —E. W. Beadel, New Castle manufacturer, is an enthusiastic good roads advocate. —Colonel E. M. Young is active in the movement for \$75,000 for buildings for Alleentown's College for Women. —Hampton L. Carson, former Attorney General, has gone to his country home near Philadelphia for the summer. —Colonel J. Benton Long, one of the new colonels on the Governor's staff, is prominent in the provision business in Elk county and vicinity.

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg's river front "steps" have been photographed by people from all over the State lately? UNCLE SAM'S DESIRE The Europeans in these days are finding out a good many things about themselves and one another, and it will be all right if they do. They find out something about us. Some of them have been developing consciousness that they have souls, and if we develop a discernible soul they may be able to recognize us. I guess since this war began our national soul has not been easily discernible from a distance. But it has been in its place all the time. The great American desire has been not dollars at all, but to be right.—Life.

Letter List LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN THE Post Office, at Harrisburg, Pa., for the week ending May 22, 1915. Laddie, Mrs. E. S. Becker, Miss Anna Andrea, Mrs. Sarah Freeman, Mrs. Wm. B. Grooms, Dorothy J. Boone, (D. L.), Mrs. Mae Hench, Mrs. H. H. Hickman, Mrs. Minnie Hicks, Mrs. Hope, Mrs. George Holm, Miss H. Ohio, Mrs. Lewis E. Johnson, Mrs. J. F. Kiehl, Mrs. Lizzie Lanck, Miss Sunkel, Miss Virginia Sunkel, Mrs. M. Shultz, Mrs. Edward Silks, Mrs. Ella M. Simman, Miss Margaret Stoup, Mrs. Berice L. L. E. R. Andrus, Percy Beers, Prof. S. C. Beltz, F. C. Hentzel, Royal Green, George W. Byrnes, Charles Robert Briggs, Jr., A. Cellitti, J. A. Corrigan, David Currier, Jr., H. J. Drewry, J. F. Ferrell, H. H. Fleisher, W. E. Forrest, Frank Frey, Robert Green, R. N. Grisham, Harry L. Hanks, Joseph Heardford, Wilmer A. Hoike (D.), W. J. Jenkins, Eudolph Kinnaman, M. D. Harty, King, Thomas Klein, Y. E. Kremer, E. Leant, George Lindby, Michael L. Dwyko, Charles Mack, In Charles W. McClure (D. L.), Geo. B. Murray, Mattie Young (D. L.), Frank L. Snyder, E. Birding, G. C. The Dispatch, Humania Hair Co., "Obliged to recognize us far as we are," Mrs. Pauline Lauson, F. Luigi Vincenzo. Persons should invariably have their mail matter addressed to the nearest post office, and they should insure prompt delivery by the FRANK C. SITES, Postmaster.

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