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abilities in the future for the young-est of republics, and it hardly comports with the high and mighty attitude England has assumed since the outbreak of the European war as the standard bearer of civilization among the nations to put a bar to progress in the way of China such as the curse of opium is for the mere monetary return her people can make the despicable trade yield.

"THE LITTLE-VISIONERS"
 THE Little-Visioners is the term by which the Kansas City Times designates the "pull back" element of that community which stood vainly in the way of the extensive improvements the people of the municipality have authorized and completed within the past few years. Kansas City, like Harrisburg, has expended hundreds of thousands of dollars in making that town a better and more beautiful place in which to live. But, like Harrisburg also, this great work for the public good has not been accomplished without the petty obstruction of the ultra-conservative element that found conditions "that were good enough for them" and who saw nothing to commend in anything new. Indeed, the Times' comment fits Harrisburg almost as well as though it had been written with this city in mind.

This is the way the Times sizes up the "Little-Visioners":
 Older residents of Kansas City remember the howl that went up over an announcement of the comprehensive park and boulevard plan worked out by the first park board under the direction of A. R. Meyer. It was denounced as extravagant and out of all reason. Kansas City never would grow to it, the paper said. How people ridiculed the word. And the park board it was to be, the paper said.

Now there are no more park knockers. The city recognizes the park and boulevard system as one of its greatest assets. That is the experience every city through. Some people always supposed that its growth has stopped, that it never would improve. But the city improvements should be held back. And then the progressives win, and in the everybody comes to its position.

How like Harrisburg! And further, referring to the efforts of the city to procure the erection of a new railroad station, the Times says:
 While we have no great enterprise now before us, we like Kansas City, stand at the parting of the ways. We are nearing the close of the great improvement campaign to which we set ourselves fifteen years ago, in the face of the "Little-Visioners" who have been discomfited or converted by the success and utility of the improvements which they opposed with their utmost vigor. We, like Kansas City, must decide now if the work is to be halted or if we are to go on, and on, building for the future the city of our dreams, or to rest on our oars content with what we have accomplished and willing to let the future take care of itself.

There are still "Little-Visioners" here as well as in Kansas City. They will argue that the city has reached the zenith of its career, that we have all in the way of public improvements we need, that further expenditures would only increase the tax rate, and they will repeat all of the other frayed-out old arguments that have done service in the years ago and have been so thoroughly disproved time after time.

But the great mass of the people scarcely will be induced to give ear to these false prophets. They can still pin their faith on the past as a guarantee for the future, for the "Little-Visioners' arguments of to-day are to-morrow "as a tale that is told." The great force of public improvement rolls over them and they are forgotten. But the work of the constructionist stands for all time as a monument to his foresight and up-standings as a loyal citizen of the city he calls home.

THOSE IDLE CARS
 DETHROAT newspapers have been citing a reduction in the number of idle freight cars as an evidence of business revival, but now comes a prominent railroad operator who is quoted by the New York Times as saying that the statistics are misleading. Says he:
 The idle cars of the country represent a reserve on which we are expected to draw as business increases in volume. It is true that the railroads have from month to month used a larger number of idle cars. It should not be forgotten that these are those same railroads which are wearing out their equipment to month, and discarding them. In many cases these worn-out cars would be immediately replaced by new cars. But the railroads are not buying their normal supplies of equipment now and the discarded freight cars are not being replaced by new ones. Instead, the roads are drawing on the reserve supply of idle cars. There is a great surplus of idle cars.

It is wrong to assume that business is booming. The railroads are standing still, at best, and that means going backward in the railroad business. There is a great curfew of our people, for assistance and support in our efforts to eliminate the greatest of all evils that have undermined the social and moral conditions in China.
 It is true, as the speaker said, that China has accomplished great reforms during the last decade. Slavery has been abolished in many parts of the country. Foot-binding is no longer practiced. Laws have been recently passed to prohibit the practice of polygamy. The people have now developed among themselves a national unity and consciousness for the welfare of the country. Such a national sentiment China has never cherished before. Behind it there is an eagerness for uplift and a new interest in the moral attitude of the people as a whole toward public problems. What China has accomplished, socially and politically, within the last few years has aroused the wonder and admiration of the world. What she is capable of doing will be more marvelous, as she is full of hope and vigor. There are great opportunities and pos-

OUR WARES ABROAD
 YEARS ago the Harrisburg Boot and Shoe Company's products were worn by women and children in the tropical zone and it was not long after that the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Works shipped pipe to Spain for the laying of water mains in the interior of that country. Meanwhile the Central Iron and Steel Company was turning out plates for the nation's big battleships and lighter defensive craft, the Pennsylvania Steel Company was erecting huge viaducts in India and elsewhere, the Harrisburg Boiler and Manufacturing Com-

pany was constructing turbine wheels for the Panama Canal and other far off points, Middletown cars were being sent to Brazil and other countries, and the engines of the Harrisburg Foundry and Machine works were being installed in the mines of Mexico and elsewhere. In short Harrisburg products have made reputations for themselves all over the world.

And now comes the Morton Truck and Tractor Company with its first big shipment of motor trucks to haul munitions and supplies to the allies fighting Germany in France. Those trucks promise to maintain the high standard set by Harrisburg manufacturers in general. Before United States army officers and at other times under the eyes of experts from Europe they have performed wonders in the way of overcoming the difficulties similar to those to be encountered in the war zone. The likelihood is for a big new business for Harrisburg as a result of these orders from Europe where only the best is wanted.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE
 —Our respects to old Doc Cook about every other ex-limelighter that hasn't intruded his presence on the first page this summer.
 —There has been a typhoon in Shanghai, China, never misses anything in the disaster line. If the Chinese want to get even with the Japs they couldn't do anything worse than wish the whole country on them.
 —Having attained to Warsaw the Kaiser is likely to find that it is still a long, long way to Petrograd.

—It will be quite some little time before another police lieutenant presumes on the efficacy of the "system" to save him from the evil effects of juggling with human life.
 —Just now the United States is playing the part of "innocent spectator" to the European scrap. But let's hope we escape the usual fate of the man who pauses to watch the bricks fly in a neighborhood row.

OUR PROSPEROUS COUNTRY
 [Pittsburgh Dispatch.]
 The federal crop estimates for 1915 figure about 100,000 bushels of wheat and 280 bushels of corn for every man, woman and child in the United States. This, along with the barley, wheat, potatoes, apples, peaches, plums, cabbage, carrots, corn, onions, beans, turnips, peas, watermelons, muskmelons, cherries, eggs, chickens, steaks, chuck roasts, ham, bacon, fitch, pig's feet, corn, and a vast list of other products, is the fruit of the Mother Nature lavishly provides for our national table—there will enable Americans to worry through the coming hard winter with a good deal of comfort and satisfaction, and leave something besides for the Belgians and other half-starved and suffering peoples on the far side of the Atlantic.

The states of the United States should be very thankful for and happy over the more than plenty which they enjoy, and they ought to feel the same way about their present prosperity, thus far so fruitful a start that is rendering the nations of Europe and laying upon their shoulders a burden that will continue for generations.

THE COST OF DEFENSE
 [New York World.]
 The National Security League shows that it has cost ten years to maintain an army of 90,000, while for \$65,000,000 Switzerland has had for ten years a smaller army of 200,000. More startling still are the facts if we total our military bills for army, navy and pensions. Within the great war began they were nearly \$47,000,000 a year, not including some \$10,000,000 extra for war material.
 Great Britain has \$1,915,000,000 for army and navy, \$120,000,000 for army and \$20,000,000 for navy pensions; Russia \$285,000,000 for army, \$300,000,000 for navy; Germany \$300,000,000 for army, \$114,000,000 for navy. France, Italy and Austria-Hungary were well behind.

NEUTRAL RED CROSS ON SEA
 [Providence Journal.]
 What has been remarked as the uncommon ugliness of the belligerents toward one another in this war is illustrated in the fate of the Red Cross vessel, the "Albatross," which was captured and sunk in the North Sea.
 Many of the 1,500 men and officers lost when the British cruisers Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy were torpedoed by the German submarine U-5 might have been saved had a rescuing ship with plenty of small boats been nearby. Lieutenant Redden, who performed that brilliant, but merciless, exploit, was said to have deplored the great sacrifice of life. The incident prompted philanthropic citizens of Holland to offer an interned Austrian liner, fully manned and equipped for saving, and hospital service, to patrol the war zone, serving all the belligerents impartially.

CANT AFFORD TO RUN THEM
 [Boston Advertiser.]
 Now that the La Fosse law is working, Germany seems to have no fear that Americans will seize those interned ships.
 —By the time we get through making munitions for the Europeans we shall have a good working knowledge of how to make them for ourselves.—Lock Haven Express.

GETTING INTO PRACTICE
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Politics in Pennsylvania
 By the Ex-Committeeman

Reports reaching this city from the interior counties indicate that the gain in Republican enrollment which was so noticeable in the counties containing the larger cities is general throughout Pennsylvania. In some counties the Republican gain has been surprising, big jumps being noted in boroughs. This is said to be especially true in several counties where there was a decided loss of votes a couple of years ago. Men identified with politics in several counties in the northeastern and northern parts of the State are said to have found that the Republicans have made a general gain and that the return to the party movement which started last year will be found to be something of a parade. Democrats seem to have held their own in the interior counties, although there are some reports which indicate that because of inactivity the Democrats will have a harder hold than they could. The Washington party is very apparently continuing to disintegrate even in its strongholds.

No meeting of the State Democratic committee is expected this year. Men identified with the machine say that there is no occasion for a meeting as the picture is almost a fac simile of the local committee and there are no vacancies to fill and no important party matters to be taken up. The Old Guard element is said to be entirely willing to have a meeting of the State committee, but State Chairman Morris does not want to give opportunity for anything to be said about the validity of his tenure or to run a chance of having the party management criticized. It is believed some steps will be taken in the next few months, when party interest is stirred by rumors of a meeting of the State committee for payment of debts.

Arthur R. Rupley, former Congressman-at-large, is a candidate for Judge of Cumberland County. Henry M. Brownback, borough solicitor of Norristown, is a candidate for Judge in Montgomery. Judge John H. Miller, William F. Young, who was a candidate for resident clerk of the House two years ago; Gilbert R. Fox, William F. Dannehower and C. Henry Stinson are also candidates. Stinson is a brother-in-law of Brownback.

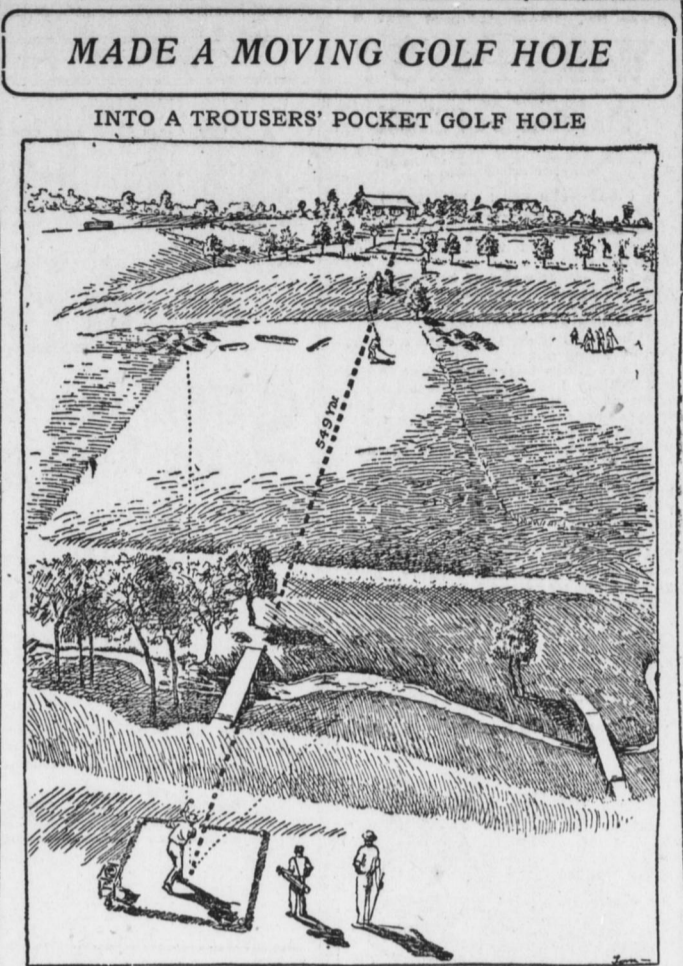
I. E. Stephens, of Buffalo township, and H. L. Jones, Newport, have been nominated as candidates for the State Perry county No-License League. David H. Lane is still making efforts to secure an agreement on mayor Philadelphia Republicans. It is believed some day from the party management over to-morrow. Meanwhile Congressman Vare has everyone guessing. Judge Barratt and John T. Windrim, who were mentioned as harmony candidates are being strongly urged.

The vacancy on the Erie county bench caused by the death of Judge W. D. Mansfield will add one more to the list of common pleas districts where judges are to be chosen this Fall, making twenty-six. In addition there are to be chosen three Superior Court judges from Meadlers will talk to six associate judges, making the largest judicial list to be filled in years. At the same time the Erie county is the originator of the "wonder" play. And as Mr. Atha has five witnesses who saw the shot in question, there is nothing left for the incredulous spectator to do but believe it.

IN THE ELDER DAYS OF ART
 John L. Sullivan insists that "all men are equal" in the eyes of the law, but John was there with the punch no man living was equal to him.—Greensburg Daily Tribune.

Our Daily Laugh
 SWEET INNOCENCE.
 Why are you taking up botany? Because my fiancée is interested in a plant of some kind, and I want to be able to converse intelligently with her about his business.

AN AGONIZING THOUGHT.
 Ethel — Suffered? I thought I never should live to tell the tale.
 Frank—For a woman that must have been suffering indeed.
THE DUMP
 By Wing Dagger
 On Third street, north of Seneca, there is a great big dump. There rises above the level of the street like a big hump. With pumpkin vines and other growths it is dotted here and there.—It has a scent that's all its own.—A goat's is not more fair.
 And many things of interest, friend, Are found about that place, Some bed springs, shoes, a couch quite old.
 That's given up life's race, And spread o'er all the ashes that Last winter landed there Are tin cans, bottles, paper, too, And things beyond repair.
 And here it is that little pest, We hate so much, the fly, May raise big families undisturbed, With none to question why, In thousands they go forth each day, And we may strike them dumb By swatter, but there'll always be A million more to come.



MADE A MOVING GOLF HOLE INTO A TROUSERS' POCKET GOLF HOLE
 How Frank P. Atha Drove a Golf Ball into the Rev. Charles W. Moore's Trousers' Pocket on Blue Hills 2. From the Kansas City Star.

Members of the Colonial Country Club will be particularly interested in the story herewith, and especially as the picture is almost a fac simile of the layout of the local country club on the Lingiestown road. The incidents mentioned in this story from the Kansas City Star are not more remarkable than the killing of a bird by a golf ball driven by an expert of the Harrisburg Country Club a few months ago.

Says the Star:
 You've all heard of freak plays in golf. There's the Scotchman who putted seventy-five feet for the hole and then had a black beetle on the cup's edge turn him away from the shot and victory. And there's the New Jersey player who drove his ball 175 yards from the tee into the middle of a bird's nest in a tree sixty feet above the ground.

And there's Jim Dalgleish out at Evanston who'll tell you how he sank a hole in Scotland by driving through the top of a spectator's derby and having the ball play a perfect billiard shot into the cup.

But what was probably the best "freak" play ever made on a Kansas City course was pulled on the Blue Hills links one Wednesday late in last June. "No. 2" was the hole on which the "freak" shot was made, and Frank P. Atha, vice-president of the J. A. Folger Coffee and Tea Company, was the originator of the "wonder" play. And as Mr. Atha has five witnesses who saw the shot in question, there is nothing left for the incredulous spectator to do but believe it.

They Wanted Excitement
 With the Rev. Charles W. Moore, Robert F. Lakanan and George H. Scbart, Mr. Atha was playing a friendly foursome around the Blue Hills links. The first hole had been played uneventfully, and as the players approached the second tee they wished for something to occur which would give them at least food for a little conversation. Mr. Atha, in a moment of whim, decided to do a little "Two" and played to the bottom of the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph of July 31, 1865.]
Good Templars to Picnic
 The Good Templars of this city and vicinity will picnic at Derry next Saturday. Members will leave in the morning at 7 o'clock.
Sewers in Bad Condition
 Complaints are being made of the bad condition of the sewers and gutters in Front street between State and North streets.
Snow in McConnellsburg
 A snowstorm lasting several minutes broke over McConnellsburg several days ago.

OUR HEARTS BIGGER THAN OUR DOLLARS
 Sir Gilbert Parker is one European who has not misjudged the attitude of this country during the past few years. "Never," he said in a speech not long ago, "has a neutral nation had such problems as the United States has faced with a temperance, courtesy, and moderation for which this country cannot be too grateful. The American Government has pursued the only course possible to a nation desirous of preserving its neutrality. The American people have served her reputation in the field of diplomacy. The almighty heart is still regarded him with much amazement. Miss Mackay speaks from experience in this matter, as she has not only written a number of plays to be given outdoors, but has herself superintended the performance of the five plays which comprise "Plays of the Pioneers" and numerous local pageants.

SOUVENIRS OF AMERICA
 [From the New York Sun.]
 When Columbus returned triumphantly from his initial voyage of discovery he was accompanied before Ferdinand and Isabella.
 "What have you brought us, they asked, and made them the following presents:
 A sweetgrass handkerchief case.
 A sweetgrass shoe.
 A toy birch bark canoe.
 A collapsible drinking cup and case.
 A polished woody paper cutter.
 An Indian head pipe.
 A birch bark photograph frame.
 A set of picture postcards.
 Columbus placed the outfit at the foot of the throne, and their Majesties regarded him with much amazement.
 "What," finally spluttered King Ferdinand, "is this bunch of junk?"
 "These are the souvenirs of America, your Majesty," explained Columbus; "they are all I could get."
 Here he tied the true inward reason why Christopher Columbus died in chains.

DO YOU KNOW
 That Harrisburg is not using the Susquehanna for bathing like some other cities use their rivers?
"HOME IS WHERE THE HUSBAND IS"
 [From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.]
 Women are quick to seize the main point of the Indiana judge who decided that a woman who marries her husband and Mrs. Alice Duer Miller has therefor created and set the following lines to suffice must be:
 Join your husband near or far, I'll follow you to one of the bars.
 For the court has taught us this—"Home is where the husband is."

Dull Days in Business
 An advertiser asks: "Does it pay to advertise in dull seasons?"
 And this causes the inquiry: "What are dull seasons?"
 "I would not be dull if you really went after business—or are they dull because 'they have always been that way?'"
 February and August used to be dull furniture months—now they are the brightest in the year.
 Similar examples are to be found all through the merchant catalogue.
 "These are often advertising and merchandising mixed with the right proportion of ideas will eliminate the 'dull days'."

Evening Chat
 Four of the prominent State officials in this administration are members of the honorary fraternity of American colleges, the distinction conferred only for excellence in scholarship. These four holders of the Phi Beta Kappa key are the Governor, who won his at the University of Pennsylvania; Cyrus E. Woods, Secretary of the Commonwealth, who is a Lafayette man; Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent, who is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa; and Dr. J. George Becht, secretary of the State Board of Education, who is also a Lafayette man.

Dr. John A. Brashear, the Pittsburgh astronomer, who was selected as the Pennsylvania most qualified for distinction at the hands of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, has written to Governor Brumbaugh thanking him for the recommendation for the honor and expressing his appreciation of the mention of his name among the editors of the State and of the efforts of many of his old friends in suggesting him. In closing his letter he says: "Although I average fifteen hours a day of either physical or mental work for ten months in the year, and my next birthday will find me three score and ten and five, please command me for anything I can do to help you in carrying out your plans for the betterment of our State."

Practically every official paper requiring action by the Governor, including charter applications, is being sent to Governor Brumbaugh in Maine. There is no acting on any papers in his absence. The public construction of documents is against the orders. That the Governor was having everything sent to him in Maine was learned early in the morning by the receipt of telegrams were acted upon the latter part of last week and all scheduled for his desk this week were bundled up and sent to the summer capital. This is the first time since the summer session that papers have been taken place. Governor Pennypacker used to take official papers home with him and in the days of Edward S. Stuart they awaited his return from the short and infrequent trips which he made while Governor. Governor Toner used to have some papers sent to him in Massachusetts in July and August, but Dr. Brumbaugh has everything sent to him, and a lot of detailed reports are going to him, too. The Governor has been keeping in view of the reports that he has worked out for the continuation schools while on his vacation and reports on the opening of the summer term in school were sent to him. After his return from San Francisco in September he intends to take an active part in their development and also to take over agricultural training.

"It is surprising to know the large number of people residing in the lower end of Cumberland county who were born in Perry county," says George Rice, supervisor of East Penna. township, yesterday. "I am a native of Perry county. 'Why, we are such numerous clan that we are going to hold a reunion next Saturday and if it is as large a gathering as it ought to be I would not be surprised if the annual reunion of Perry county natives in Cumberland county became an annual event.'

Harrisburg will be widely advertised hereafter by means of a unique little scheme. The Harrisburg effect by City Forester Harry J. Mueller. The forester had procured some 25,000 tiny circular sticker-posters a dollar each, on which was printed on the obverse side there was a picture of a city street with the dome of the Capitol in the background showing above the tree tops. The picture might represent a view of State street looking eastward from the river. The tiny poster is done in colors and is attractive enough to call instant attention to itself when pasted on package or letter. The inscription reads: "Co-operate with Harrisburg's city forester" to preserve the trees.

Shipment of automobile license plates through the Harrisburg post office continue to be made every day, but the rattling of the plates as they are rushed down in the parcel post wagon tells of new automobiles being bought. The business at the Highway Department is commencing to show the usual summer slackening, but the applications are asked evidentially means that there are more to follow.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE
 —Theodore Voorhees, president of the Reading, is spending his vacation in Maine.
 —C. C. Harrison, Jr., of Philadelphia, will spend August in Wyoming.
 —Alvan Marboe, the Harleton coal operator, is the new head of the Consolidated Telephone Company.
 —David A. Reed, the Pittsburgh lawyer, will motor to one of the businessmen's training camps next week.
 —W. S. Ellis, of Philadelphia, has gone to Cape Cod.

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