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FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 13

Light is above us, and color is around us; but if we have not light and color in our eyes we shall not perceive them outside us.—Goethe.

NOT A PLEASING CHANGE

NOT only will the season of 1915 go down in Harrisburg's playground history as a record-breaker for attendance, but in the years to come several unique features of the present summer's work will stand out with extraordinary prominence.

Romper day itself will differ widely from the celebrations of previous years. Instead of a long, more or less tiresome program of games, folk dances, etc., a great open-air play will be produced by some 500 children on the slopes of Reservoir Park.

The play itself will be written in such a way as to show from time to time what the thousands of youngsters on Harrisburg's recreation places learned during the season in the way of athletics, sewing, basketry work and so on; pretty folk dances will intersperse the program; music by a big children's chorus will be a feature.

"The Princess of Playburg" is to be the title of the play and Playground Supervisor George W. Hill, who arranged this unique method of closing Harrisburg's playground season for 1915, is already coaching the big group of child actors.

The one regrettable feature, perhaps, is the fact that something of this kind could not have been arranged for Harrisburg's big improvement celebration in September. Vacation days will soon be over, however, and the thousands of children will have gone back to the schoolroom, instructors will have scattered to school, to college or to regular winter vacations, and the playground organizations will have been disintegrated.

But what an opportunity to demonstrate what Harrisburg's thousands of youngsters have done and are doing for their old home town!

When, in after years, Harrisburg folks look with commendable pride upon the three-mile length of River Front wall, the great concrete gutter of Paxton creek, and watch the Susquehanna rolling gently over the river-wide dam on its way to the sea, they will gratefully remember the part that Joel D. Justin, principal engineer of the Board of Public Works, bore in working under extraordinary difficulties to complete these great constructive improvements.

THE "DUMPING" SYSTEM

NOT solely or chiefly for the purpose of disposing of surplus stocks is the "dumping" policy practiced by European countries. It is a recognized method of keeping their factories running at 100 per cent. efficiency, thus reducing the unit cost of production to a minimum.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

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The statement assails the old parties and whacks the Republicans, but it stings the Democrats this way: "After sounding promises, the Democratic party has failed to reduce the cost of living or solve the nation's other economic problems. Its domestic and foreign policies have failed to secure the safety, honor or welfare of our people."

A half-hearted attempt was made by the Democratic House, when the Underwood law was being debated, to apply a dumping duty to articles on the dutiable list. The Republicans argued that it should also apply to the free list because many articles not subject to duty would be dumped in this country in unfair competition with domestic production.

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Thus we see that the Telegraph numbers among its correspondents not only keen observers of public events, but at least one philosopher and social adviser as well. Life is indeed too short for the solving of such problems as that presented by the choice of attending a circus or a campmeeting, a Sunday school picnic or a county fair.

ONE BENEFIT FROM THE WAR

ON the part of the French at least the great war is not all destruction. French science has been quite as busy with the problem of the preservation of life as French soldiers have been with the effort to destroy it.

The first of these is the new antiseptic based upon hypochlorous acid, which was developed by Drs. Carrel and Daken. As a solution this is said to be an almost perfect dressing for wounds and it has been giving the utmost satisfaction in the French military hospitals.

This is striking remarkably close to the ultimate object of bacteriological science. It may be doubted that such a long step in advance could have been taken at this time but for the war, which has made possible tests that would have required years under normal conditions.

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When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



THE RECRUITING OFFICE

By Frederic J. Haskin

THAT the first love of the men in the ranks is a fight is indicated by the influence of foreign affairs upon the service of his country; the patriot who considers that he owes at least a portion of his life to the service of his flag; the unemployed who epitomize solely because he can find no work elsewhere; the disappointed in love who seek solace from their hearts; the man in trouble who knows that he can start anew in the army or the navy.

At present, therefore, the United States navy is in the enviable position of having a "waiting list" of men who want to serve the flag, even though there is a decided shortage of military and naval ships for actual fighting. Efforts will be made to induce congress, at the next session, to increase the number of enlistments which the navy may legally accept.

Not wishing further to disgrace his family by the possibility of discovery that Lieutenant Carson's brother was serving in the army, after an assumed name and with a none too savory reputation, George Carson tried to have himself transferred to another regiment. But in vain.

But not every man enters the army for reasons of this nature. There is an element of at least one instance of an enlistment caused by the glamor of brass buttons and the possibility of heroism which active service holds out. John H. Collins, of Cleveland, Ohio, applied for enlistment and when asked why he wished to become a soldier said that his sweetheart would not marry anyone who did not have a chance to be a hero.

Evening Chat

If the amusement park proprietors had known as late as the season what kind of a season was ahead of them there would have been no outdoor amusements of that kind in this vicinity this year.

A motorcycle barked in Third street the other evening just about the time Rockville was stopping at Market street. The cycle was so close to the car that passengers had to squeeze by. By the time the machine had been driven to the curb it had stopped two cars, three hines, another motorcycle and two automobiles.

The home coming of the Harrisburg Indians to-morrow promises more baseball history. Fans have been lonesome in this vicinity next summer have been definitely laid out by the fact that the weather has played havoc with big picnics it is also said to have effectively stopped the smaller family and previous years. The daily rains has put a stop to the old-fashioned plan of taking a basket and going to eat supper on one of the islands near the river or in woods near the city or Steelton.

The Hazleton Sentinel contains the following about a legislator who is well known to many residents of this city: "William L. Adams, of Beaver Brook, representative for this district, has been named chief of staff for the national convention of the United Spanish-American Veterans, which will be held at Scranton August 30 and 31 and September 1. The local legislator was the sponsor of the bill that gave a State day to the veterans in recognition of this convention, and the appointment which has just been announced is made in recognition of his services to the State in this line.

Allan Sangree, the short story writer, has been spending a few days in the city with his mother and is being greeted by numerous Harrisburg friends. Mr. Sangree has been in New York during the summer and is planning to put out a new series of stories this fall.

A Leo Well, the Pittsburgh attorney, has been ordered on the milk rate cases, has been the moving agent in the league which stirred up political and municipal affairs in that city. Mr. Well is not taking much hand in politics just now but has not staged an exposure for some months. He is still keeping an eye on things, say his friends.

Dr. W. P. Wilson, head of the Philadelphia Museums, has issued a warning to American manufacturers to be ready for a battle for trade when the war ends.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Judge Willis Martin, of Philadelphia, has returned from San Francisco. Dr. R. V. Mattison, the Ambler manufacturer, is spending the summer at Newport, R. I.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg makes considerable steel for works that make millions of pins?

The Tail Wagged the Dog

Many manufacturers have been induced to take up newspapers as supplemental advertising. After awhile they discovered that the tail was wagging the dog. In other words, the newspapers were selling the goods.

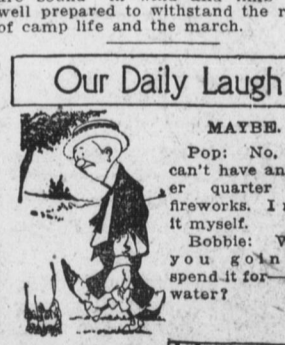
Case of Warren Adams

There is more than a touch of pathos in the case of Warren Adams, who was born in the South, but educated in the North, one of the negro troopers who met death during the fighting in Cuba in the Spanish-American war. Because of his color he could find no work of a kind which he wished to do.

Another tragic story of the recruiting office is to be found in the record of William Tracey, of Chicago, whose wife eloped with another man after their marriage. Worry and tuberculosis undermined Tracey's constitution and he had to give up his position.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH



THE FIRST PATIENT

Young Doctor's Wife: Mary, go and tell the doctor there's a patient waiting to see him. Maid: I wish you'd go, ma'am. He maybe would believe me.

HIS OCCUPATION

Mrs. Knicker—Whisky is shocking. Weary Willie—Ferm: I'm looking for a job as a shock absorber.

SECOND FLY CONTEST

of the Civic Club for 1915. August 1st to September 25th. Five cents a pint for all flies, and many prizes in gold.