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Don't let us make imaginary evils, when we know we have so many real ones to encounter.—Goldsmith.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

It is going to be more than difficult for the Democratic machine this year to persuade the citizens of Harrisburg that certain reputable men who have consented to enter the race for the School Board are the subservient tools of a political group or faction. At least one of the Republican candidates was admittedly the choice of the chairman of the Democratic city committee for school director on a fusion ticket and it will not be easy for the Democratic bosses to throw dust in the eyes of the voters regarding the special fitness of this particular candidate.

We admit that it is unfortunate factional politics should be injected into contests for school directors, but it must be apparent that those who are desirous of electing to the board men of character and ability have little excuse to go outside the Republican party this year. Mr. Stamm, Mr. Enders and Dr. Keene represent all that is progressive and independent and public-spirited in this community. If the Democratic machine really wants a change in the present school board organization—which this same machine has been insisting is most unsatisfactory—then these three men present the opportunity for such independence of action as the bosses of the Democratic party are constantly insisting should characterize the selection of school directors.

In short, there is no occasion for the injection of factionalism or partisanship into the campaign for school directors. If the Democratic party is able to present to the people more worthy men than those referred to, then it will be the duty of the voter to determine his choice on the basis of fitness for the duties to be performed in the management of the important school interests of Harrisburg and without regard to political considerations.

Many of us vary the popular pastime of swatting the fly by swatting the mosquito. There's a reason.

A SERMON FROM ST. PAUL

There is a little Saturday night sermon from Paul, Thess. V: Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. Be that none render evil for evil unto any man, but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men.

Pin these in your hat or paste them to your desk calendar. No matter what your creed or religious preference, your life will be the richer and the happier for observance of these rules. Some times Paul wrote things not so easy to accept in a literal way. But nobody can quarrel with the wisdom of these.

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HIGH PRICES AND PROSPERITY

portant than some other things in the world of economics. We have seen that it is without the pale of politics to bring down prices, as witness the failure of the Wilson administration's chief plank. But we do know from experience that political policies may make or ruin national prosperity. We also know that when labor is busy money is plenty and that then high prices are not matters of very great concern. Consequently, if the United States is put on an economic basis favorable to prosperity we decline to get excited over the possibility of high prices after the war.

MUNICIPAL CELEBRATION

There is increasing interest throughout the city and over all Central Pennsylvania in the approaching municipal celebration which will commemorate the big public improvement events of the last fourteen years. Committees are at work upon the various matters and the program as outlined is developing in the most satisfactory way.

It should be understood, however, that the co-operation of the people, young and old, is necessary to a complete and well-rounded program. It will not do to assume that the Chamber of Commerce and its committees will do all the work and provide all the entertainment. Take the river carnival, for instance. Every boy who can handle a boat, every corporation and the owners of all craft must be interested. Canoes and motorboats and every floating thing that can be decorated or made to serve on this occasion should be utilized. There ought to be keen competition among those who are interested in decorating the flotilla which will cover the surface of the Susquehanna Basin on the night of the carnival.

Much in the way of ingenuity can be presented on that occasion in the arrangement of the floats and the smaller boats and canoes. This carnival promises to be a great spectacular event and all who are concerned in the success of the big celebration are hopeful that during the next week or ten days the entries will be so large as to assure such a showing on the river as has never been known in the history of the city. The heads of the municipal departments are doing their part in bringing to fruition and completion in every way the several enterprises under their charge.

Harrisburg must present a spic and span appearance in every corner of the city. Our streets must be, as they generally are, clean and attractive; our parks and our several public works must be in the best of order; there must be, in short, everything to attract the visitor and fill with pride the heart of every citizen.

This celebration must simply be the crossing of one summit in our municipal progress and the beginning of the ascent to still greater heights of municipal achievement.

Invite your friends here for the Greater Harrisburg festivities and let us all rejoice that we have done so well while still hoping to do still better.

HARRISBURG AND NEWARK

NOTE the following from a leaflet of the Shade Tree Commission, of Newark, N. J.:

Essex county is as rich in the variety and luxuriance of its plant life as any district of equal area in the Northern United States. Its parks are unrivaled in the variety of their beauties, both cultivated and wild; unexcelled in area proportioned to population. Its shrubs and bushes and flowers, its lawns and lawns and park-scapes are the admiration of visitors from every where. The parks are well watered and well cared for, and the variety of trees and shrubs is such as to give the parks a unique character.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The time for filing petitions to be candidates for county or municipal offices will expire all over the State next Tuesday and from every county, every city, every borough and every township come stories of a lively interest in politics with Republicans united, Democrats quarrelling over the way the patronage has been parceled out, Washingtonians struggling to keep from being submerged in the "return to the party" movement and in many cases falling below the Prohibitionists and Socialists in the registration and enrollment.

Governor Brumbaugh's intention to keep out of local contests at the primary, as expressed in his appreciation of an editorial to that effect in the Harrisburg Telegraph, is being recognized all over the State. Only in places where the Democrats have bitter factional quarrels, as in Dauphin county, is his name being used, and then by Democrats trying to foment trouble.

The reports of the registration on Thursday in the third class cities show the paralysis of the Democratic party and the fading of the attractive fragments for the Washington party. It is small wonder that Democratic newspapers and bosses are trying to create the impression that Governor Brumbaugh is taking a hand in local politics. The Democratic organization of two years ago seems to be following the Washington party organization of two years ago into the bushes.

The nominating petition of City Controller E. S. Morrow, of Pittsburg, nonpartisan candidate for reelection, signed by E. S. Bigelow, Mayor Armstrong, W. J. Brennan and William Flinn.

Members of the Public Service Committee of One Hundred of Philadelphia decided last night to organize a new party, entirely municipal in its character, for the purpose of attracting citizens to the vote or independent candidates for mayor and the various city and county offices who might object to allying themselves with any one of the three national parties. Director of Public Safety George D. Porter in all probability will be the mayoral candidate of the new party and a full slate will be agreed upon later, which will be exactly the same as the ticket named at the primary by the Washington party, unless the Democrats agree to fusion.

Congressman William S. Vare yesterday signed his name to papers placing him on the primary ballot as a candidate for the Republican nomination and permitted his friends and followers to file the papers in the office of the county commissioners. The congressman thus becomes a candidate openly, although in a speech to a delegation of businessmen who called upon him and urged him to run he admitted that the actual announcement of his candidacy, saying that he would reach a decision later. This gives him a loophole to withdraw, if he should decide not to run at any time between now and September 7.

Louis J. Kolb and A. Merritt Taylor yesterday announced that they would not be candidates for mayor of Philadelphia, thus narrowing down the candidates. The partisans of George H. Earle, Jr., are still bemoaning him, but he is silent whether he will be a candidate.

The Democrats in Allegheny, Lackawanna and Luzerne counties are in the midst of a row almost as bad as that which is shattering the Democracy of Dauphin. Reading appears to have a free-for-all race for mayor and the counts there may be some dark horses sprung.

Joseph N. Mackrell, Pittsburgh newspaperman, who would be a candidate for council in Pittsburgh, is a Carbon county man in the midst of one of the most lively campaigns it has ever seen. Most of the men who have been in office in the last fifteen years are candidates.

Our Daily Laugh

SORRY HE SPOKE. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. I know. What place have you been kicked out of now?

AN ADVANTAGE. So you are getting your new suit from Binga. He isn't much of a tailor. I know he isn't much of a fitter, but he's so near-sighted he can't recognize a man ten feet away.

HOME AGAIN. By Wing Dingler. I have an umbrella I prize very much. Because 'twas a present to me. This morning I searched for it all through the house. At the office, where usually it's to be found. When at home for the same I have need; To continue my search, to the office I rushed. With all possible trolley car speed. Aias, when I looked in the umbrella stand. At the office, my heart, in despair, Sank down to the soles of my number six shoes. For the thing that I searched was not there. I questioned each clerk in the shop, not a one. Could recall having seen it, but I thought before I'd give up my search, through the shop I would wander and make one more try.

All this might have been written of Harrisburg. There are trees within the borders of this city that were saplings when the ragged Continentals marched home from Yorktown; that witnessed the great thrust of civilization into the wilderness beyond the Alleghenies; that saw the last Indian brave turn his saddened face westward in quest of the game that fled as the white man approached. There are trees in Harrisburg that heard the voice of Washington, of Lafayette, of Lincoln. There are trees that shaded the soldiers of the Civil War in the days of old Camp Curtin. And there is variety here, too. No place in the State, botanists tell us, combines more varieties of plant life in a given area than Wildwood Park. Yes, we have the trees to match those of Newark, but do we as a people take as much pride in them, set as much store by them?

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

REUNION OF GRADUATES OF THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE.



—From Life.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

Time may come and time may go, but Secretary Daniels goes right on talking. Ditto Teddy and the Grape Juice fiend.

The backless bathing suit is the latest vogue; but haven't we had the backless ballroom gown now for quite a time?

A new law requires fire escapes on churches. Intended to save the congregation from a hot finis, apparently.

Has any one heard of any kings being among the killed and wounded?

Out in Hillsdale, Mich., a pair of moles have been mates for 28 years. Nothing rare about that. Every married couple doesn't believe in divorce, you know.

The Bear that walks like a man has been running more than he's been walking lately.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

It comes as something of a shock to find Governor Brewer, of Mississippi, and Rye, of Tennessee, in the ranks of aggressive prohibitionists. — Boston Herald.

The operations in Poland indicate that once more German ships reach the highest point of this makes at least a dozen. — Springfield Republican.

Two hundred German newspapers have suspended since the beginning of the war. Presumably because all the "hate" epithets gave out. — New York Evening Post.

Responsibility for the Eastland disaster would have been satisfactorily placed long ago if the captain had only snubbed the "jolly" crew and taken his ship. — Boston Transcript.

Bulgaria, according to one of her diplomats, is merely "waiting for the best offer." Possibly Mr. Wanamaker's billion-dollar bid for Belgium caused Bulgaria to reject the offer already submitted as too low and readvertise for new ones. — New Orleans Times-Picayune.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

A book buyer from a large New York store writes to Eighteen Mifflin Company: "At 8 o'clock a. m. I finished 'K'—imagine a book buyer of mental despatch and keen eyesight. The book was kept up by a novel until 3 a. m. In Mrs. Rinehart's books you have a story which never fails to give me a thrill, and thoroughly delightful.

"Doodles" is the sort of book which makes people feel really acquainted with the characters, and the author, in his book, has done it very well. From readers who want to tell her how much pleasure the book has given them, I have received many letters. "I can't tell you now what I think of your book; I am too full of it. I shall tell you when I see you." "I don't know. Couldn't have slept if I hadn't. Every one of those people are alive and kicking."

This same from an author who has written much for young folks: "I love your book and have its characters for daily companions." "From an Old Ladies' home, where I had my duties that tried our patience, and it took four evenings of an hour each. I kept the book under my pillow, and when I was away from home, I carried it with me. The applause never failed to come in the right place, and no one ever wanted Miss P. to stop reading."

EVENING NEWSPAPERS ARE GAINING IN ADVERTISING

While the war period has had a tendency to bring about a decrease in newspaper advertising throughout this country, just as it has in other lines of business, it is interesting to note that morning newspapers have been called upon to bear the brunt of the paring down.

In New York city, for instance, of the first seven months of this year, as compared with the same period last year, practically seven times as great as that of the evening newspapers. Where gains in advertising were made, 80 per cent. of the increased volume of business was enjoyed by evening newspapers and 20 per cent. by morning newspapers.

A study of such conditions is interesting to those who buy newspaper advertising, evidencing as it does that advertisers generally are of the opinion that the evening newspapers are the best medium for advertising. It is a fact that the necessity of cutting down advertising appropriations they can least afford to do without evening newspapers. For the past six or six years there has been a growing tendency among advertisers for evening newspapers—the paper that goes directly into the home.

NATIONAL DEFENSE PROBLEMS

IX.—Lessons of the War—Battleships. By Frederic J. Haskin

The man in the street is to be treated to a surprise when the reports which naval experts are to make to the President and upon which the President will base recommendations to Congress are made public. This surprise will be due to the fact that the naval authorities of the nation will say that the submarine is of little importance and that the dreadnaught still rules the waves.

This, the experts hold, is one of the biggest lessons of the war, but one that is not apparent to the casual observer. The submarine has been one of the most striking developments of the great conflict, has attracted more attention than any other of the new devices. Yet it has failed to materially interfere with the commerce of Great Britain or France or to have any effect upon their dominance of the seas.

The ships of England have gone steadily about their business despite it and the losses of vessels leaving British ports upon the Atlantic coast have not exceeded those of the United States. The 393 have borne their cargoes to the ports for which they were cleared. The losses have been accepted as a chance of war and have not prevented other ships from putting forth.

A path of the sea has been steadily kept open between England and France, soldiers have been freely transported and supplies have gone forward in a constant stream. The loss of transports or fighting ships has been so slight as to amount to almost nothing.

The experts point out, the conditions roundabout England are ideally advantageous to submarine warfare. Germany has had her own fleet of submarines, and the sea lanes leading out from British harbors have been in easy reach of the German base. The same is true of the Italian ports with relation to Austria. Yet the submarine has proved itself but a wasp that could sting most aggravatingly at times, but which could inflict no mortal wound.

Wouldn't Hurt U. S. A. If submarines could prove themselves a vital element in a war between European nations situated as are those engaged in the present conflict, it is said that it would deserve the attention of the United States with any nation that could be considered an ambitious possible enemy of the United States.

The distance between the United States and any other that is all powerful would render the submarine so much less effective than it is around England that Uncle Sam would have little to fear from it.

Equally interesting is the expert opinion upon the part that the dreadnaught has played in the present war. It is the opinion of the experts that the dreadnaught has been a thing of the past and that future naval battles will be fought by submarines and small fast cruisers.

Greatest Victory of the War With this opinion the experts most strenuously disagree. They cite that the greatest victory of the war so far has been won by the battleship, almost without having fired a shot. That victory is the dominance of the seas.

The battleships of Great Britain have bottled up Germany. Their very presence in hidden havens around Scotland or Ireland or wherever they are, prevents the German fleet from leaving its home ports. They have in this way made it possible that German merchant ships should be driven from the sea and that German trade should be entirely cut off.

The navy men hold that the feature that promises to eventually conclude the war is the bottling up of the central nations and the consequent exhaustion of something that is essential to its carrying on. If the central nations are eventually successful they must establish a dominance of the seas, an accomplishment possible only through meeting the enemy fleet and defeating it. This would have to be done by big ships.

Big Ships Only Relief The importance of this dominance of the seas is pointed out by the experts when they say that, if the central nations should defeat Russia and France and all their continental enemies, they would still be blocked off from world commerce and would suffer more from a continuation of the struggle than would Great Britain. Only big ships would bring them relief.

The fighting between ships of the navies of the warring nations has been chiefly among the smaller units, the cruisers and the destroyers. The greatest victory has been won by the vessel that carried the biggest guns. The six-inch gun has dominated the four-inch gun, and the four-inch gun has dominated the three-inch gun. It is a fact that the three-inch gun has proved itself of importance chiefly in running away and the results of the war would indicate that it was of less importance than was previously thought. It is not of great offensive value.

Biggest Guns Survive This dominance of the big gun has given an added importance to the big ship for it is those vessels that may

Evening Chat

An identification disc worn by Eff Johnston Ague, a Pennsylvania soldier killed in one of the battles before Petersburg, Va., in the Civil War, was today sent to the widow of the soldier, Mrs. Mattilda Ague, of Oil City, by Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart after months of search. Official of the War Department at Washington and of the adjutant general's department here, members of regimental associations, officers of Grand Army posts, individuals and newspapers participated in the effort to find the widow. The disc was dug up in the battlefield of Cedar Mountain, Va., by J. R. Leman, who took it to Raleigh, N. C., where he was editor of the Raleigh Exponent. It bore a device frequently seen on such articles in the Civil War and the name of Ague, stating that he was a member of Company E, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserve, Center of Peace, and was asked to locate the widow. It was discovered that Ague was a native of Butler county and enlisted as a veteran on the day of the battle of Gettysburg, and was killed on June 20, 1864, before Petersburg. Mrs. Ague was left with a daughter and it was found that she had been poisoned, but that the last payment was in 1889. Through Grand Army veterans she was located in Oil City. She is 87 years of age.

South Harrisburg folks who live along the river front in the vicinity of Faxon street got a thrill the other evening when William Brumbaugh, a riverman employed by Sams & Peace, the river coal dealers, hurried up the bank carrying a big, blinking "monkey" owl. The bird stood at least twelve inches high and was nearly three feet from tip to tip of the wings. The owl had been sleeping upon one of the bridges along the river. When he awoke, he was splashed by a passing train. Attempting to fly over the river in the bright light, the bird crashed against a girder and dropped into the river. It was splashing feebly in the swift current when Brumbaugh saw it from a flat. He rescued it and saw it up to the nearby park. Quite a number of curious folks watched it until darkness fell—and then the owl came into his own, stretched his wings and swung away into the night.

The West End Republican Club has the unique distinction of having three members representing three generations of Republican voters, all living in the same ward and all interested in the organization. They are William Shuey, his son, George Shuey, and his grandson, Reed Shuey. All were present at a meeting of the club the other evening and attracted much attention.

The State Capitol was thronged by visitors this week. In fact, the registration was greater than it has been for many months, and the guides were on the jump. Over 200 cities and boroughs were represented in the list of persons who registered at the office of Chief Guide Fred C. Schaeffer.

"This has been a great mosquito summer," said an old resident of Allison Hill who has seen more summers than the June score and ten. "Why, I don't know when I minded the mosquitoes little fellows like I did this year. Guess the wet weather had something to do with it." "No," interrupted a friend. "There were a lot of holes that people 'let water gather in.'"

Among visitors to the city yesterday was ex-Representative Warren I. Simpson, of Huntingdon county, one of the prominent attorneys of the Juniata valley. Mr. Simpson was here on business connected with the State governmental departments.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Paul J. Shoop, of Pittsburgh, is head of a committee that is assisting aliens to become citizens in that section.

—Dr. W. E. Lawson, health officer of Homestead, has reported that big borrough free from all contagious diseases.

—Bishop Thomas Bowman, of Allentown, will preside at the Johnstown Evangelical Church next week.

—Dr. W. J. Nelson, the Altoona physician, will preside at the Altoona tournaments for years and one of the most successful has just been held.

—Joseph E. Widener will have a race meet on his private track near Philadelphia in October.

—Henry S. Grove, the shipbuilder, is in Maine.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg ships large quantities of lime each year from the kilns in this neighborhood?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG This is a borough incorporated as a borough on April 13, 1791.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph August 28, 1865.] Prominent Man to Speak Professor Alex. Crummel of Liberia College, will speak to-morrow evening in the Wesleyan Church, South street, on "The Progress of Christian Civilization Along the West Coast of Africa."

Attempted Suicide Mattie Wyant, of Highspire, attempted to commit suicide last evening by drinking laudanum. She said that she was tired of life.

Young Woman Drowned Sarah S. Warm was drowned in the canal to-day. Second street. The body was recovered fifty yards below the bridge. It is believed that she committed suicide. She had threatened to take her life a short time before.

Advertising Economy

Newspaper advertising is sold in exact quantities. You can buy enough to cover one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, or one hundred—one section or a continent. A dollar spent in newspaper advertising is a good dollar's worth. The waste is the minimum.

Newspaper advertising is seasonal. You can employ it for summer goods where summer warmth demands them. You can send a warning message to the frozen north while the sunny south is too busy keeping cool to be interested. That is economy.

SECOND FLY CONTEST

of the Civic Club for 1915. August 1st to September 26th. Five cents a pint for all flies, and many prizes in gold.