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TUESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 7.

Doctrine is nothing but the skin of truth set up and stuffed.—Henry Ward Beecher.

—Cowan.

A SHADE TREE EXHIBIT

CITY FORESTER MUELLER has made an excellent suggestion in his plan to include a shade tree exhibit as a part of the big municipal celebration, plans for which are now under way.

Harrisburg needs trees. Many of its streets are beautifully shaded and others are bare of growing things. There is no comparison between the shaded street and the treeless thoroughfare.

Trees are necessary to the beauty of any town and this city ought to have them on every street. The more we know concerning their care and the measures necessary to protect them from insect and other pests the better for shade trees are susceptible to all manner of ills and must be given almost as much attention as fruit trees, and some times more.

BIG THINGS

WE in America have been given to "talking big." The biggest crop, the biggest mountain, the biggest waterfall, the biggest, the biggest, always the biggest.

Newspapers used to put headlines of size on industrial contracts of a million or more. To-day the New York Sun prints in an obscure corner under a minor caption a two-stick account of a \$52,000,000 war order about to be taken by the Canadian Car and Foundry company.

We must take second place henceforth as a country of gigantic things. But let us not be downcast. Taxation in Europe after the war bids to be proportionate to the war orders now being placed. There is some compensation in mediocrity.

Vacation days are over and business is getting back to a winter basis. We know this, because the Rotary Club resumes its meetings to-night.

THE SHIPPING PROBLEM

ALEXANDER R. SMITH, former superintendent of the New York Maritime Exchange, in a recently published article, views the need of an American merchant marine from a new angle—that of national defense.

Mr. Smith believes that, from a century and a quarter ago, Thomas Jefferson said, speaking of a marine, that "as a branch of industry, it is valuable, but as a resource of defense essential," he epitomized the whole subject.

Cooler weather has no effect on the boiling of the political pot.

Dewey, President of the General Board of the Navy, explained in detail the number and kind of merchant vessels the country would require if engaged in war. Secretary of the Navy Daniels wrote letters at the same time to senators emphasizing this need.

And the only thing the administration has done in the matter is to pass a law that has driven every American merchant ship from the Pacific and to the adoption of a ship-purchase measure that would discourage the investment of private capital in ships on the Atlantic or any other ocean.

Now and in 1901. COMPARE the Harrisburg of to-day with that of 1901.

The difference does not lie wholly in our well paved streets, our filtered water, our improved drainage facilities, our parks, our playground and flood prevention measures. These are outstanding, apparent and essential, of course, but they are causes rather than effects.

In 1901, when the first improvement loan was advocated by the Telegraph, Harrisburg was no more than an overgrown country town, with inadequate sewer facilities, served with raw river water of poor quality and steadily deteriorating, with few parks and no playgrounds, with muddy streets and the whole Paxton creek valley section subject to periodical floods, dangerous to life and property.

The result has been that capital has been attracted to Harrisburg. The Paxton creek valley section is fast becoming one of the biggest manufacturing and shipping centers in Pennsylvania, thanks to the construction of the Wildwood dam and the protection of the creek channel.

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The city has grown and expanded far beyond the dreams of those who first urged the improvements now in the last stages of completion.

In those early days the city had to wait upon private initiative to inaugurate plans and sketch out the needs of present and future.

Eighteen floats for the river parade make a good beginning. Doubtless there will be three times that number when the lists are closed.

THE SONG OF THE OYSTER

LIST to this from the Baltimore Sun and be glad that you live in a city so close to the native home of the oyster that the juicy bivalve is lively enough when it reaches here to bite the thumbs of the shuckers who take off half the shell when you order a dozen of 'em raw.

"To the flavor of a dream!" Ah, who could not become fulsome and snarling, yea even romantic, over a plate of Chesapeake oysters, properly served.

BUSINESS AND SENTIMENT

NOT so long since current opinion was that business and sentiment were things apart—that kindness and the dollar sign never spoke as they passed.

Had the weather been stormy, Mr. Smith believes, the fleet would have been dispersed, many of the ships doubtless would have sunk, and thousands of American soldiers and sailors would have gone to their death, because the Federal Government had neglected to see that the nation possessed a strong, growing, profitable shipping, not for individual profit per se, but for the national defense.

Others hold the same belief. In a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, dated January 12, 1915, Admiral

Home Builders in Pennsylvania. [From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.] "New England will have to look to its laurels, the land of the shirt, for Pennsylvania is coming fast. Just as Philadelphia the banner-saving-fund city of the country, so Pennsylvania is the banner building and loan State of the Union, and the annual report of the State Banking Commission on building and loan activities for 1914 reads like a prospectus of some big Wall Street merger."

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman. According to reports from Somerset county that former Bull Moose stronghold will vote as staunchly Republican as ever.

The visit of Senator Penrose to the former citadel of the political independents has demonstrated that it is in the van of the back to the party movement.

—If they hanged people for killing time, there wouldn't be gallows enough to take care of the corner loafers.

—Possibly the least important man in the world is the one whose wife is a widow.

—Don't worry about the boy until he leaves the house without slamming the door.

—How in the world does the average chef, who makes chowder, find so many things cheaper than clams to put in it?

—In a shoe store, at least, all women agree. Ask any shoe clerk if every one of his fair customers doesn't think she's a Cinderella.

—The German submarines have destroyed less than one per cent of England's shipping. Congress, with a single bill, knocked out about ninety per cent of American trans-Pacific shipping.

—Judge Brumm is in the limelight again. He is ordering investigation of the Schuylkill enrollment where the Republicans registered nearly 8,500 members of the party.

—To-day is registration day in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton. It is expected that there will be a still greater jump in the registration of Republicans.

—Mayor Blankenburg, who foresees the thorough defeat of his own personally selected slate now furiously denouncing the Republicans for agreeing upon candidates in Philadelphia.

—Thomas E. Smith made his first speech of the campaign in Philadelphia yesterday. He attended the fair at Byberry and then addressed one of the ward meetings.

—Many people at the Capitol are watching with intense interest the contest between ex-Congressman J. N. Langham, former corporation clerk to the State, and Judge S. T. Telford for the Indiana county judicial nomination.

—Altoona ministers have refused to allow politicians or candidates to address their meetings.

—"Champion chicken thief run down."—Lancaster Intelligencer.—There are very few wholesale chicken thieves who can get away with it constantly for a long period of time, but the champion, Mr. Koffroth, just arrested in Reading and taken to Lancaster, was immune from capture for over a year.

—The official emblem of the Woman Suffrage party, a 2,000 pound replica of the Liberty Bell, entered, Scranton yesterday and took a prominent party in the Labor Day pageant.

Public schools all over the State are off on the 1915-16 lap of the race for education. For most of the boys and girls it is an agreeable change from the weary days of vacation, no doubt.

—Another snake story finds credence in the New Castle News of yesterday. "Gee! somebody must have put a nice silk necktie in my coat pocket," said a member of the party who was reaching into said pocket, for said tie, he discovered that he held a slippery two-foot black-and-white striped snake. With a loud yell, he felt over backward in a dead faint, and did not come to for fifteen minutes.

—What is reported to have been a species of ants flew over the city in millions late yesterday, and caused many otherwise mild-mannered persons to swear profane. The pests clung tenaciously to people's hair, faces, hands and clothing. They presented somewhat of a menace to drivers of automobiles, motorcycles and other vehicles. In Broad street about 5 o'clock the clouds of them were so thick that people could scarcely see the sky.

—Don't you think there are just as good fish in the sea as ever were caught?

—I don't know. But they are smarter anyway.

—Just the same today. I took my boys to school to-day. And when they'd been assigned to their respective rooms, to each I said: "Be sure to mind your teacher, and do what she says. Cut out all kinds of noise. And every day in every way. Please try to be good boys."

—I told them that a present fine. Each one of them could earn. If he would only try each day. Her lessons well to learn. But if they do as I did when. To school I started, say, They'll do just as they please, and get. Their presents anyway.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

"BET I KNOW WHAT GEN. SHERMAN 'UD SAY"



JOHN DEAR, HE RENTED THE SHERMAN ROOM TO THE NEW SCHOOL TEACHER AND SHE SAYS SHE'LL HELP EDGAR WITH HIS LESSONS ALL WINTER.

Within the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

FASTING FOR HEALTH

By Frederic J. Haskin

A woman in Altoona, Pa., a little while ago terminated a voluntary fifteen-day fast. It had been undertaken to relieve her abdominal troubles which had failed to respond to medical treatment.

Within the past year her discomfort began again. For six months she suffered severe pain after every meal even the simplest and most easily digested food. She entered upon the last day in the belief that it would again relieve her abdominal troubles.

Voluntary Fasting as a Cure. Voluntary fasting as a curative measure is receiving the attention of many scientific men. Distinguished dietitians and physicians have scientifically studied the physical changes which are wrought by a period of abstinence from food.

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Evening Chat

Views of Harrisburg's splendid River Front, and some which have appeared in this newspaper, and some privately taken, will form an exhibit at the Public Library during the municipal celebration week and should attract much attention.

The activity of members of the State police force detailed to the patrol work in the vicinity of this city is having an excellent effect upon the order maintained on the highways. There have been times, and in the last few weeks when automobile parties made their way through the east valley during the night with their racket. Occasionally some other parties have resulted in fights and disorder.

Speaking of odd things, the other day a friend showed an eggplant which was grown in a garden, and a small one that almost within the shadow of the State's Capitol, a garden surrounded by asphalt. It only shows what intensive agriculture can do coupled with patience and care.

Golf appears to be the official game for the State government quite as much as in the Federal administration. Governor Brumbaugh has taken such Woods and other officials are devotees and there is scarcely a department that does not have some players on its golf courses.

W. H. Swartz, the editor of the Altoona Tribune, was given quite a surprise by the members of the staff of the newspaper over which he has presided for years. It happened that the anniversary of his becoming connected with the Tribune, in 1881 and his seventieth birthday came along the same time.

The German band which has been showing its neutrality by playing tipperary about the streets of the city yesterday, when the Tribune stated its opinion of militarism by playing soulfully: "I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier."

Ex-Representative W. F. Blair, of Waynesburg, was here yesterday and to-day on business connected with the State Army Board. He has taken quite a lot of work in the building business in Chester county.

William Lewis, one of the porter force at Union Station, is the physician on the letter chutes. The letter box for train mail is a pretty important place as it is the dropping place of last resort for letters. Once in a while the chute, which runs the length of a couple of stories, gets incrustation and mail clogs up. That chute is too important to be allowed to suffer.

Lewis has a weight on the end of a rope and when the chute gets a choking sensation he drops the weight on the letters and hauls it back for the next time.

Among visitors to the city yesterday was Francis H. Bohlen, the University of Pennsylvania law professor who was secretary of the Industrial Accident Commission. He was the mainstay of the commission which drafted the workmen's compensation act and was at the elbow of Attorney General Brown during the legislative session when the compensation bill was under consideration.

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