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TUESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 14.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.—Matt. 26:41.

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

His partisan supporters are endeavoring to create enthusiasm for President Wilson by insisting that all the people should "stand by the President." The people of the United States haven't been doing anything else for the last two years, but they are beginning to wonder just where blind support of the man in the White House will lead them. No one will question that he as President should have the backing of the people in his foreign policies and to a remarkable degree men of all parties have indicated their determination to endorse whatever action he may find necessary to sustain the national honor. Nobody wants to go to war, but the feeling is rapidly becoming widespread that a drifting policy is likely to lead us into international difficulties as unfortunate as the situation in Mexico, resulting from the spineless attitude of the administration toward the bandits who are now ravaging the country south of the Rio Grande.

In its effort to maintain the national honor and keep us out of war the administration at Washington seems to be sinking deeper and still deeper in the quicksands of national unrest and uncertainty. There is a belief in well informed quarters that we are drifting into war with Germany and that only a change of policy on the part of the German government can avert the break which seems to be impending.

President Wilson seems to be in the plight of the man who is putting it up to the other fellow and who invites trouble by failure to do the things which are necessary to avoid a collision. A drifting policy undoubtedly has led to the grave conditions on the Mexican border and the same sort of policy indicates similar results in relations between the United States and Germany.

Every bright school boy and girl should endeavor to win one of the Telegraph's prizes for the best essay on the city's public improvement since 1901. We may expect these girls and boys to express some interesting views on the part the playgrounds and the other features of our development which have contributed so much to the well-being of the big army of school children.

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Many prominent and active citizens already have expressed through the Telegraph their views upon the value to Harrisburg of the great public improvement campaign, the first epoch of which is now about to be celebrated. The keynote of all this comment is the splendid co-operation of the community in every movement of the last fourteen years for the welfare of all the people. It has been in every way a remarkable demonstration of intelligent public effort supported by the highest type of civic spirit and loyalty.

It is encouraging that with practically no exception these citizens who have thus far expressed themselves declare that what has already been accomplished should serve as stepping stones to future activities. All are looking ahead to a still greater Harrisburg and a more prosperous and wholesome and attractive city. All realize, as must every citizen, that our future depends upon the united efforts of the people; that mere individual initiative is of little effect unless the co-operation of the community as a whole is assured.

Looking to the future of the city, we must contemplate inevitably the planning of suburban districts in such a way as to give wide outlets and ample space for the larger city that is to come. Our sewerage facilities, the spaces about our homes, the character of our housing, the provision for the comfort and enjoyment of the people—all these elements are necessarily involved in the future of Harrisburg. Fortunately for the community, the wise men of our day are gifted with imagination, and these are not content with past achievements, but with

unerring vision are mapping out for the good of all those fundamental things which are vital to the betterment of the city and the happiness and contentment of our people.

A REPUBLICAN YEAR

If anybody doubts that this is to be a Republican year let him consult the Harrisburg registration returns.

The Republicans outnumber the Democrats almost three to one. There are 9,235 Republicans, 3,271 Democrats and only 512 Washington party voters.

Men register as Republicans because they intend to vote the Republican ticket, and for no other reason.

If then, there are nearly 4,500 more Republicans than members of all other parties put together, what becomes of the fusion scheme to which the Democratic bosses have been pinning their hopes?

It falls, of course, and all the harder because there is every indication that the Republicans will put into the field this Fall a ticket made up of unpledged candidates of unsullied reputation and well qualified for the offices they seek to fill.

The reunion of the Republican party in this city and county is well nigh complete. There is little left of the revolting element of 1912. There is no room outside the party for any element of it. The rules have been modified so that the management of the party organization lies directly with the voters. They may change it at will. The conservative and the radical wings of the party have each yielded something and they have met on a common ground satisfactory to both and prepared to sweep all opposition before them.

The registration and enrollment are sure indications that this is a Republican year and that a great victory awaits the party at the polls in November.

HARRISBURG AND COLUMBUS

HARRISBURG extends fraternal greetings to Columbus, Ohio. While we are celebrating the completion of fourteen years of public improvement work, Columbus, too, will be observing a municipal holiday. The two events will transpire on the same dates and are so nearly alike in purpose and import that they appear in the light of almost perfect coincidence, as the following account from the Ohio State Journal will show:

Last week there people still in Columbus who do not understand quite what the big Fall Festival of next week is to be, let us reiterate. The Fall Festival is a civic enterprise. It is intended to be a demonstration, along all lines, of Great-Columbus, its activities, its powers, its tremendous resources. The purpose of such a demonstration is for our own better and truer self-appreciation as well as for the instruction and inspiration of those who may be visiting us. It will be in a way an accounting, a marshaling of forces, a dress parade, before we actually enter the battle of the winter season of work and achievement.

We all know in a vague way that Columbus in recent years has been entering upon an entirely new era of improvement and expansion. Most of us are still ignorant of the full extent of that expansion. The Fall Festival is going to help us to appreciate this. That is the reason why it is going to be so important. Everyone who wishes to be a citizen of Columbus should be a part of the Fall Festival as well as a spectator at it. The more fully each one enters into the festive and more benefit will be realized from it.

From Wednesday to Saturday of next week Columbus is going to be the original smiling island and people who do not live here will surely be glad to look up and listen to the signs of the times and join in.

Harrisburg men and women who have been striving for a bigger, better city will rejoice that they are not alone in their aspirations and methods of procedure. Columbus, it would appear, has adopted the "Harrisburg Plan," or Harrisburg has adopted the Columbus plan, it matters not which. Both are evidently made up of enterprising people proud of their cities and determined to make them keep pace with the stride that has caused them to forge to the front during the years just passed.

Greetings, Columbus, and may you have cause for many more such municipal celebrations.

THE SCHOOL CELEBRATION

SUPERINTENDENT E. E. DOWNES and President Harry A. Boyer, of the school board, deserve especial mention for the efforts they are making to have the schools of the city properly represented in the coming municipal improvement celebration. Under Prof. Downes the schools have made strides of which the public in general knows little and in this advancement of the cause of education in Harrisburg President Boyer has had a prominent part. The team work of these two faithful and efficient servants of the schools will no doubt result in one of the most enjoyable features of next week's jubilee.

OUR SLENDER THREAD

How nicely are adjusted the functions of nature on which we depend for existence on the whirling old sphere we know as home. The variation of a few degrees of temperature, a half dozen inches of excess rain and all our calculations are upset. Those who have been observing the unusually heavy rainfall of the present summer say that it has caused all manner of freaks. Peach trees that normally produce free-stones have grown crops of clings—extraordinarily heavy crops, too. Corn and other vegetables on the flats have been of luxuriant growth, but often tasteless or bitter. One wonders how far from our accepted standards the rain gauge and the thermometer would have to vary to make life impossible in our present pleasant surroundings. Not so very far, it would seem, though

the fear that arises is quieted by the thought that within the remembrance of man neither has shifted to a degree that has caused more than temporary inconvenience.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committee

The big Republican registration noted in this city appears to have been general throughout the State. The Philadelphia and Pittsburgh registrations are so big that independents are inventing all sorts of funny things as excuses, none, however, being quite so laughable as that of the Democratic machinists here. These sorrowing Democrats are now agreeing with Mayor Black and other Philadelphia Democrats that many registered as Republicans because they wanted to be considered so, but were not in sympathy with Republican organizations. Just what it means, no one seems to know or care. The big registration of the Republicans was accompanied in every place by a decrease in the Democratic registration and the return to the party movement was very marked.

In McKeesport, a Bull Moose stronghold, there were 3,200 Republicans out of a total registration of 6,200. In Lancaster over 6,000 of the 10,000 registered are Republicans. In Hazleton the Republicans registered 60 per cent of the total and the Democrats fell to below 1,300. In Scranton the registration is 20,101, of whom 13,111 are Republicans and only 147 Washington party.

The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times of today says: "Mr. Penrose endeavored to secure assistance in his fight against Mr. O'Neill. He told a number of people whom he visited that O'Neill was the recognized Brumbaugh leader in this county and if the commissioner were re-elected his name would be used to elect Republican national delegates friendly to the presidential candidacy of Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh. Mr. Penrose said he wanted to see the Republican organization of the county elect the character of delegates that would insure the nomination of the right kind of man for President. As Mr. Penrose and the other Philadelphia leaders had joined with Governor Brumbaugh in selecting a majority candidate for Philadelphia, the impression had been ground that the senator looked with favor on the presidential candidacy of the Governor."

Colonel Sheldon Potter declared in Philadelphia yesterday that he would abide by the decision of the primaries, so far as his candidacy for mayor was concerned. He said he decided that they do not want me, but some other man for a candidate, I shall bow to their decision. "We have all the parties we need. What is needed is sufficient interest on the part of voters to exercise the right conferred upon them by the Legislature to choose their candidates."

On behalf of Director Porter it was announced that he would immediately resign as the head of the Philadelphia department of public safety in the event that he is nominated for mayor. The failure of the Committee of One Hundred so far to endorse the action of its executive committee in stating Potter and other candidates for the primaries has given much concern to the friends of the director. It is well understood that the action of the executive committee has met with considerable protest among the general committee.

Columbia county courts have held that mine inspectors may be voted for in November and the names of candidates will go on the ballot.

York county judges have been prodding constables to make them get after liquor law violators.

Beaver county appears to be having one of the most interesting judicial rows. There are six candidates for the nomination, including Judge R. S. Holt.

The Fayette county grand jury has refused to approve more than four of the roads which the county commissioners have named.

Representative Fred Beyer is a candidate for mayor of Philadelphia on the Personal Liberty ticket.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Count von Bernstorff must be credited with the plainest kind of common sense for not using the obsequious Archibald as a messenger.—New York Sun.

"Russians present compact fronts to the Germans," says an exchange headline. We understood the Russians were present compact backs.—Erie Evening Herald.

Unless Professor Taft wants to be President, let him beware of his present activities in the Pacific Slope. First thing he knows someone will nominate him for 1916. He might then be playing the role of the late Governor Cleveland, elected President one time, defeated the next and winning out on the third try. History is fond of repeating itself in politics as elsewhere.—The Herald, Washington, D. C.

OUR TREATY OBLIGATION

[New York Sun.] Will there be an end to the rubbish that is talked and written about the severing of Austria-Hungary's reach over into the United States and prohibit her subjects sojourning here from industrial activities lawful under American law?

We have a treaty with Austria-Hungary concluded in 1829, ratified in 1830 and proclaimed in 1831. It is still valid as between the two governments. Article I of this treaty provides: "The inhabitants of their respective States shall be at liberty to sojourn as natives in the country where- of said territories, in order to attend to their commercial affairs; and they shall enjoy, to that effect, the same security, protection and privileges as natives in the country where- in they reside, on condition of their submitting to the laws and ordinances there prevailing."

It is pretended in any quarter that His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary and Apostolic King of Bohemia can establish a grievance against the United States for extending to his subjects sojourning in our territory that very security, that very protection and those very privileges which we have contracted by treaty to secure for them while they are with us?

They have the same right as American citizens to work at the manufacture of munitions, and the right of American citizens is unquestioned. WOMAN'S EFFICIENCY (Scranton Tribune) —Speaking of the efficiency of women in man's occupations, who can doubt it after reading that the wife of a Missouri sheriff held off a mob of one hundred would-be-lynchers, while in the same state a woman got a medal from the San Francisco Exposition for raising corn.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—Even at that Hobson had something on Bryan; he was kissed by pretty girls.

—The Republicans start away with a nice little handicap of three to one, which makes all this Democratic chatter of a "hot campaign" read like a paragraph from Life.

—Dr. Dumba is guilty. We know this from that fact that he has attacked the newspapers, which is the last resort of the man caught with the goods.

—Notwithstanding this scarcity of dvestuffs, the Republicans are prepared to give the Democrats a black-eye.

—The fondest ambition of many a man is to hear the honk of his own machine.

—Theodore Roosevelt is perhaps the greatest man in the world," says a Frenchman after letters on being interviewed after his arrival in New York. Yes, that's it, perhaps; and then again, perhaps not.

—"Daniels selects lions of scientific world for naval board," says an exchange. Another instance of Daniels in the lions' den, as it were.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AUSTRIANS NOT WITH DUMBA To the Editor of the Telegraph: Steelton, Pa., Sept. 14, 1915.

Ambassador Dumba made deplorable breach in his diplomatic privileges, and let us hope that the Washington government will as soon as possible get rid of him. Dr. Dumba's acts to instigate strikes in the industries in this country, where ammunition is made for the allies, are absurd, and we are most sure that our countrymen will never respond to the wishes of his excellency. Would any of our countrymen permit himself to be used as a tool, and make trouble in this country. Strike—starve to death, and probably be shot down for doing unlawful acts. And not the deplorable condition of our countrymen in Europe enough for Dr. Dumba and his Vienna government?

Dr. Dumba remarks that a majority of his countrymen are ignorant of knowing that they are committing crimes against the government by working in the ammunition factories. True, there are some ignorant, but not all; and those that are ignorant can thank men like Dr. Dumba and some of the same class that we have in Steelton and Pittsburgh, preaching in churches to their flocks that their wool will be sheared if they do anything contrary to the wishes of Dr. Dumba. Some of these retainers and followers of Dr. Dumba, including preachers and ministers of the gospel, are only working and talking for their own selfish ends, and when peace is concluded in Europe expect their reward by securing better and more lucrative charges in Europe than they have in this country.

The Washington government may rest assured that the wishes of Dr. Dumba and his followers, including certain ministers, will find scant response from his countrymen in this land of the free.

Y. C. P. AUSTRIAN.

EARTHQUAKE FORECASTS

By Frederic J. Haskir

The next earthquake will probably take place across the western end of Kentucky and Tennessee, or in British Columbia or on the Isthmus of Panama. Such are the predictions of those seologists who have reduced the study of the movements of the earth's crust to a most refined and useful science—that of cataclysmic prognostication.

For it has become possible to know much of the probabilities of earthquakes in advance of their coming. So highly developed has this science become that there is good reason to believe that a time will soon arrive when nations will have bureaus of learned men to issue warnings of their approach such as are now prepared with regard to the weather. Scientists have foreseen the coming of half a dozen such disasters of the past, thereby establishing the possibility.

The ability to forecast earthquakes depends primarily upon an understanding of their causes. The points of earthquake danger must first be located and then studied. The geologists have long known that they are due to breaks in the earth's crust, to what they call a "fault," a point where there may be a slip of one surface upon another. The earth, as it has cooled off from the molten stage, has contracted as most substances do in

cooling. This contraction has caused a great strain on that thin crust which first got cold and hardened. In places the crust has broken and pushed its edges up. This has caused the formation of great mountain ranges and of continental plateaus.

World's Great Faults The greatest fault in the world is that which has formed the Andes and the Rocky Mountains and which extends from Alaska to Terra Del Fuego. There is a crack in the earth's crust through all that length. After the crack was made the pressure intensified and the edges have pushed up as might those of a piece of pasteboard at a break. So are high mountains created. Earth washing down from these mountain makes valleys and plains.

Where there are high mountains the world is new for in time these will be eroded. Where the world is new the processes which created it are most likely to be still in operation. Therefore there are more earthquakes on the Pacific than the Atlantic coast, they are frequent in Mexico and Central America and follow all the way down South America. Dr. C. W. Hayes, a government geologist.

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The State From Day to Day

Alonzo Souslin, of Dayton, O., is one of the few men to live after having his neck broken. He is spending the last few days of his life in the Wyoming Valley and is supporting himself and family by selling post-cards. Souslin is now traveling eastward from Wilkes-Barre.

We have it straight from the Lancaster Intelligencer that stenographers will henceforth be surrounded with wire cages to prevent their employers from flirting with them. Addressing a woman's meeting in Boston, Mrs. Charlotte Smith claims that a girl has to endure it through fear of losing her position. "These old sinners take advantage of the situation," said she.

"On the other hand," added another lady, "the wire cages would not be needed if wives gave their husbands a little more affection."

With the approach of the hunting season, Deputy County Treasurer Hartman, of Lebanon, is doing a rush business issuing licenses. The hundred mark has been passed, and from now on it will be a steady rush to fill the demand. 2364 licenses were issued last year.

If man were endowed with nine lives, like a cat, Frank Shelhamer, of Allentown, employed by the Lehigh Valley Transit Company, would have lost two of his but for the fact that fate was with him. First, he received a heavy shock from a live wire that rendered him unconscious. This almost lost life No. 1. Secondly, he fell off the pole on which he was working and would have crashed headfirst to the ground, had not his foot caught in a cross arm thirty feet from the earth. This would have been death No. 2. Friends lowered him to the ground, and an examination proved that his injuries will probably not prove fatal.

The Sharon Herald vouches for the following old one: "They're still laughing around Willman's barber-shop, at the one that a

Evening Chat

If all the land now being plowed is to be seeded in wheat Pennsylvania will have a great acreage next Spring. Throughout this section of the State there are big fields which are being prepared for seeding and some of them appear to be larger than usual, as though the farmers were going to make the business end of a wholesale basis. In the Lebanon and Cumberland valleys there is brisk work in the fields just now and some activity is also noted in the Juniata valley, although next week Fall plowing will be in full swing. In Lancaster county the area being plowed seems to be quite large. From all accounts the yield of corn this Fall is going to be better than a good many believed.

More and more memorials are taking the form of substantial public improvements instead of mere shafts of marble or bronze tablets. The late H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil magnate, has made Fair Haven in Massachusetts, his birthplace and for years his summer home, an attractive place for all tourists. He did much for his home town. Among his other benefactions is a quaint little inn (Tabitha Inn) in honor of his grandmother, a town hall, the finest high school building in the State, a bridge to New Bedford, modernizing of the waterfront, all a memorial church to commemorate his mother's memory. A recent tourist says of the church: "This church seemed to me as if I sat there, a memorial to all patient, self-sacrificing and ambitious mothers. The main audience room is the most beautifully harmonious and comfortable I have ever seen, with carvings of wood and stone equaling the finest in the world and the windows, ten or twelve, tell the story of the Christ."

Speaking of memorials, there is a growing disposition among rich men and women now-a-days to perpetuate their good works beyond the grave by building institutions which will add to the pleasure, the happiness and comfort of the rising generations. One gentleman remarked the other day that it would be a good thing for Harrisburg if some one with sufficient means should provide a building with all the appointments for athletics, a swimming pool and everything that goes with such a proposition.

Congressman A. S. Kreider is having a fine time these days going about his district. He says that he has more invitations for speeches than during a campaign.

Some of the blackbirds which show signs of getting ready to leave this part of the country a short time ago have evidently changed their minds because they are to be found spread out over the fields for miles around the city in the afternoon. Great flocks of the birds have been reported along the foothills of the First Mountain in the last week, some of them having come long distances judging from the way they remain quiet, for blackbirds, for a day or so.

Dr. R. S. Naon, the Argentine ambassador, who spoke at the recent session of the Legislature, the first man to be accorded this honor in many years, is being boomed for the next president of the Argentine Republic in advance of his return, which will be during this week. Dr. Naon will take with him the best wishes of many Pennsylvania citizens, formally expressed by the House of Representatives.

Speaking of traffic how many horse-drawn vehicles do you pass in a trip of half the length of the city. The other day two men started from Front and Market streets and went up the river to Rockville. They passed two carts and one market wagon. On another day two more men passed one cart and three market wagons. There was a horse-drawn delivery wagon from the city passed, but there were ten delivery automobiles passed in the latter instance.

Ex-Congressman E. K. Focht, of Lewisburg, who was here a day or so ago, is both an ex-congressman and a congressman elect. He was congressman of the 17th district, and was elected to Congress again last Fall.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Judge Mayer Sulzberger, of Philadelphia, will this week celebrate fifty years of service in the law. The Rev. Samuel G. Graig, Pittsburgh clergyman, will become identified with the Presbyterian editorial management. President Rea, of the Pennsylvania State University, will go to the seashore, his friends hope. Paul E. Zerner, of Bradock, has been selected to an important educational place in West Virginia.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg steel is being used for tin plate being sold in China?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG French traders had posts in vicinity of Harris Ferry because of the large number of people who used the crossing.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY [From the Telegraph, Sept. 14, 1913.]

A pickpocket stole \$200 from John Savage, of Chambersburg, while he was standing in the railroad station in this city yesterday.

Falls Into City James Morgan, of this city, was seriously injured when he fell from the Harrisburg bridge into the river.

Col. Robinson in City Col. Robinson, of the 77th Pennsylvania Regiment, is in this city on a short leave of absence.

Marry the Advertisement

Mr. Storekeeper, when the manufacturer advertises his goods in this newspaper, marry your store to the advertising. Put the public "tie up." Put the public advertised goods where people will see them. Let the public know you have faith in the goods and the advertising. It is not mere sentiment. It is practical business. You are advertising a public service profitable to yourself.

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.

Our Daily Laugh

NEW GAME

Why, where's Johnny? Johnny has crawled down in the sewer. In the sewer! What for? He's playin' submarine.

AS USUAL

She's taking on airs lately, eh? Yes—and mostly millionaires.