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The Life of God is not to be discovered by reasoning, but by obeying.—Ruskin.

THE SHORTCOMINGS OF FAIRS

WHILE the retiring administration of the State Department of Agriculture has inaugurated some important movements in behalf of the advancement of agriculture in Pennsylvania, notably the establishment of the farm advisers' service, the supervision of feeding stuffs, seeds, fertilizers and materials and the taking of orchard instruction to the people, there has been one thing done which may prove to be the salvation of the county fairs, from the farming point of view. This has been the installation at a couple of fairs of an exhibit purely agricultural.

The Pennsylvania Farmer, one of the best edited journals in the country, declares in an editorial that "many fairs are little better than street carnivals; with the carnival features always in the foreground." In the course of its keen analysis of the situation it remarks that fairs are recognized as agricultural institutions and as such receive a State subsidy and that "except in minor fairs, which are almost entirely local in character, the agricultural exhibits are minor features."

In other words, the county fairs and agricultural exhibitions of the State are in danger of being conducted for gate receipts and not for agricultural advancement. There are a few fairs, stock shows and exhibitions which are agricultural and where the amusement feature is minimized, but they are really few in number and it is high time that cognizance be taken of the fact. The State exhibit may serve to inform the people of the purpose of the fairs and if managements are wise they will take the cue and revise their attractions so that State support can be assured in the future.

Our new Secretary of Agriculture is a practical farmer and knows how to turn a furrow. He is also a business man and we believe that he intends to promote agriculture.

OUR CIVIC CENTER

HARTFORD is a city much like Harrisburg in all that constitutes civic activity and municipal progress. Among other things Hartford is interested now in the creation of a civic center such as this city hopes to have in co-operation with the State through the development of the Capitol Park Extension zone. And this city is peculiarly fortunate in having on Capitol Hill at this time an administration which is interested in its various departments in constructive work.

Governor Tener had the vision which made possible the purchase of the necessary property east of the Capitol as an adequate setting for the magnificent building that represents the dignity and power of the Commonwealth. Governor Brumbaugh has the imagination and the vision and the esthetic taste which will inspire a comprehensive treatment of the entire zone bounded by Walnut, Third and North streets and the Pennsylvania railroad.

It will be the pleasure of the City Planning Commission to co-operate with the State Board of Public Grounds and Buildings in such a way as to create a civic center that will not only be a credit to Pennsylvania, but also an impressive object lesson for the millions of people who pass through Harrisburg over the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad every year.

Harrisburg is going on its way rejoicing, the recent municipal celebration having given even greater momentum than ever before to the civic impulse of the people and the several projects which are under consideration of the city and the welfare of its people.

There is general interest in the proposed civic center and all must look with pleasure toward the development of a central feature which will be an object of pride for the entire community and a credit to a city which is

always doing things and doing them well.
And while we are on the subject, nothing better in the way of community co-operation has ever been written than the following:
If you want to live in the kind of a town
Like the kind of town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike
You'll only find what you left behind.
For there's nothing that's really new,
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town,
It isn't the town—it's you.
Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead,
When every one works and nobody shirks
You can raise a town from the dead.
And if, while you make your personal stake,
Your neighbors can make one, too,
Your town will be what you want to live in,
It isn't the town—it's you.

IS IT RIGHT?
JOHN WANAMAKER, founder of one of the really great business houses in this country, declares that the foundation of his success is based on these three words: "Is It Right?"
The very success of this man makes those who would succeed pause and ponder over the three little homely Anglo-Saxon words by which he sets such store. In and around them is grouped everything that counts for truth, righteousness and progress in business or in individual life.

It is an adaptation of the old injunction to "be sure you're right; then go ahead," and it ought to be a factor in every man's life.

PARKS FOR USE

Governor BRUMBAUGH'S strong declaration in favor of parks and playgrounds at the recent municipal celebration meeting here has aroused much interest throughout the country. From the American Civic headquarters at Washington has gone out a statement of the Governor's views and some facts regarding the development of park land in this city.

Governor Brumbaugh believes, with all other advocates of the park as a distinct asset of the city, that much of crime, unhappiness and discontent may be prevented through a proper appreciation of the economical values of parks and recreational areas in the congested centers of population. The Governor believes, as do all practical park advocates now, that these public resorts should be for service rather than ornament; that they should be accessible to all the people and that street railway lines and other means of ingress and egress ought to be provided so that the parks may be largely utilized.

FACTS AND FANCIES

FACTS have a cruel way of substituting themselves for fancies," said Secretary of Commerce Redfield in an address delivered before the Case School of Applied Science.

Ever since the Democratic tariff law was enacted the Republican party has been unearthing the facts, while Mr. Redfield and his press agent bureau have entertained the public with fancies.

GENTLE GERMANY

CAN you picture American soldiers leading a woman out to be shot? Can you picture the poor creature falling fainting to the earth as the firing squad prepares to shoot, and can you picture an American officer calmly kneeling by her side, drawing his pistol and blowing out her brains? And then can you imagine that officer and the firing squad going quietly off about their daily duties? You cannot, because, in the first place, American soldiers do not lead women out to be shot and in the second place an American officer who killed a woman would himself fall before the righteous wrath of his own men. Thank Heaven the process of demoralizing military discipline has not gone far enough in this country where men will become brutes and murderers at the behest of commanding officers. Thank Heaven that American manhood is still supreme over all things.

Cultured, humanitarian Germany! Gentle Germany, forsooth! The application is a mockery. The recent murder of an English nurse under the circumstances set forth above is on a par with the blowing up of passenger ships and the assassination of babies and their mothers by Zeppelins in London. And yet we are asked to give our sympathies and lend our moral support to a cause whose watchword is murder and whose badge is the blood of women slain.

THE SOUTH IN THE SADDLE

THE South is exulting because one of its sons is found as acting head of the State Department. Frank L. Polk, the new counselor of the department, is a grandson of that Leonidas Polk who was both a bishop and a colonel in the Confederate army—and Southern newspapers are rolling as a sweet morsel over their tongues the phrase, "Acting Secretary of State Polk."

The South has reason to exult. When Mr. Polk heads the State Department, the South can show almost a clear majority of the Cabinet. At any rate, an even half of the group are Southern men: Polk, of Tennessee; McAdoo, of Georgia; Gregory and Burleson, of Texas; Daniels, of North Carolina.

The South is in the saddle. With his well known enthusiasm for all constructive work in the city and State, the Governor is preparing to co-operate with Harrisburg in the harmonious development of the Capitol Park extension zone. This is an important matter and, fortunately for the city and the State, Governor Brumbaugh realizes what must be done to obtain the best possible results in making over the section of the city now embraced in the State's park area.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committeeman
Now that it stands to reason that the next legislature will be asked to either clarify the nonpartisan judicial nomination act or to pass a new one which will be workable and enforceable it is probable that there will be a determined movement inaugurated to get some better system of computing the primary vote. Three weeks between the conclusion of a count and election day is entirely too short for a campaign.

It was only last week that the official returns from the State were recalled at the State capitol and until it came in it was impossible to augurate the suits which candidates had a right to start to obtain legal definition of their status. The result of the election in the Dauphin county court has been interrupted to hear and dispose of cases in which the whole State is interested and the time of certification of the nomination is being postponed to the limit.

Either there will be some limitation of the time taken to secure a fair count or else the primary date in odd numbered years should be fixed in the summer. The suggestions will probably be heard in numerous public hearings now and the time the next legislature meets.

Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown is giving attention to the defects uncovered in the nonpartisan act and will take up the matter with the Governor at an early day. More and more, the mistake in not accepting the work of the Election Law Commission of half a dozen years ago is starting at last to become apparent.

The Democratic reorganization bosses of Allegheny county have gotten into such a State of fright that they have turned to the Old Guardmen for aid. Col. J. M. Guffey, W. J. Brennan and other men who have been denounced by the Allegheny reorganization party have been urged to come to the aid of the party. In other words the reorganization machine has collapsed in that section of the State, just as it has in Lackawanna, Erie and other counties and as it will in Philadelphia. The internal fighting in Dauphin county is nothing to the warfare under way in Democratic camps in other counties.

Developments were numerous in the Philadelphia majority campaign yesterday. Thomas B. Smith Jolted the Blankenburg and reform crowd by denouncing the removal of veterans and declaring that if elected he would restore the civil war soldiers. Prominent businessmen had a meeting and endorsed Smith in the interest of a business administration, showing their weariness of the reformers who do not reform. Mayor Blankenburg went on the stump for George D. Porter and drew a hot return fire, while Smith and Porter engaged in a lively interchange of speeches.

Dr. M. L. Chadman, the Democratic candidate for mayor of Lancaster, has made a bid for votes by promising the removal of veterans and charity. There is a sting to it in the shape that the payment shall be less expenses.

Chester county temperance people have endorsed Judge J. G. Athrop for election to the full term. He is the Governor's appointee. The Allegheny county ballot will measure 25 by 38 inches and be printed on both sides.

Charles O. Schroyer, Republican county chairman of Fayette has arranged that the Republican county committee will meet in the headquarters in Uniontown. The announcement by Chairman Schroyer virtually means that the Republican nominees for the county offices will begin a whirlwind campaign for the election on November 2, just two weeks off.

Resolutions expressing Republican approval for the successful efforts of City Chairman David H. Lane in bringing about an agreement on candidates this year that meant a united party, were presented to the veteran committee at a meeting of the Twentieth Ward Republican Executive Committee in Philadelphia prior to the entrance of Mayorality Candidate, Mr. Smith, and the other campaigners on their tour of the wards.

The Eastern end of the county not only has the best farmers, but produces campaign orators of excellent quality. The latest development in that line is F. E. Snavely, Republican candidate for poor director. Aside from the 1,000 acres of land, he has 7,000 acres of land attached to the Hershey farms. Mr. Snavely is a business man of no mean ability and he finds time to go about the county speaking in a kind of speeches that people like to hear. This Fall marks his first appearance on the stump but he goes at his job like a veteran and is making scores of friends thereby.

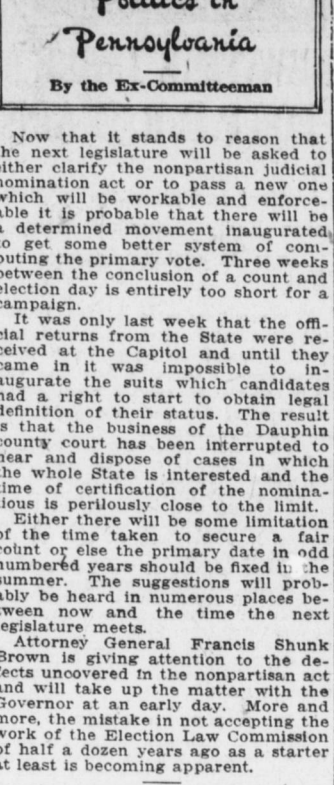
It has been twenty-five years since the upper end of the county had a candidate for county recorder. Philip Swartz of that district was the last man from that part of the county to hold the office and the upper end people are much pleased that James E. Stinson won out for the Republican nomination this Fall. He will cast a tremendous vote throughout that district.

It is not generally known, but when Mark Mumma, Republican candidate for county treasurer, became tax collector for Steelton some years ago that thriving borough was very much up in the air as to where it stood financially. Since that time Mr. Mumma has put Steelton on its feet and the taxes have been collected up to the minute each year. He will carry the same careful guardianship of public funds to the county treasurer's office.

The public declarations of William S. Tunis and Alderman Bayles that they are out for the whole Republican ticket have robbed the Democratic campaigners of much of their thunder. After those declarations, stories of dissension in Republican ranks were received only with grins by the voters.

The Central Democratic Club is not going to hold a "name key" rally. It is a newspaper upon which the Democrats depend for support, it is understood, has suggested that the Central Club

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY



From the New York World. "Anti-suffrage, my fellow citizens, do you think she will be satisfied when she gets the vote? Oh, dear no! She will never rest until she's at the helm!"

THE PANAMA CANAL AT WORK

VIII.—Popular Hospitals
By Frederic J. Haskin

THE Hospital Service is one of the greatest of the Panama Canal Government which is doing a great work in the promotion of Pan American spirit. This is not to say that other departments of the canal government are not doing their share in building up the friendship between Uncle Sam and Latin America, but it cannot be overlooked or denied that there has been much friction and some bad feeling. This was inevitable. The Panamanians, a people of traditions centuries old, who had lived their lives in the same way ever since the Spaniards came to the New World, suddenly found the greatest industrial project in the world pitched down among them. It could not be expected that they would instantly appreciate the blessings and opportunities it brought—that will fall to future generations. For the present, change and confusion and competition are what the canal has meant to many of the isthmian people.

Many of them have not even appreciated the extermination of the tropical diseases. They assert that they were immune to these, and that sanitation to them has meant nothing but immigration, which they do not desire. Toward the hospitals their attitude is different, as indeed it must be. Formerly, the aristocrats of all Latin America journeyed to Europe when in need of surgical skill. Both the trip and the treatment were fearfully expensive, while the delay often meant death. As for the poorer classes, the swift diseases of the tropics fell upon them simply lay down in their beds and waited.

Splendid Hospital
Now in the beautifully situated hospital at Ancon, which has every equipment known to modern surgery and medicine, and the highest skill that money can buy, anyone may secure treatment at the most reasonable rates. For patients in the wards four dollars a day is charged, and for those

call theirs a "sandwich" rally, thus encouraging Democrats to attend and at the same time giving the newspapers an excuse for advertising the rally. It being well known that "pass-key" rallies are reserved for Republican members of the Central Club, the Central Club member who does not have his "pass-key" will be admitted.

The East End Republican Club members are wondering what excuse the Democratic publicity department will find for criticizing their rally on Wednesday evening. The club has no buffet and any Republican who desires may attend. There will be no "pass-keys."

The State From Day to Day

The chestnut crop in Carbon county this year is far below the average, and the nuts are of an inferior quality. They are selling at \$12 per bushel, the highest price in many years.

Mayor Stern has been asked to extend the time on the removal of ships aground in the Erie harbor. If they are to be removed, the American flag, Mayor Stern should be lent.

South Bethlehem is also making a strenuous fight for pure milk. Dealers must come clean.

The annual reunion of the Forty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, will be held on October 22, at the headquarters of the Executive Post, together with a dinner at the Lafayette Hotel, at Allentown.

Bethlehem Firemen's Relief Association, Thursday night elected seven candidates to membership. It was decided to apply to the court at the next term, to have the name of the organization changed to The Bethlehem Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association.

Because the employment bureau has worked out so successfully in the evening high school at Lancaster it is understood that a similar bureau will be started in the Lancaster and Stevens High schools. Professor A. F. English started the work in the evening school.

There has been an increase of 2,000,000 in the city assessment of Reading, this increase being almost entirely due to the new buildings erected during the year.

GUILTY CONSCIENCE
What's yer hurry?
"The Metropolitan Museum has offered a \$1,000 prize for a specimen of a kissing bug. I'm afraid they mean me!"

EVENING CHAT

It needs but the spectacle of a couple dozen head of cattle being driven through a city street to convince one thoroughly that they are blessed with as little intellect as a flea. Amid hoarse cries of "Ho" and "Hup" a bull herd surged down Front street early this morning on a pilgrimage to an unknown place of execution, perhaps. That they were unaccustomed to the ways of the world as typified by city streets and grass plots was evident from the ranks; and everything was clover for the goaders. The last view was that of a million swishing tails and leaping backs as an automobile cleared its way through their midst and scattered them in a galloping one-step to all corners of the road and vicinity.

Pennsylvania is not exporting nearly as much of the foodstuffs it raises as is generally believed in the opinion of State Zoologist H. A. Surface and other State officials who have been observing the disposition of wheat, vegetables and fruit raised in the Keystone State since the European war began. It was the impression last year that a very large portion of the wheat, corn and other crops were taken abroad and that the demands for vegetables and fruit for canning for export would be heavier than ever.

An unusually large attendance is looked for at the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Humane Societies of Harrisburg, which will be held at the Commonwealth Hotel next Wednesday. John T. Olmsted is the delegate of the Harrisburg Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the report of the local branch will be of great interest to the delegates owing to the fact that the society here has been very active during the past year and has been supplying a column of interesting notes regularly to the city newspapers. Anybody interested in the subject will be admitted to the convention without card.

The question of abolition of grade crossings on the line of the Lincoln highway is being considered by three of the members of the Public Service Commission and will be acted upon within a month or so. Owing to the big expense attached to municipalities the commission will go slow and its recommendations will likely distribute the burden over several years.

The resignation of Robert W. Hoy as commercial manager of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company to accept a similar position in Elmira, N. Y., marks the passing of one of a pair of brothers who for many years had had a prominent place in the amateur minstrel and similar entertainments. With his brother, Frank H. Hoy, he managed the electric light company composed of a team of "end men" that compared favorably with some of the professional minstrels that appeared here from time to time with Fields, Dockstader and other big companies. Both were excellent comedians, both could sing and while both could tell a good story, the pair in concert formed a fun-making combination that was mighty hard to beat.

This work of the hospitals among the native peoples is of importance to the health of the isthmian as well, for the interior of Panama sanitary conditions are extremely bad. A sanitary inspector for the government of Panama recently made a trip through the interior and found everywhere a lack of sewage, combined with the use of shallow wells, which was certain to breed disease. Many

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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Charles Hayden, prominent Philadelphia financier, has been elected to the directorate of the Pittsburgh Railways Company.

Morgan Bovan, well known to many here, has been made superintendent of the electric light company of the Reading's mining operations.

The Rev. Dr. Henry T. Drumgoole, head of St. Charles Seminary, has been made a domestic prelate by pope.

A. J. Bihler, of Pittsburgh, has been re-elected president of the National Hardware Association.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is supplying the mill work for building operations for many towns in this section?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG
President Tyler was the first President to make a speech on Capitol Hill.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY
[From the Telegraph, Oct. 19, 1865.]

Mayor Recovering From Illness
Mayor Rowford, who has been ill for several weeks at his home is slowly recovering.

City Delegates a Synod
A number of delegates from this city are attending the session of the Old School Presbyterian Synod, at Baltimore. Carlisle was selected for the sessions next year.

Old Resident Dies
Mrs. Elizabeth Conner, one of the oldest residents of the upper end of Dauphin county, died last week at her home near Lykens.

Signs of the Times

All signs point to very much better business this year than last year.

The effects of the war are understood and discounted. Crops are bountiful. Buying is more in evidence. Money for investment is plentiful.

While there is no sudden boom there is steady progress. The advertising columns of this newspaper reflect this spirit.

They show the "push ahead" of merchant and manufacturer. They show you the names of those who deserve business by their willingness to work for it.

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE
My people are contending for lack of knowledge.—Hosea iv, 6.