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SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. 23

Of all thoughts of God that are borne inward into souls afar, Along the Palmists music deep, Note tell me if there any is, For gift or grace surpassing this,— "He giveth His beloved sleep."

GOING OUT AND TELLING

NEXT to workmen's compensation there is nothing in the way of laws about to be enforced which affects and mystifies the average employer more than the so-called child labor or minor labor act. This measure, which was debated and talked over so much during the last session, contains a feature known as the continuation school. This provides, stripped of educational terms, that minor employes under sixteen are to be given certain hours of schooling, the cost to be divided between the State and the employer.

It is no secret that many employers have regarded the continuation school feature with hostility and that the jobs of some juvenile workers, which amount to something in many families, are endangered. Acting on the theory that the employers of the State did not understand what the law requires and that a good many of them thought the statute full of errors, the State's Bureau of Vocational Education started out to elucidate. It went on the assumption that it was time for the educators to get down to brass tacks and explain how the act would operate. This law does not become effective until New Year's day and yet 200,000 bulletins giving information how it will operate have been prepared to send out, special agents have been "on the road" explaining to manufacturers what the law really will require and, in short, meeting the employers half way. Prof. M. B. King, who is in charge of the vocational education work, started in months ago to get ready for the task ahead of him and his missionaries are out telling about the law, using plain language and asking co-operation. Its a new way to go about things and, judging from reports, it has been getting results. Heart to heart talks backed up by elbow grease, printers ink and common sense can accomplish much.

STROUP'S CANDIDACY

A FEW years ago, when District Attorney Michael E. Stroup was fighting the "loan sharks" in Harrisburg, he was the subject of commendation by Democratic as well as Republican newspapers. Nothing was too good to say of him. To-day Mr. Stroup is a candidate for re-election.

Do those Democratic newspapers, so fulsome with their praise only a brief time since, refresh the minds of the voters by repeating what they then said?

Oh, no! Quite the opposite. They attack Stroup, besmirch his reputation and print what they know is not true of him.

That's Democratic politics as played in Dauphin county. Fortunately for Mr. Stroup, the voters have learned to recognize the brand.

WEST FAIRVIEW'S OPPORTUNITY

THE centennial anniversary celebration in which West Fairview has engaged during this week has displayed a type of civic spirit and town patriotism that promises to carry it very far in the days to come. Many a larger town might learn a lesson from West Fairview's way of doing things. Men and women of the "cross river borough stood shoulder to shoulder in the common cause and gave the town a demonstration that has put it on the map all over Pennsylvania as one of the real live wire communities of this vicinity. One of the prime factors in the celebration was the fire department, and it is noticeable that the firemen and the citizens' committees worked hand in hand with utmost harmony. Either would have been at a loss without the other.

The celebration has been a great success and the time is now ripe for a perpetuation of the public improvement spirit that has been so evident during the week. The Telegraph takes

the liberty of suggesting that this would be a good time to call a town meeting for the discussion of the river front treatment along the lines suggested by Landscape Engineer Manning. Harrisburg is spending thousands of dollars on the decoration of its river front. West Shore towns that have their own interests at heart and who desire to co-operate with this city in making beautiful the Susquehanna river basin at this point will take advantage of every opportunity to further the general improvement plan as formulated by the expert. West Fairview should be the town to initiate the movement along the Cumberland side.

SHILLY-SHALLYING

THE shilly-shallying of the Wilson administration in the Mexican controversy has demonstrated conclusively the wavering and uncertain character of the present national authorities.

Having repudiated Huerta as one whose hands were stained with blood and therefore could not be recognized by the United States, the President now throws the arms of friendship around Carranza, who has established himself in power through the same methods which forced Huerta into exile.

Thus the whirligig of national policies continues to spin around the myriad questions which confront the administration. Unfortunately for this country, the diplomats of the world look with contempt upon the drifting attitude of the Wilson administration in all the big matters which concern the welfare of the American people.

It is not surprising that with one accord the sentiment of the public is rising against the spineless conduct of affairs that has placed this nation in the most humiliating position possible before the world.

KILLING PERSONAL LIBERTY

FROM Washington comes the news that Wilsonian displeasure is to be visited upon Senator Clarke, of Arkansas. The senator was one of the seven Democrats who opposed the ship purchase bill, and in other ways he showed an independence of the White House which the President regards as next to treasonable.

Now it is proposed to turn Senator Clarke down as a candidate for reelection as President pro tem. of the Senate and to give the place to Kern, of Indiana. Mr. Wilson persists in dealing with all the world as though he were up against a class of college freshmen. Never have we had an administration which demanded so much in the way of surrender of personal opinion to that of the Executive.

REDFIELD'S LATEST

UNDER the Constitution the interpretation of laws is a function of the courts. Under the Wilson administration it is a function of any ministerial agent who sees fit to exercise it. The latest usurpation of this kind emanates from Secretary Redfield, who seeks to amend the senator's act by interpreting out of it the language provision inserted by Congress. He has just ruled that the section requiring officers and crew to understand the same language does not mean what it says.

The crew may speak any language under the sun so long as the officers have learned in that language the commands necessary to direct them in their work or so long as the crew understand the commands of the officer, whether they know his language or not. We are not disposed to criticize the conclusions which Mr. Redfield has reached. But the fact remains that it is his business to enforce law, not to interpret it.

WHERE CREDIT BELONGS

IN some quarters, chiefly Democratic, the success of the loan made to France and England is hailed as a triumph for the federal reserve banking system. It really is nothing of the sort.

The loan was made a success through the efforts and the ability of the bankers in New York, whom the federal reserve system was organized to injure. The McAdoo-Williams plans for the federal reserve system were made to destroy New York as a natural financial center. To accomplish this an unnatural division of the country was made and everything possible was done to hamper New York in maintaining its financial supremacy.

The success of the loan, therefore, is a triumph for New York finance in which Democratic financial legislation has no share whatever.

Pacific coast lumbermen are beginning to feel slight improvement in conditions and are hoping for something better. They that lumber isn't in the class of materials needed by warring nations.

PRESIDENT BOWMAN

IN the selection of a president for the coming year, the Chamber of Commerce has made admirable choice in the election of J. William Bowman, one of the live wires of the business community. Mr. Bowman has been interested from the very start in the public improvement program and has served with great credit as a member of the Board of Public Works, giving City Commissioner Lynch and those associated in authority his cordial cooperation throughout this important period of betterment.

The Chamber of Commerce is certain to continue its useful activities under the leadership of such men as Henderson Gilbert and Mr. Bowman and the other active citizens who are identified with this important organization.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

It is probable that some efforts to elect candidates for judge who fell short of the vote required to put them on the ballot as sole nominees will be made by means of stickers in several counties. Movements in favor of some aspirants have been started by their friends and by organizations which bid fair to make a closing week of the campaign lively.

In Franklin county an attempt is being made to have D. E. Long's name put on stickers for judge and several similar movements are under way in interior counties. The manner in which judges were elected two years ago in a couple of districts and the way some legislative districts were overturned last year has started people to thinking about the same plan.

The name of the old Citizens party is being trotted out for use in a local fight in Schuylkill county. The county will likely go Republican this year.

Montgomery county Republican leaders say that indications are for a big old-fashioned Republican majority. The candidates are making tours of all districts.

Congressman Dewalt in a speech at Allentown vigorously defended President Wilson against an attack made by a Philadelphia minister named Hess. Dewalt said that the minister was preaching dangerous doctrines.

The shortcomings of the Blankenburg administration are being shown up in the Philadelphia campaign, and some unpleasant things which indicate that reformers were rather busy for their own political advantage are being revealed.

D. Clarence Giboney has taken the stump against the Franklin party ticket in Philadelphia.

The Supreme Court's decision that Kiker is the nominee for prothonotary in Allegheny county and not David B. Johns appears to have ended the row. Johns has lined up for the ticket.

Senator Warren G. Harding said yesterday in Philadelphia that he expects to see Republicans sweep the county. Bishop Berry, the head of the Methodist Church in this section, set out in a statement in which he declares that it is a mistake to allow candidates for political offices to occupy pulpits. He says that members of churches and Bible classes who take an interest in politics, but that it should be as individuals.

Pittsburgh suffragists will have a parade again to show how they feel about the matter. They have had a series and this is to be a wind-up. The Philadelphia demonstration for suffrage last night included 10,000 persons, while 10,000 looked on.

At the State headquarters of the suffragists here very little is being said, but the increased activity of the workers in it is significant of the vigor and enthusiasm with which they are preparing for the last stages of the campaign. Their whole attitude may be summed up in the terse reply which Miss Hannah J. Parsons, State chairman, of the Woman Suffrage party, made to a newspaper man who asked her if Pennsylvania women were discouraged by the Jersey defeat. "There are things which are not included in the vocabulary of Pennsylvania suffragists," she said. "They are 'discouragement' and 'defeat.' We have substituted for them 'work' and 'victory'."

State officials here have been voicing their disapproval of the constitutionality of the judicial reorganization act was not attacked on other grounds than those involved in the court No. 2 case from Philadelphia as it provides not only for the drafting of new courts of record, but also for the reorganization of the courts. Whether these are two subjects no one has arisen to question, although the act is two and a half years old. The general belief that either the attorney general will be asked to prepare some new acts or else that there will be a movement for a commission to draft election laws more intelligently based on practical experience and less theory is der an act passed by the last Legislature the attorney general may arrange with the State Legislative Reference Bureau for the drafting of any codes which may be needed. The Bureau is now working on several codes and could, if asked, draft some election or ballot bills which could be sent out for discussion in advance of the Legislature as was done with the borough and other codes last year.

OCTOBER LANDSCAPES

[From the Kansas City Star.] It is hard to tell which month is the more beautiful, May or October; May has the new foliage transforming the landscape with its gorgeous coloring and the autumnal haze on the distant hills. But now October holds the center of the stage, and those who care for the out of doors are amply rewarded by the "Phillips" which certainly are might desire to transfer bodily to his canvas.

THE HONESTY OF BASEBALL

[From the Kansas City Times.] One great hold of professional baseball is its honesty. The player who enters a sensible head that the R's might "throw" the last game with the "Phillips" certainly are might desire to transfer bodily to his canvas. The major leagues and the best of the minor leagues, the national game clean. They have made its keen rivalries the finest sort of exhibitions of physical and moral stamina.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE BIBLE CONFERENCES

To the Editor of the Telegraph: I beg the privilege of a few lines in your columns as a medium of reaching to a large number of people.

There has been held, for some time in our city, a series of Bible teaching conferences under the auspices of the "Monthly International Bible Conference." The men promoting this work are among the most energetic and faithful spiritual workers in our several churches. They are evangelical and orthodox in their faith and as such are recognized and accepted by the churches which they represent. This Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Reformed, United Brethren, etc.

They have held these conferences, whether I agree or not, with all of the detail of teaching, I believe that the most important thing which is being done in our city among the world-to-day. All Christians, certainly, and all others I hope, desire to know what the Bible teaches.

In these conferences much may be learned as to matter, but infinitely more as to how to study and learn for oneself, and many new lines of inquiry will be opened up, as to what this greatest of Books teaches.

While the attendance is good and increasing, feeling that the large majority of our citizens do not know what they are missing and that perhaps there may be a lack of knowledge as to the trustworthiness of these meetings, I am sending to you, in the name of the HARRISBURG PUBLIC as recommending these conferences.

The next conference, to be held Monday and Tuesday, under the teaching of the Rev. George E. Guile, of Chicago, will be a good time to sample the spiritual food provided. Thanking you for your valued space, I am,

Most cordially in Christian service,

W. H. DALLMAN,

Harrisburg, October 22, 1915.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



EDITORIAL COMMENT

THE PANAMA CANAL AT WORK

XII.—The Panamanians By Frederic J. Haskin

THE people of the Republic of Panama are divided sharply into a ruling and a peon class. The great mercantile middle class, which is the strength of all Anglo-Saxon communities, is conspicuously lacking. Most of the land and cattle and the larger business enterprises are owned by the ruling class, while the petty shop-keeping, the clerking and bookkeeping, is done by Chinamen, Europeans, Jews and Jamaicans.

From Luther Burbank, the California agricultural wizard, comes word that the production of black cotton "is not an absolute impossibility by any means." But the black rose, how about that, Luther?—Knickerbocker Press.

How the world moves! A few years ago tightness were considered immodest. Now they are prescribed in the name of modesty.—New York Sun.

Kansas civil service examination for female stenographer allows 50 per cent. to candidates and demerit. Kansas is trying to steal New York's stuff.—Brooklyn Daily Times.

Now that the election in Jersey is over there will no doubt be a determined effort to find the scoundrel who wrote a newspaper heading, "Close Shave For Suffrage."—Johnstown Leader.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Eugene V. Debs, the leader of the Socialist party, has recently found a book to commend to all good Socialists. This is Dr. Floyd T. Melvin's "Socialism as the Sociological Ideal," published by the publishers and dealer, in commenting on the volume Mr. Debs wrote to the author:

"You have in this work contributed to the literature of socialism a volume of genuine merit, a scholarly exposition of its principles, aims and ideals; and I take pleasure in commending its pages to all students of this greatest of social life, the author goes on to say.

Mr. Debs is of the opinion that the book will "open a new field and appeal to many who have hitherto avoided the study of socialism for the reason that the literature that came to their hands failed to approach the subject from their point of view."

Those who have very definite ideas about the right and wrong of capital punishment, will find an interesting statement of the case in the new book, "The Orthocratic State," by John S. Crosby (Sturgis & Walton Co.). A young man speaking of its inevitable tendency to weaken popular regard for the sanctity of human life, the author goes on to say:

But even if its effects were known to be preponderantly deterrent, imposition of the death penalty would nevertheless be unjust naturally for the reason that the punishment rarely falls so heavily on the offender as upon his unfortunate but innocent relatives and friends, whom the State has no right to punish, but also for the further reason that the State has no right in cold blood to take the life of any human being whatever his offense, since it can not justly do that which no one of its members has any right to do.

The latest improvement in aeroplane motors is an electric motor, recently perfected by a British firm. See Popular Mechanics for November.

Our Daily Laugh

CRUEL "My boy has a wonderful ear for music."

"Perhaps. But he doesn't play with his ears."

TO BE DECIDED. They say the European war will end in the fall. Yes, but whose fall?

Among other items of passing interest in the columns of the York Daily we note that the top of a newly-invented windshield is a mirror which enables those in the car to see the road behind them. Evidently planned for the purpose of preventing the complete abandonment of those who are bounced out in passing over a rough road.

Now that President Wilson has officially proclaimed November 25 as Thanksgiving Day, Mr. and Mrs. Turkey, having advanced to a healthy and ripe old age, cannot even hope

Evening Chat

State Fire Marshal Joseph L. Baldwin is making an effort to interest householders in the household insurance order of the day, in a fire prevention propaganda, and thousands of circulars are being issued to people throughout the State. "Preventing a fire is easier than putting one out," says the marshal in his warning circular. "A tidy housewife is the worst enemy of fire waste. This is concerned in by the leading insurance men. Poor housekeeping is the cause of a great majority of fires. Keep rubbish out of the home and take care in getting things that are wanted against the wind. If it is a windy day, don't burn and don't pile it up against a building and then start a fire. Don't leave a smoldering fire. If rubbish is not removed immediately it would make housekeeping much easier and lessen the cause of many fires. Don't permit children to burn rubbish." Fire Marshal Baldwin said in discussing the circular: "Every one of the warnings I have given in that circular is the result of a fire. We have found fires caused by those very things that are warned against. There are a lot of people who think that fire insurance replaces lost property. They have the idea that fire waste is paid by insurance. We have found the facts to show that it does not just as we have on file in the office reports on fires caused by the very things I have mentioned."

State officials are showing signs of becoming thrifty and some of the departments which are just opening up additional offices are finding that they do not get new furniture. Some of the offices of the latest boards have been given second-hand desks. Some were so well fixed up that no one knew the difference, but there were some which did not matter. The desks stored about the Capitol are being put into use and precious few new ones will be bought this winter.

Thirty-six square inches of white paper will be necessary to accommodate the entire ballot, including the nonpartisan offices, the questions of constitutional amendment and the city bonded debt. The ballot will be printed on the street bridge and the motorway. The fire department on the November general election ballot. The ticket will be the largest in years, according to the layout of names and other matters which was approved by the County Commissioners yesterday in preparation for the printers.

"One has plenty of opportunity in this bureau to wonder just how Cupid manages to make up some of the matches that lead to the altar," observed one of the clerks in the county marriage license office the other day. "There are all sorts of curious combinations of names and occupations given by prospective applicants for wedlock. For instance—and she pointed out the filled-in application of one couple—"here's a girl who gives the occupation of her father as a minister of the gospel and her mother as a—hairstresser!"

These are the days that make the red corpuscles, Mechanisms, who have to do something to work off their energy which the bracing air puts into you. No matter how hard you work in the office, nor how many annoyances you have to put up with, you can't have but to get out in the open and your worries will vanish like hot cakes on a cold morning. Housewives are so well fixed up upon the subject of winter and those of us who have the pleasure of looking after the furnace must needs get busy and make the old iron pipes sing again. Real fall has been put off until after the first of October. And we'll take care of all the scrub and sausage that you can bring on, too.

Dr. E. E. Campbell, president of Irving College, Mechanicsburg, who was recently initiated into membership in the Rotary Club, neatly dodged making a speech the other evening. He put it off upon the fact that he had been called upon to read and replied: "I have been president of a college for young women for twenty-five years. You would hardly expect me to be able to speak."

Among visitors to the city yesterday was Amos H. Mylin, of Lancaster. Former State senator and former Auditor General, General Mylin spent several hours visiting the Capitol and meeting old friends.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Attorney General Brown is thinking about the hunting season between attending meetings and deciding cases.

—The Rev. W. R. Stearnly, former Philadelphia pastor, has been consecrated suffragan bishop of Newark.

—Director R. D. Driggs, of Philadelphia, is speaking at the Scranton charities conference this week.

—The Rev. J. D. Galloway, of Washington, presided at the big conference of Washington county merchants.

—J. D. Galloway, Pittsburgh electric chief, will allow employees to buy stock in his companies.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is becoming quite a paper distributing center?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG Harrisburg made nails before the town was laid out.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From The Telegraph, Oct. 23, 1865.]

Literary Senate to Meet New members will be admitted tonight to the Literary Senate at the regular meeting in the State Library at 7 o'clock.

To Give Entertainment A big entertainment will be given Thursday evening in Masonic Hall for the benefit of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Rush Work on Building Work on the new building for the boiler works at the water works at North street is being rushed. The structure will be completed in a few weeks.

Use Your Eyes, Mr. Manufacturer

Mr. Manufacturer, have you ever studied human nature on a long train ride?

Have you noticed what a flush there is when the boy comes through with "the newspapers," "Every one buys and goes to reading."

Nothing forms so intimate a part of our life as the daily newspaper. No advertising medium equals it. Manufacturers are invited to advertise in the Harrisburg Telegraph. Publishers' Association, World Building, 100 North Third, for a copy of the booklet, "The Newspaper."

There are lots of fresh-air fenders yet to be had. Buy them now. But on chilly nights, dear reader, Nearly all such folks you'll see. Not in breezy automobiles, But all huddled in a seat of a trolley, looking frozen. Even though it's full of heat