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TUESDAY EVENING, NOV. 30

The truest self-respect is not to think of self.—Henry Ward Beecher.

HANGING BEES

MARYLAND had a hanging bee the other day when several thousand curious citizens took their lunches and sat about waiting with ill-concealed impatience for the sheriff to lead forth the blood-guilty victim and dangle him at the end of a rope in explanation for his crime and for the amusement of the gathered assemblage. The spectacle was anything but gratifying to those who have been trying to make themselves believe that opinion is opposed to public executions, Pennsylvanians may be thankful that such exhibitions are no longer possible in this State.

SUBJECTS FOR PROBES

DEMOCRATS are growing uneasy over the report that the Republicans of the House are going to demand investigations of certain alleged irregularities which have occurred in administration circles since Woodrow Wilson became captain and chief engineer of the Ship of State. It is recalled that the Democrats, endeavoring to discredit the Republican party in every possible manner, when the House was turned over to them, began periodically to adopt resolutions calling for investigations of several large industries, hoping thereby to uncover the fact that the Republican party had entered into a conspiracy with what the Democrats termed "certain predatory interests" and that these interests had become the "invisible government" of the United States.

A LIVING MONUMENT

CITY COMMISSIONER M. HARVEY TAYLOR, head of the park system of Harrisburg for the past two years, has established for himself a living memorial which will remind the citizens of Harrisburg of his good work long after the present generation shall have passed on. Some time ago Mr. Taylor announced his purpose to complete the planting of an avenue of American elms from "Hardscrabble" to the city boundary at Division street and for several weeks this planting has gone forward. It was completed last Saturday and there is now upon both sides of Front street—from Division street southward, and placed at proper intervals—a double line of elms which within the years to come will provide a green arch over the city's main driveway.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeemen

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh is working to clear up all of the appointments on his desk before the holiday season begins. It is a big task, but the Governor says he intends to do all he can to "appoint early" and get things started. Meanwhile the Governor is not paying as much attention to politics as are a good many other people. When he is asked about presidential matters he just smiles and the only thing he has said about delegates was that he wanted to see the State represented by "the right type of men."

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—Do your Christmas shopping NOW.
—Wormleysburg's old town hall brought \$50 at auction yesterday. That's more than Harrisburg could realize from a similar sale.
—"The long expected Limburger cheese famine threatens," says an exchange. Not with Milwaukee still in American hands.
—Jim Jeffries might have done better if he had studied the art of "coming back" under Russian methods.
—The optimist looks at it this way—"It's only about three months until Spring."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Franklin party spent over \$5,000 in the frauded Philadelphia contest, which, as T. Henry Walnut says, ended reform in the city for a time because the people did not want it.
—The Philadelphia Inquirer has this to say about the attitude of Senator Penrose and his friends on the national delegate outlook: "It would appear that the Penrose supporters have no objection about the political situation in the State. They expect that the incoming local administration will co-operate with the senior Senator in conserving the interests of the Republican party."

MERE WORDS WON'T DO

The following article is reprinted from the Herald of Grand Rapids, Michigan:
—"The Outlook—discussing '1916'—puts its faith squarely into unmistakable words when, in this week's issue (the issue of October 6), it squarely says:
—"The Presidential issue for 1916 is very simple. It is not the tariff. It is not finance. It is not the relation of capital to labor. It is not the regulation of the trusts or the promotion of national defense. Shall our citizens be protected abroad and our country protected at home? The party which makes this issue the first article of its platform has added Mr. Penrose's regards it as the public question of paramount importance and whose deeds as well as whose words are consistent with such a platform, will, in our judgment, be successful in 1916."

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By the way she withstands the acid test when some of the other women look at her.
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THE MEXICAN MUDDLE

VIII.—Villa's Stronghold

By Frederic J. Haskin

IN Juarez, Villa is the great man of the century. Elsewhere called bandit and murderer, here he is compared to George Washington. Apparently beaten out of all supplies and ammunition, here his ultimate victory and the resultant liberation of the Mexican people are still confidently awaited. In the midst of the squalor and dirt and vice of Juarez there flourishes the spirit that has conquered empires—the blind faith of a people in their leader. There is no room to doubt the sincerity of most of these people. They will all tell you with an earnestness which is almost pathetic that Villa is now planning a great coup, which will victoriously end the war. Their faith in him is like the faith of a beggar child in Santa Claus. It proves that Villa undoubtedly has something of that indefinable magnetism, that power to win the unquestioning allegiance of men, which goes to the making of a genuine leader. His hands steeped in needless blood, there is nevertheless much evidence that his eyes have been fixed on a vision of reconstructed Mexico. It is probable that he could never have realized it. It seems certain that his star is now near its setting. Juarez is his last important stronghold in northern Mexico. Everyone on the border hereabouts is waiting for the inevitable. The problem made in the American city, Juarez is worth fighting for. It is a door to the United States, a base for operations in Sonora and northern Chihuahua, and the richest source of revenue in all Villa territory. The saloons and gambling halls of Juarez yield an income big enough to support an army.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

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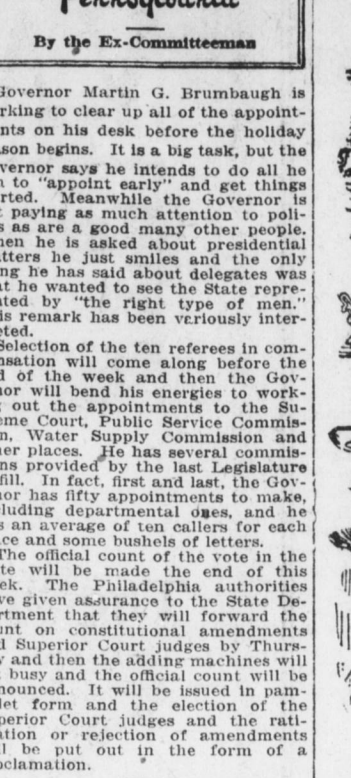
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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

BREAKING INTO THE BIG LEAGUE



From the St. Louis Republic.

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Evening Chat

Pennsylvania's fiscal year, the period to which its financial operations are limited, will close with to-night and there are a good many people who often wonder why the official year of the Commonwealth does not comport with the calendar year instead of being a month ahead of it, so to speak, or why the year is not started with April, as is the case with some municipalities. It does seem rather odd when it is considered that the counties and the smaller municipal divisions, thousands of corporations and many businesses in Pennsylvania date their business from January 1 to January 1. The best information as to the reason why November 30 is the date for closing the fiscal year is that it became the custom many years ago, and since then, in the language of one of the best posted men on State financial affairs, "everything has been keyed up to it." Over 100 years ago, in fact, from the adoption of the Constitution of Pennsylvania in 1790, the General Assembly met every December. The Auditor General was required to apprise the lawmakers of the financial state of the Commonwealth, and November 30 was the position of date to close a year. In other words, the Legislature started off with December 1 as the beginning of a new year just as the county commissioners start off with January's first Monday. The Auditor General was empowered to call for corporation reports so that he could figure out the probable revenue. In time the legislative meeting date was changed to January and then to biennial sessions, but the November date of closing remained, and it was not until this year that the corporation year for filing reports was made the same as the calendar year. Whether the fiscal year will change soon is doubtful.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Dr. H. Walton Mitchell, president of the State College trustees, is to have the next number of the college monthly dedicated to him.
—Mayor Blankenburg has complimentary selected his successor on his public declarations.
—Charles Edward Russell, the Socialist now speaking in this State, may run for President next time.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg railroad yards are being taxed to hold the freight pouring into this city for distribution to the East?
HISTORIC HARRISBURG
Courts were held here in the Fall of 1755.

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