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WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 8

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.—Francis Bacon.

PUBLIC INTEREST

THE Telegraph is always cheerfully willing to submit for the consideration of our citizens any suggestions which have a bearing upon the improvement of the city.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the proposed treatment of the Walnut street bridge by Clinton M. Hershey, a well known local engineer. His suggestion of a bridge whose main stem shall extend out State street with two prongs across the railroad tracks, one at Walnut street and the other at North street, is somewhat novel, but has considerable merit.

There was also much interest in the sketch and proposed location of the Hershey statue which was printed by this newspaper as the suggestion of Mr. Mueller, of the Berryhill Nursery company. This suggestion contemplates the placing of the group on the river front at State street with stairs leading from the statutory to the "Front Steps."

Uncle Joe Cannon, although almost 80 years old, has returned to the House for the twentieth time, and the warm greetings which he received upon every side must have warmed the cockles of his heart.

BILLS AND BILLS

ALREADY the records of Congress are sorged with bills introduced at the session which started this week. Happy the day when the people shall realize that all their ills cannot be cured by law.

There is practically no opposition to the proposed enlargement of the Market street subway under the Pennsylvania Railroad. It is recognized as a great need and the suggestion that the alleged consequential damage will actually take the form of benefits is regarded as a fair attitude on that matter.

OUR DYE STUFF INDUSTRY

WHILE the Democrats are endeavoring to sidestep an upward revision of the tariff and at the same time replace the duties on sugar for the benefit of their Southern friends, the need of greater revenue is bound to force a change of attitude at Washington.

Citizens of the United States are not going to submit quietly to the imposition of an alleged "war" tax when the revenues could easily be increased without serious disturbance of conditions through a restoration of customs duties upon imports.

Nothing has been heard lately of the Penbrook paving project, and the town on the eastern outskirts of Harrisburg is suffering about the same sort of criticism as when the main street of Camp Hill is mentioned.

dyes and the failure to procure these dyes has been the cause of a general disruption of the textile industry.

It is now proposed by those who favor a protective tariff that a sufficient tax shall be placed upon these chemicals manufactured abroad to encourage the development of the industry on this side of the ocean.

Another incident showing the need of a proper protection of some such industry in the United States is the order this week of the British government declaring an embargo on logwood, prohibiting its export from Jamaica to the United States.

Great Britain, with all its boasted friendship for the United States, is not losing any opportunity to cripple the American manufacturer and unless the present Congress protects the interests of this country against the impending competition of cheap labor abroad the working people of the United States are bound to suffer to a degree that cannot now be approximated.

NEW COMPENSATION LAW

THROUGHOUT the State employers of labor are now giving careful consideration to the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation law. What annoys the employer more than the law itself is the difficulty of finding out just what it means.

There are so many different constructions of the act, each lawyer appearing to have an interpretation of his own, that the employer is between the devil and the deep sea. He wants to obey the law, but finds himself confronted with many conflicting views regarding its provisions.

AN ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK

WHILE the enormous war orders are responsible in large measure for the sudden resumption of industrial activity and the expansion of steel plants, the bumper crops of 1915 must be reckoned with in the final analysis. Prosperous conditions, it is true, are somewhat sporadic, but it is the opinion of those in position to correctly diagnose what is going on that the channels of trade in all lines are gradually being opened and, as a result, a lively year is promised.

Great leaders of finance and commerce do not hesitate to express the opinion that the United States must prepare to adjust its business to new conditions and to be ready to meet the situation which will confront us at the close of the European war.

With the optimism of the American people, however, there is a disposition to accept the facts as they now appear and to proceed with energy and confidence along the legitimate lines of trade and expansion. Here in Harrisburg the outlook is quite favorable.

So that altogether the gladsome Christmas season comes on apace under more favorable conditions than have existed for several years. Of course, there are disquieting factors here and there, but a general spirit of optimism pervades the community and a disposition to go ahead is widely prevalent.

The Mayor of York quit without even a loud protest when the Solicitor of that city decided that the office was vacant on the first Monday of December.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

Had old Noah in foresight Been up to the mark, He'd have killed those two flies As they entered the ark.

AS USUAL. She: Are you sure you could be happy with one woman all your life? He: Sure—I could be happy with half a dozen for that matter.

FATHER! By Wing Ding. Father? who is father, pray? He's the guy that plugs away every hour, every day, Trying to earn money.

AS USUAL. They along comes Christmas, ho, Lots of gifts to buy, You know, To his surplus he does go, Exit, all his money.

As usual, the Philadelphia newspapers are giving much attention to the Republican faction squabbling in that city. We are informed with great frequency that this faction or that happens to be on top, and that this group or that will control the State.

ment and welfare of the city which should animate a great Commonwealth when its metropolis is concerned, there may be less of the foolish appeal to factional interests.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—Those European censors must be working with whitewash brushes.

—That German food made from wood may be all right, but think of trying to eat a piece of white oak bread with a set of store teeth.

—If Ford wanted to be sure of being permitted to land in Germany he might have taken Captain Boy-Ed along as pilot.

—After next year the matter of a summer White House will not be so engraving a subject for the present incumbent of the Presidency.

—Mrs. Galt is going to do the most unusual thing of becoming a bride and a grandmother at one and the same time.

—We saw a load of Christmas trees yesterday, and it gave us the same old thrill. Now we don't care how much we spend.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Greece invented the Dilemma. And now how does she like it?—New York Evening Sun.

Englishmen are told that they can only escape conviction by pleading insanity. That is, they get their choice of going willingly or just going.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Many who talk loudly of "efficiency" come to the United States to escape it.—Indianapolis Star.

One is not as proud of living in the twentieth century as one was a few years ago.—Chicago Daily News.

We imagine that Yuan Shi Kai is that big majority in China which is in favor of a monarchy.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The British are not alone responsible for the Turkish at least something to do with it.—San Francisco Chronicle.

During the recent Kansas cyclone it is said that the cloud was obscured for two hours by a sun of limousines and grand pianos.—Boston Transcript.

THE LESSON OF THE PARKS

Nobody now stops to think of the dire predictions of the knockers who fought the parks when Kansas City began the development of what is now its greatest civic asset.

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HOME TOWN

Home town is 'round the bend on the road to yesterday. Among the inhabitants are the fat boy called "skinny," pig-tailed sweethearts who turn up their noses and run away, the preacher who asks after the health of every member of the family, day in and day out, and the school teacher, the gang and grandma and the dog.

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A WIRELESS DISCOVERY

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeemen

Politics in Pennsylvania may be said to be awaiting the next move of Thomas E. Smith, the mayor elect of Philadelphia.

Even Allegheny and Lackawanna county men are watching to see what the mayor elect intends to do in the broader field of national delegate elections.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger voices the idea that the new mayor having recognized the Vares as the power behind the throne in Philadelphia city affairs, will recognize the predominance of Senator Penrose in the State and national politics.

Governor Brumbaugh, the most talked about man in the State politics since Smith's election, will not be so engaged as a judge for the present incumbent of the Presidency.

One of the interesting developments yesterday and which may be a straw to show that the wind is blowing so that the Governor may be given the whole bread through the recognition of Senator Penrose as the power behind the throne in Philadelphia city affairs, will recognize the predominance of Senator Penrose in the State and national politics.

Yesterday when bids were opened for the new school building at Philadelphia it was found that Senator Vares's firm was lowest bidder and as soon as the Public Service Commission approved plans the contract will be awarded.

Election of a member of the Republican congressional campaign committee to succeed Charles E. Patton, when he resigns, will be held on January 4 by the congressional delegation.

—C. H. Welles, Jr., well known here, has been elected president of the Scranton school board.

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—The inexplicable anxiety of a Towanda man, J. E. Stephenson, charged with shooting his neighbor because that neighbor broke Stephenson's wife's arm with a stone, to reach out and suffer trial led him to walk sixteen miles for trial, lacking the necessary fare.

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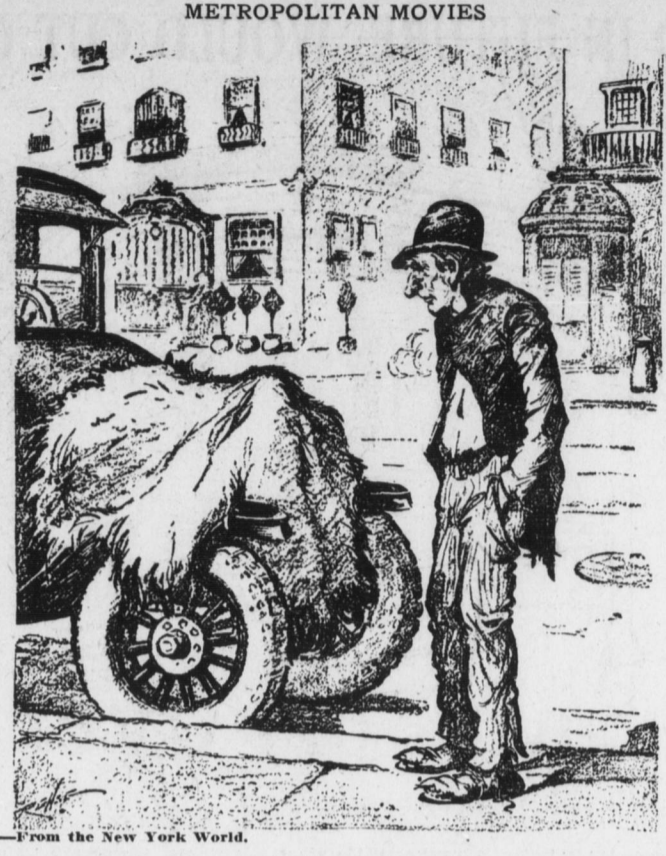
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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

METROPOLITAN MOVIES



From the New York World.

GROWTH OF THE GARY PLAN

By Frederic J. Haskin

THE Gary plan has fairly captured New York. The big town expects to save \$4,000,000 a year by the adoption of this new school system, which consists primarily in using the same facilities for two sets of children.

In education Americans are, above all things, conservative, but when there is a chance to save money they immediately become interested. So the Gary plan is spreading.

The building at Gary stands in a park of six acres, and the lawns, shrubbery and two school gardens of an acre each are cared for by the pupils and instructors in rotary agriculture and allied lines.

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Evening Chat

Harrisburg is soon to have a mayoralty picture gallery.

Financial provision for obtaining and enlarging photographs of all the city executives who have ever served the city was insured by City Council yesterday when at Mayor K. Royal's request \$128 was appropriated for the purpose.

Clarence D. Backenstoss, clerk to the mayor, has been writing to relatives of the mayors long dead for the purpose of obtaining copies of photographs. Some curious old pictures have been secured.

Arrangements are being made to mount the State Museum's collection of the game of Pennsylvania an albino doe, the first to be found in the forests of the State in many years.

It is said that the State Museum has been turned over to the Department of Forestry. The carcass of the doe, weighing over 100 pounds, was found by men in the employ of the department on one of the fine lines of the State Game Commission.

Harrisburg is said to have a large and growing number of "millionaires" who wear "let in" on some of the "war stocks" of Pennsylvania.

According to officials at the Capitol the opinion given yesterday by Attorney General Francis Shire Lane is that minors coming under the continuation law may be employed one week and sent to school the next week.

Statistics just compiled at the State Department of Health show that the number of births in the first nine months of this year was almost twice the number of deaths.

Dr. James A. Dale, former member of the Legislature from York, was at the Capitol yesterday on business connected with the departments and named on the Governor. Dr. Dale is one of the substantial men of York and has a host of friends who always welcome him to Harrisburg.

Samuel E. Hare, of Altoona, will be one of the speakers at the Pennsylvania dinner in New York.

Dr. F. H. Himmitt, the new president of Washington and Jefferson, is organizing alumni in western counties.

Alvin C. Krenslein, who will train the University of Pennsylvania trackmen, is a former international champion.

The Rev. A. A. Delorme, a McKeesport minister, is on the December grand jury at Pittsburgh.

That some of the first steel rails were rolled in this city right after the Civil War?

Harrisburg used to be the gathering place of several Indian tribes for councils.

The Master Salesman. Newspaper advertising is the Master Salesman. It works day in and day out in good weather or bad.

It takes its selling message directly into the home. It has the entire at factories, stores and offices. It never quarrels with customers. Its cost is comparatively little.