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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 17

Wherever a process of life communicates an eagerness to him who lives it, there the life becomes genuinely significant.—William James.

HARRISBURG THE PLACE

As declared by Governor Brumbaugh last Fall, the headquarters of the referee districts in the State Workmen's Compensation system are to be located so that they will be easily accessible, a mistake was made by the Workmen's Compensation Board in designating Lancaster as the headquarters of the district composed of Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, York, Adams, Franklin, Perry and Cumberland counties.

In the first place, Lancaster is not the most accessible point in the district, and Harrisburg is the center most easily reached from any of the eight counties as compared to Lancaster.

Secondly, the point that the referee will only have headquarters in his home city and travel around to hear cases does not seem to apply to the Seventh district, whose referee lives in New Castle, but who was required to make Erie his headquarters.

Thirdly, this city is the center of more diversified industry than Lancaster; it is a railroad center, which Lancaster is not, and it is the official center of Pennsylvania.

Lastly, the convenience of no State official, large or small, should be taken into consideration against the service of the public.

CAPITOL PARK EXTENSION

The statement of Governor Brumbaugh with relation to the development of the Capitol Park extension will be received with pleasure by all Harrisburg people.

The new area can be made a thing of beauty and a joy forever to the people of the State at large as well as to those of the city, or it can be spoiled almost beyond remedy. That the State and the city are working in perfect harmony and that both will rely largely for their final decisions upon the reports of experts of world-wide experience and note assures the people that the public money expended for the enlargement of the park will not be expended in vain.

many lines of improvement which affect these outlying and contiguous districts. While the city is doing what it can to make better living conditions upon all sides it is the manifest interest and duty of these suburban places to co-operate with Harrisburg so that there may be effective work in the interest of all.

With the coming of 1916 the horoscope of the setting sun shows a favorable outlook for the territory favoring under the big umbrella of the West Shore. It only remains for all of the towns and villages embraced within that territory to co-operate in an energetic way through some joint body that will put into force and effect the plans which are now being discussed for the general betterment of the whole district.

A LIVE REPUBLICAN CLUB

A NEWS item in last evening's issue of the Telegraph called attention to resolutions passed by the East End Republican Club, urging the commissioners of Dauphin county to adopt the Mothers' Pension Law, so that the benefits of the State appropriation may be obtained for needy widows in Harrisburg and the county at large.

City Commissioner Lynch is quoted as favoring a reduction of the sidewalks at corners of congested street intersections in the business district so that the area for the passage of vehicular traffic will be extended.

GOETHALS AND THE PRESS

WEAKNESS in public men is sometimes exhibited in a peculiar fashion. Even the strongest of these persons who stand out in great achievement frequently demonstrate a weak point in the most unexpected way.

REAL PROSPERITY

The American farmer is the true source of American prosperity. The \$1,000,000,000 he contributes this year to the national well being represents no chance of fortune, no accident of politics.

RADIUM SANATORIUM

The first radium sanatorium in the United States has been opened in New York for the reception of cases of cancer and other diseases treated by the use of the element for which the sanatorium is named.

PACIFIC FLEET SAVED

THANKS to the enterprise of New York financiers, more patriotic and far-seeing than the members of Congress who passed the disastrous LaFollette ship law last winter, the remnant of the Pacific Mail Company's fleet on the Pacific is to be saved to this country.

Politics in Pennsylvania

The first phase of the campaign for election of Democratic national delegates in Pennsylvania has been started. The President has appointed to hand out the post office commissions which have been held up and it is expected that in a short time the whole list of 103, held up by the reorganization machine men for various reasons, will be filled.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

The college boy wonders why father doesn't earn more money. After he leaves school he wonders how he is able to earn so much.

Every member of the Rotary Club is going to give a poor family a basket at Christmas time. Are you going to let those Rotarians be ahead of you?

When ambition runs ahead of capacity, give capacity the whip.

We haven't heard any popular rejoicing over the report that we are to have a Du Pont powder mill in our midst.

The red flag over the park board offices is the sign of skating at Wildwood—but cautious ones should remember that red flags are also signs of danger.

To the little folks the days until Christmas are all too long—to grown ups they are all too short.

"Every thought has an heir" observes a contemporary. And some of them "hot air."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

That Los Angeles woman who says she wants a husband so much that she would be willing even to take a Democrat seems to have given the acid test proof of necessity.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The score of overwork, European for America just now is correct, but it is not insupportable.—Philadelphia North American.

Mr. Bryan is no warrior, but it isn't because he can't charge.—Columbia State.

It is more difficult to take a shine to a Greek than to take one from him.—Boston Transcript.

No doubt the ablest peace advocate in the world would abstain as a maker of automobiles.—New York Herald.

A HARRISBURG CONVENTION

Our own Harrisburg, in the far off days when David R. Porter was Governor of Pennsylvania, had a convention; it was the one in which the Whigs nominated the first General Harrison, and it was there, too, that John Tyler was put on the ticket for Vice-President as a sop to the humiliated followers of Henry Clay.

This year, even Philadelphia will acknowledge that if the Republicans could not come here, they have done the next best thing in going to Chicago.—Penn. in Philadelphia Bulletin.

PAYING HIS WAY

The assignments of Pennsylvania congressmen attracted considerable attention in the city.

WILSON'S WEAKNESS

The material welfare of a people is important. But it cannot in the long run be secured by a man who cannot, said Senator Borah, "play the merchant with the miseries of the people and bid them the lives of our people for industrial advantage."

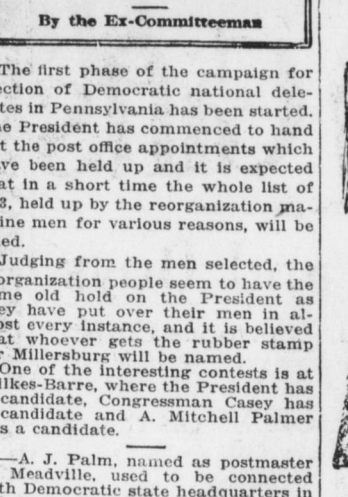
METHODISM FLOURISHES IN JAPAN

The quadrennial conference of the Methodist churches in Japan has just closed at Tokyo.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

JUST SO. Jones' nose is a regular weather signal. How's that? Sure sign of a storm when his wife sees it red.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY



—From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BAGDAD THE GLORIOUS

By Frederic J. Haskin

THE British advance up the Tigris River, which has been checked before the walls of Bagdad, is an operation of the Eastern campaign which in importance only to the struggle in Germany.

Palaces Filled With Treasures. The royal palaces in the old days were a moral, twenty-three buildings, decked out with treasures from every corner of the globe.

Bagdad is used to sieges. She has known them almost every generation since the days of the prophet. No city has had a more stirring history, seen more of the pomp and splendor of the East, or occupied a more important position commercially.

Though Bagdad to-day is a city of 150,000 people and capital of a Turkish province, she retains hardly a shadow of her former greatness.

Long Tale of Battles. The story of Bagdad through the centuries is one long tale of battle and siege, in which the victors' assaults of the British are only an incident.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. "Skating in vogue," says the Punctate Spirit. It is true. So is everything else. It is a good magazine. And we like to look at the pictures.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

The Johnstown City Hospital will be benefited very materially a week from to-day, when the innocent pedestrian will be seized violently by strange hands and will be tagged with a bit of holly, size commensurate with the size of the coin coughed forth.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Ralph H. Sweetser, president of the Thomas Iron Company at Easton, has been elected president of the Eastern Pig Iron Association.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg stock-ings are being sent to Canada?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

Some of the Congressmen made Harris Ferry their stopping place after the British took Philadelphia.

Two Pushes Are Better Than One

Provided they are in the same direction and at the same time. Local dealers and they can double their sales on certain products by pushing with the Pennsylvania newspaper advertising.

THE LAW

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Copyright, 1915, Star Company.

Your path may be clouded, uncertain and dark. Move on, for the orbit is fixed for your soul.

And though it may lead into darkness of night, The torch of the Builder shall give it new light.

You were, and you will be, know this while you are; Your spirit has traveled both long and afar.

It came from the Source, to the Source it will return. The spark that was lighted eternally burns.

From body to body your spirit speeds its way. It seeks a new form when the old one is gone.

And the form that it finds is the fabric of your will. On the loom of the mind, with the fiber of thought.

Somewhere on some planet, sometime and somehow, Your life will reflect all the thoughts of your now.

The law is unerring; no blood can atone. The structure you rear you must live in alone.

You are your own devil, you are your own god; You fashioned the paths that draw your footsteps from tread.

And no one can save you from error or sin. Until you shall hark to the spirit within.

Evening Chat

State Game Commission authorities believe from reports which have been brought to this city by hunters coming out of the South Mountains and upper Susquehanna regions and from the Juniata Valley that the kill of buck deer this Fall has probably gone larger than in any of the last half dozen years.

Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown has placed in his department a portrait of James Wilson, eminent Pennsylvania colonial and revolutionary days and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

R. L. Watts, of State College, who was here yesterday, has been prominently connected with the agricultural education work in Michigan for years and one of the men frequently spoken of in connection with the State Department of Agriculture.

"It would not be a bad thing for people to have clean-up week before Christmas and then, again, the day after tomorrow one of the city's veteran firemen will be honored by being carried into a trolley by Christmas advance shoppers on Saturday afternoon.

Christmas trees are commencing to appear on the railroad trains, some huge cars filled with trees closely packed and being sandwiched between coal cars on a number of the trains passing through this city on Saturday and yesterday.

"Between the Christmas rush and the way mail is being shipped out from Capitol Hill it is enough to make a man dizzy," said an attaché of the post office yesterday.

A good story is going the rounds of Capitol Hill about a Dauphin county man and Harry S. McDevitt, counsel of the Economy and Efficiency Commission.

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"Jesse James was a man, and he traveled, etc.," if we are correct in our memory of the song that runs through the mind of every boy and girl, Jesse James, a real, dyed-in-the-wool bandit, only he isn't a man.

"I defy you!" cried the stage heroine, as the heavy villain appeared on the scene. "Do your worst." And the bold, had man took her at her word and did his very worst—or at least he tried to.

There is a dispute down in the east-section of the State somewhere as to whether a rooster can crow or not. It will be decided by the judge who is presiding in that district.

Bradford county from the looks of things will have to go a begging for constables, if present conditions continue and those who have been elected justices and constables continually refuse to act.

The Pennsylvania, the daily newspaper at the University of Pennsylvania, a few days ago celebrated its thirteenth anniversary.

The strategy of the forces that landed at Saloniki is now apparent. Instead of driving reinforcements to the Servians, they just wait for the Germans to drive the Servians back to the rear.—Philadelphia North American.