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Profits are legitimate only when they come from service.—Woodrow Wilson.

WILSON'S CANDIDACY

PRESIDENT WILSON surprised nobody by announcing his candidacy for a second term. He has been moving in that direction ever since his inauguration. Many of his appointments and not a few of his speeches and activities in office certainly were not prompted by good statesmanship so much as by political motives.

Nobody may object if the President desires another term. That is his business and that of the Democratic party, but he might have gone about acquiring the re-nomination in a manner much more dignified and better calculated to inspire public confidence.

Mr. Wilson holds that the plank in the Baltimore platform pledging him to the one term principle does not apply to him because the national constitution has not been amended so as to make that plank a legal requirement. The one term clause reads:

We favor a single Presidential term, and to that end urge the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution making the President of the United States ineligible to re-election and we pledge the candidate of this convention to this principle.

Technically speaking, Mr. Wilson is probably correct. But who, we may consistently ask, is responsible for failure of Congress to carry out the wishes of the Baltimore convention in this matter?

The President during his first two years in office was in absolute control of Congress. That body acted out of his hand. It never acted save under his orders.

He could have put through any measure he chose, yet we find him cold to the one plank of the Baltimore platform the support of which would have limited his own occupancy of the White House to four years.

We find him writing a letter to his friend and confidante the rejected Mitchell Palmer, that might be laid away in cold storage for a couple of years to be dragged out for use at the proper moment.

We find him carefully removing every obstacle that might rear itself in the path leading toward a re-nomination, planning an excuse years ahead for his failure to give the one term plank of the Baltimore platform any consideration in his Congressional programs and resorting to poorly concealed subterfuge to put himself in the way of a second term.

In one sentence of the Palmer letter he bows meekly to public opinion and in almost the very next says that his explanation will be misunderstood by the people, but that "this is a matter of perfect indifference" to him.

The publication of the Palmer letter at this time was poor politics. There is nothing much now standing in the way of Wilson's re-nomination, save the dissatisfaction of the Bryan element and this promises to be no more effective in the national convention than was the opposition of Roosevelt to Taft in the Chicago gathering of 1912.

The Wilson machine has been carefully constructed. It is well oiled and appears to be hitting on all four cylinders. The President might have been re-nominated without an effort simply by being a passive candidate or by issuing orders to his State bosses.

To announce his candidacy by means of a letter written in February, 1915, is simply to convince any who may have been doubtful that the President from the very first had his eye on a second term, regardless of party pledges to the contrary.

is going to mean much to these nations, and the problem of forcing the bachelors into matrimony by placing him on the same plane of taxation as the family man, is already being considered.

Earlier marriages will be encouraged. It is said, also, that some will be given to "overcome the economic difficulty of bringing children into the world." Even before the war the birth rate had been steadily decreasing and the situation which now confronts the European nations is most serious.

Same old story. Socialist party in control of Schenectady wants to recall the Socialist mayor because he failed to consult the members of his party in the matter of his appointments.

Could it be possible there were not enough jobs for all the members?

PARTY HARMONY ESSENTIAL

THE Scranton Republican devotes the first column of editorial space to the subject of Republican harmony in Pennsylvania in the selection of delegates to the coming national convention. The subject is one that should have the earnest thought of every Republican in the State.

As repeatedly pointed out by the Telegraph, the next presidential fight already is won in Pennsylvania if Republicans continue to stand together and present a united front to the Democracy.

The one possibility of defeat in this State lies in divided party lines, such as tore Pennsylvania from her Republican moorings in 1912 and helped to defeat the party's nominee for the Presidency.

Conditions have changed wonderfully in that time. The wanderers in large numbers have returned to the party and they have been met half way with outstretched hands. Old wounds that we were told could not be healed in a generation have been cured and scarcely a mark is left to tell the tale.

The very existence of the Washington party in Pennsylvania is even now at stake. It has neither leadership nor rank and file.

William F. Finn has begun the melancholy task of posing as "the last Progressive." There is nothing in the air to cause discord save possibly only selfish ambition and discordant personal antagonisms.

These should and must be submerged in the coming campaign for the good of the party and the welfare of the nation at large. As the Times so well puts it:

This is a year for party harmony. It is far more to be desired that the leaders get together and compose their differences, than that they should continue to utter conflict whose blighting consequences might have a far-reaching and detrimental effect on the coming Presidential campaign.

Recent differences in the Republican party have lost the party the benefit of an evening's injury upon the country. As a great Republican stronghold, Pennsylvania should be an example to other States of the solidarity whose stimulating influence would be nationwide.

Who wholed? The party's chief, if not its only leader, is Mr. Woodrow Wilson. He is not a man to be trifled with. He is a man of the highest order of ability and he has shown that he is not only capable of the highest order of ability but also of the highest order of character.

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any primaries his declaration must be accepted as an ultimatum, especially when he booms out the statement that he is "fighting for straight-out Americanism." It's "oink to be a guessing match right up to the Chicago convention.

On and after next Saturday the policemen under Mayor Meals must cut out all profanity. They may be permitted to say "Tut-tut!" or "Cracky!" in a pinch, but he insists that swearing shall be banished.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

"If you must 'cuss,' 'cuss' quietly," says Mayor Meals to his policemen. But what's the use of acquiring a vocabulary if nobody knows you have it?

After reading extracts from the log of the Oscar II, we are ready to congratulate the chief of the expedition upon his wisdom in deciding that the ship should sail absolutely unarmed.

One glance at a picture of the red and gold dragon throne of China convinces us that even though he be dethroned Yuan never need lack a job so long as the American circus parade remains an institution.

We thought we were spending lavishly when we built the Panama canal, but Europe could have dug a ditch 75 times as long with the money spent on the war to date. However, we are just as well content to remain in the plucker class, and beside we'll be using the canal long after their little old war will be mere history, and painful history, at that.

There little grip germ, don't you cry, you'll be Spring fever, by and by.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Mr. Ford's correspondence with the crowded heads of Europe appears to be conspicuously one-sided this far.—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

If Japan had suspected that China would be so imitative, maybe that the "Key-note" was temporary. It has been press-agitated so widely.—Philadelphia North American.

Judging from the constant complaints it is necessary to make to all the warring nations, Uncle Sam appears to be the official innocent bystander of this war.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Republican National Chairman Hillet's suggestion that Congress this winter may develop a desirable orator to blow the key-note at every State convention is something to be proud of. It is a suggestion to harmonize the differences and to prevent a factional fight in a presidential year.

The Philadelphia Ledger in a dispatch from its Washington bureau, says: "President Wilson will seek re-nomination, and in doing so will abide by the wishes of the people."

The Philadelphia Inquirer: "The change in policy on the part of the administration is due to the fact that we have just discovered that businessmen are not at all pleased with the 'New Freedom' which has been given them by the President.

THE MARTYR CHURCHES As an illustration of the strength of some of the Turkish churches—and this is not by any means the largest church in the Central Turkey field—the report of the board refers to the church in Adana, which has a membership of 240, with an average Sabbath attendance throughout the year of 650. In Tarsus, with members, the average attendance upon the Sabbath has been a little over 500.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

ALL ARRANGED. Frank (greatly disappointed): It's awful to see a young girl like you marrying an old man for his money.

Maze: Never mind, Frank. The palms have been voting for me. I'm to marry twice, and I am reserving you for the next time.

A GOOD START. And has that young promoter cornered you yet?

No; but he is beginning to hand out that "one of our representatives will call upon you" line of talk.

HE'S GOT ME By Wing Dingler

The little grippe germ has me; He's roaming all about My limbs and joints and body.

And has me "most knocked out." I dodged him all the winter, But Sunday last, a-lack, He sneaked right up behind me, And stabbed me in the back.

IF I WERE YOU "Indeed" would, if I were you, I'd have the best that life can give, And if I were you,

And use it hourly while I live, If I were you, I'd please you from waning years, I'd call laughter from tears, And a courage built on fears,

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The big fight is on in the Pennsylvania Democracy again. This time it is an effort to dethrone ex-Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer as boss of the machine, the Wilkes-Barre postmaster appointment having precipitated the row.

Meanwhile the president has held up the commission of Dr. D. C. Mebane as postmaster pending an inquiry into charges of unpatriotic remarks and in an effort to pacify Congressman Casey, who wants his own brother named and who is standing for the right of congressmen to name their own districts.

For weeks the fight against Palmer has been brewing and the Philadelphia Inquirer and Ledger intimate that the silver fork of the Democratic congressmen from Pennsylvania are lined up against Palmer and are seeking a way to defeat him if he runs again.

A fight against Palmer would precipitate a breaking of the control of the State machine by Palmer, McCormick, Morris and others and make the primary where delegates will be elected to renominate Wilson the scene of a bitter contest for control of the State committee and the Democratic machine.

The Philadelphia Ledger says that the Washington and Franklin parties are on the rocks in that city and intimates that it is the same way throughout the State.

Justus Schroedel has been appointed superintendent of county buildings in Allegheny county.

Dr. J. P. Kerr, the new president of Pittsburgh council, is not only president but chairman of the eight standing committees of the city.

The fight over the Cambria county campaign will be heard by the Supreme court.

The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times of to-day says: "News drifts back from Philadelphia that there is still a possibility of a fight over the Democratic national delegates, between Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh and the Vore brothers and United States Senator Penrose.

Modern physicians set a high value upon human life and provided the means of prolonging it. Now a good many thinking men and women are asking whether there is any justification for prolonging life that can give no pleasure to its possessor, and is absolutely useless, if not dangerous, to the rest of society.

Once human life was valued much less than now. There was capital punishment for trifles. Death was looked upon with a great deal more equanimity, possibly because it was then so much harder to avert.

The viewpoint of the individual who feels that he is no longer fit to live was brought out strongly by a recent case in this country. A woman of perfect sanity and excellent intelligence applied to the court for a permit to end her own life.

Several other State measures of the same sort have been drafted; but none has been passed into law. It is probably safe to say that most physicians would vigorously oppose any law upon this subject.

ONE "KING" LOSING "From the Kansas City Star." The world is getting ready to banish old King Alcohol.

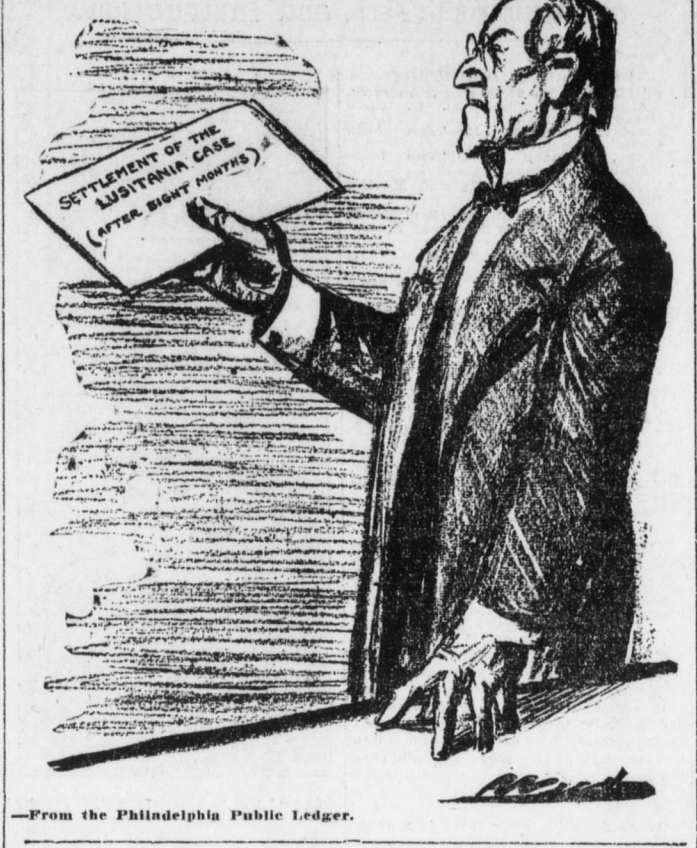
THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY Miss Percy Haswell, the actress who fell from the balcony while starring as Juliet in the Shakespeare production at Philadelphia, seems to have simultaneously fallen under the State Compensation act.

THE DERN FAMILY has been having a Darn old of trouble out in Farrell, Some Darn domestic mix-up has led to a suit, because, as the wife asserts, friend husband gave her "a Darn hard wallop in the eye."

THE DOUBLE POLICE FORCE of the borough of Throop, Pa., is very much annoyed because the thieves which they have been trying to intimidate by numbers won't scare worth a cent.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

"A POOR THING, BUT MINE OWN."



From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The Revaluation of Human Life

By Frederic J. Haskin

THE death in Chicago of a baby that might have been saved and several similar cases have brought vividly before the American people the question of whether a life is always worth saving either to the individual or to society.

There are cases in which physicians are known to act upon their own best judgment, but few of them would desire a legal obligation to do so.

One reason why human life demands revaluation is because the means of prolonging it have been so highly developed. Consider the question of industrial accidents, for example. Inured men who would have died upon the spot seven decades ago, are now dexterously patched up to do their duty. There can be no doubt but what death would often be preferable to these men who work with their hands, and to whom physical strength is everything.

But death is invariably fought by every expedient in these cases. The physician is usually employed by the employer and his first duty is to produce the number of fatalities occurring in his plant.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —Frederick Palmer, noted war correspondent, is making addresses in Western Pennsylvania. —George C. Meyster has been appointed United States commissioner at Johnstown.

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg steel is extensively used for coupling pins? —Historic Harrisburg: The Susquehanna was one of the early rivers on which steam navigation was tried.

MIGRATING WEALTH [From the Chicago Herald.] Shortly after the European war began the stock exchanges were closed. It was recognized that we could not then carry alone the world-wide craze for liquidation.

SPEAKING OF PLATITUDES: Some one, some time, let fall the platitudes that "advertising is not an exact science." It is not. But it can be regarded as most elements of guesswork.

THE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE of the Saturday evening dances at the Marion Crick Club, which have attained to such popularity in recent years, are becoming very strict and now lay down the law with an iron hand.

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