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TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 11

And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.—MATT. 28: 20.

THE CIVIC CLUB DECISION

ALL Harrisburg will be gratified over Judge Kunkel's decision, holding as legal the bequest of the Fleming mansion at Front and North streets to the Civic Club.

That Municipal Boating Committee just announced has a work to do which will be of benefit not only to those who are immediately interested in aquatic sports and pleasures, but to all who are proud of the river basin.

The possession of this handsome home will add mightily to the effectiveness of the Civic Club as an organization, but the building will probably become the headquarters for all manner of women's gatherings, especially since Judge Kunkel in his decision makes it perfectly clear that the bequest is legalized on the broad premise that "in this case the people of Harrisburg are the beneficiaries."

An important point decided in this case is that the Dauphin county court will go to all proper lengths to make effective the wishes of decedents with regard to public bequests. It all too often happens that the donor of a public gift is scarcely cold in his grave before his heirs have their heads together devising ways and means of "contesting the will."

By this gift to the Civic Club Mrs. Fleming not only marked herself as a woman of public spirit, but she set an example that should be followed. There are in Harrisburg scores of very wealthy people who have not done all for their city that they might have done. It is difficult to believe that these men and women are to permit themselves to go down "unwept, unhonored and unsung," remembered only for their wealth and for the fact that they had so poor a conception of their earthly stewardship that they gave no thought for the needs of the community that made possible the accumulation of their fortunes.

Harrisburg needs a public swimming pool, it needs a public community club building, it needs a free bridge over the Susquehanna—these and many other things of less cost would form everlasting monuments to their donors; nor is it necessary for a man to die to build such a monument.

The Harrisburg Civic Club has been a leader in civic affairs for years. Its new home should be a constant source of inspiration. It is beautiful in itself and its grounds are an illustration of what may be done on a small city plot. Its possession will give the club a sense of permanence and well-being. We shall look for some great things from the Civic Club in the next few years.

City Commissioner Gross is absolutely right in his declared purpose to make the city parks safe recreation places for women and children. He particularly emphasizes his intention to enforce to the letter the law prohibiting intoxicated persons from loitering in the parks. In this matter, Commissioner Gross will have the support and approval of all citizens. It might also be suggested in this connection that drastic and immediate action ought to be taken to suppress the gang of young hoodlums who have already commenced their game of destruction along the River Front from one end of the city to the other.

CITY PLANNING TIME was when, like Boston, cities grew along cow paths, on hill-sides and in any old place that the founder and his associates chose to settle. Their start in many cases was indifferent and careless and their development in others has been just as hodge-podge as the beginning.

Now, however, conditions are different. Cities are understanding the importance of proper planning for the future and are no longer willing to grow like Topsy. There is now a proper appreciation of the need for looking ahead and providing for the future.

Recently the American Civic Association issued a bulletin treating of real estate subdivisions and this bulletin is practically an exposition of the plans and purposes of the City Planning Commission of Harrisburg, which is doing such admirable work in a quiet but effective way. This city will

realize some day how much it owes to the five men who are meeting from time to time and passing upon the streets and avenues and developments of plots in all parts of the city and its suburbs.

John Nolen, a distinguished landscape architect, has recently issued a book in which he points out that haphazard city development is a thing of the past. His book points out the needs of a city and how these needs may be met for the benefit of all its citizens. Like Warren H. Manning, who has done so much for our own city, Mr. Nolen and all who are engaged in the work of city planning agree that growing cities must look to the future, and as in everything else Harrisburg has shown its real civic spirit in supporting the City Planning Commission here.

In all problems which confront this community the people must depend for their solution upon the men of experience and skill who know what is needed and who have the vision to direct in a legitimate way the thought and activities of the people.

We are more and more coming to understand that detached houses with air and light contribute to the happiness and comfort of the people; that building restrictions are required to the end that the rights of all may be conserved in all building operations, that beauty and utility go hand in hand, and that an attractive city is a positive asset for all who live therein.

Referring to the subject of planning, the Kansas City Star says: "To-day an up-to-date city engages an expert to make a city plan just as it engages one to lay out a water system." It adds:

City planning is now being worked out on a scientific basis, and there is growing up in this country a new profession, which indicates how extensive is the demand of cities to get away from the old haphazard methods of development.

At the opening of the spring building season these matters deserve particular attention and Harrisburg is just now at a point where more than ever before we must give thought to the planning of the future.

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ORDERING THE ARMY HOME In the light of recent hints from the White House it would not be surprising if President Wilson should order the army home from Mexico at any time and give up the hunt for Villa. Just before the army retired from Vera Cruz one of the interior leaders in a vain-glorious moment posted notices throughout his district that unless the Gringos left on a day named he would forthwith run them into the sea. By some freak this date coincided with the day of departure as fixed by Washington and as a result thousands of ignorant Mexicans believe the Americans were frightened away without firing a shot. This has cost the United States a lot of prestige. Now comes another blood-thirsty Mexican bull-dozer, with a plot to cut off the troops seeking Villa and if the soldiers are ordered home immediately following there is no telling to what lengths the aroused Mexicans may go.

Then, too, such a withdrawal would be more than discouraging to the troops and would be poor pay for the sacrifices they have been making. Nobody will say where the rumor that the army is to be recalled started, but if it was a "feeler" thrown out by the administration the answer was not long in forthcoming.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK HOW long is our prosperity to last, is a question that has been asked very frequently in the past few weeks. Men are beginning to look seriously toward a possible sudden collapse of our great industrial boom. Free trade and prospects of an early peace are influences combining to throw a scare into even the most confident. Some discussion has taken place also as to whether prosperity in the United States itself is becoming so great that there is danger of American manufacturers losing interest in pressing for foreign business and in taking advantage of the great opportunities of the present time for entering the world's markets and building up a trade that can be held after the war. No nation ever had such an opportunity before and it will never come to us again.

There is, according to the Foreign Department of the National City Bank, a world-wide scarcity of manufactured goods. This conclusion has been reached by that Department through a careful investigation, to ascertain as nearly as possible just how stocks stood in countries to which the United States might sell. The conclusion is that the shelves are practically empty, not only in South America and the extreme Orient, but in many other parts of the world.

The situation is a remarkable one. The world's stock of goods outside of the United States is at many points the lowest on record. The demand is great. We have the goods or can make them. The requirements in each market must be studied carefully and strictly complied with, in order to furnish exactly what the customers have been used to and so as to pack and ship, not in our way, but in their way. Details of this character, to which our merchants are not accustomed, earnestly attended to, will open up ready, vast and permanent new fields.

The business is worth the deepest attention, because it will fill the great void in our commerce which will come when the demand for war goods is over with.

How soon will the war end? That is problematical, but like the breaking up of the Confederacy, it may be as suddenly concluded as it was begun. There is only one thing to do—take our present profits gladly and

Politics in Pennsylvania

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

By the Ex-Committeeman

Announcements which look like very definite alignments for the prosecution of a Republican delegate and state committee campaign with more vigor than known in this State for twenty years have come from the rival camps in the last twenty-four hours and even those newspapers which looked for an agreement at the very last minute now discuss the coming contest as one which will be memorable.

The Philadelphia North American to-day says that the Governor's version of the \$1,000 check transaction stands and that his friends are rallying to him. The Public Ledger says that the Governor's friends are loyal and will stand by him in his fight. The Philadelphia Record appears to think there is something very significant in the Governor's inability to find the Oliver letter from Pittsburgh comes word that David B. Oliver says that he does not intend to put out the letter now and declines to indicate what he will do in the future. Pittsburgh newspapers look for war. The attitude of most of the newspapers appears to be to let the fight develop and to print the news, very few of them taking sides.

The Brumbaugh headquarters last night gave out a statement telling of the manner in which people all over the State are rallying to the support of the Governor and quoting among others Dr. J. M. Baldy, of Philadelphia, chairman of the State Medical Bureau. More letters and telegrams in support of the Governor are to come out later in the day. Penrose people made much of the return of a check for \$2,750 to the State Treasury by J. Louis Sowerby, chief of the Department of Labor and Industry, who felt that he should not accept it because on one day he circulated a statement that if this dangerous epidemic were followed at the Capitol, say some people who have axes to grind, the State Treasury would get many checks in the course of a day.

EDITORIAL COMMENT China is getting so she can make a shift from a monarchical to a republican form of government, and vice versa, so deftly that it takes a keen eye to catch the performance. — Chicago Herald.

The Congressman who calls for volunteers to serve "until peace and sound government have been established, in Mexico" exceeds all records for long-term enlistments. Why not limit it to ten years, with the privilege of re-enlisting? — Philadelphia North American.

When it comes to watchful waiting, nobody has anything on Theodore nowadays.—Columbia State.

Mr. Bryan, the man who can raise a million soldiers overnight, must be disgusted with the delay in gathering forces on the border. — Philadelphia North American.

They Want Harmony [Williamsport Gazette-Bulletin] It begins to look as if the Republicans of Pennsylvania are to be forced into a fight on a whole new result of the sensational developments of his acceptance of a check for \$1,000 from David B. Oliver during the gubernatorial campaign for which he is now in the State. The Penrose camp is united on its program and will stand by it in the event of a fight. The result of the elimination of Governor Brumbaugh as a presidential possibility carrying the endorsement of this State's delegation to Chicago absolutely unimpaired. A fight in every senatorial district in the State for the election of members to the Republican National Convention is being waged for Senator Penrose as a member of the Republican national committee. An unqualified stand to the end for the State is being taken by the Auditor General and Harmon M. Kephart, of Fayette county, for State Treasurer.

James H. Maurer, president of the State Federation of Labor and a Socialist member of the Legislature, has denied that he made any remarks at a recent meeting in York, Pa., in which he was reported to have said that the Stars and Stripes, the remark has been reported far and wide and Mayor Mitchell, of New York, has started an investigation.

The Guar Democrats in Philadelphia have gotten started on what looks like a real campaign against National Committeeman Palmer and his labors. They are of all kinds of things against them. The question is what strength the Old Guard can command.

According to the Harrisburg people, Congressman W. Beales, of that town, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Senate from the Adams-Franklin district. This is now represented by Senator John W. Hoke.

Dr. F. A. Rupp, Lewistown editor, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the House in Mifflin county.

Notwithstanding the Palmer declaration for ex-Judge Ellis L. Orvis, Washington dispatches say a boom for John Snyder, of Schuylkill county, for the Democratic nomination for Senator in Pennsylvania lately was started in the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress. It is not known whether Mr. Waters himself started it or whether Congressman Warren Worth Bailey is responsible. The statement launching the boom was sent to the newspapers by the official stationery of the House of Representatives. If Mr. Bailey is the author of the statement, it is apparent that he is making a strong effort to interview himself without success, as the following announcement discloses: Word reached Washington yesterday from Philadelphia that Congressman Waters had reached the conclusion that John H. Waters, of Johnstown, is good senatorial timber.

The Philadelphia Record to-day says regarding the letter: "As the entire attention of the public has been centered in the controversy between the Governor and David B. Oliver, the following letter is highly important for the Brumbaugh interests that the document be produced. The whole controversy has simmered down to a question of veracity which the letter is expected to answer. Governor Brumbaugh in his statement said the letter would show that the Oliver check was a personal gift. Mr. Oliver, however, asserted that the letter would show that the check was not such a thing, but on the contrary would prove that the check was distinctly a campaign contribution. A strong indication that the burden of establishing the true context of the letter would be left to the Governor was contained in a dispatch from Pittsburgh, David B. Oliver is quoted as saying: "I will not now produce the copy of my letter to Dr. Brumbaugh, if at all." This is taken to mean that Mr. Oliver failed to keep a copy."

Washington party committees in Philadelphia are commencing to adopt resolutions condemning the manner in which the \$1,000 check was brought to the Governor's attention. The Vanc people are strongly backing up the Governor.

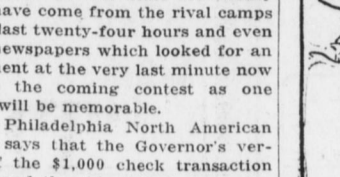
YOU'VE DONE IT, TOO By Wing Dingler Why did I do it? Many times I've done the same before— And each time that I'd not again I'd be sure to do it over. Yet here to-day again I went Without my overcoat— And now I have another cold In head as well as throat.

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg steel is used for government work bolts and nuts? HISTORIC HARRISBURG Camp Curtis was the first big mobilization camp established in the State after the Civil War got under way.

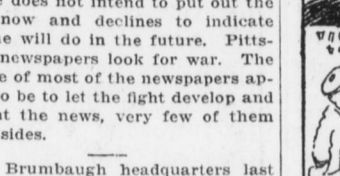
THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

BUT THIS IS HOW HE DID IT

I WANT YOU TO QUIT TELLING EVERYBODY THAT SINCE MY SONS GONE TO THE CITY HE'S BECOME A BUM, 'CAUSE IT AIN'T SO— WHY I HEARD ONLY LAST WEEK THAT HE'D BECOME THE LEADING MAN IN THE THEATRICAL LINE THERE!



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DIXIE GOES AHEAD

The Movies Move South By Frederic J. Haskin

PREPARATIONS are being forward in this city for a great African expedition which will rival in a spectacular way, that staged by the late Mr. Stanley, and will have the added feature of a touching love story in which the hero fights a whole tribe of natives and the villain is swallowed by an alligator.

Will the expedition really go to Africa? It will not. It will only go as far as the mouth of the St. John's river at Mayport fifteen miles away, where there is enough tropical jungle to suit the most exacting explorer, and where three large African natives are now under construction. As you may have guessed, the promoters of this expedition are one of the big moving picture concerns, a number of which have recently opened studios in Jacksonville.

The property room of this particular company presents a bizarre and busy appearance right now. An order for bamboo was recently placed with a local grower, and three young ladies are busy at their sewing machines making primitive gong-strings out of burial for the savage tribesmen who will be the movie extras.

You are wondering about that alligator? So is the director. Jacksonville has a unique industry in the shape of a combined alligator and ostrich farm, which is of the greatest assistance in rendering Asiatic and tropical local color. This firm has contracted to furnish an alligator which will swim out into the river and upset the boat in which the villain is trying to escape, leaving a reasonable assumption that he has swallowed that unfortunate offender, without actually doing so. That is a pretty large contract for an alligator—not to mention the claim—that the owner of the alligator farm seems to have perfect confidence in his pet reptile.

Naturally, the vicinity of Jacksonville is particularly rich in all sorts of tropical settings and accessories; but that is not all, by a good deal. The variety of scenes that may be found within a few miles of here is simply incredible. You wouldn't pick this as the place to stage Uncle Tom's Cabin, would you? Well, Storm Boy of the Kalem Company did it. He discovered that the gleaming white sand of the Florida beaches made better snow, for movie purposes, than the clouds themselves could produce. He fenced in a section of the St. John's river, bought five tons of ice, and set for Eliza's dramatic get-away.

So the moving picture men have found Jacksonville good for them, and the benefit has been intensely mutual. The film people began to arrive in numbers just about the time that Jacksonville was getting up in a dazed sort of way after having been knocked gallely-west by the European war, which robbed the city of a large part of its shipping. The movie interest brought with it a weekly payroll of between thirty and forty thousand dollars, and the great majority of those dollars stay right in Jacksonville, for it is a well-known fact that movie folk are good spenders.

People at Mont Clare, Montgomery county, saw a white sparrow in a flock of the regular colored type.

The Herculean strength of John D. Jr., has not recently been made public by the announcement through the following headline in a State contemporary: "John D. Jr. Backs Church."

"Brevity is the soul of wit" among the dwellers in the trenches of the French, if we are to believe the reports that are sent out through the mail, stereotyped cards with lines "I am well," "I am sick," "I have been wounded," etc., printed thereon. The writer crosses out all that do not suit his case. Earl Wolfe, a Lewisburg boy, has written to his aunt and the card which he sent informs her that so far he has escaped a German bullet.

Founders' Day and the dedication of Science Hall will be observed at Juniata College, Huntingdon, a week from yesterday.

The only history ever written of the soldiers from Snyder county will appear in the columns of the Snyder County Tribune starting May 5. All letters from prospective subscribers going to Selinsgrove will not have to pass through the hands of censors.

The Reading News-Times speaks with fine feeling and careful discrimination when it says that "the old ladies of both sexes advise the boys to remove their ball game to some quiet place where they won't annoy anyone." "Somebody's allus takin' the joy out of life."

A lover of horses, a theatrical

Evening Chat

Purchase of the Oliver property, long occupied by the store of the Misses Gutelius, in Second street, just opposite the Bolton, by C. Ross Boas brings to mind some interesting things in connection with properties in that part of the city. Originally this lot, which extends through to Fahnestock alley, faced on Walnut street, the lots running around and the property owners agreed to open Fahnestock alley in 1802. The first transfer of the property in the chain of title which was prepared for the new owner shows that one of the sons of John Harris, the Founder, sold it in 1788, three years after the town was laid out, to Niccolò Lovato. In 1812 the lot came into the possession of Frederick Boas, who was a relative of the new owner. Among the owners were Henry McKinney, J. S. Oliver and A. K. Fahnestock. The Oliver people took the lot in 1845 and have held it ever since. For years it was occupied by a jewelry store, the original location of the Walnut street is not generally known, although it will be noticed in Mulberry, Chestnut, Market and other streets. The original location of the cross streets, although now facing on those running north and south.

Listen to this canoist's rhapsody: "Speaking of 'preparation' measures of the canoists for Spring, perhaps you've noticed the signs of approaching summer yourself. If you haven't, there's no better way to form the canoes of the work-a-day than by a few hours' outing in a canoe. At the present stage of the river a stiff spin across the middle waters of the creek, from 'Hardscrabble' to the mouth of the Conodoguinet will loosen up your muscles and take the 'kinks' out of your back. When you're loafing along a little and glide around the piers of the railroad bridges and linger beneath the overhanging banks of the hill that rises Gibraltar like from the water's edge below, you'll find the moss is just as lush as ever. You'll feel like exploring the picturesque stream as far as at least as the first dam, where you will find grim evidence of winter's destructiveness in the form of rushing waters that gush through the breaks caused in the old dam by the ice flows. If you are venturing big icicles, winter's last stroke, hold, melting away beneath the warm breath of Spring's breeze. Here and there you may see the early arbutus result when the white blossoms of the hillside and early in the moss is just a little more green."

Seeing a German band along Third street the other evening caused a man who used to do considerable work on the broad highways of publicity to tell a story. He was out West, away out West, and he was with a group of his comrades was to strike the same town when he did. So he wired that he would meet him there with a committee and a band. A couple of newspapers picked up the story and he was that So and So was to meet him that afternoon. One of the scribes belonged to an organization which had just entertained a United States senator and he dug up some foot-long badges marked "Reception Committee." They started for the train, and what should they run into but a German band. The result was that the twelve members of the road did arrive the band and committee were there to meet him.

How the epidemic of measles is actually affecting the business of the Dauphin County Court was strikingly demonstrated yesterday when at the opening of the trial a common pleas clerk, seven of the twelve jurors were asked to be excused from jury duty gave as their reason "measles in the family." One man, who declared his illness was absolutely fatal, was essential, explained that he has a family of three youngsters, one of which is just recovering from measles, another is now recovering from it, and the third is recovering from the childhood disease only to develop symptoms of the more deadly illness of pneumonia, aggravated by the measles attack.

It's funny the way articles remain in files long after the ruins have been swept by the winds and rains. There are a number of articles which were naturally taken out as soon as the fire was over. In one of the Fourth street buildings destroyed by fire last summer there is a bed frame which is still in the files. The bed frame is naturally taken out as soon as the floor is mostly burned away, but the bed stands, and the iron work rises above the rubbish.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —Dr. W. H. Mosteller, of the Phoenixville board of health, is urging inspection of all cellars and basements. —E. J. Morris Wood, of Conshohocken, has written that his son has joined the English army. The Wood family is prominent in that part of the State. —Robert D. Dripps, former director of safety in Philadelphia, will run for Congress. —President H. H. Apple, of Franklin and Marshall College, is to be the speaker at the Juniata College fortieth anniversary.

Unhyphenated "What nationality are you?" I asked a foreigner, "I am an American, and I'm quite proud of it." "Ich bin ein gute Amerikaner."

I met another down the street Who answered with a cheerful grin "Who's my countryman?" "I'm American." "So you are, and I'm American!"

To one who loitered near the spot To put the query once again, And here's the answer that I got: "Are bane a gude Amerikaner!"

Still farther on I chanced to see "Do 'nationale," responded he, "I gooda da Amahrigone."

I met a lonesome looking guy, "What breed are you?" I asked him "My dad was raised in old York State." —Walter G. Doty in Life

Does Newspaper Advertising Pay? A large paint manufacturer asked this question of retailers throughout the country: "I believe that advertising in the local paper brings new customers to see into my store and that it keeps the old ones trading here. I do not trace any per cent. of advertising to this kind of advertising. I know that everything that goes on the paper is read as I have the people tell me about it. I do know that I bought almost as much paint in 1915 as in the two years previous and that I did much more advertising in the paper in 1915." (Continued to-morrow)

OUR DAILY LAUGH

PUZZLE. What is Willie going to do?

POOR SPORT. The Hunter: Humph! Mr. Roosevelt must've been along ahead of me! I ain't seen a snow-bird or a rabbit all day!

FOUNDER'S DAY AND THE DEDICATION OF SCIENCE HALL WILL BE OBSERVED AT JUNIATA COLLEGE, HUNTINGDON, A WEEK FROM YESTERDAY.

THE ONLY HISTORY EVER WRITTEN OF THE SOLDIERS FROM SNYDER COUNTY WILL APPEAR IN THE COLUMNS OF THE SNYDER COUNTY TRIBUNE STARTING MAY 5. ALL LETTERS FROM PROSPECTIVE SUBSCRIBERS GOING TO SELINSGROVE WILL NOT HAVE TO PASS THROUGH THE HANDS OF CENSORS.

THE READING NEWS-TIMES SPEAKS WITH FINE FEELING AND CAREFUL DISCRIMINATION WHEN IT SAYS THAT "THE OLD LADIES OF BOTH SEXES ADVISE THE BOYS TO REMOVE THEIR BALL GAME TO SOME QUIET PLACE WHERE THEY WON'T ANNOY ANYONE." "SOMEBODY'S ALLUS TAKIN' THE JOY OUT OF LIFE."

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