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Of all bad things by which mankind are crushed Their own bad temper are surely the worst.

-RICHARD CUMBERLAND.

THE RIVER FRONT

TIME was when any improvement of the River Front was regarded as purely esthetic and unnecessary. In short, the impression rather generally prevailed that any expenditure along the river for the benefit of the people was a waste of public funds.

It is a question, however, whether it will not be necessary in some substantial way to riprap a section of the slope extending from the granolithic walk at the bottom to the average flood stage of the river.

It was not reasonable to expect that the newly-filled section between "Hardscrabble" and Maclay street would entirely resist a ravaging flood; it is remarkable that no more damage has been done.

Engineers have been quoted as favoring the use of river stone in riprapping the bottom of the slope and six or eight feet above the granolithic walk.

But whether the riprapping is done or not, it is certain that the people of Harrisburg realize what the cleaning up of the lower river line has meant in the way of health and beauty.

A GREAT HIGHWAY SYSTEM AS showing the widespread interest in the improvement of highways and landscape designing, the United States Senate has just directed the printing as a public document of an address delivered by Cyrus Kehr, of Knoxville, Tenn., before the American Civic Association at Washington.

This address discussed in detail the planning of cities with respect to contiguous country and the prime importance of permanent highways for national, civil and military use.

This thought is in exact conformity with the view presented a short time ago by Warren H. Manning, who insists that Harrisburg is the pivotal city through which the great national trunk lines must pass in the construction of a comprehensive highway system.

It is obvious that the coming of the automobile has compelled a change of thought and the public attitude toward the general building of roads. It is no longer possible for country and city authorities to neglect the interests which depend so largely upon accessible highway communication.

In the proposed William Penn highway, extending from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, it is going to be necessary to disregard some local demands

in the interest of service for the greater population along this route. Feeder roads can easily be established so that all the communities within reasonable distance may be accommodated in the construction of the new highway.

VACATION PAY FOR TEACHERS

STATISTICAL and official reports of municipal and other activities contain much of inspiration if they are read in the right way and with an open mind.

One cannot peruse these official statements without a feeling of pride in what has been achieved in so short a period. Dr. Downes tells the story in a modest, yet convincing manner, and concludes with the hope that the achievements of these few years are to be prophetic of infinitely better and greater things for the future.

Of course, all interested in the schools are now looking forward to the proposed Central High school building which will be the high water mark of the decade in school architecture.

But there is still one other thing remaining that exact justice may be done a fine corps of teachers. Under present conditions the school term ends in June and these faithful workers are then given a vacation of almost three months—WITHOUT PAY.

While splendid headway has been made during the last fifteen years in the matter of school buildings and school facilities generally, and while the average compensation has been increased for all teachers, the record of achievement here will lack something until full pay for teachers is provided all the year around.

Mayor Meals and his police officers will have the everlasting gratitude of all fair-minded citizens in the evident determination of the department to suppress the "cut-out" fad.

THE LATEST EPIDEMIC THIS is written by way of warning Health Officer Rankin that he has a new epidemic on his hands; one, too, that promises to be even more prevalent and violent than the measles outbreak.

THE DEVASTATING GOLF BUG is again in our midst, and woe to him who is bitten. The treatment is the same this year as last.

SPRECKELS AND WILSON RUDOLPH SPRECKELS, the Sugar King, in Washington last week, expressed himself as follows:

I voted for Wilson last time because I could not support Taft or leave the party when Roosevelt did. This time I could not support Roosevelt because of his inconsistency in going back with the same men he fought in 1912.

Spreckels is one of the big beneficiaries of the Wilson administration. The Sugar Trust profited to the extent of many millions by the free trade policies of the Democrats.

Democrat. Now he is frightened and displeased by the President's chance of front on the sugar tariffs. He is politely serving notice on the administration that he is in a bad humor and that unless something is done about the sugar duties better suited to Trust interests than at present seems likely, there will be no contributions to the Democratic campaign funds next Fall.

Politics in Pennsylvania

The contest between the rehabilitation and reorganization factions of the State DeLigne is on with vigor all over the State and Democrats in every county are being aligned. The absence of a war chest and the arrangement working, is said to be mad clean through and to contemplate lining up his partisans everywhere they can be found.

—According to a very short statement made at Detroit last evening by Henry Ford's peace secretary, Theodore DeLigne, the automobile builder will make no move whatever to have his name placed on the presidential preference ballot in Pennsylvania.

—The Philadelphia Record to-day says: "An eleventh hour trick of the Brumbaugh supporters to confuse and frustrate candidates for national delegates who are known to be opposed to the Governor's presidential candidacy was 'called' by United States Senator Penrose yesterday, before its design could be accomplished."

—The activities of Factory Inspector Knight are being followed by the Labor and Industry, appear to have been getting into the newspapers lately. Knight is a candidate for ward committeeman and has started something in the nature of a controversy.

—Mayor Smith does not seem to be dispirited seriously the attacks upon him by the Brumbaugh Campaign Committee: "I am with Governor Brumbaugh in this contest because I believe he stands for better government."

—The following telegram from former Deputy Attorney General Fredrick W. Scranton was given out late last night by the Brumbaugh Campaign Committee: "I am with Governor Brumbaugh in this contest because I believe he stands for better government."

—The papers filed for Senator Beideman yesterday contained 16,158 names. There are eighteen papers to come in.

—The petitions for Republican alternates from this congressional district were filed yesterday. They are for Dr. R. Allen, Carlisle and William J. Noll, Cornwall, Pa. The Washington delegates will be C. E. Landis, Harrisburg, and Harry Hertzler, of Carlisle.

—J. L. Yoder, a Harrisburg engineer, filed a petition to run for the House in the Harrisburg district on the Socialist ticket.

—Eighteenth district Socialists have put forward George A. Steiner of Newmarket, for Congress.

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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

AN EXAMINATION OF YOUR SON'S POCKETS WILL REVEAL THAT SPRING IS HERE



-From the Columbus Dispatch.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

-If Dorothy Arnold isn't careful, Charley Ross is going to become jealous.

-Now if we can only treat with Carranza as procrastinately as the Kaiser has been able to treat with us, all will be well.

-"Shoe," says a trade journal, "will be higher than ever next summer." Going after the girls' skirts, we suppose.

-If the crew of the submarine that torpedoed the Sussex has been captured, why not hang 'em?

-We wonder if it is a "little man from Egypt" who prompts men to leave work they know they ought to do to go golfing or fishing.

-Those who have been mourning for Villa may now take the crepe off their arms.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Sometimes we almost think that there are some things about this administration that don't entirely suit Mr. Roosevelt.—Boston Transcript.

One difference between von Tirpitz and Daniels is that there is a good opening down there for a new revolution conducted on sound, conservative lines.—Chicago Herald.

Every time T. R. attacks W. W. one is reminded of the fact that the ruin and degradation T. R. brought upon this country by getting W. W. elected.—Springfield Republican.

Felix Diaz has just landed in Mexico in the belief that there is a good opening down there for a new revolution conducted on sound, conservative lines.—Chicago Herald.

Cheerfulness

Leigh Mitchell Hodges, formerly of Kansas City and Mexico, Mo., is the "Optimist" editor of the Philadelphia North American. He goes about from place to place looking for sunny spots and cheery people and things so he can write about them and thus encourage other folk to be light hearted.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

NO GOOD FEED? Mr. Bug: Enjoy your vacation in the mountains!

Mr. Mosquito: Nope, I got stung there.

HE WAS RIGHT. Wife: Mrs. Nextdoor says you flirt something awful.

Hubby: That's a boost. Would you want me to flirt like an expert?

DIXIE GOES AHEAD

A City Without Voters By Frederic J. Haskin

HOPEWELL, Virginia, in a few months will be a first-class city with a Mayor and Council, excellent police and fire departments, schools, churches, hospitals and every thing else that a city needs—except voters.

There are only about a hundred and fifty qualified voters in the town right now, and it will have to wait two years before holding its first municipal election.

All the time that Hopewell was struggling through crime and fire without any government, there was a constantly growing demand among the better citizens for some kind of control.

The greatest attention is being given to the organization of Hopewell's police force under his new charter.

Another law the State Legislature had to pass for the special benefit of Hopewell provides that when more than half the area of a first-class city is assessed as acreage, a new assessment may be ordered.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Just at this critical moment when delegates to the national convention are being selected, the question of being pledged or unpledged, is becoming a paramount issue in the minds of some people.

The Washington Observer complains that a contemporary in the next county is "cribbing" its originalities, which is bad.

"Judge So-and-so has received his touring car looking spick and span as a new car, after having it done over," says a State paper.

Ruff Creek news reports a birthday party at Miss Pettit's house in honor of her brother the other day.

The general outlook for a big apple crop during the coming season is good, according to the extension agent of the Cambria county Farm Bureau.

Among the "social whirl" notes of a small town it is gleamable that an annual party for a certain dancing class was held last week.

Measles has restored vision to the impaired eyes of a Bloomsburg boy who lost his sight just a year ago through an attack of diphtheria.

Says the Philadelphia North American, "Success always breeds jealousy. The religious editor of a Philadelphia newspaper asserts that 'Billy Sunday' is making too much money."

The flush of victory was enhanced in Pittsburgh the other morning by another flush following directly upon the first with killing effect.

Evening Chat

An interesting and at the same time, enlightening idea of just how the town of Harrisburg was regarded in 1789, five years after it was laid out by John Harris, the younger, is furnished by the first Gazetteer of Pennsylvania, which is being reviewed by William Perrine in the Evening Bulletin, of Philadelphia.

Capitol Park Policemen Shea and Lane are looking for what would happen to them if the squirrel couple of the State squirrels for malicious mischief.

April divorce court as a rule always produces the latest styles in Spring millinery, but yesterday's session was more than ordinarily colorful with the variety of shades in flowers and ribbons and feathers.

THE STATE FROM DAY TODAY Thirty pretty little girls have been parading the streets of Erie soliciting money for the building fund of the churches of that city.

Among the nominating petitions filed yesterday was one from Captain J. Beaver Gearhart, of Danville. He will be a Republican candidate for the Legislature from Montour county.

THE WELL KNOWN PEOPLE Congressman Grist, who has been ill, is dining at the seashore.

DO YOU KNOW That this is one of the great distributing centers for coal traffic?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first Harrisburg Academy is supposed to have been located in Walnut street.

Short Talk to Retailers You are anxious to increase business? You want more customers, do you?

Read this daily and particularly read its advertising.

If you see an article advertised that is in your line, push it into the light—push it into your window. Show it to your counter.