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For the love of God is broader Than the measures of man's mind, And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.

—FABER.

THE STATE'S METROPOLIS.

In his rather remarkable speech at the Bellevue-Stratford banquet of independent and stalwart Republicans U. S. Senator Penrose placed himself squarely upon record as opposed to further contractor rule in that city—generally and specifically. He likewise made clear his present and future opposition to a certain prominent contractor who is said to be scheming to become mayor of the metropolis.

But all this aside, the outstanding and significant feature of recent outgivings in Philadelphia, which took form and substance in Senator Penrose's declaration against a continuance of the impossible and intolerable conditions, is the promise of absolute divorce of Republican leadership in Philadelphia from the domination of contractors and other selfish interests.

This newspaper, voicing as it believes the true Republican sentiment of the State, has frequently protested against the bickering and dissensions of the alleged leaders in Philadelphia and their presumptuous efforts to embroil the party in purely local controversies.

It must be understood, however, that any movement destined to eliminate contractor rule in nominations and elections will utterly fail unless the exclusion extends to all contractors and factions. Senator Penrose put the whole matter in concrete shape when he said:

The influence of contractors or contractor government in Philadelphia has long been a subject of reproach among the Republicans of Pennsylvania and throughout the United States. It has constituted a detriment to the development of the city and a handicap to the Republican party in the State and our influence in the nation.

Too long the fair city of Philadelphia, the citadel of Republicanism and the exponent of everything that is creditable in American civilization and development, has been hamstringed and retarded in its expansion by the little men who have been permitted to use a great party—jealous of its great policies and traditions while indifferent to the cankering influence of small things—for their own ends and purposes.

Senator Penrose, Governor Brumbaugh and all the potential leaders of the great party which is at this very crisis regarded as the instrumentality through which the United States shall be restored to its proper place in the family of nations must put aside all personal considerations in the casting out of those influences which have steadily undermined the strength and effectiveness of the Republican organization in Philadelphia and elsewhere.

When the senior representative of Pennsylvania in the Senate at Washington declares his solemn purpose to dedicate himself to the task of eliminating this baneful influence and in opposition to contractor domination

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman

Three answers to the Penrose speech within 24 hours, a claim by Penrose headquarters that the battle is over and the governor, routed, threats to take Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, into court and some active campaigning by Democratic rivals coupled with rumors that men connected with departments of the State government are to be given orders to "line up" have served to start off the week before the primary with a chili.

Senator Penrose's speech drew fire from Attorney General Brown and Senator Vare on Saturday and last night Congressman Vare made a vigorous attack on the senator, whose headquarters pressed out a statement which added to the din. In the midst of it all the governor is out in the western end of the State, talking to his constituents, lecturing to lists, employers and strikers so that the commonwealth of Pennsylvania does not want for excitement.

Senator Vare in his reply to the senator said that the Penrose "ravings" were those of a loser, denied that he was in the garbage business and said that his contracting was out in the open. Attorney General Brown declared that for Senator Penrose to talk patriotism was sacrilege and denounced him for intimating that politics was being injected into the Public Service Commission, denying that he had "coerced" the governor into staying in the fight.

Penrose headquarters last night put out a statement which drew caustic comments from his rivals because of prophetic in 1912. This statement declared that "reports from every county in the state indicate a collapse" of the Brumbaugh movement.

Formerly, under the import duty law, we made the foreigner pay a considerable portion of our taxes. We relieved him of that burden and substituted income and stamp taxes which the Democratic administration has required the American people to pay.

It having been reported that the Maxim Munitions Company has purchased the Enright two-cent-a-gallon gasoline substitute formula for a million dollars, it's good-by to two-cent gasoline. Munition factories are looking for profits and are not accustomed to small dividends.

More interesting even than the news of this alleged discovery is the announcement by Henry Ford that chemists in his extensive laboratories at Detroit have been at work for some years seeking a gasoline substitute. Working systematically and scientifically, unharmed and amply supported in a financial way, these chemists will one day attain their end, and then Mr. Ford will have a cheap automobile fuel as well as cheap automobiles.

Higher prices in Harrisburg these days than the finished product brought only a few years ago. Don't despise the junk. There are dollars hidden away in it. The "ragman" used to be a bugaboo with which to frighten naughty children. To-day he is one of the most prosperous business men in the community.

There is a junk story from the Far East: A Japanese ragman of excellent speech and manner has been making a canvass, offering to buy all the old junk offered. Instead of paying cash he gives a coupon good at a certain bank, where it must be left untouched for a certain number of years.

Junk money is apt to be regarded as "easy money" and spent foolishly. While it is easy money, it should be conserved to usefulness and not wasted. The careful housewife uses one method, the Japanese junk man another, but both tending in the right direction. We can teach our children no better lesson than to avoid waste, but avoiding all possible waste to so use the junk that it will prove a lasting benefit. Save your junk and save the money your junk turns in.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY UNCLE SAM PUTS ON HIS BUSINESS CLOTHES

Uncle Sam, depicted in a military-style uniform, stands atop a pile of political and administrative labels. The labels include 'THEORY', 'ADMINISTRATIVE', 'MISCELLANEOUS', 'THEORY OF MUDDLING', 'UNCONSTITUTIONAL', 'POLITICAL PORK', 'UNNECESSARY', 'OFFICIAL BUNDLES', 'WASTE', 'ROLLING BILLS', 'ROBERT CARTER'S', 'METHODS', 'OLD FASHIONED METHODS', 'USELESS LEGISLATION', 'OFFICIAL IGNORANCE', 'GRAFTING', and 'WASTE'. He is holding a sign that says 'UNCLE SAM'S BUSINESS CLOTHES'.

UNCLE SAM: "Well, it looks as if this concern needed a business manager."

Such is fame—136 State College boys couldn't give the name of the Vice-President of the United States. Caruso is going to volunteer for Italy. Maybe they'll take him for bandmaster or choir leader. Villa's body may lie mouldering in the grave, but his spirit goes marching on. An automobilist who was charged 27 cents for gasoline hit the garage owner over the head with a club, and the police had the nerve to arrest him. For a man guilty of the things the Democrats charged against "Uncle Joe" Cannon four years ago, he appears to be mighty popular with his political adversaries just now.

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Just because Washington said: "In time of peace prepare for war," is no reason why we should wait till the war is over before beginning on preparedness.—Philadelphia North American. The freight on a \$550 order of shoes sent to South America from Boston the other day was \$1.50. Heads of families in Patagonia must be pretty nearly ready for the way to end.—Boston Transcript. The German societies that are sending protests to Congress against a rupture with Germany might promote peace equally well by sending protests to Berlin against a rupture with America.—Springfield Republican.

WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB LEARNED OF THE CITY [Questions submitted to members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and their answers as presented at the organization's annual "Municipal Quiz."] North Division street from River to Cameron street; Maclay street from Cameron to Thirteenth street; Hamilton street from Thirteenth to a point 150 feet east of Fifteenth street; Regina street from 150 feet east of Eighteenth street to Twenty-third street; Rudy street from Twenty-third street to Eastern City Line (Twenty-ninth street). East—Line 150 feet east of Eighteenth street and Cona street from Southern City Line to F. and R. Railway; Twenty-ninth from F. and R. Railway to Rudy street; Twenty-third street from Rudy street to Regina street; Line 150 feet east of Eighteenth street from Whitehall street to Hamilton street; Thirteenth street from Hamilton street to Maclay street; Cameron street from Maclay street to Division street.

Not Expected You are not expected to travel beyond the line of human endurance in your efforts to win; but you were called here to sink or swim.—The Silent Partner. The Chamberlain Bill [Chicago Tribune.] Though amended and passed under pressure of serious emergency, the Chamberlain bill does not represent haste. On the contrary, it is the result of long study and deliberation. It is a great pity it must now face the process of compromise which takes place in conference committees. It ought to be passed by the time it stands, and perhaps in this crisis this may be accomplished.

True Happiness Happiest boy in all the land, Spite of fate, Is he who's "working like a slave" Digging bait. —Memphis Commercial Appeal. A paen to spring Who can doubt the power of Spring, when the blossoms are alive with riotous color, the leaves and grass are green, and up from the earth wells the fragrance of the life-giving soil. Look about you at the faces of your neighbors and observe the cordiality with which one greets another on the day when Spring in all its glory bursts forth with every sign of life. There is a sure reaction upon all forms of grouch and unhappiness. Gloom fades like mist before the sun and the impulse is strong upon man to imitate the colt and frisk in the open. Baseball, golf, tennis, long walks in the country, canoes, all are healthful forms of working off the surplus energy which Spring stores up in the average individual, before the Spring fever has a chance to exert its insidious influence.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

UNCLE SAM, TRAPPER

By Frederic J. Haskin

IN order to help the far western states rid themselves of the predatory animals that are destroying their livestock, Uncle Sam has recently increased his activities as a trapper until he now has one of the most efficient organizations in the world for catching wild animals. The trapping of all sorts of creatures from sparrows and mice to ferretted bears and timber wolves has been carefully studied by the naturalists of the Biological Survey, and if there is anything you want to know about the subject, they are prepared to inform you.

By a recent act of Congress, a sum of money was appropriated for exterminating the predatory animals of the Western States, where millions of dollars' worth of livestock are destroyed by wolves, panthers, coyotes, bobcats and bears every year. In Wyoming alone over a million dollars' worth of sheep are destroyed annually by wild animals, chiefly coyotes. There are some sections of the West where these little wolves regularly kill about ten per cent of the Spring lambs. In some of the mountain districts of New Mexico, panthers, or mountain lions as they are locally called, kill nearly all of the colts born on the range.

For a long time heavy bounties have been offered by most of the Western States for the killing of these animals, and the professional "wolf hunter" has become a well-known figure in the West. The work, however, is not sufficiently well organized to bring the best results, and a great deal of fraud has been practiced, too, as it is quite possible to make artificial "wolf scalps." The needed element of organization has been introduced by the Biological Survey. The whole of the western country where damage is done by predatory animals has been divided into eight sections, and an inspector and a number of trappers have been stationed in each. There are now more than a hundred of these government trappers in the field to-day. They are carefully selected from among the local hunters and trappers, and a very efficient corps has been built up. Each trapper receives \$75 a month, and the pelts of the animals taken belong to the government. The best of these are added to the collection of the National Museum, for which the Biological Survey has undertaken to make a complete collection of the native fauna of the United States.

As the area to be covered embraces all of the Western States from Texas to the Canadian border, it will take a long time to exterminate the pests, but rapid progress is being made. In the six months from July to January last over 3,000 animals were taken by the government hunters. Since the first of January the force of trappers has been considerably increased, so that doubtless a much larger number of animals will be taken in the next six months.

All of these pelts were sent to Washington where those not desired for the government scientific collections were sold at public auction, bringing an average price of \$2.50 each. Most of them were wolf and coyote skins, though there were a considerable number of bobcats and bears, and a few skunks. The work has recently been extended into Nebraska and North Dakota.

FORECAST OF BALLOTING With nearly all the delegates to the Republican national convention elected and with the sentiment of the delegates fairly well known, either through the instructions of the primaries or the expressions of the delegates themselves, a forecast of the first ballot has been prepared in Washington which has aroused the interest of observers. It is not official, obviously, but deserves attention because it is the result of careful research by "men who know their business." The following table is the opinion of careful students of the first ballot:

Table listing candidates and their vote counts: Sherman 90, Root 120, Fairbanks 140, Cummins 140, Hughes 85, La Follette 75, Weeks 120, Ford 30, Knox 65, Du Pont 5. Includes a note about a single candidate within hundreds of delegates of victory.

OUR DAILY LAUGH SMART GIRL Wilder hired a girl to make a card index for him. "Well? he had to hire the same girl at an increased salary to run it for him—and every time she takes a holiday the business comes to a standstill."

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg steel is used for making surgical instruments? HISTORIC HARRISBURG William Maclay's house was considered out in the country for many years.

CAN'T SAY NO TO A WOMAN! A politician ascribed the progress of the suffrage movement to the fact that "no" just said "NO" to a woman.

WISÉ KIDDIES! By Wing Ding. A friend of mine who has a boy Should take our youngsters fishing, Which I did agree to do. We said we'd keep it secret, though, And not put the youngsters wise But some day soon, just say we'd go And take them by surprise.