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SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 20.

And it shall be, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. —Acts 2:21.

GIVE THEM FLOWERS, NOW. AGAIN the Grand Army veterans have asked for donations of flowers with which on Memorial Day to decorate the graves of their comrades who are sleeping their long sleep 'neath the sods of the cemeteries.

We of the younger generations should give without stint. In the light of what is happening in Northern France, in Poland and elsewhere in blood-stained Europe, we better realize to-day than ever before that the boys of '61, who stood between their "loved land and the war's desolation," did for the North when the gray-clad hosts swept up to and over the Mason and Dixon line.

It would be a pretty and an appropriate thing if every boy and girl in Harrisburg were given a bouquet and sent to the post rooms on the eve of Memorial Day. Such a visitation would be more than a tribute to the veterans, dead and alive; it would be a great lesson in patriotism for the youth of the city.

Again the menace of the non-partisan judiciary scheme is demonstrated in the possible nomination of a candidate almost unknown over Justice Walling, now serving the unexpired term of the late Justice Elkin. All over the State the popular assumption was that Justice Walling would be practically unopposed. Even Mr. Palmer, the possible nominee, has no "net recovered from his surprise."

THIS STATE AT CHICAGO PENNSYLVANIA will have a large part in the work of the Republican national convention at Chicago. It is, therefore, vitally necessary to the welfare of the State and the nation that the representatives of a great party shall compose what differences now divide their counsels and present to the country a harmonious and united front. It matters little who is who in Philadelphia so far as party leadership is concerned, but it matters a great deal whether the potential power of Pennsylvania in the great convocation of this crucial year shall be frittered away in fruitless and unnecessary factional war.

No other State will go to Chicago representing greater interests and it is extremely important that the controversies which have engaged the thought and activities of the party leaders shall be terminated to the end that the delegation at Chicago may sit under the banner of the State a unified force in the councils of the party.

It ought to be plainly evident to all who are interested in Republican success this year that a continuance of factional bickering can only benefit the common enemy and accomplish nothing from the standpoint of the Republican party. Surely the lesson of the recent primary is clear enough to be understood by those who really desire to interpret its meaning. The great body of Republicans have no wish to engage further in factional reprisal and since the fruits of victory last Tuesday are not particularly palatable there ought to be little difficulty in reaching a common ground of agreement and harmony of action.

ORGANIZED EVANGELISM THE proposal of the Presbyterian assembly to put evangelism on an organized basis in the United States, with the object of procuring greater efficiency in this method of spreading the gospel and eliminating the commercial feature from evangelistic campaigns, will have the ready approval of many who have given thought to the matter. There seems to be little doubt that clever but unscrupulous men have been using this branch of religious effort for money-making purposes. Not all of the evangelists who have received large returns for their work are insincere, but it is unquestionably true that the thought of "gate receipts" has entered into many campaigns to such an extent as to injure the cause of the church in the eyes of the very person whom the church, through the revivalist, was trying to reach.

We have been underpaying the local minister and greatly overpaying the traveling evangelist. Organization and proper pay for evangelists would do

away also with sensation mongers and unscrupulous persons who have been posing as "evangelists" while engaged principally in feathering their own nests.

OUR CITY PLANNERS ALL over the country the importance of city planning is receiving serious consideration. Many of the older cities are now undulating at enormous expense what ought never to have been done. Newer cities are utilizing the mistakes of the older municipalities and are planning along modern lines. Replying to a correspondent as to the object of a city planning board under a new charter for that city, the Kansas City Star illustrates the work of the planners in this way:

If you live in the Southeastern part of the city and have to make a long trip west and then another north to get downtown, you are suffering from the lack of a city planning commission in Kansas City. For such a commission would have planned for thoroughfares, and you could have come downtown on the short cut instead of on the long side of a right angle. When the city was small the need of such short cuts was not felt. But a city planning board would have looked ahead, with the experiences of other cities in mind, and would have planned against the day of expansion. That illustrates one of the things such a board would do. Other duties are suggested in the provision for a city planning board in the new charter of the National Municipal League. The board is to keep itself informed of the progress of city planning in this and other countries. It is to make studies and recommendations for the improvement of the plan of the city with a view to facilitating the movement of traffic, "the convenience, health, recreation, general welfare and other needs of the city dependent on a city plan;" and to report on proposed streets, bridges and public buildings and on the laying out of new subdivisions of the city. It is to see that a modern city is much too complicated an affair to be allowed to just grow. Somebody should be in a position to study its problems and to direct its growth.

This is precisely what the City Planning Commission of Harrisburg is now doing. Its work is constructive and of great importance to the community. The labors of the five progressive and public-spirited men comprising the commission are not always understood by the general public, but that does not in any degree lessen the high character of their service. They realize what must be done and are going about it in a quiet and effective way. It remains for the public at large and the several official bodies of the city to co-operate earnestly in this work so that the future Harrisburg may be even more attractive and more convenient than the present city.

THE DAYLIGHT HOURS THERE is now a movement on foot in Kansas City to increase the daylight hours of all workers. The plan provides that at a designated hour all clocks be moved one hour ahead. The business hours would remain the same as now so far as the clock was concerned. Workers accustomed to arrive at their place of employment at 8 o'clock would get there at the same hour by the clock, but, as a matter of fact, the correct time would be 7 o'clock. The clerk would leave at 5 o'clock, but, as a matter of fact, his hour of departure would be only 4. In the summer this would mean five hours of daylight before dark for recreation.

Kansas City's big merchants are said to be ready to join in some such plan and the discussion is creating widespread interest. This daylight plan simply means starting an hour earlier in the morning and quitting an hour earlier in the afternoon, but the face of the clock will represent the present hours of labor.

One of the Kansas City suggestions is to change the official time of that city and have the railroads co-operate so that there shall be no confusion. The idea originated in Europe and is at present working out satisfactorily in Germany, according to recent dispatches.

DEMOCRATIC "CIVIL SERVICE" THE Democrats of the Senate have again given proof of their "devotion" to the principles of civil service reform by refusing to provide that the employees of the proposed land bank board shall be taken from the certified list. They have provided, however, that these employees, once appointed without examination, may be covered into the classified service by executive order.

We can foresee the procedure. If the bill passes, a lot of Democratic henchmen will be given good jobs under it; and about the first of next March, just before Wilson leaves the White House, he will issue a proclamation covering all these deserving Democrats into the protection of the civil service rules.

NONPARTISAN SPEECHES IT would be interesting to see President Wilson smile to himself behind the scenes after he has made one of his nonpartisan speeches. It takes a clever man to put that over on an intelligent audience at the same time that he is trying to compromise with Tammany by throwing out the most competent postmaster New York City ever had, in order to make a place for a "deserving Democrat." The smile may come off in November.

ALL RIGHT SOON THE State Department has issued a circular chiding some of the ambassadors in Europe because they style themselves "Excellency." Never mind. After a short time they can all refer to themselves as Ex.

DANIELS NOT RESPONSIBLE CONGRESS appears to be in a fair way to pass a ship building bill that will go far toward giving the United States in as brief time as possible the foundation for an adequate navy. But if the measure goes through, the present Democratic administration will be in no wise responsible. Largely due to Republican efforts in the House naval affairs committee, the five-year program of Secretary Daniels has been overthrown and the recommendation made that the work of construction be completed as

rapidly as possible. What has been accomplished has been in spite of Daniels; not because of anything he has done.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

—Just so he'd be sure Ford would read it, Mr. Ford fixed it so that Detroit papers had to print the speech as a local item.

—The death lists of Villa bandits make it appear that it is not necessary for a repeating rifle to reiterate.

—The Star of Russia has just had a birthday, and we bet he looks younger than he did last year this time.

—Some daughters are so high-minded they won't even help mothers with the up-stairs work.

—The funniest announcement of the week is that W. J. Bryan has been engaged to write a newspaper report of the Republican convention.

—The Progressives will have grand opera singers fill in the waits in the Chicago convention—bound to have harmony at any cost.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Possibly the transfer of that Russian army to France was intended as a slap at Marshal von Hindenburg, who failed to keep them busy at home.—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

The New York World again insists that the Republican party nominate Wilson. It must be admitted that it might be possible to re-elect him that way.—Boston Transcript.

A genius has arisen who asserts he understands all the intricacies of both Nebraska and Pennsylvania politics.—N. Y. Sun.

Ambitious Politicians [Philadelphia Inquirer.] The people have refused to be led into factionalism. They have in a forcible manner recorded their disgust with bitter strife in a year when harmony is not only desirable, but essential. They have chosen him as a delegate-at-large to the Chicago convention. He will be elected by the vote of a member of the National Committee. This is his leadership assured.

At the same time they have ignored political attacks on Governor Brumbaugh. If Penrose is Senator, Brumbaugh is Governor. It is but proper that both Senator and Governor should attend the presidential convention as the leading representatives of the State. There never should have been any question to it. The original list of suggested delegates-at-large, which included the names of Penrose and Brumbaugh, ought to have been satisfactory. But private interests of ambitious politicians threw it to the winds and insisted upon a fight which was as unnecessary as it was disgusting.

A Mile With Me Oh, who will walk a mile with me Along life's merry way? A comrade lithe and full of glee Who dearest to me shall be, And let his frolic fancy play Like a happy child, through the flowers Where he walks a mile with me.

And who will walk a mile with me Along life's weary way? A friend whose heart has eyes to see The sun shine out o'er the darkening sea.

And the quiet rest at the end of the day A friend who knows and dares to say, The grave, sweet words that cheer the way.

Where he walks a mile with me, With such a comrade, such a friend, I find you walk till journey's end, Through summer sunshine, winter rain, And the "farewell," we shall meet again! —Henry Van Dyke.

Bits From the "Silent Partner" Few, very few real Americans are against preparedness—preparedness in its true meaning. They are opposed to militarism. And there is where we get our wires crossed.

He was run over by an automobile, and the coroner's jury called it a natural death.

My relatives are so gosh-darned poor they are always asking for help, or so wealthy that they don't notice me.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Incomplete and conflicting returns of Tuesday's primary election have not only prevented anything like accurate results being worked out, but have also exasperated people all over the State to such an extent that there are heard suggestions from many quarters for a return to the old convention system. The experience of the people of this State ever since the enactment of the statute which provided for county commissioners and certified to the State Capitol, which will then work up an official total for the State.

It heads the list through the result of the election for the public delegates and alternates-at-large and of the contest for the Republican ticket regular commercial traffic has been resumed.

It is a notable fact that although the public confidence in the Canal is perceptibly when the alidies blocked its channel the shipping never lost faith in it for a moment. All through the period of dredging, vessels kept coming to Colon and Balboa, ready to wait for a passage through the canal if the zone government would give them any assurance. But the officials would make no promise and the ships went their long way via the Straits of Magellan.

When the alidies blocked the Panama Canal, all the world knew it. Now that it has been reopened with a better prospect of remaining so than ever before, the fact is scarcely realized away from the zone. Three ships of the United States Navy passed through the big waterway in March and since that time regular commercial traffic has been resumed.

So the shipping world has kept its faith in the canal, and meantime the canal government, by means of its little railroad, has done its best to handle the business across the Isthmus. A dozen big liners have been wholly dependent on the Panama railroad, and they have been fairly well served, though not without a terrific straining of resources. The force of sea going cargo has been increased by six men, and it was run to capacity. It might have handled regular through business fairly well, but a great deal of cargo was delivered at the Atlantic terminals, to be trans-shipped when-

ever Pacific bottoms could be found to accommodate it. The shipping business was exceedingly lively. Vessels soon became booked with orders far ahead, and they began to refuse to receive the kinds of freight. Hence cargoes piled up mountain high on the great government terminals, leaving just space enough between the piles for the tolling trucks and black men to move about. The berths were filled with vessels waiting a chance to unload. Worst of all, rolling stock of the railroad was left under load when it was badly needed. The department declared an embargo on all cargo destined for points south of Callao.

Now the stress and overcrowding which has been relieved, and the Panama canal will take its place again in the world's commerce, better equipped to do its work than ever before. While the dredges have been clearing out Culiebra cut, great improvements have been under way at the Pacific terminals. An immense coaling plant, a drydock a thousand feet long, and new piers are now nearing completion. A new water tank has been built at Balboa, and a signal station established on the top of Sosa hill, which is 363 feet high and overlooks an important stretch of the canal. By means of a new water tank, it will be possible to control vessels from this eminence.

There is hardly a department of the canal government that has not strengthened itself while the canal was idle. The company's department, which has built up an immense business in fresh meat is laying out a pasture of forty thousand acres. The sea going cargo has been increased by six men, and it was run to capacity. It might have handled regular through business fairly well, but a great deal of cargo was delivered at the Atlantic terminals, to be trans-shipped when-

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."] Is it good business to construct permanent improvements by a bond issue, or by direct taxation? Based upon a loan of \$300,000.00, the interest charges and State tax, would the cost of the improvement be \$298,000.00. This means that the city pays on an average of \$6,000.00 in interest for each \$100,000.00 in addition to regular appropriations.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

UNCLE ON THE JOB



—From the Erie Dispatch.

THE PANAMA CANAL OPENS

By Frederic J. Haskin

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Evening Chat

Within the next month or so the State Board of Public Grounds and Buildings will take the first steps toward working out a plan for the improvement of the Capitol park extension, a recommendation being now before the board. The removal of the whole district to be added to the park so that the problems attending trolleys, highways, walks, trees, ornamentation and other details which will be involved in the big scheme can be threshed out. The properties of the district are to be turned over to the State by June 1, 1917, and likely all but those tied up in litigation will be ready before the time as the Capitol Park Extension commission has been doing splendid work. The feat that will get into court will not stay long because one case will likely furnish the precedent for the removal of the buildings is to follow in short order the expiration of the time limit. The survey work will give the Board the subject for its report. The State Legislature will have had careful study from many men in recent years. Planes and other hard wood trees have been placed in the Capitol park lately taking the place of the maples and other trees which were apt to suffer from heavy snows or storm.

Among those who will be present from the reports at the unveiling of an official stone marker at Fort Granville next, Tuesday, will be State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery and George F. Ross of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission and will make the principal address. Fort Granville is about a mile beyond Lewisburg and was destroyed by a large bomb may stay in the old ward, but the property of the type which have been placed in the park in recent years and some are not well located. However, they will be kept as long as possible and if the tree experts agree some may stay. The difficulty about trees in public grounds is that they have to be such as will withstand the weather and storms and the subject for the report will be a careful study from many men in recent years. Planes and other hard wood trees have been placed in the Capitol park lately taking the place of the maples and other trees which were apt to suffer from heavy snows or storm.

Senator Franklin Martin, of the Cumberland county, in the Millin district, who was renominated yesterday by the Republicans, has been unable to make much of a campaign because of breaking bones in his foot at West Fairview, where he was with his friends, however, saw that he did not need to worry.

Much attention was attracted here by the reports of the surgical work of Dr. Durwent Wood, the Englishman, whose father and mother lived here for a time and who is a relative of well-known Harrisburg people.

Another case in which Wood has driven a human wreckage is that of Dr. H. Ferguson, a member of the Canadian Field Artillery, who was badly wounded at Ypres on April 25, 1915. A piece of shell carried away his right eye entirely, and as the surgical report professionally puts it, "the surrounding structures" in the eye were broken up. It has been nothing to fix an artificial eye, and as in the case of Trooper Everett, his disfigurement was so appalling to behold that it is doubtful if he ever could have taken up his old trade, which was that of a machinist. Now with the upper part of his right cheek restored and what appear to be two perfectly good eyes beaming at you from behind spectacles, this youngster not only will be able to earn his living hereafter, but is going to get married, and the gratitude of his fiancée to Dr. Durwent Wood is only surpassed by his own.

"I spent months in experiments," said Wood, "before I undertook my first case. This was in December last, my patient being Trooper Everett. My marks, as we call them, consist of plates of thin copper, silvered and then painted to match the hue of the patient's skin."

Ex-Senator George W. McNeese, of Kittanning, who was here yesterday on business at the Capitol, has been the active spirit in the State geographical and topographical survey of the last few years and he will receive an extension of the work at the next session of the Legislature.

Col. Sheldon Potter, elected a transit director by the city councils of Philadelphia, was formerly on the National Guard staff.

Senator W. J. Burke, of Pittsburgh, who is likely elected a delegate-at-large, is a railroad conductor.

James A. Steese, chief clerk of the department of Labor and Industry, is trying his hand at mediating in the Wilkes-Barre strike.

Dr. R. J. Black, elected a delegate in Western Pennsylvania, used to be Mayor of McKeesport.

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg is a great center for distributing agricultural supplies?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first Cumberland Valley railroad bridge was one of the engineering feats in this section of the State.

Suicides and Alcohol In the June American Magazine Dr. E. B. Bowers says: "According to the United States mortality reports, 22 per cent. of the suicides in the United States are directly traceable to Intemperance. Between 1900 and 1908, it is estimated, 11,935 alcohol addicts died by their own hands."

OUR DAILY LAUGH

HER ACTIONS. Were her actions precipitous? Yes, she put up a great bluff.

EVEN THE SERVANTS. Maggie, if ye say ye'll marry me O'll get the ring tomorrow. Will ye? Yes, kin O'll see the ring?

Applied Proverb of Modern Business "A word in time saves nine." That applies to the proverbial stitch in the fabric of your message until the other fellow has gotten all the business. The few words you could use with less cost than the many it will take them. Advertise. Begin now. Don't wait to sound your message because they are alert folks, and want to know what is going on. They buy advertised brands and the merchants who invite their trade.