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Yet they, believe me, who await No gifts from chance, have conquered fate.

-MATTHEW ARNOLD.

MEMORIAL DAY

WHEN you lay a flower to-day on the grave of a soldier you honor the memory of a departed hero. But you do more than that. You not only pay tribute to the dead; you light a taper before the altar of the living, bright-shining spirit of patriotism.

Pessimists have been fond of telling us that patriotism in the United States is dead; that it has been sacrificed to the dollar; that we are a nation of money-grubbers, with our thoughts on material prosperity and our vision no higher than the topmost figure in the ledger of business. But that is not so. Perhaps it was true for a time we were like self-conscious boys who love their mothers with whole-hearted devotion, but who are bashful about expressing their feelings in public. Time was, and not so long ago, about the time that "spread-eagles" went out of fashion, that we wondered mightily as we stood to sing the "Star-Spangled Banner," for instance, what the other fellow thought about it. We were patriotic, but we were chary of displaying our sentiment. We feared we "might be overdoing it."

But times have changed and a new national consciousness has come to us in the past few years. Yesterday the Rotary Club stood to drink a silent toast to the soldier-dead and to sing the national anthem, and it was not an occasion either for mawkish sentiment or heroics. It was a simple ceremony; the men of the community voicing their admiration and veneration for the soldiers who stood "between their loved land and the war's desolation."

To-day the Technical High School boys laid a wreath on the soldiers and sailors' monument, and this, too, was a simple service, without pomp or circumstance. It was simply an expression of love and reverence for the men who marched away to "glory or the grave" at the call of their country.

A thousand other such scenes were enacted to-day. Their meaning is plain. Our men are no less lovers of the old flag than were their forefathers, and the honor they do the hallowed dead is but a guarantee that they, too, would make the great sacrifice as willingly and as courageously as did the Boys in Blue who sleep their long sleep beneath the blankets of blossoms strewn by loving hands to-day. Above the peace and quiet of the tomb shines the light of patriotic devotion, bright and eternal.

The last Democratic campaign—in fact, the entire Wilson campaign, beginning early in 1911, and ending in November, 1912, was conducted by William F. McCombs, who furnished nearly all the brains and raised most of the money. McCombs has the reward of whatever satisfaction he feels. McAdoo, who was not known in the Wilson campaign prior to the convention, was the chief recipient of political favors. McCombs will not be chairman of the National Committee in 1916.

WILSON'S PEACE SPEECH

PRESIDENT WILSON'S speech before the conference of the League to Enforce Peace at Washington Saturday night, as usual, lacks the definite note and is therefore disappointing to those who had expected him to outline some program to be followed by the administration during the remainder of the war and in the negotiations leading up to a treaty of peace. Indefiniteness clothed in high-sounding phrases is the President's besetting weakness, but in this instance he may be excused for not going on record, although the inference was plain in the newspaper dispatches from the White House that at last he did mean to speak plainly concerning his views and purposes in this respect.

The President, however, struck a popular note when he expressed himself in favor of the United States joining heartily in any such move as the League to Enforce Peace proposes, despite the fact that such a declaration is in open violation of the oft-repeated warning against American alliances with foreign nations. When Washington uttered his solemn protest against "entangling" relations he could not have foreseen such conditions as the world faces to-day and

any such thought as that expressed by the League to Enforce Peace was quite as impossible then as the use of aeroplanes in warfare at that early date. It is not fair, therefore, to the first President to quote his views on this subject as applying to-day and President Wilson is quite right in expressing the belief that the country is ripe for such an experiment as the league proposes.

"Jimmy" Lentz, the popular County Recorder, is not only a skillful politician, but a good citizen as well. To-day he headed a party of G. A. R. veterans, who were enabled by automobiles provided by him, to conduct Memorial Day exercises in all of the Upper End cemeteries, many of which otherwise would have been neglected.

ONE BOROUGH ADVISABLE

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS people in town meeting last evening appointed a committee to take up with Camp Hill borough council a proposal to unite with that borough. Ten years ago there was no such place as Washington Heights. To-day it is a thriving, enterprising community, destined to be the connecting link between Camp Hill and the river and clamoring for better government than the legal limitations of the township permit. The rapid development of this section is an illustration of the growth of the whole West Shore residential district. In the course of a very few years it is certain to become one of the big centers of population in this section of the State.

Its people are on the right track. To go into Camp Hill is the logical and natural step. The West Shore has too many boroughs as it is. To create another would add only confusion and expense.

To create a new borough at Washington Heights would necessitate the expense of a separate school system, the erection of a town hall, the expense of an additional board of health, fire department, highway commissioner, engineer, solicitor and what not.

On the other hand, with Washington Heights as a part of Camp Hill, one council would govern the whole and instead of having two borough governments to maintain the taxpayers would have but one, which would, of course cut down the tax rate.

Washington Heights and Camp Hill adjoin each other. To have two sets of officials to operate them would be like having two factories side by side, owned by the same people, making the same goods, and each operated by a different set of officials. Of course, it requires more to run two shops under two managements than to run two shops with one management, and the same applies to expenses of government. If Washington Heights wants to be a separate borough, it will have to "pay the piper." As a part of Camp Hill the economies of administration are too numerous to mention.

"Save yourselves labor by keeping your boys and their muddy shoes off your hardwood floors," says a newspaper "woman's page writer," but we have noticed that it is the happiest homes that occasionally "get all mused up" as the result of raids by muddy feet.

ON TO PLATTSBURG!

THE lure of Plattsburg is growing stronger as the time for holding the camps draws nearer and the number of citizen recruits grows steadily. At the present rate of increase it may be figured that within a week or ten days the total number of enrollments will be over ten thousand for the four camps, including the students' camp in July. A number of the cities that will send representative business and professional men to uphold the honor of the town for thirty days or more, are arranging plans to organize in advance for the purpose of getting a little preliminary training with a view to appearing somewhat less "green" on their arrival at camp. Wilkes-Barre and Johnstown are active in this respect, but it is doubtful if the plan is feasible for the reason that so little time can be profitably given by a busy man without devoting himself almost exclusively to the task.

Harrisburg will send a fair-sized delegation of students and businessmen to the July and August camps, but no effort has been made to actively recruit in this city. The truth is that men in large numbers would swarm to the camp if they felt they could give up a month in the middle of the summer. The hardships are nothing compared to the benefits that accrue and the constantly increasing enrollment of volunteers bears adequate testimony to that fact. At the present rate of increase in numbers, it will soon be a case of the supply surpassing the accommodations with a consequent decrease in desire for recruits on the part of those in charge. Better get on before the train starts. Mr. Business Man, you who want to go but can't quite make up your mind.

The selection of Frank A. Smith to be assistant chief secretary of the Chicago convention does honor to Dauphin county and is proper recognition of personality and ability. Mr. Smith is a man of charming manners and his ability as an organizer is demonstrated not alone in his own very successful business, but by the Taft campaign when he, as county chairman, was largely instrumental in carrying to victory the local Republican ticket at a time when the Progressives swept the county for Roosevelt.

It is strange that the Democrats are paying so much attention to the nomination of a Republican candidate for President, and trying to ignore the numerous important administrative mistakes which their own party has made. If they really wish to help in the promotion of good government, they can best serve that purpose by giving some attention to their own party affairs.

The Rotary Club set other organizations a good example yesterday by contributing to the Grand Army Decoration Day flower fund.

If Harrisburg doesn't look out, the West Shore will have a new High School before we have one here.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Returns of the primary election in every county in the State with the exception of Butler and Delaware have been recorded at the State Capitol and the names of the men elected to the various State committees have been certified so that they can meet to-morrow. If the returns from the two counties are received in time special certificates will be made out for them and the papers will be sent to the places of meeting.

The Republican, Democratic and Prohibition State committees will meet to-morrow under the primary law for organization, the former in Philadelphia and the Democrats and Prohibitionists in this city. Except for Butler and Delaware the tabulation of the votes cast for delegates-at-large is complete at the Capitol and as soon as the missing counties are heard from the totals will be computed. About two-thirds of the counties have filed returns on Congress-at-large, Supreme Court and other nominations.

The Republican party appears to be furnishing all of the excitement this year. The Brumbaugh people have decided that the call for the Republican State committee is legal and that they will not make any trouble, while their failure to refer to the election of national committeeman in the statements issued in the last twenty-four hours shows that they have given up any hope of defeating the election of Senator Boies Penrose as national committeeman. The real fight in the Republican party is over the national delegate honors. The Republican State committee will meet at 10:30 to-morrow morning in Philadelphia and the delegates at 2:30.

The Democratic State committee meeting will be held at the Board of Trade building at 11 o'clock to-morrow and contrary to recent gatherings of that organization there is no fight in sight. The reorganization and rehabilitation factions have apparently agreed to have a nice meeting, although of course this plan may be changed at any time. No one is ever safe in making a prediction on a Democratic State committee meeting although just now Palmer and Liebel are busy throwing bouquets at each other and the retirement of State Chairman Roland S. Morris eliminates one sore spot. Had Morris decided to run again there would have been a bitter row in the committee.

No one seems to know just who will be picked for the chairmanship, but the name of Joseph F. Guffey, the Allegheny county chairman is much mentioned. Senator W. W. Hindman of Clarion, is also in the front. It seems to be the general desire to keep the chairmanship out of Philadelphia. There was some talk to-day of James I. Blakeslee, assistant postmaster general and former secretary of the State but the general Jim is probably too busy in Washington fighting senators. A new secretary elected, resolutions approving the president will be adopted and Palmer will make a speech.

The Prohibition State committee will meet at its headquarters and elect State Chairman B. E. P. Prugh, who is putting the organization into good shape.

The Montgomery county Republican committee yesterday re-elected Freas Syter, Penrose man, as county chairman. The Brumbaugh people did not put up any contest.

The Philadelphia Bulletin comments upon the fact that not as many people attend presidential direct primaries, even in a year of a ruction, as attended the old-time primaries and thinks that more interest should be displayed.

Pittsburgh Democrats were all stirred up by a visit paid yesterday by Palmer. It was reported that he went to make sure that the Old Guard was going to be good to-morrow.

The Philadelphia official count shows that Ambler went 12,000 ahead of Snyder in that city. It was estimated that Ambler's friends that he would get 50,000 in the city. Knox polled the high vote with 146,000 with Kephart next with 133,000.

Friends of W. Templeton, Republican candidate for Congress in Luzerne, expect him to win this year against Congressman J. J. Casey.

The Philadelphia Record to-day says: "An alleged effort to prevent the meeting of the State Republican State committee in the Bellevue-Stratford, by wiring committeemen that the meeting would be illegal, was blocked yesterday by quick action on the part of State Chairman Crow. From his home in Uniontown Senator Crow wired every member of the committee that the State organization would meet to-morrow in accordance with the laws of the State. The official count had not been completed at Harrisburg and that certificates of election could not be given. In contradiction of this statement Senator Crow announced that the committeemen would be seated and recognized under the count submitted by the commissioners of their respective counties."

At Pottsville Judge Brumm handed down an opinion finding 87 infractions of the law in the Lost Creek poll of West Mahanoy district last November. He said: "Brute force, blackguardism, fraud and corruption were rampant, and an imported bully in the shape of a trained prize-fighter from Philadelphia, ran the election, who had been served to voters." The costs of the investigation were placed on the school district, as court was prevented by law from putting the costs on the school directors, defendants.

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We Hear From Harrisburg

Every once in a while somebody rambles in from Harrisburg to tell us something about ourselves. Usually these somebody's give us a store of news that is not very new. Some delinquency has to be called to our attention. Latest was a gentleman who hurt our feelings by reminding us that it really is not possible to send a 20-foot stream of water under a 19-foot bridge, and that when we innocently try to do this impossible thing we are not only destroying our property, but violating sundry state laws. Occasionally we do not need the word of a gentleman from Harrisburg to set us right. The Lord sends a cloudburst upon us, and we can see for ourselves that our engineering, in spots, defies all the laws of heaven, and that as a consequence we have vast pools of water upon our streets and plugged up sewers. We are going to remedy the sewer defects, at considerable cost. But nobody has started a real campaign to shove everybody's off the river banks. "Everybody's business is nobody's business," we used to write in the copy books. And when we get writing in copy books we kept right on proving that the adage was true.—Johnstown Leader.

TAPS!



The etching above is the work of George C. Beckenbaugh, 1425 Shoop street, this city, who is now completing the second year of a course in the Pennsylvania School of Industrial Art at Philadelphia. Mr. Beckenbaugh was a graduate in the class of 1914 at the Central High School, and while in that institution was art editor for several years on the Central High School Argus.

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THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

Nothing that York is fostering a porch and backyard contest, we cordially invite those who are the strongest advocates of the plan to come to Harrisburg and see what really can be done to improve the floral appearance of things.

William Howard Taft, from whom no one possesses a more expansive smile and congenial personality, will be one of the speakers at the nineteenth annual Spring exercises at the National Farm School, Doylestown, on Sunday next.

"Blessed is the peacemaker" but not always is his lot most enviable. A would-be peacemaker in Fairmont yesterday received serious injuries from a razor wielded by one of the contestants whom he would have separated, so that he will probably die.

The Philadelphia Record has a head-writer of poetic tendencies. And the meter isn't bad at that. Here it is: "Not a Note From Artist Throat as Audience Vainly Waited; 'Caruso's Peer' Missed All the Cheer and Plunged Plump Into Lawsuit."

Governor Brumbaugh is credited with being a very versatile man. One day he seizes a golf stick, another a shovel, and now he is reputed to be employing the ax rather strenuously.

An Allentown Italian, unversed in the art of paddling a canoe, took his bride on the river and upset, after which he swam to her rescue and saved her from drowning. Which we opine to be a very friendly act.

Gymnastic ability, coupled with powerful wrists, saved the lives of two National Guardsmen caught on a high trestle bridge over the Schuylkill river near Reading the other day. One of the three was knocked off, but the others clung to the trestle and were saved.

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."] How are repairs to paved streets made? By the city under the supervision of the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements. An asphalt repair plant has been constructed for that purpose.

"Gone, Not Forgotten"

[Wilfred Greenell in the Outlook.] Beyond a tiny tot of rum no dope have been given, or needed, by the English or French. In the general headquarters in France I saw on a wall a notice with a deep black border all around it; it was dated June, 1915, and it read: "Sacred to the memory of the rum ration; gone, but not forgotten."

OUR DAILY LAUGH

FOR HIM. I can't quite make out what Ruth means. Why not? She keeps on referring to my man, do n o t know, as a keeper.

EVIDENCE. They tell me young Dobbs is a young man of much promise. Yes, I have about three hundred dollars worth of his promise myself.

WHAT WOULD THEY DO?

By Wing Ding. All honor to the soldier dead— "There's Gray as well as Blue." For in the breasts of those who fought Beat loyal hearts and true. And though some fifty years ago Men divided were, Could they come back to life again What think you would occur? Think you that in these threatening When those abroad who rule, Would lightly treat with this fair land— Its people ridicule— That those men who, in sixty-five Their lives did sacrifice, Would fight and die again, or urge A peace at any price?

Evening Chat

Few cities in the land gave more spontaneous and hearty support to the proposition for establishment of Memorial day, when it was first proclaimed by Gen. John A. Logan back in 1888. The general was then the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic in America and his suggestion that the memory of the fallen be kept green and that exercises, including the strewing of flowers, should be held was issued on May 5 of that year. The idea was at once taken hold of and while there was nothing like the elaborate observance such as we have known for the last twenty years, yet there was general recognition. In this city, where Gen. John W. Geary was in office as governor and Oliver Edwards was mayor, the veterans from the civil war found many to join with them and the exercises and parade attracted so much attention that they were established as an annual custom. Since that time Memorial day has been observed in keeping with the traditions of the capital of the Keystone State and the site of the great mobilization camp of the civil war. This part of the country is rich in memories of the civil war and there is not a hamlet or a cemetery where the flag does not stand over the grave of a veteran and flowers mark the last resting places.

One of the interesting things about the lecture given to the school children of the city at the Public Library on Saturday afternoon by Dr. F. Beckley was that so many children recognized the flowers about which Mr. Beckley spoke. The illustrations mounted at the McFarland establishment. When they were shown Mr. Beckley would ask how many knew the flower. It was surprising how many youngsters held up their hands. They were well acquainted with the woodland beauties and demanded many enclosures.

If piousness unfurling of "Old Glory" to the breeze be any indication of patriotism then all city and county officialdom was nothing if not patriotic. For Memorial Day was observed very successfully in at least two ways.

From each window of the front portico a great flag flew; heretofore not more than one banner adorned the front of a house even on a holiday. Courthouse Custodian "Charles" Peters who by the way, is an ardent advocate of "preparedness," inaugurated the custom of swinging three flags from the courthouse front on holidays and a single flag from the middle window at all times. So much for the decorative effect. But the departmental chiefs and attaches celebrated the day to a man in another way: Everybody took a day off.

Something slipped a cog or two in the pumping machinery of the pipe organ in an uptown church recently and two small boys from the congregation more or less willingly volunteered (at the suggestion of pleased-as-pie parents) to operate the pump by hand.

The job quite evidently began to pall after awhile and the pair decided to withdraw. "Spell" and "spell" each other out. That each "take every other hymn turn about" was the basis of the agreement. The novelty of that arrangement wore off after awhile, too, and during the rendition of the final hymn the organist, in the organ accompaniment was plainly noticeable. Eventually the service drew along toward the end and the minister announced the doxology; the youngsters heaved long deep sighs. Congregation and choir rose, as one, the chorister signaled with his book, the organ pealed forth for a few bars, spluttered, trembled—and finally moaned itself into silence. Choir and congregation shot inquiring glances toward the organist. There side by side before the motional levers, stood the small pumpers, heads thrown back, voices raised in prayer. "Praise God," heartily sang the youngsters, "from whom all blessings flow!"

It remained for the National Geographic Magazine, leader of all the periodicals in artistic reproduction of beautiful America to recognize in the April number the grandeur of the picture presented by the Roubidoux bridge, the river and the ridges beyond. Beneath the etching is this line: "One might travel all over Europe without seeing a more picturesque landscape than this one in the heart of the nation of art and nature in a single scene." And this fine bit of local scenery is included in an issue almost entirely devoted to a showing of the wondrous natural attractions of the United States. It is high time that we appreciate the sublime and incomparable scenery at our own doors.

Isaac R. Pennypacker, who was here yesterday to attend the meeting of the Meade Memorial commission, is a noted author of books on Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians. His book on General Meade is noted and he is an authority on the historic events in eastern Pennsylvania.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Dr. R. Taft McKenzie, who has been abroad the last year, has sent word that he will resume his course at the University of Pennsylvania in New York City. C. F. Gramlich, who issued the order for the Grand Army encampment here next month, was stationed here during the civil war. Ex-President Taft will speak at the National Farm school in Eastern Pennsylvania next Sunday. Walter Smith, Uniontown athletic instructor, will walk the Roubidoux to attend Amherst commencement. Councilman J. P. Kerr, who has Pittsburgh mayoralty ambitions, is a physician. So is Congressman Barchfield of Pittsburgh.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg steel is used for making bolts for battleships? HISTORIC HARRISBURG The dedication of the first canal lock there in the thirties was an occasion attended by the governor.

Do You Hear the Call?

These are the days when the little birds are cheeping "Come Out in the Garden." But gardening is not all play. The correct implement, however, makes for fewer blisters. What about a wheelbarrow, lawn-mower, hedge-trimmer, shovel, spade, trowel, rake, hose, back-sprinkler, grass-trimmer or a lawn-roller? The Advertising News in the Telegraph quotes these very necessary garden tools at a reasonable price. Do you read the will Does the talk remind you of the tough cutting last summer with that antiquated "chewer" yours? BUY A LAWN MOWER.