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No pleasure is comparable to standing upon the vantage ground of truth.

THE HARDCRABBLE CASE

It was suggested in an address before the Chamber of Commerce the other day that the delays in legal procedure in New York City and elsewhere had become a great national evil which had aroused the best thought of the lawyers of the country in discovering a remedy.

There can be no doubt that the delays of litigation and the many schemes of procrastination employed in the hearing of causes constitute the gravest peril to our system of jurisprudence.

For weeks, as an illustration in point, the Hardcrabble case has been awaiting decision in the Dauphin county court while property owners in the section affected worry over their future homes, many of them having negotiated months ago for dwellings elsewhere upon the assumption that the city would take over the property this Spring.

Now comes the statement that there is still to be filed "a supplementary brief" for the objectors and the question in the minds of all who favor this great public improvement is, "when does patience cease to be a virtue?"

Mary Roberts Rhinehart, who wrote some clever impressions of the St. Louis convention, read in the face of Bryan a forecast of Democratic defeat.

PERSONAL LEGISLATION

Despite the endorsement plank in the Democratic platform, the army provision in the administration's national defense program is a more shameful makeshift than that which led to Secretary Garrison's resignation.

Mr. Hay's effrontery as a promoter of "pork" is astounding. He slipped a joker into the bill in the conference committee at the last moment which makes his work in this particular a masterpiece.

Provided, further, that of the vacancies created in the Judge Advocate's department by this act, one such vacancy not below the rank of major, shall be filled by the appointment of a person from civil life, not less than 45 nor more than 55 years of age, who shall have been for ten years a judge of the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands.

The only man who fills the requirements of Hay's joker is Judge Adam C. Carson, of the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands, now on leave in this country.

AN EXPLOIT IN PORK

The Baltimore platform of the Democratic party declared "We denounce profligate waste of money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation through the lavish appropriations of recent Republican Congresses."

Nothing has done so much to increase confidence in the future as the constructive and sane course outlined by the Republican national convention.

this enormous amount for the reclamation of lands in the vicinity of the Mississippi river, an amount which could not have been obtained if this item had been left in the river and harbor bill.

Aside from the aversion of the Southern Democrats for "pork," the present scheme for Mississippi river improvement means a tremendous waste of government moneys.

According to the engineers of the War Department, the only feasible Mississippi river improvement project is reclamation, which would cost upward of \$158,000,000.

"Watchful Waiting"

AND this is the end of President Wilson's "Watchful Waiting" policy in Mexico—no, not the end, the result—for the end is not yet.

Because the President chose to force Huerta out of the presidency of Mexico the United States is now facing war with that country. The whole attitude of the administration has been such as to forecast for months just such a break as is now threatened.

And this is the man whose sole claim to official recognition among the nations of the earth is the friendship of the President of the United States.

There is no question that these things are true. Writing as late as last week, Senator Joaquin F. E. Beltran, of Mexico, than whom there is nobody better acquainted with men and affairs in Mexico, said:

In his extremity, financial, physical and political, with the stubbornness that has characterized him for the last two years, Carranza is preparing with his right hand all his resources for war with the United States, and with his left hand, endeavoring to provoke that war, but to provoke it in such a manner that he can persuade his countrymen the United States is at fault.

Weeks ago the President swung through the Middle West begging the public for support in his preparation program. He intimated that conditions were such that any moment might plunge the country into war.

More than that, the National Guardsmen of the country must now, to bolster up and correct the colossal blundering and bone-headed stupidity of the administration, lay down their own affairs and march away to what?

The trend of business and commercial activity is upward, and the crest of the wave having been reached, as is now believed, in prices of steel, we may expect a revival of large building operations the country over.

Senator Penrose has been taken at his word by the Committee of Seventy, which is preparing some legislation looking to a revision of the Philadelphia Charter.

American business interests are looking toward Russia for greatly increased orders in every line of industry—agriculture, industry, railroads.

The Days of Real Sport



Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

much more satisfactory to the suffragists, according to Mrs. Roessing's view.

The movement for the new city charter in Philadelphia is taking shape and the Philadelphia papers say that Senator Penrose will support it.

Dr. Galen Hain has been elected president of the Central Democratic Club to succeed Edward Moeslein who resigned last week.

Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York, was here on Saturday, coming with some of the returning Philadelphians.

Vance C. McCormick resigned as a governor of the Federal Reserve Board at Philadelphia as soon as he was informed of his election as national chairman.

Narberth will have a special election on a loan of \$5,000 on July 19.

Senator W. C. Spruill in a statement issued at Harrisburg predicted that it would sweep Pennsylvania with an old-time majority.

The Republican ticket was given hearty approval by the Republican county committees of Schuylkill and York on Saturday.

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Wilson Platform

Will it be believed that the Democratic platform of 1916, drawn under the vigilant supervision of President Wilson if not actually by his own hand, contains this unblushing reference to one of the most shameful of the many perjuries recorded in political history?

We challenge comparison of our record, our keeping of pledges, and our constructive legislation with those of any party of any time.

We favor a single Presidential term, and to that end urge the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution making the President of the United States ineligible for re-election, and we pledge the candidate of this convention to this principle.

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The Pittsburgh Dispatch says: "Mrs. Frank M. Roessing, vice-president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, predicts that the action of the Democratic National Convention upon the suffrage question will cause the defeat of President Wilson, unless the Democratic Congress redeems the party before the end of the present session."

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WATERING THE WEST

By Frederic J. Haskin

There is an overworked southwestern saying which tells the stranger that "in this country there are more cows and less milk, more rivers and less water, and you can see farther and see less than any place on earth."

The work of the federal Reclamation Service is changing the whole face and appearance of the country over stretches as big as Eastern states.

The Elephant Butte dam has created a lake—a lake more than forty miles long, that the river has not yet succeeded in filling.

The Elephant Butte is only one of the four biggest reclamation projects. The other three are the Arrowrock Dam in Idaho, the highest dam in the world, the Shoshone Dam in Wyoming, only 22 feet lower, and the Roosevelt Dam in Arizona.

The main ditch, or irrigation canal supplying all the farmers on a single project is a bond that brings them into the closest relationship.

The Rio Grande is one of the half dozen principal rivers of North America, but while it looks well on the map, in that part of its course that is entirely in United States territory—before it becomes the international boundary line—it is a stream with discouraging idiosyncrasies.

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Evening Chat

Prof. Hiram H. Schenk, appointed to the place of custodian of public records by State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery a few days ago and who has assumed his work in a preliminary way, is one of the authorities on the German element in Pennsylvania history, a noted collector of data concerning early days in the eastern counties and probably one of the best posted men on early documents.

When Prof. Schenk was a student at Lebanon Valley College and at Ursinus, where he took his degree, he specialized in history, and has long been a correspondent of the able historian who is State Librarian. He has held for several years the chair of history and social science in Lebanon Valley college and about the Civil War which through the eastern half of the United States.

Another lover of Pennsylvania history and one who is well known here, Henry C. Mercer, is also in the news just now. Mr. Mercer is the man who designed and placed the tile pavement in the Capitol building, which covers the first floor and has been criticised with severity by those who do not know anything about it or why it was put there, is one of the greatest beauties of the building and many of us have heard people from a dozen States who have visited the building speak in high praise of the originality, attractiveness and historical value of the tile pavement.

Have you noticed the number of Sundays on which there have been floods in the last few years? Yesterday was the third Sunday in less than nine months on which there was high water and the river front banks were eroded and people watching the brimming Susquehanna.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, the State commissioner of health, now has more degrees than any man connected with the State government.

Well known people

Col. Henry Hall, Pittsburgh newspaperman, is spending the remainder of the month in Wyoming.

John Monaghan, the new Philadelphia judge, is a native of Ashland and one of the youngest men ever named on the Philadelphia bench.

The Rev. H. A. Weller, of Orwigsburg, the new president of the Lutheran ministerium, was formerly its treasurer.

M. E. Benedum, veteran Pittsburgh oil man, is backing the new Columbia oil ventures.

Captain T. P. Magruder, U. S. N., well known in this State, has been placed in charge of the division of naval militia affairs at Washington.

That Harrisburg machinery is used in book binderies in Washington?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG Harrisburg made munitions for the American army in the war of 1812.

An Easy Choice Bishop Sanford Olmsted said at a dinner party in Denver: "The charge that the church is governed by mercenary motives is an insidious one. I think this charge was best answered by the prison chaplain, who said: 'I was addressing a congregation of prisoners many of whom had given more than one proof that they were profiting by his visits. But there was a certain rough, brutal-looking fellow who always scoffed and sneered. And to-day this fellow, when the chaplain greeted him, said: 'No, I don't want to shake hands with you, parson. You only preach for money.' 'Very good, my friend! here it is,' the chaplain answered. 'I preach for money. You steal for money. Let God choose between us.'—Denver Post.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

War-prices have now affected Bibles. Luckily in this crisis, a lot of people have an idea that it is almost as good as new—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Well, anyway, the United States navy ranks a little nearer the top, and without aid from Congress, too—Philadelphia North American.

No matter how Europe feels about it, there isn't much chance for peace in this country before November anyhow.—Savannah News.

Spending \$1,000,000 The Chalmers Motor Company is spending \$1,000,000 this year to tell the public of the quality of its cars.

False Pretense America, prosperous, peaceful, blessed, is so because the inscrutable purposes of God intended it.—The Hon. John W. Wescott.

Obviously, then, Woodrow Wilson deserves no credit for America's present situation.—N. Y. Sun.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

WILLING TO MAKE GOOD. You know those early vegetables I promised you? Yes. Would you accept a trip to the theatre next winter instead?

MISINTERPRETED. She (haughtily): You ask me to go to dinner with you? Why I don't even know you! He: That's all right, I'm willing to take a chance.

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"]

Who are the members of the City Planning Commission? What are the functions of the City Planning Commission? President, E. S. Herman; secretary, Benjamin F. Umberger; George W. Reilly, Francis J. Hall and George W. Chesler. Their functions are to plan for the city with jurisdiction for three miles beyond city.