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FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 23

The Christian must remember that the soul above all else is to be kept clean. Sin stains the soul before it touches the mind or the body.

—FLOYD W. TOMKINS.

CITY AND STATE

It is probable that the City Planning Commission, which has under consideration a number of important matters, will soon be ready to submit to the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings some suggestions of Harrisburg regarding the treatment of the streets and the district surrounding the Capitol Park zone.

These plans coincide with those of Governor Brumbaugh and his associates of the State administration and there ought to be no difficulty whatever in a prompt agreement upon permanent and harmonious treatment.

By reason of the increasing automobile traffic, streets must be widened and larger areas provided for the parking of cars. It so happens that the enlargement of Capitol Park will admit of the widening of all the streets impinging upon the State grounds. For instance, it is an easy matter, as has already been indicated in the various discussions, to extend the footwalks along the Walnut, Third and North street sides of the Capitol grounds along the top of the terrace and under the trees.

As Governor Brumbaugh proposes to submit to the next Legislature some definite plan of treatment as a result of the competition of landscape architects of distinction, who will be invited by the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings to prepare designs, the getting together of the city and State authorities in this matter is regarded as extremely important at this time.

A year ago there was scarcely a Republican Senator who believed there was more than a possibility of securing control of the upper branch of the national Congress, but a great change has taken place. Not only is practically every Republican Senator hopeful, but confidence is fast unseating hope. Reports and indications from all over the country point to significant gains, and it does not take much of a mathematician to figure out where a gain of nine million votes would give the Republican the political complexion of the body.

COMPARISONS are very frequently useful in order to get an estimate of true values. At the recent session of the National Lumber Association, it was stated that the total value of a year's output of American lumber is about \$1,875,000,000.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

—If Mexico is doubtful it might take its marine glasses in hand and squint across to Cuba.

—Duluth, "zenith city of the unsalted seas," has gone dry, but the "unsalted seas" haven't.

—English soldiers are fighting Turks in the Garden of Eden. They never would have stood for that kind of carrying on in Adam's time.

—Haven't the Germans learned that the U-boat campaign is N. G? —There's days are getting shorter, but there's just as much work to crowd in.

Ordering Out the Guard [New Haven Register.] The action of the President in ordering the National Guards of the states to the border is not in itself to be criticized. It is, however, a sensible military move. The thing to be criticized and condemned is the persistent interference of three years and more which has brought about this climax. It may be possible, even yet, to avoid war with Mexico. Sincerely we hope so. For if it is not to be the one war in our history absolutely without warrant or excuse or just cause, and our soldiers will go into it with the least enthusiasm except such joy as there is in fighting.

Progressive Party's Death [From the New Republic.] Progressivism proved itself to be hero-worship masquerading as principle. Its epitaph should read: "Here lie the remains of a party which lived to make Theodore Roosevelt president of the United States and died as the penalty of its failure."

Uncle John's Brashear When Governor Brumbaugh at the request of the Panama-Pacific Exposition officials selected the most distinguished man in the State he named John A. Brashear, of Pittsburgh. Of course, you have heard of the white-haired instrument maker whose life has been an inspiration. When Charles M. Schwab read the story in the original and it later appeared in the July American Magazine he wrote the editor this letter:

"I am so glad that you are going to tell the story of 'Uncle John' Brashear. It seems to me that all the men of talent and achievement that our country has had are too little known. His life is full of inspiration and help for every person interested in making the most of himself."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ASK CURFEW ENFORCEMENT To the Editor of the Telegraph: Harrisburg, Pa., June 1, 1916. Dear Sir:—About a year ago the curfew ordinance was passed by the Board of Commissioners of Harrisburg. This ordinance provides that all children under 16 years of age shall be off the streets from April 1 to October 1 at 9:30 p. m. and from October 1 to April 1 at 9 p. m.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

Much significance is attached to Governor Brumbaugh's appointment of J. Denny O'Neil, former Allegheny county commissioner and local option leader, to be Insurance Commissioner as successor to Charles Johnson, of Norristown, the Montgomery county stalwart leader, who resigned when the Governor's campaign began to live up. Mr. O'Neil is one of the most influential men in Western Pennsylvania politics and has always been known as an Oliver man.

The appointment of Mr. O'Neil to a place in the administration was not a surprise, as he had been much mentioned in the press as being especially desirous of keeping him in accord with him because of some criticisms which have been leveled at the executive by the result of the local option campaign. The Governor has also to get his aid when trouble comes. Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Allegheny county affairs and an opponent of the Oliver people, is more or less of a power. Mr. O'Neil is expected to be the leader of local option forces during the next legislative campaign and will also be able to help the Governor against the local option public improvement which is also expected to serve as a bulwark for the Governor when attacks are made upon him.

The insurance commissionership pays \$7,500 a year. Governor Brumbaugh said last night that the selection of O'Neil was a personal appointment and made for business reasons. He complimented Mr. O'Neil as a businessman and said that he felt the appointment would be good because he would give a business administration. When asked if he thought there would be a reorganization, the Governor said that Mr. O'Neil would make a business man as efficient as any in the country and that he would back him up in anything he might do with that end in view. He said that he had had a talk with Mr. O'Neil and that he had been impressed by his long experience and his conservative views.

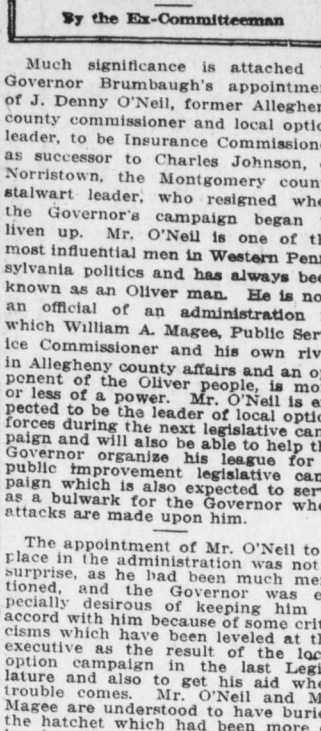
The appointment of O'Neil ends any chances of Allegheny county getting the highway commissionership. It is said that until military affairs became lively General A. J. Logan had a leg to stand for the position. Mr. Magee had a bright prospect for the place. Now it has gotten to the point where dark horses are being mentioned for the place. Chief Engineer W. D. Uher, there are some "velled" possibilities, it was intimated today.

Northampton county's Republican committee not only strongly endorsed the national and state tickets yesterday, but gave Senator Penrose high compliments as a leader and paid a well-deserved compliment to Harry Baker, secretary of the State committee. The resolutions praise Mr. Baker for real work in bringing about the adoption of the policy of the Republic that he acted while a Republican was being issued by others. The Baker resolution says: "We take occasion at this time to make special reference to the adoption of the policy of the Republic by boys and girls to be on the streets, away from home and parents late at night."

LOOKS LIKE A LONG WAR [Cleveland Plain Dealer.] Dr. Liebknecht says that the war is living on lies. This makes it look hopeless—that's a munition they'll never run out of.

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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY



From the New York World. "Bill, old boy, what time is by your watch?" "What time? How 'd'ye s'pose I know? There's a clock over there on the wall ye kin see!"

IN MEXICO 70 YEARS AGO

The Story of a War in Which Every Battle Was a Victory For the Stars and Stripes.

By J. HOWARD WERT

The war between the United States and Mexico, which began just 70 years ago, was one of the most remarkable wars in the world's history for the fact that there were no alternations of victory and defeat on the part of the two warring nations. Never in all the battles of the war, were the Mexicans cheered by a single victory.

It was the first clean-cut contest at arms in the Western world between the Anglo-Saxon, Teutonic, Celtic and other amalgamated peoples represented in the American republic on the one hand, and the Latin element as represented in the Spanish blood of Mexico. To trace the high points and exciting episodes of this struggle is the province of this story, the present appearing to be an opportune time to present to the generation of today the feats of heroes and the narrative of fierce fought fields that were once familiar names to every school boy. The present condition on the Mexican side of the border indicates the possibility of these scenes being repeated in the very near future on almost the identical ground on which the American heroes who followed Taylor and Scott fought and conquered 70 years ago.

The Mexican war was the school in which hundreds of young officers won their spurs. The captains and lieutenants of the Mexican army were drilled by commanders who struggled for mastery at Gettysburg, Antietam, Shiloh, Chickamauga, the Wilderness and around beleaguered Richmond and Petersburg.

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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Congressman Thomas S. Cargo, who is active in the move for higher pay for soldiers, used to be a lieutenant colonel of the Tenth regiment.

—Auditor General Powell, first officer to take a federal oath, is a Philadelphia veteran.

—Charles M. Schwab plans to spend considerable time at his new home at Loretto this summer.

—J. Park Alexander was elected commander of Washington and Jefferson clubs here. He is a resident of Pittsburgh.

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Evening Chat

Mobilization of United States volunteers for the war with Mexico in the forties took place in Harrisburg for this part of the State. Pennsylvania sent a couple of regiments on the expedition and they took part in Scott's famous march on the capital of Mexico. The local company, which was known as the Cameron Guard, named in the honor of General Simon Cameron, was enrolled the day after Christmas in 1846 and was joined here by companies from nearby counties. The officers and men were quartered in a large building which stood on the site of the Harrisburg Telegraph building. Regular army recruits were also quartered in this building until the outbreak of the "settling up" exercises and other drills on plots which will probably be used for similar purposes for recruits. The infantrymen gathered at the Second street armory and went through the usual army work. The assembling of the men was a great event for the youngsters and hundreds of them gathered about the places where the khaki was to be seen.

A good many people in this part of the State will note with considerable interest the stories appearing in some of the newspapers published in the larger cities to the effect that because of the high price of drugs catnip will be cultivated for use in the drug trade. The herb in question is one which many people know and there is hardly a drug store that does not have some of it for preparations likely to be called for any time. But what will interest the good many people here is the proposition to cultivate it. It grows wild along roads and fences and there are thousands of plants to be seen on any highway leading into the city. The herb is gathered sometimes by people who like that sort of thing, catnip tea being counted a remedy for some ailments.

John Lucas, of the Governor's office, is being asked if he has any money coming to him at the State treasury. Mr. Lucas comes from Philadelphia and it appears that in some of the old papers dating about 1799 Auditor General Powell found a warrant in favor of John Lucas, of Philadelphia, for some amount between warrants drawn in favor of Robert Morris and other high company and Mr. Lucas does not appear to have cashed it.

The students at work surveying Capitol park and the park extension district and the State arsenal are getting some rare experience. Those at the arsenal have been able to get a first hand glimpse of getting ready for war service and have watched the materials being hurried to the stations. Those in the park extension have been running lines with recruits drilling in the vacant spaces.

The Telegraph's picnic at Paxtang park Tuesday was enjoyed by old folks too. There were some funny incidents. The fathers and mothers were out for a good time and they had it. One family was represented by father, mother and six children. The latter bore a resemblance to the "Figure Eight," go boating and enjoy every concession in the park. No one doubted that they had a good time. The story of their day's outing was told over and over again on the car on the way home. They were on the merry-go-round seven times; rode five times on the scenic railway, took three trips through the "zigging" houses, boated for an hour, took in the vaudeville show. "Some day we have had, mother," said the father on his arrival home about 9 o'clock last night.

Representative H. M. Showalter, of Lewisburg, the Union county member of the House, was a visitor to the city yesterday. He came here on business at the Capitol. Mr. Showalter is a candidate for re-election.

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