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THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 27
I wish you not few cares, but capacity for many; not easy tasks, but strength to master all of them; not freedom from temptations, but grace sufficient to wrestle with them; not absence of sorrow, but faith wherewith to see beyond it; not exemption from perplexities, but confidence in God to work them out.—ANON.

THE TURN OF THE TIDE

POLL of all the counties of Pennsylvania shows that the number of retail liquor licenses has been reduced this year from 10,892 in 1915 to 10,619, and wholesale liquor licenses have fallen from 1,604 in 1915 to 1,514 in the present year.

This is one of the marks of the turning of the tide. Heretofore unusual prosperity has been accompanied by increased drinking. Now the opposite is true. On every hand is to be found evidence that old King Alcohol is in as sad plight as are some of the European monarchs who have played fast and loose with their subjects.

Liquor dealers and the makers of liquor who see the handwriting on the wall are not all, however, doing as many in Pennsylvania did last year, go out of business entirely. They are preparing for the time when the bar shall be placed on the sale of alcoholic beverages by going into other lines of trade.

For instance, one of the greatest brewing houses in the world has just begun an extensive advertising campaign for the sale of a temperance drink to take the place of beer. It is not to be known as a "near-beer" or a "beer substitute." It is something entirely new, perfected after numerous experiments and said to be both wholesome and palatable.

Another new industry of the same kind has been developed by far western brewers and distillers who have found their trade dwindling. This is the juice of the Logan berry that promises to find as great a sale as grapejuice does at present.

The liquor dealer or maker may as well leave off fighting the inevitable and spend his time and energy setting up some new line of trade. The end of the liquor business in America is in sight.

NO MORE SKY SCRAPERS

THAT citizen of Hungary who declared to a friend from America that he desired to see two things in the United States—the Niagara Falls and the sky scrapers of New York City—will be worried when he hears that there will be no more sky scrapers in New York. No more Woolworth, Singer or Metropolitan towers. No more Equitable buildings or anything approaching that structure in height or area of lot covered.

Under an edict sent out by the Board of Estimate, which adopted unanimously the plan of the Commission on Building District and Restriction, moderately low buildings will be the rule hereafter, so constructed that one owner cannot hit his neighbor of light or air. No more garages will invade splendid home locations and no more factories will be permitted to intrude in the city's finest shopping zones.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The case of Dr. H. A. Surface, the State zoologist, who has refused to resign at the request of the State Commission of Agriculture and who appealed his case to Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, who is in Maine on his vacation, will be brought to a conclusion here next Monday night when a meeting of the commission will be held. A formal call for the commission was issued to-day and as that day is the last of the month it is believed that the commission will direct that the zoologist be ousted if he does not resign.

The zoologist was asked to resign to take effect on August 1, but demanding reasons for his retirement and not getting them, took his case to friends who interested themselves in his behalf writing to the Governor, Secretary of Agriculture Patton and others. Dr. Surface also saw members of the commission at this. It is believed, brought about the call for the meeting.

The Surface case bids fair to be a political issue as there are claims made by friends of the zoologist that he is being dismissed because he is associated in orchard enterprises with men who were not with the Governor in the last unpleasantness. This, however, is denied at the Capitol. No reasons for the dismissal have been given, but it is intimated that there will be some forthcoming if needed. Dr. Surface has challenged their production.

Prof. J. G. Saunders, of Wisconsin, who was here yesterday afternoon, is generally looked upon as the man who will succeed Dr. Surface. Prof. Saunders is one of the national authorities on San Jose scale and diseases of trees and the pests which beset them. He is connected with the Wisconsin department of agriculture and has written a number of books. When he was in college he played football. It seems to be pretty generally understood that the man to be appointed will come from another State and up-to-date it looks like the Wisconsin man.

District Attorney Rotan, who has taken charge of the Philadelphia vice probe, and Mayor Smith had another conference yesterday. The probe is being pushed and Gibbons is saying things about the police. Pittsburgh is enjoying a period of calm in politics for a change, the only thing disturbing people out there being the postmaster. The new postmaster, Alexander Guffey, has declared that relations between him and Dr. McNeill, who was dismissed, are very pleasant.

Prof. J. Louis Sowers, who will walk the plank in the Compensation Board, will accept the nomination said to-day. He is now on vacation but it is intimated that before he left he was told he would not be needed after July 31. Reasons why he was dropped difficult. Some think that it is the result of his objecting to circulating a nomination petition for a Brumbaugh delegate, others that he was incompetent for the work assigned and others that there is no fund left to pay him. Nowadays on Capitol Hill you can take your choice.

Signs of the "big drive" on the men who were "big friends" with Brumbaugh in the late unpleasantness are appearing at the Capitol. Private Secretary William H. Ball is sweeping the floor of the executive hold office and has each county listed with the number of appointments and the amount of salaries paid. This is one of the fortunes of war for those on the losing side.

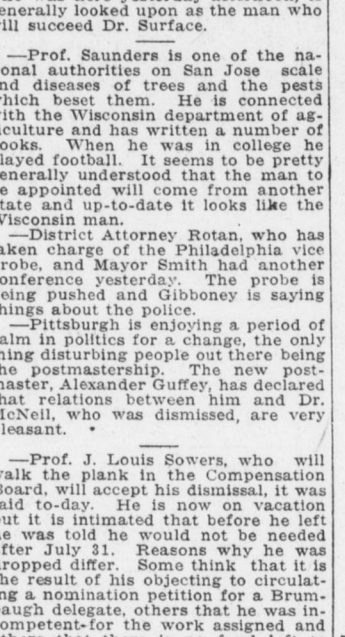
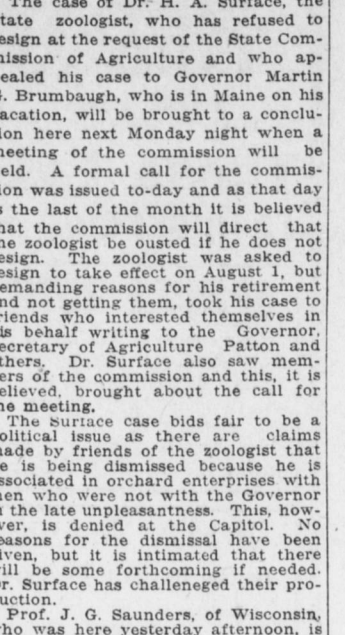
It is expected that the withdrawal of J. V. Clark as candidate for State treasurer on the Washington party ticket will be followed by others within a week. Repudiating Americans [From the Philadelphia Ledger.] Of course, the administration is shouting as loudly as anyone else, through Messrs. McAdoo and Hurley, about the pious god that lie at the gates of Central and South America, trade rainbow; but what is the point in that when trouble arises and disputes occur between the honest American business men who may be engaged in trade in Central and South America and the several governments of Latin America from repudiating them all, and, as has been done in Mexico, putting the stop on their turpitude on all who had the efficiency, the foresight, the engineering experience and the hardihood and enterprise to go into Latin America and help to develop its resources?

Hughes and the People [From the New York Herald.] That Mr. Hughes showed a pretty fine knowledge of "the political game" when governor of this state persons who opposed him to lead by their sorrow. He had the faculty of reaching the people—wherein lies political success. And unless the six years' experience in the non-political atmosphere of the Supreme Court of the United States has dulled that faculty it may be safely predicted that Mr. Hughes will before long take the voters of the United States into his confidence with respect to his Cabinet intentions, indicating that if elected he will draw around him men of the caliber of Mr. Root, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Choate.

Papers Raise Their Rates The Atlanta Journal and the Atlanta Georgian have raised their prices from 2 to 3 cents a copy; the Reading (Pa.) News, the Allentown (Pa.) Morning Call from 1 to 2 cents. It is reported that the Reading Herald will increase its delivery rate from 6 to 8 cents. TOO BLAMED HOT By Wing Dingler It's too hot to do much stirring. It's so hot, one can't keep still. It's too hot to go a-fishing. In the dam beside the mill. It's too hot to go to woodlands. And 'neath shade trees there to roam. Yet one really must do something— It's too hot to stay at home. It's too hot to go a-golfing. And when it's too hot, by jing. To go golfing. It's too hot, bo. To do any bloomin' thing. It's too hot to work in day time. It's too hot to sleep at night. It's too hot to read much poetry. Which, it's too blamed hot to write.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



OUR HIGHEST PEAK

By Frederic J. Haskin

MEASURE creating in Alaska the Mt. McKinley National Park has been favorably reported by the Senate Committee on territories. It was introduced in the House by delegate Wickersham of Alaska. As the bill calls for no large appropriations and is favored by the Alaskan representative, it will probably become a law. This means that the great Alaskan peak and the region surrounding it will be placed under government control, the game protected, roads and trails and hotels built, and everything else done to make the place accessible and preserve its primitive character.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

We just dare any German submarine to try to do anything to that Greater Harrisburg Navy. Harrisburg guardsmen at the Border are not among those who complain of not hearing often from home—they get the Telegraph. "Cyclone" Davis apparently did not get into the cellar in time. The Kaiser and the British agree on at least one point—both would like to see the Kaiser get into the trenches. When a man talks of the "good old days," nine times out of ten he means his good young days. That President Wilson is ready to pay \$25,000,000 for islands that Roosevelt could have purchased but for Congress for \$5,000,000 is only another evidence of the remarkable business administration that is the boast of Democratic editors.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Thomas Mott Osborne gets a second term at Sing Sing, but he will not take an appeal.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times. As we understand it, "pork" is the money expended on public improvements in some other town.—Nashville Southern Lumberman. If our peevish militiamen have to come back without their war we advise Mr. Wilson to postpone the recall until after the November elections.—Boston Transcript. The extent of the Colonel's opposition to Mr. Wilson was not realized until it developed that it was on that account that he declined to run again.—Nashville Southern Lumberman. Steel (New York Sun.) The statement by the United States Steel Corporation exceeds by many millions the high expectations previously entertained, concerning this quarter's earnings. It strengthens a general market just now subject to many adverse influences. It registers in astounding figures a new maximum mark in the prosperity of the basic industry of this country. An extra dividend of one per cent. goes now to the multitudinous holders of the common stock. The record is unexampled, but its significance will be wrongly estimated unless it is duly regarded as an incident of the great war. As the activity of steel is the index of the activity of countless other American interests, so the relation of steel to temporary conditions in the world outside denotes the dependence of the present prosperity of those other interests upon conditions beyond our domestic power to mar or make. The steel showing, therefore, is a warning to shortsighted or sluggish legislators at the American Capitol, instead of an assurance of the success of their experimenting, and wise citizens will so consider it; for our prosperity must be made permanent and not ephemeral.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INFANTILE PARALYSIS To the Editor of the Telegraph. In reading the article in the Telegraph of July 25, in regard to "how mothers could help prevent the spread of infantile paralysis" or words to that effect, I would like to suggest that if the city would watch and keep clean the districts that the poorer classes inhabit, there probably would not be an epidemic, because it seems that is just what New York City neglected to do, and in those districts the disease is at its worst. A disease that alone would not prevent it, but if every person would keep their homes and yards scrupulously clean, being most careful not to leave garbage or any like lying around or uncovered, and not be afraid, I am sure we would be free of it. Quoting from a morning paper this sentence is most practical and sensible. "A study of the different epidemics of the disease does not justify this public panic." Trusting you may find room in your valuable paper for this communication, and thanking you for your attention to same, I am Yours very truly, L. C. L.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME. While hubby in the city slaved, To keep the pot a-boll, His wife at a swell resort Did neither spin nor toil. BUSINESS. Doctor, do you believe in people taking vacations? Considering the practice it brings me, I should be an ingrate to deny the custom.

Evening Chat

A good many jokes have been written about the high cost of living but as a matter of fact it has passed the joke stage and the humble bean, which is so much used by the humorist, the cartoonist and the dietist is now an object of intense interest to the economist. The bean generally can be assumed to maintain a level place as far as prices for food go, being fairly reasonable in price when potatoes, beef and other substantial of life are doing the lofty wire acts. But the situation is changing even in regard to the bean and in the generally disturbed condition of prices the vegetable that contains so much of the stuff that gives us the punch is affected, too. Grocers and commission men say that the tendency of the prices for beans to rise is due to the belligerency of the nations. Beans began to become expensive when the European war got into its second year and now when it is hovering on the edge of the third the prices of some of the staple commodities have advanced to buy up the staple in immense quantities and even the great baked beaneries, which have their own fields and warehouses, declined to take orders for anything but the best quality of beans. Frankly speaking, the last article on the list which we would expect to be affected by the advance in prices is showing a notable tendency to ascend that we are commencing to look with suspicion upon the "staff of life" and the accompanying hunk of cheese and the pickle. When they go up all hope will be lost.

For the first time in many weeks Mayor Ezra S. Meals yesterday visited city offices in the courthouse and the partners chief attaches extended him a mightily welcome hand. Thinner by some twenty-five pounds and considerably weaker because of his long stay in the hospital, the chief executive is still the quietly humorous official as of yore. Incidentally he declines to believe that he was nearly the sick man, the physicians would have him believe that he was. "Understand, Mayor," ventured a friend to-day, "that you were pretty close to the edge of things."

Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, the publisher of the Altoona Tribune and author of books which have done more to place before the people of Pennsylvania the history of the State and the mountains and valleys of their State than any one in a generation, has published a pamphlet which is a valuable addition to the history of the Commonwealth. It is written about the last of the "War Governors," those sturdy executives of loyal States who met at Altoona in the darkest days of the Civil war and pledged their support to Lincoln. The gist of this famous group of men was Col. William Sprague, Governor of Rhode Island and distinguished official, soldier and statesman; and the other members of the family. Col. Shoemaker writes entertainingly about his stirring life and has told the story of the conference and analyzed its results, grouping some of the stories which had such a momentous effect upon the fortunes of the North. The story of the conference as published by the Tribune is entirely too scanty mention in the histories of the State and Col. Shoemaker has given to the State some information which will be of vast interest in the days to come.

Dr. Joseph Kalbuss, secretary of the State Game Commission, has a pretty effective way of dealing with critics. It's part of his daily business anyway. One day there were some letters published a digest or code or compilation of the laws and decisions in regard to the killing of unlicensed dogs and the protection of sheep. The State Game Commission authorities are taking steps to bring about enforcement and the book attracted some attention and some abuse. One man wrote asking all sorts of questions about the book and the doctor have a copy of the letter. The game official stated what the book was supposed to be and got an assurance that the man would be sure of his law and that he ought to consult an attorney. Dr. Kalbuss replied that the man should read the book as it was compiled by the Attorney General's department and a statement made to that effect.

Chairman Harry A. Mackey, of the State Compensation Board, had a hard time getting to Harrisburg for the meeting scheduled yesterday. He had been in Scranton on Board business and was hemmed in behind a wash-out on a railroad leading to Sunbury, where he had to change cars. He got through and then found he had missed a train. He arrived here late in the afternoon.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

George Wharton Pepper, the Philadelphia lawyer, is in Harrisburg. General A. J. Logan, of Pittsburgh, who was taken ill in Texas, is improving. The Philadelphia department of docks and ferries, spent yesterday inspecting canals leading to Philadelphia. Isador Sobel, of Erie, has been elected president of the E'nal Erie State organization. R. R. Harrison, of Pittsburgh, has been elected president of the association of descendants of Benjamin Harrison, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Col. T. J. Keenan, prominent Pittsburgh man, is one of the men who headed a movement to acquire the Danish Indies long ago.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is shipping materials for buildings to France? HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first road into Harrisburg was laid out about 1738. Women Where Needed [From the New York World.] Commissioner of Health Emerson confers higher honors upon womanhood than are contemplated by any suffrage amendment. Hereafter, women nurses are to take the places of policemen on the beat in the most eminent ambulance. Recent unhappy experiences should not have been necessary to suggest the change here ordered. On general principle a nurse is naturally associated with ambulance, and, except in cases of riot, a police officer is not. More important than this, however, is recognition of the fact that one of the most meritorious services is often of more service than many men.