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Love hath its recompense in love; Faith, its reward in faith!

—ALLEN EASTMAN CROSS.

AVERTING RAILROAD STRIKE

BOTH the railroads and the brotherhoods are to be commended for their agreement to submit their differences to mediation instead of plunging the country into the most extensive and disastrous strike in its history.

In the midst of strikes and rumors of strikes, it becomes more and more evident that, notwithstanding the abnormally high prices prevailing in most lines of trade for raw and finished materials, the most important factor in present day industrial life is the high cost of man-power.

Living is high and may go higher before the tide turns. A dollar buys less now than at any time since the Civil War, but profits, except in a few favored lines, have not kept pace with advancing costs.

FALSE, AS USUAL THE Cabinet of the United States yesterday took Charles E. Hughes to task for having said that E. Dana Durand, director of the census, had been forced out of office to make place for a "worthy Democrat."

DR. Samuel G. Dixon has won the admiration of all who believe in effective measures to prevent the spread of disease through his energetic fight against infantile paralysis.

CITY MUST OWN ISLANDS

OWNERSHIP of islands in the Susquehanna basin within the limits of Harrisburg should be vested in the city and not in individuals.

clared that all these islands should be held by the State for the benefit and use of its citizens. No one will question the correctness of this attitude and while title has been given to persons here and there to these islands which should be the property of the municipality or the Commonwealth it ought to be an easy matter to take over all such islands and hold them for all the people.

Especially ought it to be the policy of the Department of Parks in this city to gain immediate possession of the islands which are included within the basin between the Rockville Gap and the southern limits of the city.

Of course, under the powers of the Department of Parks, any island may be condemned and taken for city uses so that private ownership cannot be made a speculative proposition in any case. But it would be well for City Commissioner Gross to take this matter into consideration now so that measures may be devised for transferring the rights of all the islands to the city and the people of Harrisburg forever.

TOURISTS who have recently come to Harrisburg through the Lebanon Valley route have been greatly impressed with the fine improvements which have been made at Robesonia and by other towns along the way.

THE death of James Russ removes from Harrisburg one of its best known and most picturesque figures. From an obscure boyhood he arose in early manhood to the reputation of being one of the best hotel men in the whole country and he numbered as his friends men prominent in the political life of the State and nation.

Perhaps the most striking incident of a preparatory parade of 5,000 people at Sunbury was the presence in line of a German singing society, all the members of which were German-born citizens and all of whom carried American flags.

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Colonel Roosevelt declares emphatically that the time is ripe for a constitutional change providing for woman suffrage. Manifestly the time has come to accept as inevitable equal suffrage and, as some one has indicated, the contest may as well be determined as speedily as possible so that the unsettled political controversy shall be deprived of its most active element.

FAIR PLAY FOR GROCERS

THE decision of the Inter-State Commerce Commission to give an early hearing on the recently advanced rates for shipments of California fruits to the east is not only eminently fair, but it should never have been necessary.

As September 1. The dealers of the east do not object to the increase, but they very properly object to the date fixed for making the new schedule operative. The California products, for delivery in September, October and November, are sold by the growers to the wholesalers before they are off the trees, and the wholesalers in turn sell their future orders to the retail trade before they are shipped from the coast, basing their prices on the price paid the grower plus the freight rate. Thus, practically all of the September, October and November deliveries have been sold on the basis of the freight rate in force previous to the recent order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, so that the whole eastern market has been upset by the proposed advance.

This works an unnecessary hardship on the wholesaler and the retailer and it is only proper that they should ask that the date for putting the new freight rates in force be reasonably postponed.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Refusal of the State county commissioners' convention to go on record as opposing the present system of primary election laws, the personal registration in third class cities and other features of the election statutes of Pennsylvania at yesterday's meeting of the Meadville convention was the talk of Capitol Hill to-day.

—The picnic season is on in the interior counties and candidates are getting very busy. In some of the central counties the attendances are record breaking and the candidates' activities in accord.

—Through Congressman Daniel F. Lefane and McClean Stock, Republican county chairman, an invitation was sent yesterday to Fred W. Willard, president of the State League of Republican Clubs, to hold its next convention in York.

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When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



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SUMMER IN THE CITY

By Frederic J. Haskin

NOW that summer is here, much advice is forthcoming on how to spend a vacation. Railroad pamphlets containing glowing accounts of excursions clutter up the morning mail; every street car carries the picturesque advertisements of ocean summer resorts; our friends try to persuade us to visit a certain unrequited lake of their acquaintance, and still others urge us to camp in the mountains.

The problem of keeping cool in summer, whether in the tropics or in the forest, is a serious one and should receive a lot more attention than it does. It has just been within the past few years that cooling apparatus has been installed in hospitals and factories and the suggestion of a cooling system as well as a heating system in the average house is still rejected as absurd.

So, after all, a great deal may be said in favor of the city in summer. For the poor who are compelled to stay whether they want to or not, there are the municipal bathing pools and quite recently in some cities the hospital launch which takes the ailing children of poor parents for trips on the rivers and coasts. There are the amusement parks to offer diversion, the roof gardens for dancing and the soda fountain for refreshment.

Take an inventory of your possessions. Find out the real value of whatever it is you have been accumulating all these years. It isn't anything the new banks will lend you money on—if you can't get a loan on it anywhere except at a pawnshop—perhaps it will open your eyes as to what constitutes value. Anyway, you now know what the government thinks of the various kinds of collateral. It looked them all over and picked the land—farm land.

which fans kept a current of cool dry air in circulation, but his head was exposed to the direct rays of the sun. Under these circumstances the monkey lived for an indefinite period. The conclusion obtained from these experiments was that in the first and second instances the humidity of the monkey's body, and not the sun, had stifled him. For this reason it is decided that violent exercise on a hot summer day is weakening because it increases the humidity of the body, but on the other hand, a slow moderate walk should prove very beneficial.

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Evening Chat

Announcement by the adjutant general's office that the rifle practice matches will not be held at Mt. Gretna this year because of the organizations of the National Guard being on active service under the United States Government will interest a good many people because the matches are a subject of considerable attention. Various organizations of the organized militia have been winners of cups and trophies and the victories of the teams and the individual work are the talk of quite a number of communities.

This is the time of the year for the mallows to be in full bloom and the big field in Willwood park and some of the patches in the lowlands about the city are well worth visiting. There are some tracts which have been visited annually by lovers of wild flowers and well do they repay the attention given to them. A large field of mallows is something worth traveling to see.

Ed. Braceland, who sees that the legislative halls of the State Capitol are not carried away, has been drafted in to the service as a volunteer guide the last few days. Braceland has been telling people the fine points of the House of Representatives and the way he does it would make the other guides that take a course in the night school of building, now used to cover Santa Claus, polar bears, automobiles, chicken hawks and various other configurations in the markings of the marble walling of the Hall of the House. As to the lobby paintings he has them down pat.

The manner in which the properties on the Hickok place in Capitol Park extension are coming down bids for to make the new State House visible to people passing on the trains for the first time from that end. Only the old Bay shoe factory building, now used as a cigar factory is in the way and it will soon disappear, the tobacco company's new plant having been about completed. The method of filling buildings is progressing and it is probable that bids for more will be asked in a short time. The old Paxton warehouse, however, will remain for some time because it is in use by the State itself.

The late General D. McM. Gregg, who died a few days ago at Reading, was for many years a trustee of the Harrisburg State Hospital and took a big interest in the plans for improvement of the institution. He was appointed to the office in 1885 and held the office until two years ago, when he resigned. General Gregg seldom missed a meeting and kept in close touch with affairs of the hospital.

The wading pool at the Twelfth street playgrounds may be drained, filled in, and planted with grass seed in another summer season, rolls around in the water, and the method of filling the little pond can be worked out. The method by which the pool is fed now causes frequent overflows in the playgrounds, and is causing a loss of much water, but damage to some extent the surrounding sodding. If there was sufficient money available the park department would have long since had a better method of filling the pool.

Governor Brumbaugh is spending his vacation playing golf and tramping in the woods, enjoying himself in study of trees and flowers. He is an authority on botany in Pennsylvania and his friends say he will soon know Maine as well.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—James V. Nies, a retired clergyman of Philadelphia, has bought for a winter home the famous pirates' castle in the Danish west Indies.

—Col. Asher Miner, commander of the Second artillery regiment, used to be a member of the legislature from Wilkes-Barre.

—Dr. J. N. Jacobs, former controller of Montgomery county, has promised to pay personally the expenses of a sanitary inspection of Lansdale.

—Charles M. Schwab has been so busy that he has been unable to visit his new country home at Loretto.

—Captain James Archibald, in command of the Pottsville engineers, is engineer of the Girard estate and for years was a member of the Governor's staff.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has more motorboats than any city of its size in the State?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

William Mackay planned the State Capitol park years before the legislature decided to move here.

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."]

What practice is in force for the registration of plumbers?

All master and journeymen plumbers must be examined by the Board of Plumbing Examiners and if tests are satisfactorily passed they are licensed and registered.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

CONCERT. Harold—My dear, I've long had something on my mind. Maude—I wish you would brag so, Harold.

Mamma, is papa goin' to heaven? Why, darling, what put such an absurd idea into your head?