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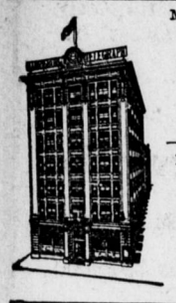

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Silence is Golden. To speak wisely may not always be easy, but not to speak ill requires only silence.

MR. ROOT'S SPEECH

MR. ROOT'S New York speech should be placed in the hands of every American voter. It is not only an effective campaign document, it is a classic. In it Mr. Root, with logic beyond challenge, by vivid illustration and lucid language, analyzed the Wilson administration. He showed the estimate in which, as a result of the Wilson foreign policy, the United States has come to be held by foreign powers and the danger which that estimate involves.

"We are told that Mr. Wilson has kept the country out of war," he said at one point. "So has every President for seventy years, except Lincoln and McKinley. Never since Columbus sighted San Salvador has there been a time when it was so easy for America to keep out of war by doing nothing as it has been during the great conflict now raging in the old world. All the great powers of the world, except ourselves, have had their hands full with existing enemies. They have been straining every resource to the utmost to avoid being conquered by the enemies in arms against them. Our danger is not now, while the great war is raging, but later, when peace has been made and the great armies are free and rulers and governments look about for ways to repair their losses, and the great spaces and ill-defended wealth of the new world loom large on the horizon of their desires."

Without bitterness, but with telling force, Mr. Root traced the course of the Wilson administration. He declared that the great safeguard of a nation was its reputation for character and manliness and courage, and that with such reputation gone it was almost certain to be so imposed upon by foreign aggressors as to make war unescapable.

During the visit of Charles M. Schwab and his party, the other day, it so happened that four trips were made through the Market street subway. The great steel magnate thought he was going through a tunnel, and was greatly relieved when assurances were given that plans are now under way for the reconstruction of this subway to the building line on both sides of Market street. City Engineer Cowden has been co-operating with the City Planning Commission and the Pennsylvania Railroad officials in this much-needed improvement.

FOR PROSPERITY'S SAKE

THREE-FOURTHS of our sales are due to conditions created by the war. Republicans and all others who are familiar with the currents of trade are not deceived by the Democratic pretensions of substantial prosperity which rests solely upon abnormal conditions abroad. With the close of the war these temporary conditions will give place to a situation which is now giving the greatest concern to those who look ahead and who are endeavoring to provide for the slump that is bound to follow unless a protective tariff along Republicans lines is placed upon the statute books as a barrier to the cheap products of Europe.

It has been shown over and over again during the last six months that American people have lost heavily through the removal of the protective tariff. A continuance of the present erratic administration at Washington would bring about results that are too serious to treat with anything save the most grave consideration.

George W. Wagenseller, the Middleburg editor, who knows the newspaper game as few other men from an intimate personal experience, has added the Juniata Star, at Mifflintown, to his newspaper properties. Mr. Wagenseller will have the good wishes of the entire fraternity in Pennsylvania in his enlarging newspaper activities.

PREPAREDNESS

REGARDLESS of war and his military connection, Shackleton, the noted English explorer, will return to the antarctic.

There is a lesson in this. We are apt to think England, France and Russia straining in a death struggle for victory—eating, drinking and sleeping war, with neither time nor energy for anything but the great conflict.

In reality this is far from fact. The Allies—the English in particular—are busy in a dozen ways preparing to take advantage, to the full, of the inevitable period of peace. This is one of the signs of the times for us. If we do not raise such a tariff wall about us as England proposes to erect around the British empire we are doomed to the most disastrous period of industrial life in the history of the country.

JUST ONE SHARE

WONDER how many of the people of Harrisburg fail to realize that the million-dollar hotel is to be the culmination of the efforts of years and the filling of a demand as wide as the country! This city has suffered more than many of our people know from inadequate hotel facilities and while the fame of Harrisburg has spread in every direction by reason of its unrivaled location, its splendid parks and playgrounds, its wonderful rivar basin and its many unsurpassed advantages, the absence of the hotel that is so greatly needed has diminished the enthusiasm which was aroused by all the other good things.

Now we are to have the hotel just as soon as the plans can be adopted and the builder obtained. But those who are laboring so earnestly to bring about this great improvement are striving in every way to make a record of building a hotel without one cent of debt in the way of bonds or other obligations. While many have subscribers of one or more shares, so that those at the head of the movement are anxious to secure hundreds of subscribers of one or more shares so that the undertaking may have the character of a community proposition.

Surely, few citizens of Harrisburg will find it a hardship to subscribe to one share of stock to the value of fifty dollars, payable in installments over a period of fifteen months, beginning January 1, 1917. So interested are the Chamber of Commerce people in this matter that they have set apart next Friday for a whirlwind campaign, in which hundreds of public-spirited men will engage to wait upon all our people who are interested in the hotel with a view to obtaining the final subscriptions. It ought not to be necessary for these men to give of their time and effort in a matter of this sort, but they have cheerfully agreed to do so in order that the hotel directors may feel free to complete all their plans without delay.

A POETIC NEIGHBOR

WE are apt to think of Pennsylvania as industrial rather than literary, as practical rather than poetical, but there resides down Columbia way a quiet, modest man who has done for his State in the world of letters what the Schwabs and the Carnegies and the Hersheys have in a business and manufacturing way. He is Lloyd Mifflin. Last week he passed his seventieth milestone and by way of celebration is about to issue a new volume of verse.

To learn how beautifully he writes and how truthfully one need but read the following sonnet from his new book, then close one's eyes and think of yesterday:

Faint music drifts among the Autumn boughs—
Some one is coming far across the leas
Where haze makes dreamland of the fields, and bees
Murmur the livelong day. The wading cows
Move lazily along, or stop to browse;
The orchard, from its golden-fruited trees,
Spreads flickering shadows where the flocks, at ease,
Rest in the shade and indolently drowse.
And now mid bronzing leaves, the silent jay
Finds his lost bugle and salutes the air
From tawney valleys rich with tented corn;
Slowly the splendor comes, as far away,
With grape-leaves wreathed in his sun-burned hair,
October, loitering, winds a phantom horn.

After a week of standing shoulder to shoulder and marching together up and down the streets of the city, the progressive citizens of the Chamber of Commerce have a new and broader vision of the future Harrisburg. All who are still outside the organization and who are able to join in this work should do so without further urging. It is your city and your Chamber of Commerce and just as you give for the upbuilding of the community all will be happier and more prosperous and more contented.

VACANT LOT GARDENS

ONE of the progressive real estate men of Harrisburg has suggested that the vacant lots of the city might be turned over to the children next summer for the cultivation of flowers. This suggestion will probably be of interest to the Civic Club, which has already conducted for several years the agricultural activities on the vacant lots about the city.

Ford's new war cry is "get the men out of the shops in eight hours;" that ought not to be difficult. The trouble seems to be to get some of them in for eight hours.

"Diamond sharks swindle shoe dealer; loses price of ring."—Newspaper headline. Oh, well, let them sell another pair of shoes and make up the loss.

Attention, small boys!—October 14 has been set apart by the manufacturers as "Candy Day."

Perhaps there was more cupidity than sympathy in the support given the New York street car strikers by the shoemakers' union.

Well, anyway, there are no typhoid fever germs in pumpkin pie or scrapple.

Philadelphia laundrymen will raise the price for collars; getting their patrons by the throat, so to speak.

The Days of Real Sport . . . . By BRIGGS

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Democratic machine circles were given another jolt last evening when Judge John M. Garman, of Luzerne county, former Democratic State chairman and one of the big Bryan men of the State when some of those now making a noise as Democrats were silent, came out against the re-election of President Wilson. Such a declaration from such a man would be enough to make Democrats pause and think, but as it came right after the thumps handed to National Committeeman Palmer and State Chairman Guffey in Schuylkill county and the snubs they got in Wilkes-Barre, it indicates that something is wrong with the reorganized, rejuvenated Democracy of Pennsylvania. And right on top of it all comes the report that the Democratic national committee is going to call on the Democratic postmasters and Federal officeholders for cash contributions with the State organization also seeking campaign money.

The fact that the Democrats of the State are divided as much as ever is becoming more apparent every day in spite of emanations from the Market Square windmill and in about one year there will be another demand for a reorganization for the purpose of throwing the present bosses into the garbage can.

Judge Garman's remarks were made during a visit to Philadelphia and stunned some of the Democratic leaders. "I am opposed to President Wilson," said he, "because his policies are against the spirit of true Democracy. He has violated practically every tradition and acted in direct hostility to the national platforms of the Democratic party since 1860. He has given us a wobbling, unstable and extravagant administration."

Judge Garman also condemned the Wilson administration's course in connection with Mexican and European affairs and characterized his action on the eight-hour issue as "undemocratic, in fact, autocratic."

Arrangements for the reception of Presidential Candidate Charles Evans Hughes at Philadelphia on Monday call for a big demonstration of Pennsylvania Republicans.

Governor Hughes, who is due to reach Philadelphia at 8 o'clock Monday evening, will be accompanied by Mrs. Hughes. A committee of the Philadelphia Union League, including John Gribbel, Charlemagne Tower, ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart, Alba B. Johnson and James B. Bonner, will go to Trenton to accompany the Hughes party to Philadelphia. All of the members of the Philadelphia congressional delegation have been invited to join the subcommittee on this trip. At 7 o'clock Monday evening members of the Union League, it is announced, will assemble at the league and proceed to Broad Street Station with the reception committee to meet the candidate and escort him to the Opera House. The reception committee includes Senators Penrose and Oliver, ex-Secretary Knox, Mayor Smith, officers of the Hughes Alliance in the State of Pennsylvania, including Powell Evans, chairman; William Draper Lewis, Bayard Henry, vice-chairmen; George D. Porter, secretary, and E. B. Smith, treasurer, and the members of the national compaign committee of the Union League.

—Senator Charles A. Snyder, candidate for Auditor General, is speaking to-day with Congressman B. K. Focht at the annual soldiers' reunion at McClure, Snyder county. The senator, who is a descendant of the famous Governor for whom the county is named, was given a notable greeting.

—Pittsburgh reports are that there is a brisk registration in that city. Philadelphia reports a lively round-up.

—Men connected with Scranton's centennial took advantage of the parades yesterday to boost the registration and a big enrollment is expected to-day.

—The Central Democratic Club counted noses last night to see how many members and prominent Democrats are going to Shadow Lawn next Saturday. The number was not announced. The special train will start from here and there will be plenty of seats.

—Prothonotary H. F. Walton was re-elected prothonotary of the courts in Philadelphia yesterday. He is a former Speaker of the House.

—Re-election of Senator E. E. Beidleman is expected to be by one of the most substantial majorities polled in years in Dauphin county. The senator in his visits throughout the county meets people everywhere who are for him regardless of party affiliations.

Postmaster W. A. McAdoo, of Kittanning, was among visitors here yesterday. He was at the windmill to see what was doing.

Senator Penrose returned yesterday from New York, where he conferred with George W. Perkins and other men influential around the national Republican headquarters. The senior Senator would make no comment on the political situation beyond saying that there was "no doubt over the result of the presidential election."

Although the election will be held in one month there is still one vacancy unfilled in the Democratic list of candidates for presidential elector. This vacancy is in the space allotted to the twelfth congressional district, composed of Schuylkill county. The other four electoral tickets are complete. The vacancies in Democratic lists will be taken up at a meeting of the Democratic State executive committee at Philadelphia next Saturday.

Dr. Eliot and Mr. Wilson

No one has a higher regard for the clarity of Mr. Eliot's mind, for the superiority of his intelligence, and for the genuineness of his courageous patriotism than the editors of the Outlook; but, even taking at its face value his presentation of the debit and credit account of President Wilson, we cannot follow in his conclusions. No number of specific and detached economic laws can make up for the fundamental corruption of an administrative system by the reintroduction of the spoils system "under some invisible compulsion or supposed necessity," nor can the passage of the Federal Reserve law and the rural credits act cover up the fact that the Wilson Administration in Washington has been one of the most expensive and extravagant in the history of the country. We are of those Americans to whom Mr. Eliot refers who wish "that the President would publicly abandon the neutral state of mind which he recommended to the American people at the outset of the war." But we cannot agree with Mr. Eliot that this is an error "resulting from too great reticence and caution." It is an error which President Wilson repeated deliberately in his address before the League to Enforce Peace, when he said of the European war:

"With its causes and its object we are not concerned. The obscure fountains from which its stupendous flood has burst forth we are not interested to search for or explore."

This is not an error of reticence and caution. It is the error of a man who does not see straight or think straight, and we cannot support such a man. No matter how good his specific and detached acts may be, no matter how fine his aspirations or how upright his personal character, the administrative leader of a great nation like the American Republic must be a man who sees clearly and thinks consistently. If Mr. Wilson had made as many mistakes, had changed his mind as often, and had been as "untrue to his own convictions" in the administration of Harvard University as he has in the administration of the United States Government, we respectfully ask Mr. Eliot if he would advocate Mr. Wilson's retention as president of Harvard.—The Outlook.

Going Some

The Belgian Relief Fund received $15 from three little boys in Pennsylvania who saved this amount by doing without luncheon desserts.—News item.

Three little boys, without dessert,
Sat side by side, my! how it hurt
To forswear cookies, pies and cakes
And luxury of stomach aches!
Said one: "I guess it's going some
To give up sweets for Belgium."
"You bet it is," said number two,
"It's harder than I thought to do."
"I never guessed," said number three,
"That ice cream meant so much to me."
Three little boys, my how it hurt,
Sat side by side without dessert.

Three little boys in distant land,
Sat cold and hungry, hand in hand,
And wondered how a hearty meal,
A home, and clothes, and warmth would feel.
The pallid snow lay on the ground,
The blight of war stretched all around.
Three pairs of brimming, hopeless eyes
Were raised in prayer to leaden skies.
Like answer straight, in heaven's name,
Food, warmth and clothing swiftly came.
Dessertless lunches, going some,
Had saved three lives in Belgium.

H. STANLEY HASKINS.

DON'T KICK YOUR JOB AROUND LIKE THE ARKANSAS HOUND

WHY kick your job around as though it were the Arkansas hound-dog famed in song? There are men whose pet affectation it is to denounce and disparage the task that procures their daily bread and perhaps spreads it with butter. They like to pretend that their exceeding virtue languishes unrecognized. They are worth ever so much more than they are paid, but nobody sees it that way. When they read of fifty-thousand-dollar men or hundred-thousand-dollar men their imaginations are quick to establish an identity. They cannot see why X and Y should be paid so much, when they, the real revolving wheels, the true, dependable underpinning of the whole establishment, are getting so little.

Any time you like you can hear from the man who is feeling that he deserves a better position and is denied his right to it. In the correspondents' columns of the fascinating country newspaper, faithful mirror of the lives of little towns, you will find that many a rising young man has "accepted" a position in a store or a bank or a freight depot or a factory. It sounds so kind and condescending to say that we "accept" a position. It never would do to admit that we sweated blood to get it and now are having the time of our lives to hold it down.

It is a poor workman who insists that the place he now holds is but a stepping-stone to a more responsible and a more lucrative post. The successful men are they who utterly bury themselves in the working life they are leading, with no thought of a better-paid hereafter. They are not counting the days to a promotion. They "put in their best licks" at the task in hand, in the spirit of him who said, "This one thing I do."

For it is a day of specialists and of concentration. The lackadaisical and the half-hearted stand no chance by the side of those who are driven as by a consuming fire and will not be denied. It is not always a case of love at first sight between a man and his work. But a calling may be an acquired taste and still become a ruling passion.

It is an excellent sight, that of a man at work with an evident relish for what he is doing, a just pride in the traditions of his craft, a firm determination that every finished product leaving his hand shall be as good as he can make it. In business the value of a trade name often lies with generations of men who wrought not in the spirit of a hireling but in obedience to an urgent voice within which never let them rest upon a botched and boggled operation.

You cannot do your best work till you bring "a shining morning face" to it. All that is wrong in you and with you will be wrong in and with the thing you produce, whether it be a book or a letter, a shoe or a coat, a wooden box or a gold ring, a bridge or an interstellar airship. The mood a man carries to his work affects its quality for better or for worse. Your own welfare is the welfare of all you do. Factories are run by sunlight in the disposition as well as at the window, by a spiritual combustion as well as by fuel under the boilers, by an enthusiastic human mechanism as well as by flywheels and turbines. What better place is there for a man to write his biography than in the work of his hands, and what more satisfactory memorial can he leave when the sun goes down at last upon his life?—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The Victim

Don't cry, little baby, that milk strikes are on,
That men who are struggling in greed,
Hear not your faint wail as the hunger pangs press,
Who are deaf to the plaint of your need.
Cease struggling with strength that is puny and weak
With the force of a giant-like might;
A song bird that flutters in clutch of a hawk
Can make, oh, much more of a fight.

So slight is your need in the pressure that's on
For chance to pile up golden store,
'Tis trampled with scarcely a knowledge 'tis there,
As the eager crowds rush on for more.
It lies like a field flower, crushed by the storm
That no one gives even a look;
Shall baby hands hold back the iron machine
Which armies' attacks would not brook?

Don't cry, little baby, but weakly submit,
This world is but trouble and strife,
With the strong to the front and the weak to the wall,
'Tis better your pitiful life
Should flicker and fade in the merciless maw
Of the Moloch of business-like gain;
For then you are safe from a bitterer fate,
And shorter your portion of pain.

—Josh Wink, in Baltimore American.

Social Blunder No. 8973

[From the Boston Transcript.]

Hostess (to departing guest) — Must you go so early, Mr. Blank?

Blank—I'm very sorry that I must leave, Mrs. Park; the fact is, not expecting to have such a pleasant time this evening, I made another engagement.

STUMPING FOR HUGHES

Mrs. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, author of "A Diplomat's Wife in Mexico," has joined the Women Hughes Campaigners and left New York this week on the special train for its extended tour. Since the publication of her book Mrs. O'Shaughnessy has tasted for the first time the interest of the public speaking and will now make speeches in behalf of the Republican candidate.

Dentists to Advertise

The Modern Ethical Dental Association, at its recent meeting in Indianapolis, planned to start an educational campaign in paid newspaper space, to bring to the public the realization of the importance to good health of better attention to the teeth. It is proposed to confine the advertising to educational lines. The constitution of the organization provides for a board of censorship, whose purpose is to exert its influence upon the profession to keep the advertising within the bounds of the purposes of the society.

It is planned to co-operate with the national vigilance committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World and with the better business bureau of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce in the work.

Unions and Contracts

[Omaha Bee.]

The failure of the sympathetic strike in New York is a gratifying evidence of the fact that labor unions more than ever are taking themselves and their relations to the world of industry seriously. In their striving for the collective bargain, which is the chief aim of trades union activity, the members have imbibed knowledge of the fact that they have assumed something of responsibility, too. They have come to know that the public has a share in the bargain they have struck with their employers, and, more than this, they realize that they should be bound by an agreement openly and freely entered into. Recognition of these considerations—that the contract to be binding on their employers must also be binding on them—by the workers will do more than any other means to bring them to that state of stability and accountability wherein the function or their organizations will reach its fullest possibility for service, because it will have the respect and confidence of those with whom they must deal. The action of the New York union men in declining to break their contracts is a proof of advance.

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."]

Does city regulate overhead signs? If not, should it be done?

City does not regulate overhead signs.

Evening Chat

With awarding of a contract for construction of a system of storm sewers along and across the old Pennsylvania canal in Steelton a few days ago was sounded the death knell for another section of that once famous waterway. The history of the old Pennsylvania canal, should it ever be written, would be filled with many a romance and would be quite a political chronicle. From time to time since abandonment of the stream as a waterway for boats there has been many a merry controversy and the years of agitation in Steelton to obtain the filling of the stream form only one of the number. When the borough of Steelton was a thing yet unborn the old Pennsylvania canal sluggishly flowed through the peaceful farm lands that now are occupied with smoking mills and busy business places. At the lower end of Harrisburg there was the lock for raising and lowering boats and at what is now Trewick street, Steelton, was a coal yard operated by Couffer & Sultzaberger. These were about the only places below the city for several miles. In late years when the borough grew up closely along the banks of the abandoned stream a strong demand for filling of the waterway was made. Unanswered, this resulted in periodical outbursts in council and in politics for years until the question was recently definitely settled. The canal will be filled from Locust street and the Pennsylvania Railroad will construct a new freight spur into the borough and erect a new freight station at Front and Locust streets, Steelton. The sewage now drained into the canal will be cared for by a system of sewers to be built at the joint expense of the borough, the steel company and the railroad.

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Governors of States who are natives of Pennsylvania will be guests of honor at the first annual dinner of the Pennsylvania State society to be held in Philadelphia on November 23. The committee in charge of the dinner is now arranging the invitations and has discovered that four of the executives of States were born within Pennsylvania. The society was formed last winter and is composed of heads of departments and divisions and members of important commissions. Monthly luncheons are held.

It is expected that the dinner in Philadelphia this Fall, which will be the first of the kind ever given in the State, will bring together many of the prominent men of the Keystone Commonwealth. Governor Brumbaugh is the honorary president and Secretary of the Commonwealth Cyrus E. Woods the president. Members of the Legislature are eligible to be members.

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"The general use of automobiles nowadays," said one with an imaginative mind the other day, "forecasts the period when a man's trade or profession may be identified by the car that he drives. The indicator will be on the radiator cap, where already many machines belonging to physicians bear the red cross. A lawyer would fly a crossed pen and seal, the merchant a symbol significant of the kind of merchandise he sells, the insurance man an insurance policy, and the railroad man a miniature engine. I saw a camel a day or so ago, mounted on the hood of a small roadster. Must have been placed there as signifying that the special merits of that particular car obviated the necessity of refilling the tank with water every day or so, and implying that the car could go as long without water as the camel."

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Although eighty-four years old, S. B. Elliott, of Reynoldsville, comes to Harrisburg a couple of times a month on business of the State's Forestry Commission. Mr. Elliott, probably next to Dr. J. T. Rothrock, has been identified with forest conservation more than anyone else connected with the State government. He has been a member of the commission for almost thirteen years and he knows every acre of the reserves and of a lot of land which he would like to see brought under the State's control. Mr. Elliott has had much to do with the auxiliary reserve system to whose importance people are just waking up.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Judge T. D. Finletter, of the Philadelphia courts, caused some surprise in a trial of a pickpocket the other day by saying he knew how it felt because he was once robbed of $400 that way.

—The Rev. F. R. Wagner, new head of the Allegheny synod of the Lutheran Church, is a clergyman at Huntingdon.

—Judge E. C. Bonniwell, of Philadelphia, re-elected head of the State Firemen's association, has been connected with fire companies since he was seventeen.

—Congressman W. H. Coleman, who is having a strenuous campaign for re-election, is also Republican chairman of Allegheny.

—The Rev. Edward Riggs, prominent Philadelphian, is spending the year in Florence and will not visit Philadelphia.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg plates are used for boilers for locomotives in New England?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The stockade about John Harris' house was first called a fort by the provincial authorities in Philadelphia.

In Time of Tribulation

And the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Go and cry with the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.—Judges x, 11 and 14.

Our Daily Laugh

PROBABLY NOT.

Jealous women called her silly,
But she always had a beau.
And she married some rich Willie
Was she silly?
I dunno.

A RARE ACCOMPLISHMENT.

Father: Has this fiance of yours any ability in any direction whatsoever?

Daughter: Oh father, he proposes most beautifully.