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Not so shall it be among you: but whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant.—Matt. 20:26, 27.

WELFARE AND EFFICIENCY

THE welfare and efficiency conference which opened here today is well named—for upon the welfare of the worker and the industry for which he labors depends the efficiency of the worker and the efficiency of the industry in the economic life of the community.

We are apt to look upon "welfare" work too much from a single standpoint—that of the employe alone. Greedy, or careless, manufacturers, heedless of anything but immediate results, used to pay small attention to the human units of their factories and mills.

It was necessary, then, as it is now to a less extent, to institute measures to guard the human element against injustice and injury. "Welfare" work came to mean along the welfare of the worker.

Every man who spends his income, or the bulk of it, to increase the producing capacity of the community rather than to cater to his own wants or luxuries should be encouraged.

The welfare of such a man must be considered quite as much as the welfare of the worker—important though that is. The welfare of the worker and the welfare of the employer are interdependent.

Our idea of welfare and efficiency is to have the price of a good meat and a good cook at home to prepare it.

A GOOD SIGN

WHEN the Pilgrims were about to leave Holland, whither they had fled from England, to seek "a faith's pure shrine" on the "wild New England shore," their pastor preached to them a sermon just before boarding ship from this text:

And there at the river, by Ahara, I proclaimed a fast, that we might humble ourselves before our God, and seek from him a right way for us, and for our children, and for all our substance.

Sturdy, fearless, upstanding men these Pilgrims were before the world, but humble and prayerful before God.

The great gathering of Methodist men here to-day well illustrates how again, after a period of self-sufficiency and boastfulness, men are turning toward God, seeking a "right way for us, and for our children, and for all our substance."

It is a good sign.

We suggest that Harrisburg ministers of all denominations may find something of profit in the publicity exhibit at the Methodist convention.

THE PEOPLE'S MONEY

MAYOR MEALS puts into simple language his proposal to pay the city's electric light bill out of the earnings of the water department.

some possible use by the department as the city grows. No business concern permits the profits of one department to accumulate at the expense of other departments.

The water department is merely a part of the city's municipal business plant, and it should be treated as such.

No hunting season is complete without a fatality in Dauphin county.

YOUTH AND THE MAN

SIXTY miles on his bicycle was the treat a Harrisburg man offered himself yesterday in celebration of his sixtieth birthday.

There is no better way to keep young than to live as boys live. Lots of exercise, good, plain, substantial food, love of out-doors and love of fellowmen are better than all the Turkish baths, "health foods," "reducing systems" and physicians' prescriptions ever devised.

But there are few who have the will to do what they know they ought to do. When this Harrisburger went riding yesterday he took with him a lid of nineteen. Why? Because men of his own age were teetering to and from their work in street cars or tottering about with canes—soft of muscle and growing old in spirit.

There ought to be nothing remarkable in any man of sixty riding a bicycle sixty miles. It ought to be the ordinary instead of the extraordinary thing. Possibly when fifty of every hundred, instead of one of every hundred, men learn the virtue that lies in the city's golf links and along the pleasant paths of the municipal parks, the sixty-year-old youth will become so common that newspaper comment upon his boyish capers will be no longer worth while.

Every time we have one of these fine frosty mornings some old liar on the street car repeats that fairy tale of warming his bare feet on the spots where the cows slept the night before.

SOME LESSONS FROM SUGAR

THE present high cost of living serves to make people think upon economic problems. The high price now being paid for sugar, for example, has made the production of both sugar beets and sugar cane very profitable during the past year; but while this is true, there is much significance in the announcement from Ottawa, Ohio, that the sugar plant at that place, which was built in 1912 and closed in 1914 after the passage of the Democratic tariff law, will soon be reopened.

It will be remembered that the Underwood tariff law reduced the duty on sugar and proposed to put that commodity on the free list on May 1, 1916. Many Louisiana sugar producers went into bankruptcy and a number of beet sugar factories in northern States were closed. The consumer got his sugar no cheaper.

Finally realizing their mistake, the Democrats repealed the provision placing sugar on the free list, and the war, which shut off exportations from Germany, opened new markets to the United States, with the result that the price went up.

While the American consumer is now playing a high price for sugar on account of the war, he is reminded of the fact that American sugar producers were going out of business under the Democratic tariff law before the war began.

"Suffrage will have one fast friend on the floor of the House in the person of the new woman member," observes an exchange. Careful of your adjectives, neighbor; remember, it's a lady you're talking about.

ANOTHER OLD CUSTOM GONE

THE Kansas City Times, in its column "Kansas City Forty Years Ago," publishes this item, which might have been from any one of a hundred journals of the period:

The young ladies of Wyandotte are making elaborate preparations for the leap year party which they are to give Thursday night at Dunning's Hall.

What has become of the old-time way of observing leap year? About the words mean in 1916 is that there was one more day than usual in February and that the Fourth of July and Christmas came "jump" one day in their sequence, giving us Christmas on Monday instead of on Saturday.

Not so very long ago maidens looked upon leap year seriously and cartoonists and comic column men had a twelve months' carnival of fun on the theme every fourth year. It was quite the fashion then for parties to invite the boys to dances and girls to give their favorites quite as good a time as the boys were accustomed to show the girls in other years.

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Business Briefs Philadelphia buyers are clamoring for more steel, despite the advance in the price of pig iron.

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KELLY—SIDE LINE CHATTER



By BRIGGS

Evening Chat

Wu Ting Fang's appointment as foreign minister of China calls to mind the strenuous interview some Harrisburg newspapermen had with him when he stopped off for luncheon in the Pennsylvania Station about fifteen years ago. The station restaurant was not as good as it is now, but that really did not have any effect. Mr. Wu was on his way to or from Washington and had been much in the limelight because of the Boxer outbreak and his marvelous adroitness in sidestepping. When he came this way preparations were made to give him luncheon and the newspapermen were there to meet him. As the minister in native garb, somewhat subdued, came up with some secretaries he "spotted" the newspapermen and shook his head. Then he went in and sat down. The scribes watched for him from the doorway and finally one went in and presented his card.

"What's your father's name?" demanded the minister as he read the card. Then followed: "How old is he?" "Have you any brothers?" "What do they do?" "Where were you born?" and finally the question: "What work did you do?"

When the answers had been given one more bolder than the rest broke in to ask Mr. Wu something about the effect on China of the army of occupation, of whose actions some words had come over the wire.

The Chinese minister looked at his questioner and asked, "What army?" Before any words had been given he inquired in perfect English: "How many men are in the Pennsylvania National Guard?" "How many companies have you here?" "Is there an arsenal here?" "When will you finish your capitol?" "How many trains come in here every day?"

The affable minister never blinked as he fired off the questions, never asked the newspapermen to sit down and although it was raining hard, he calmly faced himself with one hand and ate ice cream with the other.

Hence there appeared in one newspaper in Harrisburg that day a notice to the effect that Minister Wu had passed through Harrisburg.

It is not often that employers or employees ask to have a peace-maker come back. They generally want him to go away suddenly and not to return and he is lucky if he is not followed by some unkind words which would hurt the record in Pennsylvania is broken. "Paddy" Gilday, the official harmonizer of the State, officially chief of the Bureau of Mediation and Arbitration of the Department of Labor and Industry, has been up the State and instead of brickbats has been getting bouquets. The other day Gilday settled a strike which was spreading by getting the men, instead of a big increase in wages they demanded, a bonus system which was to last as long as the present high prices last. It was a great stunt and he was tempted to leave all hands asked that he be retained. The men were afraid it would not be true and the operators were afraid someone would back out and spoil the operation of the new system. Hence the letter to please keep Mr. Gilday on the job.

The Welfare and Efficiency conference, which opened at the Capitol today is the fourth to be held. The first was opened by Governor John K. Tener in Harrisburg in 1911, and it was possible in 1913. It was jointly arranged by the Engineers Society of Pennsylvania and the newly created Department of Labor and Industry. Commissioner Jackson, just appointed by Governor Tener, laid the proposition before the Governor and he promptly declared it an excellent idea, and ever since in the State government was interested.

Officials of the Public Service Commission in Harrisburg have been complaining with a request tied to it yesterday. It came from Reading and one of the points set forth was that a club had built a house at a cost of \$100,000 and that it could fire up its heating system. As the morning was cold the officials looked with favor upon the request and they have been instructed to answer within five days.

Capitol park squirrels have taken to ridding Front street lawns and other places where hyacinth and tulip bulbs have been planted for next Spring's blooming. In the last few weeks the squirrels have taken to hunting for easy provender without disturbing their winter stores. Consequently they have taken to prowling about the lawns and the way this has been turned up to furnish a midday luncheon for the wards of the State is worth noting.

Bishop Earl Cranston, of Washington, who is presiding at some of the Methodist meetings this week, was the presiding officer at the last Methodist conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania held here. He is a preacher of unusual force and enjoys a wide circle of friends hereabouts.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Senator-elect Philander C. Knox is taking rest at Atlantic City. —The Rev. Edward Riggs, of Philadelphia, will spend the winter in Rome. —Bishop Lawrence, of Massachusetts, said in Philadelphia that the real economists of to-day are wives of pastors. —W. H. Donner, the steel magnate, is developing a plant in New York State. —Judge W. B. Broomall, of Delaware county, will be a candidate for reelection.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has more through passenger trains than any other town in the State outside of the two big cities?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The first Methodist meetings in this section were held here 100 years ago.

Our Library Table

"God's Minute," a book of 365 daily prayers, one for every day in the year. Each is 60 seconds in length, for home worship, and the prayers are written by 365 of the most eminent clergymen and laymen in the English speaking world. The idea of the book was suggested by the excuse offered on the part of the many Christians that they haven't time for family devotions. (The V. P. Publishing Co., Philadelphia, \$25 net.)

"Betty's Beautiful Nights," by Marjorie Warner Wildman Fenner (G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, \$1.50 net.)

"Betty's" is a gentle little girl with the wondering mind of innocent childhood. She is visited with twelve dreams, according to the story, each one representing a month of the year and the hobnobs with the fairies and the wonderful little beings of nature to her heart's content. A book for the youngsters to delight in and the grown-ups to sigh over.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Daniel W. McDonald of Uniontown, candidate for Democratic presidential elector, to-day filed a statement of expenses certifying to payment for a two-cent stamp in answering a letter from National Chairman Vance C. McCormick "assuring him of his eligibility to the office of presidential elector." Mr. McDonald certifies that he received no contributions and made no other payments. A. F. Cooper of Uniontown, Republican elector, certified to spending \$50.

John Hays, of Carlisle, Republican elector, certified to use of three two-cent stamps, costing six cents in his campaign.

M. J. Lewis, Keystone candidate for Congress-at-large and John W. Slayton, Socialist candidate for the same office, certified that they had spent nothing. H. W. Braude, treasurer of the Woodrow Wilson League of Philadelphia, reported contributions of \$275, of which \$200 came from the Democratic State Committee, and expenditures of \$225.25 mostly for advertising, printing, hall rent and other expenses.

N. T. Poiwell, Republican elector, certified to a contribution of \$1,250 to the Republican congressional campaign committee and other candidates for various offices in his county, either nothing or less than \$50.

Representative Richard J. Baldwin, busy with his campaign for the speakership and in visiting the counties of the State, incidentally Mr. Baldwin is making a number of speeches and tells his friends that he is confident of winning.

Governor Brumbaugh outlined in speeches last night and to-day his determination to press for enactment of a housing code and is visiting the counties. He is also said to be contemplating some important recommendations on election law changes and will shortly make known what he thinks about home rule for cities. It is not generally known that for months the Governor has been studying municipal affairs. He has been delving into the problems of cities in his hours of leisure and it is expected that his statements will point out some ways of simplifying their problems.

Governor Brumbaugh's plans for appointments have undergone some change and it is said now to be probable that he will not undertake to fill vacancies for a week or ten days and maybe not then.

Philadelphia's city fathers are hunting around to find more money to run the government. It is now planned to increase licenses all along the line.

Allegheny county's congressional count appears to be sea-sawing daily. Kelly is ahead and now Coleman. The delays in the returns from some Pennsylvania districts are as bad as California and it is no wonder that a demand for a general overhauling of the system of counting is growing.

Members of the Central Democratic Club commandeered ten automobiles among their membership last night and went to Lebanon to whoop it up. The parade was the first Lebanon Democrats have had of any size for a long time. Not much was said about the Republican majority in Lebanon and the defeat of the Democratic candidates for the Legislature.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Tearing down the Colonel's birthplace is one thing, demolishing the Colonel another.—New York Sun.

The new dimes are in great demand—so are the old ones.—Chicago Herald.

Nobody doubts that Japan has Pacific intentions.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Why doesn't Constantine of Greece apply for that job as King of Poland?—New York Sun.

Norway has lost a seventh of her shipping, and about all of her patience.—Indianapolis News.

Europe's war is making living more expensive in America—but worth it.—Chicago Daily News.

Ordinarily, money talks, but in this era of high prices it merely emits a faint squeak.—Des Moines Register.

Speaking of opportunities in these straitened times, dominant nations soon become dormant nations.—Brooklyn Eagle.

You can't blame Poland for sinking a furtive tooth into that crown just tested by cousin Willie.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

City Manager For New York

A prediction was made at the regular Saturday luncheon of the City Club yesterday by Richard S. Childs, who presided, that New York will some day be under the city manager plan of government, and he introduced as principal speaker H. M. Wald, now city manager of Dayton, Ohio, who, he said, might some day have a similar job here.

Mr. Waite told in detail how the city manager plan has worked out in Dayton. He raised it for its efficiency and nonpartisanship. He told how overlapping duties of various city departments had been straightened out. For instance, there were three sets of visiting nurses. These were put under one head, overhead cost was reduced and efficiency increased. Ultimately, he said, Dayton will take over all tested philanthropic work, making private charity unnecessary except in experimental fields.

Politicians wept when a manager was called in from another city, he said, but the people have managed to survive the blow. He told how the water system had been improved, and an annual deficit for inadequate service had been changed into an annual profit of \$50,000 with satisfactory service. Improved methods of garbage disposal have reduced the death rate for babies. A city purchasing agent has saved all alone the city \$1,000,000 and work has eliminated the loan shark, and the work in correctional institutions is doing wonders in making prisoners self-sustaining.

When the new government was installed the city was staggering under a debt load of \$5,000,000, with inadequate sinking fund provisions. For two years the city has paid as it went, reduced its floating debt, increased its sinking fund, with no diminution in advisable activities, and is now on a sound financial basis.—New York Sun.

Is It Man or Insect?

We think about and talk about our home on Mother Earth. We seem to be so welcome here no telling what we're worth. We sing about our midget moon and his soft silvery ray. A bit of solar light hurled back from China's golden day.

To stern old flaming Father Sun we offer welcome praise, For his magnetic power and for Earth's glad rainings and days. We thank him for retaining us in his gigantic race, And whirling us around him as he rolls along through space.

Man's notion is that everything for his sake was invented, And who can prove that man, at best, is not a bit demented? But who can swear that Mother Earth, with just the right advice Would not get rid of us as we, sometimes get rid of lice?

Perhaps I ought to be ashamed such thoughts to entertain, But then I can't get free from them, I've tried and tried in vain. I'm not content with earthquakes and tornados in the West, Are not her maddest efforts to annihilate us pests.

Perhaps she thinks to drive us out the thunder storm's enough, But since we've no place else to go, I may be wrong—I hope I am—but ever since election, Despite my will, my thoughts drift this unorthodox direction. JAS. C. BOWERMASTER, For the Telegraph.

POOR CHURCH PUBLICITY, SAYS NOTED RELIGIOUS WRITER

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

WHAT'S the joke—or the gruff? Would be the first question of a sophisticated New Yorker should he read on the financial page of the Times every day for a week three or four columns of items like the following:

"Judge Gary, president of the United States Steel Company went to his office as usual to-day. J. Pierpont Morgan was in his office yesterday working on some banking business. Adolph S. Ochs spent yesterday in his office in the Times. John H. Wanamaker interviewed some of the heads of departments at his store yesterday."

"What's the main idea?" one bewildered reader would ask another looking for a hidden significance in the items. They are not news; the world expects men to be about their daily business. Certainly no editor would think of publishing such paragraphs—except in connection with religion! Hundreds of daily newspapers in this country print every week columns of such "news items" as the following:

"Rev. Silas Swell, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fifteenth and Market streets, will preach to-morrow morning on 'The Old Time Religion' and in the evening on 'Sanctification.' Everybody welcome. The sermons of Rev. O. B. Modest, B. A. D. D., LL. D., in the Third Presbyterian Church, are attracting much attention. Dr. Modest promises two treats to-morrow, at 10:30 a. m. on 'My Experiences at the General Assembly,' and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock 'Memories of Venice.' His church is at Sixth and Vine streets, and all seats are free. Come early."

"Rev. I. M. Merse, the new pastor of Jordan Baptist Church, Second and Reed streets, will preach to-morrow morning and evening, and there will be singing by the choir. This is the church of the warm welcome. I am not jesting. That sort of 'news items' or 'church notices' set solid and in small type (to make them more alluring) is the staple religious feature of hundreds of self-respecting daily papers throughout the land. By it they really think they are serving the churches, though an investigation has shown nobody but the proofreader ever reads these 'notices' through, and there is no instance on record of their having enhanced his religion!

Obviously, and had custom to the contrary notwithstanding, these notices are advertisements, and should be run only as such. They would look better and do more good in the classified column, where they belong. Then the space now occupied could be used for the real news of the churches, of which there is far more than the average newspaper suspects.

Both religion and journalism will be served when live news and readable religious features are substituted for the conventional "church notices," and in all papers these are run as avowed, paid-for advertisements.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On the Hike

Will you kindly insert this in your evening paper: El Paso, Tex., Oct. 30.—This poetry was composed by myself while on a hike, over the mountains of the dangerous mountains down here:

At a little social meeting, Of some one's night, An argument was started Which ended in a hike. Regular army officers Who were shooting all the guff, Got a trifle overheated And our general called the bluff.

So a line of march was mapped out, A time limit also set And if there was a wagger made, Our general won the bet.

Then we started out to show them That true soldiers can't be stopped Where he led us we would follow "Twas Hell," but no one dropped. Blisters were thick upon our feet, Many shoes were filled with blood, One drop of water in our throat, Would have made adoby mud.

We marched by day and marched by night, The wagons were behind, Mules had dropped by the wayside, And we were nearly blind.

But our spirits were undaunted, There was no such thing as quit, We made it on top schedule, And again we proved our grit.

You can talk about your soldiers, But the quartermen of to-day; Are the boys who have no equal, The boys from "Grand Old Pa." —C. A. KUHLWIND, Co. D, 8th Pa. Inf.

Wilson and Prohibition

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 21. — The National Engineer of November 2, 1916, contains an article credited to your paper, that states that Woodrow Wilson should lose no time in replying to the question asked him as to whether he has been misrepresented by those who are using his name as one of eleven Americans that favor temperance but oppose prohibition. I think that he answered it before it was asked, by opposing national woman suffrage, and thus lining up with the liquor interests on that question. I am quite sure that he got the booze vote in Los Angeles and in San Francisco where the prohibition amendment voted upon were defeated.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

MISTAKEN IDENTITY I saw your wife yesterday. Did you? What did she say? Oh! Nothing! That wasn't my wife.

DID HE FIND OUT? Registrar — How old are you, madame? Suffragette — I've seen 19 summers, sir. Registrar — How long have you been blind?

NO SCHEDULE Did you have your regular schedule when you went on your motoring tour? Oh, no; we just naturally stopped wherever the car happened to have its breakdown.

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