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It's the songs you sing And the smiles you wear That make the sunshine everywhere.

MUNICIPAL EXPERIMENTS

WE are advised from New Castle that the solicitor of that city, a lawyer who has been responsible for many of the jimcrack experiments in third-class city legislation, has drafted some twenty amendments to the Clark act under which Harrisburg and other cities are now operating.

There can be no doubt that the Clark act, which imposed the present commission form of government upon Harrisburg, is susceptible of important amendment, but it becomes a grave question whether the people of this and other third-class cities want the term of the commissioners extended to four years.

The whole subject of commission government brings us back to the great need of a larger measure of home rule. If New Castle and other small cities want to experiment in order to overcome deficiencies of other years, let the Clark act be so amended as to give them the right to play with government in any way they see fit, so long as they do not encroach upon the fundamental instrument or interfere with those matters which affect all cities alike.

Governor Brumbaugh is absolutely right in his contention that Pennsylvania cities should be given an opportunity to work out their own salvation. He will be doing the Commonwealth a great public service should he urge upon the Legislature the adoption of a home-rule amendment to the Clark act which will free Harrisburg of the restrictions imposed by that undigested and crude scheme of government.

Harrisburg will never favor a four-year term for any city commissioner. If he is an efficient and capable public official, the taxpayers will not hesitate to continue him in office so long as he will consent to serve; but should he prove inefficient and without administrative capacity, as is the case in Harrisburg in certain quarters, then it should be possible for the people to amputate him from the public service without unreasonable delay.

More and more thoughtful men who are giving attention to municipal conditions are coming to the conclusion that the commission government may be all right, providing the commissioners serve without pay and solely because of their interest in the community, but when the salary attached to the service becomes the chief object of those who seek these places it is high time that the whole scheme should give way to something more representative and satisfactory in its form. So long as the commissioners are also legislators, the commission scheme is certain to prove unsatisfactory. There is entirely too much "my department" in the attitude of the average commissioner for the good of the municipality as a whole.

"The U-boat issue is dogging Uncle Sam's footsteps." Daschunding, so to speak.

WE'RE A QUEER LOT

tainside, break the ice in the stream hard by to wash in the morning, toast our shins and freeze our backs beside an open fire, tramp all day through the open, get our own suppers in the evening, drink our coffee black and come back to town to boast what a good time we have had. Dozens of Harrisburgers now preparing to go to the deer camps testify to the truth of this.

It will be California's turn to sneaker if the House goes Democratic because of a few doubtful Pennsylvania districts.

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

THE Harrisburg Hospital will ask for Thanksgiving donations tomorrow, when wagons will start out to gather in contributions.

The hospital has more than ordinary need for assistance at this time. It was hard hit by the typhoid fever epidemic now happily on the wane. It has had extraordinary expenses and it must make up for these drains upon its resources if the service is to be maintained at high standard the coming winter.

Few there are in Harrisburg who cannot afford to give something. Remember that the doors of the hospital are always open to you and that you do not know what moment you will need the hospital. Call up the management and have the wagon stop at YOUR house.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

ENGLAND has evidently determined that the war must be fought to a finish, without regard to time or loss. Lloyd George recently declared that it took England twenty years to defeat Napoleon and the first fifteen of those years were black with British defeat. He says it will not take twenty years to win the present war, but whatever the time required it will be done. It would appear from such statements by the leaders of England and France that only national exhaustion will change the purpose of these nations.

By reason of this attitude on the part of the belligerents the question which is giving the people of the United States pause is the rising cost of food and materials which may cause a cessation of the temporary prosperity resulting from European purchases. So serious has this situation become that an embargo on the shipment of food products from the United States is seriously discussed, for no matter how high the cost the war countries will continue to buy, and this very situation may react upon our own people.

It is difficult to analyze the unprecedented conditions which confront the family of nations. So, as the year comes to an end, the problems which are pressing for solution are so serious and so complicated that few are able to predict with anything like certainty the outcome. Congress will soon convene and upon this body will devolve solution in part of some of the problems which grow more and more serious as the days go by.

It is reasonable to hope that after the battle of ballots our lawmakers will give careful consideration to the things which so vitally affect the prosperity and welfare of the American people.

No wonder the Danube is blue!

STEELTON SHADE TREES

STEELTON is again pointing the way in the matter of the care of shade trees. Under the direction of the Shade Tree Commission of the industrial borough the trees are being given proper attention at the present time and there has been absolutely no complaint on the part of property owners. In fact, they realize that this care is essential for the preservation of the shade trees of the town. Harrisburg would do well to take notice and emulate the Steelton example.

The Census Bureau reports the population of the country is now 102,826,309. Talk about going into details.

A SERIOUS SITUATION

INASMUCH as the newspaper industry is one in which the people are perhaps more interested than any other private activity, the growing seriousness of the situation affecting this important interest is now attracting the attention of those in authority as well as of the people generally. Never before has the newspaper business been so seriously menaced as at the present time. It is rapidly becoming a question as to how many of the newspapers not supported by large private income can survive. Paper manufacturers hold out no hope whatever of improvement. Indeed, the situation is certain to become worse after the first of the year, when expiring contracts will involve enormous increases for print paper all over the country.

It is believed that the results of the war prices are being aggravated by a combination of restraint of trade, but these things are hard to prove and notwithstanding the congressional investigations which are under way, it is doubtful whether any relief is to be expected from the probing which has been going on and which is to be continued during the coming session of Congress.

"COME ON, BOYS"

THE President has been invited to visit Colorado and Utah, but he has declined—for the present—though he says he is extremely grateful to the two States for their support. Now, since Mahomet may not go to the mountains, there is absolutely no reason why the mountains should not go to Mahomet. So we counsel the "deserving Democrats" of Utah and Colorado to make the pilgrimage to Washington and to carry with them the certified claims of their demands for office.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING

WHEN YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD DAY AFTER DAY - GETTING DOWN EARLY AND STAYING LATE - NO PROSPECT FOR AN INCREASE

AND YOU DECIDE TO END IT ALL BY THE WATER ROUTE

BUT CHANGE YOUR MIND AND THINK YOU'LL TRY IT A LITTLE LONGER

OH-H-BABY! AIN'T THAT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING?

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By BRIGGS

Politics in Pennsylvania

Representative Richard J. Baldwin, of Delaware county, has become a formal candidate for the speakership of the next House of Representatives.

Charles Johnson, former insurance commissioner, who was here today, seemed to be much interested in the next speakership election.

Well known Democrats are commencing to get busy on making up the deficit in the national committee funds. The Democratic windmill here, which slipped a couple of cogs when the national chairman said that it was up to the States to raise the wind is running normal, but with sorrow.

The newly elected Congresswoman from Montana will not be the senior member from her State, but she will be the Rankin member.

Europe will have to forgive us for receiving it overnight about the result of the election. We get about the same brand of information about the outcome of Europe's battles.

A Colorado woman was arrested for voting twice, but she explained her conduct on the ground that her husband was in jail, and that she supports the family, anyhow.

Franz Joseph (Boston Post.) Franz Joseph died as he had lived, amidst tragedy. No monarch of modern times has been forced to bear such sorrows as did the old Emperor during his long reign.

Freedom's True Friend The true friend of freedom does not wish to be insulted by the supposition that he believes each human individual an erring man, and that nevertheless the united clamor of erring men has a character of divinity during the thirty years. But affection for the Emperor always prevented any open break. It has many times been said that none but Franz Joseph could hold the empire together.

HOW TO PREACH BY USE OF MOVING PICTURES IN CHURCH

MOTION PICTURES are becoming so familiar an adjunct of church-work, even taking their place in the regular Sunday service, that The Advance (Cong., Chicago), recently offered a prize for the most informative article describing their use.

The winner is the Rev. Chester S. Bucher, who has used motion pictures for two years, and who is an enthusiastic advocate of the "screen sermon." He first used the motion picture at a church in Cleveland, The people, he says, had previously "passed by our church, leaving its pews empty, and filled the seats of the nickel university at the next corner."

This was the answer: "For thirty-five dollars we bought a second-hand Edison machine; for thirty dollars we secured a second-hand galvanized-iron booth; for about forty dollars we purchased electric materials, and an electrician in the church installed the equipment himself and operated the machine. Our regular order of service was used on Sunday evenings, with the single exception of substituting a scripture lesson on the screen for the lesson which had been formerly read from the pulpit Bible. The Bible film was the basis of the sermon. The life of Christ was used in series, one reel each Sunday night. When the people actually saw Jesus sink in his knees under the weight of the cross, there were involuntary exclamations of horror as the Roman soldiers goaded him with the points of their spears. Then came my chance to make plain how our sin crucifies Christ to-day. During Holy Week, instead of conducting services each night for a faithful few, we used 'Pilgrim's Progress' as the basis of a series of illustrated sermons that actually brought in the people of the neighborhood for our services. Although these sermons were not stressed as evangelistic, people united with the church and were brought into the Kingdom as a direct result."

In Dr. Bucher's present church in Lima, Ohio, the motion picture outfit is more elaborate, and the results are eminently satisfactory. The church, it seems, "is located one block from the public square." Each week, says Dr. Bucher, "we use display advertisements on the amusement page in all the papers, and on Sunday nights the people who drift up and down the streets - whom churches have not been reaching - come to the popular illustrated service for a genuine religious message." The writer continues, "with some details which ought to prove useful to any church contemplating the employment of motion pictures in its regular work."

"We have heard some criticism from other churches where the pews are empty, but the unchurched people who attend our service are grateful, and attentive, and responsive. The loose change offering pays for the expenses of publicity and of films."

OUR DAILY LAUGH

SOUNDS LIKE IT. Sunday School Teacher - Can any of you tell me what an epistle is?

Scholar - I can. An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

PA'S OPPORTUNITY. I do wish you'd buy a new car, Pa. The old one is getting so shabby, that I'm ashamed to be seen in it.

Good. Now, maybe I'll get a chance to use it myself occasionally.

COMPARING NOTES. My fiance, Harold Smith says he loves the ground I walk on.

When he proposed to me he didn't say anything about the ground I walk on. He just said he loved me.

DID THE BEST HE COULD. She (during the spat)-You should have married some stupid, credulous girl.

He-Well, my dear, I did the best I could.

Value of Goats' Milk The increased cost of milk would be a good thing for the country if it should lead people to keep goats. For some reason goats' milk has never been popular in America, although in Europe, especially in France, Italy and Switzerland, it is much esteemed, particularly for babies. A goat can be kept at a small expense where it would be impossible to keep a cow. Garden waste and roadside browse will support it. A small shed affords sufficient shelter. A goat is far cleaner in its habits than a cow and requires only such care as a child can give it. Let us get goats. -Youth's Companion.

Evening Chat

Search of official records made at the State Capitol the last few days has brought to light the interesting fact, in view of the State convention of woman suffragists held at Williamsport last week, that the Legislature of Pennsylvania had a woman suffrage resolution before it away back in the session of 1882. Throughout legislative journals there are constant references to woman's rights, woman suffrage and other terms under which the ballot for woman has appeared, and according to authentic information here the first woman's convention in Pennsylvania was held at West Chester on June 2, 1852. The members composing it were, according to the records, people who had been active and enthusiastic workers in the antislavery and temperance questions.

The pages of the Legislative Record for the session of 1882 shows that Captain John W. Morrison, the former State Treasurer and present Deputy Commissioner of Banking, who represented by John H. Landis, the legislative district of Allegheny county, offered the following resolution in the House: "Resolved by the House of Representatives (The Senate concurring), That our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to urge the passage of the joint resolution now pending in both houses, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, declaring that the right of suffrage should not be denied to citizens by any state on account of sex."

The proceedings do not disclose any debate on the resolution and on its passage the yeas and nays were recorded by John H. Landis, who was a later superintendent of the United States mint at Philadelphia, and Captain Morrison and resulted in a majority of yeas in its favor, the vote being 78 to 76.

A sort of "banquet hall deserted" atmosphere surrounds the membership of the State's capital, and which, in 1883. Less than fifty survivors of them being Captain Morrison, Isaac B. Brown, later Secretary of Internal Affairs, Colonel Theodore Burchfield, of the State Library; Lewis Emery, later senator and later candidate for governor; A. D. Glenn, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction; General William H. C. Smith, later senator and senator and congressman; John H. Landis, J. W. Nesbit, of Allegheny county, and Theodore B. Klein, later Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs and then member from Lebanon county.

Captain Morrison has a letter sent him at the time by Miss Julia T. Foster, a daughter of Heron Foster, founder of the Pittsburg Dispatch, in which she wrote: "I was delighted to read this A. M. that you had been able to introduce the resolution which I sent you and that it had carried amid applause and hisses. Accept thanks for your kindness. It comes next, for it should be sent to Congress before they adjourn? Having been born in Allegheny county, I am glad to have a representative from that county have the honor of presenting the resolution. The Philadelphia Inquirer of to-day gives the names of all voting on the resolution, which will do for future reference."

Miss Foster was chairman of the committee on legislation of the Citizens Suffrage Association. Dauphin county contributed several to the list of accidents occurring at crossings of railroads noted in the summary of railroad and railway casualties prepared for the Public Service Commission by John P. Dohoney, chief of the division of accident investigation. In fact, the accidents have happened at places close to the Huberstown crossing in these districts which adopted whereby State county and municipal divisions could unite in abolishing such crossings, the crossings at Harrisburg could be made safer. The average city is so busy getting rid of grade crossings in that it does not consider what is at its gates on the most traveled highways.

A high school for Lemoyne, Wormleysburg and Camp Hill is now being discussed by the local circles of these towns. Directors in these districts will hold a joint meeting next week and decide definitely what stand to take. One director said the other day: "That if these three districts do not proceed they will be adding to their present quarters. If this is done they will not need any room for five or ten years to come. Even if they do enlarge they will not have to pay a cent. Should they enlarge school facilities, these sections will be running in a 'back number' method for years to come and the first ridge will be a question for the next generation."

Your true lover of Harrisburg and its scenic beauties is not deterred by the weather, as was evidenced yesterday, when a number of persons climbed Reservoir Park's highest knob. They were rewarded with a splendid view of the Susquehanna valley from the water gap on down past High-spire, with the mountains between Cumberland, Perry and the York hills standing up as clear as the first ridge that belts our own county.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Dr. Carl Vrooman, who speaks here on farming problems, spoke to meetings of Philadelphia manufacturers.

Joseph E. Widener has succeeded C. C. Harrison as head of the Philadelphia art jury.

Ernest B. Johnson, former Public Service Commissioner, spoke before the Economic Club of Philadelphia on the eight-hour law. He is an authority on transportation matters.

Governor Brumbaugh laid the cornerstone for the new Philadelphia recreation center on Saturday. He is becoming an adept at such ceremonies.

Congressman C. H. Rowland, just re-elected, is a Cliffield county coal operator.

Guy E. Campbell, elected to Congress from Allegheny, is the first Democrat to represent this county in the county for twenty-four years.

Captain Baird Halberstadt, well known here, has been elected president of the Schuylkill County Historical Society.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg makes parts for all sorts of stationary engines?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG Market Square was used for town meetings back in 1795.

NO LATE HOURS FOR TEACHERS [Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.] Charlotte, N. C. - Dancing, card playing or other forms of "disipation" that tend to keep young women teachers up late at night came under the ban of the city school commissioners when they sent a formal request to the teachers to discontinue such practices. The commissioners say that these amusements militate against successful work in the schoolroom.