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Be strong and work, for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts.

—HAGGAI 2:4.

THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

How strongly the Christmas candle idea, first advocated for Harrisburg by the Telegraph a year ago, has taken hold is illustrated in the announcement on another page to-day by the pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church of the extensive and charming use he means to make of candles in his service on Christmas eve.

There is no artificial light more beautiful than the soft, wavering glow of the candle.

"When Greek meets Greek, there comes the tug of war," likewise a street fight and a quarrel among the Allies.

LOYD GEORGE

POLITICS, we are told, makes strange bedfellows, and the same may be said of war. Who, for example, five years ago could have imagined David Lloyd George kissing the King's hand as premier of England, while a host of lords and lordlings stood about with smiles of self-congratulation over his selection as head of the government.

HOME RULE

THE annual convention of city managers at Springfield, Mass., developed some interesting information concerning the government of cities along small council managerial lines.

HISTORIC PARALLELS

MR. ASQUITH, the news dispatches relate, has declined an earldom at the hands of King George.

CARRIE NATION OF HIS PARTY

EVEN Tom Taggart is said to be giving ear to the siren song of prohibition in Indiana.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MR. M'FARLAND QUOTES LAW To the Editor of the Telegraph: Your correspondent who hides under the title of "One of the Laughers" is certainly supplying me with some amusement.

economically and efficiently, and that they have been enabled to obtain improvements without exceeding their revenues.

From the actual experience of thousands of cities the officials gathered in Springfield derived the following fundamental requirements of a plan of city government which would be efficient and economical:

- 1. Simplicity. 2. Definite responsibility. 3. Administrative specialists cannot be successfully selected by popular vote.

It was the unanimous opinion also of these men who are successfully administering the affairs of American cities, that the policy-determining body elected by the people should be composed of men able and willing to serve for little if any remuneration, and that it should have full power to employ an executive head or heads, who, in turn, should have full power to employ and dismiss his subordinates without interference.

We, in Harrisburg, realize that the Clark act is a failure and that there is some virtue in the small council-managerial plan, but we are not prepared to swallow the new remedy for present ills as we were compelled to gulp down the commission form of government.

The Democratic donkey, having gorged himself at the public trough, may founder if Bryan persists in giving him too much cold water.

PUBLIC BATH HOUSES

THE sum of \$5,000 which Park Commissioner Gross proposes to ask Council to put into the annual budget for the purpose of establishing a city bathing beach and bathhouses is none too large for the purpose.

The people want a public bathing place. Left to a popular decision the appropriation of the amount named for the purpose would be approved by an overwhelming vote.

All this recital of self-evident facts for the reason that certain councilmen have shown little or no interest concerning the needs of the park department in general and those of the river resorts in particular.

DIG UP, DEMOCRATS

CHAIRMAN VANCE C. MCCORMICK'S little deficit of "around \$300,000" in the Democratic campaign fund is to be raised by an assessment upon the various State committees, to whom is to be allotted whatever sum Mr. McCormick thinks their States should pay.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Let us hope that in Congress the female of the species will be more effective than the male.—Atlanta Journal.

It is believed that a good many Republicans could be arrested for what they think about Ohio, Kansas and California.—Kansas City Star.

The Deutschland mail was able to run the British blockade with a \$2,000,000 cargo, but think how 300 pounds of United States mail will stimulate the citizens of the British patriots.—Indianapolis News.

I suggest that somebody send the story of "Evangeline" to those Britons who are protesting so indignantly over the grounds of any charitable, educational or penal institutions of the State of Pennsylvania, or upon any property belonging to the State of Pennsylvania, or TO ANY COUNTY, TOWNSHIP, BOROUGH OR VILLAGE.—Pittsburgh Courier.

It is quite true that in the act there is no reference to overhanging signs. It is just as true, and distinctly more important, that the act does specifically prohibit the placing of any sort of sign upon property belonging to the State, or to any county, township, borough or city therein.

King George now has two meatless days a week, but it is thought he is not most of us common Americans.

KELLY—CHANGING THE SYSTEM



Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Figures from the official count of the votes of Pennsylvania for presidential electors, State officers and Justice of the Supreme Court, which have been prepared for Governor Brumbaugh, will probably be used as a basis for some commentary upon the working of the nonpartisan law by the Governor.

Just what recommendations the Governor will make regarding the election laws is not known. He has expressed great interest in simplifying them.

—Presence here within the last few days of ex-Lieutenant Governor John M. Reynolds, of Bedford; Congressman Daniel F. Lefean, of York, and ex-Mayor Ira W. Stratton, of Reading, has revived interest in the appointment to be made to fill the vacancy on the Public Service Commission, caused by the death of Samuel W. Pennypacker.

—Advent of Representative George W. Williams, of Tioga, into the contest for the speakership nomination in the Republican caucus has not been received with much excitement by the partisans of either Richard J. Baldwin or Edwin R. Cox. In fact, they have refused to comment and it is noticed that newspapers which have been boasting of the administration candidate have not even mentioned Williams; while the newspapers backing Baldwin have given very little more notice.

—Speaking at Philadelphia last night Senator Penrose said that Baldwin would have more than a majority of the Republican votes of the House when he went into the caucus. This statement followed a "nose counting" conference at the senator's offices.

—The city authorities of Reading have started something in the way of food inspection which has attracted much attention. It is proposed to inspect all foods at the source as well as in handling.

—Ex-Representative R. R. Dearden, of Germantown, is out with some interesting political talk. He says he is the man who discovered Mayor

OLD RED, ROARING DAYS IN ALASKA ARE GONE FOREVER

(Continued From Yesterday)

Alaska voted dry! Alaska, the place where, according to popular belief, ably seconded by the "movies," all men had hair on their chest and gulped their "hootch" neat, paying for it with fistfuls of gold dust, Alaska, where business consisted of finding new Klondikes and pleasure meant squandering their wealth in a night; of all places Alaska turned against the Demon Rum, sipping the matremutes onto John Barleycorn and chasing him off the lot! Shades of Soapy Smith and Swiftwater Bill!

—Judge Joseph Rogers and Assistant District Attorney William Findlay Brown, of Philadelphia, have gone on their annual hunt to North Carolina.

—General W. G. Price, who may be the next commander of the Pennsylvania Guardsmen, thinks that the regular army is having as much trouble as the militia in getting men.

—The Textile World Journal, of New York, announces fresh advances in all manner of textiles.

—The Keystone Plating Company and the Chester, went into receiver's hands yesterday for lack of cash to meet maturing obligations.

—Beside offering a fuller range in colors, the new prints are now able to quote lower prices.

—Bradstreet's for the week reports that the "BULL" in all kinds is of maximum proportions.

—After we had all been carefully educated to believe in that, Alaska, a white ribbon, takes the pledge and restocks all the Tivolis and Nuggets and Klondike bars with grape juice and chocolate ice cream sodas!

—There is a proviso in the act of March 10, 1903, which specifically removes any difficulty in respect to "the posting of any notice required by law or order of court to be posted on the premises of any person, legal directions for the benefit of all which of course it is proper to put upon the streets. Your laughing friend, however, is endeavoring to make the impression for what purpose I know not, that it is legal to use the streets for private benefit.

—There are literally thousands of illegal obstructions upon the public streets in Harrisburg to-day. Some time all of them will be removed because the people will need the streets. In Chicago, for instance, all the projecting overhead signs on State street have been moved back against the premises to which they appertain, to the vast benefit of the street, and providing at the same time a fair and square chance to all of those concerned.

—I am not in any doubt as to the intent of the act of March 10, 1903. The man who wrote it and put it through the Legislature as a representative from Philadelphia, has himself informed me repeatedly of what he had in mind.

—If your friend will come out from behind his alias, I shall be delighted to send him any number of citations or authorities to prove the accuracy of my position.

Yours truly, J. HORACE M'FARLAND. December 8, 1916.

Peace Hymn of the Republic

From "The Grand Canyon" by Henry van Dyke. Charles Scribner's Sons.

O Lord, our God, thy mighty hand Hath made our Country free, In all her border and happy land May wrathful rise to thee, Fulfill the promise of her youth, Her liberty defend, By law and order, love and truth America befriend.

Oh, suffer not her feet to stray, But guide her untaught might, That she may walk in peaceful day And lead the world in light. Bring down the proud, lift up the poor, Unequal ways amend, By justice, nation-wide and sure, America befriend.

To all the waiting land proclaim Thy gospel of good-will, May friendliness and helpfulness In every bosom thine, O'er hill and vale from sea to sea Thy holy reign extend, By faith and hope and charity America befriend.

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Evening Chat

Probably fifty applications have been made to the State Highway Department's automobile division in the last three months for automobile license tag No. 1917, the requests for that particular tag being more numerous than those made year ago for 1916.

The department of the secretary of the Commonwealth is being asked numerous times a day about official work. This rush started the day the contest for the official vote was begun and the requests came from friends of candidates and, it is suspected, from some holders of stakes who had to possess knowledge on the actual figures before making arrangements. There was the greatest interest in the difference of votes between the first electors on each ticket.

Arrangements have been made by Miss Alice R. Eaton, librarian of the Harrisburg Public Library, to give a series of lectures to the city's teacher training class this winter on the way teachers should use libraries. The course will have special reference to the Public Library and its branches among the schools of the city. The teachers will be told how to use the libraries to supplement their own library work and to interest youngsters in outdoor life in summer by showing them what books to read in winter.

Later on in the season Miss Eaton of the Library staff, will lecture to the teachers on the work of the story tellers in the schools.

Senator W. S. McKee, commanding the First artillery, which was here yesterday, looks better than he has for years. The Pittsburgh senator is rather stout, or rather, he was rather stout before he was exactly a sprinter in form and when he went to camp he was rotund. But the work on the border trained down the colonel and he is now as trim as a cat.

A number of the out-of-town members of the Engineers Society will here next Monday night to hear Mr. Pinchot, president of the National Conservation association, speak on the fight for conservation in the present Congress. Mr. Pinchot will speak at the clubhouse and his lecture will include a discussion of the disposal of public water power streams and naval oil reserves.

The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times in an interesting review of the life of the late Edward Manning Bigelow, former State highway Commissioner, who was buried to-day, says: "Mr. Bigelow, Governor Tener conceived the idea of highway improvements in Pennsylvania and the department was to be reorganized. The purpose of doing big things, he called on Mr. Bigelow to come the commissioner of State highways. Under his administration the department was organized, and although others have since taken over the work, but little change has been made in the personnel of the chief men. Mr. Bigelow gathered about him. In working out the highway problem, Mr. Bigelow had secured 80,000 miles of Pennsylvania roads."

"What is the reason people will pass up a local car and take a through car?" was asked of a Harrisburg Railway man.

"Don't know and neither does any one else. Here's an illustration. Woman standing at Sixteenth and Derry, passing a car running from Twentieth street in and takes an already crowded Hummelstown car. Man lets Progress car go by and gets into crowded Lancaster car. Search me, guess we are coming to express cars to give the suburban shoppers a chance." was the answer.

"Well, why not express cars not making stops in the central part of the city?" says until they come to Nineteenth street?"

"Well, again, human nature," said the man. "Ever see a big husky fellow with a big nose and a big ear carried beyond where he wanted to get off?"

There are problems in all business lines—even running a trolley line.

Something may come of the movement approved by the Governor for some State recognition of the site of Camp Curtin and which will be submitted to the next Legislature. Until that project comes to fruition Camp Curtin Methodist Church will stand as Harrisburg's memorial of a place where many national hopes were centered and which many men upon whose heads the snow has fallen recall as a landmark in their lives.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

SO APPROPRIATE.

Alice—Do you know I heard that Mamie Brown's engagement ring is made of lead.

—How perfectly lovely and appropriate! You know her fiancé is a paper-hanger.

PROTECTED.

Didn't you find it rather cold as the thieves were making away with your clothes? Oh, no. They kept me well covered with their revolvers.

DO YOU KNOW

That Steelton is making special stools for government work?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

It took fifteen years agitation before Harrisburg was made a city.

People were accustomed to using the ferry.