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TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 12

Faith feels the sun is hid but for a night;

She spies the Summer through the Winter bud.

TWO IMPORTANT STEPS

It will be a matter of gratification to the people of Harrisburg that the directors of the Harrisburg Hotel Company have chosen so wisely the operating company.

Successful management is quite as important as a fine building and admirable appointments.

As to the architects and designers, one of the most distinguished hotel planners in the United States has been chosen to collaborate with another firm of architects more directly representing the operating company.

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the experiment is largely due to the caliber of the men chosen as commissioners and the city manager, who is the executive head of the city.

Every employe of Springfield, from the city manager down to the men who handle the street-cleaning and street repair work, puts in his or her full time. The business of the city is conducted just like that of a big private company.

The five city commissioners were all manufacturers and bankers except one, and he was superintendent of a large printing plant.

The commissioners employed as city manager Charles E. Ashburner, who is an engineer, and the first city manager in the United States.

The street cleaning, fire department and water works department equipment has been motorized and the fire department has been brought up to a high standard of efficiency by the purchase of new pumps and trucks, and new aerial ladders.

The first thing that was accomplished after the charter was offered was to gain the confidence of the people. A citizens' committee nominated five men of the best type who were successfully operating large manufacturing plants.

All of the city employes are appointed by the manager, except the auditor, solicitor and treasurer, who are named by the city commission for the reason that they act as a check on the manager.

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a department clerk in the federal service who does not receive larger pay than the employes of the Post Office Department, who are trying to make ends meet under present conditions on salaries fixed by law fifty years ago, which were adequate enough at the time, but are woefully insufficient now.

There is no more hard-working or efficient body of workmen anywhere than those who make up the postal force, and they should be treated accordingly. Their salaries should follow the cost of living.

General Wood apparently believes that the best League to Enforce Peace is a well equipped army.

If Lloyd George's non-partisan Cabinet is as much so as Harrisburg's non-partisan Council the new Premier has lively work cut out for him.

"Powder flare injures seven." Serves 'em right, why didn't they follow their sisters' example and use a powder puff.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Signs that Governor Brumbaugh had made up his mind to go through with the campaign in behalf of Representative Edwin R. Cox for Speaker of the next House were to be seen about the Capitol to-day.

The Governor met half a dozen prominent State officials within a few hours after his return to the city yesterday afternoon and after hearing reports understood to have informed them that he meant to use all of his influence in behalf of the South Philadelphia.

During the next two weeks there will be frequent meetings held here by men friendly to the Governor's side. It is intimated pretty broadly that the Governor will patronize at his disposal in behalf of his friend, Mr. Cox.

The Baldwin people to-day reiterated that they were sure of over 100 votes for the Delaware man and that they were not disturbed by reports that the Governor was going to take off his coat and roll up his sleeves in behalf of Cox.

William J. Roney, of Tacony, appointed manager of the State Insurance Fund by the Insurance Fund Board, was in the city yesterday afternoon and the fact was announced last night. The Governor has been in favor of Roney for a year.

"Persistent and judicious newspaper advertising" as one of the important factors in the success of banking and trust companies was recommended last Friday night as one of the elements of success by Fred W. Ellsworth, director of publicity for the Guaranty Trust Company, at the dinner of the Cashiers' and Secretaries' Association, at the Hamilton Club, Brooklyn.

The Governor Brumbaugh's appointment of Roney to be manager of the State Insurance Fund is expected to be followed by the filling of numerous places at the Capital to be held before the opening of the next session.

Arrangements are being made at the Democratic state headquarters in this city for a caucus of the Democratic members of the Legislature to be held on New Year's Day, to outline a plan for the coming session and to adopt a policy.

Senator W. J. Burke, of Pittsburgh, one of the prominent members of the railroad brotherhoods general committee, went to the Capitol to-day to discuss the speakership campaign with the Governor and the administration managers.

While Representative Cox was in the Lackawanna-Luzerne region yesterday with Congressman J. R. K. Lehigh, who is examining his boom for Governor, Mr. Baldwin was in Philadelphia meeting the grangers.

The Philadelphia Local Option committee held a meeting yesterday and launched the campaign. A committee will draft a bill and ask Governor Brumbaugh and the Anti-Saloon League to give it backing.

Lancaster county's 1915 crop of tobacco is bringing 25 cents a pound and may go 5 cents higher. Peas that the 1916 crop was not properly cured have proved groundless.

The Bell Telephone Company will spend about \$75,000 next year on increased facilities in Reading.

Lebanon dealers have raised the price of milk to 8 cents a quart and cream to 25 cents. Laundry work has gone up to 3 cents straight for collars and 12 cents for shirts.

THE CHRISTMAS MARATHON



EDITORIAL COMMENT

New York's only hope is to move West.—Columbia State.

California certainly gives great national expositions.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Why can't coal and mercury travel in the same direction?—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Maybe the King of Greece has his eye on the Nobel peace prize.—Wall Street Journal.

The Kaiser is now endeavoring to prop up the Hohenzollern throne with Poles.—Boston Transcript.

Bankers Advise Advertising

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The Flower's Page

From the underground rooms where the flowers stay

Sleeping the long winter days away, While the winds blow cold, and the skies hang gray—

At Spring's first peep, comes a flower gay—

Dressed up fresh in his suit of blue, He is Page of the flowers; and he bows to you

And nodding sweetly he says, "Says 'Are you ready to hold Nature's Jubilee?'"

Then the Sun smiles "yes," as he floats on high, And the cool Spring breezes go whispering by;

The brooks murmur "Bring the dear flowers gay—

Then the little blue page standing quietly above (The dear little chap in his quaint suit of blue)

Calls "Come out flowers, they are waiting for you."

And out skip the flowers at his summons so sweet,

While the page bows lowly, their coming to greet.

To the underground rooms then he bows so gay,

Leaving the flowers so bright and so gay

PAYLOWA SAYS DANCER'S LIFE NOT ONE OF FAIRY TRIPPING

ANNA Pavlova's autobiography which is now in press and which among her friends will contain many interesting pages. The following is an excerpt from its contents: "I remember once meeting a young man in the antechamber of a Polish dentist in Petrograd. We were drawn together by the sense of common danger and he told me that he believed the strain of a difficult examination had brought on the trouble, which forced him to enter the dentist's den. I asked what were the subjects of his examination.

"People imagine we lead a frivolous life; the fact is we cannot. We have to choose between frivolity and our art. The two are incompatible. The musicians and painters have recognized that every emotion can be expressed in dancing and that the ballet can even be used for the presentation of poignant tragedy. The greatest of all Russian composers, Tschaiowsky, wrote the music for several ballets, and the most famous painters of Petrograd and Moscow presented at the imperial theaters. Critics write as seriously of the ballet in the Russian press as they do of music and drama. England and America are only beginning to realize its possibilities as an art form. That there is a great future for ballet in both these countries is incontestable. Musicians and painters will follow the example of their Russian comrades and enrich the ballet with their talents.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Relief In Food Situation

To the Editor of the Telegraph:

Would you kindly have the enclosed letter inserted in your paper?

Are they contemplating to deprive the working masses of their necessities of life in this country?

It appears perfectly clear to me that the millionaires can corner the necessities of life and charge many times more the present fabulous prices. There appears nothing in their part to prevent it. The amalgamation of producers can also follow these steps. Yes, if you want goods there is our prices, if you cannot pay it, why starve. Yes, whether it be bread, meat, eggs, sugar, in fact all necessities to keep body and soul together, I say what protection have we got, in a nutshell, none. I say in the name of all that is righteous and just, let us who still exist appeal to Congress to put a stop to this money-making instrumentality and trading on the lives of the poor working masses and enact laws that will enable them to obtain their necessities of life at reasonable prices within their reach, put a stop to these corners and amalgamations of producers in all foods that constitute necessities of life.

Let each city and town provide open markets where the surrounding farmers can place their products directly to the people at just prices.

Prevent any food that we require from being sent abroad by placing a heavy duty upon it, thus let the necessities of our home consumption be guarded.

Remove all duties from foods that constitute the necessities of life sent us from other countries, and this competition will within a short time have the desired effect.

Also remove all duties on materials and clothing that the masses need badly and as a counter-balance increase the duties on all luxuries.

Compel the railroad companies to carry coal from the mines at reasonable charges, not the fabulous charges as at present.

Open the waterways, put our rivers in a condition where coal freighters and barges could bring the coal. Permit the free entry of coal everywhere, standardize our daily bread as to weight, purity and price.

Encourage sheep and land farming everywhere, even to the letting of tracts of waste land at low rentals to encourage it.

Yours sincerely, BRUCE GREEN, 1814 Green St., Harrisburg, Pa. (Dec. 11, 1916.)

OUR DAILY LAUGH

ACCOMMODATING. Young Millionaire—A valet don't you know is—especially handy in the winter. Friend—How so? Young Millionaire—If—ah you get a cold you can—ah—get him to—ough for you.

WHY WAIT. If I don't get killed, I'm going to take up aviation after I tire of auto racing.

Why don't you take them both up at once and not take such a chance of missing one?

THE EX-PENSE. I am in favor of peace at any price. Yes; but suppose you wake up some morning and find you haven't got the price.

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg's new hotel is attracting much comment in other cities?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG. John Harris gave the proceeds of his Terry to help start the Harrisburg Academy.

Advice of Parents. Remember young man, that when your father gives you good advice he is probably as wise as the sages of old. The advice parents give their children is the concentrated experience of a lifetime. Probably no child ever went astray as a result of taking the advice of a father or mother.

Evening Chat

In spite of the fact that more bears are being killed in Pennsylvania this year than for a long time, numerous complaints of the depredations of the animals in northern and mountain counties are coming here with demands that the State pay the bill. Complaints made to the State Game Commission are that bears have been robbing hen roosts, beehives and stealing generally all over the section where they have been known and that they have been seen in new districts. The kill of bears this year will run very high, in the opinion of the game wardens.

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the Game Commission, says that there have been numerous deer killed contrary to law this year's deer season and that the lack of snow on the ground has prevented hunters who violate the law from being tracked. As rapidly as possible the persons who kill does are being listed for prosecution, by game wardens. Several bucks without horns have also been reported shot. The deer season will close on Friday.

Public Service Commissioner Ryan and Director of Health Krusen, of Philadelphia, engaged in some amusing interchanges at a hearing yesterday at the Capitol. A map of Philadelphia was displayed with a district marked in green. Director Krusen referred to the "green spot," whereupon Mr. Ryan, who is ardent in his admiration for Ireland, said that he was partial to green and that it appealed to him.

"But it has a lemon background," remarked the director. "So it has," replied Mr. Ryan. "But I am so green that they often hand lemons to me."

"Not while you're looking at them," rejoined the director.

Deputy Attorney General Horace W. Davis is being congratulated upon the excellent work accomplished in the affairs of the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, of which Attorney General Brown put him in charge. In less than a year with no receiver's or attorney's fees Mr. Davis and a representative of the State Banking Department have been able to pay 50 per cent. to depositors and the new receiver, Mr. Davis is hopeful of another dividend before long.

Men throughout the state interested in the development of agricultural resources are looking forward with a good deal of interest to the proposed midwinter exhibition to be held here. The best products of the state have been put in cold storage and will be shown in the latter part of January, making a fair unique in this part of the country. Hundreds of people will be attracted to the show.

According to what has been learned from several men who have been making a study of progress in the farming, Perry township was the first to take to the farm tractor and there are half a dozen in operation and getting results. One man interested in sale of such products said that he expected five more tractors to be sold in this county in the spring and that he thought their use would be extended. In Cumberland county comparatively few have been used, and Lancaster the premier agricultural county, has not taken them up to any extent.

A day or two ago I received a catalog from a western firm that I had not asked to be sent and of which I had never heard. The senders probably got the name from that great treasure trove of the mail order man, the telephone directory. The interesting fact was that this catalog offered some Harrisburg products by mail order. They were bought in bulk and offered at a price to match home sales. However, the home store delivers at your door and you have to lug the parcel post.

It is not often that people having work which it is advantageous to get under cover or advanced to a certain stage before winter comes are able to do as much as they have this month. It is almost mid-December and yet outdoor work is going on as usual and yesterday there were men employed on some of the big projects which are notably heavy construction. The men are getting extra pay and appear to be enjoying it. They work on Sunday mornings and have the afternoons at home, but practically every day of the morning labor. If the weather continues mild up to the first of the year there will be many houses under construction which can go on during the winter.

The ordinance books which City Clerk Miller has taken such pains to preserve have been used in Philadelphia in years gone by Harrisburg has had some periodical outbreaks against the rising cost of food. Bread increases have invariably brought about vigorous protests and the result of popular disapproval has been shown by the proposed municipal legislation. Incidentally, it was thought when the inspectors of weights and measures began that the "gouging of the public" as it is styled in stat. terms would end.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Congressman Dewalt is taking pride in the fact that he secured pensions for sixty-five widows of soldiers in his first term.

P. M. Harbold, of Millersville, in charge of the new normal school regulation drafts, is connected with the normal schools and prominent in educational affairs.

Judge John M. Patterson, of Philadelphia, preached a sermon to men in Philadelphia's central station on Sunday. He said the courts would aid them to do better.

John McSparran, master of the Standard, is a member of a family long active in that organization.

Dr. John W. Phillips, of Mahanoy City, is president of the anthracite coal field physicians' association.

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