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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 14

Pay as you go, or don't go.—A.N.O.N.

SELECTING AN ARCHITECT

HAVING returned home after a thorough investigation of school methods and school buildings elsewhere, President Stamm and the officials of the Harrisburg school district are ready to proceed with the important preliminaries incidental to the building of a new Central High School, the enlargement of the Technical High building and the locating of Junior high schools.

THE CITY'S EXPANSION

PRELIMINARY surveys under the direction of the City Planning Commission of the territory between the northern boundary line and the first mountain at Rockville indicate the necessity for immediate attention to the development of this important section of Harrisburg.

WE MUST PREPARE

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS is not always on the right side of grave questions which affect the nation, but he seems to have struck the nail on the head in an address on national defense before the Southern Commercial Congress.

to be the utilization of the State forestry reserves for the stock and the forestry forces for the planting, the Highway Department to give the trees attention thereafter.

Incidentally it has been suggested that an interesting feature of the development of the Capitol Park zone would be the planting of trees in honor of cities and towns of the State.

There is a joker in that bill to coin a "half-jinney" that every bookkeeper will understand.

LET 'EM INVESTIGATE

THE proposed Senate investigation of campaign expenditures is a movement that will meet opposition among neither Republicans nor Democrats.

Wherever corruption occurs in politics it is connected with a local campaign. It is impracticable, for obvious reasons, for a national committee to engage in the corrupt use of money, even if it were so disposed.

It is notorious that Tammany Hall, the most famous and most efficient political organization in the world, cares not one rap for the presidential election.

As in the case of the new hotel, care is being exercised in looking into the qualifications of architects and builders and all others concerned, so that there may be no reason for regret when a final choice shall have been made.

The agitation in favor of an investigation of the affairs of the two national committees is calculated to give the impression that dishonesty is a prevailing feature of national campaigns.

THE SKATING PARTY

The blazing hearth, The trip over the comfortable twig, The soothing pipe, The friends who feel the cold, The restlessness, The inability to stop, The trickling ice, The sudden crack, The lack of interest, The others who en-

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Do your Christmas shopping early, Gentle friend! Don't betray ill-manners surely.

earnest speech at the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Society in New York City, stirred the thousands of representative men at that dinner to the depths by calling attention to our failure to measure up to the traditions of the past and the principles upon which our institutions were founded.

Our idea of an uncertain job is that of Archduke Charles, regent of Poland. We suppose Germany proposes also to leave the widows and the orphans "just as they were before the war."

What's the use of making two-cent pieces when the food barons have cut the value of a nickel down to two cents?

Politics in Pennsylvania

Adequate funds for State highway improvements, provision to increase salaries of teachers, local option and the speakership are the subjects Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh is taking up in the order named in his "conversations" with legislators-elect invited by him to visit his offices to talk over matters.

The Governor was informed by three of his callers yesterday that they were not for Mr. Cox. These callers were representatives A. A. Weimer, chairman of the Governor's committee, and George W. Williams, Tiooga, who told the Governor he was a candidate and who feels that he should be selected by the Governor because of his local option record, and Frank H. Marvin, Williams' colleague, who will naturally back him.

While some of the Governor's friends are urging him to an extreme course and to remove officials who do not or will not help and who refuse to replace men by adherents of members favorable to Cox there are others who counsel going slow for fear of reprisals when the Legislature meets.

On the other hand the State administration people say the Governor has the whip hand in the veto power and that while he cannot make appropriations he can unmake some of his pet objects of recalcitrant members.

The committee in charge of the proposed changes to the Philadelphia Convention and a representative favoring radical moves, Mayor Smith is vitally concerned and it may govern his course.

Two big parlors and the three rooms in the Commonwealth Hotel ordinarily used by Senator Boies Penrose as his headquarters when in Harrisburg were to-day engaged by Representative Richard J. Baldwin as his headquarters for the campaign for the speakership.

Friends of Representative Edwin R. Cox have not yet engaged headquarters but they will probably be in the same building, however, as he has announced that there will be headquarters for him. It is understood that Congressman John R. K. Scott will be active at his headquarters.

Representative George W. Williams, the third candidate, will have rooms at the Commonwealth, which is a "dry" hotel.

Though We Have Rebelled

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness though we have rebelled against him.—Daniel ix, 9.

ISN'T IT JUST TOO BAD HOW THOSE GUARDSMEN MISBEHAVE?



EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Entente envoys are said to have reached a full agreement on what King Constantine will agree to.—Philadelphia Record.

Owing to the high cost of living the Pittsburgh stogie has been cut an inch. Every cloud has its silver lining.—Boston Transcript.

An interesting editorial in the Telegraph recently on Tagore, the Indian poet and philosopher, now in this country is bound to recall to many a thought of the Buddha, the greatest of Indian thinkers and reformers, whose system of morals once counted among its adherents half the human race, and which has even now more followers than the Roman Church, the Greek Church, and all other sects of Christians put together.

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"But the Buddha has discovered a middle path which avoids these two extremes, a path which opens the eyes and bestows understanding, which leads to peace of mind, to the higher wisdom, to full enlightenment—in a word, to Nirvana. And this path is the noble eight-fold path of right views, high aims, kindly speech, upright conduct, harmless livelihood, perseverance in well-doing, intellectual activity and earnest thought."

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"The cause of sorrow is the thirst or craving which causes the renewal of individual existence, is accompanied by evil, and is ever seeking satisfaction, now here, now there—that is

"BUDDHA'S SERMON ON MOUNT"

Allen Sangree Inspired by Telegraph Editorial to Review Career and Teachings of Great Indian Thinker

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Bits of the Out-of-Doors by 'Suskie' Slush Ice North wind's blowin' bitter; Skies are dull and gray; Suskie's slow an' sullen; Bass have quit their play. There's slush ice on the river; I've dragged my boat away; Farewell for a season to the Whitecaps an' the spray. Useless Ads Eliminated Merchants of Berkeley, Cal., recently agreed to eliminate from their advertising schedules the purchase of space in programs, blotters, desk pads, floats, transparencies and others of a similar nature. Charitable organizations were excepted.

Evening Chat

"There is one thing about Harrisburg which has not been hit by the high price move and which to the credit of the people who run it has not taken advantage of the soaring cost of living and the mounting cost of almost everything else," said a resident of this city this morning.

"Street car rides" was the complacent reply. "I'm not joking. Think of it. You have seen the price of flour, coal and everything else go up and the railroads have tacked on increased prices and you pay more for books and everything else. But you can still ride from Hoffman's woods to the lower end of Steelton for a nickel and you can go from Paxtang to any part of the city for the same price. This is just what you used to pay. The prices for rides on the Harrisburg trolley system are just where they were twenty years ago and as they are longer, I'm not sure of that and it does not matter. The point is that the price of rides in spite of the growth of the city, the increased cost of equipment and the numerous other things that have entered into traction operation in this city and State has not increased. The only fault to be found in the trolley company still persists in its refusal to sell six tickets for a quarter or to give children's rates as is done by other cities. It has learned after fighting against it for years that night car pay. It has had its own trials and tribulations but you can still ride at far for a nickel as you could in 1896."

Speaking of trolley cars it is interesting to watch the way the conductors take the transfer checks and the tricks that are tried on them. The experienced conductor who has a passenger with a transfer present it opened. Some of the conductors do not hesitate to stop people to make them unroll the slips on paper and the person who does not comply speedily hears from the other passengers waiting to get in and receives hostile glances when he or she sits down. The great public enemy of the trolley is the person who does not comply speedily hears from the other passengers waiting to get in and receives hostile glances when he or she sits down. The great public enemy of the trolley is the person who does not comply speedily hears from the other passengers waiting to get in and receives hostile glances when he or she sits down.

One of the oddest attempts to get through a crooked game in regard to a transfer, was tried on one of the uptown lines by a man who had come from Philadelphia. He had a couple of transfers which he had accumulated in Philadelphia and he decided to try to pass a nickel. He got on a car and he showed the conductor a nickel. It happened that it was almost the same color as that of one division on the lines here, but the difference was automatically because if we turn it quietly handed back the slip with the information that the car had left twenty-four hours before. The man paid a nickel and when the conductor was about to take the nickel because of which he had detected the trick he was asked how he did it. "We got used to looking for the hour. We do it automatically because if we turn it, one which is not right we have to explain," said he. "Now I looked for the time and in doing so caught the name of a line I knew was in Philadelphia. I was told that it was about the same hour the day before. I just handed that fellow a quiet jolt."

Some of the old-time conductors of the trolley line can spot a bad coin as quickly as a crooked transfer. The one thing that worries them is a Canadian dime. But it is to be noted that they generally manage to get rid of them pretty swiftly.

Harrisburg people who have complained from time to time of the unpleasant noises that inflict themselves upon residents of this city, especially in the business section, will be interested to know that the city council has decided to get rid of its smoke nuisance, is taking steps to knock the noises. A few days ago Maurice Pease, who has been the police "silencer" of noises in Baltimore, spoke at a meeting under the patronage of the Civic Club of Pittsburgh. Mr. Pease recited a hundred or more unnecessary noises that he had heard in Baltimore during the past two years.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Col. G. C. Rickards, commanding the Sixteenth Infantry, is bent on efforts to have his command sent home from the border next.

—C. B. Foster, well known to many here, has been elected secretary of the Pennsylvania State Association of which he was secretary for years.

—W. H. Holloway, Pittsburgh man who has been working for the government armor plate plant for his city, thinks it still has a chance.

—C. N. Gery, father of the county treasurer of Berks, celebrated his ninety-fourth birthday.

—Gilford Pinchot, who is to speak here Friday, has been delivering a series of addresses throughout the State.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg billing machines are used in Canadian offices?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

Before the water works was built a dozen or more springs furnished water for the townspeople.

This Is Uncanny

Are figures clairvoyants? This looks like it.

Put down the number of your living brothers.

Multiply by two. Add three. Multiply the result by five.

Now add the number of your living sisters.

Add the number of your dead brothers and sisters. Subtract 150 from the total. The right-hand figure will be the number of deaths, the middle figure the number of your brothers, and the left hand figure the number of living brothers.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

