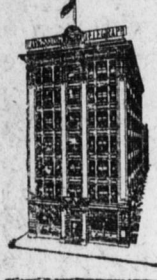


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MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 1

When you can't remove an obstacle, plow around it.—LINCOLN.

A REPUBLICAN PROTEST

HAVING just passed through the period of "peace on earth, good will to men," it is the hope of Republicans who have no ax to grind...

These letters are simply the expression of a deep-seated feeling among Republicans that the time has come to stop making a football of the party.

Skating at Wildwood is doubtless all right, but do you remember the delights of skating to Clark's Ferry on the old canal?

THE NEW YEAR

WHEN the poet wrote of the New Year: "Ring out the old, Ring in the new; Ring out the false, Ring in the true."

The New Year promises little relief from the abnormal conditions in which we lived during 1916.

Keeping open house on New Year's Day is a mighty dry custom in the prohibition States.

HISTORY REPEATS

ONE may suspect that King George, Emperor William and various other of the warring rulers, whose discordant views occupy so much space in the newspapers these days, might be induced to agree at least on the old year sentiment of Robert Burns, written away back in 1788, but quite applicable from the standpoint of all of them to the year which came to such a noisy conclusion last night.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S JOB

COUNCIL has cut out a big job for the City Health Department in voting to have it inaugurate its own system of ash collections, but it has done about the only thing left to do under the conditions.

making no preparations for the industrial tornado that is to follow the resumption of peace in Europe.

Another serious prospect is that of continued disturbances between the railroads and the brotherhoods.

The new year will bring its sufferings and its trials, but it will bring also its opportunity for service worldwide in its scope, and if we as a nation live up to the high ideals in which a majority of the people earnestly believe and for which they would strive under any and all conditions, we shall approach its conclusion with more of satisfaction than we did the end of 1916.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

WHEN the momentous question of who's who in the Legislature shall have been determined this week, the Republican leaders who have been rapping each other and incidentally giving much hope and comfort to the political enemy might engage in the more profitable business of outlining a legislative program that will appeal to the people.

Their ears to the ground, they should be able to ascertain without great effort that there is no demand anywhere for more legislation.

Those familiar with the processes of legislation would be doing the State a distinct service by placing the lid firmly upon the half-baked proposals thrown into the hopper at the beginning of every session and which should not even have consideration in committee.

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DOMINION

To the Invaders, Josephine Preston Peabody, in Harvest Moon.

Lords of disaster, waiting still to reap New glory for the ruin, stone on stone.

And bleeding tribute wrung from them that weep; Great is your faith, above the watch of our king.

Out of the fifth of blood and tears, And trodden breath still crying from the deep!

Yet, lords of famine, one gift late discerned, But still a triumph and a dwelling place— One master work of might is surely yours.

Only your chosen way could so have earned The men and brothers of the Belgian race Their everlasting stronghold in the sun.

Making Better Americans

(Kansas City Star) The assignment of a United States army officer to institute a plan of military training in the high schools of Kansas City ought to be welcomed by every parent.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

By Wing Dingler

Who'er you be, where'er you are I stretch my hand to you

Across the space that lies between For handshake warm and true— I wish for you and all yours, friend, A year of joy serene.

And health and wealth that knows no bounds, Through nineteen seventeen,

high in hundreds of back yards and must devote his first attention to bringing the collections up to date before he can undertake to keep them so.

The likelihood is that the differences between Council and the contractor will end in a lawsuit. The expense of collecting the ashes by the city will be charged up to the contractor and it is extremely likely that a legal dispute will be raised on this score.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The Meetings Allegheny county caucus at 2:30 p. m. Democratic House caucus, Capitol, at 8 p. m.

Republican House caucus, Capitol, at 9 p. m. Senatorial caucus meetings, Capitol, 9 p. m.

Whether the contest for the speakership of the House of Representatives which will meet at noon tomorrow for organization will be carried beyond to-night's caucus and whether the Democrats would get into a fight over their speakership nomination and stage a sideshow of their own were questions which were interesting the whole State to-day.

Following Saturday night's exchange of vitriolic statements between Senator Penrose and Attorney General Brown and Governor Brumbaugh's sudden dismissal of Banking Commissioner Smith there was calm for a few hours, but Harrisburg woke up to find walls, fences, billboards, poles and even surfaces, streets and the numerous men active in political life who throng the hotels, there is more interest in the speakership contest in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and other cities than here.

Senator Penrose led off last night with a statement in which he declared that instead of the State administration helping the Republican ticket the defeat of congressmen and legislators by Democrats was due to the work of certain people in the Capitol.

Governor Brumbaugh renewed his appeals to the people against Baldwin and assailed the management of the Republican in this State by its titular leaders.

Some minor interchanges followed and people went to bed thinking their stars that the end of the muck was in sight.

Henry Gransback, the "father of the House" has issued the Republic caucus call and expects to call it to order on the dot.

W. E. Tobias, the unsuccessful candidate for Congress in the Clearfield district, is going to contest the election of Congressman Rowland.

Ex-Speaker George E. Altier is here greeting his friends and looking on. He is for Baldwin as the best fitted man.

Congressman S. Taylor North, chairman of the resolutions committee in the stormy days of 1912, says the fight is worth staying here to see.

The demand for the resignation of Banking Commissioner Smith was the cause of much conversation about the hotel corridors and there was general regret that he had been asked to go because the place is desired for a younger and more active man.

The Philadelphia mercantile appraisers were reported to have elected except Edward Devlin, Senator Penrose's friend, who was replaced by Frank J. Ryan.

Major Merrick, former Senator from Tioga, is here and renewing old acquaintances and also having much entertainment as he always does.

The contest has brought to the city over a score of newspapermen, some of them the best posted men on politics in Pennsylvania.

News of the death of ex-Senator E. L. Phillips, of Newcastle, came as a shock to many friends in the Legislature. He was 65 years of age and served four years as a Senator.

Daniel J. Shern, an ardent Cox boomer, circulated among old friends in the Legislature who recalled the days when Shern and Congressman Scott used to say things about each other on the floor and then eat lunch together.

Numerous Delaware countians came here to-day to greet Baldwin and to root for him.

Senator Penrose took dinner with the Allegheny countians last night and it created something of a panic among Cox men, who hurriedly counted up their strength.

William Dawson, of Scranton, former chief clerk to the banking commissioner, is here meeting his

When a Feller Needs a Friend

A HAPPY NEW YEAR



PAPER HOPE IN CHILDREN

HOW to conserve the paper supply is engaging some of the best minds in America to-day.

The American Newspaper Publishers' Association has sent bulletins to every State and city and town in the country urging that everybody, old and young, save all the scraps of paper that come into their hands.

Ex-Speaker Charles A. Amblor, of Montgomery, was busy about the Cox headquarters and his smile was as broad as ever.

Representative Miles A. Milliron, of Armstrong, claimed by the Cox managers shattered the story by a blunt statement for Baldwin.

The Anti-Saloon League used to be prominent in speakership contests in years gone by and its old-time men were trench fighters from the start of speakership booms.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

In our role of peacemaker we might induce Mexico to sign a treaty with herself.—Wall Street Journal.

The Greeks appear to enjoy all the rigors of war without any of its moral benefits.—New York Sun.

Roumania probably could be arrested for what it thinks of the statesman who got it into war.—Kansas City Star.

Texas is making sausage from jack-rabbit meat and we expect to hear any time that food has taken another jump.—Boston Transcript.

The Central Powers have subdued Roumania, Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro, but San Marino still holds out.—New York Morning Telegraph.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

ONE GOOD TURN. It is Dan Cupid's prank For a woman to find If she marries a crank That her life is a grind.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Mayor Smith says his new year slogan is Greater Philadelphia.

Burgess J. M. Yeakle, of Bethlehem, has taken charge of arrangements to celebrate a farmer said: "The figures are not high enough. I have had to pay more for help on some days than my net profit, and I own my farm. And some days I could not get help at all and I lost money again. The men say that they cannot afford to work for what is paid in the country because the cost of living is so high all around. The increase in pay does not begin to buy as much as some men tell me, as in the dollar-a-day days."

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg distributed more automobiles last year than ever in its history?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

New Year's Day used to be celebrated in Harrisburg by bonfires and punch bowls.

The Purpose of Reading

[Emerson.] Books are for the scholar's idle times. When he can read God directly, the hour is too precious to be wasted in other men's transcripts of their readings.

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A THANKSGIVING EXPERIENCE. What are your fowls, good Dealer tell? But told, he said, with glaring eye, It must be eagles that you sell. No turkey ever soared so high.

Fox's Reply to Burke

(Kansas City Star) In 1796 Edmund Burke protested against peace between England and France on the ground that the French government had murdered a king.

"What," he exclaimed in his "Letters on a Regicide Peace," "you would treat with regicides and assassins!"

To which Fox replied: "Assuredly we should treat with them. If we treat with France only when she has a government of which we approve, 'Good God! we shall fight eternally.' That is inspired common sense as again a futile idealism. The principle involved often comes up in international affairs, where nations every now and then are called on to deal with governments of which they heartily disapprove.

Evening Chat

The Pennsylvania general assembly which will meet to-morrow at noon for the 122nd regular session since 1776 will be the third to assemble on the second day of January since the adoption of the present constitution in 1873.

The sessions of 1877 and 1882 began on January 2, the latter being followed by the memorable extra session of 1883. The legislature has organized on New Year's Day five times since the present constitution became effective, the years being 1878, 1889, 1895, 1901 and 1907.

Miss Elizabeth M. Baker, assistant principal of the Camp Curtin school building, and one of the leading members of the committee of the Pennsylvania State Education Association in the teachers' retirement fund bill, in her talk at one of the recent association meetings told of the objections that young women raise in opposing the pension bill.

Another interesting incident at one of the general sessions resulted from an attempt to have the educational association of the State changed to a superintendent of schools claimed that the organization was no longer democratic, and that by listening to conversations in hotel lobbies, one could get inside information of the workings of a "ring."

There are more old-timers back for the organization of the 1917 Legislature than known for years, the strenuous contest for the Speakership having brought them to the front. A strategy and bitterness the present contest goes back to ante-bellum days and there are many men in the throngs who recall incidents in sessions which dated from the battle for the honors.

If there be any distinction in being the first criminal to wear a new pair of trousers, then William Penn is going to be thus honored before the end of this week by Sheriff W. W. Caldwell, Jackson, who pleaded guilty to the shooting of Charles Brown, a fellow negro, and who was sentenced to serve from eighteen and a half years to twenty years in the Eastern Penitentiary.

The Bulletin also contains the fac-simile of the handwriting of William Penn and a statement of faults of the improved highway from the typewriter used by Mr. Penn.

A few days ago the State Department of Agriculture issued some figures relative to the wages paid to farm labor in the State.

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