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NOW LET US HAVE PEACE

The speakership contest having been very definitely settled it is the hope of the rank and file of the Republican party that peace will prevail during the session of the Legislature...

The Republicans of this State voted for senators and representatives with the very distinct understanding that they should devote themselves to legislating in the interests of the people...

The rank and file of the party is not interested nearly so much in the petty bickerings of Philadelphia politicians as it is in the enactment of a legislative program that will fairly represent the will of the people.

It begins to look as though both sides regard the President's peace note as a mere scrap of paper.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH'S message to the Legislature is a high-minded and statesmanlike document to which even his bitterest political opponents will be able to find very few reasonable objections.

Of intense local interest is the Governor's hearty endorsement of the Capitol Park extension development plans; views which are held also by State Treasurer Young and Auditor General Powell...

There never has been written a more comprehensive review of the needs of the State with respect to conservation and development of its water supply and waterways than that to which the Governor devotes one of the most important parts of his message.

The Governor renews his plea for a county unit local option law and however a majority of the legislators may feel on this subject there is a popular sentiment in favor of restrictive liquor laws in Pennsylvania...

There is common sense in the suggestion that the workmen's compensation and other labor laws enacted in 1915 be left without radical change until their virtues and their faults can be fully demonstrated by practice...

suggests, some of it honest, but in a very large measure dictated by the selfishness and greed of landlords bent upon the largest returns from the smallest investment.

The Governor's stand in behalf of more money for schools and good roads will be generally approved. Nine millions yearly is a large sum, but it is not more than the needs of the school system demand.

The several paragraphs relating to finance, charities and agriculture are timely and worth the attention of every legislator.

The Governor sums up his message in a paragraph the truth of which is self evident and in which lies the opportunity for all Republicans to join in a service to the State in line with the best traditions of the party.

No other State has had to consider such complex problems as confront us in this State. Here we have welcomed into the peoples of the great Penn this has been the home and haven of that who choose to come.

Theodore Marburg, ex-Minister to Belgium, should attract a large number of Chamber of Commerce members to the luncheon to-morrow, when he will speak on the subject, "Toward a Better International Organization."

TWO NEW YEAR PARADES

HARRISBURG enjoyed the unprecedented event of two New Year parades yesterday, and both of them were worth while.

The Mummers' parade attracted thousands to the heart of town and the spectacle was well worth witnessing.

England, first to use tank cars, appears to be the last of the warning nations willing to accept the water wagon.

USING CITY AS A BILLBOARD

CHIEF WETZEL was justified in warning politicians that he will stand for no more such conduct as the indiscriminate posting of the huge bills that marked the culmination of the speakership contest.

It is to be hoped that some of the owners of property whose premises were used as billboards will take proper steps to protect their interests against a repetition of the outrage.

HARRISBURG'S POPULATION

The Federal census estimate for the year ending July 1 last gives Harrisburg a population of 72,015 and is doubtless as nearly accurate as it is possible for such figures to be.

This is equivalent to an increase of 7,829 in the six years between the date of last census and the time of estimate, or an average yearly gain of a trifle more than 1,300, which is a good, conservative growth for a city of this size.

Growth of the kind Harrisburg has enjoyed since the taking of the last census is the best kind. Cities, like business enterprises, can go too fast. Then one of two things happens—either there is a corresponding shrinkage, with its losses and discouragements, or there arise the difficulties of financing an enterprise that has outgrown its capital.

ONE GOLFER'S REVIEW OF 1916

By BRIGGS

A 12-panel cartoon strip by Briggs showing a golfer's frustrating experience throughout the year 1916. Panels include: JAN. (Nothing could be more appropriate than to wait for the golf season to start), FEB. (The course covered with snow so I can't play this month), MARCH (It is too slushy on the course so I'll have to be patient), APRIL (The weather is too uncertain so I'll just do a little practice), MAY (This is a pretty busy month - June will have ideal golf weather), JUNE (By another month I'll be able to get away for a month's golfing), JULY (Business has increased so on account of the war - I'll have to wait a month), AUGUST (I can't get away this month - my business is increasing too fast), SEPT. (I'll work hard this month and take October off - the fall is the best time anyway), OCT. (I advise you to get out doors - what you need is golf), NOV. (I'm too weak to play golf this month), DEC. (It's too cold now so I'll have to wait until next year).

have been able for the most part to fit our revenues fairly well to our increasing needs.

However, it is scarcely fair to let the impression go abroad that Harrisburg has a population of only 72,000 when in all truth the figures ought to be nearly twice that number if all contiguous suburban territory were inside the city limits...

The Mexican situation persists in refusing to remain in status quo.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Honors in the most sensational contest for the speakership of the House of Representatives known for years rest with United States Senator Boies Penrose and his political advisers.

Five-Centers Bite Dust

Cleveland, Ohio.—Diamond Dick is dead. And Fred Fearnought, Buffalo Bill, the James boys and all the rest of that highly entertaining blood-and-thunder crew are singing their swan songs.

For the five-cent weeklies, with the flashy covers and exhilarating contents, are doomed. Within a year, say publishers and distributors, they shall have disappeared from the newsstands.

No more will Fred Fearnought make a flying catch of N. Adie, the Cleveland clown, as she goes hurtling over the edge of a 10,000-ft. precipice, propelled by Death-Dealing Archie, the villain.

—This contest, marked by so many charges of inefficient leadership and by counter charges of treachery to Republican candidates, will have a big effect on the gubernatorial election in 1918, toward which the Democrats are looking so eagerly.

—The conclusion of the bitter contest for the speakership nomination was taken very quietly by the crowds. The result was made known in the rotunda and the corridors of the Capitol as soon as ascertained and "drumming" of the opponents of Baldwin.

Newsdealers point out that their sales are no longer so small boys, but to "old-timers," who started reading them back in the '80s and '90s and have not outgrown the habit.

The dividing line between getting out another issue and closing shop is perilously close for very, very many newspapers.—Newspaperdom.

URGES CITY MANAGER PLAN

To the Editor of the Telegraph:

Sir: My attention has been called to a recent article which appeared in the Telegraph in reference to the employment of experts in city government under the Clark act in the cities of the third class.

Permit me to call attention to the provisions of the Clark act which admit of the employment of experts if desired and also for the proper adjustment of the salaries of the mayor and councilmen.

Article 5, Section 13. (Corporate Powers). "To create any office, public board, or department which they, the council, may deem necessary for the good government and interest of the city; to prescribe the powers thereof; and to regulate and prescribe the terms, duties and compensation of all such officers and of all officers who are members of any public board of any department as created," etc.

Article 7, Section 1. "The council shall determine the powers and duties to be performed by and assign them to, the appropriate department; shall prescribe the powers and duties of officers and employees and may make such other rules and regulations as may be necessary or proper for the efficient and economical conduct of the business of the city."

Regarding compensation to members of council Article 7, Section 15, provides as follows: "The first council elected under the provisions of this act, shall, by ordinance, fix the salary to be paid to the mayor in said cities as succeeding terms. Successive councils may change the amount of such compensation."

Article 6, Section 9 provides as follows: "The first council elected under the provisions of this act shall, by ordinance, determine the amount of salaries to be paid councilmen in said cities."

Under the provisions of the Clark act under averted, it would seem possible not only to provide for expert service but to reduce the salaries of the mayor and councilmen to meet the additional expense.

It is urged that the city manager plan will not only add greatly to the efficiency of government, it will tend to secure the most capable citizens as councilmen and is in keeping with the conduct of all successful business enterprises.

The fact that I had much to do with the framing of the Clark act and my interest in the subject of good city government must be my apology for commenting on your excellent suggestion.

Yours very truly, A. W. FULLER, Pres. Allied Civic Bodies Organization, Meadville, Pa., Dec. 23, 1916.

Successful Married Men

[American Magazine.] Show me one middle-aged bachelor who has made a success of his life, and I'll show you 26 married men who have.

Of the 27 presidents of the United States only one lived and died a bachelor. Nineteen of them married before they were 30, five before they were 40, and two after 40.

Meals, Famous and Infamous Dewey's breakfast in Manila Bay, Thomas Jefferson's saucer of tay, Winfield Scott's "hasty plate of soup," Burchard's rum, a mournful stoup—Each doubtless his most famous in the States.

The Sword the Arbitrator [From the Washington Post.] The Allies will fight on. They will listen to Germany when she is ready to yield, and not before.

Military Training There is just about as much danger of the United States becoming "militaristic" by giving a few months' training to all its young men as there is for an office clerk to get the bug of being a prize fighter by taking fifteen minutes' systematic exercise every day.

Birth Announcement Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Houghtaling, a child—Mercyville, Ia., Banner.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

A pair of chickens and fat. Would do, he said. They named a price— Good land! he shrieked, a sum like that. Should purchase birds of Paradise.

A POPULAR MOVEMENT. Telescope Operator—Have a look at the moon, only ten cents. Pedestrian—Not this evening, I'm for America first.

In spirit crushed he turned away. Tolted o'er his cash with worried brow. And sighed, I've got enough to pay for cheese and crackers anyhow.

WELL KNOWN. He (tenderly inquiring)—Did your lady friends admire your engagement ring. She—They did more than that. Three of them recognized it.

Evening Chat

There is something to the contention of members of the legislative committee of the State Grange, as voiced here a few days ago by Master John McSparan, that city people can help smash the high cost of living by thinking rather than boycotting.

George J. Brennan, writing in the Philadelphia Inquirer, tells the following story about days when Senator J. P. McNichol and Max Leslie, the Pittsburgh leader, were on opposite sides of the fence.

It was only an instance of the slippery streets and the holiday crowds, yet it seemed worth recording although here is little chance that the anecdote "who watch in the sky" ever miss a act of kindness shown the children or the aged.

People at the Capitol are awaiting with considerable interest the outcome of the contention of the Hancock and Carlisle turnpike company that its affairs are not subject to the jurisdiction of the commission but to the Cumberland county court.

John T. Brady's New Year's breakfast, which is one of the institutions of Harrisburg on the first day of the year, began some years ago with seven persons.

Arch Mackrell, former legislator and now one of the city officials of Pittsburgh, was among those who came to attend the opening of the Legislature.

Senator McNichol took to-day that the speakership contest took him back to the Marshall field of sixteen years ago.

Robert W. Herbert, the Greensburg editor, was here doing yeoman work as of yore at legislative correspondent desks.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

That Harrisburg has had the legislative sessions since 1814?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first State Capitol in Harrisburg was dedicated January 2, 1822.

The Unborn Truth (Masterlinck.) In every obstinate error there lurks, usually, an excellent truth that awaits the hour of birth.