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Every case of melancholia needs to work until he perspires freely; perspiration is a great moral agent.—Octave Thanet.

RESTORE PARTY HARMONY

It is inconceivable that potential leaders of the Republican party in this State will continue indefinitely a factional struggle that must eventually break down the party organization.

Already the Democratic bosses are showing signs of dismay over the slight indications of peace in the Republican ranks.

It is amusing to read Democratic statements about "the meeting of the Legislature of Pennsylvania at Atlantic City" and the distribution of patronage through a group of leaders at the seashore.

Under these circumstances it ought to be clear to Republican leaders that the time has come to stop silly bickering within the party and do what is obviously the thing to do in restoring harmony and co-operation all over the State.

This is what the body of the Republicans expect and what most of them demand. They are growing weary of the constant Philadelphia row which involves the party outside the metropolis.

There are some signs of party sanity here and there and a burial of all differences will be hailed with satisfaction throughout Pennsylvania.

With the new Supreme Court decision in effect, the liquor men will begin to discover shortly that prohibition really does prohibit.

CITY GOVERNMENT

IN further consideration of a larger measure of home rule for the cities of Pennsylvania, especially those of the third class, it might be well in amending the Clark act to provide for wider latitude in the selection of City Commissioners by providing that these officials shall receive nominal compensation in the way of salary and be vested with full power of administration through the employment of subordinate officials.

Of course, under the present arrangement, the Commissioners can employ such department subordinates as are necessary, but it seems to have been the policy of all the cities to make the Commissioners themselves administrative heads of departments.

This has developed all kinds of log-rolling not anticipated in the original commission form of government.

It is believed that even without an amendment of the Clark act it would be possible for Harrisburg, for instance, to change the salary ordinance of the commission here so as to provide that each shall receive a nominal salary of not more than \$100 and the amount now necessary for the salaries of the five Commissioners could then be appropriated for deputies or a single city manager.

Manifestly, some change must be made in the present form, else the whole scheme will fall through public disapproval. Dayton and other cities are quite well satisfied with their city manager plan, because it places responsibility in one person.

Through the selection of five Commissioners under the Clark act, who shall serve without compensation, men who are greatly interested in the development of the municipality and devoted to civic interests would be willing to serve the people for the sake of service and there would certainly be an avoidance of the political controversies which seem to have attended the working out of the commission scheme all over this State.

Harrisburg has done admirably through a long period of years in the development of its important projects, but for the last two years there has

been a letting down of public interest and official initiative by reason of the fact that the people do not keep in touch with public affairs.

Political leaders all over the State are finding that the present commission scheme is likely to give any political organization more trouble than benefit. As a result these leaders are quite willing that there shall be some change which would relieve them of any responsibility of providing the municipal management. They realize full well that any popular dissatisfaction with the administration of local affairs is bound to react upon the party in control, notwithstanding the presumption of nonpartisanship in the working out of the commission scheme.

Governor Brumbaugh has called attention to the need of a larger measure of home rule and it is the hope of all who are interested in the civics of Pennsylvania that the Legislature will take some definite steps in this direction and so amend existing statutes as to provide the local jurisdiction that is necessary to the growth and development of our smaller cities.

The difficulty in locating the Governor's Troop only illustrates how small a military company is when compared with the size of the country.

TELEGRAPH READERS

RENEWING his subscription for two years, John Rutherford, president of the Oakland National Bank, Oakland, Ill., writes the editor of the Telegraph:

I have read the Telegraph since a small boy and am now 72. My father was a subscriber for about sixty years and I have taken it the past fifteen years. Seventy-five years is a pretty good record for one family.

Subscribers like Mr. Rutherford and his venerable father have made the Telegraph possible. Scores and scores of readers of this newspaper have had the paper delivered to them ever since childhood. They have grown up with it, and when they left the parental roof for homes of their own the Telegraph has been the one tie that has bound the old life with the new.

It has gone, and is still going, to Mexico, to China, to Alaska, to England, to the Philippines—wherever Harrisburg boys have gone the world over the Telegraph has gone also. It has linked the homeland with the faraway, preserved friendships and kept old acquaintance green; it has been the bearer of good news and bad, but ever and under all circumstances it has tried to reflect truly and without bias the everyday life of Harrisburg, especially of Pennsylvania at large and the world in general. It has tried to do its part in the upbuilding of the city and the State. It has stood constantly for what it has believed to be for the best interests and the advancement of the community as a whole.

It has striven to be at once informative, entertaining and wholesome. The great army of readers who have followed it loyally through the years, supporting and encouraging its management by their patronage and friendly interest, give proof that it has not striven in vain.

More than ever before the Telegraph to-day, now entering upon its eighty-sixth year, is endeavoring to be the mouthpiece of the people it serves.

It would have its readers understand that the best interests of this city and the country at large are ever the first consideration of those who shape its editorial policies, and that its constant effort is to be a clean, wholesome home newspaper in all that the term implies.

If what Lawson alleges is true, it is easy to understand why the Congressional committee tried to halt the "leak" probe.

A BUSINESS MEETING

THE fifth annual meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce will be held in Washington, January 31, February 1 and 2.

The bulletin of the Chamber announcing the meeting remarks significantly, "The war has opened a new era in world commerce, businessmen are now facing conditions without precedent which will have to be met at its close."

It is reported that the tariff will occupy a most prominent place in the deliberations of the Chamber, and a general recommendation is expected for a speedy return to the protective policy in order that we may be commercially prepared to meet post-war trade competition.

As the Chamber is made up of commercial organizations all over the country its recommendations will doubtless carry great weight with Mr. Wilson, who is already threatening to make one of his famous double-backslings on the tariff.

If this income law on salaries under \$1,000 is passed, the next step will be to tax a man for having a job.

MISUSE OF CANAL BONDS

WHAT a travesty for this administration to issue Panama Canal bonds to cover up its extravagance! A Republican administration authorized the construction of the canal chiefly out of current revenues. Because Republican administrations did not issue the bonds authorized, there is still legal authority for their

The Days of Real Sport

By BRIGGS



CAKE BATTER

I CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE ANY—I HAVEN'T GOT ANY MORE THAN I'LL NEED

AW DON'T SCRAPE IT ALL OUT—JIMINY CRICKETS!

IM GOING TO HAVE THE SPOON CAN'T MA?

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The final lists of the committees of the Senate and House will be discussed by Republican State leaders in Philadelphia within a few days and it is probable that they will be announced next Tuesday.

The legislative leaders are now discussing the patronage of the two houses and the plan is to make a fair division, considering the terms of the organization, Penrose men to have the first claim, Vore men second and Democrats third.

The Democrats will probably fare better than usual.

While the lists are being made up much is being discussed regarding the Penrose legislative plans and it is stated by some of the newspapers that the first move to discipline the Brumbaugh administration will be in the form of presentation of the oft-threatened bill to place the Public Service Commission under the Secretary of Internal Affairs, as a constitutional proposition, taking from the Governor the power of appointing and removing commissioners out of office.

The next move will be to repeal some of the acts relative to the Attorney General's department passed last session, notably that making the Attorney General legal adviser of all heads of departments and for inquiries into expenditures.

The deficiency bill, which will be made up next week, will furnish the way for the firing of the first gun and the administration can look forward to much the same sort of treatment that John R. K. Scott gave the Tender administration in 1915, according to current rumors.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger to-day prints a three column article declaring that William H. Smythe was removed as banking commissioner because of his assertion of political independence. The Ledger says that Governor Stuart and Tenner made but one request of Mr. Smythe when banking commissioner which was that he should keep politics out of the banking department.

The Ledger also says that the commissioner was told by Governor Brumbaugh to "do your duty and fear no man" and that the Governor blamed the loss of Chester County upon the commissioner after one of his political fights. Many details are related in detail in the course of which it is asserted that Public Service Commissioner Magee, Insurance Commissioner O'Neil and others endeavored to play politics and that Senator Vore is reported to have told the commissioner that Philadelphia could get men good enough at \$3 a day apiece. The Ledger says that Gov. Brumbaugh's followers, lieutenants, committees and captains made a raid on the banking department and would have turned it into a vast political machine had it not been for the strong front Smythe presented.

—Thomas Raeburn White, prominent in reform affairs at Philadelphia, has come out with a declaration in favor of a single council for that city holding that sixteen members are enough. He also raps dual office holding.

A dispatch from Pittsburgh says: "Holding a majority, but lacking one member necessary for a two-thirds vote, friends of ex-Mayor William A. Magee in Pittsburgh's City Council of today failed to override Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong's veto of Council's \$10,000 appropriation toward the preliminary surveys for the proposed Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Canal. The Mayor's veto was sustained by a four-to-five vote, Dr. G. A. Dillinger, political associate of J. Denny O'Neill, State Insurance commissioner, joining the Mayor's three supporters in Council—Robert Garland, Enoch Rath and W. H. Robertson. It was the first clash since the speakership contest between Mayor Armstrong, one of the Penrose leaders here, and Magee, who directed the Governor's fight in Allegheny county in behalf of Edwin R. Cox.

The Young Men's Republican Club of Chester is planning to burn its mortgage. It is out of debt and has a waiting list.

Leutenant R. J. Graft, who has just returned from the border with his regiment, will be a Republican candidate for the legislative seat vacancy

In the Third Schuylkill district. John Breslin will be the Democratic candidate.

Councilman B. Frank Ruth is starting something in Reading again and is now fighting the sale of the Glenside Water Company to the city.

The session of the Franklin county auditors is being awaited with interest because of the manner in which the county commissioners have been figuring in the limelight. There may be some reactions because of the effort to cut down the salary of the county treasurer.

The license courts are being held now in various counties of the State and the attacks are being made with the usual vigor.

Representative James H. Maurer, the Socialist member of the Legislature, opposed the compulsory training bill in Washington yesterday.

Philadelphians are disappointed because of the decision of the Supreme Court against the convention bill plans. It will mean cutting them in half.

Mayor Smith will meet with the committee today to discuss the changes of the city government when he returns from the South.

It is said that Representative Edward R. Cox has declined the offer of the chairmanship of the House manufacturers' committee again.

WHAT THE CITY GIVES BACK

By BRIGGS



WHAT THE CITY GIVES BACK

WE who knew him in the days before the city swallowed him up (that was forty years ago) had forgotten all about him until the other day when the morning train rolled in and we stood ready to help unload the coffin and then to follow it to the place on the hill prepared for him.

Every now and then someone like him comes home to stay, and it is the same story so far as we who remain are concerned. Not until the train comes to a standstill and the baggage car door thrown open do we remember—an old friend, a friend, that is what it did to him.

Are not some fated to be bound to the wheel and others to walk in the glad places, and at the end of the Dolorosa Way is not there heavenly compensation? Perhaps, but somehow down deep in our hearts will continue the bitterness of an ancient regret because of empty and joyless lives, the deep resentment because of that blind fatality, which even through love, wrecks human aspirations and makes of life an unending tragedy.

—Tom Bodine, in the Paris (Mo.) Mercury.

Capitol Hill guessers are having quite a time with themselves just now over the question whether D. Edward Long, the new superintendent of public printing and binding, can assume the duties of the position. Those eminent authorities on the constitution, Gilbert H. Hassler and W. Harry Baker, decide that the appointment being made during a session of the Legislature, although the law does not so require, does not require prompt sending to the Senate and confirmation.

The New York monthly journal, Realty, contains an interesting review of what Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, the State Commissioner of Health, means to Pennsylvania. It is by H. Lindley Hosford, formerly secretary of the commissioner, and gives not only first hand information, but much in a way that holds attention, while there are some handsome photographs showing various activities of the department which Dr. Dixon created.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

A "horizontal tax" on imports is proposed, but the effect on the prices of the ultimate consumer will be vertical. —Philadelphia North American.

The Allies made as wry a face when the President suggested peace in a casual way as a bunch of Kentucky colonels invited to a seance at a soda fountain.—Chicago Herald.

The Kaiser no sooner won the iron cross than he signified his willingness to make peace.—Indianapolis News.

We all believed such a war could not start, and we are now skeptical about its stopping.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

CONSIDERATE

Do you tell your husband domestic troubles when he comes home at night?

Never. I always phone him about them during the day.

HIS WANTS.

Well, little boy, do you want to buy some candy.

Sure I do but I got to buy soap.

JUST THE THING.

Where are your summer furs?

Put away until next year I'm wearing my winter gauze now.

Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

Over 2,000 exhibits of choice fall pippins, big pumpkins, prize vegetables and probably 500 ten-ear exhibits of corn will be among the articles of farm produce to be assembled here next week in the first show of the kind ever attempted on any scale in Pennsylvania in the midst of January snows. The fourth week of January is generally about the worst from a winter standpoint that Harrisburg gets. The fruits and vegetables include a number of prize winners from the county fairs and similar shows held during the summer and fall of 1916 and tons of them are now in cold storage awaiting the opening of the building. The show was worked out by State officials and officers of allied agricultural organizations and for the first time the State's Capital will have boys judging corn. Probable boys will be brought here to judge corn, being representatives of clubs and the State will attempt to do something like the Ohio plan. "In addition to the choice apples, which will be labelled to show the districts where they are grown there will be exhibitions of other fruits; of wool, which industry is rapidly assuming proportions again in the Keystone State; forty samples of butter, which must be made within a certain number of hours and probably fifty of milk, illustrating the yields of various breeds. Corn will be shown, but not made for prizes and they will include cups and ribbons, which will be as unique as the plan for the show.

"Blank" days or days when there is "nothing doing" at the police station are very few and far between. Saturday, especially is usually a big day, but the boys who have been here for a month, proved very lucky for the erring ones whose names have often graced the police docket. Not a single arrest was made on Saturday. All the "inveterates" choose Saturday as the proper day to celebrate because Saturday is generally payday and Sunday is the day of rest is a good day to get over the effects of the "night before." Not so apparently with last Saturday when not even a case of near tipsy was noticeable to the police. Police say that this unusual record was more or less due to the fact that all the Eighth ward joints have been eliminated. The inclement weather also doubtless had something to do with Saturday's good order. A drop in the number of arrests is always to be noted when the weather is unusually bad. The average number stays home instead of facing the elements which is not conducive to good fellowship or curbstone arguments.

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A. R. Hamilton, prominent in newspaper world and local affairs in Pittsburgh, has been elected vice-president of the Barnes Coal Company which has large operations in Cambria county.

Bishop McDevitt took part in the jubilee services in the Conshohocken church on Sunday.

Harrisburg friends were congratulating to ex-Senator Bayard Henry, of Philadelphia yesterday in honor of his birthday.

Robert D. Dripps, who is making a stir in regard to State legislative appropriations was for years connected with studies of such work in Philadelphia and director of safety for a time under the Blankenburg administration.

R. Francis Wood, who is taking an active part in urging increase of sheep raising in the State, is a wealthy Philadelphia man and active in promotion of agriculture.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

That Harrisburg is going to have the largest midwinter show of agricultural products ever held in the State next week?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first inaugural parade was held in Harrisburg in 1813.

DO YOU KNOW

Japan and the United States

Tokio.—The Japanese battle cruiser Tsukuba was destroyed by an explosion in the harbor of Yokosuka. Fire on the Tsukuba caused the magazine to blow up. It is estimated that more than 100 men were killed or injured.

Ensign M. J. Milwauke, whose crew was taken off safely Saturday night, was washed overboard Sunday. As the hull continued to fill with water hope of salvaging the vessel faded.