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God will put up with a great many things in the human heart, but there is one thing that He will not put up with in it—a second place.—Ruskin.

AN EXPERT'S OPINION

A YEAR or two ago the Municipal League is understood to have engaged the services of a distinguished Chicago architect to make a study of the Market Square problem. This traffic expert is said to have thoroughly investigated conditions and subsequently rendered a report discussing the situation in detail.

Inasmuch as the Municipal League has taken a conspicuous part in all of the various public improvement campaigns of the city and has to its credit a fine record of public spirited endeavor, it would seem to be the part of wisdom in a public discussion of this character to give the people all the light possible upon the proposed changes in the main plaza of Harrisburg.

If one expert advises against an aisle of safety and another favors that proposition, as might easily happen, we beg to suggest it would be only fair that the reasons upon which are based the conclusions of the experts should be given to the public that there may follow an honest crystallization of public sentiment.

As the Municipal League is a body composed of citizens having the interests of Harrisburg at heart, its support of any movement should be open and above board so that whatever attitude it assumes upon any public question may be clearly understood.

For this reason, whatever the report of the Chicago expert may have contained ought to be made public, so that no criticism may follow any final decision one way or the other. The Telegraph has consistently opposed the public comfort station suggestion, but it is in hearty sympathy with the general proposition of an improvement of traffic conditions in Market Square and any changes which will add to the esthetic features of this great plaza.

THE PEOPLE AND RAILROADS

WASHINGTON at last seems to have been aroused to the importance of giving the railroads of the country some attention. Having battered their credit almost to the point of extinction the various governmental agencies and instrumentalities are now being awakened to the fact that unless the railroad corporations are given some relief the prosperity of the country must seriously suffer.

Under present conditions most of the revenue of the railroad systems goes for operating expenses and taxes. Efforts to increase rates have been squelched at Washington with great regularity. Nothing has been done to ameliorate conditions generally admitted to be more serious than the country has ever known.

exercise control only over those things which are peculiarly of concern to each particular State. There should be a letup of antagonism to the railroad interests to the end that the people themselves may enjoy the results of a prosperity that is bound to follow railroad expansion and development all over the country.

Let us hope that the survey of the local police department will result in some definite reforms which have long been needed. As the Chamber of Commerce has taken the initiative in this matter the people of the city are hopeful that the results will be far-reaching and satisfactory to the community at large.

THE SURVEYS

ONE of the most encouraging features of the surveys to be made of Harrisburg's school and police systems by representatives of the Bureau of Municipal Research under the auspices of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce is that the investigations are to be made with the full consent and co-operation of the School Board and Mayor Meals.

The surveys come at a peculiarly opportune moment. The School Board is about to enter upon new problems incident to the building of new high schools and the introduction of the junior high school system. It is guided by high-minded men of ability and foresight, who will be only too happy to have the assistance of experts in solving the difficulties they face.

The beneficiaries in each instance will be the taxpayers, and at no cost to themselves. Just as the Municipal League brought to Harrisburg at its own expense, through the contributions of public-spirited citizens, experts who laid out our park system, devised the plan to protect Paxton creek from flood, planned our filter plant and gave us the cheapest paved streets in the country, so now the Chamber of Commerce by the same means plans to bring experts to advise us as to our needs with respect to schools and police.

Some of the Republicans of Pennsylvania responsible for factional controversy and bitterness will realize that they are playing the Democratic game and no other. Thousands of stalwart and fair-minded men who have been standing solid as a wall in support of Republican principles are getting more and more weary over the everlasting bickering of party leaders in this State.

WHY NOT A STRAW VOTE HERE?

ALL over the country interest is being aroused in military training of school boys. It doesn't follow that because these boys are given military instruction that the country is going to be placed on a military basis. Such training would mean lifelong benefit to every boy who is put through his paces during his school period.

In a straw vote at Princeton the other day only 92 of 595 students were opposed to military training. The same proposition prevailed at Yale. It might be interesting to know how the boys now attending the high schools, the Harrisburg Academy and the parochial schools feel on the question. Perhaps a straw vote at these institutions would prove instructive.

and rotund, the picture of vigor. But what a difference now! Everywhere the cartoonist pictures him on wobbling legs, feeble of limb, hanging over the ropes and waiting for the count, a veritable Jack Johnson before his Jess Willard.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Reports that an agreement to drop the resolution to investigate the State government has been made in Philadelphia, spread over the State last night but it all resulted from a conference of leaders of rival factions on the proposed change in the form of the resolution, desired by the Vares to prevent perjury.

The Philadelphia Ledger says that Mayor Smith is playing the role of harmonizer and that Penrose is "trying to win over the Vares for the sake of a strong State organization." The Philadelphia Record says that the Penrose people are making some concessions to test the Governor's sincerity.

The Philadelphia Record of today says: "Some of the up-State members of the House who supported Cox for speaker in second reading next are reported to be disgruntled over the committee assignments given them by Speaker Baldwin."

The death of Commissioner George Sullivan of Monticello has resulted in numerous booms appearing for his place. J. M. Brooke and Samuel Roberts are mentioned.

The commission for Alderman P. H. Seltzer, of Lebanon, was sent out today. He is the first magistrate to be named in weeks. There Chamber of Commerce will not join with Scranton in the "mine cave" legislative matter. The Wilkes-Barre people are inclined to let Lackawanna run its own campaign in that matter.

When a Feller Needs a Friend



Trade Briefs

In 1915 exports of wheat from Chosen were \$27,671,924, an increase of 44 per cent. over those of the previous year.

Leading exports from the United States to Chosen in 1915 were flour, herring, kerosene, locomotives, construction materials and machinery.

Exports of flour decreased, as the Manchurians are building up the flour industry and consumers prefer the domestic article.

Sixty delegates from South American countries recently attended "Latin American week" at Lyons, France.

Portugal presents a fair market for American agricultural machinery, but tact and patience must be exercised in the introduction of modern machinery.

Potatoes and alfalfa grown on the plateau of Peru are to be studied by a member of the faculty of the University of Colorado.

Consul E. S. Cunningham at Hankow, China, predicts that that city will become an important manufacturing center.

Modern office equipment is in demand in Norway. American office furniture is being initiated in that country by local dealers.

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Our New Islands

By the formal exchange of ratifications for the sale by Denmark to the United States of the Danish Islands in the West Indies the transfer of sovereignty is brought appreciably nearer.

When the price shall have been paid the actual transfer of title will take place, and the islands will no longer be the Danish West Indies. It is not too soon, however, to begin to consider what the islands shall be called when they become United States territory.

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The Fine Day

President George C. Woodruff of the Bald Head Club of America, said at the recent annual turkey dinner in Hartford:

"The members of this club don't buy hair-growers. There are lots of millionaire hair-grower manufacturers, but we don't patronize them."

WHY NOT A STATE BUDGET?

THERE is very little use in creating a Commission on Economy and Efficiency to study the conduct of the affairs of the State if no attention is going to be paid to its findings and recommendations.

Even peace is made in Germany.—Atlanta Journal.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Chicago wheat-pit is considerably more sympathetic to peace-fluctuations in Europe than the corner grocer is to the fluctuations of the Chicago wheat-pit.—Boston Transcript.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH



Evening Chat

Discussion of a general plan for construction of armories in Pennsylvania cities and boroughs to take care of the organizations which the State is obligated to house under the national defense act brought out the interesting fact that the Guard officers rather look to Harrisburg to help the State establish armories in the State Capital.

Of all the cases that have been before the State Board of Pardons in recent years few have attracted the attention of the legal profession as much as that of the application of John Nelson, of Wyoming county, has aroused.

The corn and apple show held this week at the Emerson-Brantingham building as a part of the agricultural meetings will probably be made an annual affair.

Speaking of this week's gatherings it is a matter of note the extent of the comments heard upon the plans for the new hotel.

M. Luther Mason, the Reading man selected as a deputy State fire marshal, is well known to scores of firemen here as he has been active in State fire circles for twenty years.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Ex-Governor Tener is having a hard time to work in a winter vacation during the present baseball off-season.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has almost as many passenger trains a day as some cities of three and four times its size? HISTORIC HARRISBURG In old times the State had a large stagecoach for the Governor when he wanted to go travelling. Make Booze Seller Liable [Kansas City Star.] The Indiana judge who decided that a man who became drunk in a saloon had a right to lie down on the floor and go to sleep has the right theory about the saloonkeeper's liability.