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SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 27

Search thine own heart, what paineth thee

In others, in thyself may be;

All dust is frail, all flesh is weak;

Be thou the true man thou dost seek.

—Whittier.

A HARRISBURG FOUNDATION

Many generous citizens of Harrisburg who have passed to their reward fully intended during their life activities to provide in some way for the comfort and happiness of those left behind. Public bequests in some cases had been thoroughly considered, but as in many cases the doing of the thing which was important was postponed from time to time until the intervention of death. Thus it has happened that many well intended and philanthropic projects were allowed to slip into the discard through the spirit of procrastination which characterizes a large part of the human race in its preparation for the inevitable day.

In many of the deposit boxes in the banks of this city are the last wills and testaments of many of our citizens. Some of these doubtless provide for the things which are close to the hearts of the makers of these documents. Private bequests as well as public bequests are included in these final testaments.

What troubles many who are filled with generous impulse and who desire to help their fellow men is the thought about the character of their giving and the nature of the useful thing which they would like to provide for their fellow townsmen when their activities here cease. As a result many laudable memorials which would take form and substance were it not for the habit of putting off from time to time the action which would make a certainty of an idea never come into existence.

At Cleveland there has been organized what is known as the Cleveland Foundation—a community trust. This is a new idea for the conservation of wealth and for the efficient utilization of the proceeds of wealth. It offers advantages to all who desire to make bequests for educational and charitable purposes and for the good of mankind. Several gentlemen of Harrisburg have been discussing the matter of a similar foundation for this city. It is believed some such plan would relieve the minds of those who sincerely desire to help in community projects for the welfare of all, either during their lives or at their death. It is figured that within twenty-five years the Cleveland Foundation will have at its disposal at least \$50,000,000.

Elsewhere in the Telegraph this evening is given some further detail as to how the Cleveland Foundation is conducted and this newspaper would be glad to have the views of any of our citizens upon the proposition.

In the report of the State Economy and Efficiency Commission prepared by its counsel, Harry S. McDevitt, there is much constructive matter which should have the careful consideration of the Legislature. Several bodies now performing important functions under the recommendations proposed would be merged in some cases and their duties divided in others in the interest of efficiency. Perhaps the most important proposal is a change of the date of the Governor's election from the even to the odd numbered years, so that the Executive would not be compelled to assume his duties at the opening of a session of the Legislature. All who have observed the embarrassment of the Governor when catapulted into the midst of the lawmaking arena, realize the necessity for the proposed change, which would be clearly in the interest of good government.

NO MORE BARE LEGS AT SHORE

The Atlantic City beach censor is at work again. He has just issued his "book of rules" for the coming summer. Anything that pertains to Atlantic City has a very decided local flavor in Harrisburg, so we shall strikingly print a few of the more striking restrictions on feminine bathing raiment—or lack of it—decreed for the seashore the coming vacation season. Among the most interesting paragraphs are these:

Girls may go without sleeves, but not without stockings.

Knitted bathing suits will be permitted—if there are no stockings.

All skirts must approach the knees. Just how near the knees depends on the "architecture" of the wearer.

Life guards will not be requested to carry rulers to measure the skirts. That is left to the individuality of the bather.

This girl will be allowed more liberty in this line than plump maids.

And there you are—stockings re-

quired, but they may be white, or flesh-colored, or pink, or purple; any old color just so they're there. Also, bathing suits may be knit and skirts "must approach the knee," although not necessarily near enough for close acquaintanceship.

Atlantic City reforming with respect to its views on what is proper dress for women in the surf?

It is to laugh!

Every spring beach officials down there pretend to be greatly shocked at the costumes they permitted to be worn the year previous. Last spring the line was solemnly drawn on one-piece bathing suits. Now it is discovered that "barelegs are risqué," to use the censor's own words, and, notwithstanding the high price of hosiery, stockings must be donned, while in a paragraph following the censor hints at revelations of feminine form divine in jersey tight knit suits and skirts of a length to suit the wearer, far more alluring than mere barelegs.

We suspect the censor of trying to make the public believe that each year's costumes are just a wee bit more daring and naughtier than the shockers of the season past. By and by the ban on bathing suits will have exhausted the styles. What then? Something modeled after Annette Kellerman in a portion of the film marked "eliminated by the censor," we suppose.

Mayor Smith is said to be using his good offices to bring harmony to the contending Republican factions in Philadelphia. He could hardly perform a more helpful public service. But should he fall in his harmonizing efforts, may we not all hope that he will be successful in preventing the belligerents from invading the territory beyond the Philadelphia line?

SAN FRANCISCO'S SURVEY

WHAT may be accomplished through the proposed surveys of the school and police systems of Harrisburg by experts of the Bureau of Municipal Research, working through the Chamber of Commerce and in conjunction and cooperation with the officials of the departments named, may be judged from the recently published report of the work the bureau did along somewhat broader lines for San Francisco.

Impelled by "rapidly rising taxes," says the foreword to the report, the San Francisco Real Estate Board appointed a tax committee to combat unnecessary budget allowances and consequent tax imposition. But the task proved to be so large that only experts could handle it satisfactorily. The financial jungle was almost impenetrable. The city accounts furnished nothing from which it was possible to construct a statement of the actual needs of the city in the past or in the future. There were innumerable indications of inefficiency and waste, but it was impossible to identify and convict them except from the basis of some comprehensive and accurate financial survey. And the best way to obtain such a survey seemed to be the employment of the experts of the Bureau of Municipal Research of New York City.

Taking up the thread of the report at this place, the editor of the San Francisco Argonaut discusses it as follows:

The necessary funds for so good a work were speedily forthcoming. The experts arrived last June and began their work, and now we have the inclusive summary of their discoveries and opinions, so lucidly arranged and so admirably clear, that it is almost as if they had an almost ideal municipal system, but the practical steps by which it can be reached. At the same time the report contains nothing that is sensational, nothing in the way of startling revelations, indictments, or denunciations. It is a cold, impartial, and judicial picture of conditions, good and bad alike. It enables the citizen to discover, almost in a moment, the exact merits and demerits of nearly every feature of the city government so far as its finance and administration are concerned. The general impression left upon the mind by this report is an encouraging one. If there are any serious mismanagement or inefficiency and waste, they are shown how easily and how promptly they can be cured. The chief fault is mismanagement, which is heavy enough and serious enough in all conscience, but it is not of the kind which is usually presented in the main by a thousand dribbles of extravagance and wastefulness.

This report has been made the basis for vast savings in San Francisco, and not nearly all of its suggestions as yet have been put into practice. That similar economies and improvements of administration and service will be the outcome of the friendly and cooperative inquiries to be made here cannot be doubted. Neither will the School Board nor the Police Department be censured by the public if it be found that their ways and methods can be improved upon.

Petty wastes and inefficiencies, apparently trifling in themselves, but direful of results, in the aggregate, spring up in private business unless every activity is closely watched and wise executives from time to time hire outside experts to come in and criticize their establishments from top to bottom—not for the purpose of finding fault and placing employees in a bad light, but that evils may be corrected and improvements intelligently directed. Often the men in charge have their eyes too close to their work to get a proper perspective.

There is little real difference between public and private business. The same fundamentals are at the bottom of both. So it happens that the efficiency experts are called in to look over the school and police departments and in a friendly way to suggest betterments. What was accomplished for San Francisco as a whole is proposed for Harrisburg with respect to the two branches named.

Universal military service along reasonable lines appears to be gaining great headway among the people, who are at least convinced that the United States is in no more danger of becoming militaristic as a result of such preparedness for national defense than Switzerland.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Penrose men contend that there is not the slightest chance of the proposed investigation of the conduct of the State government being given up and at Philadelphia to-day the final plans will be made to put through the Sproul resolution in the upper house. The idea is to have it reach the lower house favorable to Assembly by Wednesday. The House would act on it finally a week later. A joint resolution takes the same course as a bill and the governor has authority to veto it or to rescind the veto.

It has been intimated that Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, has been endeavoring to obtain harmony and that some of the members of the committee on the Penrose course. Neither seems to be correct. The Penrose people are preparing to put through the resolution with the bill amendment and the administration is planning amendments and sounding out Democrats. Its present plans are to combat the resolution, but they may be changed to-day. The Democrats will naturally support an investigation.

If any overtures to head off the investigation had been made, the disclosures about the expenditure of the Governor and the charges relating to other departments by the Philadelphia Public Ledger, the Evening Bulletin, the Pittsburg Gazette-Times and other newspapers have destroyed all chance, declare Penrose men. The Ledger, which is certainly not a Penrose newspaper, and more against than for the Republican Standard, has done more in the way of criticism of the Governor than anyone else.

The Philadelphia North American to-day belittles the probe and that about as far as it goes. The Philadelphia Record says that Penrose men declare they have two-thirds of the two houses of the probe and that the resolution will get to the Governor on February 6. It also says that the Snyder public service "ripper" will pass the Senate. The action of the Penrose-McNichol party is being defended the Governor to veto the probe and that they are ready for a battle for political supremacy in Philadelphia, which is at the bottom of the whole row.

According to Washington dispatches, the national administration determined to get into the limelight again and to put forward prospective candidates for state offices and Congress by launching its probe of election methods in this and other States. So the action of the Wilson administration threatened to investigate election frauds in Pennsylvania, notably Philadelphia, but the probe was put on by some Democrats who were not of the probe and something. There were also intimations that the Vares did not want the probe started in their bailiwick. Now the probe comes to Philadelphia in the following dispatch:

Inquiry in Philadelphia, it was learned to-day, is not the only one now in progress in Pennsylvania, although the details are not clear. The scope of the inquiries in other parts of the state, nor is any information obtainable at the present time. The scope of the investigations in Philadelphia of the nature that the evidence accumulated points to infractions of State laws and not the Federal law. A conference between the National Chairman, McLaughlin and Attorney General Gregory to-day is of interest in this connection, through the known fact that Mr. Gregory had laid before the department the charges of election frauds in Philadelphia.

Congressman W. S. Vares was styled the "angel" of the probe in South Philadelphia yesterday by Judge John Monaghan in a speech delivered in Philadelphia. The congressman's words were referred to during the first of a series of conferences to be held between Mayor Smith and the members of the Philadelphia Charter Revision Commission at the city hall yesterday.

Plans were completed last night for a large representation of Central Democratic Club members at the coronation pageant at Washington in May and the club members were being made to-day by West End Republicans where they were going to come in the West Enders would like to maintain the club identity.

The Democratic city will have a big time on Jefferson Day if someone does not forget the date again. Next Wednesday legislators of the Democratic party are invited to the club's annual pig roast. Auditor General Powell says anyone who wants to throw rocks can do so. No one about Capitol Hill can be found who will sponsor the report that a bill to increase the Governor's salary to \$25,000 is to be put through this session. This is the only bill of interest likely to be the next Governor. Under the law, Governor Brumbaugh could not participate in any salary increase and the fund for his traveling incidental expenses is likely to be cut down.

Philadelphia is now going through another transition. It involves the future of the city and the usual pulling and hauling is under way.

Wilkes-Barre officials have declined to get behind the "mine cave" proposition. The mine cave, though the Lackawanna delegation would have to bear the brunt. Unfortunately, the situation in Scranton is different from another part of the state and not well understood.

FLIRTING AGAIN!

DIVISION ST.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Needs of the City

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 26, 1917. To the Editor of the Telegraph:

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A deplorable condition of affairs, take the streets and the question. When a breach has been committed in a contract of such importance there should be no hesitation to cancel it and pronounce it void. The municipal authorities must undertake the work and meet the necessary requirements. Pie-crust promises are aggravating.

Take the police system. The police are not doing their duty. They are not to blame if the system under which they are instructed to perform their duty is entirely old fashioned and out of date for a city like Harrisburg.

Where do you have to go when in need of a constable, leaving the few traffic men in the heart of the city out of the question? If a woman or man is attacked, robbed or maltreated throughout the residential quarters in this city, what is to be done? Ask the culprit to wait while you find a telephone and then ring up 107? In the case of the man, if he is blessed with physical force, with a knowledge of pugilism or wrestling, it may answer, but what about the weaker sex or the aged? Why, it is ridiculous and horrible, particularly to those with modernized knowledge.

We need an up-to-date police system for the proper protection of its residents. It can easily be done in this city. I have traveled the large and small cities of Europe and made a study of these subjects. Reformation in these matters is essential for the welfare of the people of Harrisburg. They need and demand it. Yours sincerely, BRUCE GREEN, 1814 Green street.

In Market Square

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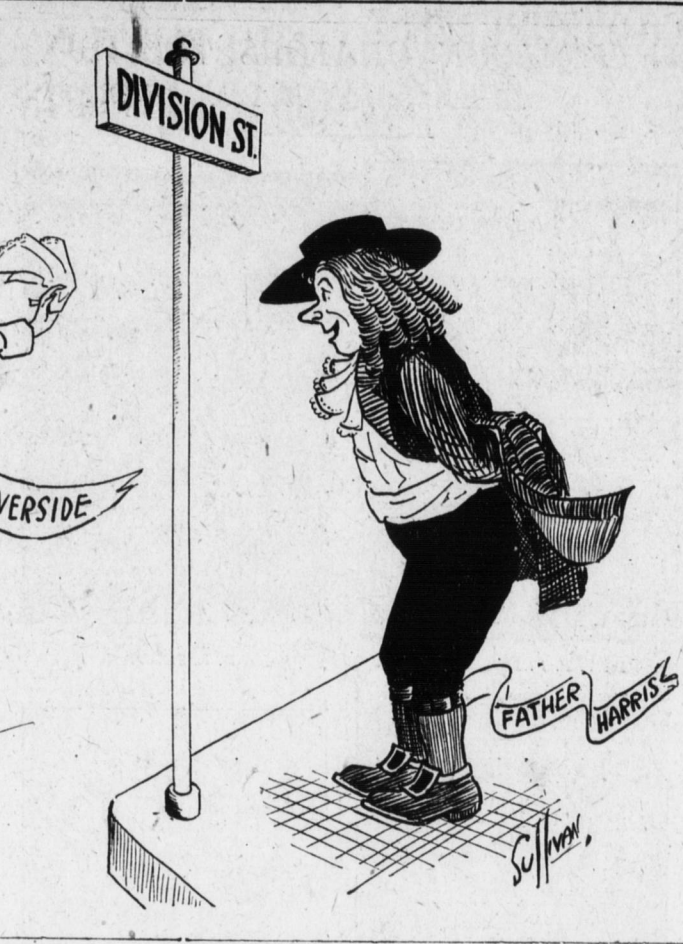
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A constructive program is being worked out, a program that will keep lathes turning when no more 14-inch shells are wanted abroad, a program that will add new products to the varied production of "Schwab's folly." Crucible steel products are already being made here, and that line will be expanded, pig and molding foundries are considered as another line. There is a possibility that Bethlehem will go into the making of standard parts of steel ships which will be put together at the three shipyards now held by the Schwab interests.

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Evening Chat

The question whether a man can operate a jitney while his application for a certificate of public convenience is pending before the Public Service Commission and the proposition whether a jitney operating under a municipal license requires a State certificate in addition have been raised before the Public Service Commission and will be determined during the next month.

If a dozen problems attending jitney operation have been settled lately by decisions in cases from Allegheny, Luzerne, and Lackawanna counties and it is also held by the commission that a State certificate is necessary as well as a municipal license. However, there have been some jitneymen who want a new decision. The question whether a jitney operator is found an order as application is pending has been raised by respondents in some of the complaints made by Baldwin township, Allegheny county. There are several cases in which the order has been cleared up by the commission and as fast as the studies of each one are concluded and application of a previous decision is found an order is issued. Probably fifty cases have been determined in the last month.

Notwithstanding the wintry weather numerous applications for young trout for "planting" during the spring are being filed at the State Department of Fisheries and many thousands will be distributed as soon as the waters are in shape. Most of the applications are from clubs and associations which have agreed to look after the details of distribution along trout streams and to make reports to the department.

Steeleton Firemen's reception to borough residents of the governor's troop is only one of the lines which will in time mean closer ties between the companies of the department. The affair held in honor of the troops was one of the largest celebrations that Steeleton Firemen have held and they have been congratulated by prominent residents of the town.

The Bethlehem Steel company plant at Steeleton appears these days to be the aim of many workers who have been discharged from the steel works. Early in the morning there are men on the street cars who request the conductor to let them off at the Steel company's offices.

Have you ever tried to simulate a bath in bed with all her street clothes on? If you have, you are anxious to learn the intricacies of the problem in order to be a Red Cross nurse, you are advised to take up the course and be initiated. Down at the Harrisburg hospital there is a weekly a corps of young ladies whose most important activities at this time are along the lines of training in "elementary" hygiene and first aid service in the event of all-engaging hostilities with some foreign power.

Nursing as one of the fine arts appeals and, judging from the progress made in the Harrisburg hospital, a hardship to be temporarily laid up under the care of any one of them. Bathing babies, using a life sized doll as the subject, and turning the mattress of a bed into a cradle in the bed were two of the stunts learned at the most recent class. One willing damsel offered herself on the altar of the hospital and was immediately smothered into inarticulateness by a dozen or more blankets dropped on her from upper regions. Then the others proceeded to "turn the mattress." Unfamiliarity apparently bred contempt, for the "patient" soon lost interest in the proceedings.

The State Board of Education has issued a bulletin in which attention is called to what Scranton is doing to educate its foreigners toward American citizenship. Dr. J. George Becht, the secretary of the board, has been making a study of the means being taken in various cities to Americanize and the method of Scranton he describes as follows: "Scranton has been holding a series of future citizens' meetings for the foreign-born residents of that city. At these meetings addresses are made with the purpose of making a citizen of the foreigner, to point out the privileges a citizen may enjoy, to inform him of the duties each citizen owes to his country and to assure the foreigner that public school authorities have provided means by which he can prepare himself to obtain the highest gift this country can offer its friends of foreign birth—American citizenship."

"Uncle Heinrich" Houck appears to retain his sense of humor even when threatened with an increase of salary. In speaking about the bill to advance his salary if he became chairman of the Public Utilities commission, he said "Now, would you do it? Well, you will you do it with when you get it?" was asked.

"Oh, divide it with your newspapermen. Only be sure to come early."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, says he wants to have the people discuss the new transit proposition a couple of weeks before he starts to talk about it.

John Frigg, the new head of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, says that he has no place for snipers about that organization and that he wants all to help.

Eugene M. Grace, the Pennsylvania railroad forester, is the new head of the American wood preservers' association.

Henry S. Grove, the ship builder, who wanted to retire as head of Cramps, has been persuaded to remain until June.

William K. Kibbaum, the Columbia editor, who has been probing accounts of officials, comes of a family long prominent in politics in that county.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

AN AGGRAVATED FAULT.

She hath still a waister to o' slender Albert we have frowned For the greater objection.

The easter it is got around.

HARDLY

Do you know, old chap, it costs me fifty thousand dollars a year to live.

That's a lot of money. Do you really think it's worth it?

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is turning out scores of coal wagons every month.

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

In old times mass meetings used to be held along the river front instead of Market Square.

Nation of Ice Cream Eaters

We are rapidly becoming a nation of ice cream eaters. Last year, takes the word of L. O. Thayer, secretary of the National Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers, for it, we consumed more ice cream than ever before in history, and spent \$100,000,000 for it.

Japan Our Friend

The island empire has no ambitions and interests that necessarily conflict with those of the United States. And it is now and has been the cardinal principle of Japanese diplomacy to maintain a friendship with its greatest customer and friend in the family of nations.—Philadelphia Ledger.