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THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF IT



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1916. Dun's said Bradstreet's both showed a considerable decrease in business failures. Just how much credit can be given to prohibition for business betterment cannot be estimated, but it was demonstrated absolutely that prohibition did not hurt business and that it did improve collections, increase the volume of clothing, shoes, grocery and furniture sales and allow many men to keep at work who formerly lost considerable time.

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 30 It is far easier to institutionalize the spiritual than to spiritualize the institutional.—Dr. R. G. Brooks.

CAPTAIN JACK CRAWFORD CAPTAIN JACK CRAWFORD, hero of a hundred Indian battles and author of a hundred poems that make up in sentiment what they lack in depth of philosophy and literary excellence, is about to take the trail again, for the last time. He is camping on the border of that country for which his old comrade in arms, Colonel Cody, departed only a few weeks ago.

NEGROES COMING NORTH The negroes of the North realize that they, as well as their white fellow citizens, have a problem on their hands in the migration of colored peoples of the South. The colored people of Harrisburg have paid dearly for the depradations of the newcomers. They realize that the influx is not ended and that spring will see a renewal of the rash North, where work is plentiful, wages higher than in the South and opportunities larger for the enjoyment of personal, political and civil freedom.

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committee

In the acrimonious debate which occurred in the Senate last night over the resolution on the subject of the Philadelphia political fight, the general sentiment of legislators is that the whole investigation proposition is the result of a row with which people living beyond the Philadelphia city line have very little to do and care less. Now that it has gotten started, there is only one thing, say many members, and that is to get through with it.

going South again next week, this time to Florida. Initial steps toward a city manager for Altoona were taken last night when the Chamber of Commerce directors endorsed a plan submitted by a special committee recommending a public meeting at which the question can be discussed and a definite program adopted.

Representative Hess' declination of the Mines Committee chairmanship last night was taken as notice that Congressman Griest, Lancaster county leader, need not be expected to look with favor on any drastic probe. Mr. Griest has not been in favor of tearing things wide open and Lieutenant Governor McClain did not occupy his usual place in the Senate last night. Lancaster had four chairmanships in the last House and Mr. Hess got the only one this year.

Among legislative visitors were these ex-members, Miles E. Kitts, now mayor of Erie, Frank L. Derskim, of Oxford, where young Lauder studied law. The boy early became a lieutenant in the territorial army. When the war broke out Lauder and his son were in the British troops that were being assembled in London. It was the comedian's wish that his son join a Scottish regiment and the boy joined the Argyll, which were in training in Bedford.

Not Our Market Street Subway [Kansas City Star] About everything else having been done to the Main street canyon without making it useful for any purpose, have the property owners considered putting it on stilts and calling it a viaduct?

Makes No Change The new half-dollars are bright and shiny, but you have to plunk down one of them, just the same as the old, for a dozen eggs.—Marion Star.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

AN EAST REMEDY. Monk: What the Sam Hill's the matter with Mr. Ostreich? Snake: He has a cold in the throat, and don't want it to go down in his chest! Sparrow: You don't seem to talk much. Parrot: I don't have to there are three women in this house.

HARRY LAUDER GAVE ALL The Comedian Had Planned Far Ahead For His Soldier Son; Great Estate in Highland

ONLY a few weeks ago Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, wrote an article telling of the plans he had made for his son, Capt. J. C. Lauder, when the youth should "come home from the war." The man whose burled tongue and droll humor has entertained many thousands, had bought a 14,000-acre estate on the Loch Fyne. Here he hoped to see his son established as "a decent Scots laird, growing the nation's meat, and, as the years go by, growing the nation's men."

Lauder, though he is the only one I have ever known who has not served in the trenches. That idea, however, though it was constantly dancing in his head that he was far better suited for the flying corps. In appearance he greatly resembled Harry Lauder. He possessed a very keen sense of humor, although of a kind very different from his father's. Harry Lauder was prostrated at the news of his son's death. The Shaftesbury theater at which he was appearing, was at once closed by the management.

"What we need is not a low rate of wages, but a low cost of production."—Secretary Redfield. As most of the American cost of production is paid out in wages, where is the consistency in Mr. Redfield's statement?

COMING OF FREDERICK MONSEN FREDERICK MONSEN, the noted explorer and traveler, will be at the Engineers' Club this evening as the guest of the Harrisburg Natural History Society, prior to his lecture to-morrow evening at the Technical High School on "Turbulent Mexico." Mr. Monsen was in Harrisburg a year ago and delighted the society with his lecture on American deserts. The Natural History Society does not hope to make any profits from the numerous lectures held under its auspices every season. Its purpose is to combine education with wholesome entertainment, and in this field it ought to be encouraged.

Secretary Redfield bitterly arraigns American manufacturers, accusing them of criminal waste. Will the administration, from which Mr. Redfield draws salary as publicity man, kindly set an example in economy?

ANTI-LIQUOR FIELD DAY The Anti-Saloon League had another "field day" Sunday and reports from all over the land are to the effect that the services in the churches were more largely attended than ever before. The anti-liquor forces may well look back with content, if not with satisfaction, upon the accomplishments of the past year. Not only have large numbers of new dry districts been added to the temperance map, but States that have voted out booze have come forward with some wonderful stories of what has been accomplished under the new order of things.

For example, it has been long the cry of liquor dealers that "prohibition does not prohibit," but according to the Chronicle, of Spokane, Wash., prohibition not only prohibits the sale of liquor there, but it also prohibits some robbery, some vagrancy, and a lot of drunkenness. Arrests decreased from 4,692 in 1915 to 1,712 in 1916, the first year without saloons. The police records show 837 arrests for drunkenness in 1916 against 2,082 in 1915. Larceny cases decreased from 324 to 98 and vagrancy was cut from 1,579 cases to 423.

The permit to drink beer and whiskey —the permit system allowed this, and bootleggers were never idle. But Spokane's liquor bill was cut by an even \$4,000,000, according to the best estimates. Retail business houses generally reported an increase of 25 per cent. in trade. Bank deposits jumped more than \$10,000,000, and bank clearing totaled \$255,420,401 in 1916, against \$192,722,109 in 1915. Bank transactions reached \$643,716,596, against \$503,389,590 during the last year of the saloons. The Spokane Merchants' Association took over assignments of stock valued at \$475,000 in 1915 and \$380,000 in

We of the North owe it to these newcomers as well as to ourselves to take steps in the directions named. Many of the Southern negroes come here uninvited to the conditions under which they are required to live. The utmost care should be taken to guide them into the place in the community they should occupy.

The advocate of "pittiless publicity" at least knows how to clothe his phrases as to be able to assert that he didn't mean anything which his critics may say he did.

VALUABLE WORK FOR HIS STATE HENRY W. SHOEMAKER, publisher and author, has just issued another of the valuable little pamphlets which come at all too infrequent periods from his pen. This time he has devoted his attention to "Early Potters of Clinton County," and he writes not only with authority concerning this very early Pennsylvania industry, but he interlards his facts with all manner of interesting information concerning the pottery of the Indians and the effect of their work in this line upon that of the pioneers in clay products in early Pennsylvania.

GOOD REPUBLICAN TALK The new Senator from New Jersey talks like a real Republican. At a dinner given in honor of Governor Edger, Senator-elect Freilighuysen said: I protest against a tariff that neither supports the Government nor protects the people. I protest against emergency taxes in time of peace. I protest against the entire burden of the Federal Government administration; it savors more of Honduras than of the United States of America. The "curse of Merez" is on the nation, says Colonel Roosevelt, which gives rise to the thought that a lot of dusty family Bibles will be consulted this evening.

Evening Chat

There are a couple of historic fire anniversaries due this week in Harrisburg. It will be just ten years ago on Thursday since the Grand Opera House was destroyed by fire and the Park Hotel and the Third street office of the Harrisburg Gas Company taken along with it, while fire scars were left in several places. It was one of the worst mornings from a weather standpoint known in Harrisburg and the fact that there was half a foot of snow when the fire started makes the devastation and slush as embers were found as far as North street and even at the river front, Friday will be the twentieth anniversary of the destruction of the old State Capitol, which, curiously enough, was burned on much the same kind of a slushy day as the Grand. That fire started soon after noon, while the Opera House fire occurred in the early morning hours. A number of men about the Capitol now were here when that fire occurred and they recalled the manner in which it was destroyed. Some of these men were among the dangers which people ran in endeavoring to salvage furniture. From the point of rapid destruction it was the fastest fire ever known in Harrisburg, as within a few hours after it was discovered the great building was wrecked. It had just been remodeled at heavy expense and the hall of the House of Representatives was the finest of the kind in the country.

"Does Mr. Smith work there?" asked a voice over the telephone at the office of the Capitol the other afternoon. "In what department does he work?" was the return query. "The Capitol." "There are a dozen Smiths here." "I can't help that. You get Mr. Smith." The man addressed pined over Snell's handbook and called the roll of Smiths. Then the voice remembered that he was not on the "HILL."

An announcement that Camp Hill school board had decided to install domestic science in the high school instead of just plain "science" has drawn agents in all sorts of essentials in cooking to call on the principal and Rocky in their efforts to have him use their goods. A daily list of these agents has occupied so much of the principal's time that the principal does not answer any businesslike taps upon his door. Aside from agents calling upon him personally he is showered with circular advertising through the mails. Some of these agents are making efforts to have their goods used have encouraged public demonstrations of their material.

"This is the most respectable looking 'down and out' meeting I've ever addressed," exclaimed the Rev. Charles Inglis, of London, England, as he surveyed the throng at the Free Rescue Mission, 107 South Second street, the other night. Doctor Inglis should be able to speak with authority on mission audiences, as he has spoken to them in almost every large city in the world.

Harry S. McDevitt, counsel of the State economy and efficiency commission, has been invited to address the students of Tome Institute, at Port Deposit, on the State government of Pennsylvania. Mr. McDevitt has been invited to study of the government for several years.

The manner in which a big steel girder tied up traffic at Fourth and North streets yesterday was worth watching. The vehicle on which it was being handled skidded and swung across the street in the most approved style. No one was hurt and fortunately preventing anything getting by on the space allowed for other traffic. When the girder was finally gotten straightened out, cars from various directions were blocked for a block.

Some of the saloonkeepers of Harrisburg appear to be nervous as the time for license court comes around, if the stories told by some visitors in our midst are to be believed. It appears that in some parts of the city there are saloonkeepers who are evidence is still keen. The other evening a couple of young men who have had experience in police work in other cities dropped in to see a saloonkeeper. The barkeeper scowled at them and finally informed them that they could have nothing, as they were visibly under the influence of liquor. Nothing was said about the barman's attitude. The bar man scowled again and said he would not sell any "bulls."

The long arm of the law was again illustrated yesterday when a requisition was granted for a man under arrest in this State and wanted in Oregon. The issuance of paper for men in distant states is not unusual, but Oregon is a long way to go.

The temple situation appears to be attracting considerable attention from people throughout the state and scarcely a day goes by without some letter being written to the Public Service Commission about them. The other day complaints were made about the condition of a turnpike, while another man objected to the tolls and a third wrote that a Lancaster county road was not maintaining its road as ordered.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Senator Sterling R. Catlin was given a dinner by Wilkes-Barre friends in honor of his visit. Senator Catlin is a native of this State and was elected president of the Williamsport Oratorical Society, which will develop community singing. Judge J. B. Rush, Philadelphia banker, is visiting the Virginia resorts. Judge Raymond MacNelle, of Philadelphia, says capital punishment is a relief of the State's suffering. F. Miller has been elected for the fifty-third time as president of one of the prominent Reading clubs.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg steel is used in Pittsburgh buildings? In Historic Harrisburg In early days people down town built their shops out the freshets of the Susquehanna. Germany Realizes Defeat I firmly believe that Germany has come to the conclusion that she is beaten. It doesn't mean that she is in danger of being crushed, but that she is in danger of her territory or that she is in danger of being crushed, but that she is in danger of her territory. I would also like to request Mr. Damrosch play either as an encore or an extra number, "In the Auld," by Rimsky Korsakoff. The Russian Symphony Orchestra played it here a few years ago and I have been haunted ever since by its beauty. A LOVER OF MUSIC.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Says Harrisburg Is O. K. Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 29, 1917. To the Editor of the Telegraph: We have been noticing quite frequently a certain individual knocking about Harrisburg. It has become disgusting and nauseating beyond endurance. Harrisburg is good enough for the most of us who have lived here many years and we do not need the dictation of a newcomer who is of little benefit in our midst. If there is to be any knocking let it come from a taxpayer citizen or an old resident. It would seem that some individuals would take this column as the medium for cheap advertisement of their travels. We don't know of such terrible acts of crime done in our residential sections that would call for policemen to be stationed all around that they would be ever ready at our beck and call. Of course, one day last summer two young men were passing ball in front of their homes and a certain individual called frantically, Police! Police! But he had no right to do so. Now on that occasion a few extra police around would have come in handy. Yes there are others with modernized knowledge. Let reformation first begin in the reformer.

Mr. Knicker go away back and sit down; if Harrisburg isn't good enough for you, why not take up your residence in one of the up-to-date cities you have seen during your extensive travels. Sincerely yours, DISGUSTED.

The Coming of Damrosch

To the Editor of the Telegraph: As we have not "arrived" enough musically to support an orchestra of our own, it is a pleasure to hear that the New York Symphony Orchestra, under the versatile conductor, Walter Damrosch. This pleasure is the greater owing to its unexpectedness. It seems that the Choral Society concert omitted, there would be no orchestral music in Harrisburg this season. Those of us who heard Mr. Damrosch's orchestra at the dedication of the Capitol, or remember the pleasure of his appearance here two years ago with Mischa Elman, fully realize that next week's concert means to this community, Mr. Damrosch is one of the great conductors of the world. Though comparatively a young man, he is the "dean of American conductors" as he was a lad of but twenty-two when he succeeded his father, Dr. Leopold Damrosch as leader of the New York Symphony Society in 1886. Mr. Damrosch is a great leader because he embodies being truly musical, he is also progressive. In the years when many of our orchestras feared to touch the modern music, Walter Damrosch, pioneer, as his father before him, was introducing to American audiences Tchaikowsky, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Elgar, Sibelius. Later he taught us to appreciate Debussy, Dukas, Ravel, at a time when most musicians considered them eccentric to the point of unmusicalness. It was my privilege at the dedication of the Capitol to hear Mr. Damrosch from the orchestra side. Watching his changing expression, the emotional significance of each quiet gesture, we realized the secret of his power over the new orchestra and his audiences. He felt music to the point of self-forgetfulness, hence he makes others feel it, too.

So many conductors are hampered financially that it is a delight to know that since his last visit to Harrisburg, the New York Symphony orchestra has been endowed with about \$100,000 a year. What this has meant in musical development is already noticeable. Therefore next Tuesday evening we can count on hearing Mr. Damrosch at his best. Mr. Damrosch has a veritable gift of discovering new artists. The gift was presented to America Paderewski, Sarasate, Kreisler, Lilli, Lehman, Gerster, Von Bulow, is not to be fooled by mediocrity. Walter Damrosch took Paul Althouse, the tenor of the coming symphony concert, on one concert tour. Then the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York "snatched" him. Since he has his his has been sensation. Without any experience he became a "star" and made a tremendous hit in the difficult tenor role of "Dimity" in Boris Godunoff. Though but twenty-five years old he now shares with Martinielli, the honors of being one of the coming great operatic tenors of the world. The beauty of Paul Althouse's voice is great. Better yet, he can sing with feeling and exquisite interpretation. We Harrisburgers should give him a rousing welcome. Besides being a musical celebrity who has made a sensational rise to fame, he is a near neighbor of ours from Reading, Pennsylvania. I am asking you to publish this letter in the interest of music in Harrisburg. If we do not show we appreciate our opportunities we cease to have them—and a season without one great orchestral concert would be a lamentable retrogression musically.