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Lord, we all to thee belong, Keep us faithful, pure and strong; While we tread this earthly sod, Give us hearts at home with God.

A NEEDED IMPROVEMENT THE big auditorium which Charles E. Covert, potentate of Zemo Temple, Mystic Shrine, proposes shall be erected through that organization, is a much needed improvement in Harrisburg.

THE TAFT RESERVATIONS EVEN though storm clouds are still gathering on both sides of the political horizon at Washington, it would not be surprising if in the end the League of Nations reservations formulated by ex-President Taft would form the basis of some such compromise as outlined in the suggestions of National Chairman Hays a few days previous.

A NAVIGABLE RIVER A NAVIGABLE Susquehanna river is not so far away in the dim future as some people appear to think. With ever-increasing transportation difficulties and enormous progress in the development of our material resources it is absolutely certain that this great waterway, cutting through the hills and valleys of Pennsylvania from north to south, will be utilized for something more than its present uses.

taken up the preliminaries with Secretary of Internal Affairs Woodward, who has been requested to furnish certain basic data from the records of his department. Once the Government has obtained an accurate survey of the river it will be possible to reach a conclusion regarding the canalization of the channel. Secretary Woodward, always full of enthusiasm over the development of his beloved Commonwealth, will co-operate in every possible way with the Federal engineers and has invited them to call upon him for co-operation and assistance. Also, the State Water Supply Commission will give its aid, and we may expect as a result of the present movement to make the river navigable to reach some definite conclusion regarding this great public undertaking.

Somehow, somewhere the Donato statuary now accumulating dust in a warehouse will be given a proper setting and installation. Here again the candidates for council might be quizzed as to how they feel about giving Mr. Hershey's donation decent consideration.

NO FEAR FOR FARMERS A CORRESPONDENT writing to the Telegraph fears that the farmer may be injured by the operations of the proposed forestalling ordinance. The fear is unfounded. The farmer will not be hurt by a law of this kind. He will get a fair price for his goods and if he has a surplus at the close of market hours will have no difficulty in selling it to grocers and others who now take advantage of the consumer by purchasing during the market period and reselling at large profit.

The markets were created to bring the farmer and the consumer together. They were intended to eliminate the profit taken by the middle man, and every safeguard must be thrown around this rightful privilege of the man or woman who wants to take basket and go into the marketplaces twice a week for home provisions. These are in the great majority and the forestalling ordinance must be enacted and enforced for their protection.

CAPITOL STATUES GOVERNOR SPROUL has approved several appropriations made by the Legislature for the erection of statues and memorials to several of the public men of Pennsylvania, including the war governor, Andrew G. Curtin, the late United States Senator George T. Oliver, General David McM. Gregg, the intrepid cavalry leader, and General Galusha Pennypacker. Pennsylvania has too long deferred this visible honoring through memorials of her distinguished sons. We have failed to magnify the service of scores of devoted military and civic leaders and the present Governor is to be commended for giving his approval to these grants of the Legislature.

Too often the envious criticism of those outside Pennsylvania and inexcusable harpooning of public men by citizens of our own State have deterred the Legislature from paying proper tribute to those who have contributed to the upbuilding of an imperial Commonwealth. Who would withhold from Governor Curtin and General Gregg, for instance, such memorials as have been suggested in these appropriation measures? Nor would it be gained for a moment that the late Senator Oliver was a fine type of the patriotic business man in public station. His loyalty and devotion to the interests of Pennsylvania were never questioned and his support of the protection principle in the development of our industrial life would justify, without any other feature of his service, proper recognition in some enduring form. And so with scores of other Pennsylvanians who have had a large part in the life and substantial achievements of the State.

Let us set up for the benefit of the oncoming generations such appropriate memorials as will remain those of another day of the character and public service of their forebears. We are entirely too chary of our commendation of those who have been builders and who are not permitted to see during their lifetime any evidence of public appreciation. Harrisburg is not going to see many more moans and wails because it has suitable bathing facilities. We don't know what particular candidate for City Council will run on the platform, "Give us a Bath or Give us Death," but we do know that there is a big question mark after every candidate's name with respect to his attitude on the improvement of the Susquehanna Basin with special relation to bathing facilities.

WHO AMONG US? WILMINGTON has come into possession of two swimming pools, through the generosity of Mrs. T. C. Du Pont. Mrs. Du Pont is a wealthy woman. Much of her income is derived from industries in Wilmington and vicinity. There are many persons in Harrisburg who have made or are making money in this city. Mrs. Du Pont recognizes her obligations to the community. Who in Harrisburg will match her in generosity? This city has many needs—swimming pools, bathing beaches, a new Y. M. C. A. building, additional hospital facilities, community houses, boys' club quarters—and a host of those things that go to make up a modern city. The needs are pressing. Who will come forward to finance them?

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Governor William C. Sproul approved July 23 bills passed by the General Assembly of 1919. Of this number 457 were general acts and 442 were appropriation bills. The Governor vetoed 116 bills of various kinds, but a number of others were saved from that fate by being recalled from the Governor by the Legislature, over 110 bills being so recalled. Two years ago there were 195 vetoes.

The last act in the General Assembly of 1919 was performed in the Capitol yesterday afternoon at the close of business in the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth when in accordance with a custom coming down from colonial days proclamation was made by the Governor. The proclamation, couched in phrases as old as the Commonwealth, was read by Samuel C. Todd, chief clerk to the secretary. The proclamation, which the great seal of the State was affixed, also announced various approvals and will be filed in the archives of the State.

—Pennsylvania's smaller counties are getting ready for some strenuous contests for associate judge. For the first time in years there are only two to be elected in one county. Ordinarily such elections have been of pairs. Huntingdon county is the only one of the thirteen counties having such elections this year. The judges and one county are candidates for renomination. In most of the other counties the judges are to give notice of one term, but this year some of them will be candidates for another term of six years. The counties which will elect one judge are Bedford, Cameron, Franklin, Fulton, Mifflin, Monroe, Pike, Snyder, Sullivan, Warren and Wyoming.

Four new compensation referees were appointed yesterday by the Legislature for the Workmen's Compensation Bureau are to be located this fall and what changes in districts will be made are matters of pretty keen speculation. At the Capitol Hill these days. The bureau will be more than a branch of the Department of Labor and Industry and Commissioner G. W. C. Gregg plans to take a more active part in the deliberations of the board than did his predecessors. The dean will be John F. Price Jackson when he returns from Europe, who is present acting commissioner because Colonel Jackson is in the army. This change will likely take place in August.

Trade Briefs There are eighty foreign fire insurance companies operating in China, not one of which is American. It is reported that the London County and Westminster Bank is acquiring an interest in the Royal Bank of Canada. The total production of copper in bars by the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation at Cerro de Pasco, Peru, for the year 1918 amounted to 71,560,374 pounds. A large vegetable oil mill has been opened at Andalas, near Padang, Sumatra. It is owned and operated by oleomargarine interests of the Netherlands and insures its product a steady supply of vegetable oils. Consul Walter H. Sholes reports from Göteborg, Sweden, that the gradual revival of shipping at that port is vividly shown by official statistics. The customs receipts for the first four months in 1919 exceeded those for the same period of last year by \$1,000,000. It is reported that the rice market of the Philippines is far from normal, and the Government is arranging to send a rice agent to Saigon, Indo-China, who will keep in touch with the general rice situation and look after the orders placed by the Philippine Islands Government. The coal mines opened last year at Bani, Manila, in which 1,000 men are employed, are producing a very good quality of coal. The length of these beds is said to be about 20 miles and it is proposed to build a light railway from the mines to the Sangari River, a distance of about forty-seven miles. Australian coal exporters are making a strong bid for the Philippine market. They are offering their product at a much lower price than the Japanese dealers, who have heretofore held the monopoly in this commodity. The lowest Australian price recently quoted was about \$3.25 a ton f. o. b. mines, while that quoted by the Japanese was \$12.75 a ton f. o. b. mines.

The Sheeplaw [Pottsville Republican]. The sheeplaw is now to be put into effect. It provides that all banks private, State and National, must either return uncalled deposits to heirs or the State, after advertising seven times in touch in the local home county paper, so that depositors who have forgotten relatives or friends, who notice the announcement, may make a claim for their deposits. It is stated that some of the big State banks have millions of dollars of such uncalled deposits, which now will go to owners, heirs or State. It is estimated that Philadelphia has six millions, Philadelphia, nine to eleven millions, Scranton two millions, Dauphin over four millions, Schuylkill over one million, Berks three millions, and so on large amounts in all the counties of the State.

Farewell, O Pioneer Farewell, O pioneer Of skyland's infinite realm! You fought through fog and gale, With heroes at your helm; With luck invoked, you sail. The path you bravely laid Will broaden with the coming day. The trip you dared and made Unites our lands another way. Farewell, O pioneer! —M. J. A.

SINCE THEY CLOSED THE NINETEENTH



Dr. J. George Becht By GEORGE MORRIS PHILLIPS

R. J. GEORGE BECHT, who has just been appointed first Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction at an annual salary of \$7,500, was educated in the public schools, and at the age of fifteen himself began teaching a country school in Lycoming county. He graduated from Lafayette College in 1890, and later did post-graduate work at Harvard and Columbia Universities. He has received the degree of Doctor of Science from Lafayette College and from Bucknell University.

After his graduation from Lafayette, he was made assistant principal and later principal of the Lycoming County Normal School at Muncy. In 1893 he was unanimously elected county superintendent of schools of Lycoming county, and served in that position until 1900. He was elected to that time who had never been elected to a fourth term. His work there, as everywhere that he has ever been, was highly successful, and he became one of the most efficient and best-known superintendents in Pennsylvania.

He put into effect the beneficial law for the education of blind children of the Commonwealth, which has been a great blessing to these blind wards of the State. Dr. Becht's ability, attainments and efficiency, of course, have not escaped the notice of educators generally. He has delivered a course of lectures on education at the University of Pennsylvania and at the University of Pittsburgh, as well as many addresses before educational bodies in and outside of Pennsylvania. When Dr. McCracken was elected to the presidency of Lafayette College Dr. Becht was elected to the vice-presidency, and it was a great disappointment to the trustees, faculty and alumni of the college that he felt that he could not give up his present important position to accept it. Last year he was strongly urged to accept the presidency of Washington and Jefferson College, but also declined that important position. He has been vice-president of the National Education Association, president of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, president of the Pennsylvania State Educational Council, and a member of the Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Becht is still in the prime of life. He is probably the most popular public educator in Pennsylvania. It is to be hoped that the public schools and the Commonwealth will long have the benefit of his valuable services.

Teachers' Retirement He took the first step for teachers' retirement fund in Pennsylvania, and has been active on all the committees for the furtherance of this important movement, and for the adoption of the present Teachers' Retirement System in Pennsylvania, which is probably the very best in the United States.

Wander Song Mad, restive city, you hold naught for me, My glamour and your might; your music and your light. Mere tinsel are to nomads of the sea, I'm sick to death of all your sounds and sighs; You call to me in vain; I loathe with might and main Your sin, your social laws, your fool delights.

Rhetorical Exploitation [From Harvey's Weekly.] The Senate of the United States had no need of disquisitions upon the world's weariness of war; of a lecture upon the difficulties of diplomatic negotiation; or of exhortation to seek the good, the true and the beautiful. It knows as much about such matters as—with all respect—the President himself, and he is just as high ideal as he. What it wanted when it was called upon to pass the bill, was an explicit and practical report upon the President's extraordinary mission, and it did not get it. Instead it got a rhetorical exploitation of the President and his peculiar doctrines. It wanted facts; it got "words, words, words."

Ice Cream Soda's Inventor [From the New York Sun.] While history does not make sure that Dolly Madison made ice cream popular in the United States, it is generally assumed that the odd child of fortune, who has been growing since invented fifty years ago by Joseph Royer, who died the other day in Lancaster, Pa., at the age of 85. It is the tradition we believe, that he brought about the union of frozen cream—yes, it was made of cream in the '60s—and carbonated water for the pleasure of a child who liked both soda water and ice cream so well that he could not decide which she would have first.

Evening Chat

If the demands for hunter's licenses already being made are anything upon which to base an opinion, say State Game Commission officials, there are going to be many men out in the field for the first August hunting Pennsylvania has had in a long time. The Legislature which authorized the hunters' license law passed a law which advanced the season for hunting blackbirds from September 1 to August 1 because of the change in the migration of the birds throughout the State. There were plentiful there has been a demand for the hunters' license tags which are in the hands of the State has not the funds to clear out the first consignments early in the coming week and they will go mainly to the agricultural counties where the birds have caused the most trouble every year. From all accounts coming here there are larger flocks of blackbirds about than usual and there will be good shooting unless weather interferes.

The State of Pennsylvania has hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of chestnut wood on its private lands now with no market to market. According to officials of the State Forestry Commission if all of the chestnut in the State forests could be marketed at a price of at least \$1,500,000 could be realized. The blight has seriously affected trees over a very wide area, but the State has not the funds to clear out the timber and market it, although there is a demand. Pennsylvania now owns 1,041,491 acres of forest land in fifty-three State forests scattered throughout the State. The State's land cost the State \$2,375,110.55. Last year 14,459 acres were added to the preserves and the first half of this year there were bought 9,258 acres. It is expected that in connection with the State laws governing forests is that all income from forests go into the State permanent school fund and they have earned to July 1 the sum of \$191,219.49.

More building enterprises are under contemplation and it is expected that the summer will not end without a number of new building projects under way. We need more homes, large and small, and the present tendency is toward apartment houses which will accommodate a number of families.

Those who were the guests of Colonel Covert at the Isle of Quo this week, and who motored along the coast to the north of Harrisburg and that point were greatly surprised to see much wheat in shock spoiling in the fields. Scores of shocks had turned from yellow to green through the sprouting of the wheat as a result of the unprecedented rainy weather recently.

When the military units of Harrisburg get the army to which they are entitled and which is inevitable very soon it is probable the building will be getting more than a mere drill hall. As a matter of fact, the modern army is a store house and club room for the men in the State service, with such annexes as a gymnasium, a library, an auditorium, a mess hall, and a club. It is much interest in the forthcoming reorganization of the National Guard and strong arguments are being made to have the seat of government at the seat of government, including artillery and the signal corps. But it will never get it unless local enterprise provides a site, preferably fronting on Capitol Park, in which event the State will build it.

Governor William C. Sproul is not only in favor of one office building being erected in Capitol Park Extension, but would like to start two. "The State government really needs a new building," he said in a session, "and we will find it next session," said he. The Governor a few days ago took a walk into Park Extension and saw many splendid specimens of the midsummer flower to be seen all over the city. Some gardens in the outlying sections are fairly ablaze with the different hues. Fifteen years ago phlox were little cared for in Harrisburg, but some of the flower lovers took note of the steps being taken to develop them and from blooms of rather indifferent size they have been grown until they are as large as a nickel.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —W. W. Williams, lately with one of the Pittsburgh steel concerns, is the new general manager of the Reading Iron Company. —Lloyd, active in the retail coal trade, says that anthracite is leaving the State in large amounts. —Commissioner of Forestry Conkling has been in western counties looking up some new tracts for purchase by the State. —Harry S. McDevitt, secretary to the Governor, expects to be able to return to the city in a few days. He has been ill at his home in Philadelphia. —Josiah H. Howard, former Legislator from Cameron county, was among visitors to the Capitol.

DO YOU KNOW —That Harrisburg had theatrical performances back in 1787? —HISTORIC HARRISBURG —It cost over \$10,000 to clear Capitol Hill for the first State House.

Rejoice and Do Good I have been the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made everything beautiful in his time; also, he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. I know that there is no evil thing that he will do, for he will do that he could not decide which she would have first.