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We are inclined to look upon bad temper as a very harmless weakness but the Bible again and again condemns it as one of the most destructive elements in human nature.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

EVERY step in the development of the school system of Harrisburg, whether in the construction of buildings or in the adoption of progressive educational policies, seems certain to encounter active criticism, not always of the constructive sort.

At the present time and on the threshold of the fall term a controversy has arisen over the manner of enrolling pupils for the two Junior High schools, the latest innovation in the local school system.

Because these cannot be immediately received into the Junior High schools there has been some complaint and all manner of chances have been proposed to overcome the difficulty.

Changing the present arrangement would mean, according to the educational authorities, the arbitrary setting aside of the accepted practice in the organization of Junior High schools, and in their judgment would be a serious mistake.

Public protests are not always based upon knowledge of the facts, and attempting to remedy the situation, the School Board may commit a grave blunder, unless the whole situation is carefully studied with a view to the good of all.

Mayor Keister is going to see to it with the co-operation of his colleagues in the City Council, that proper bathing facilities are provided for Harrisburg while the conditions are

suited for a study of the problem. It is doubtful whether a recent suggestion that bathing pools be located at different points in the city will strongly appeal to the city authorities.

BOATING AND BATHING

MAYOR KEISTER has heard from many people since the Kipona carnival, regarding his ordinance for bathing facilities, and if there was ever any question about popular support of the loan for this purpose it has been dispelled in his mind and in the thought of every other person who has given consideration to the subject.

The Forestry Commission having decided to erect six steel towers for observation purposes on State forestry reservations, it might be well for those interested in the shade tree movement for Harrisburg to secure an observation tower for those who should be able from a lofty perch to discover the places most in need of tree planting in the city.

THREE PARTIES TO IT

BUSINESS is bound to improve in proportion to the vanishing labor difficulties and industrial complications here and there. Trade experts concur in the opinion that there has been a turn for the better and that the labor outlook is less threatening through an exchange of views of intelligent leaders in every part of the country.

Governor Sproul is not manifesting wild enthusiasm over the suggestion of his name as an available candidate for President. He has been long enough in public life, however, to appreciate the fact that the strongest recommendation for the higher office in the public service, and it will be conceded by all intelligent Pennsylvanians that the Governor is doing a good job on Capitol Hill in the administration of the affairs of this great Commonwealth.

Emma Goldman, the notorious anarchist, now behind the walls of a Missouri penitentiary, writes her detractors because she is not able to pay her fine of \$10,000 in addition to serving two years of imprisonment for interfering with the army draft.

In taking the leadership of the forthcoming welcome-home celebration in honor of the returning soldiers, the Chamber of Commerce has again demonstrated its proper conception of the functions of that important body.

Funny how Secretary of War Baker is fairly bursting with enthusiasm over an enlarged army. This is the same Baker who doused cold water on the preparedness activities of 1917.

Admiral Bowman is finding a general spirit of co-operation among young and old in the proposed conference to consider the program for the next Kipona and the constructive work which must be undertaken in the development of the Susquehanna basin.

Plant a tree in October and get the feeling of a kindness done the future generation.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

While all of the figures have not been checked up, it seems pretty certain that the registration in Philadelphia has broken all records and that the next ten days will see one of the greatest battles for majority and conciliatory nominations ever known in the Quaker City or anywhere else in the State.

The registration in Pittsburgh has also gone through the records and is put at 45,000. As the great majority of the men registered are Republicans just as they are in the registration of the other cities of the State this indicates unusual party strength in an "off year."

The campaigns in the big cities are not without their funny sides. Thomas Robins, the former progressive who is so active in behalf of the Vare ticket, is engaged in a controversy with S. Morris, a prominent Philadelphia politician who says Robins is an apologist who is hypnotizing himself.

While Governor Sproul continues to "sit on the grand stand" and to keep religiously out of the Philadelphia registration fights as well as the judicial fusses which his appointees are not involved, the fact that E. Lawrence Fell, head of the Philadelphia registration committee, is being reported as having resigned in Philadelphia is being commented upon.

New Castle politics, which are complicated by the numerous candidates for mayor and by Socialist activity, are further perturbed by action of council in declaring various streets closed to traffic.

From all accounts the Palmer office would state that a fight was being waged in the city between the Palmer-McCormick candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, who was defeated at the primary.

Asstute Palmer men are sitting back to await the issue of the Democratic party in Philadelphia. The Donnelly-Palmer crowd is being fought by the Bonniwell men for the Democratic city nominations and the fight has occurred in Allegheny where the Myer-Houlihan contest for county commissioner is as bitter as the contest for mayor.

The last contest for county office in the Bucks county Republican ticket was removed when Sidney V. Morris, of Bristol, who was opposing Elwood W. Minster, also of that county, for the nomination, for withdrawal papers. All the candidates now are unopposed.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



"TINY TOWN" STARTED A CITY'S BUILDING BOOM

In Springfield, Mo., Schoolboys Built a "Village" of One Thousand Model Houses, Schoolgirls Furnished it and Their Parents Caught the Infection.

WHEN William H. Johnson of Springfield, Mo., conceived the idea of having the school children of that prosperous little city build a town to arouse the "build now" spirit in their parents, he hit upon an original and distinct idea that has given Springfield a boost.

The town that the school children constructed was named Tiny Town, and laid out on the floor of Springfield's Convention Hall. All told, there were one thousand tiny houses and other buildings in the exhibit, no two being of the same design.

This was not the first school children, but defeated, and a commission form of government instituted instead. The election was one of the most hotly contested ever held in the city.

Why W. W. Left Washington Now, I want you to understand, my fellow citizens, that I didn't leave Washington and come out on this trip because I doubted that was going to happen.

When leaves begin to rustle round, When crickets chirp their lonely lays In tune to thoughts of bygone days, While days, plaintive winds seem sighing, "Summer is dying."

Increased Production

[From the Washington Star.] Citing the failure of many historical efforts to have governmental fixing of prices and wages, Andrew J. Frame, economist and financial writer of Waukesha, Wis., a prominent member of the American Bankers' Association, urges in a statement just given to the newspapers that "increased production is the only true remedy for the high cost of living."

"The high cost of living seems to be the paramount issue throughout the world to-day, to cut down the real cause is sidetracked because the fallacious millenium builders are filling the air with 'blessed balsams' and 'salads' to the masses to cure the ills of the day."

"Let us call pre-war prices normal in the United States in 1914. Since then, the production of 50 million to 50 million tons of men; also vast manufacturing plants have been turned into destructive employment."

"If so, is it not clear that abnormal demands for an underproduction of work for men and other services has forced prices above normal the world over?"

Music and Booze [From Kansas City Times.] A speaker at a musical gathering in Pittsburgh, quotes Musical America as saying that the prohibition would increase the demand for light and frivolous music.

Girls Furnished Houses The work of furnishing the houses by the pupils was all done at their homes. The psychological effect of this feature can be seen at a glance.

Commission Government This was not the first school children, but defeated, and a commission form of government instituted instead.

Shantung It is always easy to prophesy an event after it has happened. The world is full of such prophecies, and heads and say, "I knew ten years ago that this would come to pass."

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Wilson vs. Wilson May 27, 1918—"Politics is adjourned" the election will go to those who think least of it, to those who go to their constituencies without explanations or excuses, with a record of duty faithfully and disinterestedly performed.

Evening Chat

It is not generally known that the Technical High school, which is now more or less in daily conversation because of the plan to turn it into a junior high school, occupies a site that has probably been in continuous use for educational purposes longer than any other school property in Harrisburg.

The building is in the Harrisburg school system, so called from an Englishman who started it, according to educators, was tried out in Pennsylvania. This system resulted in the foundation of the present public school system of the Commonwealth and had a great vogue in the twenties.

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