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THE POLITICAL PENDULUM

The political pendulum is a delicate instrument, and no one knows it better than the man who has made politics a life-long profession...

A MORE or less distinguished theorist, having nothing else to do, has figured it out that the decadence of the mother-in-law joke is due to the fact that there are less mothers-in-law now than there used to be...

What Women Really Want.

Resenting the claim that women need to be emancipated, Bishop Stang declared at a meeting of the Catholic Union in Boston, recently, that the question now being put by various phases of socialism as to what shall be the position of woman is based on the false assumption that up to now she has been deprived of the chance of developing and utilizing her faculties of soul and body...

Those Pert Paragraphers. Arkansas has begun sending State legislators to jail for bribery, and if all is true that is told, the next session of the legislature will adjourn to the penitentiary...

It seems that we will have trouble over those Indian lands as long as we have Indians and lands. The "graffer" these days thinks the "good Indian" is the lauded Indian.

JUDGING from the attitude of nearly every legislature that has expressed itself this year, King Booze is a decidedly unpopular individual, but King Booze still gets a glad hand once in a while.

It is interesting to reform Washington, Aunt Carrie Nation has tackled a hard job sure enough, but it is hoped she won't find it necessary to whet her hatchet on Washington's monument every morning.

FRANCE urging little Japan to go to war some day or other reminds one of that old story about the monkey urging the cat to let him have the use of her paw while he raked a few roasted chestnuts from the fire.

It would appear, from the interpretation placed upon our wonderful primary election law, as if a man simply had to be a candidate, whether he wanted to be or not, if a sufficient number of his friends filed a certificate to that effect.

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MONEY IS KING.

The Pennsylvania railroad management announces a need of obtaining two hundred millions, half in stock and half in bonds, in addition to its present investment, making a total of five hundred millions of stock and nearly three hundred millions of bonds, an aggregate which would have been startling a little while ago, but in this age of thousands of millions corporations is not remarkable.

The Pennsylvania railroad was taken by President Cassatt into a new and rapid gait, which he deemed to be needful in these fast times to keep it in the forefront; and there is abundant reason to believe that the changing conditions called for the pace.

The other great railroad companies started to swell and to combine in a manner that has made the fashion, and calls for the abolition of the little fellows, and requires the big ones to do fast work in the game of grab so vigorously inaugurated.

To stay in this game there has been lately demand from all directions for additions of hundreds of millions of capital; and the people who have money to lend have the comfortable assurance of profitable demand for it for a long time to come.

Maybe when Congress gets to work upon the report of these gay and rapid railroad dances there may be an end shown to the tremendous pace; until then we may profitably hold our hands and our wonder.

ALTHOUGH the city of New York covers an area of about twenty-two square miles, and we are accustomed to think it is all densely built over, such is really not the case.

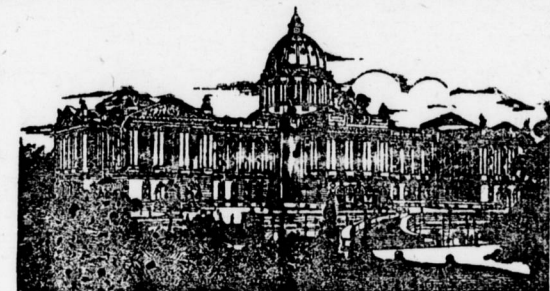
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The people who are acquainted with the conditions in Harrisburg, understand that if the new capitol is ever to have a proper setting in grounds as beautiful, as dignified and worthy of the building and of the great commonwealth containing 7,400,000 people to whom this building belongs, now is the time to secure it.

The territory which it is proposed to take is covered, generally speaking, is estimated to acquire the whole section, clear it of buildings, with cost not more than \$1,500,000; but these conditions will not continue.

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You readers, practically all of whom will pass through the capital city some day, do you want to get a fair, comprehensive view of the state house which has cost the people \$13,000,000 as you pass, or do you want to catch a glimpse of it through some narrow, squalling alley, such as is shown in the accompanying picture, which is fairly characteristic of the whole section which it is proposed to clear off and make into an extension of the park?



New State Capitol, Seen From the West.

GREAT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

Extension of Capitol Grounds at Harrisburg a Prime Necessity.

MUST BE NOW OR NEVER

Opportunity to Secure Proper Setting For Splendid State House Will Never Come Again.

Harrisburg, Jan. 15.—During the present week a bill will be introduced in the upper house of the state legislature by Senator John E. Fox to provide for the enlargement of the grounds surrounding the new state capitol by clearing off all the buildings in the section lying between the present capitol grounds and the Pennsylvania railroad and extending from Walnut street on the south to North street on the north.

This tract which contains about 14 acres of land, exclusive of the streets which intersect it, will more than double the size of the park.

More than 60,000 persons, since the capitol was dedicated in the presence of the president of the United States on October 4 last, have come to Harrisburg to see it.

It is safe to say that not one of these 60,000 men and women from all parts of the commonwealth failed to note that the grounds surrounding it are inadequate for the magnificent capitol which has cost the people of Pennsylvania about \$13,000,000.

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The land lies adjacent to the main tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad, and if the state does not take the property it is inevitable that in a very short time it will be built up with great warehouses and extensive manufacturing plants.

Then the opportunity to secure it will be gone forever and Pennsylvania's splendid capitol will be absolutely shut off from view by the east as Philadelphia's \$25,000,000 city hall is now hemmed in, shut off and dwarfed by great buildings.

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Forty years ago Philadelphia could have secured a setting for its city hall from 15th street on the west to 13th street on the east, and from Arch street on the north to Chestnut street on the south, for a comparatively small sum of money. Probably \$500,000 could not buy it now.

Seventy-five years ago the whole section lying between the present capitol park in Harrisburg and the Susquehanna river—which, if cleared of all buildings, and it contained the finest residences and most magnificent churches in the capitol, could not now be bought for less than \$1,000,000 or \$5,000,000—was offered to the state authorities for \$35,000.

Our forefathers, in their blindness, thought the price was more than the state could afford to pay? If we neglect the great opportunity now offered to secure the land on the other side of the capitol, when it can be bought for a very moderate sum, we shall commit as great a blunder as the state authorities did 75 years ago.

A bill similar to that which will be introduced by Senator Fox this week was introduced in the legislature of 1905, and passed the senate unanimously. The lieutenant governor of the state, the president pro tem of the senate, the speaker of the house, and many of the leading members of

Peggy was working in a fashion syndicate office for \$10 a week. A kindred spirit of homeliness had brought them together, and when Peggy had pushed her way to the point where she could afford a tiny studio of her own and command regular orders she had fled the offices of the fashion syndicate and asked the girls to start up a small establishment with her. They had selected an apartment with a northern exposure for Peggy's work, furnished it on the installment plan, and for a time all went well.

Peggy being most domestic in her instincts, picked up the burden of household management, and in time the other two girls not only depended upon her for managing the little establishment, but failed to do their share of the work. In her first enthusiasm Peggy bore this meekly, but very soon she found that the housework interfered with her work at the easel. She ran behind on her orders, and then, diplomatically and kindly, she took up the question with her housemates. Kit and Lucy promptly announced that they were disappointed in the house-keeping scheme, and they would be only too glad to return to boarding, where working girls belonged. If she wanted to try the rest on the furniture and keep the fat open for herself, they would not begrudge what they had spent.

And that was just what Peggy found she could not do—meet the rent and furniture payments. She set up, wiped her eyes and figured some more. The girls were leaving Saturday, the rent was paid for two weeks longer, and the collection day for the furniture company was ten days distant. She went to try the rest on the furniture and kept the fat open for herself, they would not begrudge what they had spent.

She felt somehow that the furniture company would get the best of the bargain, and yet she would be break her word for the first time in her brief business history, and this hurt.

Henry Brightwell, with a clipping from the want ad, columns of a morning paper, stepped into the collection office of the Jones & Grab Furniture company.

"I don't know what your job is," he said easily as the chief collector motioned him to a chair and looked him over slyly, "but I'm sober, industrious and strong, and I want work—any kind to get a start."

"You look like you might do," replied the collector dryly. "But looks don't count much in this business. It's your ability to get the money or the goods. We sell furniture on the installment plan. A lot of people forget the last few installments. They sell our profits come in. You get the last payments or the furniture. We don't care which. Want to try it?"

"Yes," replied Brightwell promptly. "When do you want me to begin?"

"Right now."

After a brief discussion of terms, Henry Brightwell was furnished with a book of his predecessors.

He ran down the list. "Moore, Greenwich, Hall," all within a block of each other. Moore and Greenwich were marked as "slow." The name of Hall had this memo, written after it: "Heard that two of the family have moved out. Respect to you."

It was characteristic of Brightwell that he started at the hard end of the list and ran the best business man. He climbed the narrow stairs and flung back his shoulders as he rang the private bell on the second floor.

"Is Mrs. Hall in? Peggy—why, Peggy Hall?" he exclaimed. Then he stepped up, opened the door and closed the door behind him.

"I thought it was the furniture," Henry Brightwell, what are you doing here? However is your mother getting along with the year?"

She had led the way into the tiny living room and now stood regarding him with a severe look not at all in keeping with the song her heart was singing.

"I decided that Alf was big enough to look after mother and that if I ever won you I'd have to follow you to New York and make good, as you have done, or you'd grow away from me."

Peggy's gaze fell. Henry had never told her he loved her or wanted to win her, but of course she had thought—

"He drew her very close. Perhaps he had recognized this as the psychological moment.

"I struck a job the first place I went, Peggy, dear. I think I can make my way here. Will you help me?"

The firm handshake he remembered the firm of Jones & Grab.

"I guess I'd better be moving on. I was looking for a family by the name of Hall that owes my firm some money."

Peggy turned sullen. "I can't pay you. The girls," her eyes snapped—"the girls went back on me."

Henry Brightwell sat down—very suddenly on the sofa on which \$7.50 was just due.

"Well, what do you think of that?" Then he looked down. Eyes shrewdness asserted itself. It began to figure, and Peggy helped him.

"That afternoon he walked into the office of the collection department and laid down his book and a roll of bills. "Moore and Greenwich paid up to date. Mrs. Hall is in. Her two partners skipped and left her with all the furniture on her hands. She wants to keep it if she can. There's \$97.50 still due. Will you let me compromise with her for \$75 cash?"

"Yes," said the collector.

"I kind of thought you would, so I took the \$75 while she was in the frame of mind. You never can tell how women will jump, you know."

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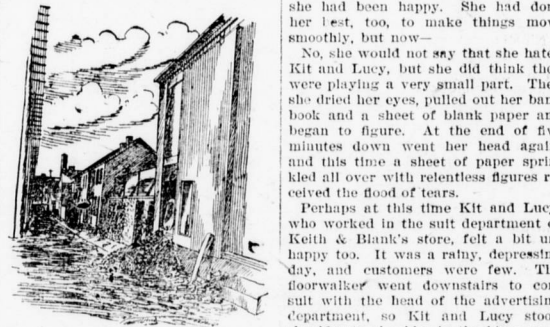
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