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**THE LATER STAR.**

Folks will be a-sighin' when  
 Trouble is in sight,  
 But we hear the sky replyin':  
 "There's a star shines  
 bright!"

And Trouble passes  
 In the gloom;  
 For Joy he's still  
 A-making room.

Though sometimes he'll fright us,  
 We'll have our  
 Time and chance,  
 And when his brow would  
 blight us, we'll whirl  
 him in the dance!

And so he'll drift  
 Back to the gloom;  
 For Joy he's still  
 A-making room.

—Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta  
 Constitution.

**WHY IT IS NEEDED.**

In the changing economic-industrial conditions of the country there is strong reason for the adoption of the commission plan of government by cities and for the shorter ballot at state elections. In the minds of many thoughtful men the changes that are on with reference to our industries and commerce afford urgent reason for the betterment of governments, national, state and municipal.

Governmental regulation of commerce and industry is already here. It is now universally recognized that the people through their official representatives may supervise the rates and the services given by public service corporations. It is true that effective regulation has not yet been attained. It is possible that regulation will never prove effective. Many already credit its failure.

But fair treatment and equality of opportunities must prevail in the end so in the event regulation fails the next inevitable step will consist in the taking over of certain industries by the government. Nor would it be such a radical step either. The government has already engaged in regulation work and an earnest move is on foot to have the federal government take up the actual mining of Alaska coal. Once fairly entered upon such a policy it will not be long until governmental activity supercedes private enterprise in numerous lines.

With such a prospect as this even distant in sight it is time to plan for improving our officialdom. The farmer we get into the era of governmental regulation and ownership the greater becomes the demand for better men in office. If the governments, city, state and national are to mix in the business and commercial affairs of the country, then efficient men must be chosen to office. We must have officials who have business and executive ability—no matter whether they are good mixers or not. When the new day is fully dawned there will be places in the government service for the strong and able men who are now the masters of private business. They will serve the people instead of the corporations.

The commission plan of government for cities looks to placing municipal affairs upon an efficient basis. The plan looks to bringing out better men than those now in office, it concentrates responsibility and provides for the payment of salaries that will justify good men in taking office.

Pendleton needs the commission plan of government. So do other towns that face problems such as those now confronting this little city.

**SCIENTIFIC, AT TIMES.**

President Taft is going before the country to uphold his stand for scientific tariff revision after the tariff board has reported. He denounces those who passed the farmers' free list, the wool bill and the cotton bill as having played politics. He declares they should have waited for the report of the tariff board next winter.

Still the president did not hold back the reciprocity treaty until after the tariff board had reported. The reciprocity bill calls for free trade in farm products though not on things people actually consume. Taft was anxious to have that bill passed even before the board had reported. He would brook no delay in revising the tariff with reference to the things the farmers and the stockmen produce. But he says La Follette and his associates, democratic and republican, played politics when they sought to lower the tariff on things the trusts turn out.

**LOOK OUT FOR THE CITY.**

It is understood a conference is to be held here shortly between city officials and representatives of the telephone company to discuss the proposition of having the wires placed underground in the business section. When such a conference is held the city should take exactly the same position the telephone trust did when it raised its local rates a year or so ago. The rates were ordered advanced and the company would not recede from its position even though their local patrons complained strongly against the advance.

It is necessary for the welfare of Pendleton that the overhead wires be taken down in the business section. They should go whether the telephone trust and the electric trust like it or not. The city should not be run to please those concerns or the saucy officials who represent them.

**THERE IS AMPLE TIME.**

After the work of trying out the Thorn Hollow water supply has been done they have an axe to grind, nor people to pass judgment upon whether or not the springs should be used. If there is enough water there to meet the needs of the city the water commission will ascertain the fact. If the supply is not sufficient the fact will be discovered in due time. There is no occasion for anyone to worry. The board is not going to construct the Thorn Hollow project unless there is sufficient water. Most of those who are active in the present agitation against the water board know these things very well. Those who are directing the move are doing so because they are looking out for the welfare of Pendleton.

There are always plenty of able lawyers to defend murderous degenerates like young Beattie though the facts in the case indicate he should have been hung on the spot. Our courts will never deal out justice until the size of a lawyer's fee ceases to be a consideration in a case.

If there is to be a railroad strike at least it should be deferred until after the Round-Up. If not many people of the northwest will be denied the treat of their lives.

No need for the D. W. R. & N. company to renege because of any crop shortage in old Umanilla.

The opening of the wheat market was long delayed this year but selling was not slow after it began.

Have you seen the interior of the new fair pavilion?

The "talent" will soon be arriving.

**DANGER AHEAD.**

Some iconoclastic Congressmen have been trying to introduce a measure leading to the installation of a summer White House. Instead of permitting the president, as heretofore, to roam at will during vacation time, it is proposed to sequester him in a particular place.

This apparently innocent suggestion seems to us to be fraught with danger. If it should be carried out, it might eventually lead to a summer government.

If a summer White House should be established, it would only be a beginning. We should soon have a summer capitol. This, of course, would lead to summer sessions of congress. At present our only margin of safety is the fact that congress is not in session all the year around.

It is true that a summer government might not necessarily be fatal. It could be located in a high place, presumably near a lake with fairly good fishing.

Congressmen who might otherwise be making speeches might be tempted away to fish or to do other things which a mountain resort offers.

But a summer government, even under these mitigating circumstances, would still be a menace.

The fact that Washington is so uncomfortable so much of the year as to make it imperative for the government to stop working, is one of the bulwarks of the Republic. Any attempt to continue it through the summer, even by locating the president in one spot as a beginning, ought to be set upon at once.—Thomas L. Masson, in September Lippincott's.

**AUGUST 29 IN HISTORY.**

416—Aristic evacuated Rome and ravaged the provinces of Italy.

1649—The act of indemnity signed by Charles III, from which most of those called regicides were excepted.

1822—Great fire at Constantinople, in which a circuit of three miles said to comprise 12,000 houses and 50,000 inhabitants was devastated and many lives lost.

1840—The fortress of Achulga, the residence of Echamy, a celebrated Circassian chief, was carried by assault by the Russians, after a siege of four months.

1854—Petrovskoi, a Russian town attacked and bombarded by the allied English and French fleets. The town was defended by 1200 men and 126 guns.

1864—The democratic national convention, which nominated George B. McClellan for president and G. H. Pendleton for vice president, opened in Chicago.

1868—Revolution in Panama. General Corrozo, during the absence of President Ponce took military possession of the city. Ponce resigned. Corrozo proclaimed himself provisional president and formed a new cabinet.

1870—In France-Prussian war Paris called upon to lay in stores against the siege.

Belgian army of observation concentrated on the Luxembourg frontier.

Vruyzm between Vouziers and Attigny, stormed and captured by the Prussian hussars.

1903—Caleb Powers, former secretary of state of Kentucky, convicted and sentenced to death for complicity in the assassination of Governor Goebel.

1910—Moran broke airplane altitude record, ascending 7054 feet.

**DAVID MANNES.**

Thirty years ago he was scraping a fiddle in a music hall down town. Today he is leading the first violins in the New York Symphony Orchestra. Therefore one might expect him to say like so many of our self-made men, "Did I have a hard struggle? Yes, indeed. But a splendid struggle. Fine thing for me or any boy. Made a man of me. Genius will up."

But, curiously, David Mannes says nothing of the kind. He considers the struggle that he had not good but decidedly bad, for himself or for any child. And he goes further. Finding this same spirit of the battle invading the world of music, he is in revolt against it—this straining above all else for personal fame and wealth, with its striving for the sensational, its artificiality, its pettiness, its narrowness.

And as one expression of this revolt, he has worked for years down on the East Side, in the Music School Settlement, a school which severely discourages the whole fame and money idea, and aims to keep tenement children clear from that same "splendid struggle" through which Mannes went as a youngster.

The school had many anxious times, even seasons of crisis. But the response increased so swiftly that some three years ago the founders bought three houses on Third street.

The three old-fashioned houses joined together look more like a home than an institution. There is a small auditorium, a music library and rooms for private lessons. These rooms are used to their utmost capacity; and though the money support each year increases, still the school is always hard up. For the response of the people keeps ever widening. They come not only from near by but from Brooklyn, the Bronx and Jersey City. There are over eight hundred pupils now, children of immigrant parents from all over Europe; from Russia, Poland, Germany, Bohemia and Hungary, Roumania, Italy, Ireland, and there are a few negro children. At all hours of the day or evening the place is alive with music. Noise and discord, crudeness, roughness. Yes, in plenty. But out of all this forever emerging harmonies, new-born hungers, interests, ideals.—Ernest Poole in Success Magazine.

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**A VICTORY FOR WILSON.**

It has become apparent that the democratic national convention of 1912 is going to be really democratic. The effort of the old Alton B. Parker wing to gain control and nominate Harmon, has received a crushing blow through the declaration for Governor Wilson by both wings of the Pennsylvania democracy.

The Harmon plan was to have the democratic machines in a few, big, doubtful states—Tammany in New York, the Roger Sullivan machine in Illinois, Taggart in Indiana, Watson in West Virginia and so on—bring in Harmon delegations. These organization bosses were then to say to the southern delegates, "You see how it stands. Your states are democratic in any case. To win, you must give us a man whom the northern states want. We demand Harmon."

Indications are, however, that that plan is not going to work. The lines of alliance that will dominate the 1912 convention will run from the south, which is for Wilson, to the middle west insurgent regions, also for Wilson; and if one may prophesy at this state, the nomination will go to the Jerseyman who has so wonderfully impressed himself on the nation during the past year.—From Success Magazine.

**APPROVED.**

Philip was a converted youth. One evening he called upon some friends and picked up the new Webster's Unabridged Dictionary which lay on the table.

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