

The Allentown Hospital- Letter to the Editor

The Morning Call

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The Allentown Hospital.

To the Editor of the MORNING CRITIC.

Your praiseworthy and most commendable efforts to boom the Allentown Public Hospital project surely [deserve merit, and should command that recognition which they so richly deserve. We have said PROJECT, for the simple reason that, after a lapse of nearly two years, all interest and enthusiasm so conspicuous and general at the start, had apparently vanished, the matter remaining in its incipiency, until the new management of THE CRITIC revived and started anew the call and demanded for this most important and highly necessary undertaking. That your efforts in the matter may cease not, and that ere long they be crowned with the assurances of positive success, is the heartfelt prayer and earnest desire of the great majority of all classes of people. That Allentown should have, and undoubtedly will have, a public hospital, is merely a question of time.

Just, right here, at the appropriate time, and through that which we deem the proper medium, we beg you allow us space in your sprightly morning daily to pay tribute to one who justly deserves it. We have reliable authority for the statement that at least twice previous to the passage of the resolution introduced in City Councils on October 18, 1892, by Hon. M. T. Lennon, calling for a public meeting to devise means and adopt measures to secure for our city the greatly needed and much desired public hospital, two other members of Councils who had been furnished with, and requested to introduce resolutions of like character, and tending to the same purpose, had neglected or refused to do so. To Mr. Lennon, then, belongs the credit and honor of being first to bring this matter before our people in a business-like and proper manner. He attended the first meeting and contributed in no small degree to the enthusiasm and earnestness which then prevailed.

The proposed Allentown Hospital has no firmer, more devoted and interested friend and worker in its behalf than Mr. Lennon. On February 2, 1892, he introduced a bill in the House of Representatives asking for an appropriation of \$10,000 toward the furnishing and maintenance of a Public Hospital in the City of Allentown. In response to the call of Mr. Lennon's bill, a sub-committee on appropriations subsequently visited our city, but of course, under existing circumstances, could make no favorable recommendation.

Mr. Lennon's friends in the Sixth Ward organized the movement which prompted the Emerald Beneficial Society to present the beautiful drama "The Octoroon," in Music Hall, the proceeds of which were donated to the hospital fund. H.

ALLENTOWN, August 7, 1894.

