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sonal supervision cannot be given the investments.
It must not be understood, of course, that every idea which may be developed in the mind of some visionary is necessarily a practical business proposition. Far from it. Many local enterprises in the past have failed because those who invested failed to give the doubtful propositions careful personal investigation, trusting only in the eloquent arguments of promoters whose chief business it was to get their money and exchange therefor some beautifully decorated stock certificates. This is not the sort of investment which is to be considered.
Our Chamber of Commerce has acted with discretion and good judgment in refusing to approve many propositions which have been submitted to that organization for its O. K. It is not part of the function of such an association to promote local or other enterprises without first being satisfied that they are promising ventures with ordinary safeguards and reasonable assurance of protection and a fair return for those who provide the capital.
Our point is that Harrisburg is better located than the average city for industrial expansion. It remains for our people to take advantage of their opportunities and not to assume that the only place to engage in profitable enterprise is somewhere outside the immediate range of their vision.
It might be well perhaps to have an industrial survey made of Harrisburg looking to a presentation of business and manufacturing opportunities. This is the sort of work that could properly be done by the Chamber of Commerce with a view to presenting for the consideration of Harrisburg people and others the real conditions here.
It is obvious that we need more employment and more kinds of employment so that our working people of all classes may be busy all the time. Our merchants are doing their part admirably, but unless we have a variety of labor in our industrial market neither the merchant nor the professional man nor the tradesman of any sort can prosper. There must be community co-operation in every direction and at the beginning of the year is a good time to consider whether there is any better place anywhere for developing some line of business that has not already been developed here.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE
—Lansdale, Pa., prodigy aged four, plays piano classics all day long. Fine! We're glad he lives in Lansdale.
—"For the benefit of pocketbooks that are still suffering from that "all-gone" feeling incident to Christmas, we pause to remark that Easter does not come this year until April 23.
—"We wonder if there is anything significant in the fact Huerta and Boyed both got crowded off the first page at about the same time.
—"Somebody's always taking the joy out of life. First we couldn't take advantage of the low price of gasoline because automobiles were so high, and now we can't afford a cheap automobile because gasoline is so high.
—"New York club women are unanimous in the opinion that girls are entitled to propose this year. On another page of the eleven New York bachelors have taken up residence in a houseboat anchored two miles off shore.

Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committeeman
Failure of dozens of men elected justice of the peace throughout the State in November to file acceptances of their election has resulted in legal vacancies existing in their districts and Governor Brumbaugh will be required to make appointments so that magistrates will be provided. The number of such vacancies now existing is being figured out at the Capitol and it is thought that it may run into the hundreds.
For years justices were required to file their acceptances in person, but a few years ago this provision was repealed. Then it was found that some men elected to the office failed to file their acceptances, saying they had no time to do so. The requirement was then restored, but quite a number of men elected justices have stated that they did not know about it.
Commissions not taken' from the offices of recorders within thirty days become invalid, consequently there are many vacancies.



THE MEXICAN MUDDLE
War from the Side Lines
By Frederic J. Haskin
DOUGLAS, Texas, has just had an opportunity to study war at close range. Schools were closed, business shut down, children and women crowded in the shelter of adobe walls, while Villa and Carranza fought out the question of Mexican supremacy a few yards across the border.
Hundreds of shots fell in American territory, wounding civilians and United States soldiers. Forty bullets struck an American school building in single night. The Bank of Douglas and the principal hotel were hit. Every second man you meet is carrying a Mexican bullet in his vest pocket for a souvenir.
It was a magnificent chance to watch a battle from the side-lines. From the first straggling approach of Villa's advance guard through the mountain pass 12 miles away, to the last desperate charge of his Yaquis and the final Mexican victory, the Carranza trenches like a breaker against a cliff, the whole engagement was fought in plain view. Most of the Americans in Douglas gathered to look on, regarding the possibility of a stray bullet.

Evening Chat
Operation of Pennsylvania's new escheat law, whereby unclaimed bank deposits and other valuable things must be reported to the auditor general, has been the subject of many reports. Under the law the reports must be filed by January 31 annually and failure to make a report is punishable by a fine which may go up to \$10,000. The law was drafted by Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown primarily to get for the State unclaimed bank deposits, but was elaborated. A blank was sent to every corporation paying a State tax because the law covers all valuable property which is unclaimed and a number of officers of corporations have written to the State Capitol demanding to know why they should be called on to file reports. While one man at the head of a concern which manufactures machinery wanted to know why he was classed with a bank. The banks of the State, which have hundreds of reports, while others which contain balances not used up, are making reports and some have been writing letters which indicate they will be glad to file their books of the inactive accounts. What the law requires: reports on bank deposits which have been inactive for fourteen consecutive years, money or property held for storage or safe keeping which has not been touched or visited by owners for seven years, dividends or profits not paid for three years, debts and interest due any third party for three years and any property held for benefit of a person and not demanded within seven years.

SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 8.
Pity and need make all flesh kin.—
Sir Edward Arnold.

THE STATE STREET MARKET
T-NIGHT, for the first Saturday night in more than a half century, save only when Christmas fell on the last day of the week, the old State street market stands dark and silent. Its day of activity has passed. It soon will give way to the beautiful State park that is being planned to replace the "Old Eighth."
The other market houses are preparing to absorb its business, but they will never quite take the place of the State street market, which was an institution quite distinctive of its kind.
Slowly but surely the old city is passing and from its ashes is rising the new and better Harrisburg so many of us long have beheld only in our mind's eye. Sometimes the removal of an old building, with the associations of years about it, and the handmarks of time upon it, is to be regretted, but in this case the old market house had outlived its usefulness to a very large extent. The people it had served so long have been steadily removing from their former haunts and its trade had been decreasing proportionately.

C. W. KNAPP
THE sudden death of C. W. Knapp, in the office of the New York Times, to which newspaper he had gone as treasurer after a long and notable journalistic career in the Middle West, removes from the newspaper world one of its most distinguished figures. The son of John Knapp, brother and partner of George Knapp, who acquired control of the St. Louis Republic in the forties, and incorporated it as George Knapp & Co., publishers, he practically grew up in the office, and on his emerging from college in 1867 began the career which ended in St. Louis on Christmas eve and for all time in the Times office ten days later. He served the paper as copy reporter and became its city editor, managing editor and editor-in-chief. He passed through all the stages of advertising and business management and attained to the office of president and publisher in 1887, which post he held continuously until his retirement. He was one of the organizers of the Associated Press as a national and international newsgathering body and for more than a quarter of a century has sat on its executive committee. He was one of the organizers of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and served as its president.

EDITORIAL COMMENT
It can be taken as certain that with the end of the war will come such a readjustment in politics, business and finance as the world has never before known. We apparently are in position to take advantage of any situation. It will need only wise national policies and sound business judgment to accomplish such a desirable end.—Philadelphia Inquirer.
It is said that the grave of John Brown at North Elba, N. Y., is sadly neglected. His grave may be neglected, but who shall deny that his soul goes marching on?—Kansas City Times.
The social center of New York's population has moved 600 feet in the last two years, which shows that the 400 possesses a degree of progressiveness not heretofore suspected.—Boston Transcript.

TO-DAY'S EDITORIALS
Philadelphia Record: That is a very interesting report which comes from London, that the British Admiralty has decided that not a German flag nor any neutral vessel in which Germans have an interest shall be permitted to call at any port until the indemnity which the allies will demand is paid in full. By its control of the ocean Great Britain is in a position to put such a policy in operation. When the time comes to be decided on, Germany and Austria may hold Belgium and Serbia, but these are trivial conquests in comparison with the power to rule ocean commerce. When the time comes to talk peace Great Britain's trump card is bound to play an important part in the settlement of terms.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY
A thirty-five-pound red salmon is not to be caught every day, you better believe. The fish was caught yesterday in Sunbury and has just returned home from a one-year, 15,000-mile trip to Alaska. The fish was caught by a high esteem by her fellow-citizens because she stuck to the fish and landed it after being pulled into the water.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE
—Walter Lyon, former lieutenant governor, who was here yesterday is as active in legal practice as ever.
—The State has bought one of the new Cambria Steel directors, is one of the big lumbermen of the country.
—W. H. Donner, the steel magnate, lighted one of his furnaces here last night at Buffalo.

NEW LOCAL ENTERPRISES
WITH the millions of dollars subject to loan in this community it would appear that Harrisburg is about ready for a step forward in the line of industrial expansion. Most of our factories and plants are running at capacity, but there is apparently room for an enlargement of the activities in profitable local enterprises.

THE GERMAN SETTLEMENT
THE apparent yielding of Germany to the just demands of the United States with respect to the sinking of the Lusitania, and the regulation of submarine warfare in general, is received with the hope that Germany really means what the forecast of yesterday's message would seem to indicate. But we have been so often just on the verge of a full settlement only to be thrown back into the slough of hopelessness and humiliation by a fresh outrage the next day that the country must be pardoned if it receives this fresh assurance very guardedly. If no more passenger ships are sunk without warning and if no more American citizens are murdered under the flimsy mask of military necessity, the nation may then believe that this at last has been written to the most disgraceful chapter of American diplomacy, but not before.

ENGLAND'S ILLS
The ill, political and social, of Great Britain have nowhere their origin in democracy. The ill of democracy are the ill of the British Empire, one of the strongest and most devoted of the world. The ill of democracy are the ill of the world, and the ill of the world are the ill of the British Empire. The ill of the world are the ill of the British Empire, and the ill of the British Empire are the ill of the world.

OUR DAILY LAUGH
RUDE AWAKENING.
Didn't you ask me to languish through life with you?
I did.
And now you expect me to put in a good part of the time in cooking, sweeping and dish-washing.
What false wretches you men are.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY
A City Planning Exhibition is Urged by a Commissioner
[From the St. Paul Dispatch.]
A city planning exhibition in conjunction with the budget exhibit suggested by Mayor Lowers, is the proposal of Louis Nash, commissioner of parks, playgrounds and public buildings, as outlined to the city council.
He declares it as much important to know what the city needs as to show what has to be done. In this way, he says, the city will be able to develop the city with the assurance of a proper planning exhibit would show just what the city needs and adapted to manufacturing and jobbing, what adapted to coal yards and feed lots, what adapted to the industries dependent upon truckage facilities, the proposal recites.

DO YOU KNOW
That Harrisburg leads in the amount of river coal dredges from the Susquehanna?
HISTORIC HARRISBURG
The bounds of Camp Curtin have not been marked. Only the tablet on the Camp Curtin school commemorates the site.

THE HOPE FIRE COMPANY
THE Hope Fire Company has reached the ripe old age of 102 years, but it displays all the vigor and activity of youth. The Hope Company is one of Harrisburg's most venerable institutions, and one of its most honored. Cherished on the rolls of the organization are the names of many of the men who laid the foundations of the city and who will be associated always with its early history. Few fire companies have more reason for celebrating than the Hope. It has always stood for the very best in citizenship and has never been found wanting in time of need. The Hope has traditions that any organization might envy, and it is living right up to the best of them.

OUT OF DEBT
[From the Kansas City Star.]
The Kansas State officials have planned a pleasant little jollification for tomorrow morning on the occasion of the burning of the last bond outstanding against the State.
A number of years ago Governor Dockery, of Missouri, planned such a celebration for his State, and one of the best business men in the State, Dockery thinks it is a celebration. He does not know that he is burning his legs off.

IN SLOWTOWN.
Turtle Announcer: Sam Small wins the hundred yard dash — Time: four days, three hours and six minutes.

THE BEST GIFT
By Wing Dingler
For the kids we got at Christmas. Lots of things, my wife and I. Got a line on what they wanted. We started out to buy. Games and toys and books of stories, Useful things as well we got. Everything they could wish for. We provided, so we thought.

SOME DOINGS
[From the Winfield, Kan. Courier.]
Some very laughable things occurred at the public Christmas tree in the courthouse. First was the children's vote for the Rev. Mr. Platter out of his speech, and then, when "Ed" Holloway was presented a baby and cradle, Halwin, Pryor & Co. a Jug of "Orange biters," and, lastly, when Ex-Saint received the jumpingjack and six babies

A Word to Dealers
"Handle people want — the storekeeper must know what people want."
Such is an axiom of one of our great merchants, who practices what he preaches.
One thing that the storekeeper does know is that the country is an initial demand for goods which the manufacturer advertises in the newspapers.

THE INCREASE OF 100 PER CENT.
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