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I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.—Jer. 17:10.

BARNUM ADMINISTRATION

HEARINGS on the defense bills have only just begun in Congress, and it took only three days to disclose that it will be another year at least before anything is done on the building of the battleships which were authorized a year ago. It will be March, 1917, before a penny will be spent on the naval building program which was adopted prior to March, 1915.

These admissions, wrung from Admiral Stanford in his testimony before the House Naval Committee, shed a light of comprehension upon Secretary McAdoo's estimate of only \$93,000,000 additional required for national defense this year—when the naval and army plans which the President had sanctioned called for much more money.

This episode brings to the front and emphasizes anew the persistent policy of this administration in trying to fool the people. McAdoo's cooked and juggled financial statements, Redfield's incomplete and garbled statistics, Daniels' stirring demand for warships—all are predicated upon the theory that the people like to be humbugged and that this Barnum among administrations will give the people what they want.

But when the humorists of the administration apply their joker methods to such serious matters as the national finance, public defense and our foreign relations, the people are inclined to laugh on the other side of their mouths. The humor is too grim, the objects too serious.

That quotation on the lips of Representative "Ike" Sherwood, "Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just," recalls Artemus Ward's half-soling of the maxim: "And four times he who gets his blow in first."

HARRISBURG'S NEIGHBORS

PREPARATIONS are now going forward for the 1916 trade excursion of the Chamber of Commerce. This tour will include all the principal towns between this city and Altoona, as well as Bellefonte, Lock Haven and Williamsport. It will cover two days and it is expected the special train will carry nearly 200 of the liveliest virgins in the local business community. A number of guests will accompany the members and it is expected that the trip will still further cement the good feeling which already subsists between Harrisburg and the Central Pennsylvania towns.

A definite program is being arranged for every stop on the itinerary and nothing is being left to chance. It is going to be a fine get-together excursion in which the greetings of Harrisburg will be extended to the towns that are to be visited in this unique manner.

As the capital of the Commonwealth this city is becoming more and more a center of the activities of Central Pennsylvania. It is natural that this should be so owing to the fact that Harrisburg is the very hub of the great transportation systems of the State. More than twenty-five years ago a distinguished churchman, discussing the location of the Gettysburg Seminary, made the prediction that this city would become one of the larger of the inland cities of the United States and that it would be wise to consider the location of the more important educational institutions at or near Harrisburg. Several times within the past ten or fifteen years boards of trustees of a number of important educational institutions have considered transplanting colleges and seminaries to this city, but owing to the influence of vested interests elsewhere the change of location has always been deferred. It is certain, however, that with the realization of the unusual transportation facilities here, and the ease with which large numbers of people may enter and leave Harrisburg from all parts of the State, this city must become a still greater distributing center than it is at present and a more inviting place for all manner of enterprise, industrial and otherwise.

While the Chamber of Commerce tour is in no wise a proselyting expedition, the purpose of the excursion being simply to enlarge the good feel-

ing of the towns and cities to be visited. It is certain to inure to the benefit of Harrisburg and all its neighbors when the facts which relate to the growth of Central Pennsylvania are better understood. This city is not only a leader in civic matters and in modern development; it maintains a conspicuous place in the industrial and railroad and commercial world. And the fact that it is the capital of the Commonwealth places it in a class of its own so far as the other cities of the State are concerned.

THE CALL TO HARMONY

EVERY Republican and independent voter in Pennsylvania with Republican leanings must subscribe to the call of independent leaders in Philadelphia for a "get-together" movement there that will result in a sweeping Republican victory next Fall and the utter repudiation of the present misfit administration at Washington. But it is to be greatly regretted that such a call should be made the subject of a political brawl that promises to give harmony about as much chance in Philadelphia as the dove of peace has at present on the battle front in Flanders.

Republicans in Pennsylvania at large are heartily sick of the everlasting bickering and quarreling of those in command at Philadelphia. They are disgusted with local leaderships that place personal ambitions and business considerations above the good of the party as a whole. If a peaceful settlement of petty differences in the Quaker City is impossible, then let the fist fight take place there and there alone. The Republicans of the State outside the one small corner that constitutes Philadelphia county want none of it. They have but one hope and ambition at this time, and that is party unity, to the end that all Republicans and all independents may be brought together under the common banner of vigorous protest against the maladministration of national affairs at Washington.

They look with ill-favor indeed upon anything and anybody that stands in the way of a sweeping Republican victory next Fall.

Pennsylvania Republicans will lend a helping hand wherever it is needed to any man or body of men sincerely endeavoring to bring about harmony in Philadelphia, but they will not for a moment countenance any effort that looks toward extending the Philadelphia brawl to the State at large. They have seen the evil results of such a course in the past and they will have none of it at this time. If Philadelphia hopes to continue to wield its old-time influence in the Legislature when it convenes next time, it would do well to give the voters at large some indication of its fitness for leadership at this critical time.

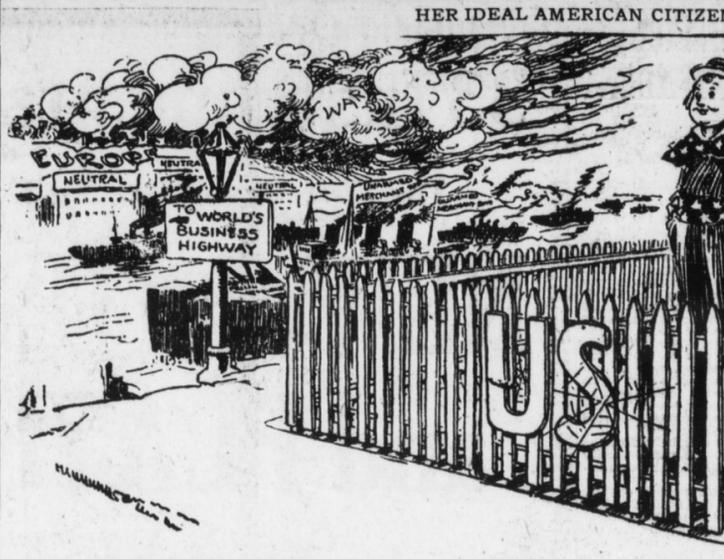
DELIGHTFUL WEATHER THE kind of weather we are now enjoying is too good to last, but it should be accepted with rejoicing as a foretaste of what is in store for us. The winter seems scarcely to have started and already the groundhog is stirring in his den, there is a new note of joy in the chirp of the sparrow and Spruce is just around the corner. Another month of wintry blasts and snow, with an intermingling of such fine days as those that have made life worth living the past half-week, and the blue birds will again be with us and lovers of outdoors will be turning to thoughts of gardening, of golf, of angling and the thousand and one dear, delightful open-air sports and recreations that the rigors of cold weather have caused us to temporarily lay aside.

It's a good thing to look ahead in this way. It helps one over the hard spots. Fortunate is he who can make flowers bloom and balmy breezes blow beside his warm fireside when snow is falling without and biting winds are howling about the chimney top. Thanks, Mr. Weatherman, for this opportunity to glimpse the pleasant prospects ahead in reality as well as in fancy.

IMMORAL SHOWS

THE suit brought against the management of the Orpheum theater on Saturday, following the appearance there of a burlesque show that the police charge was immoral and indecent, is in direct line with Mayor Meals' pre-election promises of a clean city. It is a question, however, if the interests of the public would not have been better protected had the members of the company which gave the objectionable performance been included in the warrant.

The local management is not responsible for the character of the bookings. The engagements are all made in New York. Frequently it happens that those in charge of the theater do not know that a show is objectionable until it is under way, and then it is well nigh too late to correct the trouble. Next time the police should require that the curtain come down and that the company appear at the police station.



"Certain Senators would prevent Americans from traveling on unarmed merchant vessels of belligerent nations."—News Item.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

"Plans in every room of Odd Fellows' Temple," says the Reading Eagle. But the neighbors are not boasting about it.

"Fear God and take your own part," says Roosevelt, being a modern version of "Trust in God but keep your powder dry."

"Villa may be shot by anybody," is the order from Carranza. Now all that's necessary is to find somebody to do the shooting.

Democrats talk of running Brand Whitlock for vice-president. Belgium is going to be a peaceful pleasant place as compared with the Democratic firing line next Fall.

"The sleeping sickness is not confined to Africa," says an exchange. We've known this for a long time.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

In time of Bryan prepare for Krupp, Columbia State.

Ford is no sailor, but he appears to have qualified as a skipper.—Columbia State.

The Golden Horn ought to come in handy for the peace-overtures.—Columbia State.

Pan-America is the disposition exhibited by more than one European Power also.—New York Evening Sun.

It begins to look as though the ultimate fate of little nations is to be observed by the United States.—Washington Post.

No near-sighted traveler could tell the election of Emperor in China from an election of President in Mexico. Boston Transcript.

TO-DAY'S EDITORIALS

The Philadelphia Record.—Thousands of women are said to have lost their positions in Massachusetts since January 1 as a result of the operation of the Minimum Wage law. Possibly there was some exaggeration in the statement, though it was made to Governor McCall by a committee of reputable citizens, who were representative of the interests of employers rather than of wage-earning women. It is unavoidable, however, that the establishment of a minimum wage rate may cause the weeding out of those whose earning power does not come up to the standard fixed. And no law can make the employment of sub-standard workers compulsory. The State can fix a wage, but it cannot assure employment at the rate fixed.

The New York World.—There is not a problem before Congress to-day that could not be wisely and patriotically solved by the House and the Senate if the members could forget parhianship for two months and also forget that a Presidential election is to be held in November. But as long as the American people are content to regard government as a game, the men who play the game for them will make their own rules, whatever the cost may be to the country.

WOMEN READY

[Cleveland Plain Dealer.] The assistant secretary of the War Department believes the report that the women of the United States are against preparedness is false. And the assistant secretary probably knows as much about it as do those who are keeping the report in circulation.

Who has either the authority or the information to speak for American womanhood on this subject? Certainly no poll of opinion has been taken; it is doubtful if any reliable plan could be devised to accomplish the purpose. The commonest version of the matter has been that the women in the suffrage States, who at the next election will cast hundreds of thousands of votes, were rather definitely opposed to any policy of a more adequate national defense. One organization of women in the State of Washington has gone on record in favor of preparedness.

It would, in truth, be strange if women in the Pacific Coast States were to look with indifference on government proposals to increase the nation's powers of resistance. It is doubtful, too, if women voters in inland States are even approximately a unit for or against preparedness.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

CORRECT. The way of the transgressor is hard.

Yes, but the trouble is it is generally hard on somebody else.

WOULD BE AWFUL. Fred Timid has asked me if he might call tonight. I think he wants to tell me he loves me.

Oh, that goes without saying.

Yes, and I'm afraid he will, too.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Men prominent in the councils of the Republican party in the State at large are of the opinion that there will be harmonious party action in Pennsylvania this year despite the expressions of animosity heard in Philadelphia. In other words, the sentiment of the Republicans of the Keystone State is that Philadelphia leaders should be left to fight out their own battles just as are those in Lehigh, or Luzerne, or Chester, and that it should not be a matter of State-wide concern. Men from almost every section of the State who have been here lately have voiced that opinion and the words of warfare which broke out in Philadelphia last night is not considered here as of prime importance to the State, although some in eastern counties may so regard it.

The consensus of opinion is that Senator Penrose has stolen a march on his opponents in Philadelphia by securing the support of the great body of independents who were yesterday called upon by John C. Winston and others to align themselves with the Republican party because of the national nomination for State. The senator's comment upon this call was that he had wire references to "contractors" which aroused the ire of Congressman William S. Vore, who exploded as he did in Washington when a man was to be chosen to the party's national committee. Mr. Vore harked back to the Catlin commission and made it a personal matter.

It is interesting in this time to observe that in the attack and counter attack going on in Philadelphia, that one Senator James P. McNichol, is keeping in the background. He has apparently allowed things to go by which in other days would have called for fight and the fact that he has gone along with Mayor Smith is regarded as significant. It is also worthy of note that some of the western and up-State leaders are not displaying much interest in the Penrose-Vare controversy and that the name of the Governor is hardly mentioned in the discussions as heretofore.

The Philadelphia North American declares to-day that Penrose has started an attack on the Vares and is asking them to be specific. The senator in his most characteristic way, the Philadelphia Inquirer takes the ground that an important "back to the party" movement has brought about the terrible fight under way in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Press says that Penrose and Vore are in a row over the independents and that the senator's welcome to the Philadelphia nomination for State seems to have disturbed Congressman Vore. The Public Ledger gives the greatest space to the return to the party call and refuses to get excited over the words of the Philadelphia Press, which will probably be the attitude taken by most of the newspapers of the State, which have no axes to grind.

While the opinion appears to be general that an agreement has been reached to support Chief Clerk H. M. Kephart of the Senate, for the Republican nomination for State, it is by no means settled who is to be supported by auditor general. The names of Senator Charles A. Snyder, Speaker Charles A. Ambler and Senator Charles H. Kline loom up. However, the endorsement of Mr. Knox for senator and the selection of Kephart rather than the chances of the Pittsburgh senator.

Senator Penrose regards the list of candidates suggested for delegates at large as "tentative." He is said to be agreeable to it in the main but opposes one or two men suggested by the list. In nearly every instance the Speaker George E. Alter, of Allegheny, who is favored by the local opinion forces all over the State.

The Philadelphia Ledger to-day says: "Senator Penrose's absence from the city, also the illness of Mayor Smith, will cause a postponement of further conferences on national delegates. But after the next meeting between the Mayor and the Senator it is expected that Governor Brumbaugh and his friends, the Vares, again will meet to determine whether or not consensus shall be made in the way of revising the list to suit Senator Penrose."

The fight over the Allegheny county controller has reached the demurring stage. H. M. Cribbs, former legislator, contends that Controller Moore is ineligible because he is a senator.

W. H. Wilson in Philadelphia yesterday had orators shoed off the City Hall plaza because they had no permits. Wilson's tenure of office appears to be settled in the minds of people at large.

William Flinn is going to Panama and it is now said that he will probably meet the Colonel and talk over things with him.

Henry P. Shomo, of Hamburg, a clerk in the Auditor General's Department, will contest with ex-Judge R. G. Bushong the Berks county Republican national delegate place. Lehigh county will get the other place.

Ex-Senator Oscar E. Thomson, of Phoenixville, may be a candidate for Chester county senator again. In Western Pennsylvania some attention is being directed to the dinner which the McKinley Club of McKeesport will give on January 29. J. Denny

HER IDEAL AMERICAN CITIZEN?



"Don't go outside the yard, Rollo. You might get hurt!"

THE NEW EDUCATION

By Frederic J. Haskin

The Bureau of Education is investigating the experiences of a large number of young men and women who have left school for business in the last five years. A set of questions has been sent to city and county school superintendents in a dozen States. The officials will collect answers from the former pupils, showing what line of work each took up on leaving school, the changes made, the wages received and the chances for advancement.

This investigation by the government is only one detail in a nationwide movement toward a far closer relation between school and business life.

The introduction of vocational courses in high schools and grammar schools was a step in the right direction; much of the instruction, however, has proved to be superficial when put to the test. The courses were too highly specialized. To have shops fitted up for cabinet-making and electrical fitting when most boys start in a general business of some kind, as office boy or clerk, is a bad investment. To teach a class of girls fine needlework when many of them will stand behind a counter all day and be too tired at night to darn their own stockings is wasteful effort.

It is well enough to teach cabinet-making to future cabinet-makers, and plumbing to future plumbers, but the great majority of young people enter neither a trade or a profession, but simply one of the innumerable commercial establishments that are lumped under the general head of business. What they need, and what up to now they could not get outside of a social school, is a business education.

The new system, which is being put into operation in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and a number of smaller cities, keeps the employer's point of view in mind throughout the course. Business houses of all sorts are co-operating with the schools. Students are given a chance to practice their future work in some store while they go to school; and working boys and girls are given a chance to go to school while they work. The result is a grammar or high school graduate who can step into life and earn his salary from the first week.

Boston was the first city to establish co-operative education work. Girls employed in certain stores were given a chance to attend classes in the public schools. Now a director of practical salesmanship has been appointed. She has co-ordinated the commercial courses of five high schools with the work of seven big department stores. She is familiar both with the conditions in each of these stores and with the talents and training of all her students. Under her direction, students are assigned weekly practice periods in salesmanship, during which they go into one of the big stores and do the actual work of a clerk. This system is found in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and the store. The novices have theoretical drill in salesmanship which many old clerks lack. The store gets the benefit of their knowl-

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

It is just as consistent to accuse a person without any teeth of eating your cake as it is to charge an armless man with having beaten his wife. Unless, of course, the man without the teeth was an ostrich and had castiron digestive apparatus. The wife of Jacob Gajeiki, of Hazleton, desires divorce from her armless husband on the grounds that he had been beating her frequently ever since their wedding day in 1890.

Philadelphia boasts of a thief with a literary mind. He has a long thin scholarly-looking hand wears shell-rimmed spectacles, and smokes a pipe. He stole four volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica from a Philadelphia home on the night of December 29, 1915, but the police have been unable to locate him. It is believed that his thirst for knowledge led him to commit the theft.

The Mormon Church at Buck Valley, which was to have been dedicated yesterday, was dynamited and wrecked on Saturday morning. Much feeling against the sect was said to have good reason in the community near by. The dynamite was placed by McConnellsburg, by the community near by. The dynamite was placed by McConnellsburg, by the community near by.

Sylvester Rose and Elsie Helen Arnold, a Reading girl, were married in Cleveland four years ago by a minister who has since been proven fraudulent. So Sylvester Rose and took his not-yet wife to this section of the country and now they are really married.

The condition of the Susquehanna at Columbia is said to be dangerous if in its present condition it should freeze again. The ice broke last week when the stream had reached a height of 8 feet 4 inches and has jammed some distance below the city.

Giving the necessity for insurance under the new workmen's compensation law as an excuse, Johnstown's City Council to-day refused to raise the wages of the firemen, which remain the same as throughout the past two years.

Evening Chat

Capitol Hill's postage bill is commencing to trouble some of the heads of the departments and boards of the State government. More mail is going out from the departments now than ever known before and some observers think that it is almost as great as when the Legislature is in session. Most of the departments carry on publicity services which have added to expenses not foreseen by the last Legislature and the inauguration of the workmen's compensation, child labor and other systems, not to mention the game bounty have sent the cost of postage sky high compared with former years. In the case of the compensation and child labor school systems it was necessary to communicate with thousands of employers, some of whom promptly came back and asked for all publications on the subjects. To launch the compensation system required a great many stamps before it was got into the working shape. The State Highway Department is the State's biggest user of the parcel post at present because of the demand for automobile license tags, although the Division of Distribution of Documents, which handles all State publications, is generally the largest in that line. Automobile licenses are taken from the Capitol by the wagon load and the mail matter of the departments is something of which the average citizen little dreams. It is likely that because of the growth of postage that the whole subject of Capitol mail will be studied by the Economy and Efficiency Commission and possibly some of the advertising matter cut off.

The Freepress Journal is to the front with an item of news which might be classified in the "before, during and after" class. It announces that "Wednesday afternoon about 1 o'clock an unknown Italian was struck by a freight train at Kiski Junction and had both legs cut off. He was still alive when this item was written, but died later."

Three boys sat on parkside benches on Saturday afternoon near the new Capitol for three hours. They changed benches because the air was damp and there was a fog from the river. One of them was asked the reason of the vigil and replied with fine scorn in voice and manner: "Want to see the ice-cream truck. What else yer think?" It turned out that two of them lived east of Seventeenth street.

Twenty-foot cuts into the rocks which form Capitol Hill have had to be made by the men in charge of the construction of the big sewer which the State is building to check the flooding of the basement of the State Capitol every time there is a hard rain. When the Capitol was built not enough provision was made for the drainage in times of heavy rain. The new building line is greater around than St. Peter's at Rome and the main building without the dome is over 100 feet high. It can be seen that there is a large surface exposed to rain. To overcome the flooding it was decided to add a fourth sewer from the building and it is being built down State street to connect with a city sewer going to the Susquehanna.

The first Harrisburg Sunday school to celebrate a centennial of unbroken existence will be that of Market Square Presbyterian Church, which will pass its one hundredth anniversary next month. There were some Sunday schools in Harrisburg prior to the organization of the Market Square school, but they were not continued, or at least those of to-day are not directly descended. Market Square, which was founded in 1794, was the first Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg. It dates from 1794.

Capitol Hill people are becoming suspicious of people alleging to be "from home" who have been making "touches" in the various departments. The State is busily engaged in the show rather than the fact. The ordinary borrower have been studying up-state papers and then, picking out people from those localities, have gone to the various departments and talked about men and women of the home town as accessories.

Harrisburg people will read with interest the announcement that Hiram E. Schoch, formerly engaged in newspaper work here, is to be a candidate for the Legislature from one of the Altoona county suburban districts. He resides in Gettysburg, which is near Pittsburgh. Mr. Schoch was connected with the Harrisburg Patriot and other newspapers before going to Pittsburgh, where he graduated from the Journalism school. He formerly resided at York and is well known to many here.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —Mayor John V. Kosek, of Wilkes-Barre, who was re-elected last November, has started to put the lid on the gamblers.

Alexander VanRensselaer is in charge of the National Security League work at Philadelphia.

Thomas R. McDowell, former legislator, has been making a series of good roads speeches in eastern counties.

Alfred M. Collins, the new head of the Main Line Association, is quite a noted sportsman. He lives at Bryn Mawr.

Ex-Judge H. M. Yerkes has been re-elected president of the Bucks County Bar Association.

Mayor Smith will be the guest of the Walnut Street Business Men's Association at Philadelphia to-night.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has a greater mileage of sewers of any city of its size in the State? And the same is true of paved streets.

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The first State Capitol was completed in 1819 and occupied with much ceremony.

The Crippled Lonely Dollar

The advertising dollar that went out and came home crippled or alone missed the right road—a road by which it will return home in company with other strong, lusty dollars.

That way through the right use of daily newspaper advertising. It is a road open alike to the advertiser and the manufacturer and the local dealer.

It promises profit to both. The advertising manager of the Telegraph will be glad to tell you more about it.