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We can get out of certain errors only at the top; that is, by raising our minds above human things.—JOURNET.

WISDOM AND EXPERT ADVICE

NOW and then there is criticism here of the expert advice which has been sought from time to time in the public improvement work...

During the last few days our people have had such an object lesson as cannot fall to make a lasting impression upon their minds.

Let us hear no more about the value of expert advice. Harrisburg has profited immensely through the high-class men who have given to this city the benefit of their wisdom and practical knowledge of the problems which once confronted the community.

Speaker Champ Clark declared the charge that Congress is dawdling is a "bald and malicious lie."

PENBROOK'S PAVING

THROUGH the joint efforts of a majority of the property owners affected and a generous subscription of \$700 by the Motor Club of Harrisburg, Penbrook is at last assured of State aid in the rebuilding of the main highway through that town.

It is difficult to understand how anybody in the vicinity of Harrisburg, at least, will stand in the way of paved streets.

Take Wayne county, Mich., for example. The good roads investment there has Standard Oil "beaten a mile."

clusive, and in this period the assessed valuation of property in the county, outside of the city of Detroit, increased from \$62,707,000 to \$114,548,120, or 82.6 per cent.

Of this increase, 35 per cent., or \$22,000,000, is credited to road improvement, because the assessed valuation of Detroit increased only 47.7 per cent.

More than 125 miles of concrete road have been put down by the Wayne county commissioners since the county system was adopted in 1906, and the roads built with the \$2,000,000 bond issue are still in good condition and give every promise of more than outliving the bonds.

Every mile of durable roads laid is cutting down the cost of upkeep. Last year the commissioners had 45 miles more roadway to care for than the year before, yet they spent \$5,178 less for maintenance.

And so it goes! The experience is the same everywhere. If Penbrook doubts Michigan figures, let Harrisburg be an illustration.

Now comes word from Washington that President Wilson has surrendered to Congressman John J. Casey in the naming of a new postmaster for Wilkes-Barre.

THE GOVERNOR AT SCRANTON

SCRANTON newspapers, reporting the address of Governor Brumbaugh at the 8-hour celebration of the anthracite miners last Saturday, say he made a profound impression upon the vast audience that heard him.

The Governor in that speech dwelt largely upon the conservation of human life and the problems in human welfare he has been called upon to face since his inauguration.

That the Governor does not regard his work along the line of social welfare and industrial education as more than well begun, may be judged from this paragraph of his Scranton address:

Pennsylvania was the pioneer State in natural conservation, in the reforesting of our mountains, in the conservation of our water power, and in the setting aside of reserves of lands as public parks for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

Health, ability to labor intelligently and well, with a time for play and recreation! In brief, the Governor has summed up the essentials of contentment for the masses.

HOLLAND AND THE WAR

HOLLAND is thinking of getting into the European war, as reports seem to indicate, she could not have chosen a more auspicious moment than the present.

All the advantages of balance of power and position lie with the little Dutch kingdom. An allied army attacking Germany through Holland would compel an entire realignment of the German forces along the western front.

On the other hand, a Dutch deal with Germany would put the allies in an equally sore plight, with England threatened by invasion and needed supplies turned over wholly to the enemy.

Maybe, though, Holland is only making a feint at fighting. If so, she stands well to exact such a price from one or both the belligerents as she may choose.

Again the Pennsylvania Railroad is keeping step with the improvement period of Harrisburg. It has just been announced that the company will bury all the winter property in this city.

The Days of Real Sport



By BRIGGS

Evening Chat

Failure of many members of the bar to appear in court yesterday when the April term common pleas trial list was being called off for the purpose of determining what cases will be tried and what cases continued, caused some more or less casual comment from the Bench.

When the buildings included in the sale of Cape Park extension structures scheduled for Saturday have been disposed of there will be quite a difference in the park area and people will commence to get some idea of what it is.

David Martin, former Secretary of the Commonwealth Insurance Commissioner and Senator, who is a candidate for the Senate again, prides himself on being a farmer.

Fishermen who like to fish for trout are making anxious inquiries of farmers and other who live in the country what effect the heavy rains and high water have had on the trout.

Clear stoves in this city say they have been noted in the country in on the verge of a match famine because of the war.

Charles Johnson, who resigned as insurance commissioner last week, was the seventh man to hold the place. The office was created in 1873 and the late J. Montgomery Foster, who was the first commissioner, held the office from its creation until 1891.

Commercial men are commencing to come here with their ideas for next Fall and winter. It is a saying among Harrisburg hotelmen that when winter ends the traveling men come around with their ideas for the next winter.

James Collins Jones, Philadelphia, who was here yesterday in connection with the Juniata valley jitney case before the Public Service Commission, is a prominent member of the next winter as comes with a number of central Pennsylvania public utilities.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Ernest Crittenden, who recently became chief of police of Hazleton, this city, was here yesterday to be dropped if they drink.

D. A. Keefe, northern tier bridge designer, was beside the new State bridge which he recently completed, when the floor carried being given.

Dr. B. S. Erwin, prominent Carbon county physician who has been ill, is able to be about again.

Joshua W. Sharpe, Chambersburg lawyer, will know here, will deliver the memorial day address at Newville.

S. L. West, prominent coal region man, has been elected head of the middle county district for the next year.

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Ralph Bingham, who has played Santa Claus for the Philadelphia Pen and Pencil Club, will be given a dinner to-night in honor of his generosity for many years.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is making munitions for the American troops on the border?

Historic Harrisburg This city became a borough about a few years after it was laid out.

WEARY OF WINTER (Arkansas City Traveler.) Are you ready for Spring? asks an exchange. Of course we are. Our gloves are all ripped and our overcoats worn out, cracks in the side of our shoes—certainly we are ready for Spring. Send it along.

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Merit's reward is often imitation. It is the article with character that is copied, but imitation is seldom more than label-deer. No reputable dealer ever offers to sell you a substitute for an article you ask for.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Democratic machine newspapers are commencing to say harsh things about the entrance of Congressman Michael Liebel, Jr., of Erie, into the popular primaries as a candidate for Democratic national committeeman against the present incumbent, A. Mitchell Palmer.

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ector Twining attended the session.

V. Gilpin Robinson, who served in the House several years ago, is a candidate for the nomination again in Delaware county.

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THE WAR AND WOOL

By Frederic J. Haskin

IN reckoning the list of industries that have been boomed by war, you scarcely think of the range sheep of the West.

The past year was probably the most remarkable in the history of the American wool trade. It opened with the world at war and free wool on the tariff schedule.

Wool growers now admit that the business has never seen such a year as the past one, since the Civil War.

The situation is fraught with enough uncertainty to make one's head ache. The man's guess as good as another's. Besides the big question of when the war will end, there are the chances of changed foreign and naval policies abroad, the uncertainty of Australia and South American production to be considered, and finally and always, the tariff. Protectionists

meanwhile the shepherms of the West, at least, have been making hay while the sun shines. Conservative leaders in the game are advising their followers to take no chances. As one of them put it in a speech to the Wool Growers' Association, now is the time to pay off the mortgage and put something aside with which to send the boys to college.

Some ranchers have followed the advice even to the extent of selling their flocks, for the price of sheep has gone up with the price of wool. They plan to buy back when a decline comes. But set against their opinion is that of the men who are buying sheep. They evidently believe that the decline is not going to materialize.

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TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—Say, Colonel, couldn't you bring your friend Mr. Root and come over to Harrisburg for luncheon some day soon?

—The performance of Colonel Dodd's rider in Mexico is what might be termed burning up a "hot trail."

—"Don't blame the tailor if your Spring suit fades," says a news item explanatory of the dye situation. We won't; our Spring suits faded about the time Easter millinery prices were announced.

—Somebody ought to provide a nice, safe cellar for "Cyclone" Davis.

—That loud "ha, ha" from Europe is the Armenian laughing at the wall of the Turk for somebody to save him from starvation.

—"The Spring shoes are dear little things," says a fashion review. Yep, dear's the word.

—We're not so much interested in whether an aeroplane can cross the Atlantic as whether a Zeppelin can make the trip.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

WELL BALANCED. What sort of bridge does she play? Cantleaver; she never looks to her partner for support.

THE LITTLE MAN FROM EGYPT By Wing Dinger "The Little Man from Egypt" I took the lead to task. Of blame for crimes committed For which he's guilty—not.

For instance, my one youngster Was kept in after school Because, forsooth, he'd broken Some very rigid rule.

And last night at the table He eyed me for a moment, And then in tones quite said He said: "The man from Egypt Just made me do it, dad."

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

The interesting question has been raised in York as to whether a boy is at work when he is on strike, and it will probably be taken to the courts for decision.

Looking at the matter from a casual standpoint, we would say, in an offhand manner, that if we were to be paid for the time during which we were telling our employer where to get off, we would feel very much as though we were "taking candy from the baby." Inappropriate simile, perhaps, but expressive.

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A boy was seen in his barefeet in the streets of Charleroi the other day, says the Charleroi Mail, proof positive that "gentle Spring" is here.

The Greensburg Daily Tribune features the story of the "colusion" of a Ford and a Saxon, both cars being badly damaged, after which, says the Tribune, an automobile being brought out and towed the wrecks to town. Reference books—"The Battle of the Lilliputians."

Tables were turned on the men of the First Methodist Church of Media when they were compelled by their better halves to don aprons and serve a banquet to 200 women of the church. What matter that the soup was cold and the service uncertain. Was it not a triumph?

The March snow has proven to be most valuable to owners of chemical plants in McKean, Warren, Forest and Elk counties, because it made it possible for them to haul virtually every piece of chemical wood cut in the forests last summer. It is figured that it saved them \$100,000.

Merit's Reward

Merit's reward is often imitation. It is the article with character that is copied, but imitation is seldom more than label-deer.

No reputable dealer ever offers to sell you a substitute for an article you ask for.

You are justified, if the storekeeper tries it, in asking him whether there is not a little extra profit on the substitute.

When you see an article advertised in this newspaper, ask for it by name and insist on getting what you ask for.