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My heart with sin and fear defiled Come Thou and cast the tempter out, And make me as a little child.

CITY TREES

NOW that the annual Arbor Day proclamation has been issued it would seem to be a good thing for the City Forester to report upon the condition of the trees of Harrisburg.

There is a remarkable indifference to tree planting and unless the people generally get awake to this fact the next generation will find a treeless city instead of streets hedged with refreshing foliage.

It ought to be easily possible for the City Forester to start some program of tree planting without further delay that will induce the property owners on whole blocks or parts of blocks to join in a general movement for the observation of Arbor Day.

About all that is needed to induce the people of Harrisburg to get busy in the matter of tree planting is to have their attention directed to the matter in some intelligent way so that they may co-operate with the Department of Parks in planting proper trees.

Good for the State Bureau of Employment! During the month of August over 1,500 unemployed persons were placed in positions by this bureau.

WALNUT STREET BRIDGE CITY SOLICITOR SEITZ will now put the Walnut street bridge proposition up to the Public Utilities Commission.

While the promoters of the Walnut street bridge are still busy there is no concealment of the fact that the approval of the loan was by a comparatively small vote.

Governor Brumbaugh hit the nail squarely upon the head in his Clearfield speech, declaring that the absence of the Pennsylvania soldiers had driven more women to work in the fields than had been known in the last ten years.

UNCLE SAM BUTTS IN It does seem a little incomprehensible why the United States Public Health Service should establish what can scarcely be called more than a local quarantine inspection system in and about Philadelphia because of infantile paralysis and try to run it on its own hook.

Whatever else may be provided for in the annual budget of the City Council it is clearly evident that sufficient funds must be set aside to resurface many sections of the paved highways of the city.

LITTLE SUBURBAN TOURS NOW that the delightful autumn days are at hand we can imagine nothing finer than little tours about Harrisburg for those who do not yet know their own city.

THE GOLFERS' DREAM You may be a golfer, or you may not, but you may wish to know what it is like to be a golfer.

old shot gun quarantine used to be in days when smallpox was rampant in the land and the requirements were accepted by the public with a minimum of difficulty.

Now along comes your Uncle Samuel and establishes a partial quarantine, effective in spots. It is not worked in co-operation with the quarantine for which Pennsylvania is giving her brains, her energy and her money, but is in effect a duplication for interstate business purposes of the quarantine in and about Philadelphia.

And when it is considered that it was established without completion of negotiations for joint issuance of certificates by nation and State it does seem that Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon has a right to ask what the federal authorities are trying to do.

MUST IMPROVE ROADS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER BLACK is on the agricultural tour with the Governor and he is testing the sentiment of the farming communities regarding the good roads proposition.

More and more the people of the State realize the importance of creating a first-class road system and the improvement which has been made during the last few years has only whetted the appetite of all who believe in good roads as a means to further prosperity and development.

DOUBLE TAXATION THE tax which the Democrats of the Senate propose to lay upon the capital and surplus of corporations is another case of double taxation in many instances.

Under the corporation tax provided by the last Republican Congress, the levy was made only upon earnings—and all profits of less than \$5,000 a year were exempt.

Under the new Democratic tax, however, will be taken regardless of profits; and all corporations which have capital stock and surplus in excess of \$39,000 must pay fifty cents a year upon each one thousand dollars as an "excise" to help care for the deficiencies caused in the treasury by Democratic tariff legislation.

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SAFETY FIRST! The recent accident on the River Drive will be followed by others unless automobilists and motorcyclists exercise more care than at present.

RETURN OF THE TROOPS A RETURN to a statement prepared at the War Department about 15,000 National Guardsmen had been discharged from the service of the government up to September 2.

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park would open the eyes of many who do not yet realize what Harrisburg has in that splendid reservation of upland and fen. Nor have many of our people traversed the new Parkway strip between Derry street and the Reservoir park.

There are many beautiful places about the city, attractive little nooks and corners, which should draw our people into the open during these autumn days.

Some years ago the Telegraph operated a sight-seeing car and thousands then had the opportunity to see the river front from the city to Rockville, and many delightful sections round about the city.

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Congressman

Men active in politics of every party all over the State are awaiting with considerable interest the result of the attempt to be made before the executive committee of the Democratic state machine to have ex-Congressman M. Clyde Kelley, of Bradford, a rampant Bull Moose in years gone by, put on the Democratic congressional ticket in the Thirtieth Congressional district.

Where the rub comes in is that while Kelley is willing to swing his organization in for Wilson, he will not declare for him, contending that as he is Progressive and Prohibition candidate he can not. But he needs the Democrats to come near winning.

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The biggest cloud in the sky never was able to hide the sun for long.

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Several months ago, immediately after the Republican national convention had declined to nominate him, the Colonel said that he was out of politics. He was finished, he said, there was nothing more for him to do except to write his own obituary. Such were his words.

Incidentally, Vance McCormick, the chairman of the Democratic national committee, has delivered himself of a remarkably ungrateful speech regarding the Colonel. It seems that McCormick at one time ran for some office or other, and the Colonel came to give some help as he could. McCormick was defeated. He is now bemoaning the performance of the Colonel in the stump, saying that he once did all he could for McCormick, and that it was not enough to put McCormick into office. Therefore it is certain that the Colonel will not exert any political influence in the present campaign.

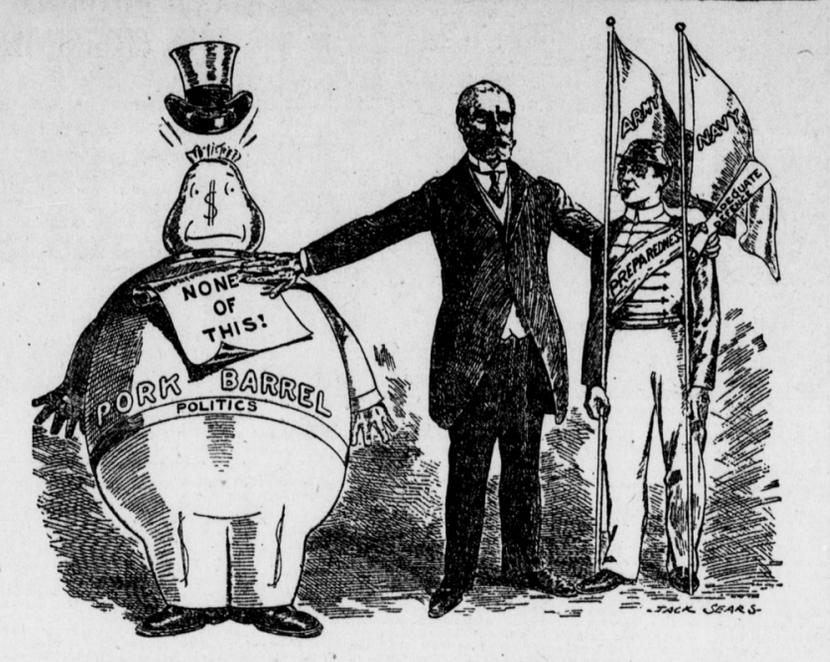
Ordinary gratitude should have prevented McCormick from making such a speech as that. Moreover it is not good political sense. The Colonel may have all sorts of defects, and he has them in plenty, but he is a good and capable fighter, and the man who underrates him makes a great mistake. The Colonel has taken the center of the high road once more, and he will be seen later coming right down the middle regardless of what is in his way. Nothing but death will head him off or stop him.

GET A TRANSFER If you are on the Gloomy Line, Get a transfer. If you're inclined to fret and pine, Get off the track of Doubt and Gloom; Get on a Sunshine Train—there's room. Get a transfer.

If you are on the Worry Train, Get a transfer. You must not stay there and complain; Get a transfer. The Cheerful Cars are passing through, And there is lots of room for you. Get a transfer.

If you are on the Grouchy Track, Get a transfer. Just take a Happy Special back. Get a transfer. Jump on the train and pull the rope That lands you at the Station Hope. Get a transfer. —The Booster.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY



"We demand adequate national defence; adequate protection on both our western and eastern coasts."—CHARLES E. HUGHES.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

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ENGLAND PAYS FRIGHTFUL PRICE FOR DRINK PRIVILEGE

LONDON, England.—In his third article on the drink traffic in the Daily Chronicle Arthur Hesse has some striking arguments with which to rebut the contention that the drink business must not be prohibited because of the blow to revenue. "It is said," he writes, "that we cannot afford to throw all our strength against our enemies, because, forsooth, we must sell part of it to the liquor trade for 100,000,000 a year. We have had an economic week, but we looked in vain to the government to seize the opportunity of stopping a waste unparalleled in the history of any people. We are to give up wearing veils and costly laces; the tired man who works hard all the week is not to take a rest in a motor car on Saturday; we must not eat so much, and must be proud of the weeds in our garden. Our government must feel that they are all the time as if walking about on the seashore, picking up a copper here and a nickel there, and that the whole runs to waste all around them. Let them save their coppers; but let the nation be wise and save hundreds of millions of pounds a year which now it throws away or spends in helping Germany.

enough on drink in war time to buy 200,000 aeroplanes, and we must have spent enough already to have fed with cartridge every machine gun on the British front since the war began. * * * The greatest single item in the expenditure of this country at this moment does not a single thing to strengthen England, but weakens it from morning until night. There is no appeal that the government makes to us for saving which is not a bitter condemnation of this appalling waste. Mr. Asquith has stated that from 10 per cent. to 15 per cent. of the first men we raised were unfit for service through drink; and in an army of 5,000,000 men that means a toll of 500,000—an eloquent and tragic toll, truly, for Downing street. They are paying more for everything, and they pay more for three reasons: because produce, shipping and labor are scarce. There is not one of these things in which drink is not largely responsible. Bread is dearer because drink has used up corn enough during the war to feed the nation for 300 days, and sugar enough to feed the nation 90 days. Shipping is scarcer because drink has used up shipping space equal to a fleet of 20 very large ships working all the time. As to labor, drink uses up the strength of 500,000 workers, and imposes a carrying and lifting burden of 500,000 tons a week on our roads and railways. * * * Russia, wanting strength and money, too, found both in prohibition which has increased her efficiency 30 per cent. and entrenched her finances as in a rock; France, putting this thing first, has covered herself with immortal glory and astonished the world. It was the Kitchener way, but it is Russia and France, and not the land of England, that make men blush with shame. We must have spent more money on drink than we have spent on shells, and we have gone on spending while Mr. Asquith's words are a power that plays the Kaiser's game by weakening England and keeps back the harvest of Lord Kitchener's work."

Safety in Arbitration

A jury decides on the innocence or guilt of every man in every court. It passes on the question of damages to persons or property. The jury is the arbitrator of the law. The whole tendency of the times is to extend the influence and potency of arbitration. Even a high court of peace for all the nations has been invoked, and it is conceded that arbitration would have prevented the awful war in Europe.

In Canada and Australia labor disputes must be arbitrated before there is a strike. The public welfare is considered of prime importance. The people of this country have a right to demand that they receive first consideration from our lawmakers. There is an extraordinary consideration. His pronouncement on the result in Maine, where he had been the most picturesque oratorical exhibit presented by the Democratic campaign managers, is startling in its originality, and remarkable not only for its pithy exhibition of political insight, foresight, astersight and second sight, but for its display of amazing mathematical genius upon the part of the versatile Josephus.

Josephus on the Result

Whenever Josephus puts his mind upon a subject the world is made the richer by at least one pearl of wisdom, generally by several. He shines for all and for ever. There is an encyclopedic character to his mentality. That, added to his marvellous knack at coining epigrams, makes comment from him on any topic worthy of attentive consideration. His pronouncement on the result in Maine, where he had been the most picturesque oratorical exhibit presented by the Democratic campaign managers, is startling in its originality, and remarkable not only for its pithy exhibition of political insight, foresight, astersight and second sight, but for its display of amazing mathematical genius upon the part of the versatile Josephus.

WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB LEARNED OF THE CITY

[Questions submitted to members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and their answers as presented at the organization's annual "Municipal Quiz."] How many nationalities are represented in the children attending public schools? Nationality: American, Russian, Italian, Germans, Hungarians, Irish, Roumanians, English, Welsh, Scotch, Slavish, Norwegians, Syrians, Hollanders, French, Dutch, Greeks, Poles, Austrians, Swiss, Bulgarians, Swedish, Porto Ricans, Canadian, Spanish and Indian.

"Keeping Out of War"

Peace, without doubt, is one of our most cherished ideals; but no one will contend that a peace that has not been disturbed by threats is anything to boast about. The fallacy now being thrust upon the country is that there is no middle ground between the course pursued by the administration and war. These, it is pretended, were the only alternatives, and between them a choice was necessary. Had it not been for the wisdom of the administration, we are assured, we should have had war! By whom, we ask, were these alternatives presented? By whom, and when, and how, were we forced to this happy choice?

But, unfortunately, the "record" shows that, upon two separate occasions, neither of whom demanded warlike action, the administration has provoked a dangerous situation, and has committed every act characteristic of war, including the invasion of foreign territory and the destruction of innocent lives, and has subjected our soldiers and sailors to every danger and consequence that war involves. That this unwary belligerence has been characterized by an extraordinary combination of intrusiveness and timidity, of deferred decision and untimely action, and has been so hesitating as to make it ineffectual, so fruitless as to render it inglorious, does not in the least degree redeem these vacillations from being in reality acts of war.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

ONE MODEL No styles for old folks, w e confess, Today are seen; And all the ladies have to dress Like sweet sixteen.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg used to be one of the big producers of pig iron in Central Pennsylvania? Now it does not make any. HISTORIC HARRISBURG Daniel Webster spoke here when in the Senate, addressing the legislators in the then new capitol. Pancho's Pledge I'll never raise my boy to be a bandit. To loaf around the border with a gun, I'm tired of stealing cattle, so I've canned it. Now I'm to moving pictures for my education. I'll educate my child at Princeton College. I'll boost him into Congress if he'll let me. There'd be no war to-day if the Kaisers all would say "I'll raise my boy to be a bandit!" —Wallace Irwin in the Saturday Evening Post.

Evening Chat

Kirk Munroe, famous writer of boys' books and traveler of wide experience, was sitting in his puppet-act Plattsburg one evening last month, while a torrent of rain poured about the three men who were huddled together in the little covering built for two. The three were Munroe, the president of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, and the mayor of Des Moines, Iowa. They were discussing cities beautiful, and the esthetic side of civic life, and this distinguished world traveler had as his text the City of Harrisburg. He praised its wonderful civic improvements and spoke highly of the men who were responsible for city betterment, among them his friend, J. Horace McFarland, of this city. The mayor of Des Moines and the Chamber of Commerce president had to admit their champions defeated by the enthusiastic description of Harrisburg which the author drew.

The above incident, showing the extent to which our city's remarkable development is being advertised, was related by George F. Rosen who at the time was visiting his son Frank, acting adjutant of the September Plattsburg camp. His conversation with the author revealed the fact that in spite of his 66 years Kirk Munroe was enjoying Plattsburg to the utmost and would have stayed for the second camp had he not been due in Miami, Florida, on Saturday of this week to celebrate his birthday. "I'm celebrating my birthday," he says here, "although I've stopped writing now. The old gentleman is straight as an arrow and still as hearty as many a younger man. Lots of readers will remember 'For the Mikado,' the last book written by Mr. Munroe, at the time of the Russian-Japanese war."

Among the visitors in the city this week attending the session of the State Sealers' conference, is Thure Hanson, Commissioner of Weights and Measures. Commissioner Hanson is also interested in public schools, and on the first day of the conference Harry A. Boyer, Dauphin county inspector, invited the State officials to visit the new four-story school building. Among those who asked a number of questions about the public school system in the city.

Alderman James B. Deshong, at police court the other afternoon had a strange experience. One of the prisoners brought before him for a hearing charged with being drunk and disorderly, was a young man named whom he had gone to school with, years ago. The magistrate mentioned the fact as he called the case, and after a serious talk to his former playmate he released the prisoner with a reprimand.

David Goldberg, interpreter for the Pennsylvania railroad, would like to see the war end. He has had a rather dull season since the trouble started. Few immigrants pass through Harrisburg these days. One carload a month is considered big business. No more immigrants and three trains with immigrants passed through Harrisburg almost daily. There was scarcely a day that 50 or more foreigners started to go to work in Harrisburg until their destination was positive. The veteran interpreter said, "I am afraid there will be little business after the war. Everybody will want to go to Europe to make money, and many foreigners will return to their native soil."

Postmaster John A. Thornton, of Philadelphia, took in the Capitol corridors yesterday and talked about lively times in the Legislature. "I guess I have been coming to this city for thirty years and I see the jumps it has made since I came here. Some of the liveliest political dogging I have ever known have taken place right on this Hill. I remember one time when we had something like 87 Democrats want to go to Europe to make money, and many foreigners will return to their native soil."

Samuel C. Jamison, the Allegheny county man who was chairman of the convention of the coroners of the State, is a son of Scotland. He came from there when a boy. The other evening he was sitting with some friends talking about the "land o' cakes" when he discovered that his home locality was the starting place of the families of half a dozen men with him. Their forebears had come from the same neighborhood.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Frederick W. Flett, former deputy Philadelphia general, has one regret; the summer are no longer enough for him to fish in Canada all he likes. —Senator Henry A. Clark, of Erie, who was sponsor for the third class city commission government bill, is a candidate for Congress this year. —Samuel D. Clyde, prominent in the business world of Chester and who incorporated a five-million-dollar association in Erie last year, was formerly in the Legislature. —Joseph R. Gaffney, chairman of Philadelphia council's finance committee, says the public ought to stop fussing on tax rates and wait for figures. —Joseph McLaughlin, Congressman-elect and national president of the A. O. H., is kept busy with speaking dates these days.

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