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In all things be prompt. Get the thing done. Do it now. Delay is fatal. The only way for a busy man to get through his work is to take up one thing at a time and stick to it until he puts it through. Never mind if the work is difficult—it must be done.—Walter H. Cottingham.

DOING THEIR DUTY

NOT many fully realize what the railroads are doing to make Harrisburg what it aspires to be—"The Heart of Distribution." Really great developments are under way. The railroad managers see farther than most of our own people. They are spending their companies' money to make their visions come true. They are building not only for to-day, but for the future.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is erecting a great freight depot and constructing immense freight yards adjoining. The Cumberland Valley is spending three-quarters of a million to give itself a double track entrance to Harrisburg and much more on subways and yard room. The Reading is increasing its trackage to Rutherford and preparing to handle more freight in the yards there.

The city and the railroads are growing and developing together. This is as it should be. The railroads and the community they serve are in reality partners in business. The owners of local commercial concerns are all working for the prosperity of their own individual enterprises. The sum of their progress represents the advance of the community as a whole, and each one of them to that extent is working for the benefit of the community, even though he may contribute nothing to public-spirited movements. Intelligent self-interest prompts the railroad to be an active partner in the work of community development, and in Harrisburg the railroads are realizing their duty in this respect to the full—and are doing it.

It begins to look as though New York's little trick in favor of Brooklyn had been played in vain.

After to-day it will be hard to make anybody believe that Harrisburg is not enthusiastically for Hughes.

SECRETARY GREGORY

THERE appeared in the Telegraph last evening the picture and birthday greeting of Frank H. Gregory. The Telegraph delights in paying homage to such as he.

Mr. Gregory is typical of the best citizenship of Harrisburg. It is an old saying that there is risk in building a monument to any man still alive. A memorial might be erected to Mr. Gregory with absolute assurance that he would live up to it. But he needs no monument at the hands of his fellows; he has built his own. It is the Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Gregory took charge of that institution when its future was in doubt and when its quarters consisted of an obscure suite of rooms in a rented building. To-day it occupies a beautiful structure of its own and has set the pace for the rest of the city by installing the only swimming pool in town. It is a great and growing force for good in its sphere.

The reporter carelessly, or carelessly, we don't know which, omitted to note which birthday it was that Mr. Gregory yesterday celebrated, but it is no matter of consequence. Men like the secretary measure their lives by deeds, not years, and they never grow old in spirit, and but slowly in body. The Telegraph wishes him many more of 'em.

A "relative of the President" writes for the Public Ledger a long article brimming with tears about "the lonely man in the White House," but most of us feel that he knew how to dispel his loneliness and didn't pause long in doing it.

CLEAN LANGUAGE

FIFTY thousand men and boys marched along the principal thoroughfares of Philadelphia yesterday carrying banners of Holy Name societies and giving visible evidence of their pledge against "perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech." This movement of the Catholic Church is an example for all denominations. Profanity is all too common. Obscenity too often masquerades as humor. The oath is the signpost of a deficient vocabulary. Profane language is weak language. It conveys no other meaning than that of unguarded temper. It inspires neither respect nor

obedience. It arouses antagonism and sows discord. It offends the ear and disgusts the hearer. He who damns, damns to his own condemnation.

As for obscenity—that is worse, if anything, than profanity. The "shady story," the joke that defiles the mouth and the mind, the tale that drags womanhood in the dirt; these circulate almost wherever men foregather. They are not confined to wicked men, either. Otherwise decent, respectable citizens indulge in them. Nevertheless, there is no excuse for these racy tales or the joke with the double meaning.

The Holy Name Society's pledge is one way to discourage both profanity and obscenity. The other is—never use any language nor tell any story that you would blush to have your mother hear.

Many an investor learned yesterday that he doesn't know as much about Wall Street as he thought he did.

Those U-boats should have been named O K-boats.

BLOCKING OUR PORTS

VON BERNSTORFF blandly assures President Wilson that Germany's "pledges will be kept," while the German government is blockading our ports against neutral shipping, sinking neutral ships along our coasts without search and disregarding nearly every policy of submarine warfare laid down by the Wilson administration.

"The lives of non-combatants cannot lawfully or rightfully be put in jeopardy," President Wilson himself declared and added that to "put them in small boats and leave them to the mercy of the sea" was placing them in the very peril which the President asserted the United States would not tolerate.

Only the presence of American naval vessels in large numbers prevented loss of life following the wholesale destruction of shipping on Sunday. Passengers, regardless of nationality and without inquiry as to whether or not they were American citizens, were hurried into tiny boats and left to the mercy of threatening fog and a rough sea. All day long the reckless commander of the submarine used his one mounted gun to spread terror and destruction about him. Whether his shells struck an American vessel or warship in the offing or whether they flew wide and destroyed property ashore mattered naught to him. He was without the ridiculously inadequate three-mile limit and he cared not a hoot for anything but the accomplishment of the purpose on which he was bent. The safety of American shipping and American lives was nothing to him, nor to the government that sent him.

The result was a slump in the American stock market that wiped out values of millions and a panic among shippers that has demoralized the export business of the whole Atlantic coast. The effect is an attempt—more or less effectual—to blockade American waters against neutral shipping. Our naval officers have been placed in the ignominious position of life-savers in the wake of German men-of-war. Our business has been struck a terrible blow. American lives have been placed in danger and, if the operations of the submarines are not brought to a prompt halt, we shall awaken some fine morning soon with another Lusitania horror on our hands and at our very doors.

Yet President Wilson sits supinely by with held hands, enraptured by the siren song of Von Bernstorff, who tells him that "Germany's pledges will be kept." The people, however, are of another mind, and it will go hard with the President in November if he does not take steps to guarantee the safety of American lives and neutral shipping in American waters. This latest example of German insolence is intolerable. We must see to it that the American flag is supreme in American waters or we may as well haul down the Stars and Stripes and hoist the German standard on every American ship of war.

HIT IT THIS TIME, ANYWAY MODERN science has given the old-time, long-distance almanac a hard jolt, lifting it from many time-honored places by the fireside and relegating it to the waste basket. It has lost its rank as a household god. The farmer and the gardener now read their weekly government forecasts and scorn to take stock in the prognostications of the author of the almanac. (By the way, who is the author of the almanac?)

But casting down the columns of a stray copy of the Century Almanac for 1916, one reads that in "the latter part of summer or Fall there will be many diseases, almost pestilential in their nature, such as fevers, intestinal disorders, and others." The preceding paragraph predicted "cold, wet weather for Spring and shortage of grain crops for the year."

Which, it is respectfully submitted, was a pretty good guess, considered from the viewpoint of conditions hereabouts. This is no argument in favor of the almanac as an infallible or even as a reliable forecaster. There is an old saying to the effect that "even a blind hog sometimes finds an acorn."

Confessions are good for the soul; also they cut down court costs.

If you can't find a business man with whom you have an engagement, go look for him before one of the baseball bulletins boards.

CAPITAL AND LABOR

NOTHING has so encouraged pessimism in the United States as the attitude of President Wilson in the matter of the so-called eight-hour law. But pessimism as to the inherent soundness of American character generally, one writer points out, is not warranted. We have not forgotten how the voters smashed the sixteen-to-one foolishness of William Jennings Bryan and the people will just as certainly crush the tendency toward paternalism which has characterized the present weak adminis-

tration at Washington. We must meet with courage and honesty the obligations of our day, says this same writer, and we must resist with all our might every influence making for national disintegration.

Intelligent labor leaders themselves are realizing now, and much sooner than the President had anticipated, how adversely they will be affected by the reaction of public opinion growing out of increased living cost and other results of excessive legislation to cure the alleged ills of society. The only result of loose and hasty legislation is to stimulate agitation and unrest, and real friends of labor are not disposed to involve the working man in endless controversy and discontent. Capital and labor must go hand-in-hand; it cannot be otherwise.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The Republican State committee at its meeting in Philadelphia late yesterday afternoon adopted a platform emphasizing national issues, especially Americanism, preparedness and the tariff, and referring to the fact that Republicans served the State legislative offices two years ago did their duty. The meeting was very largely attended, and while there was much discussion of the platform plans among the members and the State administration and when the platform came before the whole body H. A. Daines, of Blair, offered a resolution dealing with local issues which was not pressed by anyone else.

The meeting was notable for the addresses made by Philander C. Knox, candidate for senator, who was given a complimentary reference in the platform, by United States Senator Boies Penrose and George T. Oliver, State Representative William E. Crow and others. Everyone in attendance at the session went to the Hughes meeting in the evening.

The platform as adopted is as follows:

The last platform adopted by the Republican party of Pennsylvania since the time of Abraham Lincoln. To meet these problems, he said, will require a man in the White House and a ruling body in Congress with sane judgment and serene mind.

Senator Penrose declared that all breaches in the Republican party had been closed and that all Republicans were now working shoulder to shoulder. He predicted an overwhelming majority for Hughes of 300,000 in Pennsylvania, 200,000 in New York, 200,000 in Illinois, 60,000 in New Jersey. "And if," he continued, "we do lose some small western States, it will be forgotten in the victory of Hughes."

Speeches were also made by Charles A. Snyder, candidate for Auditor General, nominees for Congressmen at large, M. M. Garland, of Pittsburgh, and Joseph McLaughlin, of Philadelphia Congressman Louis T. McFadden, of Canton. W. I. Seshier, of Delaware county, all of whom forecast the election of Hughes and Fairbanks in vigorous onslaughts upon the Wilson administration.

Realizing that the paramount questions before the people at this time are national, we pass by State questions with a declaration of our faith and promise that the party will pursue the same wise course in matters of State laws and government that it always has, and which has placed Pennsylvania in its proud position among the States; absolutely free from debt; advanced in education; liberal in its charities; progressive in public improvements; and in all things careful for the advancement and welfare of its people.

Appreciating the unanimous outlook of the times and looking for efficiency and integrity, the Republicans of Pennsylvania have unanimously nominated for United States Senator a man who has been tried and proven. He has been United States Senator, Attorney General and Secretary of State. No man ever better trained and educated in a school of preparedness.

They also have nominated for Congressmen at large men of capacity, integrity and experience.

The all-important national questions before the people are the tariff, preparedness and true Americanism. These questions all have been considered in the national platform. We do not indorse the declarations therein relating to them; and we indorse the candidates nominated by the national platform. We do not indorse the declarations of the President and Vice-President of the United States; and with grateful thanks to a wise Providence for the stability of our nation, we pledge, as exemplifying the intelligence of this people, an overwhelming Republican majority in the State and in the national and State tickets at the approaching election.

The suffrage plank was urged by a delegation of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association, which asked the subcommittee to indorse specifically the national Republican woman suffrage plank. Although the platform committee did not act upon the suggestion, the executive board of the association, in a statement last night signed by Mrs. Mary J. Orford, the president, and Mrs. Lucy K. Miller, party chairman, said that it was not to be supposed that the State committee intended to disregard the suffrage plank any more than other planks in the national Republican platform, to which no reference was made in the platform adopted by the State committee. On the other hand, the executive board argued that the State committee doubtless believed that all Republicans accept, as not debatable or to be questioned, all those planks in the national Republican platform, including the Monroe Doctrine, rural credits, rural free delivery, conservation and civil reform, not mentioned in the platform adopted by the Republican State committee yesterday.

The State committee adopted a report of the subcommittee on the platform which ex-Judge W. D. Wallace, of Lawrence county, was chairman, and in which was a provision that vacancies in the executive branch of the Republican national committee shall be filled by the State committee, and that the national committee shall be ex officio members of the State committee and the executive and finance committee thereof.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



UNCLE SAM PATHETIC WORLD FIGURE, SAYS EMERSON BROWNE

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO TYPHOID AT HERSHEY CHOCOLATE FACTORY

To the Editor of the Telegraph: In the early part of the typhoid epidemic in and around Harrisburg your paper stated that the Hershey Chocolate Company had no connection with the Hershey Creamery Company and is receiving inquiries as to the facts. As the Hershey Chocolate Company and its allied interests employ 2,200 persons, any false report or impression that disturbs its business may be a serious matter for a considerable part of Lebanon Valley. We ask, therefore, that you inform your readers again by the publication of this letter or otherwise that the Hershey Chocolate Company, the Hershey Industrial School, the Hershey farms, the town of Hershey and all the interests associated with the name of M. S. Hershey are wholly distinct and separate from other organizations using the name of Hershey.

Species of Blackmail

WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB LEARNED OF THE CITY

(Questions submitted to members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and answers as presented at the organization's annual "Municipal Quiz.")

THAT OLD GRAY COAT

This morning it was taken From out the wooden chest, Where for six months it's hidden And had a peaceful rest. And out upon the clothes line It's hung the livelong day In order that the breezes Might 'round about it play.

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Wilson has spoken before he has thought. Hughes has thought before he has spoken. Hughes has led. Wilson has followed. Hughes has acted. Wilson has talked.

Before a fighting world giving of their heart's blood on sodden battlefields in causes that they think are right, we stand a pathetic world figure, rich, fat, selfish, clinging in our full pockets dollars wrung from the sufferings of others. They have outraged us; they have insulted us; they have berated, and abused, and heaped on us indignity after indignity. And yet our answer has been a fat and fatuous smile, like the half-witted boy you used to know at school who, no matter how they kicked him in the shins, or pushed him in the eye, or picked on him generally, would only grin and hang around for more.

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Evening Chat

When the Eighth infantry comes back to Pennsylvania, which is said to be probable some time before Thanksgiving day, Harrisburg will be more than ever a military center and will have no less than five units of the regiment to say nothing of the Governor's Troop, or Troop C, of the First Cavalry. It is not improbable that before long there may be other organizations formed and located here, owing to the growing requirements of the military establishment in which the National Guard of Pennsylvania constitutes an important portion of the first line. Col. M. E. Finney, commander of the Eighth, will have his headquarters in this city, and the supply company and the machine gun company will also be located here. There are quite some organizations although not as numerically strong as infantry companies D and E, which will have the peace strength of 65 each. The headquarters company, for instance, has a list of sergeants, including the sergeants major and those with the colors, stable sergeant, mess sergeant, horsehoeer and others while the band is also carried as part of this company. The supply company consists of fifty-two men. The City Grays' armory will be a pretty busy place because those organizations will have to drill and to undergo inspection and there will also have to be considerable property like the wagons stored some place. In time probably more infantry companies will be located here and there may also be a branch of the volunteers' machine gun company. The National Guard is shy three engineer companies and with the steel works, railroad shops and similar establishments here there ought to be little trouble forming such an organization in this city or Steelton if needed. When the five companies are definitely settled it will put Harrisburg in line for a very substantial appropriation for a new State armory.

The baseball games are taking a good many men away from their places of business these afternoons and there are some amusing collisions between partners, masters and men and others who do not tell each other where they are going. Yesterday one man called up his place of business and asked for his right arm. Mr. Right Arm had just stepped out. Then he called for his left arm. His wife responded, "Why, he was just here a minute ago. He has just gone out."

This is the time of the year when the youngsters are being taken out on rambles and hikes and when they are getting close to nature and learning more about the birds and animals and the trees and plants than they do at any time of the year. The youngsters are apt to ask a good many questions and it happens that a couple of young women took a teachers' ramble to the State Museum and some forthright and marched squads to Boyd Rothrock's collection of birds and animals and reptiles and bugs in the State Museum and plants there. Let the youngsters become familiar with their appearance and fire questions with some one in range to help if they became too involved.

The manner in which the Central Iron and Steel company has come up out of its difficulties has attracted much attention throughout the country and there are many inquiries being made about the company and what it has been able to accomplish. Its steel production and tonnage of plates have been running close to records.

Auditor General A. W. Powell, who is adjutant of the Tenth infantry, will rejoin his regiment to-night in Pittsburgh. The captain was granted a furlough to enable him to attend to State settlements and the time is up to-night. He said when he came back that he would be willing to wager that his furlough would be longer before his furlough ended. He won.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Col. C. C. Allen, who commands the First infantry, is a United States army officer on leave. —Judge J. Ray, of Greene county, has been talking some automobile tours of the southern counties according to the newspapers. —Judge Charles L. Brown, of the Philadelphia municipal court, will be the speaker at a juvenile court when the State Federation of Women's clubs begins its sessions in Philadelphia. —Charles M. Schwab gave \$50,000 to the big Bethlehem bridge project. —Ex-Senator Charles A. Ambler will give a dinner to Northern Montgomery Republican leaders this month.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg book binding machinery is in use in the biggest publishing houses in the land?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

It took three months for the official proceedings to put Harrisburg on the map to be consummated.

Our Daily Laugh

CHECKERED. Earlie—What do they mean by a checked career, Dad? His Dad—All ways on the move, I reckon.

VERY CONSIDERATE. Smith: When you came home and found a burglar in your house what did you do? Briggs (who is English): What did I do? Why, nothing of course, I didn't know the bally rotter.