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It is almost as presumptuous to think that you can do nothing as to think you can do everything.—PHILLIPS BROOKS.

HAPPY DAY FOR THIRTY ONES

THIS is a happy day for the thirty ones of the Telegraph Family. They are on the eve of the final payment for their savings for 1916.

The Telegraph Employees' Association is not connected with the Telegraph Printing Company in any way, save that to qualify for membership one must be an employe of the company.

Four years ago a certain American manufacturing concern encouraged its employes to pool their savings in a building and loan plan.

Another concern, which is located in Chicago, recently inaugurated a profit-sharing plan that will provide a permanent pension to those employes who continue in faithful employment.

As we are on the threshold of a new year, it is an excellent time for employers of labor to give thought to plans for helping their workmen acquire thrifty habits.

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PARTISANSHIP ABOVE SERVICE

EDWIN F. SWEET, of Michigan, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of Commerce. This is Mr. Sweet's second round in this job.

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of the Johnsonian championship period look like a lightweight champion trained below requirements.

First he looked wisely into Johnny's open mouth. Next he poked the sore molar with a pudgy finger until Johnny yelled in agony.

But times have changed, and we are now invited to hear a world-renowned dental expert tell us how to save our teeth instead of having them pulled.

That football battle of yesterday left a bitter taste in nobody's mouth, and provided "glory enough for all."

"PORK"

IT looks as if there might be "something doing" at the thirteenth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

But there has been such a vast amount of loose talk on the subject that the accent is to be placed on the "know."

Speakers on this question will be expected not to indulge in loose talk or general charges, but to get right down to the facts.

It looks as if the resulting discussion might be well worth hearing. Certainly, there is ample opportunity for criticism.

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AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING



Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Concensus of opinion among the newspapers and those who follow politics in the State is that the fight for the speakership between the State administration and Penrose forces will not end with the selection by the Republican caucus but will run on through the session and cause it to be more or less of a turmoil.

No compromise appears to be in sight and newspapers in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh say that there will be an open breach. Some charges that the administration people will try to keep men out of the caucus in the event that they find they are short votes were denied by some of the brigadier generals of the Governor's forces to the press.

The administration people claim that they have a majority of the Republican caucus "sewed up," but give no figures and name no names, saying they are too early to commit themselves.

Both Representatives Richard J. Baldwin and Edwin R. Cox, the rivals for the speakership, are out touring the State. Mr. Cox is to be helped in every county by the administration men and the Republican caucus is to be held at the Capitol when men fail to deliver they can expect scant consideration and that those who fall down need not come around again.

The Philadelphia Press says that Cox's campaign is taking shape and that it looks well, while the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times expresses some doubts about Cox being as strong as claimed even with the Governor behind him.

A Pittsburgh dispatch to-day says: "All the members of the next Assembly are claimed for Edwin R. Cox, of Philadelphia, for Speaker, as a result of the activities here the last week."

Counties which do not file their official returns of the vote cast by their resident voters and their soldiers by tomorrow morning will be asked by telegram to hurry their reports to the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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Bits of the Out o' Doors "Suskie"

Then Yer a Bear!

My wife, she sez to me, sez she, This outdoor stuff's tomfoolery!

Yuh'll trudge fer miles with that old gun From cocker through to set o' sun, But let me ask yuh walk jest ONE 'Per somethin' sensible—Then Yer a Bear!

Yuh'll set the 'arm fer four o'clock To hunt a wild-eyed turkey cock, But let me ask yuh feed the stock Or milk the cows—Then Yer a Bear!

Yuh'll sit all day—again yuh wish— Out in the heat to catch one fish, But let me ask yuh dry a dish Or chop some wood—Then Yer a Bear!

Yuh'll spend the last cent yuh have got Deer huntin' an' sich tommyrot, But let me want a HUR I really OUGHT! To have fer church—Then Yer a Bear!

"Bawling Out" Suskie

The following slanderous bit of verse has been received by "Suskie." The writer is dead wrong, of course; but "Suskie" will answer him at length some other day.

PUZZLE: FIND THE DOCTOR

You can sing about the hut at Losh's, Suskie; You can talk about the blazing logs, et cetera; You can dream of long-gone maids whose eyes were dusky; You can tell of steak and 'taters that you "eat."

Right Age to Marry

Professor Fisher includes alcohol among poisons which must not be allowed to enter the body.

"Under moderate doses muscular efficiency is at first increased a little and then lowered, the total effect being a loss in working power."

Here are some of the rules for the selection of a mate put forth by the Life Extension Institute:

Learn to analyze individuals into their inheritable traits—physical, mental and moral.

THE CHRISTMAS SHIP OF 1916 IS ALMOST READY TO SAIL

ELECTION day is over, Thanksgiving is at hand, and the newspapers are daily reminding us to "do our Christmas shopping early."

So that it is high time for us to call attention to this year's Christmas ship which is to take American gifts to the destitute of foreign lands.

An special effort will be made on Thanksgiving Day to swell the collections taken in churches throughout the land to provide the provisions and clothing needed for the relief of the suffering so keenly felt in the East.

The American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief has just sent \$208,000 through the State Department to various distribution centers, to be distributed immediately by the most needy survivors of the Armenian deportations and the Syrian famine problem.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Already President Wilson's re-election has undermined business to so alarming an extent that steel common is now selling around \$125 per share.

The equal suffragists didn't gain as much as the Prohibitionists, but the suffragists never lose a State after it is once gained, while the Prohibitionists occasionally slip back.

Miss Rankin makes her own clothes and hats, and she is also an excellent "law" professor, Mont. Dispatch. If the news gets round the Hon. Jeanette Rankin will not serve many terms in Congress.

We are still in favor of woman suffrage, but not for Illinois women. —Dallas News.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

SURE IS. She's a finished musician, don't you think? I hope so. I was afraid she was going to sing again.

AN AUTO KID. I suppose you can spell all the short words, Bobbie? I can spell a lot of big ones, too. I can even spell words of four cylinders.

PROOF. I am not the only girl you ever loved. Why do you think that, sweetheart? You removed the cigars from your vest pocket before hugging me.

GOING UP. Did you read of the miraculous escape of the captain of that sunken submarine? Yes, one paper headed it A Salt Rising.

They'll Recover. All the election prophets are doing as well as could be expected, and it is believed most of them will recover in time to resume prophesying about the 1920 election.

Evening Chat

"I would like to jar Harrisburg with a suggestion," said a man who has visited practically every State capital east of the Mississippi and some of those to the west of it while here in the other day.

He has watched the city progress in many ways, being much impressed by the treatment of the river front and the beginning of the park system.

Probably you people are not aware of what the improvement of the Capitol Park will call for from you," was his remark.

It will require the completion of your river front, the extension of your park system and a general sprucing up of your architecture, especially in that part of the city which will contain the State park.

The expeditious manner in which the State will call for much from Harrisburg; in fact, it will cost the city more in the end, as it must provide a setting and do its share.

Well, I have looked at your map and pretty hard to find them anyhow, and you have already named one named street after a famous Harrisburger, Simon Cameron.

So why can't you change some more and take appropriate names? Perhaps it does interfere with your traditional names, but here with your capitals and note the street names.

They signify something in the history of the States in which they are located and people remember them better than if they were mere numbers.

And say, Mr. Newspaperman, just remember that you let Philadelphia take from right under your nose a plan for a park in Pennsylvania counties and the governors of your State which ought to have been done by the Capital City.

It's all right for you to worship your city and to boost it all you can and whenever you can, but your system of street names outside of some you have named for Indian tribes and counties near here and men who sat up at night to make your town names are named after men who took Philadelphia's plan of 200 years ago.

Get some of that imagination that you have in your city so progressive in material things and your streets are so beautiful and put it into your gridiron of streets.

The caustic remarks of the visitor to Harrisburg come rather pat just now when there have been added to the city some properties bearing lines of streets ornamented with such relics as royal names in Pennsylvania as Duke and Prince. When it comes down to street nomenclature, Stelton thought more of the fathers than this city because it has Franklin, Lincoln, Adams and some others which Harrisburg has not.

The pressure of work upon contractors and builders was demonstrated yesterday when several along house building and similar operations in spite of church bells and turkey dinners. Many contractors are hurrying to get their buildings foundations completed or under roof before the snow begins to fly, and such a thing as paying extra rates for holiday work does not bother them any longer. Some of the builders say that houses under way are already sold.

The consolidation of boroughs and cities and other things not possible when they are separate appears to be much in the air just now. There are numerous boroughs in Luzerne and Luzerne counties and Greater Punxsutawney may have some rivals. Charles M. Schwab's suggestion that the boroughs unite is likely to lead to a bill in the next Legislature to permit towns in different counties to get together. In Westmoreland county New Kensington, Arnold and Parnassus are planning to amalgamate and there are moves under way to consolidate some of the borough jewels of Allegheny county where municipal government has been gotten down to a science.

In the conference on stream pollution held here on Wednesday were a number of distinguished engineers and attorneys who came to see what the State proposed to do. In the number were several men who had been lawyers but who left the bench that they might engage in private practice, illustrating the greater rewards that come to men in professional life when the State does not show a disposition to keep their services.

Senator W. S. McKee, commanding the first bill, will be mustered out at Pittsburgh this week. Colonel J. M. Schoonmaker, the Pittsburgh railroad president, gave a dinner to the veterans of the G. A. R. at Beaver, with some of whom he had served. Senator Charles H. Kline will be the toastmaster at the banquet of Pittsburgh Elks. Mayor Blankenburg says that he hopes to celebrate his golden wedding anniversary next Fall. Admiral A. T. Hall says that the Philadelphia navy yard is the finest in the country.

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg makes plates for tank cars? HISTORIC HARRISBURG Residents of this section met at Harris Ferry in 1775 and called for independence. Fighting the Bogy, Night Air [New York Sun.] The Department of Health has begun a seasonal campaign for more fresh air in sleeping rooms. Of course there is a large part of the population already convinced of the good effects of ventilation, but the department hopes to convert those who still nurse a prejudice against the "night air" which was a goblin to our ancestors. It is trying to show the cave dweller that air in aliphatic doses is not only harmless to most sleepers but necessary. The current Bulletin of the department shows that with educational work on this line remains to be done.