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In taking revenge a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over he is superior, for it is a prince's part to pardon.—BACON.

CIVIC CLUB ACTIVITIES

AS was to have been expected of a building so admirably adapted for the purpose, the headquarters of the Civic Club of Harrisburg has become the meeting place of hundreds of those interested in the welfare of the city.

Hundreds more of the good women of Harrisburg should be identified with the club, as in a multitude of counselors there is wisdom.

What a dark, dreary period winter would be were it not for the Christmas holidays! We hurry along with our preparations for the anniversary only casually observant of the weather, and New Year's Day is scarcely past before we turn our thoughts toward spring.

England was merry England, when Old Christmas brought his sports again. 'Twas Christmas broached the merriest tale.

And so it is to this day. When the holiday season ends we settle down to a test of endurance of body and mind with Old Man Winter as antagonist, cheered only by the memories of the joys we have had and buoyed up by the hope of an early spring.

Migratory birds were a month later in starting on their southward flight. The bark on the trees is thin and light, and the outside bark of the soft maple is curling up and scaling off.

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NO adequate reason has yet been assigned for Mr. Wilson's extraordinary declaration to the labor delegates that he wished to avoid the creation of classes and the develop-

ment of class feeling in this country. Mr. Gompers, who was the spokesman for the visiting delegates, says that nothing in his remarks could have stimulated the President to say what he did.

In playing fast and loose with the labor element as he has, the President has doubtless made a signal contribution to whatever the country has of class feeling; and if he now shows contrition, so much the better.

Those coronation festivities at Budapest must be almost as cheerful as a funeral.

EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS

WITH to-day's issue of the Telegraph concludes the eighty-fifth year of its history. It is a long span from 1831 to 1916 and a glance over the pages of this newspaper is a revelation of the progress and development, not only of the particular community, but of the American people.

This city is now regarded everywhere as one of the most attractive and prosperous of American municipalities. Its fame as a progressive city has spread far and wide and it is the common remark of the stranger within our gates that no city anywhere presents so many interesting, attractive and wholesome features as the capital of Pennsylvania.

During the last fifteen years we have seen the city expand from an overgrown borough to a modern and up-to-date municipality. Millions of dollars have been expended in public improvements covering a wide range of practical and substantial undertakings. But there is much yet to be done and we trust the City Council will continue to keep step with the public spirit of the people, recognizing the obligations resting upon officials as the commissioned representatives of the community.

Our future growth and prosperity depend largely upon the breadth of vision and the proper response of those vested with authority. So far as this newspaper is concerned it will continue to devote its best energies to developing lively co-operation among our people in all good things, so that there may be an increasing interest in the betterment of the community in every home and among all classes of our citizenry.

England May Take Over Drink Trade.—News headline, Russia pushed it over, and then stepped on it.

MR. RAMBO'S RETIREMENT

THERE will be general regret that the exigencies of political warfare have forced out of the public service Samuel B. Rambo, Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings since the administration of Governor Stuart.

As superintendent in charge of the construction of the Capitol building, Mr. Rambo had an intimate knowledge of every detail of that great structure so that his appointment to the position from which he will retire on the first of January was generally approved as one most fit to be made.

Having resided in Harrisburg for several years, Mr. Rambo had come to be regarded as a permanent resident and his retirement will be widely regretted.

"Allies uber alles" shows how contagious German ideas are.

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The Days of Real Sport



and unsalaried council, but who acts upon his own initiative and directs all the business of the municipality through various department heads who owe their appointment to him.

—Congressman John R. K. Scott, the marshal of the Cox forces, come back with a statement scornfully referring to the Baldwin claims and asserting that Baldwin was beaten and knew it. He said Baldwin would have only 60 votes and that the claims from Allegheny were ridiculous.

—In Philadelphia Senator Penrose and the Vares exchanged volleys at short range.

Those Yale "girls" were even prettier than the Yale boys were handsome.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Governor Brumbaugh's drastic steps to aid the movement for the election of Representative Edwin R. Cox as speaker of the next House of Representatives have attracted attention of people at the national capital and even at other State capitals to the factional contest waging once more among the Republicans of the Keystone State.

—Death of Representative Jefferson Yost of Tamaqua, will shorten the Republican list by one. He was counted as a Baldwin man.

—Representative Conrad Miller, of Hazleton, has issued a statement denying that he is pledged to Cox and Dr. J. K. Ure is for Baldwin, although claimed by the other side.

Along the Color Line

[From the Crisis.] Next Tuesday there will be held in New York city the annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

According to the New York World, negroes have left the South for the North as follows since the recent immigration: From Alabama, 60,000; Tennessee, 22,000; Florida, 12,000; Georgia, 10,000; Virginia, 3,000; North Carolina, 2,000; Kentucky, 3,000; South Carolina, 2,000; Arkansas, 2,000; Mississippi, 2,000.

Plans are under consideration for the creation of a \$100,000 high school for colored pupils in Richmond, Va.

Major William Stewart Robertson, a colored man, has been awarded a medal for gallantry. He is a member of the British army and the Royal Highlanders. He is now on duty near or around Flanders.

The machine gun troop of the Ninth (negro) Cavalry, United States Army, has set a new record for gun practice. They went into action from a gallop in 12.5 seconds. Not only did they do astonishingly rapid work, but they literally shot the line of targets down after scoring 73 hits on 85 per cent. of the targets, firing 249 rounds in 1 minute 10 seconds, the range being battle sight.

The city of Rochester, N. Y., is planning to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass, February 15, 1917.

Raymond J. Knox, a colored railroad clerk, running between Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, Neb., has made his third consecutive 100 per cent. examination of states by routes.

Miss Adela F. Ruffin is the secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association in Richmond. She took special training for this work at the national Y. W. C. A. in New York city. Doubleday, Page & Co. have issued the long-awaited "Booker T. Washington, Builder of a Civilization," by Emmett J. Scott and Lyman Beecher Stowe.

BACK TO THE COFFEE HOUSES



alcoholic excesses have been materially reduced. It has long since been noticed that countries using liberally such inducements as tea, coffee or cocoa have been able to combat more successfully the excessive use of alcoholic liquors.

The need of some stimulus has so far been a persistent force in the development of society, and the instinct for association in a common place of meeting under exhilarating conditions is a part of man's nature. Alcoholic drinks and the public house have proved to be easily accessible means to meet these ends.

All the oil of Roumania will not compose Germany's troubled waters.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The occupation of Saloniki appears to satisfy the Balkan ambitions of the allies.—Philadelphia Record.

Bucharest populace showers flowers on the victorious Germans, but wait till the deportations start.—Wall Street Journal.

Notwithstanding the weapon Samson used among the Philistines he did not claim to be forcing his kultur upon them.—Dallas News.

Villa is demonstrating that a man may make a great deal of headway in life without the bitter days.—Washington Star.

Russia announces that the allies have agreed to let her have the Straits and Constantinople—provided, of course, she can get them.—Kansas City Star.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OLD AND NEW

To the Editor of the Telegraph: With you kindly publish on Saturday, December 30, the following verses: The Old Year stands at the open door, Grim and gaunt and gray.

He seems to pause and gaze afar On a long and lonely way. And some would speed the parting guest who he brought the bitter days, Others are loathe to see him go.

Who walked in pleasant ways. He is gone, but 'tis no empty door, See the bright young New Year there! A rosy lad with heart of cheer, And never a thought of care.

"Pray let me in," he gaily cries, "I am yours to make or mar." So we bid him enter and start a new year, For the Old Year's gone afar.

Marie C. Higgins, Harrisburg, Pa.

It Pays to Advertise

Too frequently the public fails to realize, says a writer in Leslie's, that nearly all public service corporations, in addition to the usual expense of wages, maintenance and operation, are called upon to meet many other charges not directly related to their operation but rather enforced contributions for the public benefit.

Very wisely the Chicago surface lines, for example, are reminding the public to the extent to which they serve. In their "good will" advertising campaign they bring out the fact that paving, maintaining and cleaning of their right of way have cost them more than \$14,000,000 in the last nine years.

Putting the facts frankly before the thinking public is a wise move for every large corporation, public or private. From prejudiced and ignorant criticism all corporations have suffered tremendously in the past; such unanswered criticism has made the recent extremes of prosecution and even prosecution possible. Conversely, putting the corporation's side of it squarely before the public will do more than anything else to insure the corporation's receiving the same kind of "square deal" it is giving the public.

The Nickel

O, here's to the nickel, So shiny and bright, That serves me so often From morning till night.

It takes me to business, Or blackens my shoes; It pays for a smoke, Or provides me with news.

When I go to the movies It takes me inside; If I travel by jitney It pays for the ride.

It's a tip for the waiter, The barber, or kid Who brushes my clothes And then hands me my lid. It quenches my thirst, Or it buys me a stew— It sure beats the deuce What a nickel will do.

So here's to the nickel, Let hard prizes swell To this wonderful coin That has served me so well. —R. E. Haynes in the New York Mail.

What We Need

[Brooklyn Eagle.] We don't want the sick, the paupers, the criminals of other lands. Immigration laws shutting out brown and muscle are anti-American in spirit and purpose. We wish the United States Senate would take that view, but it will not.

Evening Chat

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh's message to the second legislature of his term of office will be read in the two houses of the general assembly as soon as they organize on Tuesday and will be a document of between 3,000 and 3,500 words, somewhat shorter than the Governor's inaugural address, which also gave the legislature his ideas of legislation for the session of 1915.

The Governor in writing his message sought much advice from people throughout the State, having written to editors and men prominent in various walks of life for ideas, and it is understood that many matters of moment have been seen in by editors and representative citizens and referred to. Others could not be incorporated in the message without making it unduly lengthy.

It is manifest from the letters received that the people of Pennsylvania look confidently to this session for constructive and definite enactments commensurate with the needs of its rapidly increasing population and expanding industries.

Closing of the Paxtang parkway for traffic during the winter months has given many pedestrians, those who like to walk in this brisk, bracing weather opportunity to enjoy the beauties of the city's boulevard through the woods. There is nothing finer than a stroll through the Wildwood park trees now, although it may be rather colder than the ordinary man likes. There winter can be seen unadorned and in a way that one will always recall the visit and it is astonishing what a number of birds remain. Tracks of animals are to be seen and the warm water of the springs keeps Paxtang creek open between snow-covered banks. It is the same along the Cameron and Paxtang parkways. The spring creek is fed by springs and some of the spots are indeed beautiful in their winter setting. Reservoir park is a fine place to visit, too, if the winds are not too keen and on clear days the view is superb, infinitely better than in summer time. Father Harris has provided some splendid places to visit in winter as well as in summer.

Camp Hill is to have a new church building in the near future. The Presbytery of that town and vicinity have organized a congregation that has grown so rapidly it is already getting too big for the firehouse hall, where it now worships. The members have been looking about for some time for a site. The town now has Lutheran, Methodist and Episcopal churches. Many Presbyterians previous to the organization of this new congregation had been worshipping at one of the other churches. The prospects are that the new congregation will be one of the strongest along the West Shore.

"I have never sold so much outdoor goods in the winter time as this year," said a downtown sportsman yesterday. "All manner of camping outfits and hiking equipment found a ready market, particularly tenting easily carried and intended for cooking over an open fire. A lot of people who used to imagine that winter and the fireside were one and inseparable are now spending much of their leisure time outdoors in the cold. Week-end parties at some of the cabins and cottages near town are not infrequent."

"Harrisburg is fast becoming a Saturday half-holiday town, even in winter," observed a solicitor whose business it is to get into the downtown offices on Saturdays. "It used to be," he continued, "that Saturday afternoon was my best time for sales. Years ago I would find men casing up for the week-end and in a receptive mood. Now nearly all offices with which I deal close at noon, or one o'clock Saturdays, and the boss as well as the clerical force does not turn up until the next morning. This applies also to many manufacturing places which use the products I sell. Saturday afternoon is 'dead' in Hbg., so far as business is concerned. It is 'dead' indeed that my house no longer expects me to do much then."

William B. McCaleb, of this city, who was yesterday reappointed a member of the State Game commission, has been one of the most active members of that organization for years and has worked hard for the extension of its protection and propagation plans. Mr. McCaleb is a keen sportsman and every fall takes to the woods when his duties as superintendent of the State Game permit. He is a member of one of the big upstate hunting clubs, but has hunted in many of the interior counties of the State. For several years Mr. McCaleb has been working to improve game conditions in counties in this district.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—E. P. Albrecht, of the Philadelphia news agency, has moved for adoption of the metric system.

—C. E. Middleton, of the Carbon Steel company, has resigned to take charge of work for one of the Delaware iron and steel companies.

—Henry C. Frick is reported to have added to his already fine collection of paintings.

—J. M. Knox will spend part of January on southern golf links.

—Charlemagne Tower is making his home at present at Atlantic City.

—William Rev. A. Rauch Stein, well known here, resigned his charge at Bethlehem, his parishioners gave him \$200 in gold.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg cinder barrows are made in steel works all over the country?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first Harrisburg water works was projected for the big island opposite the city but changed to the present location.

Undemocratic Long Ballot Every voter, remembering the difficulties making up his ticket at the last election, must agree with Henry Allen that the long ballot has proved to be undemocratic. When people are called on to vote for twenty or thirty candidates they don't do it intelligently. They haven't time.

We let the President choose his Secretary of State and Attorney General and Secretary of the Treasury. Why shouldn't we let the governor choose his cabinet in the same way? Why expect to elect a county surveyor? Nobody would think of electing a city engineer. The democratic way is to elect the few men who decide on policies and then permit them to pick the best executives they can find.—Kansas City Star.

Among Those Not Present

[From Charleston News and Courier.] The British seem to have an idea that they can worry through with the assistance of Winston Churchill.