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After your death you were better have a bad epitaph, than ill report while you lived.—SHAKESPEARE

WASHINGTON

GEORGE WASHINGTON, without the genius of Julius Caesar or Napoleon Bonaparte, has a far purer fame, as his ambition was of a higher and holier nature.

In modern history no man has done such great things without the soul of selfishness or the strain of a gruelling ambition. Caesar, Cromwell, Napoleon attained a higher elevation, but the love of dominion was the spur that drove them on.

To George Washington alone in modern times has it been given to accomplish a wonderful revolution, and yet to remain to all future times the theme of a people's gratitude and an example of virtuous and beneficent power.

In the light of events of the past two years we are more inclined than ever to believe that Washington remains our greatest President.

VIOLATING THE LAW NEWSPAPERS reported recently that one of Henry Ford's secretaries—the one who managed the peace-ship fiasco of a year ago—has cabled the German foreign office pleading for a modification of the U-boat decree.

These acts, if they took place, are contrary to the law. The penal code of the federal government provides that no citizen of the United States, whether he be here or in another country, shall, directly or indirectly, commence or carry on communication, oral or written, with a view to influencing action in connection with any controversy in which the United States may be engaged.

ONCE MORE A CONVENTION CITY NO effort of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce is more praiseworthy than the promised campaign to make the State Capitol of Pennsylvania once more "the convention city" of the State.

There are dozens of reasons why Harrisburg should stand out prominently as a meeting place for organizations throughout the Commonwealth. Easy of access upon the great Pennsylvania, Northern Central, Philadelphia and Reading and Cumberland Valley Railroads and other branches, the city is approachable within a few hours of travel from every corner of the Keystone State.

THE DIFFERENCE ONE of the differences between government in the French Republic and our own is that they do things while we talk about them. Recently there was held in New York a national "daylight saving" convention. The National Chamber of Commerce took up the movement, the newspapers approved it and the public joined enthusiastically in its support.

During the latter years one thing has stood in the city's way as a gathering place, its lack of hotel accommodations. But with the erection of the new million-dollar Penn-Harris this summer, that objection will have been more than adequately met.

vention hall. But doubtless the Commerce Chamber is already planning to make this negligible.

Mr. Hoover asks us to save Belgium from starvation, but who is going to save us?

CITY MANAGERSHIP MANY people in Harrisburg have been casting their eyes toward the city managership plan of government. The subject is one of general interest. Each citizen should be fully informed concerning it, in order to be able to form his views intelligently when the time comes shortly for a decision as to the value of the plan locally.

Jesse M. Switzer, City Councilman of Dayton, Ohio, where the city managership plan, has been conspicuously successful, will address a public meeting at Chestnut Street Auditorium tomorrow evening, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, at which he will tell at length in word and picture the story of his home town under this new form of administration.

City managership has been without a single failure of note since it was first tried. Under this system the public official appears to have accomplished the almost impossible feat of giving the taxpayers the improvements they desire at an expense against which they have been unable to complain.

Claims for its widespread efficiency are illustrated by records presented at the city manager convention at Springfield, Mass. City Manager G. C. Cummin said the commission-manager government had accomplished these results in its second year, 1916, for Jackson, Mich.:

Reorganized the police force and developed it on the basis of a survey of its needs; using a trained social worker as a police woman to handle the young girl problem. Materially reduced water rates without crippling the water mains of the department; reinforced a very weak distribution system so that it will now supply plenty of water at any point; found several closed and several hundred broken valves; laid out ten miles of water mains.

Doubled the number of boulevard lights installed last year; laid out a general paving plan for several years in advance; had done more work on unpaved streets than has been done in any two years previously.

Started a forestry department for care of trees in parks and on city streets, starting a city nursery for trees and shrubs; bought sixty acres of land in the city that was put on the market at an extremely low price, in line with general policy to invest in local real estate when it can be bought at low price.

Commenting upon this remarkable showing, the Institute for Public Service, in a recent bulletin, observes that the tax rate for Jackson has not been increased. The public has received such service as it never before even expected, and yet has paid no more for it—that is, no more than the necessary brain effort to realize what was to its great advantage and the effort necessary to overcome the inertia of changing to a new system.

Harrisburg people are keenly observant of what is transpiring elsewhere. They will have an excellent opportunity to-morrow evening to get first hand information from one who has been in the midst of activities at Dayton ever since the inception of the plan there.

One of these days we are going to get real reckless and order a dish of potatoes for dinner.

DAIRY INSPECTION CO-OPERATION between the city and the State in guarding the city's milk supply is needed at all times," says Dr. Raunick, city health officer, wisely, and adds—Is forthcoming only in times of an epidemic. State dairy inspection should be preventive rather than corrective. The Livestock Sanitary Board has neither the men nor the authority for efficient service in this direction. So long as the Legislature withholds the means of dairy regulation so long must the people of the cities suffer for the carelessness of some of the people in the country.

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On Saturday in Paris, without flurry or worry the French Chamber of Deputies adopted a bill permanently advancing the legal time one hour during the summer. The setting forward of the clocks is to begin the first Sunday in April, and this time will be in force until the first Sunday, in October.

IT ISN'T SO EASY TO TELL A LIE AT THAT



Politics in Pennsylvania

Members of the Legislature and many residents of the State who are desirous of getting action on the resolutions for submission to the people of the proposed prohibition amendment believe that definite steps will be taken by the committees to which the resolutions were committed within the next month.

There was too much criticism of philanthropic and charitable endeavor, which, even if it is sometimes misdirected or overdone, is at least constructive work and points the way to something better than the life of ancient Babylon, which is so vividly portrayed on the screen.

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THE FOREIGN-LANGUAGE PRESS EVEN before the present tense international situation developed, there were those who took up the possible patriotic functions of the foreign-language press in the matter of Americanization. Without getting at the heart of the matter, it is clear that any continued use of a foreign language was in itself a check to inculcating American ideals, the critics forgetting that for the adult immigrants the language of their birthplace is the only medium by which any ideas relating to America can be communicated.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Intolerance

I feel that I must thank you for your excellent criticism upon Intolerance in this evening's Telegraph. My enjoyment of the magnificent photography and historic incident of the film was marred this afternoon by the general laissez-faire tone, to quote your own apt phrase. The film seemed to me destructive in tendency, with a keen eye to that swelling of the box office receipts which notoriety usually induces.

A Patron of the Movies.

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Springfield, Ohio, molders have established their new wage scale at \$3.50 and a nine-hour workday.

George Washington

The Man Quiet in taste, a lover of the soil, Content to live out his allotted days Under his own roof-tree in fellowship With kindred souls in homely, simple ways.

The Soldier His was the armor of a fearlessness Born of eternal faith in a just God. Through blood and misery and through battle smoke His flag became the banner of his Lord.

The Patriot The call of country was a sacred trust, Her need was ever deepest in his soul. Home, family, even life itself were small To sacrifice to win her needed goal.

The President Steady and sure, with firm hand at the helm And firmer faith in what she yet would be, He led the new-born Ship of State through paths Of tortuous winding to the open sea.

Anna Hamilton Wood, For the Telegraph.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Edward E. Loomis, the new president of the Lehigh Valley, was a great personal friend of Mark Twain.

—Monsignor George Borneman, Reading rector, has just completed fifty years in that office.

—Roy Hatfield, well known here, has been elected president of the Montgomery county supervisors and urges more attention to repairs.

—S. B. Fares, who has been in charge of various educational projects at Wilkes-Barre, has gone to Philadelphia to assume direction of Sunday school work.

—Congressman E. E. Robbins, of Greensburg, who presided at the banquet of the Sons of the American Revolution at Pittsburgh, favors the State buying more historic sites.

—S. Ker, the Sharon steel man, will build a new plant for the company which he is developing.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg machinery is used in many big plants in Philadelphia?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

Over 70 years ago the city fathers planned to restore the islands in the river recreation places.

Heroic Books

Life is not habitually seen from any common platform so truly and exaggeratedly in the light of literature. Books, not which afford us a covering enjoyment, but in which each thought is of unusual daring; such as an idle man cannot read and a timid one would not be entertained by, which even make us dangerous to existing institutions—such I call good books.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

THEY CAN'T HELP IT. Tall Actress: I like to act in a play that brings tears. Short Actress: Won't any play you're in do that?

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING. Gasoline keeps going up. It does so. A few gallons put in trust for my infant, so ought to net him a fortune by the time he is of age.

Evening Chat

The Millersburg Motor Club's annual banquet will be held Thursday evening, March 22, at 7 o'clock in the First National Bank Building in Millersburg. This is one of the big events of the year in the upper end of the county, where good roads advocates grow on every hand and where even railroad track hands are the proud possessors of automobiles. Last year the club was to have had as its guest State Highway Commissioner Cunningham and it was on the afternoon of the day on which the banquet was to have been held that the Commissioner was stricken by the illness that ended in his death. The Millersburg Club carries its enthusiasm right along through the year and this time there will be a big celebration of the construction of a fine piece of good road through a part of the Narrows between this city and the upper end metropolis, the movement for which was started by the Millersburg organization and pushed through by Mr. Cunningham.

If there is one thing more than another in which the Millersburg Motor Club is interested, it is the construction of a bridge over the Susquehanna at that point. This is not a mere hobby of a community intent upon its own improvement. The bridge is badly needed from the standpoint of public convenience. There is no bridge over the river between Clark's Ferry and Sunbury. The road down through the Lyons Pass is not a better route to and from the Pottsville region. On the west side of the stream lies the rich agricultural territory of Perry and adjoining counties without a single convenient outlet for the great traffic that flows in and out of those farm districts. Millersburg with a bridge would become doubling its size in a few years time. Lakerose, a bridge there would prove a great feeder of farm produce for Harrisburg. Senator Beidleman has been working hard on a bill through the Legislature. Several times he has been almost on the point of success. "It has been a long, hard fight," he told a party of Millersburg people who called on him recently "but the same as that which marked the adoption of the plan for the extension of Capitol Park. Years of education will be followed by a sudden decision of the Legislature to act, and then the appropriation will be made."

Millersburg people are great believers in their town. Some of their business buildings would do credit to a large city and the streets are well paved and kept scrupulously clean. Indeed, there is not a better town anywhere for its size than Millersburg. That is because the Motor Club has worked up the good roads spirit to a place where every Millersburg man is a good roads advocate. Not only do they talk good roads but on the annual Good Roads Day the whole town takes to the country, each man "doing his bit" for the improvement of the highways and the women and girls joining in by preparing lunches, a box for each workman, with lemonade and sandwiches on the side for those who are athirst or grow hungry between meals.

The annual cement gun story turned up this week. The inventor of the marvelous invention of the gun that sprays concrete in liquid form over a fence and frame structures and turns them in a moment into walls of solid stone. It's a perfectly accurate news item. The only trouble is that it was old when the opera house site was prepared for the coming of the new Penn-Harris Hotel. Indeed, the cement gun was used to cover the old walls there and render them permanent.

Speaking of the Penn-Harris, there is not a prouder man in the city than Harvey Long, head of the Harrisburg Post-Advertising Company. Mr. Long had personal charge of the erection of the big hotel sign on the old opera house site and he has sent photographs of it to various parts of the country. The big sign is one of the most artistic pieces of outdoor advertising ever seen in this city.

Many prominent men from various sections of the State are expected to attend the annual banquet of the Engineers Society of Pennsylvania on Saturday night. It is expected to be one of the most notable gatherings of the wide membership of the society and the list of speakers will consist of several men very much in the public eye.

The Conodoguinet has not been bearing out its reputation as a good skating place this season. Unlike those who have become accustomed to seek smooth surface on the waters of the much winding creek. It seems that when the big freeze came along the creek had a lot of broken ice and it was wedged in with the result that places which used to be joys for skaters are now anything but pleasant.

Among visitors to the city yesterday was Andrew Hourigan, prominent young attorney of Wilkes-Barre and formerly United States assistant district attorney. He was here on a Par-don Board case.