-What you are working at doesn't count so much as how you work at it.

-Cheer up. Twelve years ago this date thermometers at Clarence registered 29 degrees below zero.

-It wasn't to be expected that Congress would deny itself the opportunity of sending free seeds to the folks

-When the 21st of March finally gets here we'll be in no humor for any of that winter lingering in the lap of spring business.

-Probably the Entente have in mind the starting a dime museum. The Germans who are wanted will form a fine neucleus.

-Admiral Sims wishes he had never stirred up the animals. He is getting the worst of it in a hundred ways and as many languages.

erate weather we have been having P. Donnelly. The party has been difor a few days the snow shows little minishing in strength ever since inclination to take itself out of the way of traffic.

increase for another year. Mitchell Palmer's term of office runs that long that honest and earnest Democrats, and so long as he is in office he will have charge of the work of cutting down prices.

-In the eyes of the law the making of wines in the home is not illegal unless you make more than two hundred gallons in a season. When that quantity is exceeded the inference is natural that it is not for home consump-

-In just thirty-six days spring will be here. It sounds pleasant and hopeful when put this way and would be, if it were not for the fact that old Boreas can do an awful lot of execution in thirty-six hours if he puts his blowers on and gets down to business.

-The President has gone so far as to practically offer to meet Senator Lodge half way in an effort to get the peace treaty ratified. It is up to the obstinate old Massachusetts gentleman now and if he holds up the peace of the world any longer the country will know just who did spill the beans.

-The offer of the Crown Prince to give himself up for trial by the Allies as a hostage for the nine hundred and more German officers who are wanted at the bar of justice is only a bit of grand-stand play. He has his ear to the ground listening for a call from the fatherland for some of the Hohenzollerns to return and rule it.

-The Williamsport Sun wants to know whether "the people or the pol-The politicians will say who the nominess will be; then all that will be left for the people to do will be choose between two of them. In presidential elections the voters are really acces-

sories after the fact. proprietor of a very convenient mem- for President too seriously. Palmer ory. When three Congressmen con- has no delusions on that subject. He fronted him with the statement that understands that outside of the Fedhe had made certain charges to them eral office holders in Pennsylvania, the buck" to some one else. Sims is in wrong and should be retired.

-Does anybody know of any boys who are actually learning trades? Of course there are a few, but so few that the really skilled mechanic will soon be as extinct as the Dodo and we will have an army of specialists so that it will require a regiment to make a repair that one of the old fashioned workmen did all alone. And this doesn't apply alone to mechanics. It is growing in the medical profession, in the law and in nearly every other pursuit to which man or woman turns.

-Another bunch of railroad Brotherhoods have given notice of their intention to strike. Will it ever dawn on some people that the time must following: come, and come soon, when there should be an end to these demands for more wages. If it isn't ended voluntarily complete industrial stagnation will be the remedy that must be applied. Inflation cannot go on indefinitely. There should be a gradual return to normal conditions noticeable Treasurer. even now. But since labor does not think deep enough into economics possibly the only lesson that it will learn is the hard lesson of want brought on by the withdrawal of capital from in-

commission is gravely considering an ic National convention, to be held in ative figures are staggering in their amendment that will cut down the san Francisco, Cal., on June 28th, proportions. Besides experience has number of justices of the peace in the 1920. State and make their office an appointive one in the hands of the Gov- these offices will be furnished upon and need little training to make effiernor instead of an elective one at the application to the Democratic State ciency. hands of the people. Now if the com- committee, Harrisburg, Pa. mission can give the assurance that the appointive power will not be used to foster political ambitions such an is all as pleasant to take as the dose amendment might be a good one. he sent us a few days ago there must There is no question but that some be real pleasure in being sick down justices of the peace "farm" their of- about Aaronsburg. Tucked away in in thought and action on the part of fice. In fact, if they want to make one of his regular prescription envelanything out of it they are compelled opes was some real mazuma and unto do so, especially because of the der the heading: "Directions," he had fact that justices of the peace in the written: "Take at one dose-with country and small towns are almost water. If results are not satisfactory as thick as horse flies in the dog days. increase the dose in 1921." The doc-With the number reduced and the ju- tor need not have put on that "with fundamental right in a manly manrisdiction of each naturally enlarged water" because there's no other chasthere will be less inclination on the ers to be had these days. However, President and implies no lack of conpart of such officials to "work up" if all of our readers were to send us fidence in his integrity or patriotism. for a war hero. business in order to swell their re- similar doses as promptly as the doc- But it shows a spirit of independence ceipts. But the "political power" of tor does his there would be less dan- which is admirable. such a revision will be the bugaboo ger of their being called upon to inthat needs watching.



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Bonniwell Starts Something.

Judge Bonniwell, of Philadelphia, promises to start something in politics within a few days which may develop into an important political event. That is he contemplates the assembling of leading Democrats of all parts of the State to consider ways and means of rescuing the Democratic organization of Pennsylvania from the sinister control of Mitchell Pal--Notwithstanding the rather mod- mer, Vance McCormick and Charles those gentlemen acquired control of the organization and Judge Bonniwell ---Possibly prices will continue to ascribes this fact to incompetent and influenced by considerations of patriotism, get together to this end.

In an interview outlining his purpose Judge Bonniwell charges Mr. Palmer with political infidelity at sundry times and alleges that he remainsix years ago to make certain the election of Penrose and that he bolted the Democratic nominee for Governor two years ago in order to guarantee the election of Governor Sproul, the Republican nominee. He cites the

mer are supported by abundance of are conserving the constitution and evidence. Mr. Penrose would have traditions. been defeated for Senator in 1914 if the opposition had been united. It he is worthy of public favor in other a crime when it is committed in order can hardly be claimed that Governor respects he would have declared une- to make the perpetrator amenable to Sproul would have been defeated if quivocally that because the Democrat-Palmer had opposed his election, but ic party, with practical unanimity, the chances were sufficiently strong favors the League of Nations on the the chances were sufficiently strong to cause alarm to the Republican substantial and just basis agreed upmanagers and induce them to enlist on by the Versailles conference he will Palmer. He failed to defeat Mr. support that party, everybody would der such conditions would be abhor-Steele's election though he has tried have understood. He certainly knows rent to American ideas of justice. that three times and Dewalt pulled that the Republican party is opposed through notwithstanding his opposi- to the League and that while Borah tion, though by a reduced majority, gives one reason for his opposition ples was too firmly entrenched in the to the same end, the defeat of the Shull enjoyed the same advantage.

While Judge Bonniwell has abun--Admiral Sims is evidently the tion to be the Democratic candidate upon the occasion of a meeting at the his ambition is a joke. But Palmer hotel Crillon, in Paris, and gave the wants to go to the convention with a date, our anglophobe Admiral couldn't group of delegates, not to vote for his recall that he had ever met the gen- nomination, but to trade for political tlemen, and then attempted to "pass influence and party spoils after the nomination and election of the candidate. That is all he expects from the San Francisco convention and Judge Bonniwell and all other Democrats are justified in striving to disappoint him.

> -Senator Borah will probably resign his seat because of the improved situation of the peace treaty and for that reason the trouble was worth

Primaries Will be Held May 18th.

The spring primary election will be held on Tuesday, May 18th, 1920, at which time the voters of Centre county will vote their preference for the One person for the office of United

States Senator. Four persons for the office of Congressman-at-Large.

One person for the office of Auditor General.

One person for the office of State

Two District delegates and two Alternates to the National convention. And will also elect one person for Member of the Democratic National

Nominating petitions for any of

crease them in 1921.

Mr. Hoover is Ambiguous.

Mr. Herbert Hoover is a trifle too ambiguous in a statement he issued the other day, as to his party predi- the eight or nine hundred civil and lections and purposes. He says emphatically that he has not sought and is not seeking the Presidency; that he is not a candidate and has no organization. But he "is naturally deeply interested in the present critical situation." This is certainly an admirable attitude and a strong reason for his nomination. But when he adds, "if the treaty goes over to the Presidential election (with any reservations necessary to clarify the world's mind that there can be no infringeselfish management. He proposes ment of the safeguards provided by our constitution and our nation-old gers traditions), then I must vote for the party that stands for the League," he

is confusing. pret that statement of the question as ished for the crimes of another, how- can be. an endorsement of his meaningless ever willing he may be to make the ed in the fight for Senator in Congress reservations. He declares that his sacrifice. "Crime is personal," as only purpose is to safeguard the con- Governor Harmon, of Ohio, once institution and preserve the nation-old formed the late President Roosevelt, traditions. It is admitted by every- and it is no small offence to punish a body enjoying the power of reasoning man, even with his own consent, for that the covenant of the League is in a crime he didn't commit. If there is itself security against infractions of to be any punishment for the crimes fact, moreover, that Mr. Palmer tried the constitution and violation of tra- alleged against the leaders of the to defeat Mr. Steele for Congress in ditions. But Lodge protests the conhis own district and Mr. Dewalt in trary and vents his personal animosithe Berks-Lehigh district as well as ty against the President under the two candidates for Judge in Monroe false pretense that he is preventing county, Mr. Staples and Mr. Shull, infringements of the constitution and both jurists of high character and our nation-old traditions. Reed and standing and Democrats of the best Borah might even claim Hoover's statement as an approval of their at- is doubtful if any of the persons These accusations against Mr. Pal- titude. They also pretend that they named in the accusations will be

If Mr. Hoover had been as frank as in the matter.

organizing may result in a vast imis plenty of room for improvement.

Congress and the President.

That a vast majority of Democrats in Congress should dissent from the views of the President upon an important question of political policy is to be regretted. The President is the official head of the party and a gentleman of such mature judgment and intelligent undertaking, that his opinions are entitled to the highest respect. But the action of the Democratic Congressional caucus on the question of universal military training, the other day, reveals a very decided difference between President Wilson and the representatives of his party in Congress. It is an honest and friendly difference, however, and was expressed without the least sign of asperity.

The Democratic party has always been opposed to militarism and the action of the representatives of the party in Congress is in accord with party traditions. Conditions have changed, it is true, and recent events have shown the peril of unpreparedness. But present conditions make considerations of economy of infinite importance and plunging into enterprises that necessarily entail vast expenditures is of doubtful expediency. committee and twelve (12) Delegates- Estimates as to the cost of the produstry, leaving depression in the land. at-Large and twelve (12) Alternate posed system of military training dif--The constitutional revision Delegates-at-Large to the Democrat- fer widely, but even the most conservproved that Americans readily adapt themselves to military requirements Sol is slowly creeping higher and

> We deeply regret that such differences have been developed for the -If Dr. C. S. Musser's medicine reason that we have the most profound faith in the wisdom and patriotism of President Wilson. But after all such expressions of independence the representatives of the party in Congress are not altogether bad. True Democrats are amenable to no master except conscience and in expressing, in a friendly way, a difference of opinion, they merely assert a ner. It indicates no quarrel with the

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Melodramatic but Not Impressive.

The German Crown Prince's offer of himself as a vicarious sacrifice for military officials accused of war crimes is somewhat melodramatic but hardly impressive. The Crown Prince was a rather popular figure in military circles at Berlin before the war and such generous offers of "supreme service" are likely to go a considerable way toward restoring his popularity. Some of the accused are '-'in bad" and if brought to trial might have difficulty in exculpating themagainst them Of course they would be grateful if relieved from such dan-

But the Crown Prince knows that there is no possible chance of his offer being accepted. In this period of Senator Lodge might easily inter- civilization one man cannot be pun-German government, civil and military, those who committed the crimes must be punished in their own per-

The hazard which the Crown Prince assumed in his liberal offer, is minimized, moreover, by the fact that it brought to punishment. It is a toljurisprudence that an offence must be the law. The offences of which the German officials are accused were not in the criminal calendar until after they were committed and to put the lives of those accused in jeopardy un-

Bargaining is Inconsistent.

President Wilson expressed the true iticians will say who will occupy the which he didn't deserve. Judge Sta-white House as Wilson's successor." and Lodge another, they are working sentiment of the American people in a gratify their partisan opposition to the same end, the defeat of the letter to Senator Hitchcock when he the President without incur ing the ence of the voters and Judge covenant and the restoration of the said "it is not consistent for us to try condemnation of American people. It is not known whether the Presidence is the fact that neither of the status before the war. That is what to drive a bargain and get in the status before the war. That is what to drive a bargain and get in the the war material makers of New Eng- League of Nations on better terms dant reason for denouncing Palmer, land want and what the munition than other nations do." We had no therefore, it may be said that he makers all over the country desire and selfish purpose in going into the war. amount to a nullification of the treaty takes that gentleman's absurd ambi- the Republican machine is their agent The declaration of the President up--Judge Bonniwell has the stay- nor indemnities, was universally com- that the President would accept resing qualities and the fight he is now mended by the people. Then why should we try to exact advantages provement of the Democratic organi- now? What change has come over zation. And by the same token there the country that justifies this different attitude? It is not consistent with our practices or traditions.

After the Boxer war in China the President of the United States on behalf of the people declined to participate in the division of reparations. The indemnities awarded to the United States were promptly returned and every right-thinking man and woman in the country cordially approved the action. We sent our marines and ships to China, not to collect spoils but to benefit humanity. We entered the recent war with equally unselfish motives. We publicly declared that we had no intention of making gain or deriving benefit. At the time of the Boxer war we had a Republican President and the Democrats acquiesced. This time we have a Democratic President and the

Republicans protest. Who in this country authorized Senator Lodge to set up a huckster stall to drive bargains with our encmies or our allies in the war? It is not the custom of this country. It is not supported by tradition. It is not authorized by good morals or even encouraged by good business principles. But Senator Lodge hates President Wilson and it is the only expedient he can summon to fight the world as a nation of hucksters because Senator Lodge is fighting President Wilson and the shame is upon the whole people.

-Almost two months of the calendar winter is now behind us. Old higher and it won't be very long now until the buttercup and dandelions will be pokin' their noses through the ground; but in the meanwhile don't let the supply in the coal bin get too

-The easier a dollar is to get the less valuable it becomes and this, more than any other factor, is responsible for the unrest we are experiencing in this country today.

hog will be smothered in a snow drift before the winter is over.

-Let us hope that the ground

-Meantime General Wood is wondering why people can't take him It is an invigorator and an incentive

-Speaking of old fashions we are here to protest against winters of that

The President and Article X.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Article X is the work of the Presicapable of being used to the detriment of Ireland or the Philippines, and it is hardly possible to start a League of Nations without some assurance that the status quo is not going to be dis-turbed. Article X does not give the Council of the League authority to use the army and navy of the United States. It involves a promise to respect and guarantee the existing territorial integrity and political inde-pendence of the members of the League against external aggression. selves from charges that would lie It also provides that the Council shall advise the members what measures they ought to take to make their guarantee effective; but it does not pledge the United States or Great Britain or France or Italy or Japan to do everything that the Council may advise. The other nations are just as jealous of their sovereignty as ours

The opponents of the treaty talk as not care anything about their sovereignty. They are no more willing to give it up than we are, but if it would make it easier for any Senators to support the treaty, the right to act independently of the advice of the Coun-

cil might be explicitly reserved. Senator Hitchcock finds that the attitude of the President regarding Article X is unchanged. Nothing has happened that should change it. It is a proper article, and its merits are not affected by Lord Grey's letter. All that letter did was to assure the Ambassador's countrymen that the opposition to the peace treaty was intelligible and deserving of respectful treatment, and that in the Ambassa-dor's opinion it would be better to erably well established principle of have America come into the League with reservations than not at all. The President and the Democratic Senators are justified in doing all that they can to secure the ratification of the treaty without reservations. The Republican Senators did not venture to adopt amendments to the treaty, which was the proper thing to do if they were not satisfied with it. They rejected the amendments, but adopted the reservations because they did not dare face the country after amending the treaty; but there is an ambiguity about reservations which seemed to them to offer a chance to

the treaty with the Lodge reservathere is reason to think that the Preservations which did not amount to a negation of the agreement. Would it be better to ratify with the Lodge reservations than not at all? The President and the public have no occasion for deciding that until the Senate has acted. If England and France would accept our reservations rather than have us outside of the League, it does not decide the duty of the President or the Senators or the American people.

Making the Elephant Behave.

From the New York Evening Post. Nobody has his eye more anxiously fixed upon November than Will H. Hays, and nobody knows this better than Senator Lodge. When, therefore, the Republican chairman, after vain resort to his favorite instrument, the long-distance telephone, hastens to Washington with the laconic mesjauntily about turning the Presidential election into a referendum are likely to see a great light. Even a The common sense view, when taken by a man in Mr. Hays' position, may impress the politicians as not being altogether unreasonable. The Republican chairman is not thinking of the treaty alone. He is prepared to point out the need of a good legislative record in ample time for the Republican National convention in June. Mr. Hays has often explained that his part in the coming campaign was a humble one-not to select, but merely President. We stand before the to elect the Republican nominee. How could he foresee that he would have to assume the more ambitious role of keeping the Elephant from stepping on its own feet?

Gompers' Medicine-Work. From the Easton Argus.

Sam Gompers, leader of the American labor, recently hustled past his

been most irregular. I cannot remember a time when I had to have my meals at a certain hour or set aside an hour to sleep. I ate when I could and slept when I could. The only influence that governed my meals

and sleeping was my work."

Therein must lie the secret of Sam Gompers' life, the man of seventy who feels like forty, and who has worked hard since he first went to a cigar-

maker's shop when a mere boy.
"I believe," he continues, "that work is the greatest medicine known to man. It keeps us young in years. to greater things."

Sam Gompers knows what he is talking about, for he has been taking his own medicine—work—over half a century.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-For keeping an injured horse in an improvised swing three months without the services of a vterinarian Keller Fickes, of Shepardstown, was fined \$10.

-A farm was sold recently in Erie county and when search of the title was made it was found that it was owned once by Horace Greeley, the great abolitionist and founder of the New York Tribune.

-The 8-year-old son of Elwood Hawn, of Warrior Ridge, was instantly killed on Friday night of last week, when he was caught beneath the wreckage of a barn which collapsed beneath the heavy weight of snow. When he was dug out it was found that he had sustained a broken neck.

-Lockport, across the river from Lock Haven, is to have a new industry, the Lockport Manufacturing company, capitalized at \$40,000 for the manufacture of underwear. The plant will be housed in the old Smith hotel property and will give emdent; it is a proper article; it is not ployment to between fifty and one hundred persons.

-A. C. Helfrick was released from the Mifflin county jail last week on an order from Judge Charles W. Witmer, of the central district United States court, commuting his sentence from nine to two months. Helfrick was a former cashier of the Belleville National bank, and was convicted of embezzling funds of the bank.

-No statement of the kill of the various kinds of game by counties will be issued by the Game Commission for last year. Secretary Gordon takes the position that if the figures were given by counties those which appeared to afford the greatest sport would have a rush of hunters and the animals and birds might be killed off too

-The stockholders of the Reading Brewing company were surprised at the annual meeting when every holder of shares in the concern was presented with ten cases of the company's old brand of beer, brewthough our associates in the war did ed before the 2.75 per cent. law of July 1st became effective. More than three hundred stockholders were thus remembered by the management.

-The dates for the electrocution of six Allegheny county murderers have been fixed by Governor Sproul, this being the largest number of persons from one county to figure in such a list. The times are: Week of March 15, Buck Dunmore and Benny Rowland; week of March 22, William Russell and Edward Brown; March 29, Dan Dolish and Frank Green.

-William Weiss, of Germansville, Lehigh county, shot a wild cat near his home which weighd fifty pounds. His dog tracked the animal to its lair in a cave. Weiss locked the entrance, then with two friends, he dynamited away part of the rock over it, and shot the animal. He collected a bounty of \$10 from game warden James D. Geary, at Slatington, who said that this was the first wild cat shot in Lehigh county in forty years.

-Although his wife shaved him, cut his hair, polished his shoes and worked in the harvest field, John Miller, of Deibler's Station, deserted her, according to her testimony before Judge Cummings in the Northumberland county court last week Miller did not deny her charges, but said she did not cook his meals. This she repudiated by saying he never missed a hot meal when she was physically able. Court directed that he pay her \$75 monthly.

-Two of Union county's nonagenarians died last Friday night and a peculiar codent would accept the ratification of their lives, their deaths being due to age. Frederick Althof, 92 years old, died at tions. If the reservations should Millmont, while Jacob Zimmerman. 92 years old, died at Mifflinburg. Mr. Zimmerman had been a temperance advocate on the signing of the armistice that ident might drop the treaty, but this all his life, and finally saw the complete we should ask neither for reparation is conjecture. We have assurances fruition of his hopes. He is survived by a son, A. J. Zimmerman, editor of the State

> College Times. -Bucknell University will ask for \$500,-000 for building purposes in addition to the \$1,000,000 endowment fund which is to be raised in April. The board of trustees decided upon the half million dollar improvement fund at a recent meeting. An engineering building is one of the needs which it is planned to meet. The mechanical department of the college is overcrowded and remedial measures are needed. It is hoped to have one wing of the building ready for occupancy at the opening of the fall term.

-Joseph Jacobs, pumping engineer at the track tanks in the heart of the Lewistown Narrows, found an eight-inch copperhead snake on the tracks in front of the pumping station on Friday afternoon, and put the little fellow in a bottle. He set it in a warm place and now the snake is as lively as though it were August. The ground in the vicinity of the pumping station is heated by steam to prevent the sage, "Ratify the treaty!" members water in the track tanks from freezing, of his party who have been talking which is probably the reason his snakewater in the track tanks from freezing, ship was found abroad at this season of

> -The Northumberland county jail at Sunbary, built to accommodate one hundred prisoners, and now housing from 12 to 16 offenders at one time, will hereafter entertain "long term" prisoners, in order that it may profitably be kept in operation. Judge Cummings has changed the sentence of Lewis M. Skielskie, of Mt. Carmel, calling for from five to eight years imprisonment, so that he will serve his time in the county prison instead of the eastern penitentiary, and it is believed that in the future the prison will be utilized whenever possible for such cases.

-The records of game killed in Pennsylvania last fall, according to the State Game Commission, show there were 2,913 deer killed, 472 black bear, 3,000,000 rabbits, 5,180 wild turkeys, 287,000 pounds of ruffed grouse, 15,687 ring-necked pheasants; 46,000 quail in addition to dozens of other species of small game. All told 3,-600 tons of game were killed in the State. seventieth birthday, hale and hearty, "The number of hunters in Pennsylvania in 1919 was 400,000 and in 1917, the best And he confessed that his life "has previous year, there were 315,000 resident." licenses granted, so last year there were 85,000 more resident hunters in the State.

-Miss Nellie Reed, of Clearfield, who has been employed at Akron, Ohio, for some time, returned home recently to arrange for her wedding with A. C. Hudson, formerly of Three Springs, Huntingdon county, whom she met while at Akron. The wedding was to have taken place February 4th, but a few days before, while arranging to leave Akron for Clearfield for the wedding, Hudson was taken seriously sick, requiring an operation. While arranging to hasten to the bedside of her husband-to-be, Miss Reed received a second telegram announcing his death. The body was taken to Three Springs, and Miss Reed, accompanied by her father, on the day and the hour set for her marriage, attended the funeral of her husband-to-be.