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WHATEVER YOU ARE.

If you can't be a pine at the top of the hill Be a scrub in the valley-but be The best little scrub at the side of the rill Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush be a bit of grass Some highway to happier make; If you can't be a muskie then just

But be the liveliest bass in the lake. We can't all be captains, we've got to be

There's something for all of us here; There's big work to do and there's lesser

And the task we must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway, then just be If you can't be the sun be a star,

It isn't by size that you win or you fail-Be the best of whatever you are.

"THE MESS."

By Margaret H. Barnett.

When cases are tried in court, it frequently happens that testimony the other side. It is the province of the | tion." jury to weigh the evidence, and deterin a verdict in accordance with the facts. Sometimes it is a difficult task. Sometimes it is a difficult task.

In weighing the evidence in regard to the condition of our State government, a jury would have an easy task, for there is remarkable agreement among the witnesses, even those of different political parties.

tigators agree, substantially, in their motto heretofore, "For political expediency, as the bosses give us to see it."

You will remember that you repre-

During the campaign recently closed, the gubernatorial candidates of the sent all your constituents, all the men dates for other State offices, all had the same story to tell. The campaign speeches of the candidates of one political party sounded like an echo of the speeches of the candidates of the You will study

other party. A few years ago, if one political party had made a charge of bad government against the other party, the charge would have been resented and denied. But in this last campaign, the charges of the Democrats were the statements of the Republicans.

These points are not in dispute: The affairs of the State government are in a "mess.

The "mess" is a very bad one. Some one must "clean it up." The payrolls of the State carry the mission appointed for the purpose names of many unnecessary job-hold-may submit. You will study the mat-

The people of the State are heavily the tax collector reaches into the cradles of babies, and clutches at the aged as they are departing into that "Undiscovered Country," whence no

traveler returns. The State is practically bankrupt. According to a financial plan suggested by Senator George W. Woodward, chairman of the commission on the reorganization of the State gov-ernment, it will take twelve years to put the State on a sound financial ba-

The public schools of the State are rippled for lack of funds. In some parts of the State, the schools were parts of the State, the schools were the state of successful vaccination.

Real soil exhaustion is a misnomer, but serious diminution of available plant food is woefully common.

Land is made more fertile by (1) the street oddition of plant food, crippled for lack of funds. In some parts of the State, the schools were closed part of last year. In some places, the teachers were told, at the end of the term, that they would have to wait for their salaries, as the State appropriation had not been paid, and the school board had already borrowed to the limit allowed by law. When the schools opened in the fall, state appropriations due six months before had not been paid.

Senator Woodward has listed as "dispensables" a number of persons and things, whose salaries and cost aggregate \$584,400.

The State has been paying salaries to job-holders who are without jobs. There is a story, which is a favorite one in the capital city, to the effect that two men, who, for convenience, may be called A and B, went to the "Hill" to assume their duties. A said to B, "What is your work?"

B replied, "I am to open certain there are the representation of the day."

Figures from the census bungled out," he continued.

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a case of leguminous plants to fix the free nitrogen of the air; (4) by the yearly addition of small quantities of nitrogen in the form of ammonia and nitric acid contained in the rain and show.

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doors at certain times of the day." And A said, "I am to close those doors at certain times of the day."

This story may not be true in the letter, but it is certainly true in the spirit. This is evidenced by the campaign promises of some of the candidates, that in future, there would be no "overlapping" of employees and dates, that in future, there would be no "overlapping" of employees, and that only as many would be employed as were needed to do the work. As evidence, also, might be mentioned the case of a man who was a deputy sheriff in one of the counties of the State, iff in one of the counties of the State, under his own name, and an employee on the payrolls of the State, under a different name.

But time would fail to tell the whole

Pennsylvania has always had its Governor, its Lieutenant Gogernor, its Attorney General, with an abundance of deputies, its Auditor General, and other officials. But we may adapt the

gan. The people of the State are days the thermometer has hovered waiting anxiously to see whether it about the 90 degree mark, including

government, with a new label. In a short time the new Legislature

the history of the State, it is appropriate to address the Legislature as "ladies and gentlemen."

And so, ladies and gentlemen of

the present Legislature, you will assume your duties at a time when your State needs your help to free her from the evils from which she is suffering. You will have a great opportunity to do a great work for a great Commonwealth. There are two hundred and fifty-eight of you, and you will, no doubt, accomplish much.

Our government is divided into three departments, legislative, executive and judicial. Your department is the basis of the other two. You make the laws which the executives execute. You make the laws which the judges interpret. Realizing the importance has been taken in the past.

When you take your oath of office, you will swear that you will "Support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitu-tion of this Commonwealth." The purpose and aim of the Federal Constitution, as set forth in the preamble, is, in part, "To establish justice, inpromote the general welfare." The preamble of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is, "We, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, of the witnesses on one side is direct-ly contradicted by the witnesses on ordain and establish this Constitujury to weigh the evidence, and determine the facts, in the case, and bring the keynote of all legislative enacting a verdict in

fferent political parties.

There have been investigations, ofGod gives us to see the right," instead ficial and unofficial, and all the inves- of that which seems to have been the

You will no doubt make these aims

two leading parties, and the candi- and women of your various districts,

You will study all bills that come before you carefully, and your vote on a bill will register the result of this careful study.

You will handle the peoples' money as carefully as you would your own.
The Legislature of 1921 gave the
State the Woner Act, which the North
American has pronounced "The most
vicious piece of legislation passed in
our day." You will give the State a better enforcement act.

You will have the last word on any reorganization plan which the com-

You will ascertain the numerical value of this unknown quantity, a very taxed, taxed to the limit. The hand of necessary step, if there is to be a real 'cleaning up.'

At least, we hope you will.

State Health Laws Enforced.

Seven members of a school board in pleas of guilty to a charge of violating the vaccination law of Pennsylvania, and were sentenced to pay fines of \$10.00 each. They permitted the entrance of children to school without is readily available. Most of it is

Col. Wm. J. Crookston, chief of the direct addition of plant food, division of school health, says there either by means of farm manures or are other school directors and teachers by commercial fertilizer; (2) the mcwho have ignored the vaccination chanical improvement of the land by law, and in every instance follow-up culture and drainage, the effect of work is under way. Where prompt these operations being both to set free compliance with the law is not forth-

coming, prosecutions will be brought. "Twenty-two cases of smallpox in one section of Philadelphia, which, according to health authorities there, are all traceable to one neglected case, By the use of this system it is sought

-Figures from the census bureau show that the average length of life in the United States during the last decade increased several years. Out of the 1,000,000 deaths occurring within the twenty-four States under registration by the bureau containing about 74 per cent. of the country's ton leads with an average of 53 for males and 59 for females, while New York comes low in the list. It is ob-served that areas having large colored population usually have a high death

Months Early.

other officials. But we may adapt the language of another writer, and say of the Good Ship Pennsylvania, "Whoever stood at the wheel, political expediency steered the ship." Political expediency does not concern itself with the interests of the people of the State at large.

This week a new administration began. The people of the State are will be new in fact, or new only in one day of summer weather at 92 dename; whether it will begin a new era in our State government, or whether it will be only the same old kind of one frosty night would kill next year's

will function. For the first time in -Read your own "Watchman."

FARM NOTES.

-The roots of all plants in friable, well-drained soils run far deeper than the casual observer would suppose. Any one who will examine the sides of a newly dug well will not regard five feet in depth as an unreasonable extent of root pasturage for our cultivated plants, especially top-rooted clo-

There are several advantages of a cover crop, among them being the prevention of mechanical loss of soil by washing or blowing away, the catching of soluble fertility which might leach from the soil if no plants were present, the addition of humus to the soil, the root solution of inert plant food which is thus made more availaof your work as Legislators, you will take it more seriously than such work used, another and most important adused, another and most important advantage is the fixation of free nitrogen from the air.

-The soil is tilled to eradicate weeds, to conserve moisture and to make available plant food. Probably if it were not for the presence of weeds there would be very little cultivation done. It does not require a great philosopher to see that a cornfield choked by quack grass and mustard would be benefited by the cultivator. Comparatively few have come into the knowledge that the same treatment makes rain less indispensable, and fewer still have come to see

There is a great field for growing millions of dollars.

ach crops as rye, rape, crimson cloer and the like, which may be ober and the like, which may be ober and the like, which may be obsuch crops as rye, rape, crimson clover and the like, which may be obtained at a very small expense after the regular crop is harvested. Most long-cultivated soils have deterioratthe guiding principle of your career ed more owing to bad mechanical conas Legislators.
You will take as your motto those words of Lincoln in his second inaugural, "In firmness for the right, as God gives us to see the right," instead of that which seems to have been the motto heretofore, "For political expensions of the plant of the words of the plant of the words of the plant of the words of Lincoln in his second inaugural, "In firmness for the right, as God gives us to see the right," instead of that which seems to have been the motto heretofore, "For political expensions of soluble manures are best made to the growing group or on large Peabody, master merchant in America and later master merchant in England, made many contributions for public benefit, but the largest of all, that for "model" homes for London's workers, brought little or no good.

Workers are peculiar in balking at the broaded as philanthyponic made to the growing crop or on lands where a crop will soon appear.

> -Can the value of a woman on the farm be figured in dollars and cents? Since the time when the first hardy pioneers pushed their way over the un-charted forests of the Alleghenies, praises of the loyal wife and the daughters of the man who wrested his living from the soil have been sung

in song and story.

The Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania, at their fourth annual convention to be held in connection with the seventh annual State Farm Products show to be held in Harrisburg the week of January 23, will endeavor to place the value of the farm woman on the cold basis of dollars and cents.

The farm women, whose sessions will be open to all women attending the farm show, have on their program names of many unnecessary job-holders.

The State government must be reorganized.

The only difference between the two parties in the recent campaign was as to which party was best fitted to "clean up the mess." Each party claimed that its candidates were the proper ones to do the "cleaning up" work.

These are some of the high points of the situation in the State:

The cost of administering the government work. These are some of the high points of the situation in the State:

The cost of administering the government seems to be represented by X in the State's problem—at least so it seems to the people of the State. You will ascertain the numerical value to the farm show, have on their program for Wednesday morning, January 24, this subject, "What is the farm woman's value to the farm in dollars and recursion and the women assigned to discuss it include Mrs. Harry Hagar, Cambria county; Mrs. George G. Strosnider, Greene county; Mrs. J. C. Brubaker, Lancaster county; Miss May Hoover, Somerset county, and Mrs. H. C. Johnson, Warren county. Mrs. H. C. Johnson, Warren county.

—If all the fertility in the first foot of soil were avaliable there are few lands which would not grow 100 successive crops of corn or wheat and many soils would grow several hundred. Besides, in addition to the plant food in the layers of soil, the roots of Westmoreland county recently entered plants may extend to a depth of sev-

penetration of the soil by the roots of the plants; (3) by the use of cover is sufficient warning that strict en-forcement of the State vaccination law must be carried out," he contin-

> products will be entered in the seventh annual State Farm Products show to be held at Harrisburg, the week of January 23. This number may even be surpassed, as indicated by the number of entries that have already been received by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the various county farm agents.

> The corn and apple shows to be held in connection with the Agriculture week, will be the largest that have ever been held in the eastern section of the United States. No less than fifteen county exhibits of apples will be made, or more than three times the number of such exhibits ever entered at a previous show.

The 6,000 exhibits of farm products will represent every county in the California Fruit Trees Bud Three State, not a single county being without an exhibit of some kind. The products will include everything that is grown on the farm and this great number of entries has been secured, fruit trees and grape vines through- not so much on account of the cash out San Bernardino county are strat- value of the prizes, as the distinction value of the prizes, as the distinction that goes with winning a ribbon at the State show. A State show ribbon is the highest honor that a farmer in Pennsylvania may secure for his

prize winning products. for space this year, notably the ap-

ple and corn sections. Every indication points to the fact for the stimulating.
that this year's show will establish a

Every teacher knows that, if on new record that will stand for some

BENEFACTIONS MISAPPLIED | day, a considerable percentage of the SOMETIMES DO REAL INJURY.

Workers Peculiar in Balking at What is Branded as Philanthropic-Instances of Gifts that Failed of Pur-

B. Richard Spillane, in the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Money misapplied does little good and sometimes real harm. The record would go to show that the man who knows how to accumulate a fortune does not always know

how to leave it. Jay Gould was immensely rich, a wizard at making money. Practically and the habit of forehandedness, if his whole estate went to his family. maintained, will often quicken a dull Since then every major property he controlled, with one or two exceptions,

A. T. Stewart, greatest retail merchant of his time, whose business was taken over by John Wanamaker, left the bulk of his fortune for a working girls' hotel in New York and for a Cathedral and other developments at Garden City. Working girls wouldn't patronize the working girls' hotel and it was transformed into the Park Avenue Hotel of today. Stewart, man of wealth, is forgotten, but two immigrant boys who worked in his store are not. One became a Supreme court that cultivation makes inert plant food justice in New York; the other ranks as one of the greatest living orators The litigation over Stewart's will cost

"model" residential community for persons of modest means. A real es-

tate company has it now. George Peabody, master merchant

Workers are peculiar in balking at what is branded as philanthropic.

Stephen Girard, richest man in America at the time of his death and one of the wisest men of his period, meant that his fortune should be employed for the good of mankind. The estate today includes large stretches of coal lands, many business buildings in Philadelphia, together with the Girard development in South Philadel-phia and Girard College.

In the college the estate does excellent work. The dwellings of the Girard "Farm"—nearly 400 in all—are admirably built and their rental cost is based at 4 per cent. net return to the estate, which furnishes not only the heat and light, but other facili-

But the estate gets a heavy revenue from its coal lands. The higher the price of coal the more the estate receives. Its income from this source exceeds \$2,000,000 a year. And yet Girard never meant to levy such tribute on the public, for one provision of his will is for the income from \$10,-000 to be applied each year to the furnishing of fuel to the poor of Phila-

We hear much of Girard but little of Robert Richard Randall, yet they were not unlike. Randall was of both land and sea, and, like Girard, knew how to feather his nest. When, about 125 years ago, he felt he didn't have much longer to live, he went to Alexander Hamilton for advice. The great statesman said, in effect: "Captain, you have been something of a privateer. You have some money and you have some land. You are unmarried. Out of ships and sailors you have made what you possess. Why not show your gratitude and provide a ha-yen, a home for the aged and the broken among those who go down to

the sea in ships?" So it is today we have Sailors' Snug-Harbor—world famed, and justly so, the most remarkable institution of its character in the world. And what do you suppose Randall's farm, which was worth perhaps \$50,000 in Hamilton's time, is worth today? Perhaps \$50,000,000. It was in that section around what now is Broadway and Tenth street, New York.

D. O. Mills provided for model ten-ements and Mills hotels, so-called. The model "tenements" were swamped with clever persons who saw opportunity to get good quarters at low rental. They have done no good for tenement dwellers. The Mills hotels, however, have proved of real

Andrey Carnegie spent many millions on libraries.

John D. Rockefeller has spent a tre-

mendous sum in solving the problems connected with human ailments. Rockefeller's work has been better directed than Carnegie's and is more

What generally of the millionaires and multi-millionaires of today?

The crop is not so big as in the war-boom period, but it is greatly in excess of that of ten years back and is likely to keep swelling year by year. And two men of today—Henry Ford and Rockefeller—probably have as much as any ten multi-millionaires had ten year ago. Fortunes are getting big-ger. Their proper handling after the death of those who made them grows more important. It is with appreciation of this fact, no doubt, that Rockefeller has given earnest attention to the reduction of his wealth by intelligent distribution now rather 'than trusting wholly to courts or executors.

The Dilatory Worker.

We probably all know people who seem to be, as they express it, "always in a rush," yet who are always just a little late. They find apparently al-most a pleasurable excitement in putting off till the last moment the formance of necessary tasks and then executing them under high pressure. With even more space than was No doubt there is something stimulat-available for last year's show, a numing in having to accomplish certain No doubt there is something stimulatber of departments will be cramped results within a given time, but a good many persons in allotting their time seem to mistake the harassing

a Tuesday he assigns a task to be completed by the following Tues-

class will begin work upon it on Monday evening. He knows too that there is a very small fraction of the class who will set to work upon it immediately. He can soon tell which of his pupils are the forehanded and which the diletory workers. It may be the the dilatory workers. It may be that the forehanded workers will not al-ways do the best work. Some of the dull pupils are sure to be among the forehanded ones; they have found that they have to be, in order to keep up at all; and often among the dilatory pupils there are the brightest minds. But if not overcome the habit of dilatoriness will eventually slow up a naturally bright and active mind

"Watchman" to that friend of yours.

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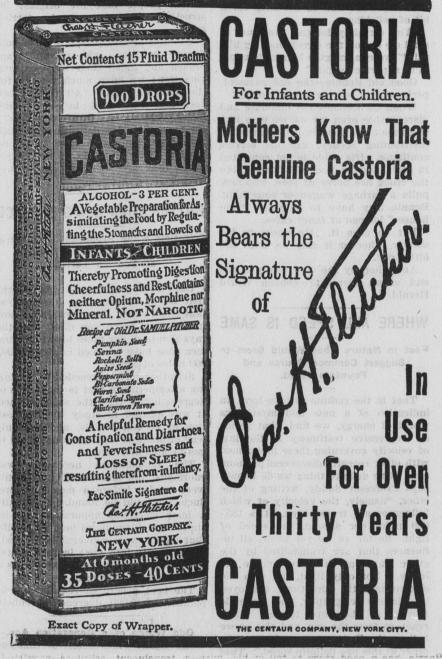
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