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TION OF THE EVENING LEDGER FOR MARCH WAS 110,721. PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1916.

By the rude bridge that arched the flood, Their flag to April's breeze unfurled, Here once the embattl'd farmers stood, And fired the shot heard 'round the world.

-Emerson.

#### BE AMERICANS THIS DAY

TARE breaking point in the relations between the United States and Germany has been reached. Fulfilling his promise made when the Gore and McLemore resolutions were before Congress, the President has summoned both Houses, to put before them the condition of the country. The session of Conon of the country. This momentous meet-Congress falls on the one hundred and rst anniversary of the battle of Lex-

There is no room for panic and no room for politics in the narrow place into which this country has been forced. It is not necessary to insist that what is happening today should have happened eleven months ago. It is not important to point out what others might have done in the President's place. A terrible decision lies before the country, a decision which men have foreseen but for the consequences of which they are not prepared. Between looking backward to the light of Lexington and forward into the inpenetrable dark, there is no time for criticism to corrupt the unity of the nation.

Congress meets today for a stern and simple purpose. It is to reaffirm, at whatever cost, the independence of this country. The shot fired by the embattled farmers at Lexington was heard fround the world, but Germany has grown deaf with the thunder of her own guns, and Congress must make her listen again. Behind every violation of human rights, behind every pledge made to this country and broken, lies Germany's refusal to recognize the United States as an independent nation, entitled to its place and its privilege among the nations of the earth, Exactly what the President has to tell Congress is not known, but the assumption is that he will deal with the entire submarine controversy, the repudiation of pledges and the advisability of breaking off diplomatic negotiations. But no matter what the form is, the question will be whether the United States shall continue a free nation or shall subject itself to the imperial will of Germany,

No two opin -s can exist. Congress and the people must stand, without fear and without equivocation, behind the President, because if they desert him they will have no free country to call their own.

So much of the fundamental issue must be understood before the gravity of the issue before Congress can be realized.

Lexington was the beginning of a war, Whatever action is taken on its anniversary must have the same purpose and the same ideal, even if another war comes as a result.

If war does come it will not be because we have willed it. We have not even willed that negotiations with Germany should cease. We have strained every point, have carried patience to the verge of humiliation, in order to avoid this day. Germany has forced every issue. Germany must abide by this one.

The history of our relations with Germany, since the war broke out, is a history of murder and falsehood on one side, of desperate clinging to the hope of humanity on the other. It is more than a year since the first Amertean life was lost through a submarine attack. It is nearly a year since the first American steamer was sunk. It is eleven months since the foulest crime of modern civilization was plotted and planned and executed by the German Government. It is six months since the German Government gave its solemn oath that the lives of neutrals should be safeguarded on the high seas. It is not necessary to rehearse in detail the outrages which have since been Perpetrated. The case of humanity against Germany is the concern of the United States only where the interests of civilization and the interests of this country coincide. Other countries have suffered. The United States, because it was strong enough to protest, has alone been humiliated.

The humiliation we have suffered Germany as dared to visit upon us because she did nor believe that today would come. She has enchan every diplomatic word to preserve peace, but she has used every murderous deed to provoke war because she thought that war all not be waged by us. Her murder of anostrus citizens could perhaps have been created away technically or diplomatically, it in this will condone the contempt for on oncor smoon in her broken falth. to be become to account, today it some time ago.

not only for the Lusitania but particularly for the repudiation of the Arabic. The loss of 115 Americans on the Lusitania was a wild crime, but it is a small thing in comparison with the loss of American independence.

Congress and the American people must atone today for the crime of indifference which they have committed. For many months Germany has been persuaded that the United States was not vitally interested in the campaign of frightfulness, that politics and personalities had so riddled the country as to prevent unity in feeling or decision in action. That illusion must be destroyed before the greater German illusion, of her own destiny, can be attacked. The United States has to meet today the driving will of an empire united in a struggle for life. It has no external unity to give the appearance of strength, no bureaucracy to terrify the allen, no Emperor to dominate its councils and to speak to the rest of the world. That is why the United States must find an internal unity. Today, before the hour is struck, it must summon itself to the great test. It must look back into its history and determine whether its freedom was worth the price paid at

If the independence of the United States was worth buying in blood on the field of Lexington and at the bridgehead of Concord, it is worth preserving today. It is worth preserving for a united people, for a people standing with their President and upholding his

And, God helping us, we will preserve it.

Villa may be only playing 'possum.

The man who described Peck's bad boy is dead, but the boy survives under a thousand other names.

If General du Pont should be nominated, lack of fireworks in the campaign would not be due to his inability to provide them.

British pride managed to withstand the blow

of a withdrawal from the Dardanelles. But, then, the heir to the British throne was not directing the work. Now that the 800 razormakers have had

their wages increased they may be able to make a blade sharp enough for the use of the factional hairsplitters in Pennsylvania poli-

The Ford peace delegates have given up trying to get the boys out of the trenches and are now seeking to get Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro away from the Teutonic

Slogan of the Taft Republicans—"Hughes or bust!"—Brooklyn Eagle. As they carried only two States in 1912, they

would not make a very big noise if they should bust. Is this report that the Mayor was pulling wires six months before his nomination intended to create the impression that he really

had something to do with his selection as his party's candidate? The aviators of the Allies have taken a lesson from the German book. They are assuming that the minarets of Constantinople are military observatories and are dropping bombs on them, to the scandal and consternation of

The millionaires around Rittenhouse Square have no monopoly on spring blossoms. The humblest two-story house can be made a thing of beauty at this season by putting of the people inside and to the delectation of those who pass by on the street.

the Mussulmans.

Parral was noted before the Mexicans attacked General Pershing's troops there. The city, which has more than 6000 population, is in the heart of the wine-growing district, and all the books say that it is famous for a particularly fine quality of aguardiente, which being translated, means fire water.

The New England Methodists have decided by a unanimous vote at the annual conference to permit young people to dance, go to the theatre and the circus and to participate in other forbidden amusements, which suggests various things, according to the temper of the mind on which the action of the conference renets.

No one can read the reports of the efforts of Berks County reformers to eliminate the stick from mince ple without indorsing Asa. Bird Garner's famous remark about reform. The Board of Poor Directors has decided that whatever other innovation is to be introduced in the county almshouse, the inmates are to continue to have real mince ple. They deserve a vote of thanks for their humanity in preserving the gustatory delights for the unfortunate.

Francis Ouimet has passed from the rank of an amateur to that of a professional golf player by the ruling of the United States Golf Association because he is engaged in selling sporting goods. The ranks of the amateurs must be kept clear of professionalism even if the distinction between a man who plays for sport and a man who makes money by his play is enveloped in a hazy twilight so dense that it is as difficult to find as the last hole in the course in the shade after the sun has gone

They seem to know how to do things a little better in Russia. Consider the matter of the equipment of a commercial delegate now in this city studying trade conditions and making preparations for the rehabilitation of Rusian commerce after the war. General Denisoff, the delegate, is president of the Russian Chamber of Export and is a member of the Imperial Council. He speaks French, German and English besides his native language, and is more familiar with our foreign trade than many American business men. He is qualified for the task in which he is engaged, and that is why he is engaged in it. The young American business man who wishes to fill a large place in the development of American commerce would do well to equip himself in the same way. If he wishes to expand American trade in Russia he should be able to speak Russian. If he understands French, German, Spanish and Portuguese he will be equipped to deal with business men in South America and Europe. There is more to the world than the United States, but we have been so busy with our own affairs that we have not gives the attention to the affairs of other nations that we should. A little German kultur could be applied to the conduct of American business with profit to the men engaged in it. The Russians began to apply

# Tom Daly's Column

APPLYING THE SERMON "O! the pastor'd a sermon was splendid this mornin'."

Said Nora O'Hare, But there's some in the parish that must have had warnin'

An' worshipped elsewhere; But wherever they were, if their cars wasn't burnin'. Troth, then, it is quare!"

'There are women,' see he, 'an' they're here in this parish, An' plentiful, too,

Wid their noses so high an' their manners so airish, But virtues so few,

Tis a wonder they can't see how much they resemble The proud Pharisee, Ye would think they'd look into their own

souls an' tremble Such sinners to be. Not at all! They believe themselves better

than others An! give themselves gira

Till the pride o' them strangles all virtues an' amothers The good o' their prayers.'

That's the way he wint at them, an', faith, it was splendid-

But wasted, 1 fear, Wid the most o' the women for whom 'twas intended,

Not there for to hear. An' thinks I to meself, walkin' home, what a pity

That Mary Ann Hayes An' Cordelia McCann should be out o' the city This day of all days.

"But, indeed, 'twas a glorious sermon this mornin'."

Said Nora O'Harc, "Though I'm sorry that some o' the parish

had warnin' An' scorshipped elsewhere; But wherever they were, if their cars wasn't burning.

Troth, then, it is quare!" AND "SUGAR" IS SLANG FOR CUSH

THE fact that Wilmington is trying to raise \$325,000 for a Free Library may not interest so much and so many as the fact that the Campaign Director is Edgar T. Honey and the Assistant Director, Henry Candy.

> PATRIO-LET To be the champion of right, My native country you essay. To cope with overbearing might, To be the champion of right. May that be ever your delight: Nor wisdom's guidance disobey To be the champion of right. My native country, U. S. A.

Some days ago M'Liss told a story about a couple who broke up family life because they scrapped about who should get out of bed and turn out the lights when they were through reading. This is what I have to do every winter

night: Let out the dog, throw my burned matches, etc. into the fire, sweep up the hearth, arrange what's left of the logs, lock seven windows and two doors, arrange three evening papers on the table, wind two clocks, find the missus' spectacle case, pick up two spools of thread, a thimble and two knitting needles from the floor, belt the missus of edles from the floor, help the missus of the couch, give her her book, glasses and sewing bag, get her a drink of water, put out the lights, see that the gas isn't burning in the kitchen, fix the furnace, bring up wood for next day's open fire, let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the let in the desired the second seems of the sec wood for next day's open fire, let in the dog, stow two kids, open their windows, explain what effect the battle of Verdun will have on the price of flour, turn out some lights, turn on some others, pull-down some shades, go down stairs and get the missus' book go down stairs and get the anneath primary is, take the missus book and glasses, put them on the table, get up, see that the kids are still stowed, arrange two down quilts, open three windows, put out the last light and try to think up some good ex-cuse for not having called up the plumber about the kitchen tubs. And I'm the happiest guy in the whole world

### Health Hint

To those who go down to obesity in motorcars. Where are the feet of yesteryear?

Tucked in a handsome motorcar. Why are men fat, their eyes less clear? Because their feet are where they are.

FORD touring car, 1915, demountable rims, ex-tras: run 2000 miles. \$3.50. Poplar 1617-W.—Classified Ad. Engine or decimal point trouble?

HAD a new caddy all day yesterday. 'Twas a long haul and a heavy load for the lad and I helped him cut corners and eased up on him where I could. He was the sort of boy you'd like your son to be. On the last hole in the afternoon I sent him by a short cut to the top of the hill we drive over. Thus he saved some walking and could watch our drives for us. Our boy-wonder stepped to the tee and whaled a screamer low and dead on a line for my small boy. For an instant he didn't see it, and then he dived to safety by a hairbreadth as the ball whistled by. The clubs were on the ground. "Hey, boy! You should have taken those clubs with you; the ball might have hit them," called the enemy. All them golfing guys is wild.

GOLPHUS.

### Of Quite a Different Stamp

If laddie or lassic is haughty We tame them by whipping discreetly But give any stamp a good licking And you see it get stuck up completely.

## Indoor Sports

Trying to find the sporting page of the P. L. at the breakfast table. H. H. H.

### Anagram Contest

TAST CALL! No entries will be considered that reach this office later than tomorrow's first mail.

"Frow's this for a final whoop?" asks CAN TEST HAT ON A GERM.

Yesterday's:

Eract monies—Income taxes. Hombs ruin at sea—Submarine boats. I am crusi: I hurt at erms—Articular rheumatism.

Sir—That quotation from Confucius in the Column for April 17 is extremely interesting. In one of the college journals some thirty years ago a Mr. H. G. Chapman had a quatrain ontitled "Left." The quatrain was:

"Meet me, ahe said, by the garden wall Temorrow night, as the sun goes down; and this is tomerow, and here am I," And there's the wall, and the sun's gone down." I doubt very much that Chapman over naw the confucius lines; if he did he improved them. A C'AL

MEN ON HORSEBACK-

AND THE DARK HORSE

UNREDEEME

America in the Throes of Inventing a Hero-Elements of Mystery and Legend That Gather About Presidential Timber

THEY tell us that after all it was Boswell who created Doctor Johnson and Plato who invented Socrates. The biographer is beginning to be recognized as a poet, a man with an imagination greater, very often, than the man he writes about. America is a poet, and every four years the country writes a great and romantic biography. It invents a hero-and then elects him President.

That these biographies tell white lies, fascinating fibs, does the country credit. It builds up an ideal man for itself. It sends him tingling with warm praise to the White House. It explains away his past errors as the result of red-blooded impulse, his evasive silences as signs of dignity and strength. And woe to him that flouts his fame and does not "meas-

ure up"! Just how do we choose a President? Of course there is the machinery of primaries, conventions and election. To say such things create him would be like saying that the meals a poet eats produce his poems. The three real ways of creating a President are to acclaim a man a military or diplomatic hero-one and the same thing, for diplomacy is veiled war: to accept him as the political offspring of his powerful predecessor, or to identify his personality with the latest popular cry and wreathe about him a legendary personification of the spirit of the nation. Summing up, these three ways are "Horseback,"

"Inheritance" and "Slogan." There is a fourth way, which we can ignore: the accident of a party split resulting in a triangular fight, in which the best organized party, of course, wins. We can ignore that because third parties are transient in America.

### Horseback and Idealism

There have been too many sneers at "the Man on Horseback." We always elect our military heroes President. But we do not elect our miltary heroes Governors and Mayors. We elect Governors and Mayors for some concrete success in some special field of legislative or business reorganization. But when it comes to a President, we do not look for the concrete, special effort. There must be a general glow about him, the earnest of all virtues-strength, the ideal sense about him of an all-embracing humanity conquering all obstacles. Of course we made out Grant and Roosevelt to be better than they were. But they suffered more than we did by our mistake. They were the vehicles of our idealism. We elected not them, but their horo-

всорев. And this glamour sometimes stays with a man. It makes him capable of dictating his successor. The two great examples of such dictation are Van Buren and Taft. Van Buren was as different from Jackson, who forced his selection as his successor, as Taft is from Roosevelt, who said, "Take Taft or me." Van Buren's personality resembled Taft's in many ways, deliberate, circumspect, politic, unas sertive, amiable, "You shall not dim my fame" -that is what Jackson and Roosevelt seemed to say of their mantle-bearers. In the second case there seems to have been an even deeper foresight in the selection, as if the Colonel had said, "You shall not spill my third cup of coffee."

But the important point-pathetic, beautiful, if you will-is that the majority of a whole hundred million people should put their faith in one man and let him choose their king. For such methods are royal. There has been much idle talk about the analogy between our Presi dents and kings. But the most important attribute of kings abides in the President, after all. Both represent the whole people directly and not a section or a party. The Premier of England leads a party. There would be the same less to the spirit of English nationality through the loss of the monarchy as there would be loss to the spirit of American nationality through the loss of the presidency.

It is not a bad thing that we play the national anthem as our President enters, that we pore over the pictures of his sons and daughters and grandchildren, that we thrill and raise our hats at his passing. The meaning of his office is more than the man. A great President sometimes legislates. But a greater President does not legislate. He leads.

#### Why Slogans Are Needed The third way of creating a President-by

identifying him with a slogan-is just now the most interesting. For we have no hero and no inheritor. The catchword will win. The weakness of Wilson, so far in the campaign, is the lack of a slogan. His effort to take "Preparedness" from Roosevelt has not been particularly convincing. The best slogan the supporters of Wilson could use might be something like this, while courage to do what

seemed wrong to others." But this is not a stimulating war cry to go into battle with. In the first place, it is too long-a war cry should be a short and snappy bark. In the second place, it is rather metaphysical and hard to understand, "Preparedness" as a catchword is ideal; but the trouble with that is-Roosevelt has been beaten at the polls. His popular vote has fallen from 7,600,000 to 4,100,000. The slogan that wins must not be merely a

"YOURS, I BELIEVE!"

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good war cry. It must be a philosophy in capsule form. It must boil down a host of big ideas into a word or two. "Full dinner pail," for instance, was not simply a yell. It was the summary of a carefully reasoned-out answer to Bryanite nostrums. "You talk about free silver and a lot of vague theories to the workingman, but can you fill his dinner pail?"

In that case the slogan made the man-McKinley. It was bigger than he was. Sometimes the popular hero is bigger than his slogan, but he has to have one, all the same, as a quick ready-made answer to his opponent's arguments. Just now, though we have no conquering hero to idealize, the times are, indeed, heroic, as the Colonel says, When we have no visible hero we peer about in the gloom for a "dark horse"-for some one to emerge in splendor from the equivocal twilight of ambitions. The name of the man who will take office on March 4 may be unknown to the public today. Hughes' strong silence rather fascinates the country. But he has no slogan-or, rather, none has been found for him. This may quite possibly be done later, for the legends are springing up about him rapidly; he is being credited with all sorts of dignities and strengths and wisdoms. If he breaks silence at the psychological moment--! Or-if we invent a slogan for him! Who knows?

### A Crisis May Decide It All

But as a matter of fact there are slogans enough as it is. What we need is the man to fit one to. And the men are scarce. They always are. For the mind is not capable of digesting and holding in contemplative balance more than two or three national figures at the same time. Neither can we compare more than two or three political philosophies at the same time. The man represents the philosophy. So when we have said Wilson, Roosevelt, Hughes-our minds get indigestion, and resent a fourth possibility as they resent the idea of a fourth dimension.

But a national crisis, now unforeseen, may produce that fourth dimension, the "dark horse," to obliterate the other three; some one, perhaps, on our far-flung military and diplomatic battle line-a Funston or Pershing moving to incredible victories, a Goethals defending the canal against warships.

Then it would not be hard to fit the ideal slogan to the man. And probably he wouldn't be worthy. But the wildfire of the glowing tradition about his excellences would sweep the country over night. We would invent our hero. We would abandon our doubts. We would see in him all the fine things that were there and many that weren't there. We would lose our chance to elect a better man. We might even lose our heads. But we would keep our vision of our unattainable hero, we would keep our ideal. H. S. W.

## NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

"We shall take Verdun," said Berlin nearly two months ago. "Now, or when you can get u?" inquire the Allies as May approaches.-Louis

Are the troops welcome in Mexico? Eggs were readily purchasable at 10 cents a dozen the first contingent that passed through Asen-cion, but later along reached 50 cents, and at last accounts were still rising. Welcome? rather!-Louisville Herald.

"What army we have is the best in the world," Representative Anthony said in Congress Saturday. "For its size, no army in the world equals it." That would be all right if the other fellows would only agree to keep their armie down to its size.—Springfield Republican.

Congress should at once bring the nonpartisan tariff commission proposition to a focus. Once that is done, beyond a question, this great and highly necessary proposal will become law. The scoper the better. Do not delay a right, obvious and highly necessary measure for the good of the country.—Buffalo Times.

### THREE HILLS

There is a hill in England, Green fields and a school I know,
Where the balls fly fast in summer
And the whispering elm trees grow,
A jittle hill, a dear hill,
And the playing fields below.

There is a bill in Flanders, Heaped with a thousand slain, Where the shells fly night and noontide And the ghosts that died in valu. A little hill, a hard hill To the souls that died in pain.

-Sverard Owen, in London Times.

There is a hill in Jewry. Three crosses pierce the sky.
On the midmost He is dying
To save all those who die.
A little fill a kind bill
To souls in lectuardy.

## What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

#### QUIZ

1. What is the Duma?

 Name the planets in our solar system.
 Which State is called the "Nutmeg State"?
 For what is Constantine the Great distinguished from the Roman Emperors who

preceded him?
5. Of three bars of exactly the same size, one of iron, one of gold and one of lead. which one is heaviest?

6. What is "the humidity"
7. What is a carat? Who wrote "Ivanhoe"? With what title is the Vice President of the United States addressed by Senators when

he presides in the Senate? 10. What was the mammoth? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. Ardolph L. Kline succeeded Mayor Gaynor when the latter died during his term of office. By "pork" is meant appropriations sought by legislators to help their political for-tunes in their own districts.

Copperheads" were Northern Democrats who were Southern sympathizers during the Civil War.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

5. "Mexico" is pronounced in that country as "May-hee-co" or "May-see-co."
6. Former Governor George W. Peck, of Wis-

consin, was the author of "Peck's Had 7. Heroin is a morphine derivative. It cannot be sold except to licensed chemists and doctors or through doctors' prescriptions. The British won the battle of Germantown, "St. Petersburg," inving a German ending and being formed in Germanic fashion,

was changed to the Russian "Petrograd" was changed to the Russian "Petrograd" when Germany declared war on Russia.

10. The English shilling being usually the equivalent of about 24 1-3 cents, the florin, or two shillings, is 48 2-2; the pound or sovereign, 84.86, and the guinea, or 21

#### shillings, about \$5.11. The crown, five shillings, is about \$1.22. Mason and Dixon's Line

Editor of "What Do You Know."—Please publish the exact location of Mason and Dixon's line.
B. U. BUENA.

The line is the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania. Its latitude is 39 degrees, 43 minutes and 26.3 seconds north.

When Typewriters "Came In" Editor of "What Do You Know"—Will you please tell me when the typewriter came into general use and about when it was invented?

Up to 1868 typewriters were mere illustrations of sporadic genius, occurring as the pet hobby of impractical persons. In that year the first pat-ent for a practical machine was obtained. The impractical persons. In that year the first pat-ent for a practical machine was obtained. The typeWiter was first introduced to the general public about 1873 by Sholes, Glidden and Soule, the inventors, all of whom lived in Milwaukee. Wis. Fewer than 8000 typewriters were manufactured between 1873 and 1882, but after that year the spread of the machines was rapid.

### Standard Time

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Will you kindly let me know what is meant by "standard time" in the United States and how it was established. ROGERS.

Primarily for the convenience of the railroads, standard of time was established by mutual agreement in 1883 by which trains are run and local time regulated. According to this system, the United States is divided into four time sections, each 15 degrees of longitude, equivalent to one hour, commencing with the 75th meridian The first, or Eastern, section includes all territory between the Atlantic coast and an irregular line drawn from Detroit to Charleston, S. C. The second, or Central, section includes all the territory between the last-named line and an irregular line from Bismarck, N. D., to the mouth of the Rio Grande. The third, or Mountain, section goes to a line near the western borders of Idaho. Utah and Arizona. The fourth, or Pacific, section covers the rest of the country to the Pacific coast. At 13 noon here it is 11 o'clock a. m. in Chicago (Central time), 10 o'clo at Denver (Mountain time) and 9 o'clock at San Francisco (Pacific time).

### Reality of Haroun Al Rashid

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Can you tell me if the caliph who figures in "Arabian Nighta," Haroun Al Rashid, was a real or a mythical figure, and if real, will you please tell me some of the facts of his life?

G. K. L.

He was the fifth of the Abbasside calipha and was born about 769 A. D. In his reign the capital of his empire, Bagdad, became the most capital of his empire. Bagdad, became the most flourishing city of the period. Tribute was paid to Haroun from all quarters. He loved luxury and pleasure and was a patron of the arts. He was celebrated in countless songs and stories, and is best known in the West as the caliph around whom centre the tales of the "Arabian Nighta." In \$63 he caused the Vizier, his four some and all his other companions on his nocturnal rambles and adventures to be executed. There followed a period of rebellion and disorder, during which the caliph died.

## Wellington's Remark on Battles

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Can you tell me who it was that said, "Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won"?

The sentence occurs in a dispatch written by the Duke of Wellington, victor in the battle of Waterloo, in the year 1815.

### Highest Altitude in the State

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Will your please tell me the highest altitude in Pennsyl-vania and what that altitude in? (F. G. D. The highest altitude is Him Knob, Bedford County. It is \$136 feet high.