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EDITORIAL

## CONCERNING CRIME There are those in Eellefonte who talk about the dis- regard of law, and the necessity for the punishment of criminals. It it a a a crye that is hiseard for all over punishment land out for different reasons, depending upon what particular law a particular person has in mind. <br> Back of the fight for law and order, however. stands the impelled observance of all law. The assassination of a man in Chicago by arival gang the killing of a a littele child a playing in New York where racketers hot playing in New York where racketeers shot out their fued, the pety and enormous raft that mars our poititial life and other criminal acts that occur here, and elsewhere, are the petty and enormous graft that mars our poititical life and other coriminal acts that ocuur here.and elesewhere, are each part of a disregard for law that has grown in this country. Let us not attempt to be too wise in solving this prob- lem. but, eeven of, et us think about one phase of the mat. tet. We have oberve, in this town and conty, intances where public officials, charged with enforcing the law, have condoned criminal acts because victims have re- quested itt. We have heard of affrays that have not come to court because neither principal made complaint, and the court because neither principal made complaint, and the same has been true of other acts that violate the criminal code There are in the United States, we take it, enough police official to enforce the laww of the land if they were poren property imbued with a desire for law enforcement. .t it a, faree when a police o oficial learning of a violation of taw, doee nothing unless some citizen complains. It is is not the does nothing uniess some ctizen complains. ith sarrantst, or business of the average citize to sear out to kork up evidence. For these things we have officials and to work up evidence. For these things we have officials and they should do their duty.

## LETS KEEP THE PRIMAR

Readers of The Centre Democrat, most of them men
women of average intelligence and influence in life, should strenuously resist the efforts of conservative poli
ticians and thinkers to kill the primary system. We are tieians and thinkers te kill the primary system. We are
conerred dith its fefect, at this time. upon the qual.
ity of our government or its contribution to the so-called
The direct primary places poititical power in the hands
of men and women everywhere and prevents corrupt conof men and women everywhere and prevents corrupt con-
trol by party groups and a few favored eitizens. The pri-
mary gives to the election not only the right to accept or reject the organization choice of candidates, but the more
valuable right of taming the party candidates. valuable right of naming the party candidates. The ballot will be worth little to the voters of this
country if the nominations of both parties are to be made by small
We have no false illusion as to the people's ability to
make serious errors in primaries and elections, or the ease with which professional politicians often ${ }^{\text {mislecad }}$ them However, the remedy is in greater popular education, no
in restricting the power of the average voter to effect in restricting the power of the average voter to effect
prompt political changes in personnel and administrations.

## earn what you want

Young people of Centre county might find the present
a good ocasion tu understand that the majority of those
who have anything in a word that worships money
Too often, the youthfurt mind is impressed with the
accumulation of a fortune by some exceptional fig. easy accumulation of a fortune by some exceptional fig-
ure that loom in the public conseiousness, ilittle realizing
that that such a career is the great exception among a mass of
hard workers who got to the top by sheer difigence and persistence, rather than through some streak of luck or
opporty.
More and more there is abroad in the world a convie-
that individuals who do not earn what they have are tion that individuals who do not earn what they have are
not entitled to their possessions. The thought is not bad.
if every ten years gets thoroughly imbued with the idea of giving
value for money or rewards received the business won't the chances are that the people of the next generation wil find a happier prop




 Before your sympathies run away with you in regard
to the harst terms inflicted upon Germany by hee Alties. it
might be worth your time to read the terms imposed on mithe hars worth your time to read the terms imposed on
me Russians by the Germans in the spring of 1918 . do you read the bible Do you read the Bible This question, asked in a crowd, will produce interest,
ing replies if the truth be told. ing rephies if the truth be tod.
Thee are some people in Centre county who think
themselves "superior" because they place scant reliance upon the book that is still the world's best seller. They
fancy an independent aloofness, but. in raeality, here is
another explanation for their failure to give the Word of another explanation merits.
God a trial on its number of our best citizens can, and will, testif to the great influence this book has exerted upon their
lives. They know that its study has brought them values, not equalled by any other publication. As a matter of sel
ish oprofit," basing their testimon upon the "retrn
they wifl utter thanksgiving for the Bible reading habi







Query and Answer Column

 E. C. $\sim$ In what year did Kansas adopt the Prohibition Amendiment?
Ans - Kansss adopled the Prohibition Amendment January 14. 1919.
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 $A 0.6$ How muxh ravium there th the worid

$\qquad$ Ans - Nebraska is the only State having a one House Legilature.
W. J. F.-Are \& congresman's traveling expenses paidd
Ans.-A member of Congress is sllowed twenty cente a mile for tray-Ans.- $A$ member of Congreess ts sliowed
eling expenses at each sestion of Congress.
O. C.-How many airplanes are in use in this country?
Ans-In the United States there are over 10,000 commer ${ }_{\text {vate airplanes. }}^{\text {Ans- }}$
 C. . . W. What became of the tamous Indian elephant named Black
Diamond?


 out R. s. bux What timous piece of musce was composed in honor of the
art of printin?
Ans. In 1840 Felix. Mendelsolinn was commissoned by the Leinsie




