

The Ohio man who has a double-barreled shot gun ready for the White Caps, and lets them have the contents of both barrels when they make their midnight attacks, hits upon a very practical solution of the White Cap problem.

The Thrift League Bulletin, that did such effective work for the cause of protection during the recent campaign, is about to broaden its scope by enlargement, under the name of the American Economist.

Governor Beaver is about as familiar as anybody with rural Pennsylvania, and he informs the Legislature that "no expenditure of public money yields so little in return as the road taxes of Pennsylvania."

The Legislature no doubt can improve our road laws and a code of road laws will be received with satisfaction if it at the same time gives assurance of the radical improvement of our roads.

The system by which this money is applied is the crudest possible and the results obtained are almost as bad as possible. The best roads in the State, as a rule, are not public highways, but are the property of private corporations which levy a tax on all who use them and that in the aggregate is a very heavy burden on those who must use these toll roads constantly.

Pennsylvania needs a system of well-graded, well-ballasted free roadways extending all over the State. They should be smooth and of easy grade, and should support without yielding the heaviest loads after a week of rain, or in that trying season when the warmth of Spring is bringing the frost out of the ground and turning roads into morasses.

Our roads are exceedingly primitive. Except in the case of a favored road here and there we have made no improvement in our public highways since the days of our grandfathers. It is time that the Legislature was giving its serious attention to a scheme to give the State public roads which shall be free to every citizen and worthy the civilization of the State, of which they will be at the same time the incontestable evidence.

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A Beautiful Poem. Bellefonte Republican.] The following lines are the composition of Mrs. Rynder, wife of Hon. Theo. P. Rynder, of Milesburg, the late candidate for congress in this district. They were written especially for the Christmas celebration held last Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday School of Milesburg, and were read on that occasion: "CROWN JEWELS."

"O Lord, my crown is a starless one, No jewels shine out from its gold; No sheaves have I gathered in life's ripe field, No lambs have I led to the fold."

"Grant me, Father I pray, one dazzling gem," Breathed the maiden on bended knee, "That will shine in the radiance of Heaven's light, Its brilliancy, Lord, all for Thee."

Then she sought the heart of a little child, As pure as the snow from above, And into its warm, gleaming depths she poured The news of a Saviour's love.

"I bring Thee, O Father," the maiden cried, "A costly altar-wild, The purest of all earth's glittering gems, The love of a sinless child."

"I will seek among men of fame," she mused, "Of men who have won renown—I will win from among them a diamond That will grace a Heavenly crown."

Her message of mercy she lovingly brought, To one on whom fame had smiled, And won for the Lord a place in the heart Which before the vain world had beguiled.

"I bring for Thy glory," the worker said, "O Father, the wealth of the earth— Endowment of brain and soul so rich, Must a shining light give forth."

"The wretched and shivering wreck, dear Lord, Who twice this day asked me for bread, Watch over his wandering steps, dear Lord; Cover thou his defenseless head."

"I had but a crust to bestow, Thou knowest, But I gave it with blessing and prayer That the wanderer lonely and sin crushed here, Might find a blessed home 'Over There.'"

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