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ON THE FIRING LINE. ONE month of the new year has been torn from the calendar and with the beginning of the second month the new municipal administration may be reasonably expected to get into its proper stride.

Harrisburg has a reputation to maintain and it is gratifying to note a disposition on the part of the new officials to proceed along progressive lines in the improvement of the city.

As is always the case in the change of any administration—municipal, county, State or national—more attention is given to the mere political phases than to the creative measures which interest the people more.

Perhaps no policy of the new administration has been more generally commended than the policy of retaining the several boards and commissions which so admirably served the city under the old system of government.

Generally speaking, the commission government is on trial and there is no inclination anywhere to unfairly criticize what has already been done pending the working out of the new system.

Three hundred thousand dollars of uncollected wages and salaries remains in the treasury in the city of New York. What a blot on the reputation of Tammany.

THE CUMBERLAND ROAD. CONGRESSMAN HENRY A. BARNHART, of Rochester, Ind., has introduced in Congress a bill for continuing the Cumberland Road through the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

When, in 1802, Ohio was admitted to the Union, the general government gave its written pledge that one-twentieth of the net proceeds from the sale of all public lands situated within the State would be applied by Congress to the building of a national road from tidewater on the Atlantic coast to and through the State of Ohio.

Subsequently, the government sold the public lands thus reserved and pledged to the purpose of building roads, and appropriated the available proceeds to the building of a road known as the Cumberland Road in the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Congressman Barnhart's bill calls for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for continuing the construction and providing for the maintenance of the Cumberland Road in those States, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois are each to get \$1,000,000 and Missouri \$2,000,000.

The bill authorizes the President of the United States to appoint three national highway commissioners to have full charge of the construction, repairs and maintenance of the road.

The road follows the route of the National Old Trails Road and is a part of the system of 50,000 miles of national highways proposed by the National Highways Association.

Some enterprising newspaper might get Governor Penner and General Villa to collaborate on an article entitled "What I Think of the Federal."

ESTIMATES made by the United States Department of Agriculture show that the United States is short nearly nine beef cattle, seven sheep and three hogs for each 100 of our population, as compared with conditions in 1910.

Instead of railing at the Meat Trust for boosting prices, it would seem to be the duty of Congress to enact a proper range leasing law permitting the economical management and utilization of ranges, since it is well known that one of the prime reasons of the shortage is the encroachment of farms upon the range territory.

One of the peculiar features of the decrease in meat animals is that while the average value has increased, the farmers and stock raisers, instead of making more profit, are making less, the cost of production having grown more rapidly than the selling price has advanced.

Pennsylvania farmers are not raising as many hives as formerly and hog cholera has cut down the pork supply. The temptation to sell live stock at prevailing high prices rather than to continue to carry it with high-priced feed, possible loss from disease or accident, and uncertainty as to prices, has been great and doubtless is in part responsible for conditions.

In this State farmers are not taking advantage of vast stretches of vacant land, especially in the northern tier, that could be turned into first-class cattle ranges and upon which stock could be raised at comparatively low cost.

Huerta says his is a "stable Government." Has a bad smell, anyhow.

CITY AND COUNTRY. THE trolley cars are filled every evening with hosts of home-bound suburbanites, hastening away from their daily work in the city to the quiet of the countryside.

And it is pretty hard for the suburban or country dweller who spends his days in the city to explain to his friend just how he feels about it. In a recent publication Louis Untermyer does it for him in two charming stanzas that every open air man should carry in his vest pocket for purposes of illustration.

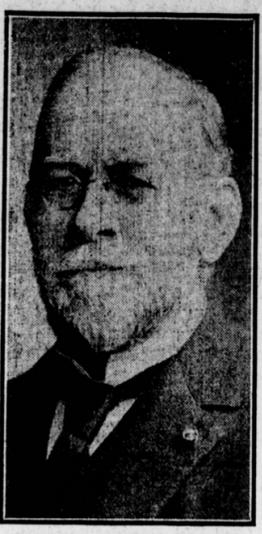
All day with anxious heart and wondering ear I listened to the city; heard the ground Echo with human thunder, and Go rattling down the streets and disappear.

Butter is weak, says a market report. Better that than strong.

STEELTON CHARITIES. PROMINENT men and women of Steelton are engaged in the reorganization of the charity committee that did such excellent service during the dull times of 1907, when idle mills brought distress to hundreds of families in that place.

He saw it! AN EVENING THOUGHT. It is a way of calling a man a fool when no heed is given to what he says.—L'Estrange.

EVENING CHAT



GENERAL JAMES A. BEAVER

To the people of Harrisburg the announcement of the death of General James A. Beaver at Bellefonte on Saturday brought a sense of keen personal loss and it may be said that not even in his home town, where he was noted in a community famous for its big men, is there more sincere mourning for the passing of the soldier and executive and judge than there is in the State's capital.

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Harrisburg people can recall the great interest taken by General Beaver in his churches. Long before he became Governor he was well known as a member of the First Presbyterian Church, speaking at Pine Street and other churches, assisting in anniversary services of the Young Men's Christian Association and being in sympathy with every movement for a better city.

General Beaver was the son-in-law of Hugh Nelson McAllister, who was allied in marriage to one of this city's most prominent families. His educational convention of 1873, to which he had been chosen because of his great ability as a constitutional lawyer.

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most effective campaigners known in Pennsylvania and discussed matters with a frankness that at times dismayed the managers of his party's affairs. They used to say he never sought a controversy, but he never pleased.

General Beaver was thrice wounded in battle and his third wound, which took away his leg, is believed to have indirectly caused his death. He came of a long-lived and fighting family of the people who settled the Juniata Valley and who number among their descendants so many prominent Pennsylvanians.

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Our Pre-Inventory Sale. Two More Days to Enjoy the Exceptional Opportunities of. Thursday we take inventory. Before that time you may share in some of the most exceptional bargains we've ever offered. This is the final notice.

RYAN BEATS BOSS PALMER TO RING. Philadelphia City Solicitor Announces That He Will Be Candidate For Governor.

A LITTLE NONSENSE. OUT THE WINDOW. She overheard her father say the new mayor had been rushed off his feet by receptions, and she did hope he wasn't seriously injured.

Sides & Sides. Remarkable Clearance of All Clothing. About half of the suits are heavy and medium weight blue serges.

Now is the accepted time. Now is the supreme moment for the man who wants a matchless suit, overcoat or raincoat for a price that's almost ridiculous! Get it! A Big Portion Are BLUES.