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WHERE THEY STAND

PPARENTLY there has been

foreign-born Americans where would stand in case of war between the United States and any of the continental powers. German newspapers have gone so far as to assert that tems. German-Americans would be found on the side of the Fatherland in such a struggle and there have been ridiculous rumors in Berlin papers of "civil war" in this country in case Germany and America went to arms against each other.

There has been no more staunch supporter of Germany and German policies anywhere than the New York Staates-Zeitung, a journal of unusual strength and widely read by the Ger-man element in this country. When it speaks it is as one with authority, and yesterday it made itself clear on the position German-Americans take with respect to the possibilities of war with the imperial government:

ith the imperial government: Nor is this a time to burden mil-lions of the American people with unjust and unnecessary anguish of mind. The German-Americans must suffer in any conflict between the United States and Germany pains of which their fellow citizens can never know anything. It is rather a time for showing them the great-est degree of consideration. They fought to uphold the flag in the past and they will do sates in a stanst any certite of past loy-ality, null they have forfeited the never known. There has never known them. There has never been but one flag under which the German-American has fought. There never can be but one flag under which he will ever fight. And that flag is the Stars and Stripes.

That settles once and for all time where the German-American stands. The Staates-Zeitung said just what the country expected it would say. Governme Nobody who has any knowledge of the history of the United States from for anything but the most patriotic M conduct on the part of German-Americans. It is natural that they should look back fondly to the place of their birth. It is a tribute to their loyalty prosperity if it has to publish a magaand their love of country that this is Nobody can complain that they should prefer the cause of Germany to that of the Allies in the present

But when it comes to a choice between the United States and Germany, and which will be replete with news, that is a horse of an entirely different of 1812, the Mexican War and the Civil War, Germans served the nation with distinctive gallantry and bril-nounces that the "Bulletin" is design-liancy and not a few of the men who ed "to facilitate the work of the Fedwon undying fame in those conflicts eral Reserve Banks," but, judging by were either of German birth or ex-the first number, its primary purpose traction. The same will doubtless be is to convince a doubting public that

law to prevent further destruction of to the city system. Furthermore, the charge will be made with but little of One day this week, immediately after the slope had been nicely graded and the planting thereon completed by a force of park employes, an individual deliberately threw over the slope several branches of a tree which he had trimmed. This not only destroyed the planting, but constituted a serious breach of good citizenship. Any citizen who has the welfare of the city at heart should be extremely loath to do anything that will enthis sort. It ought to be the pleasure f everybody to assist the Department f Parks in its splendid work instead of discouraging what has been under-taken for the benefit of the entire population. Of course, the incident to which attention has been called may have been without the knowledge of the owner of the property, and in that

case it would seem a prompt protest by Commissioner Taylor would be all that is necessary to prevent a recurrence of the offense. An arrest or two of those deliberately responsible for a continuance of the dumping operations in spite of protest may be necessary to enforce the rules of the department. These are the parks of the people

and those who are indifferent to their care and protection must be made to feel the strong hand of the municipality.

freight rates. There is also consider-able criticism of the interpretation of public utility measures in the interest North American. lamentable and unfortunate should the old spirit of "the people be damned" again become dominant in the management of our railroad. When we A some doubt in Europe as to where foreign-born Americans of the corporations. It will be most

For a year or more the people hav

For a year or more the people have been coming around to the thought that the railroads have been suffi-ciently punished and that in punish-ing them the people themselves have been injured. It remains for the rail-road managers to avoid doing any-thing that will break down the atti-tude of fair play which describes the present feeling of the people toward the railroad interests. It is generally understood and ap-preciated now that there has been too much investigation and regulation and but it doesn't follow that the railroad managers with short-sighted visions

managers with short-sighted visions shall be permitted to return to their old and foolish practices. If they are wise, they will play the game fairly.

President Wilson in clear and unmis takable language has set forth the right takable language has set forth the right of Americans to travel on the seas without danger from those who hap-pen to be at war. In this crisis all the people are back of the Freisident and will support him in whatever conclusion seems wise under the circumstances. There is no disposition on the part of There is no disposition on the part of the great body of our citizens to en-gage in war. All regard with horror the butchery which is now despoiling and destroying the nations of Europe. But, should it be necessary to resort to arms to maintain the national honor. there can be no doubt that our peopl would be a unit in the support of the

PROSPERITY AT ANY PRICE ARK TWAIN tells us that the lamented Buck Fanshaw would

have peace if he had to send ten men home on stretchers to get it. This the late President Lincoln. Administration is determined to create zine to convince the people prosperity is here.

Hence the newly started monthly "The Federal Reserve Bulletin," the first issue of which appeared May 1, and which is to be issued regularlyat the expense of the Governmenteditorial matter and a complete ques-In the Revolution, the War 2, the Mexican War and the The Federal Reserve Board an- to

onvenience to anyone. EDITORIAL COMMENT

Gifford Pinchot has been ordered to leigium. Apparently there is no haven f rest for Bull Moose on this globe.-Brooklyn Times.

The Duke of Orleans complains be-cause he can't enlist in any fighting army. Has he sent his application down to Mexico?—Chicago Post. the city at neart should be excluded the first should be excluded to anything that will en-loath to do anything that will en-courage mischievous tendencies of this sort. It ought to be the pleasure war grows.—Wall Street Journal. It is insisted by the friends of Theo-dore Burton that he is a Presidential possibility, notwithstanding the handi-cap of his first name.—Kansas City Journal up every now and then and who cap of Journal. have to ask questions. Half a dozen

Startling revelation before the dustrial commission-the Pullman porters eke out their living with tips! What can we do about this amazing state of affairs?--Chicago Daily'News. Elbert Hubard suggests that the reat Powers of the world "agree to tain per capita, say to that which the United States possesses." In that cas here might be trouble in the cas

Fortunately for Mr. Barnes, of New York, he doesn't need that \$50,000. -Boston Transcript. Why not give Huerta a grandstand seat along the border and let him enjoy himself?—Baltimore American.

"I do not repent of anything I ever have done," says Huerta. Another ob for Billy Sunday. — New York "elegraph have Telegraph.

A TIME TO HESITATE THERE is disposition here and there throughout the country to curb the evident tendency of failroad corporations to boost their freight rates. There is also consider

When we get a "favorable" trade balance through a decrease in imports, who is favored?—Wall Street Journal.

WILSON AND TAFT

Although the Senate did not support him, Mr. Taft did more than any other responsible statesman in the world to substitute arbitration for war, and his proposal of a Peace League of Nations is entitled to serious consideration. There is no prospect in the immediate future of anything of this sort being realized, but this war will leave the entire world eager for any means of avoiding hostilitles, and the proposal is something definite to work for.— Philadelphia Record.

AN EVENING THOUGHT

I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread.—Psalms 37:25.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph of May 15, 1865.; Change Place For Mustering Out It is understood in official military circles in this city that plans are under way to have the place for mustering out Pennsylvania troops changed from Camp Curtin to some point in Cumber-land county.

Ask For Memorial Trees Superintendent of

Adopt Resolutions The Union League, of this city, met last night and adopted eight resolu-tions denouncing the work of the as-sassinators of President Lincoln-prais-ing his wisdom while in office, calling for the severe punishment of the men who were implicated in the murder, and offering to support President Johnson.

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR From the Telegraph of May 15, 1865.] Governor Brown Captured New York, May 15. — Dispatches re-elved here report the capture of Gov-rnor Brown, of Georgia. He was taken

Smith and Magruder May Leave Washington, May 15. — It is believ in military circles here that Kir Smith and Jack Magruder will h out as long as possible and then less for Mexico or Havana.

NOMINATION NEXT to figure out what to do about the observance of Memorial Day and Independence Day, both of which fall Legislators Are Among Those on Sunday this year. Every six or seven years, when this coincidence or whatever it may be called comes Mentioned For the Place to Be around, businessmen ask questions about the day to observe. When **Filled** in Next Year Christmas comes on Sunday, Monday is generally selected as the day to BALDWIN MAY ENTER, TOO celebrate. This often happens when the other holidays fall on Sunday, but there are some people who get mixed

AUDITOR GENERAL

Legislators Looking Up Their Bills; Personal Gossip of the **Closing Session**

have to ask questions. Half a dozen men spoken to yesierday said that they did not know what they would do. The banks will observe Monday. Some of the business people say that they will observe Saturday, as it is a half-holiday anyway. The chances are that there will be a preparation for the holiday on Saturday, religious observance on Sunday and a real holiday on Monday.

for the holiday on Saturday, religious observance on Sunday and a real holiday on Monday. John Birkinbine, the chief engineer of the State Water Supply Commis-sion, who died yesterday, began his distinguished career in this city. His father was the engineer who built the Harrisburg city waterworks before the Civil War and Mr. Birkinbine was a member of the corps of engi-ners in charge of the work. He per-sonally supervised some of the con-struction and installation and made friends who welcomed him back to the city when he became the head of the king who welcomed him back to the key who he became the head of the important commission in charge of the water resources of the State. He was a man of high attainments and wide reputation. He was one of the keenest admirers of Pennsyl-vania and he often declared that the susquehanna was one of the most beautiful of rivers. The big beds of hyacinths in Capi-

Pennsylvania's woods appear to be full of candidates for Auditor Gen-eral. The office is to be filled at the election next year and the man to be elected will succeed. A. W. Powell in Max, 1917. A successor will also be elected to State Treasurer R. K. Young at the same time, but this of-fice is not attracting as much atten-tion as the auditor generalship. Both offices carry salaries of \$3,000 with some trimmings. James F. Woodward, of McKees-port, chairman of the House appro-priations committee, has been men-tioned for both places. Senator C. A. Snyder, of Pottsville, will be an out-and-out candidate for the Republican nomination and his friends are al-ready getting busy in his behalf. Con-gressman E. R. Kiess, of Lycoming, is also being spoken of in connection with the office to which he aspired some years ago, and there is also talk of ex-Auditor General A. E. Sisson, of Erie, being boomed for the place which he filled so well and where he made a record in receipts and in handling corporation taxation that has never been equaled. Representative Richard J. Baldwin, of Delaware, one of the veteran members of the Legislature, will be boosted for the Republican nomina-tion by Delaware county and many men prominent in eastern counties will line up for him. Baldwin is known to many people all over the State and would make a strong cam-paigner. President pro tem. Charles H. Deautiful of rivers. The big beds of hyacinths in Capi-tol Park got a new name yesterday afternoon when a couple of young-sters came along with their mother. They had been feeding the squirrels and pigeons and their attention was attracted by men engaged in taking out the plants and preparing the beds for the later flowers. Finally, one of the kids could restrain himself no longer and cried: "Mother, look at the man digging onions."

President pro tem. Charles H. President pro tem. Charles H. Kline, of Allegheny, is another legis-lator who is being talked of for the nomination.

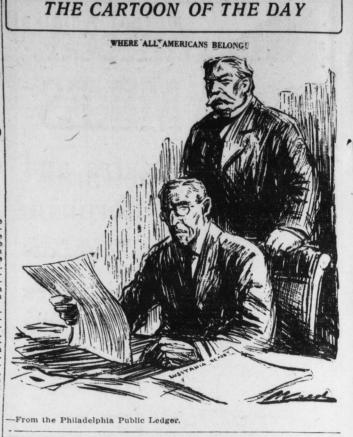
Just as an instance of the detail work that the State's highest officials

work that the State's highest officials must do, it may be mentioned that at the meeting of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings on Thursday, the Governor, Auditor General and State Treasurer were called upon to decide whether to sell an old horse belonging to the Commonwealth and to discuss some tenders for some dis-carded furniture. The act of a few years ago, which was designed 40 save the board the necessity of acting on such detail, appears to have made matters worse.

on such detail, appears to have made matters worse. It is probable that the State Fede-ration of Labor will meet here two years hence, as many of the members are favorable to meeting here when the legislature is in session. This is the plan pursued by the agricultural organizations and enables the men to get into touch with the lawmak-ers.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

mentioned for the Public Service Com-mission, is one of the well-known ora-tors of the State bar. —Col. Samuel Moody, of the Penn-sylvania railroad, has changed the names of the North Side station in Pittsburgh to Allegheny. —A. 8, McGregor is in charge of the erection of the new Mines building at Pittsburgh. —John O. Sheatz, former State treasurer, has gone to Mexico on a business trip.



ATest for the American People Are We Great Enough to Subdue Our Passions in the Lusitania Emergency?

By GEORGE W. KIRCHWEY Kent Professor of Law, Columbia University

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written after every crisis the country it is folly for the people to consider shall be called upon to face. shall be called upon to face. The vanished bank accounts, lack of German-American has no cause to be work, or the high cost of living, beashamed of his past and he faces the cause future bravely and patriotically.

THE FULL CREW REPEALER

IN consideration of the bill to repeal the full crew act now in his hands, Governor Brumbaugh is confronted

by arguments for and against which WHILE City Commissioner Harry will doubtless have his best thought. F. Bowman's plan to lower the The fundamental question is not the pleasing of one side or the other. and whether its repeal will involve insistent and each will urge that the other is in error

Railroad officials and others declare that the law is a hardship and burdensome to the railroad companies: railroad employes as vigorously maintain that the provisions of the law are necessary to the proper handling of the trains. Governor Brumbaugh must exercise his best judgment and determine which side is right.

PARK COMMISSIONER TAYLOR has been much has been much annoyed, and

with good reason, by the de-structive tendency of property owners here and there to utilize the River here and there to utilize the River Bank as a dumping ground for all their surplus tree trunks, branches and other forms of refues. He here the surface. Of course this will cost their surplus tree truits, branches the surface. Of course this and the and other forms of refuse. He has been extremely patient in protesting expenditure can be appreciated readily sgainst this sort of thing, but it would appear from a recent occurrence re-of the necessary valves on the mains at ported to the department that it will be necessary for him to invoke the improvement of immense importance where

the genuine, all-wool-and-ayard-wide, blown-in-the-bottle brand of the Wilson-McAdoo prosperity is here, and those who do not realize the fact have only their own stupidity to blame

TWO IMPROVEMENTS IN ONE

city's two giant water mains to pleasing of one side or the other. a point beneath the bed of Paxton What the Governor must determine, creek at State street will mean an free of all other considerations, is additional improvement for Harriswhether the Full Crew law is neces- burg's water supply system, the change sary to the proper handling of trains will serve another purpose: it will permit the closing of an awkward gap in danger to the public or decreased the concrete basin, insuring an unsafety in the operation of the railroad interrupted flow of drainage through lines in Pennsylvania. Both sides are the great gutter—in other words, the completion of one more of the municipality's public improvements.

With the exception of a compare tively small section in the vicinity of the State street bridge, the Paxton creek bed is now practically concreted from one end of the city to the other. Under the State street bridge the two 30-inch mains that carried the whole city's supply of water to and from the Reservoir had been exposed by the excavations for the creek improve-The pipes, in fact, swung in ment. the air some twenty inches from the bottom of the stream. Just what might happen should the big tubes become broken or cracked by frost or other causes is a matter of conjecture. either side of the creek will mean an



-Emerson Collins, of William ationed for the Public Service

ness trip. -E. C. Knight, Jr., of Philadelphia, -E. C. Knight, Jresident of the

DO YOU KNOW

tourists?

That this city is one of the big points of interest to automobile

een elected president of the Brook Railroad. P. Wetherill, of Phila¢elphia, turned from California.

THERE is still pending in the court of Dauphin county the question of title to the handsome house bequeathed to the Harrisburg Civic Club by the late Mrs. William R. Fleming. This beautiful home immediately adjoins the pumping station at Front and North streets and is at the present time a bower of floral beauty, the planting and shrubbery about the house being most attractive. It is the hope of the ladies of the Civic Club to make this house their headquarters and to have their committee meetings and general gatherings at this place. The outlook upon the Susquehanna River from the porches about the house is not surpassed in scenic grandeur any-where.



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