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TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 18 Happiness is not the end of life; character is.—Henry Ward Beecher.

TO THE OLD AND THE NEW THERE is to be a reunion of the members of the old bicameral councils this evening and the officials of the present municipal administration will break bread with the former city legislators. It's a fine thing for the representatives of the old system of municipal management to get together in this social way with the men who are now working out the experiment of a new plan of city government.

It may be said in all sincerity and truthfulness of the old Councils that they met public expectation in providing for many important public improvements which have been carried forward with like public spirit by their successors: that had other cities of the third class availed themselves of their opportunities under former acts of Assembly as was done by the Councils and officials of Harrisburg there would have been no clamor for the change of system which was directed by the Legislature two years ago.

DEMOCRACY VERSUS EFFICIENCY THE chief aim of the Democratic administration has been the pursuit of the principle enunciated by the premier of the administration "to find places for deserving Democrats," with reckless disregard for the efficiency of the service.

passed by Congress under this administration, a "rider" was inserted to the effect that deputy collectors of internal revenue and office deputy United States marshals "who may be required to give bond" could be appointed without reference to the civil service regulations.

Take the cases of United States district attorneys and United States marshals. Under the law they are appointed for terms of four years, and heretofore these officials have been allowed to serve out their terms without reference to change in the administration. But not so under the Democratic party.

All political differences and pride of opinion have been submerged in the patriotic desire of the people to support the President in his efforts to maintain an honorable peace with Germany. Here and there a few hot-heads are doing their utmost to precipitate trouble, but the great majority are standing firmly back of the nation's head in a trying situation.

POT AND KETTLE CHARGES GERMANLY complained bitterly when the Allies dragged into the war against them thousands of Turks, Algerians and troops from India, and resented the alignment of the Russian "barbarians" on the side of what the foes of the Fatherland chose to call "civilization."

Thousands of Armenians have fallen beneath the sword and rifle of these monsters, who find it far safer to use their guns on the Armenians at home than to venture forth in search of armed Russians. The pushing of these human beasts out of Europe will be a no more desirable result of this war than the crushing of militarism.

THE suffrage leaders of Pennsylvania are taking a wise course in their campaign for the ballot. No freak methods or militant tactics for them. They prefer to demonstrate their fitness for the vote by displaying their interest in civic enterprises.

Democrats would do well to ponder on the reference to the tariff made by Woodrow Wilson, then Governor of New Jersey, in his address to the Economic Club, of New York, Hotel Astor, May 23, 1912.

The journey of the Liberty Bell to the Pacific coast will serve to remind the country that the "new freedom" is not of the 1776 variety.

Evening Chat

Quiet as you keep it, there are a good many cattle being fattened in Pennsylvania this year, the farmers who heard of the ravages of the foot and mouth disease in some of the West last summer having determined to keep their calves instead of selling them off, and consequently cattle are to be seen on farms in Dauphin, Lebanon, York and Cumberland counties.

Among the defendants who pleaded guilty yesterday in the Dauphin County Court was an organizer of a band who had been brought from out of town on a capias. The youth, it appeared from his pretty wife's testimony, had deserted her, although phin when he left that he was going to hunt a job.

What youthful America's inventive brain will devise to support that old adage as to necessity and the mother of invention was related the other day by Charles Hardwick, a paving inspector. One of the streets in the upper end of the city, "We noticed a boy riding along on a bicycle and just as he turned the corner the front rim of the machine cracked and the wheel sagged.

That fellow got married for nothing, but it will cost him something to get the statement made by a former alderman yesterday afternoon. A young man had just handed to another alderman a fee to enter suit against his wife for a divorce. The ex-magistrate recognized the young fellow as the "best man" at a marriage he performed three years ago.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —Luther S. Dickey, a prominent Fayette county, has written a history of the Eighty-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment.

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg used to be a great shad-catchery? —Resolutions pointing with pride to the third largest city of the State and felicitating it on its approaching bicentennial were presented in the House by Mr. Ehrhardt.

Mr. Retailer, Do Your Share When the manufacturer advertises his goods in this newspaper he is creating business for you.

HOUSE MICHOL READY DEBATER

Thomas F. Is Chairman of the Committee on Elections and a Well-liked Member MANY VISITING THE SOLONS

Borough Code Will Be Distributed Through Interest Taken by Mr. McVicar

Pennsylvania's legislature rejoices in McNichol in each branch. And in each house of the people the McNichol is chairman of the committee on elections. In the Senate it is James P. and in the House it is Thomas F. McNichol.

DR. STOUGH'S COOK [From the Reading News-Times.] Outside of some deficiencies such as gambling, drinking, Sabbath desecration and the like Dr. Stough, who is at present engaged in the revival of Reading's spiritual affairs, finds this he is a booster for Reading who he discharges that cook he has brought to Reading or Berks county.

EDITORIAL COMMENT "There is not one page of international law which has not been torn up," says Dr. DeMunbrugg. Is this a boast or an expression of regret?—New York Tribune.

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BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Edgar Lee Masters, the author of "Spoon River Anthology," a much discussed volume of verse, is a lawyer at present residing in Chicago.

A TIME FOR CALMNESS [Williamsport Sun.] These influences all make the task of the President harder. Whether in fact or in appearance, when the time comes for trench duty or submarine service, at present they are as noisily numerous as the frogs about the pond.

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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY



SOLDIERS OF ALL NATIONS LOOK LONGINGLY FOR DAWN OF PEACE Phil Rader has been painting some wonderful word pictures of the European war for the Detroit News.

only rifle-barrels. The terror of No Man's Land fell away. The sound of happy voices filled the air. We were all unhumanly happy for that one glorious instant—English, Portuguese, Americans and even Nadeem, the Turk—and savages as we had been, cavened as we were, the awfulness of war had not filled the corners of our hearts.

And so a truce of an hour was arranged. But at the end of the hour the men failed to go back to their trenches. There was talk, and there were songs; more than that: "We're to have a band in our trenches to-night, and we want you to hear it," said the Germans as they bade us good-by.

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