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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 7.

Things perfected by nature are better tha those finished by art .- Cicero.

DANGER OF GRADE CROSSINGS THE accident at Hummelstown on Monday pight crossing was not properly safe-guarded and the subsequent announcement of the Public Service Commission that henceforth a watchman must be employed there at all hours, point a lessafety in their use.

town and some of them not so well. A tragedy such as that which blotted out a whole family ought not to be A tragedy such as that which blotted out a whole family ought not to be required to bring about a reform in this direction. It would seem no more than good business to employ watchmen to look after the crossings, rather

mitted for any reason to go across it fire department reports a loss of only at grade. The additional cost of a \$25 for the day, which is also unsubway for the park road should not be allowed to enter into the matter. Slowly but s We have enough grade-crossings now

It is entirely appropriate that the big cold water convention should be held at the seashore.

THE BELL'S TRIP

HILE it is easy to understand why patriotic citizens of Phila-delphia looked with disfavor upon the taking of the Liberty Bell to the San Francisco exposition, there appropriate in this journey of the famous relic across the continent. In this trip it is only fulfilling its destiny. The visit to the Pacific coast is in full properties. The visit to the Pacific coast is in f The visit to the racing to the racing the inscription, their crosses conspicuously on their is see the warrior brave with cheek throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Figuratively the Bell has been fulfilling this mission for generations, but in reality it has never journeyed farther west than Chicago. The trip San Francisco will stir 'patriotic feelings in the breasts of thousands who never before saw the Bell and to whom it has never been much more than a revered symbol

When the old Bell rang out its message of liberty in Philadelphia so many years ago, the Pacific coast appeared unreal and not much more likely of attainment than some storied land of not a job lot or two of Iron Crosses? ing the route of the farflung message it sent echoing into the vast and unknown wildernesses that were then the untrodden West, but which to-day are the abiding place of millions of

The American Government is said to be studying the effect of heavy shell fire in Europe. Certainly there should be no difficulty in finding examples.

FINANCIAL SIDELIGHTS

NE of the most interesting of the progress is that in which finanboth here and abroad are en-European conflict on the future finances of the world. American writers on business subjects are devoting much attention to the subject and the public has heard so much of "un-

these which prevailed during the camthought. Says he:

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In a sense the financial world today is passing through an era very similar to that of a little more than a century ago. The campaign of Napoleon and the battle of Waterloo were as mere skirmishes by comparison with the scope of today's world conflict, and yet the difference is pretty much a matter of the addition of ciphers to sum totals of men and money involved. Human nature remains the same, and there has been little or no change in economic principles. The problem of financing was probably as difficult then as now. The important difference, however, is that the same for instant compared to the same for meaning the commercial world being closer now than then, the operations of cause and effect will be more speedy.

If this be a true presentation, the

If this be a true presentation, then the recovery from the present whole-sale destruction of life and property and the arrest of wealth development abroad will be more rapid than most the subject would have us believe. It is not, however, so much what will happen after the war is over as how long the war will last and what will occur in the meantime that is a matter of deepest concern from an investment standpoint.

It is important that the present spirit of hesitancy so evident in New York and the other big financial centers be dissipated if the country is to enjoy anything like the prosperity and development that the present plentitude of gold and the prevailing low interest would ordinarily There is an admitted effort rate of abroad to have patriotic citizens sell their American securities and invest in emergency bonds of the countries at nating influences? This is not meeting with the ss desired because there is a

marked tendency on the part of Europeans to hold on to the one tangible, immediately convertible asset left peans to hold on to the one tangible, immediately convertible asset left them. With such a view abroad it is difficult to understand why an American investor should longer hesitate to invest in the remarkably strong list of American bonds now quoted at prices below what they could be purchased

Whatever the outcome of the war. the financial ascendency of the United States appears to be secure. We alone of all the peoples of the world son as to the danger of grade-crossings in general and the necessity of
richer and happier because of it ings in general and the necessity of giving the public some assurance of safety in their use. There are other crossings in the because we are both peaceful and prosvicinity of Harrisburg that are no better guarded than that at Hummelsbe good.'

than to run the risk of paying out
thousands of dollars in damages for
the loss of life and property.

Also, there is argument in this

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sane" Fourth of July celebra-Also, there is argument in this Hummelstown accident against a grade-crossing at the point where it is proposed the Harrisburg parkway shall cross the tracks of the Reading near Paxtang. No pleasure drive that can be taken over a railroad by bridge or under it by subway should be permitted for any reason to go across it for department reports a loss of only

Slowly but surely the public is coming to understand that the snuffing out without creating any new ones. Every of innocent lives and the destruction one of them is a potential deathrap on of innocent lives and the destruction of property are not essential to an and while it is not reasonable to ask the railroads to remove them all at once the policy of the past few years, which has been distinctly in favor of getting rid of the crossings wherever possible, should be encouraged.

To innocent lives and the destruction of property are not essential to an enthusiastic display of patriotic fervor. Dop and sizzle here and there for a few more years and then go out, to remain out for all time. Everybody is the better for the change.

There appears in another column a letter from a man who believes he is the oldest reader of the Telegraph. Now watch the crop of "oldest readers"

IRON CROSSES

them have been well earned. One photograph shows the German emphotograph shows the German emperor walking down the aisle of a hospital ward with a handful of Iron Crosses carried as a child might his favorite toys. Which gives rise to the favorite toys. Which gives rise to the thought that some American manufacturer may yet be called upon to bid on a consignment of Iron Crosses for the imperial government. Judging from their number, there ought to be good profit in the business. We have made idols for China and Japan, totem poles for Alaska, plaster of Paris gods for the South Sea Islanders, so why

CURIOUS CONTRADICTIONS

CURIOUSLY contradictory state-ments appear in the columns of to-day's newspapers with relation Americans who love devoutly the old Bell and all it stands for. The journey that he would reduce passenger fares to 1 cent a mile, lower for commuters, Liberty! the Bell will ever take, but it is well and advance freight charges in general 20 per cent. Thereby, he believes, he would insure permanent prosperity for the railroads, and therefore for the country at large, and at the same time relieve the traveling public of the direct burden of heavy passenger fares by transferring it to the indirect form of tax levied through increased freight many war discussions now in rates, where Mr. Underwood believes

the strain would be less keenly felt. In the same issues there appears a gaged concerning the effects of the dispatch form Chicago expressing the Association that passenger fares are too low and giving notice of a request

for an increase. Who is right, or are both? Mr. paralleled conditions' and the "en-tirely new situation presented" that Underwood is one of the most practical the opinion of a well-known Pitts-burgh writer, who sees in present con-ciation of half-baked opinions or the ditions merely an enlargement of support of unworkable theories. Doubt-

less his solution of the railroad rate paign that led up to the fall of Na-poleon and immediately following, that the Western Passenger Associa-comes as a refreshing and interesting tion asks for an increase in fares will variation of the general current of cause some comment. It is to be hoped Such a discussion would be both interesting and instructive.

THE FRONT STEPS

IF anybody doubts the popularity of the promenade along the top of Harrisburg's "Front Steps" on the river wall, let him take a walk there on any Sunday or holiday. Monday the concrete strip was thronged from one end of the city to the other all day and hundreds of people spent the evening there enjoying the breezes, the sun-set and afterward the fireworks displays of 'cross river towns.

This promenade promises to become the greatest municipal attraction the city has. That it serves also a practical purpose as a wall to protect the city's great intercepting sewer is only another demonstration of the wisdom of those who have been back of the public improvement work in this city during the past fifteen years or more.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

-For a peace advocate Colonel Bryan certainly does love a scrap.

-Holt said he is a mixture of Ger-man and French, but he didn't say it boastingly.

—The man who has been heard to wish he was Pierpont Morgan has been silent the past few days.

ball with a nine from Sing Sing. We thought Warden Osborne intended to keep his prisoners free from contami-

-One-term planks are beginning to

THE Iron Cross has become almost as common in the German army as the shoulder straps of a general in any of the Mexican mobs that are now masquerading under that

Liberty!

Was it but yesterday I rang the news Was it but yesterday I rang the news of liberty?
To-day with afar greater throng, I'm wildly, frantically swept along. I know I'm old. I feel it in the crack, The crack, my clapper tongue made in my back
Upon the yesterday when I rang liberty. That yesterday was years

ago!
It must have been, for this I know:
The throngs to-day who homage pay,
Are different from the throngs of yes-

For as afar I travel in my car I see the wondrous changes which there are! My land has moved—my land has gained

Was it but yesterday I gladly rang the news of Liberty?
If it were but yesterday—what of today?
And what of the to-morrows till I pass away?
Oh, yes, I'm growing old. I see the throng

throng
Shake each head and say so as I pass My face the sun did partly cook Shake each nead and say so as I pass along!

I'm growing old. But as I sit here in my car, my car, and say so as I pass along!

Enough to give a healthy look, Folks said to me to-day: Dear Wing, You've never looked so well, by jing." my car, And watch the children gather near

and far
To greet me and to call me Friend,
I know that though I soon must reach
my end—
(This worn old body which they know
as I)

And at the office the big boss,
Who gave my face the "once across,"
Said: "Wing, if such a healthy hue
You get in just a day or two—

"You've no except

(This worn old body which they know as I)

The thing I've stood for all these years—e'en though I die—
The soul of me—that sang that time in Independence Square
Will live and hover always—every—where—

True think will be enough for you."

And so hereafter when I get the day off, you can safely bet

Liberty! __Edna Groff Diehl.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

It is estimated at the Capitol that blank nominating petitions have been taken out in the interest of almost forty prospective aspirants for nominations for the Superior Court. How many of these are likely to file papers no one can tell, but the number of applicants for the petition forms has attracted attention of the State officials. In a number of instances men have written for blanks for themselves, but in most cases committees have handled the matter. Some of these committees may be working in the interest of the same candidate. However the indications are good for a big field of candidates for the time for filing the papers does not expire for about six weeks and no one has entered papers for the Superior Court. Only two candidates for district common pleas courts have filed.

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William H. Swank has been elected assistant school superintendent of Delaware county. He has a number of friends in this city.

Thomas A. Crichton, cashier of the State Treasury, who is a candidate for judicial nomination in Tloga county, is back at the Capitol after getting his campaign started. Mr. Crichton is in a good position in the contest and his friends say he is going to be a nominee beyond all doubt.

County Commissioner John H. Eby's decision to run again for county commissioner is being read with interest in many parts of the county because his backers loudly proclaimed four years ago that he would never, no never, consent to stand for re-election. Anyway, he is not renominated yet.

The State Grange committee is buzzing around again on a highway department bill. They prepared a bill for the recent session, but it was not taken seriously because it savored too much of "Farmer" Creasy. It will be remodeled.

The Superior Court nomination

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IBoston Journal.]

Importers with a genuine grievance called on Secretary Lansing in Washington on Saturday. After their interview they stated that the secretary "had expressed a determination on the part of the President and himself to do all in their power to aid the importers in securing the right to which they are entitled under the laws of nations and by treaty obligations."

That is not a sensational revelation, but it is a timely assurance and should be backed up promptly and consistently by the force of public opinion. There are those Americans who obviously take the ground that the United States should hold Germany to strict accountability for every violaall the other waitstrict accountability for every viola-tion of international law, treaty rights

A POOR PLAN By Wing Dinger

I doubt the wisdom of the plan

A day off, you can safely bet I'll come home looking pale and "pore And maybe I'll get three weeks more.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

A CROWN OF THORNS



A STUDY OF AMERICA'S WILD FLOWERS

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ers combined.

PENNSYLVANIA'S SHAME [New York Sun.]

It must shock and humiliate the friends of the University of Pennsylvania to learn that its rolls are sullied by the names of alumni so ignorant that they are unable to comtion of international law, treaty rights and the code of humanity, but that as friends of Great Britain, we should permit her to nullify our rights and make amends in her own way at her own convenience.

This country's vital and inalienable rights must be respected by all the nations at war. She has no allies, and she will not play favorites.

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"Freedom of speech should not be used to cloak experimental ideas imparted under guise of instruction to persons not possessed of the critical faculty."

"Freedom of speech does not justify intemperate, persistent and astonishing expressions of untested theories."

Among all who have ben educated to the proper appreciation of the theory that freedom of speech means the bawling of pernicious doctrines in violent and vulgar words, at all times in all places, how benighted the proponents of these revolutionary opinions are will be immediately apparent. They bring shame to the university and sorrow to all enlightened men; and they will never be permitted to matriculate at the Nearing School for Noisy Talk.

Father Penn, he sure will miss you, he has guarded you so well.
Did you hear his admonition, Bring back that dear, old Bell,
Let the people of all nations see that historic Bell
That once proclaimed our Freedom o'er valleys, hills and dell.

Plant on that dear old relic the Flag that made us Free. That floats to-day so proudly, far out o'er land and sea. It guards the bold mariner, wherever he may roam. Whether in a foreign land or in his peaceful home.

chants.

It is the time the stores get ready for inventory and prepare to clear out broken lots.

It is the merchant's time for planning Fall business. And so special values are frequently offered to the public. This fact makes newspaper advertising in July so full of interest.

One may pick up the paper any time and find that it is offering just the things they need at prices much less than they expected to pay.

Ebening Chat

Gen. H. S. Heidekoper, the Philadelphia veteran who was here a few days ago, tells a pathetic story about the great memorial which Pennsylvania erected to her valiant sons who fought at Gettysburg. One of the features of this memorial which brings it home to everyone is the fact that the tablets contain the name of every soldier of a Pennsylvania regiment in the battle. Not long ago the general was at the battlefield looking after some repairs to the memorial when he met an aged man and his wife. The man was blind and asked the way to the memorial. The general escorted him and then the blind man said that he wanted to be sure his name was there. He gave the name and the regiment and the general found it for him. With trembling fingers the blind man felt the letters. By the sense of feeling he spelled his name. "I knew it would be there. I knew it. I knew it," he cried and then with tears streaming down his cheeks he put his arms about his wife and was led away.

One of the many incidents with a heart throb in them when the Liberty Bell was here was witnessed by Samuel B. Rambo, superintendent of the State Capitol. Mr. Rambo was standing on the car when a woman well on in years, apparently of foreign birth and with a rather sorrewful expression, edged her way close to the car. Taking off her wedding ring she handed it up with a plea to Mr. Rambo did so, wondering why she had asked. The woman was all smiles in an instant and receiving back her ring, put it on in a hurry and rapidly worked her way out of the crowd.

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During Steelton's Independence Day celebration two of the borough's enterprising merchants combined in a unique scheme to advertise their wares. One is a baker; the other, a butcher. Both decided to place floats in the big street parade to exploit their wares. The one decided he'd give out little rolls as a sample of his baking; the other thought small frank-furters would be the best things with which to get advertising. Some one suggested that they get together and give a sample of their wares from the same wagon. So they gave away "hot doggie" sandwiches.

Over on ex-Senator John E. Fox's

—General E. Dev. Morrell will go to New England this summer. —Thomas C. Seidle, well known Reading man, is in politics again and talked of for an office.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg could have bought "Hardscrabble" for \$40,-000 years ago?

Letter List

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN the Post Office, at Harrisburg, Pa., for the week ending July 2, 1915.

Letter List Miss Clara Barton, Mrs. Berths Burker, Miss Margaret Coleman, S. Augusta Flory, Miss Edna Foreman, Mrs. E. Hopple, Mrs. W. Scott Hummel, Miss Eleanor R. Larrison, Mrs. Mary Leightner, Mrs. Jenie J. Miller, Mrs. E. Phillips (2), Miss Amelle Russell, Mrs. Alice Right Mrs. Seeker Mrs. Tom Vance Mrs. F., B. Wilson.

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CIVIC CLUB Fly Contest June 1 to July 31

5 Cents a Pint Prizes of \$5, \$2.50 and several \$1,00 ones duplicated by Mr. Ben Stroug