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WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 1
Thought is the soul of action.
Browning.

DEMOCRATIC JANGLING
The sweet bells of Democratic harmony are jangling sadly out of tune. The announcement that F. B. Lynch, Democratic national committeeman from Minnesota, is the Wilson choice for national chairman is immediately followed by the positive declaration of Chairman W. F. McCombs and his friends that he will decline to give up the job.

WAR ORDERS
We have been so busy recording the receipt of war orders of gigantic proportions that we have failed, almost, to note the declination of similar orders to the amount of about \$150,000,000 by manufacturers who could not make the production and sale of death-dealing instruments harmonize with their views of peace.

CHASIN' BRER FOX
CHASING the Russian army across plains of Muscovy," observes the Baltimore American, "seems almost as easy as chasin' Brer Fox down the long stretch of the East'n Shore."

THE GERMAN HOBBLE
THE German Government isn't at all afraid of the devastating effect of the hobble skirt on the male portion of its population, having ordered dressmakers to stick to that model as a means of conserving the fast diminishing supply of garment-making material.

INTEREST IN PREPAREDNESS
PENNSYLVANIA mustered a total of 10,500 officers and enlisted men at the annual encampments this year, the largest number in the history of the State Guard. This disproves the old idea that the National Guard was designed for fair weather only and would shrink in membership with the prospect of actual service.

GOOD PUBLICITY MATERIAL
WHENEVER a public speaker lacks a genuinely instructive topic or desires a little newspaper publicity he solemnly tells his audience that "the human race is degenerating," thereby making timid eyes among his hearers gasp and examine themselves for "symptoms" and at the same time setting the pencils of sensation hunting reporters to scribbling. It is a fine old standby; a never-failing life-preserver when the ship of oratorical ability busts a shaft and goes careening towards the rocks.

and small the country over. It is a good indication when large financial interests stand ready to make their sacrifices along with the private citizen for the benefit of the country as a whole.

TOO MANY ROBBERIES
THERE have been entirely too many robberies in Harrisburg in recent months and entirely too few convictions of the guilty persons. There is a fault in our police system somewhere. Probably it is in the lack of patrolmen. Chief Hutchison repeatedly has reported to council the inadequacy of his present force. It is true, as he has said, that the city is growing much more rapidly than the membership of the police department.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE
-We don't mind the frost on the pumpkin, but we do object seriously to it on the watermelon.

WIPING OUT ARMY POSTS
IT required a hurricane down Texas to wipe out one of the 176 little army posts in which our tiny Regular Army is stationed over the land. We timidly suggest that a few more such storms might be not unprofitable to the nation at large, however disastrous they might be to the localities immediately adjacent to the military stations.

EDITORIAL COMMENT
The peace-at-any-price movement is making alarming headway. The peace-at-any-price movement is making alarming headway. The peace-at-any-price movement is making alarming headway.

BETTER NATIONAL DEFENSE
We are naturally and instinctively against militarism. We are opposed to having our sons taught the trade of soldiering. We do not like the endless and inevitable wars of a big standing army. We are for peace, not at any price, but at any reasonable price.

THE CONQUEST OF TETANUS
"NO tetanus this Fourth of July" is the slogan of the United States Public Health Service. It is within the power of the Army and Navy to bring this desirable condition to pass. In 1903 there were 417 Fourth of July victims of tetanus in the United States.

THE WET TOWN PASSES
[Critic.] News-Telegraph.
The crowd in the city on a recent public holiday came from all directions. They came from within twenty miles of Des Moines; they came from within fifteen miles of Council Bluffs; and many came from the circus.

TO DAN CUPID
Dear Dan-Where are you nowadays?
We use the word "sportive ways," when with your part you give a little bow. You took pot-shots at high and low!

TWO LITTLE PIGS MILKED THE COWS
The following is taken from the current issue of Farm Progress:
"Two little pigs were milking the cows. They were falling off in their milk supply for several days, and it was found that the pigs were a little rascally pig were caught in the act of milking them. When the cows were taken care of, the pigs were without abating their minds in the least, and after they had been photographed they were taken away from the cows with sticks."

THE VALUE OF WISDOM
Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established; such is knowledge, making the chambers be filled with all precious and desirable riches. -Proverbs xxiv, 3 and 4.

Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committeeman

The Philadelphia majority situation, the most important to the Republicans in the whole State, appears to be clearing up. Thomas B. Smith, former postmaster, now a Public Service Commissioner, filed a nominating petition and announced his candidacy. So did Commissioner John Monaghan, Congressman Vare has not yet taken down his papers, but it is now generally believed that harmony has been effected.

Our idea of the best joke of the season is Georgia's motto—"Wisdom, justice, moderation."
-The warriors of the gridiron are getting ready to push the European generals over on the second page.

From all accounts the second registration day in the third class cities was very much of an average. The registration except for the pronounced return to the party movement was uneventful and the Republican registration appeared to predominate generally.

HIGHER COST OF GOVERNMENT
[Bulletin from the Pittsburgh Dispatch.]
A bulletin just issued by the Census Bureau, showing the increasing cost of government, national, State, county and municipal, during the decade 1905-13, is startling in its percentages.

NO BIG TEXTILE MAN, OF COURSE
[From Fibre and Fabric.]
Probably because textiles are likely to be one of the most important items in South American trade with the United States, the American Trade Commission has appointed to the commission to study the development of Pan-American trade in textiles.

THE MAIN MATTER.
Your wife seems busy these days.
Yes; she is to address a woman's club.
Ah, working on her address.
No; on her dress.

ACROSS THE COUNTRY
This afternoon I will attend the special demonstration of the Bell Telephone Company.
When clear across the nation the Governor of this good old State will send a word of greeting to many local citizens.
Who will attend the meeting.
From San Francisco land, at noon, He'll talk, and it's been reckoned that for his voice to reach our ears 'twill take one-fifteen-second.

BEFORE AND AFTER
Imports entered at thirteen principal customs districts of the United States for the week ending August 7, 1915, were valued at \$24,294,000, duty collected thereon \$3,432,000, an average ad valorem duty of 10 per cent, compared with an annual average ad valorem of 17.6 per cent, under Republican law.

SECOND FLY CONTEST
of the Civic Club for 1915.
August 1st to September 26th.
Five cents a pint for all flies, and many prizes in gold.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY
THE AWAKENING OF RIP VAN WINKLE



From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

COTTON AND POWDER

By Frederic J. Haskin

That snowy lint of the southern cotton fields has been busy of late in the precipitation of international complications because, innocent as it appears, it has but to be treated with a little nitrate when it becomes the best gunpowder that the world can produce.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY
Patriotism is still a vital force, in spite of the contrary belief of glooms. Witness the recent canoe carnival held near Lancaster in which various martial scenes were represented.

DO YOU KNOW
That Harrisburg is making appliances for Panama canal repairs?
Historic Harrisburg
John Harris secured the ferry right in 1753.

OUR DAILY LAUGH
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COAL FROM THE ARCTIC
[From the Chicago Journal.]
A few years ago the idea of getting coal from Spitzbergen, one of the most desolate islands of the Arctic Ocean, was a topic for romancers. Now it is a fact of considerable moment in many of the world's markets.

Put Newspapers First
"Results are obtained by quality first and then the use of the daily newspapers."
This is the explanation given by a large producer of a food product for the success of his brand.
It is a brand known and sold by name the continent over.
The man behind it has tried every variety of advertising plan there ever was, and has given up about everything except newspapers.

Construction of the dormitory at the Harrisburg Academy is stimulating interest in the school on the part of the alumni and it is being manifested in a manner that will not only enhance sentimental regard for the Academy, but also perpetuate the names of those who have been prominent among its students in an appropriate honor the plan of the alumni, contributions are being gathered for furnishing the dormitory on the room plan. The cost of equipping a room has been worked out and donations covering the cost are being made. It is the idea to place on the door of each room the brass plate giving the name of the donor of the furnishings fund.

The cool evenings of the last days of August started an early boom in the buying of Fall clothing such as underwear, top shoes, light overcoats and so on, according to merchants in the central part of the city. In one sporting goods store the swimming suit and the canoe equipment already have given way to the football and the heavy sweater. Nearly all the haberdasheries are showing the latest Fall neckwear, hosiery, sweaters and hat stores are displaying the latest models. In the women's suits sections of the department stores crowds of equipping buyers can be seen looking over the new shades and cuts at almost any time during the day, and as for women's hats—they've been coming in proper thing for the last three weeks.

Members of the Millersburg Motor Club who were in Harrisburg to-day on their way to Hershys for their annual picnic are among the most aggressive motorists in the State. On Good Roads Day they were out by the dozen in the manufacture of motor wives and sweethearts joined in providing them with lunch along the roads where they were at work. They are very much interested and are co-operating with the Motor Club of Harrisburg in an effort to procure right of way for a State highway along the bed of the old canal along the base of the mountain between Millersburg and Dauphin. They will also join next session in an endeavor to have the Legislature appropriate money for the erection of a bridge across the Susquehanna at the upper end of the county.

Well drillers are drilling a couple of wells in the Allison Hill section of the city and in the Lykens Valley and recently in spite of the excellent water wells are by no means out of use in the city. Probably half a dozen wells have been drilled in Harrisburg in the last two years. One of the wells in use is right in the central part of the city, having been drilled in the yard of the Commonwealth Hotel about twenty years since.

Inquiry at the Capitol fails to show that there is anything like the wholesale business of the city and iron policemen for steel works and coal mines and similar plants just now that many people believe. Even the Erie Dispatch, which is a center of war order activity, has not materially added to its guarding force. Less than a dozen men have been commissioned for that company by the State in the last two months. In that time ten men have been commissioned of railroads or manufacturing companies in Dauphin county.

Attorney General Brown is looking forward to his annual hunting trip this Fall, feeling that he earned it during the last year's activity.
Mayor Jermyn, of Scranton, is said to have Washington ambitions.
Dr. Henry S. Drinker, president of the A. S. D. A., is a warm advocate of national preparedness.
Dr. R. M. Russel, president of Westminster College, is to be given a reception when he leaves to enter work at Chicago.

Howard Aughtonbaugh, of Rouzerville, caused a double toll of a pig at the fortieth anniversary celebration of Pen Mar Park after a whirl of the pig in the water. "Chambersburg Valley Spirit."

AGERSTOWN is very much disturbed by the probable presence of a leper in its midst. A wild man, believed to be a leper, was taken to a nearby town and held in custody, says the Daily Mail. Harrisburg's most recent experience with leprosy dates back to 1901, when a Chinese leper, incarcerated in an isolated house outside the city, was confined in a building where the efforts of a Christian worker in the city.