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FRIDAY EVENING, OCT. 8.

Shun the habit of "putting off" as you would a temptation to crime.—Orison Swett Marden.

THE NEW MEAT LAW

IF the health authorities are really serious in their announced intention of putting into full effect the provisions of the new meat hygiene law forbidding the exposing of meat to flies and to promiscuous handling, there is plenty of work cut out for them right here in Harrisburg.

The manner in which meats are exposed to contamination in the market houses of Harrisburg is a scandal and a shame. Not only meats, but all manner of foods. Only a semblance of an effort is made to keep the flies from them and the cuts are so displayed as to tempt prospective customers to handle them.

There is absolutely no excuse for this. The practice is not only filthy, but dangerous to public health. The dealers know this and so do their patrons, but the butchers have gone on selling and the public continues to buy—that is, a majority of the public does, for there is a fastidious minority that refuses to have anything to do with meats that have been subjected to such exposure.

The fact that people tolerate an evil does not mitigate it. The State officials will find the people far from complaining if suits are brought in Harrisburg.

A powerful cry is heard from New York State to "deepen the Hudson River Channel," and in support of this cry the Knickerbocker Press has issued a big Hudson Ship Channel and National Waterways Development edition setting forth the views of Governor Whitman, former Governor Glynn, Peter J. Ten Eyck and many other leaders in the State, all strongly advocating direct and effective measures to carry out the project.

Men who have interested themselves in the proposition claim that to increase the depth of the river from Hudson to the new dam at Troy from twelve to twenty-seven feet (the river being sufficiently deep from New York to Hudson), thus bringing the ocean to one end of the Erie Canal, would be to accomplish a feat of national importance in its results, and would make Albany, Troy and other cities along the river inland seaports as great or greater than Antwerp and Hamburg in Europe.

Our exports of the staple merchandise which we hope to sell under normal conditions after war are smaller by a large percentage in practically everything except war orders, and we are losing our export trade much faster to the neutral countries than to the belligerent ones.

Senator Lewis of Illinois, journeyed to New Jersey the other day to address a mass meeting of Democrats. His subject, according to the newspapers, was a defense of the President's foreign policies. But no newspaper that we have seen records the Senator as having said what those policies are.

THE EDUCATIONAL "MOVIES" The "movies" display distinct signs of becoming the educational influence in the community so much to be desired and apparently so far from realization only a few years ago. It has not been so long since the best moving picture theater had to offer was a blood and thunder play with a thrill in every line or a knock-down-and-drag-out type of comedy that would have put to shame any barnstorming company of ham-actors that ever tramped the ties.

THE PROPER COURSE NOTHING that the City Health Department has done in all its long crusade against the dirty milk dealer is more commendable than the action taken by the bureau this week ordering the revocation of the license of one dealer until he meets all requirements of the city's ordinances.

Colored Bishop Here The Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton, president of the rectors of the American and British Commissions, will speak in this city to-morrow evening to the members of Garnet Lodge in the colored church on South street.

This end. First, an educated public mind; second, competition, and third, the censor. The moving picture producers have nothing good to say of the censor, and doubtless they have been responsible for some unnecessary hardships, but the producers must not forget that they themselves were responsible for the censorship laws. Had they not attempted to put before the people films of worse than questionable character nobody would have thought of censorship.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE The new censorship rules are apparently designed to keep the "movie" men moving. The King of Greece knows what the poet meant when he wrote, "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

EDITORIAL COMMENT Cloth-topped boots for women are said by style experts to be responsible for the present abbreviated skirts. Still, we have noticed a number of cloth-topped boots for men without seeing any signs of knee-length trousers coming into fashion. — Boston Post.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Ex-Governor John K. Tener, who has been several times mentioned as a possible candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator next year and who has been talked of considerably since State Chairman William E. Crow declared he would not run, has thus far declined to indicate his attitude.

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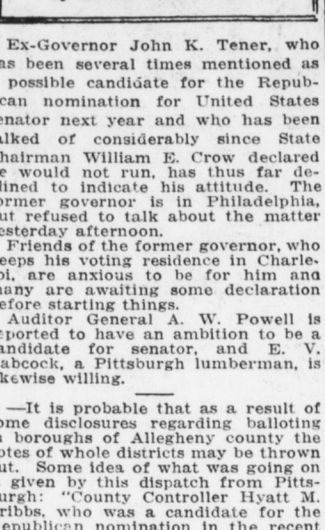
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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

"DARWIN WAS RIGHT!"



—From the Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

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Evening Chat

The average man probably does not know that there is a tree in Market Square. It is true that it is not a very large tree and is not much to see in that big expanse of asphalt and brick pavements.

Probably a dozen men were poking about in the rubbish thrown into Fourth street yesterday from the ruins of the houses destroyed by fire along Fourth street near Chestnut last month. The men appeared to have something on their mind, although it would be hard to say if they succeeded in finding the something in the blackened debris.

Here is an interesting bit of news from Pittsburgh about a State game commissioner, big game hunter, public-spirited man and all-round good citizen. It is taken from a dispatch which came yesterday from even saying: "Received payment in full of the above account, through the enjoyment and benefit derived by the children of the city through the use of Carrick Park. This notation across the face of a bill calling for \$3,158.75 was written by John M. Phillips, private citizen of Carrick, when he was asked to present his bill for services rendered by the borough council last night."

The Hessian fly and the white grub worm which have made themselves a capital out of the vicinity of the city the last six months have a corollary in the annoyance line in the shape of the starling, whose single short note has been heard in a good many fields in the past few weeks. The starling, which is a cousin to the sparrow, has all of the bad traits of the pugnacious little brown bird combined with an industry in digging up seeds in the garden fields and gardens that the little English terror lacks. The starling looks something like a blackbird, commonly gathering in flocks and sometimes singing in a noisy manner. Observation will be made here this winter as it will be about the first in which it has been in this neighborhood since the war.

Farmers who have come to the city the last week or so say that the weather has not affected the chestnut crop and that the estimate of a fortnight ago in digging up seeds and in garden fields and gardens that the little English terror lacks. The starling looks something like a blackbird, commonly gathering in flocks and sometimes singing in a noisy manner. Observation will be made here this winter as it will be about the first in which it has been in this neighborhood since the war.

C. S. Belsterling, of New York, who has been here arguing the slag rate case before the Public Service Commission, returned to the city from Albany of the State. He is one of the legal mainstays of the Steel Corporation.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE Bishop Earl Cranston is presiding at the Methodist conference in Pittsburgh. J. D. Hicks, who welcomed the Governor's party at Altoona, is a former congressman. J. G. Campbell, of Chester, is president of the reorganized Kent Manufacturing Company. Otto Mallory, prominent Philadelphiaian, has returned from the White Mountains.

ALBERT ROSENTHAL, who painted the portraits of state justices, is painting the portrait of Justice Pitney, of the United States Supreme Court.

DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg has been noted throughout the country for engines? HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first almshouse was built in 1802. A WAR TERM [Engineering and Mining Journal.] The word "terrain" is frequently being used in the war news of today, and, although a foreign military word, it is becoming common in civilian use, as it has long been in army parlance. Terrain means, according to the Century Dictionary, a part of the earth's surface, limited in extent considered with reference to its fitness for use for some special purpose, as for a battlefield. The word, although little used heretofore, is so expressive that it will often be employed to designate territory under consideration and will soon become familiar in the English vocabulary.

Be Window Wise Mr. Dealer Mr. Retailer, your show window should be a mirror that reflects people's wants. When standard articles are advertised in this newspaper your customers will read about them. They will want to see the goods. It will pay you if they see them in your window. People will know you are a window-wise storekeeper and will come to you when they have money to spend.

THE LOPEMENT When Grandma wore that bonnet. An' Grampa wore this hat. They took a horse n' buggy out for a spin. He said, "You're awful pretty!" She said, "You're brave and true." An' then, beneath the bonnet, I think they kissed, don't you? When Grandma's hair was golden. An' Grampa's hair was brown. They ran away together. Some folks said, "Goodness gracious!" But from the sky above, The angelic voice of heaven, The song of youth an' love.

When Grandma had a dimple. An' Grampa's smile was gay. They took a horse n' buggy out for a spin. An' oh! they loved each other. (What do you think of that?) When Grandma wore that bonnet, An' Grampa wore this hat. —Margaret E. Sangster, Jr., in The Christian Herald.

Nothing small about Charles M. Schwab, who plans to spend \$15,000,000 on the Bethlehem Steel Plant in the next year, and who estimates that in five years 25,000 men will be employed there. New Castle is fearful lest there be a spread of the dreaded "spotted fever" or cerebro spinal meningitis, of which one case has already been discovered. "Taint reasonable, but read for yourself." Mayor Stratton, of Reading, a violent anti-politician, refuses to in-