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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 9

Little sins make room for great and one brings in all.—Thomas Edwards.

ALL ROADS LEAD THIS WAY

THROUGHOUT Pennsylvania there is a widespread interest among all classes of people in the proposed plans of Governor Brumbaugh for the improvement of the main thoroughfares entering Harrisburg.

One of the greatest problems which now confronts Harrisburg, by reason of the fact that the highway involved is the main State artery westward, is the narrow stretch of road around the point of the mountain between Speecheville and the Clark's Ferry bridge.

This is one of the most dangerous sections of road in Pennsylvania because it lies on a narrow shelf between the Northern Central railroad and the abandoned ditch of the Pennsylvania canal.

It is easily possible to overcome the present situation by utilizing the abandoned canal route in whole or part for highway purposes.

Another highway in which Harrisburg is deeply interested is that which connects Gettysburg with this city.

It is known on the State highway map as route No. 123 and is about thirty-five miles in length, passing through Shepherdstown, Dillsburg, Clear Spring, York Springs, Heidelberg, Plainview and thence to Gettysburg.

It is important that this highway be made as attractive as possible so that the thousands of travelers who visit the battlefield every year may find a comfortable entrance to the Capital of the State.

Much interest has also been aroused in the proposed William Penn Highway, which will traverse the Commonwealth from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, passing through Harrisburg and the Juniata Valley westward.

President Wilson manifestly believes that there is no element of preparedness more important than modern railroad equipment and expansion of railroad facilities.

AFTER reading the content of the New York Staats-Zeitung on that portion of President Wilson's message relating to hyphenated Americans we are more strongly impressed than ever with the importance of supporting the President in his efforts to have Congress enact such legislation as will prevent a repetition of such shameful conduct as has been manifest in America since the outbreak of war in Europe. Since

the Staats-Zeitung, which has been one of the most persistent offenders in this direction:

We advise our readers--each and every one of our readers--to read with the most painstaking attention that part of the President's message which we are printing in heavy type, according to the habit that part not once superficially, but again and again until it is so deeply graven in their minds that it can never be forgotten.

In that part of his message the President passes judgment upon the "citizens of the United States born under other flags." He accuses them of treason because, as he says, they have poured the poison of disloyalty into the veins of our national life; because they are alleged to have plotted sinister plots, concocted and executed against our country and tried to gain an insight into every confidential act of the Government.

Much already has been read in the newspapers about "plots." Not a single one of these plots, in the courts thus far. Only in one case, in that of Robert Fay, has a formal charge been preferred.

And again, further along in the editorial, we find this acrid comment: The President commands Congress: Those myopic criminals, who are charged with nebulous things hitherto recognized by our laws as punishable, must be "crushed."

The Staats-Zeitung stupidly attacks the President's message on a point which will have the universal support of his supporters and political opponents alike. It merely emphasizes the danger the President points out.

Its tirade of abuse is most convincing argument that legislation of the most drastic sort is necessary to protect the nation from the vampires who live and prosper on its plenty only to suck its life blood in secret plottings and crimes that would have made Benedict Arnold blush for shame.

The Staats-Zeitung would have its readers believe that the President refers to all foreign-born Americans. This is far from the truth. The President knows, as everybody else knows, that some of our very best blood has been drawn from Germany, from Ireland, from Scotland and from other countries in Europe.

Going back far enough he knows that we, in a sense, are all foreign-born, or are of foreign ancestry. He knows that in every war waged for the honor or preservation of the Union Americans born in Germany, or Ireland, or Scotland, or any one of the other countries now at war, fought side by side and bled and died for the country of their adoption.

He knows, for instance, that there is no more loyal American under the sun than he who likes to call himself a Pennsylvania-German. The President knows full well that man is prone to look with fondness upon the land of his birth, the scenes of his childhood; but he knows also that when one foreswears his native country and takes the oath of allegiance to the United States his duty is to the government of his adoption first, last and all the time.

President Wilson has nothing but admiration for the foreign-born American true to American ideals and to the American government. The portion of his message to which the Staats-Zeitung takes such strong exception is directed, at those whom President Hibben, of Princeton, so well defined the other day in this language:

Let us not shrink from calling things by their right name, and the better to let us brand as traitors whoever lives in our midst enjoying the protection and prosperity of our country and yet dares to express by word or deed the spirit of hyphenated loyalty. There are welcome and room within our borders for all sorts and conditions of men, but no place and no quarter for traitors.

Will the Staats-Zeitung say that such as these are not to be condemned and punished? There is, as President Hibben says, a place in the United States for every man or woman who comes to our shores for the purpose of bettering his or her condition--of becoming true Americans--but we have no place for the "citizen." Heaven spare the name, whose first love is for a land beyond the seas. Out with such! If they prefer some other country to ours, let them go there and live. If they like the trenches better than the paths of peace and prosperity, there are ships sailing for Europe almost any day and recruits are in demand.

One thing the Staats-Zeitung and other publications of its ilk are doing that they had not calculated upon--they are arousing true Americans to a fervor of patriotism unknown in many years and which is bound to react favorably in the affairs of government. Perhaps for this we owe them a debt of thanks.

WILSON'S ATTITUDE

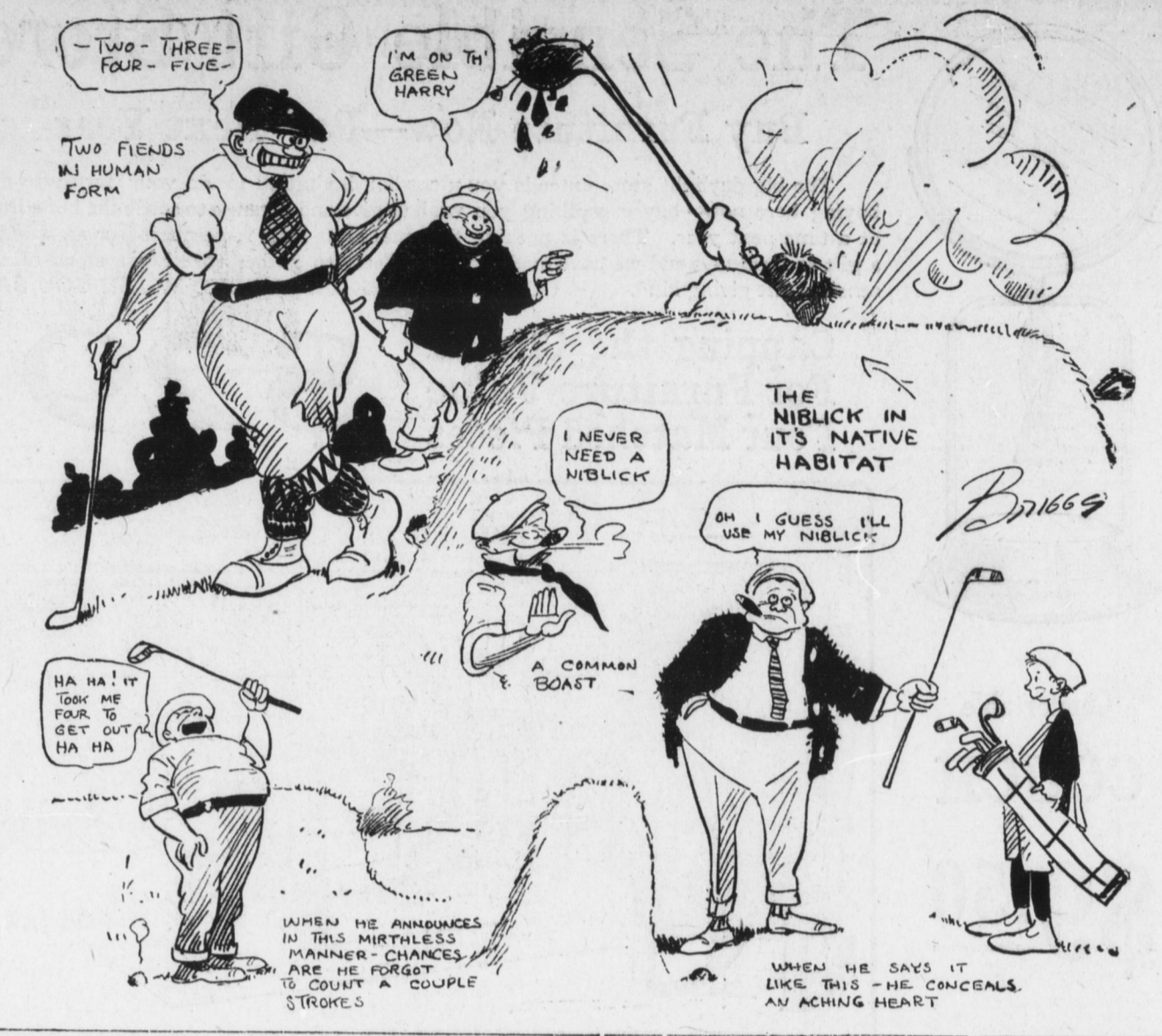
AS the President's message is more closely studied there is a strong element of protest among the people against the recommendations covering new taxation. In addition to the previous "war taxes" the President now proposes to assess further burdens upon various industries in a wild effort to avoid the folly of the administration's attitude upon foreign imports.

"There are many additional sources of revenue which can justly be resorted to without hampering the industries of the country or putting any too great charge upon individual expenditures," says the President; but he doesn't say a word about the individual expenditures involved in a loss of trade, loss of the opportunity of employment and general loss of prestige growing out of the fatuous free-trade policy of the administration.

He thinks, however, that the automobile and gasoline and a few other things of that sort can pay the freight without realizing that such taxes lead inevitably into other channels and increase the burden already unfairly and unreasonably imposed upon the people of the United States.

Unfortunately for the President, he makes it extremely hard for the average patriotic citizen to support the national government upon the questions of defense and resistance to foreign intrigue when he gives so little heed to the fundamental matters which concern so intimately the prosperity and welfare of the people.

THE NIBLICK



Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Notwithstanding the efforts of the Democratic leaders, bosses and chief-tains in Pennsylvania and their controlled newspapers to keep it quiet there is already a fight under way to determine which one of the factions of the Democracy shall have the honor of representing Wilson at the next Democratic national convention. This fight will be even more bitter than that in 1912 when the reorganization element downed the Old Guardsmen and won the recognition of the scholar in politics. There are intimations now that the President is making his own inquiries as to Democratic conditions in Pennsylvania and that since last Fall's rout he has not been as much impressed with the strength of the reorganization wing as he was before he went to the White House.

Some one must go through this mountain of official pasteboard and compile a list of persons to be remembered when White House invitations are distributed. Manifestly, this person must be an expert. She must be able to separate the sound social grain from the chaff. She must be able to assort fifty-nine different kinds of officials into their proper precedence, with the full knowledge that a mistake spells social disaster. The person who handles this matter of intricate difficulty is the social secretary of the White House.

Miss Edna Wallace Esch, who was appointed last month to fill this most interesting position, is now shuffling the cards for what promises to be the most interesting social season in American history. The effect of the European war upon the Washington diplomatic corps will necessitate considerable readjustment of the usual distribution of White House invitations.

The fact that the White House was in mourning last year. The installation of a new mistress, and the efforts certain persons are making even now to win her favor, add spice to the proceedings. The annual card game has already begun and a surprisingly large number of women have either left cards in person or sent them by mail, addressed to the woman who is to be the arbiter of social destinies this winter.

Mayor-elect is not anticipating a fight in the organization ranks. Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the State compensation board, a standard bearer for the governor, made a speech last night in Philadelphia in which he said that nothing could stop the onward sweep of Brumbaugh sentiment because it was grounded on humanitarianism.

There will be no factional fight within the Republican party either in city or State. As the air is filled with rumors of State-wide factional fights, I want to venture the prediction that the Brumbaugh administration and its legislation is so true to the dictates of the public conscience and popular demand that no man can be found who will dare to face the people in antagonism to this propaganda of humanity.

It cost Philadelphia \$12,000 to count its vote. It was the most expensive election in the State. A committee has been named by Philadelphia to urge the selection of that city for the national convention.

Senator Penrose was in Philadelphia last night and today talking over the situation with Senator McNichol and other friends and letting other people talk. Regarding the controversy over the chairmanship of Common Council, which has become a State-wide matter now, the Philadelphia Record-to-day says: Mayor Smith yesterday had nothing to add to his former statement that he was for Gaffney to the final. He was asked what his attitude would be with relation to State politics. It was explained to him that there was likely to be an open fight between Governor Brumbaugh and Senator Penrose for the control of the delegates to the Republican National convention, and that his position in the matter would be interesting. At this time, he replied, "I do not see why I should make any statement of that kind. I am interested in Philadelphia only and in getting ready for my administration."

But, he added significantly, "when I do make a statement on that subject it will be in unmistakable terms." The

SORTING THE CLIMBERS

By Frederic J. Haskin

WHEN Congress convenes the Washington social season starts with a rush. The preliminaries already have been going forward several weeks. The most important of these is the annual call at every woman's door by an official or legislative husband and all others who have social aspirations.

This call in itself is rather a perfunctory affair. The ladies present their cards to the men, who bow and informs them that the executive ladies are not receiving. The result of this procession of callers is a pile of cards mountain high, representing wives of congressmen and senators and cabinet officers and diplomats, judges of the Supreme court, army and navy ladies of all ranks, and others--especially others.

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The keenest rivalry exists between the army and navy set and the congressional women. From the beginning of the nation, the military and naval representatives have regarded themselves as America's real aristocracy and have not hesitated to display an unvelled contempt for the humble origin of some of the political leaders.

This rivalry is frequently called out by the distribution of White House invitations. The army people complain bitterly that invitations secured by congressional influence are frequently appropriated by typists, secretaries and other persons, who, in their opinion, are not entitled to social recognition.

One year a congressman's wife retaliated by charging that the wife of a well-known army officer secured three invitations for her dressmaker, who accepted them at the rate of \$12 a piece in part payment for a long deferred bill.

J. P. Gaffney, who is the man boosted by the Vares and Mayor-elect Smith for chairman of the councilmanic finance committee, is in the office of Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown. He is an attorney and one of the leaders of the Junior bar.

Friend of Congressman E. R. Kies is getting busy in his behalf in the northern tier counties. In Potter and Tioga there is a strong element in favor of backing him against all comers.

One youngster last night to me said, "As I tucked him away in his bed: Ma bought you to-day Your present--a tray Made of silver on which to serve bread."

I thought that perhaps this young lad Was attempting to jolly his dad, So I just nosed around And the package I found. He was right, and his dear dad grew glad.

In an easy chair then I did dream, And did finally hit on this scheme: For mother I'll buy A shot gun, then my Joy on Christmas Day will be supreme.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY

The Unabhaenglicher Republikaner, a German weekly that made its first appearance in Allentown 105 years ago, will cease to exist after December 21st. It was a Democratic organ, and in 1910 was included among the eighty-two papers in the United States that had celebrated their centennial.

We've heard of "cauliflower" ears, but never of an ear that might be likened to a baby's rattle. In Mahanoy City there dwells a man, sixty years old, who has had deaf for five years, and only a day or so ago a pea was removed from his ear and his hearing restored.

A very kindly old lady in Potstown was reminiscing the other day and recalled the least courteous words that former President Buchanan had ever spoken. The president called one day upon her uncle, who was Amos Ellmaker, a prominent Lancaster county lawyer, and addressed her, who opened the door for him, rather curtly but kindly, "Just say James is here." If those were the president's least courteous words, it would not be much of a treat to have heard him when in an angry mood.

The first "real" jitney has made its appearance in New Castle. Half-baked jitneys have been plying the streets for many months, but this jitney, says the News, is an automobile bus, having seats along the side and being entirely enclosed with glass.

Death from a shoe is the fate that has overcome a former member of the Legislature and pioneer resident of Beaver county, Robert L. Sterling. Bloodpoison developed from a slight wound caused by wearing tight shoes.

The big Driggs-Seabury Ordnance Corporation located at Sharon, is undergoing a strike. Approximately 900 men are idle and the plant is completely tied up. There has been no disorder.

The first skating accident on record happened in Allentown yesterday, when four boys who were playing along the Jordan creek ventured out on the thin ice and were given an unpleasant ducking, although none were drowned. Perhaps we have heard the word skating to ice-accident, for the boys were too young to be able to skate.

Zieglerville has come into the limelight as having one of its inhabitants subjected to the attacks of another "poisoned pen" writer. Three notes have been received so far, all of them uncompunctuated, and the whole town is enraged over the insult.

About this season of the year there is no doubt in father's mind about the reality of Santa Claus. --May be Ford will get back in time to inaugurate a peaceful war on the tax on automobiles and gasoline. --Why is it that the neighbor's barking dog never seems to disturb the family to which it belongs? --A Ford voyager likens Henry to Oliver Cromwell. Yes, or Napoleon Bonaparte, or the Duke of Wellington, or any of those other gallant old warriors.

"A black eye in a woman indicates temper; preserves an exchange. That's what it indicates in a man, too, only in most cases the temper has been the other fellow's."

The real "accident" will very soon be for a munitions plant to get through a month without a mysterious fire or explosion. --New York Evening Post. --Along with Professor Taft's declaration for Mr. Root, of course, is a tacit understanding that the support of Vermont and Utah goes with it--Kansas City Star. --G. W. ON DEFENSE --"A free people ought not only to be armed, but declaimed, to which end a uniform and well digested plan is requisite."

---GEORGE WASHINGTON.

By BRIGGS

Evening Chat

Captain John L. DeWitt, U. S. A. who was here a few days ago on some very responsible work for the United States army in connection with the militia organizations, is a Harrisburger by descent. Captain DeWitt is detailed to the division of militia affairs, which keeps an eye on the National Guards of the various States, and is in particular charge of quartermasters' stores and such things. In other words he has to look after Uncle Sam's property with the Guardsmen. It was some time ago that he consulted with Adjutant General Stewart and Captain W. H. Kemper regarding the Pennsylvania Guard and its equipment and inspected the arsenal and other places, including the placing of signs where the militia works which are turning out munitions. Captain DeWitt was especially interested in the arsenal which will be rapidly being completed and will be one of the best of the State arsenals when completed, and also in the system which General Stewart has devised to quickly equip the militia when mobilized. As for his military relations, he is son-in-law of the late General Calvin DeWitt, who rose to be surgeon general, and a grandson of the Rev. Dr. William R. DeWitt, for many years pastor of Market Square Presbyterian church. His family connections are also from the MacLays and Harrisbes so that he goes clear back to the start of Harrisburg.

The State Department of Labor and Industry is out with a bulletin calling attention to the necessity of taking care of the signs which people are putting up in the "Safety First" movement. For a couple of years the State authorities have been urging protection of dangerous places, especially the placing of signs where people can be apprised of possibility of harm, but it seems that once signs are put up they are forgotten. The bulletin says that signs which have been shown the importance of signs where great folks may say, but "the great mistake in their use is that frequently after they have been installed no more attention is paid to them and their usefulness is soon over account of the fact that dirt and dirt are allowed to accumulate on them and obscure the letters." It is also pointed out that people who also pointed out that signs cost money they ought to be kept in condition for use. "The usefulness of signs for accident prevention work depends especially on the care and judgment with which they are selected and also on the attention given to them" says the bulletin which says neglect is as dangerous as haphazard selection.

The governors of Pennsylvania and Ohio will tell of their experiences as teachers at the meeting of the State Educational Association at Scranton the latter part of this month, according to what Governor Brumbaugh is planning. The governor is a former president of the State Association and has been a speaker at its meetings for a dozen or more years. He spoke here last year when he was governor-elect and a year before when he was a prospective candidate. He says he is going to see how it is to speak to his old friends as governor.

Dr. H. M. Stine, of this city, will attend the meeting of the Pennsylvania Street Railway Association at Scranton next Tuesday, a meeting which is expected to be one of the most important of the prominent street railway men of the State. It will be the first meeting of the association to be held at Scranton. Dr. Stine was addressed by Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Compensation Board, and other authorities on compensation. The New Jersey and New York Public Service Commissions will also send representatives.

General E. DeV. Morrell, who was here yesterday attending meetings at the State Capitol, was formerly a member of Congress and prior to that served in many capacities in the National Guard, being one of the men who took part in the defense of the national guard during the Spanish war. He was chief marshal of the governor's inaugural parade.

Harrisburg is not going to want for celery this year if the number of celery beds to be seen about the city is anything to go by. The beds are on every side of the city, including "summerside" county's shores, but the number over the river is not so great as near the city's gates. The beds can be identified by the long strips of cloth laid over them to keep off Jack Frost.

Up the river and out Lightstown road there are dozens of such beds.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Arthur C. LeMonte, of Scranton, has been made head of the Lackawanna County hospital. --Captain Edward L. Taylor, well-known here, is the new president of the Williamsport school board. --Congressman John R. Parr, of Scranton, is a strong advocate of preparedness. --Dr. L. H. Hulley, president of Stetson University who is lecturing in this State, is a former president of Bucknell.

John P. Garber, the new school superintendent of Philadelphia, has won out in his contest over the gray system with the Civic Club of Philadelphia. --Thomas F. Bayard, candidate for senator in Delaware, is a son of the former senator and has visited here.

Through efforts of L. T. McPadden, congressman and president of the State Bankers' Association, the bankers have established a scholarship at State College.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg High school graduates have positions to score or more States

HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first school house is supposed to have been built in Chestnut street near Third.

The Light of the Future

Experience is the light that should guide us to our futures. Some manufacturers who have made a success of marketing their products at a profit have written down their experiences.

They are collected in a little book called "The Newspapers." It is a book particularly useful to the manufacturer who is facing the problem of advertising or distribution.

It will be sent on request by the Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers' Association, World Building, New York.

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Our Daily Laugh

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