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THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 3.

Politeness and civility are the best capital ever invested in business.—P. T. BARNUM.

AMERICAN EXTRAVAGANCE

WITH concrete fact and the eloquent use of incontrovertible figures Edward A. Woods forced home a vital truth in his impressive address before the Chamber of Commerce and its guests at the noonday luncheon yesterday.

Mr. Woods is the leading field general of the life insurance forces of the United States and as president of the National Association of Life Underwriters is in personal and direct touch with the lives of the people.

Throughout the address the dominant thought was the building of character and energy and thrift of the people. He drove home the lesson that the American boy is too prone to spend and not to save.

Perhaps there was nothing more impressive in his vital talk than the declaration that the preparedness which we are now discussing in the United States is not confined to the enlargement of the army and the navy.

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sadly jar the advocates of the larger proposition to know that after all these years of watchful waiting we are not to have that ornamental and impressive structure which had been held forth as the inevitable thing that was to follow should two citizens of Harrisburg ever become members of the Board.

But Commissioner Stine declares we ought to have a city hall and nobody will question the sanity of that suggestion. There may be, however, disagreement as to separate buildings. But if the present ancient court house can be reconstructed and remodeled for the uses of the county by the expulsion of the city officials from that building it may strike some people as unnecessary to provide an exclusive and expensive structure for the city officials only.

If the present county building, which is now occupied jointly by the county and some city officials, is susceptible of enlargement for a period of fifty years for the uses of the county only, then it ought to be possible with a slightly larger expenditure, perhaps, to make it a suitable structure for all the officials—city and county.

Nobody with any civic pride in his system will question the necessity of concentrating the officials of the city in some building where the citizen can get in touch with them without the necessity of a guide.

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THE NEW PACKARD RULE

TURNING one of the greatest motor car factories in the world into a concrete embodiment of Israel Zangwill's conception, "The Melting Pot," the Packard Motor Car Company will demand that among its employees from now on American ideals, American patriotism and loyalty to America shall be first in the minds and hearts of all Packard employees, and on their stanch Americanism will depend all hope of promotion.

This is a step in the right direction. Too often our industrial managers are interested only in getting work out of their employes. This is particularly true in many of the large metal manufacturing plants.

The Packard company has hit upon an excellent idea. It is to be hoped that others will follow. If our foreign population is devoted to American ideals, it is to a large degree despite what we in America have done rather than because of any encouragement we have offered.

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Politics in Pennsylvania. By the Ex-Committeeman.

The seriousness of the factional fight in the Pennsylvania Democracy is indicated in a somewhat remarkable manner to-day by the Philadelphia Record, the organ of the democratic party in Philadelphia for about half a century.

In this city it is expected that there will be an open break between the factions when the time comes to elect members of the State committee because it is well known that Democrats all over the State opposed to the re-organizers are lining up to wrest control of the committee from State Chairman Ronald S. Morris, one of the inside ring.

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This subcommittee was instructed to first pick out a strong man to oppose ex-Senator Knox or any other candidate selected by the Republican Organization to run in the election to United States Senator Oliver.

A combination building is the thing whether it comes now or a half century hence; whether it be a new building or an enlargement of the present structure.

Steele is preparing for further expansion with the coming of Spring. Many more homes are needed in the industrial borough, and the facts are pointed out that there is not a single desirable building for rent; that many employees of the big steel plant are compelled to reside elsewhere.

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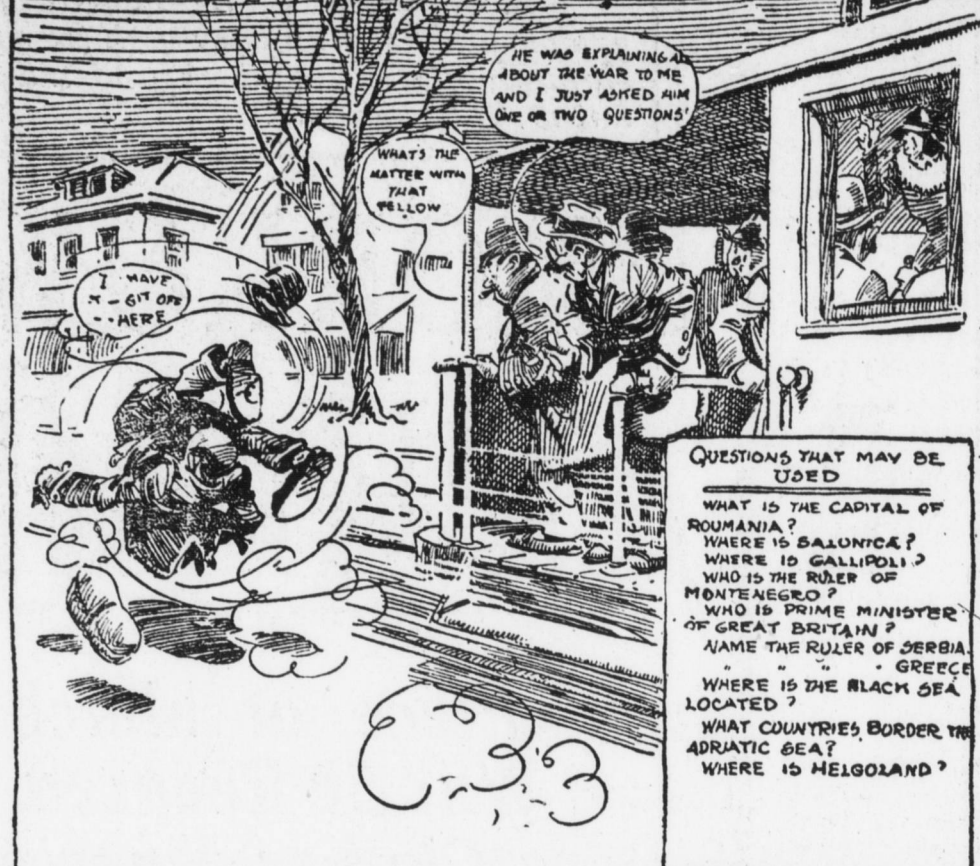
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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

THE ART OF SELF-DEFENSE.



—From the Indianapolis News.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—What does the Groundhog know about it, anyhow? —"The president and Mr. Wilson are under Wall street influences" says the Altoona Times, which might be a sensational charge if we only knew which president and which Mr. Wilson.

—This is "Thrift Day"—have you been thrifty? —Why is it that the hungry tramp never comes around on the day there is snow on the pavement? —The Big Stick appears to have developed into a roost for the Dove of Peace.

—The new Pennsylvania freight station is to be four stories in height instead of one—worth waiting for.

—After all, our K boats appear to be OK.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Taken by and large this country has had a good service of presidents. Unqualified approval of Colonel Roosevelt.—Baraboo News. "Declares Danger in Preparedness," says Herald head-line. That's better than preparedness being in danger just at present.—Chicago Herald.

We are in favor of Pan-American unity. Also like to see a little more unity in Congress on United States Americanism.—New York Evening Telegram.

Still, it may be modestly suggested that Mr. Brandeis' fitness for the Supreme Court does depend on whether he happens to be a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Unitarian, or a worshipper in a synagogue.—Kansas City Star.

WOULD ENOUGH ENLIST?

From statements made by army officers before the committees of Congress now hearing testimony on the proposed defense measures the conclusion has been drawn in some quarters that voluntary recruiting would not suffice to fill the ranks of the proposed reserve army. These statements were that fewer than fifty thousand men a year now enlist in the regular army.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

ONLY THING. Coises: She spins me love, All that keeps me from leaping in the river is 'cause I can't swim! DOING AS SHE AGREED. Wangs: She said on her wedding day that she would go through everything for him. Bange: Well, I guess she wa. I loaned him a ten-spot this morning.

A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

By Frederic J. Haskin

THE project to make a great university out of the men and laboratories and books which Uncle Sam has gathered at Washington is one of the newest and one of the oldest before the American people to-day.

There are few Americans who realize what a wonderful facility for such an establishment may be at Washington. Any university consists of men, books and laboratories. The government has, in the first place, the Library of Congress and numerous highly specialized libraries belonging to the various departments.

Unless you have come to Washington and explored intimately among the government departments you have no conception of the interest and variety of their activities. If you are an iron manufacturer, for example, and want to know the modulus of torsion of an iron bar of a certain diameter, you can go out to the Bureau of Standards and find a man who is a leading authority on the subject and a laboratory which is as good as money can buy.

Since Uncle Sam already possesses all of the facilities for his great university, the one thing necessary to bring it into being is an act of com-mending these facilities for educational purposes. This is the plan of the present measure. It provides only \$500,000 for the establishment of the university in 1916 in Washington.

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DO YOU KNOW

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Evening Chat

Its rather comforting in view of the singular variety of weather with which the Lower Susquehanna and its subsidiary valleys have been favored the last three months to be reminded that in other years it was worse. A friend sends the following data from a record of undoubted veracity and detail which appears that fifty-six years ago on February 3 the bees were buzzing and the shadflies sailing. Two days ago people were finding pansies and dandelions sprouting from walks and the next day it snowed. But harken to the record of 1860. It says, and we have the word of the Rev. Daniel English of Mt. Pleasant, that on January 21, 1860, it was two degrees below zero. On February 3 the bees were out as aforesaid, and on February 9 it was six degrees below zero. On February 15 it was six degrees below zero and the bees were out again. It has not been that violent in the variations of mercury lately in this section, but in 1812 when the mercury went down around nine and twelve degrees below zero it was in February and the same month people went around without overcoats and took the usual colds.

State Librarian Thomas Lynn Montgomery, who completed his thirtieth year as chief of the Library to-day, has equaled the record of tenure of that office made by William Musgrove, who served in the office since Mr. Musgrove died in office. Prior to 1816 there were three or four librarians, but except those of the Legislature were considered as out of the growth of the present one began. Mr. Montgomery's record exceeds those of the Rev. William R. DeWitt, long pastor of Market Square Presbyterian church in this city, who served nine years; Wein Forney, prominent in newspaper work in Philadelphia, and this city, eleven years, and the late Dr. W. E. Dugan, former county historian, who served twelve years. The library expended more in Mr. Montgomery's time than in previous thirty-two years.

Half a dozen lodges, several churches, a creamery, a coal company and a tea store were among the numbers that have voted for insurance against employers liability in the State Workmen's Insurance Fund in a few days this week. The number of policies which will be issued, the 8,000 mark by the end of the week. This represents over three quarters of a million dollars according to estimates made at the Capitol. Scores of policies will be issued, but only a few are represented in the fund because liability seems to hit in every direction.

In championing the current stage, the other day, Charles Burnham, president of the Association of Theater Managers of Greater New York, who will be remembered as having announced in 1909 that he would close five theaters on Broadway if he had the power, names Mrs. Frederick C. Martin's play "Erstwhile Susan" as one of those now on the boards to which no man need be ashamed to take his children. "There is one play," declares Mr. Burnham, "which has no plot, no story, no stage, no saddle love." But it is wrong to say the influence of the stage is unwholesome. It is very much better now than I have ever known it to be. Other than the play "Erstwhile Susan" is to be played to which a man could take his daughter without danger. "The Little Minister," "Cock o' the Walk," and "Erstwhile Susan" can certainly not be accused of being decent.

Representative Henry I. Wilson, of Jefferson county, one of the candidates for speaker in the last House, was yesterday to attend the meeting of the State Compensation Board for discussion of the daily wage ruling. Mr. Wilson will likely be a candidate again.

The Public Service Commission will give considerable attention to Middle-town crossings in the next few weeks. It is expected that there will be an agreement between the borough and the Pennsylvania railroad, but without apportioning the cost and the damages. These matters will be given study by experts of the commission. Perhaps the easiest to Middletown and work out the cost problems.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Dr. M. R. Maltbie, who is taking part in the Philadelphia Electric case, is a former expert of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. —E. S. Stewart, the new advertising chief of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has been with the company for twenty-three years. —L. F. Nagle, long with Coatesville Iron Works, is at the head of a new plant organized at Pottstown. —Dr. L. F. Fattie, one of the State College graduates, has been installed as superintendent of a Sunday school for the twenty-ninth time. —County Treasurer Adamson, of Schuylkill county, took in a quarter of a million dollars in one day as liquor license money.

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