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SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 5.

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwellth in you.—Rom. 8:9.

THE PRESIDENT'S TOUR

AMONG those who are given to analyzing political movements and currents there is more or less questioning of the motives of President Wilson in his swing around the circle this week.

It is pointed out by a close observer of events that in one of his speeches the President declared with emphatic assurance that "the gallant men in Washington who make our laws are going to deliver the goods."

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A COMBINATION BUILDING
WE find that many citizens agree with the Telegraph in its position on a combination city hall and city hall.

Following his swing through the Middle West, it is now intimated that he will repeat the performance in the South and Southwest, in order to anticipate whatever may be said or done by William Jennings Bryan and those associated with him in the peace propaganda.

It is gratifying to know that this newspaper is meeting so generally the favor of the community as shown in recent letters and personal statements, and it shall be the effort of all connected with the paper to continue to deserve the good will of our people.

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SOMETHING TO BOAST ABOUT
OUR esteemed contemporary, the Ohio State Journal,—than which there is no more readable newspaper anywhere—takes such an over-weening pride in the city of Columbus that we rejoice to find something in the way of civic progress that Harrisburg has, of which the Journal is not yet able to boast for its home town.

Before we come to the opening of Spring and the further care of the shade trees of the city it would be well for Council to follow out its thought of a definite measure of regulation, especially in the matter of trimming trees.

Dispatches from Annapolis state that 220, a fourth of the whole number, at the Naval Academy have flunked in their studies and must resign.

It is reported that the City Council will shortly place a tax on signs of every character and that more specific regulations will be adopted regarding overhead and swinging electrical signs that are now regarded as a distinct menace to pedestrians along the business streets.

Japanese-made sweets, particularly chocolates, are finding a good market in the Philippines, Malaya States and Java, where they are now being made regularly.

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little old Harrisburg is quite good enough, even if we don't have a municipal deficit for the year.

Now we are threatened with higher coal prices should the anthracite barons be forced to pay the scale adopted by the United Mine Workers. It was ever thus. Down beneath all such movements is the unfortunate consumer.

DRESS REFORM
AMONG the thousand and one "dress reforms" of recent years, that proposed by the Federation of Women's Clubs of America as a protest against recent and present extremes in feminine garb shines forth alone as possible of accomplishing its end.

First, individually, every woman trying to express her own ideas. Second, modesty, not Puritanism, but a decent regard for what is proper. Third, good taste, a degree of art in the expression of individualism. Fourth, appropriateness. Young girls should not be dressed like matrons. Old women should not dress like girls.

Certainly, there is here permitted ample latitude and freedom for even the most exacting. All that is barred is indecency. But one wonders, if so many women feel that way about it, why the reform has not been accomplished without the necessity of formulating rules of dress.

Thomas Carlyle, in Sartor Resartus, tells us that "the first purpose of clothes was not warmth or decency, but ornament," and if this be true we suspect that the club women may have some difficulty in supplanting the idea back of the adoption of the original fig leaf if clever style-makers continue to induce femininity to believe that a split skirt, a sawed off bodice or a peck-a-booo waist adds to charms and enhances personal beauty.

If there is to be any doubt about the setting up of the Hershey statutory at the place selected, this doubt should be promptly removed by action of the City Council. Having accepted the group of nymphs we shall make the city a subject of ridicule unless the statutory is properly placed without delay.

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NEEDLESS ADMONITION
It is somewhat unnecessary upon the part of President Wilson to urge this country to keep on its feet and not threatening crisis. Under the hypnotic influence of the calmness that has prevailed at the White House during the past three years the people of the United States have contracted the habit of remaining calm, even under the most menacing circumstances.

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stricting the harum-scarum sign development in this city. A few years ago Denver found it necessary to remove all such signs owing to frequent serious accidents, and it might be better to begin the restricting of these menaces to the pedestrians.

During the month of January eight veterans of the Civil War died in Huntingdon county. Rapidly, indeed, is the thinning line of blue becoming thinner and still thinner with the passing months. Taps will soon be sounded for the last survivor of the great struggle which demonstrated the quality of the American soldier.

Now Turkey is said to have tired of the war and insurrection is imminent. The latest story is that the Turkish heir apparent has committed suicide on the order of Enver Pasha, who discovered a plot to open the Dardanelles to the Allies as a peace move. Every day adds a new horror to the world tragedy.

So many important changes are occurring daily in the business circles that it is to the conclusion that Harrisburg is upon the threshold of another great development in its commercial and industrial expansion. Our merchants are men of vision, and they are not blind to the signs of the times.

Harrisburg real estate is attracting attention in many new quarters and with a proper building code there is bound to be great activity among the builders and contractors during the present year.

Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committeemen

Over 150 blank nominating petitions have been issued by the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth for circulation for signatures for the May primary. Papers may not be circulated, however, until February 18, which will be sixty days before the primary.

The petitions sent out were to about a score of aspirants for nominations who had written to the Capitol for the papers and the shipments were limited to their needs, the department declining to send a number in excess of requirements. One candidate, whose name could be placed on the ballot by two petitions, asked for 200. Another asked for 100 when two would suffice.

It is likely that the state committees of the various parties will supply papers for their candidates for delegates to national conventions if the plan is made to secure more signatures than needed to comply with the law.

Suggestions for changes in the workmen's compensation acts, which are commencing to be made now that the operation of the law is under way, will be carefully considered by the Capitol by the attorneys for the Compensation Board and by the Attorney General. It is expected that numerous amendments will be heard of at hearings and meetings which will be held this year, but as in the case of the school code, changes will be weighed before being favored at the Capitol. There will be no attempt to keep the compensation discussion out of politics as much as possible.

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Governor Brumbaugh, according to dispatches from Harrisburg, is engaged in mapping a tentative route for his proposed farm inspection tour early this Fall. The tour will take about four weeks, and doubtless the Governor will pay special attention to the condition of the fences, always a subject of great interest to politicians. Where he finds that there are in good condition, he will take the fields of grain, and the fruit, dairy and tobacco districts are also to receive his attention. Altogether this seems an excellent idea. We commend it to Senator Penrose who has shown a disposition to cultivate blast furnace, hosiery factories and rolling mills rather than the neglect of the farmers. Pennsylvania is an important agricultural as well as a manufacturing and mining State, a fact that is too often forgotten.

CHURCH BACK HOME
[Kansas City Star.]
In the little church back home they are holding a revival of the old-fashioned kind. The last issue of the Old Home paper tells about it. In imagination we can see it just as it is. For there are no new fashions in religion in the Old Home town, and the revival of twenty or thirty years ago. We can see the crowd gathering and the church in its "early lamp-light," and hear the singing of the hymns, one of which is always:

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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY



—From the Philadelphia Record.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—Do you remember the time when you willingly gave up your last penny for the ugliest comic valentine in the corner store?

—After his swing around the circle there is some disposition to ask if the President was really on the square.

—Many a saloon that pays little attention to intricate bookkeeping has a system of double entry.

—"Woman may not show it, but she always nurses a slight," says a woman's page writer; also a compliment.

—Why is it that when a man's head is bald his whiskers become most luxuriant?

—Germany won't admit that the Lusitania sinking was illegal, but is willing to make reparation, which is equivalent to saying "We plead not guilty, but if you'll let us off we'll pay the costs."

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MANAGING THE CITY

How Ashtabula Elects
By Frederic J. Haskin

ASHTABULA, Ohio, Feb. 4.—Ashtabula deserves a place in history as the first town in this country to violate the ancient American principle that the majority rules.

When Mr. Voter goes to the polls on election day, he is given such a ballot. In front of each name is a blank square, and it is in this that he does his voting. He votes for as many men as there are jobs to fill. In Ashtabula the number is seven.

It is right here, however, that the system gets up and walks off at right angles from the ordinary system of voting in this country. Mr. Voter looks over the names and picks out the man whom he is most anxious shall be elected. In the square in front of this man's name he writes the figure "one." Then he picks out the man whom he would like to have elected if number one doesn't get it, and in this square in front of his name he writes the figure "two." This process is followed until he has expressed his choice in the order of his preference, for all seven offices.

All this is easy and simple enough, but at this point the trouble begins. The voter's duty is done, and the general way of voting remains. They then divide the total number of ballots by a number one greater than the number of offices to be filled. In Ashtabula there were 2,972 valid ballots, and seven offices. So 2,972 was divided by eight, giving a result of 372.

This number, 372, is called the "quota." Any candidate who was the first choice of 372 voters was forth with declared elected. But, obviously, there would hardly be seven men, each

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Tell them that you are glad to co-operate with it showing the good when the advertising is running.

Tell them you are not interested in the reputation of their goods but they are mightily interested in the reputation of their city.

The local reputation means sales for you and for the manufacturer.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

GOOD IDEA.
She: Why don't you go out West and make a fortune?
He: Someone might blow my brains out.
She: Don't let on you have any.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY
Preparedness in the schools is becoming more than a mere phantasy and matter for discussion since the general way of voting remains. They then divide the total number of ballots by a number one greater than the number of offices to be filled.

WILSON'S INCONSISTENCY
[Kansas City Star.]
Nothing about President Wilson's speeches yesterday was more attractive than his frank admission of inconsistency. A year ago, to be sure, he declared preparedness. "But," he said, "more than a year has gone by since then and I would be ashamed if I did not learn something in fourteen months."

Only a stupid man knows as much when he starts out as he does after years of experience. If a man's experience doesn't teach him something during that period, under which circumstances the bit of steel could perhaps have been washed out of sight, out of mind, out of knee.

A Norristown boy yesterday wrapped his face up in gauze bandages until he looked as though he had just emerged from a railroad wreck. When they were removed after his apprehension, he declared that he had made plans to hold up some bank officials almost anywhere outside of Norristown, and that he had purchased revolvers for the purpose. "Don't ever quote Finney to me," was his customary reply.

Evening Chat

Considerable interest is being manifested in hearings being held by the Public Service Commission on the application of the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company to secure State authority for a connection with the Perry County Telephone and Telegraph Company at Newport. The principle involved is the right to make connections and the decision may be of State-wide importance. This is practically the first time the commission has been called to rule in a case presenting the circumstances where a company demands a connection.

Three of the small defendants who were arraigned in January Juvenile sessions the other day bore the same surname.

"Here are the three little Harrys, your Honor," remarked Assistant District Attorney Wickersham as the three youngsters sidled up to the judge's desk.

"The three Harrys, eh?" observed Additional Law Judge McCarrell. "Sure the 'old Harry' isn't there, too?"

"Not now, sir," gravely returned the assistant district attorney, "but he may have been when they committed the mischief they're charged with!"

The "Fifth Sunday" meeting held here Sunday by railroad men from throughout the State for discussion of various matters, is a continuation of a series of meetings which have been held since the first of the year. The meetings are held on a day when most men can be free from work. The meetings are held all over the country and are big factors in getting men to work together.

The manner in which punch boards were to be found by those who knew how a machine had been discovered is worth noting. It is no secret that punch boards were to be found around Christmas-time, but now they are as hard to find as a "faro layout" or a "stud game," which, according to rumor, were not unknown here in years gone by.

Hundreds of schools have resumed fire drills and taken up other panic prevention work as the result of the stirring up given to local authorities by the State Department of Fisheries. Every school district was called upon to make a report on fire escape equipment and on maintenance of fire drills. The result was a surprise because in a good many districts reports there were found grounds for changes. In addition State factory inspectors have been checking up on fire escapes.

Judging from the manner in which requests for trout from State hatcheries for "planting" are being received at the State Department of Fisheries, a good many people must be of the idea there is going to be an early Spring. Requests for thousands of young fish have been received and the plants which it is proposed to plant there have been looked up. Only yearling fish will be sent out.

There was a man in our town, and he was wondrous wise—in his own estimation of the man who would ride in one of these little electric machines that one sees sneaking softly about. It was yesterday that a friend of his was young and his ideas were fresh and oftentimes hastily formed. He swore that his idea of "nothing at all" was for a full-grown man to ride in a poor, defenseless, inoffensive little Baker or Detroit, or any of the other electric cars that are on the market. Once upon a time this young man was persuaded to take a short trip under the wheels of a car. Like a balky mule, he resisted, but finally condescended to ride along. He was alarmed, he was delighted, he was inspired by the smooth motion and simple mechanism of the little car. He began to talk business, he figured upon his future possibilities, and—he fell off the car.

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