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MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 7

Character must stand behind and back up everything—the sermon, the poem, the picture, the play.—J. G. Holland.

WHY NOT PHILADELPHIA?

THE New York Chamber of Commerce reports that more than half the import commerce of the country passes through that city and nearly half of all our exports. New York has benefited more than any city in the country from the big trade balance now piling up in our favor.

The question naturally arises, why should Philadelphia not more equally share the ocean-going business with New York, for this is not by any means a one-port country.

Philadelphia is capable of handling a large share of the sea commerce now going in and out through New York and it should be the united effort of all trade bodies within the State to bring this about.

Several newspapers have commented on the fact that W. Morgan Shuster, of Persian finance notoriety, is to act as President Wilson's eye in the Orient.

It is almost beyond belief that there is any truth in a widely published story to-day to the effect that large numbers of Germans have come secretly into this country for the purpose of organizing a raid against Canada.

Atlanta reports the case of a man who went on a spree of eight days, which cost him one dollar. He must have got next to the still discovered on Senator Hoke Smith's domain.

PREPAREDNESS FOR PEACE

WHILE preparedness for national defense involves many expenditures that are in no way useful in time of peace, yet many, if not most, of the essentials of adequate preparedness are also intimately connected with the industrial welfare of the country in either peace or war.

In a nation having the territorial area of this, and exposed to attack on either the western or eastern shores, railroad transportation becomes particularly important. The rapid movement of troops, guns, munitions and other supplies from one part of the

country to another would be of the utmost importance in case of an attempt to land an invading army. The rapid handling of traffic requires double tracks, which will permit constant moving of trains in both directions, and a considerable surplus of equipment, which will permit the handling of extraordinary traffic.

This country has announced its definite and permanent policy of engaging in no war of aggression. Except under unusual conditions, which are not likely to occur, we shall never find ourselves in a war which shall require us to transport troops outside our own boundaries.

But the probability of war or of invasion is not so immediate but that we may well consider the problem of preparedness chiefly from the standpoint of our needs in time of peace.

We are to-day a relatively undeveloped country. This is a land of relatively large farm areas, of relatively sparse population and large areas of untilled and unused land. The next half century, yes, the next quarter of a century, will witness a marvelous development in all these respects.

We have already provided laws and governmental agencies for such regulation of railroads as will prevent unjust dealings with the public. It remains for us, therefore, in carrying out a plan of complete preparedness, to encourage American capital to invest in the development of railroad enterprises, taking due precaution, of course, to adequately safeguard the public interest.

The era of wolfing is past. There is no need now to condemn it. There was doubtless reason for some of it and some good has been accomplished, though extremists have also wrought much harm.

A Philadelphia politician is reported to have made \$1,000,000 in war stocks. Secretary Redfield will please note the effect of the war on the "copper" business.

WAR AND ART

A STUDENT of art in Florence last week killed a woman in order to obtain funds with which to carry him through the university. Thus we see the effect of the war on art.

Of course, he will be censured for declaring that the open primary is a fraud, but ex-President Taft is not alone in that opinion. Thousands of his countrymen have reached the same conclusion after observing the hit-and-miss candidates for public office catapulted into the public eye through the new primary scheme.

GOOD ROADS

THE Telegraph is in receipt of a communication from a Cumberland county subscriber criticizing an editorial in this newspaper of recent date laying the Grantham automobile accident of Saturday night to the bad roads of that locality.

We would refer our friend to the State Highway Department, whose efficient engineers know all about that sort of thing, and are keen to impart their information.

The Telegraph is delighted to have gotten this "rise" out of Cumberland county. It meant no more than to point a lesson from the Grantham incident and it did not intend to goad any tender local pride, but it has roused one farmer to the point of asking "how are we to go about getting better township roads."

If the average life of a car be three years, it seems possible that by 1920 we shall have on our highways a total of not less than 6,000,000 motor-vehicles, or one for every twenty inhabitants. This is about three times our present registration.

To care for this traffic we have in the United States about 2,250,000 miles of country roads, not counting streets. What mileage has been "improved" it is impossible to say, for the word has no standard meaning.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeemen

The latest development in the Pennsylvania political situation is the decision of Speaker Charles A. Ambler to be a candidate for the Republican nomination of auditor general.

"For some time past a great many of my friends from all over the State have been earnestly urging me to announce myself as a candidate for State auditor general. In response thereto, I have decided to submit my name to the Republican voters of the State-wide primary to be held Tuesday, May 16, 1916.

"I am deeply grateful for the kindly encouragement and the assurances of support from my many friends in the State, and from my personal friends of many years and summer neighbors, Mayor Smith."

Senator Charles A. Snyder, who is also a candidate for auditor general, denied a report that he will get out of the race and said he already has begun a canvass of eastern and north-eastern counties.

Every member of the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation will be a candidate for re-election this Fall, except C. W. Beales, Democrat, of Gettysburg, whose friends say he may change his mind before the primaries.

Berks county Republican leaders were agreeably surprised when William F. Remppis, a prominent manufacturer, who was a Roosevelt elector in 1912, and also the President of the Washington Party League of Berks county, announced his return to the Republican ranks.

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Laugh and be merry; remember, better the world with a song.

Better the world with a blow in the teeth of a wrong.

Laugh, for the time is brief, a thread the length of a span.

Laugh and be proud to belong to the old proud pageant of man.

Laugh and be merry; remember, in olden time God made heaven and earth, for joy He took in a rhyme—Made them and fitted them full with the strong red wine of His mirth.

The splendid joy of the stars, the joy of the earth.

So we must laugh and drink from the deep blue cup of the sky.

Join the jubilant song of the great stars sweeping by.

Laugh, and battle, and work, and drink of the wine outpoured In the deep green earth, the sign of the joy of the Lord.

Laugh and be merry together, like brothers akin.

Guesting, and in the rooms of a beautiful inn.

Glad till the dancing stops, and the ill of the music ends.

Laugh till the night is played, and you merry, my friends.

—John Masselief.

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In the United States the number of motor-vehicles has been fourfold. Massachusetts registered one motor vehicle for every 103 persons in 1910 and one for every 37.4 in 1915.

In Ohio the population per car in Ohio was 149; to-day it is 27.7.

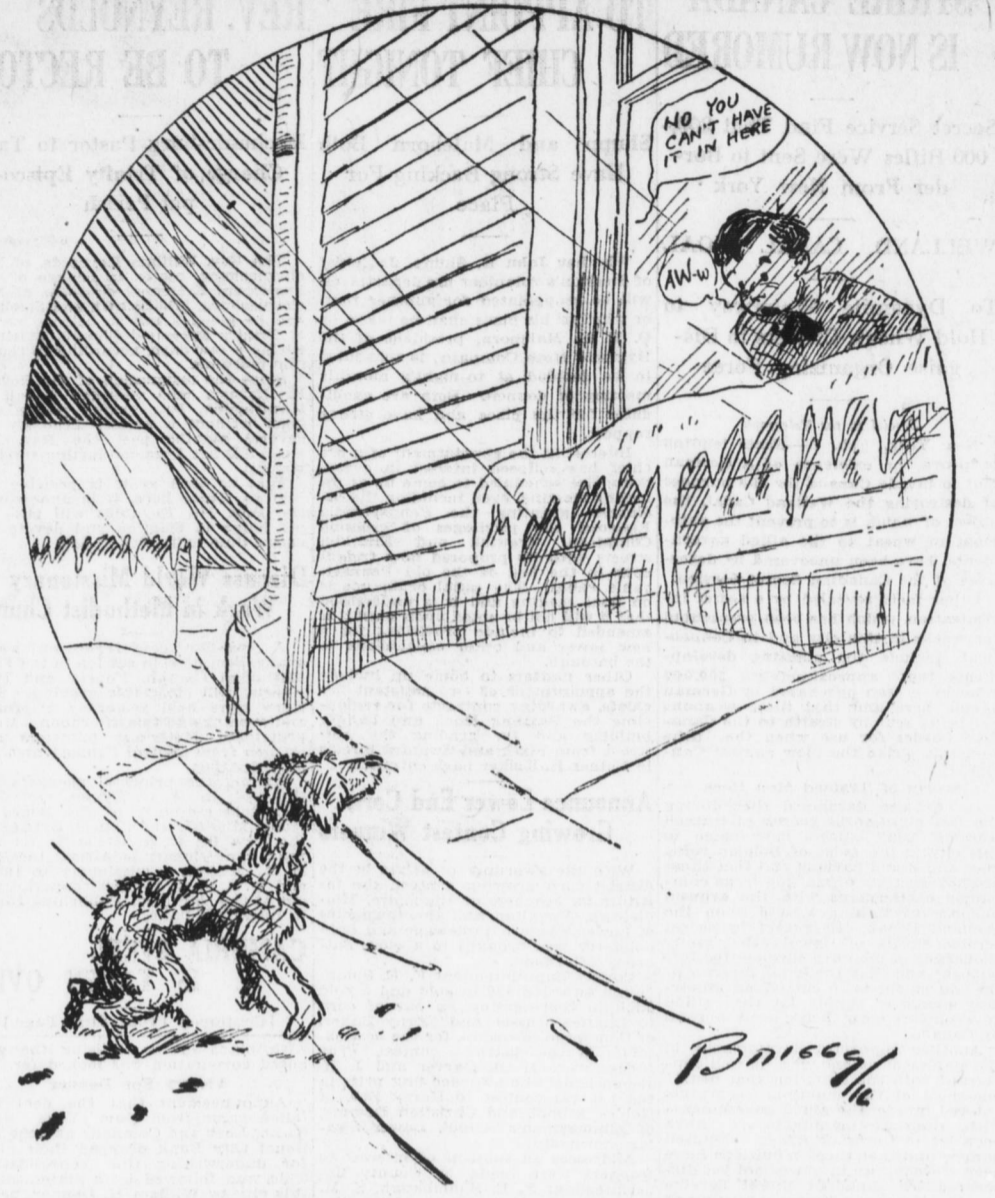
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We are probably safe in assuming

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



that for a satisfactory system not less than 1,250,000 miles of road must still be improved.

With the ever-growing traffic and with the consequent demand for better construction, the ultimate cost of this system will fall short of \$10,000,000,000, and its construction will probably cover a period of not less than forty years.

These figures do not overstate the case. Many roads have been and will be built too narrow, too crooked, with excessive grades and inadequate pavement.

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During the month of January, Helen Bean, daughter of Frank G. Bean, of Colleeville, gathered 194 eggs from 10 Rhode Island Red hens.

General C. T. O'Neill, president of the Allentown Chamber of Commerce, has called a meeting for to-day to consider the question of erecting a \$200,000 hotel. Whereupon Harrisburg heaves a deep sigh!

Reading is meeting with conventional spectacles of magnanimity in arrangements for entertaining the 600 visiting delegates to the annual State convention, which begins Thursday, February 17.

A stone crusher, road roller and traction engine have been purchased by the supervisors of Upper Hanover township. As soon as weather conditions permit the road supervisors will start to rebuild all the roads in the township.

The Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, through its charities bureau, has instituted a campaign against the selection of boys and young girls in soliciting funds for charitable purposes, particularly in the matter of

Evening Chat

Visitors at police headquarters these days while in Albert M. Hamer's office, look in surprise at his "Prose Smiles Book."

The "Smile" book is filled with all kinds of newspaper clippings from political stories of years gone by, to accurate and intelligent bits of information about the latest inventions.

The introduction of an ordinance in Steelton's borough, granting permission to the Pennsylvania railroad to construct a new freight spur in the bed of the old Pennsylvania canal through the borough, recalls the days when the waterway was one of the principal means of transportation from the coal regions to tide-water.

It was a time, and it isn't beyond the memories of some of the city's oldest residents, when the canal was the scene of as much hustle and bustle as the broad yards hereabouts now are—in comparison of course, and to the growth of business due to the expansion of the country.

Slowly but surely the canal is passing into history and soon the old familiar scenes of the now abandoned waterway will be no more. It is only a few years ago that the waterway was filled north of the city as far as Rockville and a storage track was built thereon by the railroad company.

From Middletown a part of the canal ran due east. A large part of this is now partly filled and under cultivation by farmers, and but slight traces of the old waterway still remain even in this rural section.

Friends of J. Clarence Funk, attorney in the Telegraph building, are pouring in congratulations for his appointment by Federal Judge Charles J. Witmer as clerk of the Federal court for the Middle district.

Mr. Funk is widely known throughout the city, having been formerly president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and former federal attorney. As Cruelty Society president, Mr. Funk did excellent work and many prosecutions were brought during his administration.

When the question of who was to be who on Mayor Meals' police and detective force was the chief topic of discussion in the city, Mr. Funk was mentioned as a possible candidate.

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Within the next week or ten days Courthouse Custodian "Charley" Peters will have finished "house cleaning" at the county building.

The city police will appear soon with new caps and overcoats selected by the new administration officials.

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MANAGING THE CITY

Beautiful Battle Creek

By Frederic J. Haskin

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The first duty of a Mexican executive is to execute.—Brooklyn Eagle.

If Carnegie is still anxious to die poor, why doesn't he finance a peace expedition?—Columbia State.

Arizona wants to annex a portion of Northern Mexico. There's no accounting for tastes.—New York Tribune.

Why doesn't Mr. Bryan try to pacify Mexico by lecturing on the Chihuahua Circuit?—Brooklyn Eagle.

One of the most active of Britain's slugs of war seems to be the censorship.—Columbia State.

Austria reports that peace with Montenegro is being delayed by the "national peculiarities of the Montenegrin people"—peculiarities they share, apparently, with both the Belgians and Serbians.—New York Tribune.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

NOT HER LIPS. So you don't admire my moustache. What have you got against it?

Nothing—and I don't want to have, either.

SUPERFLUOUS. Canvasser: The fame of this little device has become a household word.

Householder: Take it away! Too many words in this house now.

Self Confidence

The advertisements in this newspaper testify to the faith of the advertisers in themselves and their goods. The advertisers believe in their ability to please you, to make good in every respect or else they would not invite your patronage.