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TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 15.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.—II Tim. 4:7.

BROOKS' CAREER

In a few lines of type the other day the country learned of the death of Belvidere Brooks, vice-president and formerly general manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Brooks' career ought to be an inspiration to every lad in uniform, for he began work as a messenger boy and rose to the very top of the ladder as the directing force of the company by hard work and application.

Always he did the most he knew how and always he did his best. At first he did more than he was paid for doing.

WILSON AND A CONTEST

PRESIDENT WILSON in "consenting" to become a candidate for re-election takes dangerous liberties with language when he says he is "unwilling to enter a contest for the nomination."

May be President Wilson thinks it is so one-sided that it will be no real contest; but, be that as it may, the present incumbent of the White House job will learn before long that the ex-Secretary of State is not so peaceful as he sounds and his "unwillingness" to face opposition in his own party may soon rise up to haunt him.

A WORD TO THE WISE

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE and Ida Tarbell have been engaged by the enterprising manager of a newspaper syndicate to write their views of the Republican and Progressive national conventions at Chicago next June.

REASON ENOUGH

CONGRESSMAN EVANS (Dem.), of Montana, does not intend to let Secretary McAdoo and other Department chiefs at Washington be alone in the practice of nepotism.

DYESTUFFS AND THE TARIFF

THE dyestuffs hearings before the House Ways and Means committee were decidedly embarrassing to the Democratic members of the committee.

narly member of the committee, who warned the witnesses not to be frightened at the Democratic questions, because the Democrats think more of bringing a few dollars into the Federal Treasury than they do of building up an important industry in their home country.

JIM HAM SEES A LIGHT

WHILE it is pretty generally agreed that Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, is not much of a statesman, his success in getting into public office in various States indicates that he is a good reader of the public mind.

DEMOCRATS HELP FOREIGNERS

AT the annual convention of the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers, in New York, the tariff committee of that organization adopted a resolution urging the restoration of the duty on shoes that will cover the wage differential of the American and the foreign workman.

If we wish to retain our home markets for our home products against foreign invasion, which is absolutely certain to come, we must prepare for it now.

CHILDREN AND BIRDS

MIGHT it not be well for the school children of Harrisburg—11,000 of them—to be taught in some way the value of bird life to the city and country.

The city of Brookline, Mass., had tried in every way to save its shade trees from being killed by caterpillars and moths and when it seemed they were doomed, when a person knew what birds would do presented a plan for their encouragement.

INTELLECTUAL WIVES

ACCORDING to the Milwaukee Sentinel, the following were some of the points brought out in a woman's club debate in that city illustrating the topic "Resolved, That a man is hindered by an intellectual wife."

She hasn't any domestic tastes. She can't sew—her children show it, and her husband has been known to go around bleating with only three available suspender buttons.

Her piano stands undusted for days at a time. She can't cook, but depends upon baker's bread.

She hasn't enough business sense to manage the household finances. She corrects hubby's grammar before company.

She keeps him down, too—he becomes known as "Mrs. So-and-So's husband."

Maybe so, and again, maybe not. What, for instance, of the wife whose intellectuality runs along the line of keeping her husband out of debt by making his measly little salary go twice as far as his massive mind could stretch it?

Or she whose mentality is of sufficient caliber to enable her to be her husband's best adviser in a business way?

If by "intellectual" the Milwaukee club means to define the type of woman who makes her home secondary to the cultivation of a fad or the riding of a hobby, the Lord deliver us from the "intellectual." But, on the other hand, who wants a brainless bunch of curls and curves for a wife?

Female loveliness is only skin deep and it doesn't wear well past forty; but a bright brain, a cheerful disposition and a mind that can give as well as take are things of beauty and joys forever in wedded life.

By all means let's have intellectual wives. Heaven knows most of us need 'em.

The Days of Real Sport



Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The biggest political news of the day in Pennsylvania is that the New Englanders back of the Roosevelt boom for the Republican nomination propose to make a fight for Roosevelt delegates in this State.

The gentleman is quite correct in his assertion. Statistics compiled by the Department of Commerce show that imports of shoes increased during the ten months' free operation of the Underwood law, October, 1913, to July, 1914, 70 per cent. over the period October, 1912, to July, 1913, ten months, under the Republican law, while during the ten months' war period, under the Democratic tariff law, October, 1914, to July, 1915, the imports of shoes showed a slight increase over the Republican ten months' period.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

A certain recent verdict seems to have been a case of—"Not guilty, but don't do it again."

All that the evangelists are able to do for Atlantic City won't lengthen the skirts of next summer's bathers even a scant quarter inch.

Maybe Carranza's idea of cornering the hemp market may be associated with his expressed purpose to round up all revolutionists.

When "Uncle Joe" Cannon says that while he is a pacifist he is "not a darned fool about it," he runs serious risk of being barred from membership in the Ford-Bryan club.

"Somehow," observes the Philadelphia Bulletin, "an old man on a motorcycle looks out of place." Yep, and likely any minute to be out of place.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Might does not make right, nor does right make might.—New York Sun.

All we want is a couple of guns on the stern of the Ship of State, just for defense.—Philadelphia Record.

That horse-meat they are eating in New York wouldn't be so much out of place if served a la cart.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

No sooner did the peace pilgrims visit Sweden than there were renewed rumors that the country was about to enter the war.—Boston Herald.

LIKES MRS. WILSON

[Kansas City Journal.] The President asked the members of the local reception committee to meet Mrs. Wilson and the following are among some of the classic definitions applied to the "first lady of the land":

"A pippin, sure enough." "Woodrow ought to take my word for it." "Thoroughbred, all the way through."

"Nothing stuck up about her, that's what I like." "Looks and acts like a good fellow, all the way." "I give it to Woodrow for picking a real peach when he picked the Missus."

"Say, that smile she hands a fellow is some smile." "Glad to see a fellow and acts just like she means it."

"Woodrow ought to make a tour of the country and take the bride along, by all means."

"You can't help but admire the President's splendid judgment after meeting Mrs. Wilson. She's a bird, that's all there is to it."

HOW TO LIVE LONGER

FOOD—Rule 6—Do not force yourself to eat too much, even if you think that you should weigh more than you do. Weight may be gained by sleeping as well as by eating.

When your body gets hard exercise, your food has to be hard exercise, it uses up more heat and needs more food. The food gives back the heat. If you do not get exercise in your work, you should eat less, or you may get fat. Do not eat between meals. You may overwork your stomach. Do not eat heavy meals just before heavy work. Do not eat a heavy meal when you are very tired or overworked. It is then sometimes better to skip a meal or to eat fruits or salads. If over-eaten, eat foods that take up room in the stomach but which do not make much heat.

Eat a little less food in hot weather. Food makes heat, and in hot weather you need less heat.

MANAGING THE CITY

The Change in Pennsylvania

By Frederic J. Haskin

IN Pennsylvania commission government has been most thoroughly tried, for it was imposed upon twenty-nine cities by an act of the State Legislature. Reading is a typical example of how it has worked.

You should not get the idea, however, that commission government was forced upon the Pennsylvania cities without any initiative on their part. Municipal government in this State was particularly cumbersome before the change, as is attested by the fact that forty-two cities, having a population of more than ten thousand, had remained boroughs rather than adopt the clumsy municipal machinery provided by State law.

All of the Pennsylvania cities were awake to the disadvantages of the old system. As long ago as 1910, the cities of the third class, including all those in Pennsylvania except Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton, were thus summarily placed under commission government in December, 1914.

The Pennsylvania law provides for a mayor and four commissioners elected at large on a nonpartisan ballot. The other city officials, with the exception of the controller, are chosen by this commission. The State act also provides for an initiative and referendum, but there is no recall and no civil service board.

This wholesale change has been emphatically a success. Under the new form of government, Reading has attained a new municipal efficiency, and what is more, a new municipal spirit.

If you visit this city some June, for example, you will witness one of the most interesting displays of municipal common sense and civic righteousness that has ever been staged in America.

The people of Reading, like people everywhere else in the United States, had been reading a lot about conservation for several years before the commission government law was passed. Now they have acted on their information. Instead of sitting down and pining because the magnificent hills surrounding the town were denuded of trees of generations ago by hungry lumbermen, they have undertaken the job of reforesting them.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

NOT THE STYLE.

Old Mother Nettiecoot Wanted a petticoat

And went down town to a store. But when she got there The girl said with a stare

"They're not wearing them things any more."

NOT FROM HIM

By Wing Dinger

A friend of mine, who's much in love. Met me downtown to-day. And said: "Dear Wing, I'm feeling blue. It happened in this way:

Last evening I went out to call Upon my girl, and gee, You should have seen the many smiles With which she welcomed me.

"She thanked me muchly for a box Of candy which she got. Of which I told her truthfully I honestly knew naught. But she just took it as a lot Of Valentine Day josh, And kept insistin' that I was The guilty chap, b' gosh."

"Well, what of that?" I asked of him. "You might have known that you Could not fool her, why that's the way That all the fellows do."

"Oh, that is not what worries me." He answered, with a wail. "Twas not from me—some other guy Is camping on my trail."

EVERY INCH A SOLDIER

[New York Sun.]

The United States army lost a splendid officer when Major James Edward Normoy died in quarters at Fort Ontario. No man's zeal was greater and the Major's capacity for doing a thing the right way never failed him.

As a quartermaster there has seldom been his equal in the army. His work in the Mississippi Valley during the floods of 1912 at Dayton, when that city was overwhelmed, and at the Gettysburg encampment on the Allegheny river, were his crowning achievements.

Called not only for great organizing ability but for incessant application, shrewd knowledge of human nature, the patience of Job, and the tact of a diplomat, Cheery, optimistic, self-sacrificing "Mickey" Normoy was one of the best-known men in the army, and he could ill be spared.

DENNY AND "BILLY"

[Sunday School Times.]

One of the delights of the Christian life is to sit upon a high seat in the arena of the Passing Days and witness the wonderful transformations made in the men who are born again and given the Christ mind.

There was Denny O'Neil, a Pittsburgh political worker and a McKeesport merchant. In the beer saloons of Allegheny County were beermugs with his picture on them and the inviting legend "Take one on me." Then "Billy" Sunday came to McKeesport. Lenny "hit the sawdust trail." The other day this same Denny O'Neil was in Coatesville talking of temperance and religion. Christ-minded Denny O'Neils are multiplying all over this great land of ours.

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Evening Chat

Referring to the reminiscences of College block and the old Board of Trade building in this column last night one of the older residents of the city remarked that before the day of the latter as the home for Harrisburg's commercial organization the site was occupied by a three-decked amusement place. It was owned by Joseph Poulton and there is nothing like it in Harrisburg to-day. It was a bowling alley, pool room, billiard room and the like and was a very popular place among the young men. This was back in Civil War days and immediately after. When the old building was destroyed, the present structure was erected and about all the Board had to do was to take out the arrangement of the rear room, which had been used for billiard tables and it had a meetingplace. In addition to the political meetings which were held in the old Board building it was used for formation of a number of business and other organizations. When the bicycle fad was at its height some fifteen or seventeen years ago the bicyclists used to meet in the Board of Trade room to organize a contest against the magistrates and constables who were too free with arrests and the Harrisburg Division of the League of American Wheelmen was formed in the hall.

The College Block property was in great danger during the Opera House fire in 1907 and it was scorched with the intense heat, also at the time the Astrich store in Third street was burned out there was considerable danger that the whole block would go. The Astrich property, adjoining the block, on the site of the present Security Trust Company. The firemen of Harrisburg made a remarkable fight both times and deluged the building with water. The successful efforts to save the property, whose occupants had prepared to move out their valuables.

There is a certain wholesale dealer in the city whose business necessitates the transportation to and fro of a considerable number of boxes and signs. The other morning one of his clerks noticed on the sidewalk a most unusual looking sign with unique hieroglyphics engraved thereon, the hieroglyph which had never before been his lot to witness. Not being a student of the Babylonian language, nor even being particularly expert in "mushlatin," as they say in boy circles, this somewhat surprised clerk refused to accept the sign, announcing in most determined tones that it didn't belong to his firm and he didn't want it. He hadn't ordered anything like it. Perhaps you will not blame the clerk when you see the sign, which looked something like this:

U-Z-A-W-S

"You poor boob," replied the carrier of the sign, whence hasten thou? and taking up the sign, he held it at an angle, the clerk read just as you will read when you turn this paper to port—and silently withdrew from the scene.

Friday night of this week the Governor's Troop and its former members or alumni, as they might be called, will celebrate the anniversary of their entry into the National Guard service. The Troop was mustered on February 18, 1888, and the interesting thing about it was that General J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, commander of the Third brigade, was the mustering officer, and Captain T. J. Maloney, who commanded Company D, conducted the election of officers.

Capitol Park was a favorite place for visitors yesterday in spite of the intense cold. Many of the people who went to the park did so for the purpose of feeding the squirrels and pigeons which were on friendly terms with everyone, the snow and ice having prevented any foraging. A number, however, went to take pictures.

Now and then President Judge George Kunkel gets a little quef out of the spectators that crowd the courtrooms, especially during a murder trial. As the 12:30 is the luncheon adjournment hour, the Shuman murder trial was well under way yesterday and a whole courtroom full of more or less restive folks were ready to leave the court promptly at 12:30. They thought they could go when Judge Kunkel gravely turned to the jury: "The hour for adjournment having arrived," he began to read. Several hundred spectators promptly arose in their seats. "—but court has NOT yet adjourned," finished the judge. The several hundred spectators sank resignedly back in their seats. Whereupon President Judge Kunkel murmured to Court Crier Young: "Adjourn court until 2 o'clock!"

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