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TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 13.

Make up your mind what you want and then go after it, and keep after it until you get it.—John W. Gates.

COLONEL HARVEY'S PROPHECIES

IN his keen analyses of political conditions and his prophetic conclusions regarding the thought and purpose of the American people, Colonel George Harvey occupies a unique position among the great editors of the country.

Thus the mantle of the prophet falls comfortably upon the shoulders of the magazine editor who has established a remarkable record for accuracy in foreshadowing the outcome of political campaigns.

There is no exaggeration in saying that this is the one supreme issue, the only one worth thinking or caring about in this year's campaign.

Colonel Harvey has justified his reputation as the country's leading political prophet and pre-eminent diagnostician.

FOREST FIRE LOSSES

REPORTS submitted to the chief forest fire warden for the year up to June 1 indicate that the loss from forest fires in Pennsylvania this Spring will be considerably less than for the same period in 1915.

But the figures are still too large, by far. For instance, the total area burned over by the twelve largest fires was about 57,000 acres.

TWO MILLIONS IN FEES

IN the first half of 1916 the automobilists of Pennsylvania paid into the State treasury in license fees more than \$2,000,000.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Organization of the campaign for Hughes and Fairbanks and the election of a United States Senator, Congressmen and Legislature firmly Republican, will be undertaken by Senator Penrose and State Chairman Crow in Philadelphia in a short time.

GOOD WORK

TIME was when the college boy, "working his way through," had hard sledding indeed. About half of his school year he spent working over an effort to get a "job" where by he might not only keep himself during the summer, but at the same time might lay up money to help tide him over the following winter.

BREAKING DOWN CIVIL SERVICE

THE last great Democrat to grace the White House, Grover Cleveland, thought "A public office is a public trust." In 1903, Senator Bayard, a distinguished Democrat of Delaware, describing the conditions which made necessary the development of the civil service, said:

No man obtained an office except he was a violent partisan, and the office was given to him as a reward for party services and so things went on until the offices generally were filled under that system.

But the Democratic statesmanship—to use a questionable term—of later years, is of a distinctly different brand. Not only do Democrats raid the merit system with an effrontery never equalled before, but in 1916, they boldly step forth and boast about it.

Woodrow Wilson by his unprecedented number of executive orders, has set the pace in the Democratic assault on the merit system; but President Wilson, while committing the fault, yet defends the principle.

"CANNING" PROSPERITY

AS an instance of the indirect effect of the European war on the prosperity of our industries, that of the canned goods industry may be cited. The war has boosted the price of sugar from two and a half to three cents a pound higher than normal.

The Burglar and the Pup

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Explaining a Note

"Never had habit of note-writing." His letter to Harriman was not a note, but an ultimatum.—New York Evening Post.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

—There are indications that T. R. stands also for truly repentant.

—Gerard may be punished for telling Europe that President Wilson stands for what all America hopes he advocates—the early end of the war.

—Secretary McAdoo wants a power plant erected in Washington where the smokestacks will disfigure the landscape, figuring, probably, that so far as he's concerned, he won't be there after the plant is built.

—There's no danger of Bryan forcing Wilson on the Democratic convention this year.

—Recent happenings confirm the belief that Senator Smoot might with perfect propriety add an h to his name.

Roosevelt and Hughes [North American Review]

"I have not expressed and do not intend to express myself as being for or against any man," he declared as late as May 1. And three days later, alluding to the World's assertion that in private conversation he had referred to Mr. Hughes as "that Baptist hypocrite," he said flatly: "This is just as preposterous as it has been said that Mr. Hughes had called me a Dutch Reformed dinosaur."

The Butler Citizen, the leading Progressive party paper in Butler county and a strong supporter of Colonel Roosevelt, in its leading editorial yesterday morning declared for Hughes and Fairbanks, the Republican nominees for President and Vice-President.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

TEST. How do you find out whether a man is a molly-coddle? Call him one to his face and see whether he'll fight.

AT THE SHORE. She has a pretty ankle. And she has a pretty face. And she uses her pretty parol. With quite effective grace.

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When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



NEW CLOTH FIBERS

By Frederic J. Haskin

WOOL is now scarce, and a possible shortage of the fiber will probably exist within two years.

At present there are seven textile fibers on the American retail market, including cotton, wool, linen, silk, ramie, jute and artificial silk.

Fabrics of all kinds have been more or less affected by the war. The large flax fields of Belgium were wiped out just as the demand for linen in hospital supplies became enormous.

When further he expressed the "earnest hope that the delegates will nominate some man on whom all Republicans and all Progressives can passable barrier before both himself and Mr. Root, but he practically left a clear path for only one man—Charles Evans Hughes.

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Evening Chat

It is doubtful if any section of Pennsylvania can furnish a greater variety of scenery than the fertile valleys of the Juniata, Cumberland, Susquehanna and Susquehanna basins.

"If your country needed you in time of war, would you ask to be excused from service because you were behind with the work of your office and wanted to catch up?"

"No? Well, this is a request of your country for service—in time of peace. Is there any difference? Isn't it all service to your country?"

At the eastern entrance to the Market street bridge a youthful "extra-gate man" stepped out to receive the toll from a couple of promenaders.

"Notice that youngster?" inquired one of the strollers, nodding to the boy's entrance. "That's wrong," said the Technical high school champion long distance runner.

Yes, he can do a mile in, well in grinning wonder of time—"That are you smiling at?" he broke off to ask.

One of the difficulties in the country districts in the Central High school is the "rube" in the hall of fame as they are.

Pennsylvanians who attended the Chicago convention are awaiting with interest a display of films of one of the Griffith productions to be given in this city because one of the participants of the strong points brought out against this by one of the promoters of the move in a conversation is that when the country lad nowadays comes into the city he is termed a "rube" by lawyers, doctors and other city folk.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Levi L. Rue, the Philadelphia banker, is spending part of June at the seashore.

—Ex-Judge R. E. Umbel, of Uniontown, is one of the Democratic national delegates at St. Louis.

—The Rev. A. E. Andrews, United States officer at State College, has highly commended the military work of the class at the college.

—Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Harrisburg Board of Health, was at the address at the presentation of a flag at one of the Philadelphia churches.

—E. V. Babcock, ex-Pittsburgh lumberman, is being strongly boosted for the governor since his return from Chicago.

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