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There is nothing the body suffers that the soul may not profit by.—GEORGE MEREDITH.

OUR CITY'S GREATEST ASSET

WE reprint elsewhere on this page to-day an editorial from the Kansas City Star commending New York City for its consistent and constructive work along the Hudson river, especially the Riverside Park Drive. This editorial will be of special interest to all Harrisburgers who are proud of the river front in this city. We have been particularly blessed in our natural environment and no feature of our wonderful scenery is more admired by the thousands of visitors every year than the emerald strip and terrace along the "Front Steps of Harrisburg."

Commissioner Gross has made some progress this summer in the grading of different sections of the frontage, but until the lower part of the slope shall have been ripped, as has been proposed, we may expect more or less damage at every flood stage of the river.

It would seem to be the part of economy to utilize whatever remains of the last park loan in placing the river front from Iron alley to Macley street in such shape as will allow of liberal planting, the placing of permanent ramps and such other provisions as may be required for the protection of this wonderful asset of the city.

Only the other day, two officials from a western city spent several hours here and they were astounded at the large park development that has been achieved in this city with so small an expenditure. It is certainly creditable to all who have had anything to do in an official way with our park system that they have been able to accomplish so much with so little.

No other section of the park system, however, demands immediate attention as does the river front, owing to the danger of damage through the frequent freshets of the Susquehanna. Comparatively little is needed to place the slope in such shape as to resist the river at its high stages and in view of the increasing popularity of the river park strip there can be little doubt that the public will approve anything within reason that is done to safeguard their playground and rest resort.

Whatever additional filling is necessary to bring the slope to the degree specified in the recent plan adopted ought to be done without further delay. Stone that might be utilized in this work is said to be available and there would appear to be no good reason for further procrastination in the matter. It is fortunate, indeed, that the Department of Parks was able to secure so much good material for filling out the embankment between the Walnut and Mulberry street bridges this summer and good business and good judgment both justify the prosecution of the work as outlined along the river slopes.

There is abundant shrubbery and thousands of trees in the City Nursery and with the grading of the embankment and the riprapping of the lower sections of the slope, this planting can be given attention before cold weather, if not during the early autumn.

As indicated in the editorial elsewhere referred to, "beauty is one of the greatest assets a city can have" and without boasting we may add that the "Riverside Drive along the Hudson has nothing on the river front of Harrisburg."

It is not clear why there should be so much whining over the Pennsylvania soldiers on the Mexican border by their indiscreet friends at home. If we may judge from the interesting letters that are appearing frequently in the Telegraph, the soldier boys from this city and elsewhere are showing their mettle in strict attention to their duties and without complaint. So long as the criticisms are based upon inefficient military administration it may be justifiable now and then, but it is hardly fair to create the impression that those who have gone to the front are bewailing their lot in the midst of uncomfortable conditions.

CAMPAINING WITH "MOVIES" THE Democratic party will make extensive use of the "movies" in the coming campaign. We can see it all now. No doubt there will be pictures of factories running at full blast; ships leaving New York harbor loaded with experts bound for Europe and South America; President

Wilson, wearing a mortar board hat and flanked by the Oxford dictionary and Roger's Thesaurus, will be seen typewriting notes to the belligerents and billets doux to Carranza; while a five minutes' review will be given of soldiers marching into Mexico and marching back again.

The factory pictures, of course, will be taken in the munition and "war order" districts; the shiploads of supplies to Europe will be over 50 per cent. munitions of war, and those to South America will take the place of goods formerly coming from Europe, which is now cut off as a base of supply because European factories are bending their energies toward keeping the armies up to the highest efficiency in equipment.

It is highly probable that the Republicans will also use the "movies" as a medium through which to educate the people. Accounts of the Vera Cruz massacre, and the treachery at Carrizal have been given in sufficient detail to permit their depiction on the screen; pictures of shipments of firearms and ammunition to the Carranza government might be shown; the two broken down aeroplanes which accompanied the hunters of Villa, the machine guns which insist on jamming, and the dilapidated equipment of our troops on the Mexican border will show what the Democrats have done toward preparedness during the past three years.

In respect to industry the Republican party may run a film taken just before the European war broke out. This would show idle factories, blown-out blast furnaces, the long bread line of idle men filling by the Fleischmann cart, each getting his half loaf and moving on to the free soup house; the stockholder opening his mail at the breakfast table and reading that no dividend would be declared this quarter on his stock; the docks at New York, Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco and Portland heaped high with goods made in foreign countries coming into the American market under a near-free tariff law, and displacing goods "made in America." The eyes of the camera might then be turned on an empty treasury, and a corps of treasury accountants at work devising schemes to fool the public as to the actual condition of Federal finances. Following this would come a picture of the Democratic members of the Ways and Means committee framing legislation for additional taxation in order to meet the unparalleled extravagance of their party. And the entertainment might conclude with a still picture of Wilson, McAdoo, Simmons and Claude Kitchin, and a phonographic record of these four worthies singing in quartet—

"We are the boys who hear no noise, When the voters loudly roar."

Doubtless many of those who are now holding down jobs on Capitol Hill are awaiting with interest the outcome of Dr. Surface's refusal to resign by request. In the interest of efficiency and all that makes for a successful administration it would seem to be the best policy to get through with whatever changes are contemplated without further delay.

NEED OF UNIFORMITY THE Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs has undertaken a work of prime importance to the motoring public in the framing of a uniform street traffic ordinance which it hopes to have adopted by all the boroughs of Pennsylvania during the coming year.

The recognized need of such a measure is indicated by the prompt offer of Attorney General Brown and Commissioner of Labor and Industry John Price Jackson to give what assistance they may be able to.

Borough legislation in Pennsylvania with respect to street regulation is confusing and chaotic. Boroughs lying so close as almost to overlap not infrequently have radically different street ordinances. With the best intentions in the world and a sincere desire to live within the law, even the most careful driver will violate traffic regulations of boroughs an average of a half dozen times for every one hundred miles of travel. Every borough is a law unto itself and to obey all the rules would require constant consultation of ordinance books and a traveling library aboard every auto on the road.

THE BEAST! THE TELEGRAPH recently published this item of local news:

Alice Gutshall, aged 26 years, 214 Atlas street, who one week ago at her home drowned her 18-month-old nameless baby in a bath tub and then took several bichloride of mercury tablets with suicidal intent, died this morning at the Harrisburg Hospital.

The young woman was more sinned against than sinning. Her only crime was loving too well and trusting too implicitly. She was a mother but not a wife. She and her baby were without the pale. Physicians said the nameless child of shame would have the further handicap of blindness. So she drowned the baby and swallowed poison.

Pitiful, you say? Pitiful, indeed! But what of the man in the case? What of the unspeakable beast responsible for the young girl's ruin and her baby's death? Where is he? Behind the bars on a charge of murder, where he ought to be?

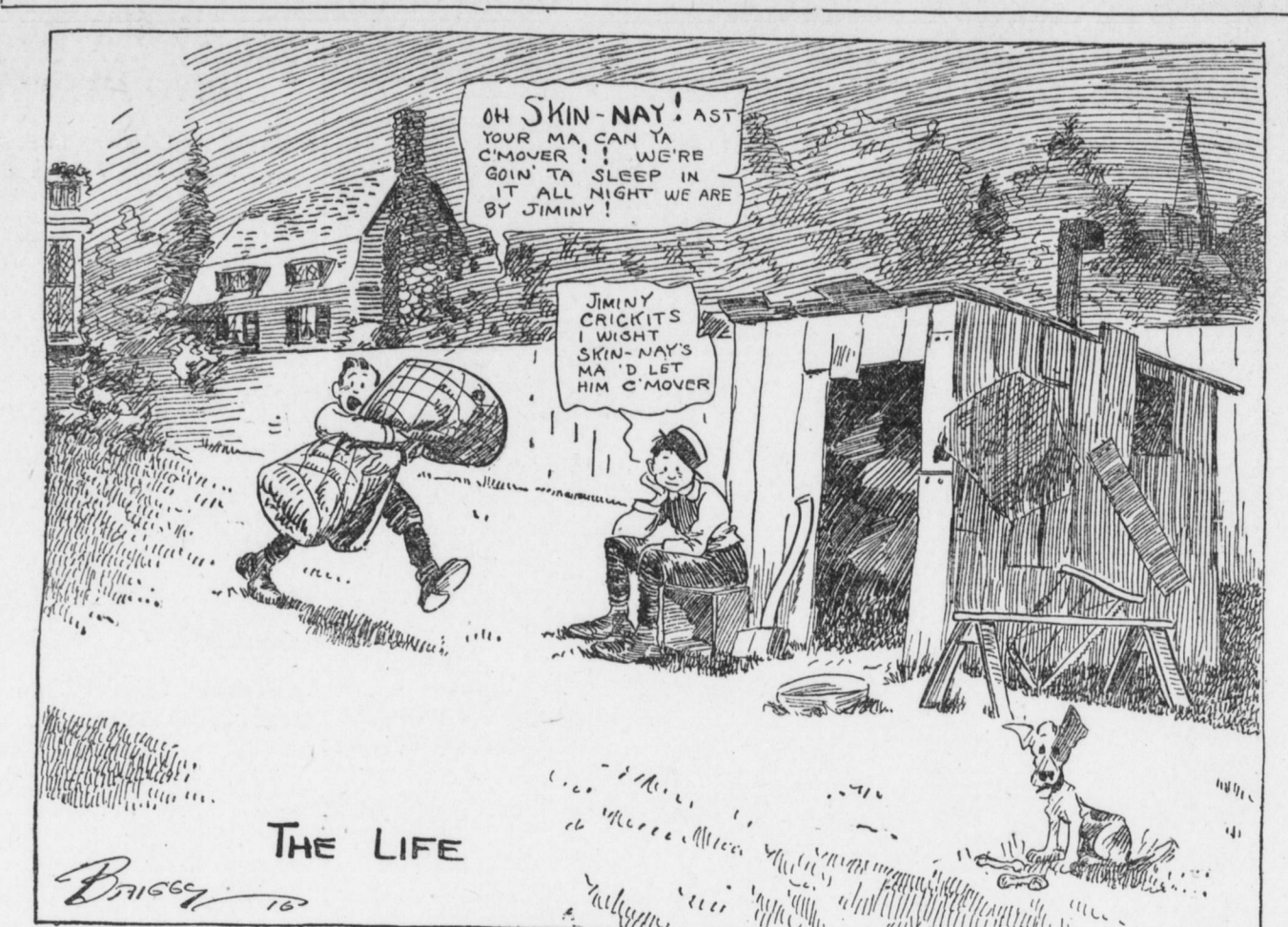
Oh, no! He is still at large. Society has so decreed. Perhaps he is luring other girls as he lured this one. He is beyond the reach of the law, but for all that the mark of Cain is on his forehead and there awaits for him the punishment for those who escape the penalty of their crimes in this life.

"Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Fire and brimstone appear to have lost favor in modern descriptions of Hell, but in cases like this one wonders why.

"Russians near Brody." Sounds like the good old days when the headlines used to dwell on Steve.

We've got a very low opinion of that "Bernada High."

The Days of Real Sport



THE LIFE

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The name of the Progressive party has been taken for the State elections this year by two different sets of pre-emptors, one from Philadelphia and the other from Lancaster county. The first set took the name in the winter, but as yet there has been no contest inaugurated to test the right to use it.

The same name has also been pre-empted for the 9th, 12th, 18th and 30th congressional districts and the 13th, 15th, 17th, 29th, 31st and 35th senatorial districts.

The name of the Local Option party has been taken for most of the districts in the State wherein congressmen and senators will be elected and also in many legislative districts.

In the last week there have been a number of requests made at the State Capitol for information as to forms to be used in withdrawing and it is believed on the Hill that there will be a number of changes in the district tickets before they are certified for printing.

Elmer Barford, correspondent of the Philadelphia North American at El Paso, charges in an article to-day that there was politics in the organization of the First Artillery Regiment by the appointment of officers not skilled in artillery matters, as he points out, to command it. He also charges that there was politics in the matter, as Senator S. McKee, commander of the Fourteenth Infantry, which went out of existence, turned up as colonel of the First Artillery. Incidentally, he says the bill for armories would be in harmony with the charges attracted considerable attention at the Capitol to-day.

J. W. Allison, former county treasurer of Mercer and well known in Republican circles, died yesterday at the age of 75.

District Attorney Rotan says of the Philadelphia vice probe that he proposes to go to the bottom of all the charges and to get facts and then act.

The Philadelphia Republican leaders yesterday congratulated David H. Lane, the city chairman, upon his seventy-seventh birthday.

The committee on the Revision of the Philadelphia City Charter, following a meeting yesterday, issued a statement to the effect that any changes which were made would be in harmony with the scheme of the present charter. In fact, it was stated that no such drastic changes as were at first suggested would be approved by the committee.

Among the matters called to the attention of the committee was the communication from William Hancock, president of the United Business Men's Association and city representative on the Rapid Transit board, in which it was stated that the United Business Men would not support the proposition to make a small council of sixteen members—two from each senatorial district—with a paid city manager, as suggested by Clinton Rogers Woodruff in a plan made public at the last meeting.

A Wilkes-Barre dispatch says: "Daniel L. Hart, who was removed as city treasurer at the reorganization of council and subsequently elected collector of school taxes, has lost title to the school board job through a decision of the county judges here to-day. James Mundy, who was elected treasurer of the city, started mandamus proceedings against the school board to compel the directors to turn their tax books over to him. He contended that as the lawfully elected treasurer of the city, by virtue of that office he has the right to collect school taxes. The court, with the exception of Judge Garman, who dissents, upholds the contention of Mundy and decides that the law makes him collector of school taxes inasmuch as he is the lawfully elected treasurer."

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

These Russians must have stolen Hindenburg's nutcracker.

News dispatches say Perry county horses show signs of paralysis, but perhaps it may be only anticipation of the Fall plowing season.

Southern harvest workers have turned their pitchforks on I. W. W. agitators who came among them, which possibly provided an argument pointed enough for them to understand.

Saving money is the most exciting game of solitaire any man can play—and the player wins every hand.

The Ford Peace Party appears to be lumbering along with two tires blown out and only one cylinder working.

The White House says it has sent a "peppery" note to London on the "blacklist" order and unless all signs fail it will receive a spicy reply.

The married men carried off honors at a Mt. Holly picnic this week, but don't get puffed up, you married fellows—it was because they could run faster.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The case of Thomas Mott Osborne, reappointed warden of Sing Sing, shows what any determined man can do when he is resolved to break into prison.—Grand Rapids Press.

Allowing Mrs. Villa to cross the border into Mexico was a master stroke on the part of the military authorities who have been unable to punish the bandit otherwise.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

If Roosevelt is organizing a division to fight under his direction in Mexico, it is a grave question whether President Wilson has a right to settle our troubles with Mexico without war.—Milwaukee Journal.

There seems to be no way to force Hetty Green's estate to pay a tax to the city. The city has not collected it all these years, and yet some people claim they don't understand why Socialism spreads so.—Boston Transcript.

New York Insists on Beauty

(Kansas City Star.) New York is going to spend 150 million dollars just to hide the unsightly tracks and coal sheds of a steam railroad alongside beautiful Riverside Park Drive. The railroad company has agreed to spend \$300,000 to make certain changes, such as moving away a high coal shed, and tunneling under the hill on top of which stands Grant's tomb. The railroad has also agreed to do away with steam locomotives along the stretch of road and use noiseless and clean electric engines instead.

A model four hundred feet long has been built to show how the tracks will be hidden from view of persons on the drive. In places the tracks will be roofed over with acres of steel and concrete upon which earth will be put and lawns and gardens laid out and trees and flowers planted. These alone will surpass in extent and beauty the historic hanging gardens of Babylon, that were one of the seven wonders of the world.

New York is doing this because she has learned that beauty is one of the greatest assets a city can have, and that it is worth spending 150 million dollars to make its Riverside Park Drive so attractive that it will be talked about everywhere.

Everyone in this city and the Southwest realizes by this time that Kansas City's greatest asset is her system of parks and boulevards; that the old Union Depot was for many years like a black eye upon the fair face of this city; that to show how the city is the greatest advertisement Kansas City has, outside the park system. This advertisement will be made enormously more effective by the improvement of the station setting—if Kansas City lives up to its opportunity.

Fine, But Depressing

[From the New York Sun.] In the last thirty months the Pennsylvania Railroad has carried nearly half a billion passengers without killing one. A fine record, but how depressing to the advocates of government ownership of railroads!

WHY WE SHOULD EAT BUGS

By Frederic J. Haskin

NOT long ago Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the Bureau of Entomology, which is that branch of the Department of Agriculture devoted to the study of insects, caused to be dug up on the Department grounds a number of big, fat, white grubs, or garden slugs of the sort you frequently turn up when digging for bait. These were not intended for bait, however, but for another government scientist, Dr. Langworthy who wears the title of Chief of the Bureau of Home Economics, and knows more about cooking than anybody else in Washington.

Dr. Langworthy presented the worms to his most skillful chef, who made of them a rich broth, thickened with chopped lettuce leaves and seasoned with salt, pepper and paprika. In the unusual form the grubs returned to the initiator of the enterprise, Dr. Howard, who consumed a cup of the worm soup with great gusto and pronounced it delicious. One of his assistants courageously sacked the chief, and he, too, said the soup was good. There was no argument.

These conservative scientists were not merely indulging in exotic tastes for an insectivorous diet. Neither of them had ever knowingly consumed any insects before. But they shared a serious scientific conviction that insects are not only a pest to the human food, which is being almost neglected by civilized man; and they wished at once to put their beliefs to the test, and to give a practical demonstration of the edibility of bugs.

The argument in favor of eating insects is literally unanswerable. Like wise the prejudice among most civilized peoples against eating insects is almost insuperable. So the situation is a deadlock. A sufficient number of exalted examples, like that of Dr. Howard, might suffice to break it. If New York society, for example, would take up cockchafer on toast and grasshopper omelette, there is little doubt but what these dishes would come into general favor. An administration really desirous of lowering the cost of living might consider the matter. The most savory native insect served at the White House table, Dr. Howard has made a beginning. Let who has the courage follow him.

The matter is far more momentous than appears at a glance. The population of the earth is increasing at a great rate, and everywhere food is becoming more difficult to obtain. Especially in this time of animal food, Red meat, fish, shell-fish, and crustacea are all becoming scarce. The last of these, the crustacea, including the lobster, shrimps and crabs, are first cousins to the insects, having the same sort of flesh and structure. Yet the lobster soars to unheard of prices and is threatened with extinction, while his near relative, the June Bug, has escaped all consideration as an article of diet.

Our refusal to eat insects is inconsistent, squeamish and ridiculous. It is apparent that it is not the end of the matter, however, and it may be stated with almost literal truth that sooner or later we will have to eat the insects in self defense. Modern life on this planet is a battle between

man and the insects—and the latter are in every physical respect better fitted to survive. All other forms of life have been subjugated by man so far as he has come in contact with almost undiminished numbers, and continues to menace the life and well-being of the human race. Grasshoppers descend upon our crops and leave whole States in a starving condition as a result of disease, locusts, locusts, locusts, creeping southward, threaten the life of a great industry. Moths devour the shade trees of whole cities. House-flies take thousands of lives by acting as disease carriers, and the mosquito laden with yellow fever and malaria, kills more men than any wild animal that ever inhabited the earth.

So modern life is in a very real sense a desperate struggle between man and the insects. Some scientists believe that it is the insects who will survive, and that they will own the earth long after every other form of life has perished. Dr. Howard believes that man will ultimately overcome the insects by reason of his superior intelligence; and the valiant fight which his department is waging against the pestiferous armies of American agriculture is an impressive demonstration of his theory. But whether we are to conquer or not, it is certain that the struggle is really desperate and that the human race, so far as man extends his dominion over the tropics, which are the most productive part of the earth, and have been kept in a state of wilderness largely by the insects who carry death to every intruder.

Now in this struggle for existence it is evident that our enemies have taken great advantage over us in that they live upon the crops which we do not. A pest of grasshoppers descends upon Kansas, and lays waste the country. The farmers go forth destroying the traps to destroy them. There is heavy loss on both sides. But the grasshoppers live upon the substance of the farmers, while every cent which the farmer spends in destroying the insects is a complete loss. Now just suppose there were a staple food grasshopper was a staple food with civilized man as it is in North Africa. Corporations would pay the farmer to raise the staple grasshopper rights for the large sums for the insects would be gathered by the ton in huge machines designed for the purpose, and shipped to all parts of the world. The crops would be saved and the farmers would make a neat royalty to boot.

This sounds a bit Utopian; yet something like it is being done in parts of Europe where the cockchafer is very abundant. Children are there employed to gather the insects which are fed to the pigs. A recent traveler in Germany reports that frequently the peasant children will stop in this work to pull the legs and wings of one of the luckless bugs and chew up his thorax and abdomen with great relish just as a boy now and then chews up a cherry. It may be thought that the young generation thus taught the food value of insects, and with food, there is reason to believe that insects may become a staple before long.

I trust the women and girls of Harrisburg will show in spite of all objections, by not riding in the cars, by walking, or walking in good. Stick to your union men and you will have no cause to blush.

MRS. GEO. RICKARDS, Mechanicsburg.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Tish, by Mary Roberts Rinehart, Houghton, Mifflin Co., publisher. Illustrated in color, \$1.50.

Letitia Carberry, or Tish, as she is called by her intimates, Lizzy and Aggy, is an adventurous and surprisingly active and eccentric spinster. The chronicle of her escapades and excursions, in which she is invariably accompanied by these two ancient cronies, is full of humorous incidents and laughable situations.

Nothing daunts Tish, and she gaily leads the way in spite of all objections from her two friends who protest against every wild project which she suggests. The result is a most deliciously comic series of adventures from which Tish ever emerges triumphant.

In short, she is the most amusing and popular of all the characters of Mrs. Rinehart's versatile imagination and one of whom readers never tire.

Early Christmas Transaction. Knicker—The guardsmen are to be presented with a Christmas on the border. Boeker—The President is certainly doing his shopping early.

Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

Captain George C. Jack, commander of the Governor's Troop or Troop C of the First Pennsylvania cavalry, as it is known officially in the National Guard of the United States, believes in making the best of the situation and he is doing his best to have his men think so. The cavalrymen have not yet received their horses, but the captain intends that when they do they will be well qualified. He has sent home for copies of the field service regulations and the manual of drills which were stored in the State street armory and the men will be put through their paces and well grounded in what Uncle Sam requires of his soldiers. Captain Jack, thanks to his interest in horse riding at army schools and is considered one of the best officers in the cavalry. When his regiment was mustered into the federal service at Great Britain, Pennsylvania, in 1892, he was one of the best officers of the regiment and the ceremony, which was witnessed by one or two Harrisburgers, attracted attention. The United States mustering officer in charge paid the men a high compliment upon their number and spirit. When the troop returns from El Paso the men will be mighty well versed in field work if the captain has his way.

Some time ago reference was made in this column to the potato growing industry of Benjamin Franklin Umberger, a popular member of the City Planning Commission. His friends thought at the time that Mr. Umberger was joking about his potato experiment on the nose of the mountain at Duncannon, but this week he has demonstrated in the most practical way that he is a potato grower of no mean quality, having produced many bushels of the finest kind of Irish Cobler tubers. Now will those other lawyers who were jealous of Mr. Umberger's agricultural experiment conceal themselves in the tall timbers.

Some of the strike-breakers are a source of infinite amazement and amusement to patrons of trolley lines and to people who live along the routes. Some of them do not think anything of stopping cars to get a soda and at the end of a run they occasionally enjoy the finer kind of "knock down" on the fares or not persons who ride in the cars can best determine, but they get a lot of entertainment. Some display cards that the streets and generously call attention to some of them. But best of all was a young, light hearted conductor on one line who practiced lifting himself up on the straps for crowded days and informed one passenger that he believed he could "skin the cat" on them.

Congressman B. K. Focht, of Lewisburg, is of the opinion that the State is overlooking some important matters in not providing bridges across the Susquehanna and that the Legislature ought to wake up to the importance of bridges at Watonsontown and Montgomery. The congressman would have harmony of action between congress, the war department, the State and the people and build one free bridge every two years until the three are constructed. He points out that there are three bridges across Pennsylvania, and that the Lehigh and Clark's ferry not one bridge. Politics, he holds, should be eschewed and an effort made to get the bridges built soon.

Some of the jitneys being operated just now are studies in the way of ornament. Some display cards that they are in sympathy with the strikers, others that they are for the public and still others that they charge only "one cent." To other afternoon blare down street with a sign "Licensed." Some one tore it off, but the man was hunting for the fellow who did it.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

George W. Norris, the new member of the House of Representatives, is a member of one of the oldest families in Philadelphia. Mayor Armstrong has advised the city highway strikers in Pittsburgh to get busy and charge the Lehigh one more money with which to give them an increase. Major A. B. Glines, of Lebanon, is home from the camp at El Paso and will have charge of medical examinations at Lebanon and at Mt. Gretna camp. Henry Hornbostle, Pittsburgh architect, has been designated as Pennsylvania building at San Francisco, is the city planner of Johnstown and will make a study of that city. H. C. Reynolds, Scranton attorney well known here, is acting for the city in the mine-cave litigation which has been started. C. D. Barney, Philadelphia banker, has gone to Put in Bay for the hot season.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg plates are used for making steel cars? HISTORIC HARRISBURG Dauphin county soldiers in the War of 1812 were trained in camps just over the Susquehanna.

Friendship

And David said, is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet. Then the king sent a d fetched him. Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came unto David, David said unto him, Fear not for I will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake. So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem for he did eat continually at the king's table. —II Samuel ix, 1 to 13.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

STUMPED. To me, here's a question perplexing. Oh so er cer er cunning and old; If coming events cast their shadows, What would you say this foretold?

NO ALTERNATIVE

Do you believe in the Darwinian theory of Evolution of Species? Well, I'm forced to when I look in a glass.