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Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be made full.

—JOHN 16:24.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

THERE is always an outbreak favorable to governmental ownership of public utilities when strikes are impending or a political campaign is in sight.

It is probable that government ownership of the railroads and utilities of the United States is still far in the distance.

We can readily understand that the great railroad corporations would prefer surrendering absolutely to government control in preference to submitting to the everlasting nagging that has characterized the attitude of the government under the present administration.

POLITICAL PIFFLE

IT would appear from certain outgivings of those who are managing President Wilson's campaign for re-election that any criticism of the administration or its policy must necessarily be in the nature of treason.

We have about passed through a period of hysteria in our national existence during which the uplifters and theorists and reformers have managed to enfold the country in the most serious plight that any free people could suffer.

All the piffle about treason involved in criticism of the President will simply call attention to the fear of his managers that they are already upon thin ice and are likely to break through at any minute.

A BUSY LIFE ENDED

WILSON R. BLOUGH'S life in this community was a fine example of what the poor boy may accomplish through perseverance, energy and thrift.

every movement in Harrisburg which helped in the building of the city. No one who was present at the big meeting at Fahnstock Hall which placed the William Penn Highway Association on its feet as an organization will fail to recall the inspiring and encouraging remarks of Mr. Blough on that occasion.

DISTINCTION, NO DIFFERENCE

THE White House ponderously corrects a statement made by candidate Hughes in a speech at Detroit.

In other words the White House admits that "Dr." Jones is not entitled even to the title of doctor.

HIS PLACE IS IN JAIL

THE man who throws a stone at a street car should be in jail. It is to be hoped that Mayor Meals will put vigorously into force his threat of drastic punishment for disorders of this kind.

The Mayor says that property must be protected. But more than mere property loss serious though that be, is involved.

No good was ever accomplished by attacks on private property. Unquestionably, large numbers of people have been sincerely sympathetic with the objects of the street car strikers.

It is also in Gregg's own words for it that when the fight began, Custer, who had been ordered to another point of the field, asked to remain and help.

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THE GROCERS' PICNIC

HARRISBURG grocers are going to Hershey to-morrow for their annual picnic. We wish they had asked us to go along.

Encouraged by an early breakfast and violent exercise incident to getting to the grove, carrying water, climbing trees, playing ball and "kissing games," we responded with alacrity to the merry tocsin of the call to dinner.

We have been wont to look back upon these annual occasions as the par excellence of picnic repasts.

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KEEP YOUR HANDS CLEAN

THE United States Public Health Service, in a recent health bulletin, facetiously observes that "disease germs lead a hand to mouth existence."

There is sense as well as humor in this. If the human race would learn to keep the unwashed hand away from the mouth many human diseases would be greatly diminished.

What of Mouths of Babies

"What is the meaning of 'false doctrine, Willie?'" asked the Sunday school teacher.

cess is reversed, the infection being carried to the object handled, there to await carriage to the mouth of some other careless person.

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

"America must be first," says Hughes, and we wonder what fault Democrats will find with that.

"Germans make paper from cotton stalks"—newspaper headline. About time for the "Solid South" to change its mind on the paper tariff.

Five sharks were captured in Oyster Bay. They might have known better than to venture in there.

The English workmen who demand that Emperor William be hanged might assist the government a little by helping catch him.

"God fights with the faithful," says a correspondent to the New York Sun; yes, but the faithful usually have the guns with them, too.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Mexico and Mr. Wilson having formally considered the dispute settled, that leaves only 90,000,000 Americans still to pass upon the matter.

"There are hundreds of men in America walking around the streets who are dead but have not yet been buried."

The nation's liquor bill last year was certainly a staggering total.

Exchange of inhabitants by Russia and Germany is proceeding merrily.

Included in the cargo of the Deutschland is a great deal of the property of J. Bull.

General Gregg at Gettysburg

I have heard officers who knew him on the battlefield say that Gregg—the last Union general of Gettysburg—was the handsomest soldier in the Northern armies.

At Gettysburg this Pennsylvania youth of only thirty was being straight and a superb horseman, commanded a division of cavalry of thirteen regiments.

That glory belongs to the First Maine Cavalry.

At Gettysburg General Lee sent that boldest of Southern raiders, General "Jeb" Stuart, with six hundred cavalry to ride around behind Meade's army and smash his great wagon trains and munition supplies.

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The Southern pressmen soon proved that policy nonsense, but the war was just half over before the Union cavalry corps began to equal in effectiveness its gray-clad antagonists.

Gregg's fight with Stuart at Gettysburg was probably the most important single cavalry battle ever fought in the Western Hemisphere.

The Cost of Gasoline

According to the Government report just issued more than one petroleum was marketed in this country in 1915 than ever before in the history of the industry.

This is a gasoline age, and what the users wish to know is will the present prices be continued?

The fields in the East, from which once came almost the entire production of the petroleum in output.

The indications, then, are that the supply for 1916 will equal that of last year.

"Well, George," said his uncle, "don't you want me to shove you, too?"

Whom God Correcteth

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not the chastening of the Lord.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Major Isaac E. Brown, of Corry, former secretary of internal affairs and nominee of the Washington party for Auditor General, to-day filed his withdrawal at the State Capitol.

The withdrawal of Major Brown leaves only one State candidate aside from a few candidates for Congress-at-large on the Washington party ticket and it is expected that they will withdraw this month.

Speaker Charles A. Ambler, who was nominated for Auditor General on the Roosevelt Progressive ticket by a few votes, to-day filed a withdrawal.

It is likely that the meeting of the Republican State committee to plan for the campaign will be held about the same time as last year, the early part of September.

The Philadelphia North American to-day says: Brumbaugh leaders have not as yet decided whether they will attempt to be made to induce the Republican State committee to endorse a legislative program or whether the administration will make known the lines along which it will support a fight after the committee adjourns.

The annual row over people who eat at the city council clubhouse is on again.

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THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

OPEN SESAME!



From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

THE MEXICAN PEOPLE

By Frederic J. Haskin

THE really uncertain element in our dealings with Mexico lies in the Mexican people and their attitude towards the United States.

The most contradictory assertions are made as to how this Mexican people regard the simplest issues.

The exact constitution of the Mexican population has never been ascertained definitely.

The lack of immigration was due to two causes—the land situation and the state of industry.

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Evening Chat

Score another for the quail. Well established reports are reaching the State Capitol that the great game bird is the greatest destroyer of potato bugs known in a generation and instances have been made known wherein whole potato patches have been cleared of the pests and many dollars saved to the owners of the plants.

State Fire Marshal G. Chal Port, who since a considerable part of his early years as a detective, looks over the reports of the fires which pour into his office with the eye of an officer bent on finding out the "crooked" fires.

Two Harrisburg boys, who were in the High school at the same time, and who are making good live in Youngstown, Ohio, they are Frank Vert, head of the publicity bureau of the Youngstown Steel company, who is superintendent of machinery in the plant of the Republic Iron and Steel company.

Capitol Park squirrels do not appear to be affected by the weather no matter how hot it grows.

These are the days when the visiting automobiles line up on the Capitol plaza and when there are solid rows for hours at a time.

An interesting story is told among the older officers of the National Guard about how General D. M. C. Gregg failed to get into the regular army at the close of the Civil war.

The warm weather appeared to bump the circulation at the Harrisburg Public Library last month.

The Rev. Dr. T. C. Billheimer, who was taken ill here a few days ago, is one of the distinguished men of the Lutheran church.

Col. J. Warner Hutchins, of Philadelphia, is with a party of friends on a motor tour of the White Mountains.

Walton Clark, of the United Gas Improvement company, is at El Paso, where his son, who is in a Philadelphia hospital, has been connected with the Gettysburg seminary for many years and many prominent clergymen have taken his lectures.

John T. Lenahan, the Wilkes-Barre lawyer, is taking one of his rare vacations at the seashore.

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WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB LEARNED OF THE CITY

Questions submitted to members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club and their answers as presented at the organization's annual "Municipal Quiz."

Of what advantage to the property owner and tenant is plumbing inspection? Plumbing inspection insures that all plumbing is installed according to the regulations of the city and the vision of the Plumbing Inspector.

Dozens of varieties of candy for national trade?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

IN A CLASS BY ONESELF. You are positively the worst dancer I ever saw.

Well, it is consoling to know that I excel in that respect at least.

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