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I am responsible before God for the work I might have done and did not do.  
—R. A. TORREY.

COMMENDABLE PUBLIC SPIRIT

SWIFT & COMPANY, by their action to-day in declining to take advantage of permission granted by City Council for the erection of a runway across Seventh street, near North, because popular opinion opposed the proposed structure, display commendable public spirit. Manager C. O. Hibler in his letter to City Council sums up the position of the company in a single paragraph when he says:

Notwithstanding the fact that we still regard the privilege we asked for as a proper one for you to grant, and one that is almost necessary for the enlargement of our business, rather than appear in the least shadow of an improper light and prompted by our desire to concur in a Greater Industrial and Beautiful Harrisburg, and the prospect of legal proceedings, we will voluntarily forego the proposed convenience and will not take advantage of the ordinance recently passed by you.

It must be said for Swift & Company that their course in the matter at issue was altogether proper and they were at all times within their rights as they saw them. They asked council for permission for a bridge which in their view was necessary to their business. That they have no thought of attempting to force their own desires upon an unwilling public, even with the approval of council, is altogether to their credit.

The withdrawal of the proposal to erect the bridge is a distinct victory for the City Planning Commission, which was looking only to the good of the city as a whole and to prevent the establishment of a dangerous precedent. The Commission has no objection to street bridges as such. The members doubtless would look favorably upon the creation in Harrisburg of a distinctly industrial district where runways like that proposed and other conveniences of the kind might be permitted.

The Swift bridge controversy is a closed incident. Doubtless it will have served a good purpose. The Planning Commission will now be able to go about its important and praiseworthy work with the knowledge that it will have back of it the unqualified support of the public in safeguarding the people's interests.

Protection is the Republican watchword this year, and the dust throwing of the Democratic spellbinders will have no effect upon the great body of the people. With the new laws recently enacted and the higher wage conditions our competitive relations to other countries are radically changed. We must protect our wage-earners from an invasion of the cheap products of those countries where labor is on the lowest possible scale of remuneration and the Republican protection policy is safe and sane.

WHICH ARE YOU?

SUNBURY firemen celebrated yesterday the ninetieth birthday of William R. Roberts, an active member of the city's volunteer department.

Alexander H. Phillips, of Ellsworth, N. Y., yesterday observed his ninety-third birthday by seeing a motion picture show, using a telephone and riding in an automobile for the first time. It was also the first time he had ventured more than 1,000 feet from his son's home in seventeen years, although in good health for one of his age.

Here we have two ways of growing old—Roberts an active fireman at ninety, filled with zeal for the progress and improvement of his home city, the subject of a municipal jubilee, and Phillips doing things for the first time on his ninety-third anniversary that he should have been doing twenty or twenty-five years ago.

Which of the two, think you, is getting the most out of life—Roberts, the energetic and interested citizen of his community, or Phillips, content to linger along through the seasons purposeless, save for the gratification of his own meager personal desires and as dead to the people of his own town as though the marble had been planted on his last resting place for, lo, these many years?

There are many like Phillips and all too few like Roberts in Harrisburg—and not all of them are ninety years of age, by any manner of means. But they are spending their days and their years as these two men spent theirs. The Phillips crowd is going their selfish way and nobody cares much what becomes of it. When one of its members dies the undertaker is the saddest person at the funeral and his

grief is due largely to the desire of the relatives to bury the mousback at as small an expense as possible. But from what a different outlook the Roberts man sees life. He is active in the affairs of his city. He lives to serve as well as to profit. No limited radius of a thousand feet for his interests. The telephone, the automobile and the moving picture are no mysteries to him. He knows them and has use for them in his business. He is the man for whom the community gives birthday celebrations and when he goes to his long reward it is with the knowledge that he has done his part, that life is better because he lived and he leaves a place that is difficult to fill.

THE VICTORY IN MAINE

The sweeping Republican victory in Maine yesterday is immensely encouraging to Republicans the nation over. It forecasts public sentiment at the polls in November. It is a clear indication that the Progressives and Republicans are united behind Hughes and that States like Maine which gave Wilson majorities in 1912 are safely back in the Republican fold.

The overwhelming triumph, extending from the top to the bottom of the ticket in almost every district, is all the more remarkable because of the local issues involved and the tremendous pressure brought to bear by the Democrats to elect their ticket. All of the influence of Federal patronage was turned in favor of the Democratic candidates. Speakers beyond number, from Cabinet members to postmasters, were hurried into Maine to "help save the day." Even the campaign machinery and funds of the Democratic national committee were thrown into the balance without stint. Democratic leaders are naturally trying to make the best of a disheartening situation and are saying that the election is a distinct indication of victory for Wilson in November, but just how they figure is not clear for the reason that the vote for the Republican candidate for Governor yesterday was more than 2,000 in excess of the 77,000 votes polled by Taft and Roosevelt in 1912, while Wilson on that occasion received a total of only 51,000.

The more closely the results are studied, the clearer it becomes that Maine is going Republican in November by an even bigger vote than that by which the whole Republican ticket was swept into office yesterday and Maine, not without reason, is regarded as the barometer of the nation's politics.

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB

The University Club of Harrisburg, with the formal opening that has been set for the latter part of this month, will take its place among the established clubs of the city. An organization of clean, intelligent men is desirable under any circumstances, but the formation of Harrisburg's University Club is particularly apropos in view of the large number of college and university men who are located in the city and surrounding territory.

The scope and activities of such an organization as the new club purposes to be are unlimited. Through the various alumni associations represented in its membership much good can be accomplished in the way of making Harrisburg known in other cities and towns; visitors to the city will have one more live organization to make its impress upon them; association with other towns through similar clubs should be productive of mutual good, and there are educational factors in the life of a community the size of Harrisburg in which a university club can be of great benefit.

Although in its infancy, the already large membership and growing popularity of the club point to a promising future. Harrisburg expects the new club to take its place and do its share in promoting the city's welfare, and it will not be disappointed.

SCHWAB AS OUR GUEST

WITH enormous orders for steel products of every character it would appear that the local industries and the mills throughout the country will continue to run at full capacity for months to come. Buying these products is rapidly taking up all the unengaged mill capacity for the balance of this year and the first half of 1917. Many orders are being placed for shipment over the third quarter of next year. Domestic manufacturers are pressing for delivery contracts and buying for shipment over the second and third quarters of 1917.

This situation gives added interest to the coming of Charles M. Schwab and members of his staff as the principal guests of the Chamber of Commerce at its banquet next month. Mr. Schwab is easily the steel king of the country and the fact that he has come up from the ranks gives him a place of his own among the industrial leaders of the United States. Harrisburg will give him a cordial greeting and the opportunity will be presented through this important function for Mr. Schwab and his associates to meet the live wires of this community.

Between now and the next Kipona every good idea as to other interesting features of the river carnival should be developed. There will be plenty of time during the winter months to originate new ideas and develop plans for the big affair of 1917.

DESIGNING, NOT RESIGNING

The Planning Commission of Reading is so disgusted with the treatment which it has received that the members are threatening to resign. That may be the way the planners of Reading meet official obstruction, but not so in Harrisburg. Here the Planning Commission is going right on doing the admirable work which the people are universally approving. No matter what may happen with respect to the other municipal bodies, this board of five active and public-spirited men will proceed to meet public expectation in every

way. They believe they have a work to do and they believe further that any misunderstanding which may have arisen between their body and the City Council will disappear under the full light of publicity and a better appreciation of what is really being accomplished through the planning organization.

For instance, only yesterday the commission directed a survey of the important suburban district between the northern city boundary and the Rockville mountain. This is rapidly developing as one of the most desirable of the residential sections of Harrisburg. It was important that the street lines and grades be established so that there may be no such blunder committed as cost the city so many thousands of dollars in the eastern section when Eastmore, now the Thirteenth ward, was annexed to the city proper.

It is just this sort of work that is demonstrating the practical character of the Planning Commission's activities. With a vision far beyond our own little day these men are providing for the spread of the city along the river clear to the first ridge back of Rockville.

Politics in Pennsylvania  
By the Ex-Committeemen

Probably 500 Democrats will be in Harrisburg on Thursday for the "in gathering." The State committeemen, the county chairmen, the county and district leaders, the prospective officeholders and the Democratic postmasters will all be here and the needs of the campaign will be discussed. "To make Pennsylvania Democratic" will be explained. As it is not expected that those present will "come up" with anything like what the chief machinists would like to have, it will be declared that the plan to turn the Keystone State over to the Democratic column will be abandoned in due season and one more slogan will be thrown into the lot of the Market Square windmill where "Give us Wilson, we will give you Pennsylvania."

It is expected that the meetings here will be interesting to all Democrats who attend. The State committee is making some trial spurts with its plan to raise a big campaign fund and it is figured out that the men in charge of the "in gathering" will find much encouragement here, especially after the National Committeemen, A. Mitchell Palmer and other Democratic arclights address the meetings.

The folks at the windmill say that the meeting set for Thursday is to notify the men nominated at the direct primary of their fate and talk of the Democratic bosses being gathered here on the eve of the nominating convention is deprecated as leading to unkind thoughts. It is explicitly denied that the hat is to be passed or anyone held up of course, any of the postmasters or other officeholders in the "in gathering" may do so and will have their names put on the roll of fame, even if the speaker is not in a recent speech, leads to rewards according to the size of the gift.

The plan for big Thursday really begins on Wednesday, when Mr. Palmer and other Democrats will address the windup session of the postmasters and speak at their banquet in the evening. The assembly of Democratic leaders in Harrisburg on that evening is merely incidental. The reason so many will have reached town before the nominating convention is because the program for the "in gathering" starts off with morning conferences between the big chiefs and the little chiefs and a roll call of the financial contributors. The state chairman from all over the state will sit in secret conference, State Chairman Joseph F. Guffey presiding. At this point the speaker will be told to hold down expenses unless contributors come up. At 2 o'clock the candidates tagged at the primary will be given a surprise party and told of their nominations. Ex-State Chairman Roland S. Morris will be the breaker of the news. Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson, Mr. Palmer and others will speak. It will be a great day.

People here to-day were much interested in the dispatch from Lancaster that the late Mayor of that city, George W. Schaefer, had been elected to the county chairmanship at yesterday's meeting of the Lancaster county Democratic committee. Revenue Collector E. F. Davy stated he did so in the direction of certain government authorities. It was generally supposed when he announced his intention of retiring from active politics that it was the condition which his confirmation as collector, recently, was made. William B. Schnetman, of Elizabethtown, was elected his successor.

Montgomery county Republicans will try to outdo the big Chester county Republican campaign opening on this Saturday. The event will be a mass meeting to be held in Robinson's meadow, on the Perkiomen creek, at Collegeville. Chairman Styer, of the Republican county committee, will send invitations to-day to Republican vigilante committeemen all over the county asking that they not only attend, but also bring a large delegation of their neighbors. Senators Penrose and other speakers of national repute will address the meeting and the issues of the campaign will be forcefully proclaimed. Chairman Styer in his letter, which continues: "The real purpose of this meeting is that it shall be a get-together meeting at which the Republicans of the whole county can see and meet the candidates."

Powell Evans, Philadelphia independent and head of the Hughes Alliance in this State, is out with a letter in which he assails the President. He says the Wilson bid for support as a Progressive is bogus.

The duration of Walter George Smith, one of Philadelphia's eminent men, a life-long Democrat, that he will support Hughes set the Democratic windmill roaring to-day. The Smith declaration coming right on the same day as the Pinchot declaration was held not to be nice because Democratic postmasters are to meet here this week and to be made welcome about the windmill, especially the finance committee office.

—Congressman W. S. Vane is out in a long statement in which he says that the recent Democratic Congress did much for Philadelphia, notably for the navy yard.

BACK HOME!

By Wing Ding  
Democrats who've been contendin'  
That this year they would command  
The Progressives in this town.  
Everywhere throughout the land,  
Will please note that an election  
Was held yesterday in Maine  
And they sent the poor old donkey  
To the hospital again.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY



The Wilson Administration is Now Figuring with the Bankers to Help Carranza

TELEGRAPH PERISCOPE

—A federal probe of bread is proposed. Well, we judge it will be kneaded.

—It is a pleasure to write the war heads when the Russians are approaching nothing more formidable than a pronouncement standpoint than Lemberg.

—Philadelphia newspapers are going to think an awful lot less of that government armor plate plant if Daniels doesn't locate it in that city.

—And after all these months of anxiety, the German government finally announces that it doesn't matter if Limburg was smashed up a bit because the best Limburger cheese isn't made there anyway.

—Our idea of an example of wilful waste of perfectly good money is the publication of 350,000 copies of the Democratic handbook.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Professor Hugo Munsterberg predicts a triple alliance between Germany, England and the United States, but Mark Twain still ranks as America's leading humorist.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Evidently Mr. Hearst's editorials are not widely read in Rumania.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The most noticeable feature of King George's latest visit to the front is that he went to foot—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Turning down an offer of \$25,000,000 for three coral reefs is what might be logically expected of a nation which so enthusiastically hung the laurel wreath on Dr. Cook.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Rumania can now report to its allies that she poked the stick in the cage as instructed and that there really is something in there alive.—Kansas City Star.

Danger Ahead!

[From the Fourth Estate]  
It would be impossible to strongly emphasize the paramount importance of reducing the consumption at this time of news print paper.

Just so long as demand exceeds supply the consumer is entirely in the hands of the maker.

A large number of contracts terminate this Fall and if you reduce consumption well below production you will have a normal competitive condition.

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MILITARY ASSOCIATION CODE MIGHT BE USED AS MODEL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Hughes in Fighting Trim  
[From the New York Sun.]

It was the fighting Hughes that the Nashville audience saw. The home of Old Hickory should know a fighter when it sees him. Here in New York when Charles Evans Hughes says that he is not too proud to fight we remember his record as governor, and know that he is not speaking "weasel words."

Nashville had to learn. It came to scoff at the Republican candidate, and remained to respect and understand him; to respect him for his manhood and to understand what he would have done as President in emergencies that found Woodrow Wilson wanting.

As to Mexico, Mr. Hughes told his hearers that the issue was not the recognition of Huerta but the protection of Americans in their rights at all times, and that he would have seen that they had that protection. Huerta was only an incident in the Mexican upheaval. Mr. Hughes has steadily declined to say what he would have done in the case of Huerta, so far as the Republican candidate is concerned that question is irrelevant to the real issue, the assertion of American rights and the protection of them at any cost.

Mr. Hughes has fallen lamentably. Nashville now understands that whatever political action President Hughes would take with regard to Mexico he could never be charged with showing the white feather when the blood of American citizens was being wantonly shed by Mexicans of any faction.

Andrew Jackson's "By the Eternal" must have occurred to Mr. Hughes' hearers at Nashville when he talked about Mexico.

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"UNCLE BEN" SAYS HE DIDN'T  
To the Editor of the Telegraph:  
Dear Sir: Will you kindly correct the second part of the story, regarding my speech-making, which appeared in your issue of the 8th instant.

It is true I made a speech in support of the candidacy of Charles E. Hughes for the whole of New Cumberland. It is also true that I used a small, silk American flag during the speech, but I was not suffering from a cold, nor did I make the mistake of blowing my nose in the flag.

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Mr. Publisher, The Fourth Estate has no desire to run your business, but in view of the fact that so many publishers refuse to believe the facts, seeming to think that some way, some how, the situation will take care of itself without their help, their indifference is exasperating and too serious to discuss dispassionately.

A like situation never heretofore existed since daily newspapers were published.

If you think you can keep your nose in the trough because you happen to have a contract over 1917 and let your fellow publishers suffer, you will later reap the whirlwind.

END OF A PERFECT ROLL

When you come to the end of a perfect roll  
And you sit alone with your thought,  
And you see in the bank but the empty hole  
That your two weeks' trip has  
Do you think of the fives and the tens  
And wish for their sight once more?  
Do your vanished greenbacks leave you sad  
When your glad vacation's o'er?  
Well, this is the end of a perfect roll  
At the end of a journey, too,  
And it leaves a thought that is big and strong  
For the coin that so quickly flew:  
Now memory has painted this perfect roll  
In colors that never fade  
And we find at the end that we need  
That dough  
For the bills that we left unpaid.  
—Ohio State Journal.

Evening Chat

Five years ago such a thing as selling produce, fruit and the like by weight was unknown and the average person did not trouble to ask the contents of the basket or other container. As a result a good many otherwise thrifty housewives were losers. Incidentally, some sales people were gainers not only in the retail sales but in the greater quantities. Now the man who does not know what his baskets contain either by weight or measure stands a chance of not only losing sales, but of having a call for police. It all comes out of the movement inaugurated a few years ago for the definite statement of how much was being sold. When the State began to require supervision of weights and measures a few years ago there was an outcry that it was not needed but the way crooked dealers and unscrupulous buyers began to accumulate was evidence to the contrary. Then came the law requiring that all containers be honest and a result there were some weight. The result has been that people who for years had been buying haphazard began to make inquiries of those from whom they had been buying and a result there were some surprises. Now it is safe to say that more people know what they are buying than ever before. The huckster or peddler who does not sell by the mark has a time to explain. It is only a question of time until sales by weight are general throughout the State and the experience of the sealers of weights and measures which will be given at the convention in the Capitol this week will be most interesting to the man who talks about the high cost of living.

The Stroller, in the Scranton Republican, writes the following about something which may come here: "I am told that the close of another year an ordinance will be introduced in the local council requiring the licensing of all cats in Scranton. Unlicensed felines, under the provisions of the ordinance, if it is adopted, will be slaughtered. The reason for this movement is the allegation that the 'vagrant cat' is most destructive to bird life. It is charged that the scarcity of birds in the city of Scranton is due to these cats. In the outskirts of the city cats are apt to become a little wild and to wander through the brush, preying upon song birds. They also prey upon the slaughter rabbits and pheasants, so it is claimed. The bird, in nesting season, very easily becomes the victim of a cat. Almost everyone, these days, has become aware of the value of the birds as insect-destroyers. The city would have finer lawns, according to those who have studied the subject, if the birds were free to destroy the insects that gnaw at the grass and kill much of it."

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At the end of a journey, too,  
And it leaves a thought that is big and strong  
For the coin that so quickly flew:  
Now memory has painted this perfect roll  
In colors that never fade  
And we find at the end that we need  
That dough  
For the bills that we left unpaid.  
—Ohio State Journal.