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There are many kinds of love, as many kinds of light, And every kind of love makes a glory in the night.

—HENRY VAN DYKE.

THE TEACHERS IN TOWN

DESPITE the ravages of infantile paralysis and rumors that because so much time was lost in the early Fall by reason of the quarantine for that disease there would be no "institute" this year, the school teachers of Dauphin county are in town to-day for their annual sessions.

Take away the annual week of "institute" and you would rob the teaching profession of one of its dearest perquisites, for the week in town with pay is one of the bright spots in the year for the rural teacher.

There he or she—mostly she—finds both intellectual stimulus and social enjoyment. The girl with her first month's pay in her purse does her Fall and winter shopping during moments between lectures and even the giddiness of an evening at the theater is far from unknown among the more frivolous minded.

What excuse, we wonder, will Pennsylvania Democrats find to ask for Federal pay?

LETUTENANT THOMAS

THE Telegraph Family is proud of First Lieutenant Charles W. Thomas, whose career at the border has been one of the bright spots in recent Harrisburg military history.

Lieutenant Thomas enlisted in Company I, Eighth Regiment, as a private on the eve of the company's departure for the border.

Lieutenant Thomas was made second lieutenant by unanimous choice of the company. On Saturday he was made first lieutenant of his company, following the promotion of Captain Ziegler to be major of the Eighth Regiment, another deserving promotion coming as the result of years of training in the Guard.

BY POPULAR VOTE

THE possibility of the loss of one electoral vote by President Wilson in Washington and another by Mr. Hughes in West Virginia, one by death and the other by resignation, both occurring so late that the vacancies could not be filled before November 7, demonstrates what a weak staff the electoral college is.

At all events, the electoral college has long since outlived the intent for which it was created. To-day it is merely the instrument by which parties record their wishes.

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SHORT SHOPPING SEASON

Do you realize, Mr. and Mrs. Christmas Shopper, that there will be very little "early shopping" this year?

Between now and Christmas Day there are but six weeks—to be exact, just thirty-five shopping days.

Election falling nearly a week later than usual and Thanksgiving falling on the last day of November, instead of nearly a week earlier, have had the effect of shortening the season usually given over to preparation for the Great Holiday.

There is more money in Harrisburg for shopping purposes now than for many years back. Everybody who wants work is at work and good wages prevail. Prices are high, it is true, but business men keen to attract the shopping trade to their stores have bought their Christmas supplies with that fact in view and have laid in great quantities of all manner of attractive wares at prices suitable for even the most humble purse.

Knowing that money would be plentiful, Harrisburg merchants have bought as never before. They have on hand the greatest quantity and the widest variety of Christmas goods and staples in the history of the city.

The season is shorter than ever before, the demand will be greater and the crowds that throng the stores at Christmas time this year will be bigger.

The moral of this is that if you are going to Do Your Shopping Early, you must begin at once.

Mr. Mann and Mr. Clark are wondering which is going to be minority leader of the House, with the result in doubt.

WANT RELIEF, NOT REPORTS

The following letter: I notice in your paper of Thursday a demand that the Government do something toward relieving the people of the high price level. Do you not know that the Government is at this moment investigating the prices of coal and some other commodities? Can't you be fair?

To be sure, the Telegraph knows of this. The so-called coal probe has been going right along for the past two months—and coal is higher in price than ever. What the people want is not a voluminous report to Congress, submitted next summer, but relief right now, at the season when the furnace begins to work overtime and the fuel problem is most serious.

Action, not words, is the demand; relief, not reports. Everybody knows coal is too high in price. No investigation of that is necessary. The same applies to foodstuffs.

REGARDING TRADE BALANCES

Whatever view politicians may have taken regarding the effect of the European war upon the revival of American industry and the restoration of our export trade, large business men of the country are not permitting themselves to be deceived. Their future financial safety depends upon their correctly analyzing the business situation.

President Wilson and the members of his Cabinet and his political campaign managers repeatedly made the assertion that our revival of industry was not based upon trade growing out of the war. They maintained an absolute silence regarding the fact that we had a favorable trade balance at the time the Underwood tariff law was passed, that the balance steadily diminished under the Democratic tariff law until it was actually against us, and that it did not again turn in our favor until a month after the outbreak of the war.

President Wilson was willing, for political advantages, to let the people of the country believe that we are now enjoying a trade balance of \$251,000,000 in a month not due to war orders.

But, as remarked before, the large business men of the country labor under no delusion of that kind. On November 3, in Chicago, the leading bankers of the country held a meeting to devise a means of checking the flood of gold that has been flowing into this country until it has become a menace to our financial structure.

They recognize the well-known fact that one dollar of gold furnishes the basis for many dollars of credit and that the inflow of gold has been due entirely to our abnormal exports of commodities needed by the nations at war.

Naturally, each man who has goods in considerable quantities to sell for export desires to receive in payment

When a Feller Needs a Friend



MINCE-MEAT

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

therefor the best kind of money. Large shippers have, therefore, desired gold instead of securities; but every time gold was shipped to this country it furnished a basis for a larger quantity of credit business and brought on an inflation of values and an advance in prices.

Democratic politicians call this prosperity. To the substantial business man who realizes that there must some day be a contraction, it has become a menace of such proportions as to bring together in Chicago the leading bankers of the United States.

Officials of the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to-day announced that they had received the first official returns from counties and tabulation was immediately started. It is expected that the whole State will be completed within three weeks.

The counties filing returns in official form were Adams, Cameron, Fulton, Juniata, Monroe, Montour, Snyder, Sullivan and Wyoming.

The votes of the National Guardsmen except the First Artillery have been received at the department and will be used for comparison with official returns from counties where there are soldier votes. Meanwhile they are being kept under lock and key.

The time for filing expense accounts for the election will expire on December 7.

Vance C. McCormick, the Democratic national chairman, who arrived home Saturday, resumed his private business to-day. He declared there was nothing to reports that he was likely to go into the Cabinet as successor to Secretary of War Baker.

Mr. McCormick has been invited to go to Atlanta to attend the big Democratic celebration.

Philadelphia newspapers to-day revamp the stories circulated before the election to the effect that in the event of the election of Wilson the control of the Legislature would be in an attack to drive Senator Penrose from a dominating place in the State organization on the ground that he had failed in the election.

The preliminary test with the Governorship in 1912 as the goal. Newspapers unfriendly to the Republican party are giving much space to the possibilities of factional fighting.

A fresh outburst of "honorable mention" of men as candidates for gubernatorial honors in 1918 has occurred. Some of the men mentioned have been listed every time anyone has started to speculate in the last year and a half.

The election of Senator E. E. Beldeman, of Dauphin county, as president pro tem, again being settled there is now much talk about the speaker of the next House, which is expected to be, if anything, more strongly Republican than the last lower branch. Richard J. Baldwin, of Delaware, who started out before the election on a campaign, is working hard and to offset him some Philadelphians have been trotted out, including Thomas F. McNichol, Edwin R. Cox and Herman L. Hecht.

How It Seems in Texas

They say that Villa is in hiding on the Hearst ranch. We fancy he won't be welcome there unless he raises a devil of a disturbance and gives out a signed statement praising Hearst.

All the Fixin's

It has been suggested that the name of this country be changed to Unistatla. Wouldn't that be nice? And now we must get a yell and an engraved letterhead.

Had Little Fun

Captain Koenig says that while the Deutschland was bobbing up and down in the southwest storm it made only about a mile an hour, and we imagine the boys didn't have much more fun than King George had on the horse that time.

Warning to Europe

Notwithstanding Professor Lowell's belief that the people of that planet got into a world war and killed each other off.

Smell of Stars

Miss Amy Lowell writes: "I smell the stars." And one naturally thinks of the constellation of Capricornus, the Goat.

Running No Risks

Now we are to have motion-picture shows for ladies only, though it seems as if the men had been sufficiently hardened by the fashion ads in the magazines to stand almost anything.

The Chaplain's Prayer

Among the inspiring things that take place in his position, the chaplain may be mentioned the earnestness, humility and faith of the chaplain's prayer.

Works That Way

It is a queer fact that even a bachelor at the head of a business prefers to be married. The man who practices probably is not part of a movement to promote matrimony.

A Song of Aviation

With a humming and a drumming, to announce that I am coming, Up the long blue silent speedways of the universe I soar.

A Healthy Sign

Figures compiled by the Interstate Commerce Commission show that during the year ended June 30 only 714 miles of entirely new railroad were built in the United States.

A Certainty

There is nothing certain in the world, except that when you start in saving money for one thing you are going to spend it for something else.

CLEVER LITTLE LETTER WINS GOLD PRIZE IN D. A. R. CONTEST

MISS MARGARET KOSTER, of Woodbine street, was awarded the second prize, a five-dollar gold piece, in the recent D. A. R. essay contest for Senior Central high school girls on "Children of the American Revolution."

Dear Patience, Have you heard the good news? We are twenty now, for we have a little baby brother at our home.

Our mother and Hon'd Papa took my twelve sisters and six of my brothers and myself to widow Dudley's funeral last week.

My poor Patience, I am sorry to hear that your brothers, Endurance and Prudence, have been so ill since they fell in the pond while they were skating.

The farmers' institutes will begin in Pennsylvania next week. As usual, the State is divided into five sections.

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Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

Dismantling of the parts of the plant of the Chesapeake Nail Works, which has been going on this Fall, calls to mind that this is the second of the famous iron manufacturing establishments in the South Harrisburg district to pass into the hands of the scrap iron dealer.

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