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Those who never do any more than they get paid for, never get paid for any more than they do.—HUBBARD.

EXTEND THE LAW

EVERY life insurance policyholder should be protected by State supervision of every company or association selling insurance in Pennsylvania, whether profit-earning, mutual or fraternal.

To that end, at least, State Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Neill will have the support of the public as a whole in his effort to extend the insurance laws of the Commonwealth to give the Insurance Department the authority it should have over the operations of companies and organizations doing an insurance business in Pennsylvania.

Efforts have been made for twenty years to enact some legislation and failure to get the bills through has been almost always due to the influence of certain fraternal and mutual organizations which objected to it for their own reasons, some of which are now becoming only too apparent.

The State inspection of insurance concerns is not designed alone for the benefit and protection of stockholders and officials. The main object of State supervision is to prevent the money of the policyholder from being mismanaged and in a measure to guarantee the face value of every policy issued.

Count on William Jennings Bryan to start something for Democracy every time Democracy doesn't want to have anything started.

BRYAN AND PROHIBITION

THE expressed intention of William Jennings Bryan to make Prohibition the chief issue of the Democratic party in 1920 is interesting from whatever angle it may be viewed.

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GETTING TOGETHER

THE most interesting political report that has developed since election day is that the "Reform" and the "Old Guard" factions of Democracy have buried the hatchet and agreed to be friends—the "Old Guard" to support A. Mitchell Palmer for Governor next time and the "Reform" crowd to divide the Federal patronage swag with the "Old Guard."

bosses, who threw down the regularly nominated party candidate for State senator in this district in favor of a rank outsider—party loyalty being the rock on which the "Old Guard" pretends to stand.

When the "Reform" and the "Old Guard" factions get together it is usually with clubs. Canadian manufacturers look with apprehension upon any agitation on this side of the border in favor of the President's hint of a return to a protective tariff.

A FOOTBALL CENTER

THE Gettysburg-Bucknell football game at Island Park on Saturday gives rise to the thought that Harrisburg ought to have more of these college games.

When the new hotel is built, there will be no better town in the State for the social side of college football than Harrisburg, and no more attractive place between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia for a week-end jollification following a football game.

SOME MISTAKE, SURELY!

THERE must be some mistake about it; surely high school boys have not changed so much since a day that some of us, who do not like to think that we are any older than we were twenty years ago can recall, that they find escorting girls home from dances a "trouble and an annoyance."

If we recollect rightly, and we have no reason to believe that we have reached an age where the halcyon days of youth are tinged and colored by the fading rays of a setting sun; if we remember rightly, as we said, taking the girls home from class meetings—we had no such giddy indulgences as school dances in those days—was the chief purpose of having the class meeting.

Back in those simple, democratic days not so very long ago, before Harrisburg had outgrown its small town ways and donned the sophisticated garb of the big city, high school class meetings were held at the homes of members.

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Every few months the Government finds a new cheap food for cattle and poultry, after which the price of beef takes a jump and eggs go up. Couldn't the experts turn their attention for a change to cheap food for humans?

How to fill a dinner pail from an empty market basket is a problem that ought to be occupying the attention of the Democratic bureau heads at Washington.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Senator Boies Penrose and his friends in the Legislature will support Senator E. E. Beideman for re-election as president pro tem of the State Senate and Representative Richard J. Baldwin for election as speaker of the House when the general assembly meets here on January 2.

The candidacy of the versatile Delaware county man may or may not be openly opposed by the Vore-Brumbaugh-Magee-O'Neil forces. All will depend upon developments in the next four weeks.

As there is not a great deal of legislation to act upon next session there are chances that there may be agreement between Senator Penrose and his friends on the one hand and a number of reforms. The administration will have an ambitious program to carry out and has numerous State officials to be appointed.

Following the announcement in Philadelphia last night that the Penrose people would back Mr. Baldwin he issued this statement to the Philadelphia Inquirer: "I am in the hands of my friends. I believe that a majority of the Republicans in the members-elect of the House are committed to my election to the speakership, but if they shall ultimately decide otherwise I will philosophically and gracefully decide to accept their final decision."

James F. Woodward, of McKeesport, who has for years filled the important role of chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, came east yesterday and met many of his Philadelphia friends.

The Philadelphia Press, which gives the Vore point of view says: "The Philadelphia delegation to the Legislature, eight members of the Senate caucus early in December, preliminary to the session which opens in January. While from a political point of view agreement on a speaker is the most interesting possibility of the conference of members, Mayor Smith is particularly interested in obtaining unity of purpose among the Philadelphia delegation to much legislation to be enacted."

In addition to Charles Walter, of Franklin; George W. Williams, of Tioga; and H. L. Hecht, E. Cox and T. F. McNichol, of Philadelphia, who there has been a rumormongering in the western tier for a number of years, Lawrence, who comes back after an intermission.

It will be interesting to see, in the event of Mr. Baldwin being elected to the speakership, on what lines will fall the mantle of House leadership. In days gone by the House had some able leaders, notably D. J. Sherr, of Philadelphia; G. H. Moyer, of Lebanon. In 1913 and 1915 Mr. Baldwin looked after the organization and on the floor, with John R. K. Scott and W. Wilson taking care of the administration.

Major Jones, of stormy Coatesville, whose removal is recommended, says it is all politics. More county returns which did not contain the soldier vote were sent back from the Capitol to-day.

Good Evidence

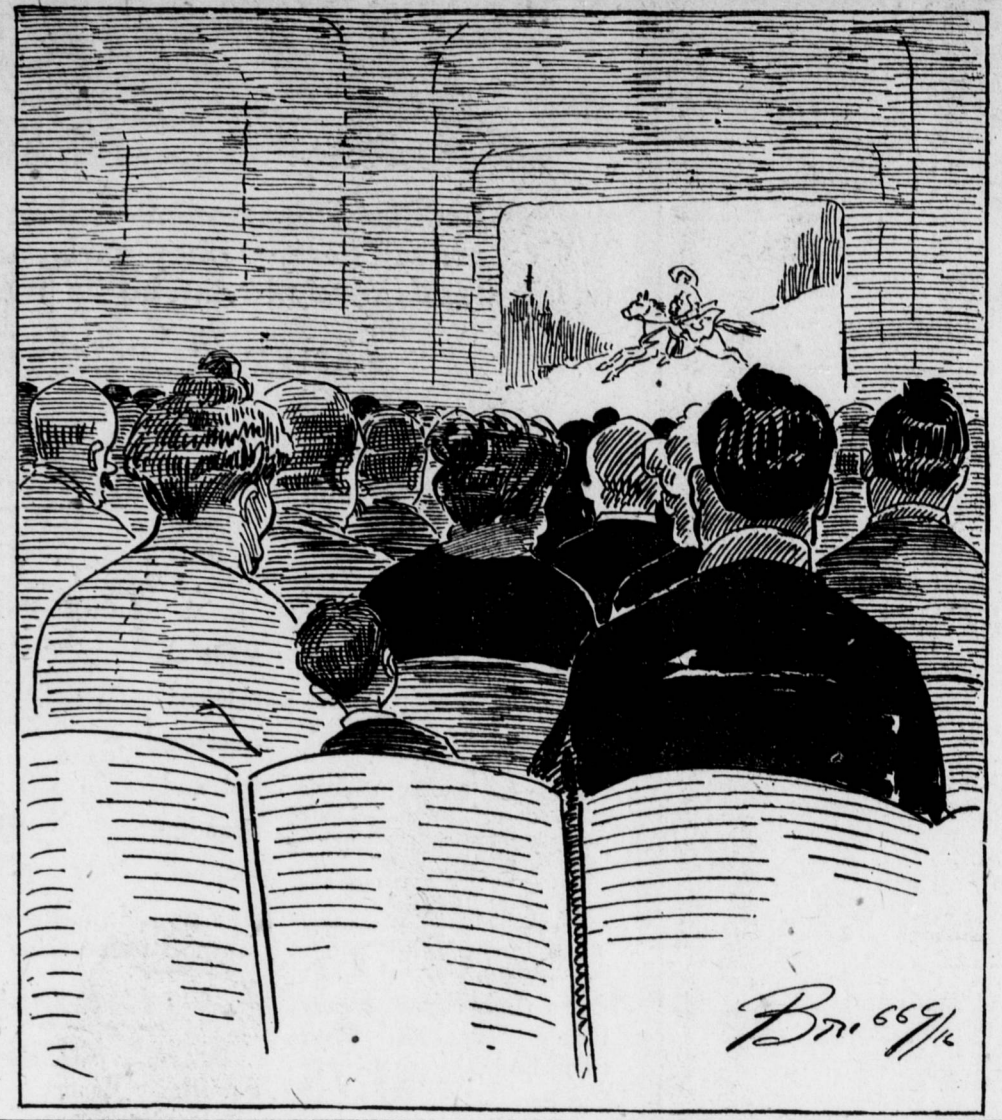
Captain Koenig remarks that the blockade does not block. But the necessity for a Deutschland is the very best evidence that it does.—Providence Journal.

Of Great Antiquity

A horshoe manufacturer has just died, leaving a fortune of \$8,000,000. With the village smithy turned into an automobile repair shop, the report has the flavor of great antiquity.—New York World.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Wilson's peace appears to be raging in Santo Domingo again.—Boston Transcript.

It is hard to get into "Who's Who" by "Here's How" route.—Charlotte (N. C.) News.

The most welcome form of war-relief would be that from war itself.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

Secretary Baker should be careful to make any unguarded allusions to Christopher Columbus.—Rochester Herald.

As between Villista bandits and Carranzista de facto the United States occupies a position of malivoilent neutrality.—Kansas City Star.

Prohibition in 1920

In Denver, three days after the national election in the United States, William Jennings Bryan made this statement: "Prohibition is sweeping the country. It will be a presidential campaign issue in 1920 if a constitutional amendment is not submitted to Congress to the States by that time. The political supremacy of the East, especially New York, is broken. The best can elect a president; it has done so. If this means anything, it means that, in the event of the failure of Congress to submit an amendment to the Federal Constitution prohibiting the liquor traffic in the States, or in the event of the submitted amendment being defeated or held up by a bare third of the States, the Western and Southern Democracy will elect a president."

A world-wide celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and a glorification of Luther and his labors, began last Tuesday by various Lutheran bodies, and will continue for one year, until October 31 next, which is the exact date which, four centuries ago, Luther nailed his ninety-five theses on the doorpost of Wittenberg church.

The territory of Alaska also is under the prohibition law. Utah and Florida, in addition to extending widely their prohibition territory, on Tuesday, elected "dry" governors. In at least a dozen other States, "local option" and "high license" operate to exclude the liquor traffic over wide areas. Restrictions difficult for dealers in intoxicants to meet are in force in the District of Columbia, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming.

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Used to think in spring and summer this old world was sure a hummer; Grieved because, with joy in sight, Had to sleep away the night; And in autumn—well, who seems In a land of golden dreams; 'Ne'er so bright, still it smiles 'Ne'er so winter for snowy miles; 'Tis the music lays him flat: "Hard to beat the old world now!"

That's the way it goes—'an' so joy waxes 'e'en, high an' low. 'An' if Trouble comes around— Soon he's kittin' over ground! For he jes' can't stand to stay where he hears a fiddle play; That's the music lays him flat: "Take old winter time for that!" Every season's jes' so fine I'll jes' take 'em all in mine!

—Atlanta Constitution.

ALL ALASKA DIOCESE OF THIS LONE NORTHERN BISHOP

THE hardest man in the house of bishops of the Episcopal convention at St. Louis, was the Rt. Rev. Peter T. Rowe, Bishop of Alaska. He is 59 years old, and for twenty-one years has braved the elements of Arctic winters in covering the six hundred thousand square miles of his diocese, the whole of Alaska, once every three years, on snowshoes and by canoe, ministering to whites, Indians and Eskimos.

Bishop Rowe was a clergyman at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., when he was consecrated Bishop of Alaska, in 1895.

Luther observance

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The Good Loser

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The good loser in this election, and the good loser in any other election, is the good citizen who steadies down, forgets the whipping he got, and does what he can to help the country.

"Help Me Play the Game"

We believe in passing along a bit of information whenever it comes our way. We found the following little prayer in the Wichita Beacon, and it strikes us that someone else might give a spiritual slap on the back by reading it.

"Some day I know the evening sun will sink down its golden lane into the west, but I'll have read the Great-est Poem of All and sought the solace of eternal rest. The little children still will play about their laughter yet will rise upon the air, but I, who love them so, will never see and nevermore for earthly things will care. Teach me, O Lord, before that time shall come to know Thy love holds sway o'er everything, that Thou are watching all the paths we tread, from humblest laborer unto greatest king. O Lord, the way is sometimes hard, the thing I think a gift is oft a curse, but though I stumble, still I rise again, and keep on going, if for good or worse. Help me to learn the beauties of Thy love, the good that lies within my fellow men, and that as Thou hast willed so shall it, be, help me to play the game, O Lord. Amen."—Port Worth Star-Telegram.

Who Killed Tecumseh?

[From the Ohio State Journal.] General Cass thought he answered this question satisfactorily to himself and friends in a speech in the United States Senate in which, with all necessary formality, he settled the question in favor of Dick Johnson; but like the equally important question—Who killed Cock Robin?—it wasn't settled and every little while receives a fresh answer.

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Evening Chat

The fact that there are five Thursdays in this month is believed to be the reason why the Thanksgiving day proclamations were not put out earlier this year. The governors generally wait for the President. It seems that this year the last Thursday falls on the thirtieth, the last day of the month.

The figures of registration, which means persons who have put down their names as desirous of getting books from the Harrisburg Public Library, mean in Harrisburg has qualified. It does not cost anything to qualify.

Here is the tale of how William H. Ball, secretary to the Governor, chased Dr. Brumbaugh over half the State of Pennsylvania yesterday and how he got him out in Mercer county. The Governor wanted to speak at Sharon last night and decided to go over the mountains by daylight.

In spite of a lot that is said to the contrary the Keystone State is away in the lead in things that have been unwittingly said, remarked a man who follows military matters the other day.

Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Neill has joined the ranks with General Thomas J. Stewart. Both are presidents of newspaper publishing companies.

The town of Chambersburg had a gay old time last night when Wilson's re-election was celebrated by the enthusiastic Democrats.

Visitors to the city yesterday included ex-Auditor General A. E. Sison, who came down from Erie to attend to some business at the State Capitol.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Colonel Edgar Jadwin, of the United States engineers at Pittsburgh, is moving to organize an engineer corps in that city.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg will have one of the largest freight stations on the Pennsylvania main line soon?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

The town's first public wharf was in South Front street near the present sand wharf.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

CHOICE OF PERILS. Fancier—This dog will protect you from burglars. Dobbs—Yes. But I'd rather take my chance with a burglar than with the dog.

THAT'S WHAT.

What is a statistician, pa? A statistician, my son, is a man who comes to the aid of figures which cannot lie of themselves.