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If laziness—physical, intellectual and moral—is not original sin, it lies very close to the source.—H. C. KING.

THE MUMMERS' PARADE

THE Harrisburg Mummies' Association again makes bid for popular favor.

This celebration is for the mummies a labor of love. The selection of Walter Montgomery as chief marshal

The mummies' parade is to the winter season what the Klipona is to the summer period.

THE DONATO STATUARY

CITY COUNCIL will begin the actual preparation of the annual budget in a few days and the community will hope that some real effort

As long as the \$25,000 group is permitted to rest in the obscurity of a warehouse

City Commissioner Bowman, head of the Water Department, which has abundant surplus funds

When the rapping of the lower section of the slope shall have been done

Regarding food price legislation the President evidently believes it policy to let Congress do it.

There seems to be no uniform regulation in the third-class cities of Pennsylvania for the opening of paved streets

Carranzistas "recaptured" Chihuahua—after Villa had carted away everything he could carry.

a thing that should have been done before the street was paved.

City Engineer Cowden invariably serves notice upon interested parties to make pipe connections before the streets are paved.

Of course, it is necessary to open streets for the installation of service pipes and mains, but in many cases the corporations are responsible for failure to give attention to this work before the paving is undertaken.

The New Jersey manufacturer who threw a cup of custard in his wife's face doubtless was merely demonstrating how useless a munition maker can be in the use of eggs.

WHY THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES? WHEN, a day or two since, the Telegraph announced that it again will lead a movement for the burning of candles in windows of Harrisburg homes on Christmas Eve, it received the following brief but pointed letter:

Why the Christmas candles? Are you, Mr. Editor, interested in a candle factory, or are you paid by some merchant selling candles to write about them?

INSURANCE MAN. Last year there came to the Telegraph office, too late for use previous to Christmas, a letter of another type, so good in its way that it was filed for publication this Christmas season.

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Apropos of the quaint old custom of lighting candles in the windows on Christmas eve, which is to be revived here on Christmas eve, I think the meaning of the custom might be of general interest.

So many of our favorite Christmas customs were derived from pagan practices, namely, those of the yule log, the mistletoe and even our beloved Christmas tree.

The first time last year my home was lighted by candles in every front window, for the legend was new to me then.

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The Days of Real Sport



Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Computation of the official returns of the election of November 7, which it was hoped to begin at the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to-day, has been delayed by the failure of the county commissioners of Sullivan to file their official returns.

The first campaign statement to be filed showing a return came late yesterday from C. C. Norris, treasurer of the Lawyers' Campaign Committee in Philadelphia. It received \$11,601.74, and spent \$8,091.45, leaving \$3,510.49 which will be divided pro rata among the contributors.

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ALVAH WILSON ADVERTISES HARRISBURG IN 'FRISCO

EDWARD F. O'DAY, writing under the heading "Varied Types," in Town Talk, a Pacific Coast weekly, has this to say of Alvah Wilson, a former Harrisburg boy now of San Francisco and well known in big hotel circles the country over:

"Pardon me for pointing." If you have never seen him say it you have missed one of the sights of San Francisco. Yes, you must see him say it, not merely hear him.

"Pardon me for pointing" is for the eye more than for the ear. It is drama first, music afterwards. The words count, and the intonation is important; but it is the manner that scores.

No other can say "Pardon me for pointing" in his manner. No other has the manner of "Pardon me for pointing" as full of personality. He is as full of manner as an eggshell is full of eggs.

Francis Hotel describes himself. That phrase, like "Pardon me for pointing," is so closely associated with Jim Woods' lieutenant that when people pass through Harrisburg they think of Alvah Wilson. Evidence that people do pass through Harrisburg—no doubt without stopping—comes to Alvah Wilson on an average of three times a week.

But I am not going to catalog Alvah Wilson's minor distinctions, or his major distinctions either; there are too many of them. However there are certain things which cry aloud to be said about this American Quaker from Harrisburg, Pa., who looks like a count from Vienna.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Deutschland carries back 1,000 tons of gold, silver and rubber for the sparkling fables of Germany.—Wall Street Journal.

Let us hope that the Government we are to put in the future from the West will be less severe than the brand of weather it handles.—Boston Transcript.

If Henry Ford is sincere in wanting to do the greatest good to the greatest number, he will put another spring under the back seat.—Boston Transcript.

The U-49 that sank the American ship Columbian doubtless will be remembered as the last of the U-53 recently feted at Newport.—Boston Transcript.

Spain's annual production of cement amounts to about 350,000 tons and is planned to increase the production to 500,000 tons.

Steel filing cabinets should make large sales in the Netherlands. Germany has a competitor for this trade.

Peat was widely used for fuel in Norway during 1915 owing to the high price of coal. A patent peat fuel is being manufactured for use on the Norwegian coast.

Fifty per cent. of Martinique's imports in 1915 were supplied by the United States. France ranked next with 37 per cent. Great Britain was third with 11 per cent. and all other countries only 2 per cent.

It is planned to open a technical library at Frankfort on the Main, Germany. This library will be open to the public and will be of great benefit to the many industrial workers of the city.

Twelve thousand tons of American coal have entered the port of Tenerife, Canary Islands, in the past nine months. Last year there were no exports of coal from the United States to the islands.

Machinery for making butter and cheese is needed in Portugal.

A fertilizer company in Spain has inquired about prices on 500,000 bags suitable for acid phosphate. An order may be placed for 1,000,000 sacks.

The Governor of the colony of Trinidad and Tobago, British West Indies, has recommended that the railways of the colony be improved. As some of his suggestions will be carried out, there will be a demand for American supplies.

Guatemala's 1916-17 coffee crop will amount to about 80,000,000 pounds valued at \$10,000,000. This is a normal crop.

Of 759 automobiles imported into Java for the first half of this year 603 came from the United States. Italy was the nearest competitor, supplying fifty-three motorcars.

Inquiries have been received at the consulate at Hankow, China, for prices on American flour mill machinery. Catalogs in English have been requested.

American pianos are popular in South Africa. Germany and England, however, sell a number of pianos in this district.

Merchants in Holland are in the market for American millinery supplies.

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Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

It's odd the way that foreigners coming to Harrisburg appear to go to the sections of the city where there are other foreigners of whose tongues and customs they are generally as ignorant as of English.

In line with foreigners there are some interesting things to be noted in front of the bulletins at the Telegraph building. Every day some foreigners gather and generally ask passing or men who read the bulletins the news what the bulletins have to say.

While on a hunting trip to one of the most mountainous regions of Perry county a Harrisburg man accompanied by a native guide, climbed a very steep range to view the surrounding country.

Dauphin county's roll of dogs whose lives are hanging in the balance under the new dog tax act, is bound to be a mighty large one if the returns of many of the assessors to the county commissioners have any significance.

Records for any previous year will be broken by the 1916 hunting license business, according to County Treasurer Mark Mumma to-day.

Superintendent Samuel E. Rambo, of the State's Capitol, is getting things ready for some quick time in placing the new decorations which Miss Violet Oakley is completing for the winter chamber.

That Harrisburg steel is used to construct lighthouses? HISTORIC HARRISBURG Along the river front and were for traders and immigrants.

Bits of the Out o' Doors

Sunset on the Suskie Ever watch the sun go down Behind the Suskie's hills Then Indian Summer's given way To Winter's blasts and chills?

A canvas ever changing— The river rippling by Seems made of rubies, opals, pearls, Reflected from the sky! Yuh get its full significance As paddlin' yer canoe Along some birch-lined island shore With wonders of a brush That swiftly works mysteriously Throughout the twilight's hush!

It seems His touch is warmer than Than any time o' year. As though He's sort o' sorry For a world so near and drear! An' might a-gathered up the leaves— That fell all Autumn through— An' mixed their reds an' browns an' golds

To give the sky its hue! As if He wanted folks to see That part o' what He's planned Is jest to use the simple things Of life yuh have at hand!

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

SMART CHAP. I'll be your sister, Mumbled she. And then he kissed her. Brotherly.

MODERN GIRL. How do you remember what you gave people last year? I always keep a card index of Christmas gifts.

THESE DAYS. How o' many years ago did he live? Who? The man who said that twu could live as cheaply as one.

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