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WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 6.

laziness-physical, intellectual moral—is not original sin, it lies y close to the source.-H. C. King.

THE MUMMERS' PARADE

HE Harrisburg Mummers' Association again makes bid for popular favor. It has the endorse-ent of the Chamber of Commerce in the form of a substantial contribution. It proposes to give to Harrisburg as elaborate a New Year's Day parade as the money subscribed will permit.
This celebration is for the mummers

labor of love. The selection of Walter Montgomery as chief marshal closely allies the association with the business interests of the city, who, after all, are the greatest gainers from public demonstrations which bring isitors to the city.

The mummers' parade is to the win. ter season what the Kipona is to the summer period. It should be encouraged and supported.

Shop early! Also, ship early!

THE DONATO STATUARY

actual preparation of the annual budget in a few days and the community will hope that some real effort shall be made to bring the Hershey statuary out of the dusty warehouse in which it has been resting since the Chocolate King presented the group to Harrisburg more than a year ago. Mr. Hershey has reason to el that our municipal officials, and incidentally the community at large, are not appreciative of his generosity. Intimations are said to have come from the donor that this city is not particularly strong on art. This may or may not be the case, but there is reason for the frequent criticism which is heard regarding the failure of the City Council to install this statuary in is nil. The fact that all Central Pennthe place selected for it on the River

So long as the \$25,000 group is permitted to rest in the obscurity of a household necessities for centuries and warehouse the reflection is necessarily nobody then considered them a great upon the entire community, and it is fire hazard. only reasonable that the people should Surely, the expect the commissioners to place the statuary in a proper location.

Commissioner Bowman, head of the Water Department, which has abundant surplus funds, has frequently Again there is general complaint been quoted as favorable to installing the group at one of the entrances to Reservoir Park, but the committee chosen to select a site having unanimously agreed upon the River Front at Locust street, it would appear to be the graceful thing for Commissioner Bowman and his associates to follow this suggestion.

If City Council refuses to provide a provide a specific provided a provided prov sen quoted as favorable to installing

If City Council refuses to provide a proper setting for the statuary, then people themselves must remove

section of the slope shall have been done SOME DAY that portion between the upper walk and the riprapping provide ample space for such planting as has been indicated. This work could be started at any point between Iron alley and Division street so that the schools in the different secons of the city might have a share in

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

OPENING STREETS

THERE seems to be no uniform regulation in the third-class cities of Pennsylvania for the opening paved streets to install service pipes, but it is manifestly necessary some provision be made to prevent the wholesale cutting of the as phalted highways. It is a common thing to see a street newly surfaced ripped open almost immediately by some corporation or individual to do thing he could carry.

a thing that should have been done be

streets are paved, but with distressing regularity these notices are disregarded

and upon the completion of the paving trenches are opened and cuts made which do much damage to the expen-

sive street improvement.

be in the use of eggs.

ointed letter:

before the paving is undertaken.

ng how reckless a munition maker can

WHY THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE?

Harrisburg homes on Christmas Eve it received the following brief but

Why the Christmas candle? Are you, Mr. Editor, interested in a candle factory, or are you paid by some merchant selling candles to write about them? I'll admit that last year thousands were burned in this vicinity without one accident, but do you not consider the great risk of fire run by everybody who obeys the impulse you have started? Is "the game worth the candle?" Again I ask, why the Christmas candle, anyway?

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.

admirably answers our correspondent's question, "Why the Christmas Can-

To the Editor of the Telegraph:
Apropos of the quaint old custom of placing lighted candles in
the windows on Christmas eve,
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To many of our favorite Christmas customs were derived from mag customs were derived from the vull log, the mistletoe and even our beloved Christmas tree. But the custom of lighting a candle in the window on Christmas eve is wholly Christian and, indeed, exemplifies the very spirit of Christmas itself. The custom comes to us from both English and German sources, but the latter legend is most beautiful. In substance it is seven the Christ-child on Christmas the snow poor, weak and the corest where to lay His little head." All over the world He goes seeking some dwelling place. As He wanders He finds some homes lighted brightly with candles shining from the windows, and guided thus, He enters gladly, there to dwell and bless.

For the first time last year my hear the finds the first was lighted by candles in formal bless.

For the first time last year my hear the windows, and guided thus, He enters gladly, there to dwell and bless.

For the first time last year my hear the window of the sweet story of the Blessed Baby coming toddling across the snow, homeless and seeking our aid. Then, lighted by our candles and gladdened by their glow, He may enter our home to dwell and bless. And then, because He is here, great must be the joy of the morrow, for it is the Jounday of the morrow, for it is the Jounday of the morrow for it

Those are the Telegraph's senti-

ments and opinions also. The fire risk

sylvania was ablaze with candles last Christmas Eve and that not one fire resulted is proof of that. Candles were

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Here it is:

INSURANCE MAN.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING.

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City Engineer Cowden invariably The Days of Real Sport serves notice upon interested parties to make pipe connections before the



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 Common wealth to-day, has been delayed by the failure of the county commissioners of Sullivan to file their official returns. The returns of Delaware county were filed to-day and only one county remains to be heard from. Requests have been made to the Sullivan author ities to send returns here immediate ly and inquiring as to the cause of

ly and inquiring as to the cause of the delay.

To-morrow is the last day for filling expense accounts for the campaign of 1916 and the State committees and some of the State candidates have not yet entered their statements. Auditor General-elect C. A. Snyder filed a statement to-day showing a contribution of \$1,500 to the Republican State committee.

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

Officials at the State Capitol are awaiting the return of Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh from Pinchurst before taking many more steps in the interest of Representative Edwin R. Cox's campaign for the Republican caucus nomination for the speakership of the next House. Mr. Cox announced here last night that he was going to be his own campaign manager which leaves the Governor about the only official connection with the Cox boom as he endorsed it before going away.

It was reported that the Governor would return here to-night, but at the Capitol this was stated not to be correct. No one seems to know just when he will return, but it is certain that when he does get back that he will be waited upon by a number of officials and asked whether he intends to make a fight. Until the Governor gives the word people here are inclined to await developments. Officials at the State Capitol Surely, the Telegraph believes the "game is worth the candle" and Again there is general complaint

the people themselves must remove the stigma of neglect and indifference by contributing of their own means for this purpose. Of course, that is not a fair proposition, in view of the fact that the statuary was accepted by the city officials in a formal way, but should the matter be again omitted in the making up of the budget this year something will have to be done by the people themselves.

"Wilson plunges into work."—Newspaper headline. Now look out for another bunch of notes.

In the matter of decorating the slope along the River Front with appropriate shrubbery, might it not be well to interest the school children of the city to the end that they may take a personal pride in planting flowers and shrubbery which would have their continuing protection?

When the riprapping of the lower section of the slope_shall have been done SOME DAY that portion here.

duced prices during political campaigns and forgets all about the family grocery bill as soon as the votes are counted. Whether formal organization is necessary to make the boyon cott felt is a question. Led by a fearless press an aroused public needs no association promptings. It knows what to do and it does it—as witness last Wednesday.

Harrisburg people are not unreasonable. They do not deny that some advances in prices are necessary by reason of the war. They are willing to pay their share of the increases, but no more. They know that food speculators and packers are deliberately and unfairly taking advantage or their prosperity and they are naturally indignant. Whenever they become angry enough to say "no" to the promptings of appetite, and to say it as they said "no" to the turkey gougers last week, prices will begin to come down.

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—The speckership contest means warfare on the Governor and possible carrying down of some appointments when the senate starts confirming as well as fear of what an unfriendly appropriations committee might do to appropriations is the cause of the desire to see how far the Governor wants to go. Furthermore, the attacks upon Auditor General-elect Snyder have not opin him the most benevolent frame of or in fail of confirmation and the Governor. It is intimated that if any sell the proper state of factions if a breach of carrying the proper state of factions if a breach of their prosperity and they are naturally in the paid.

—The Agricultural Department appears to be about due to come under the fire of factions if a breach occurs. Some things have been said about Secretary Patton's political activities which may be trotted out again when the time comes for confirmation. Then there will likely be farmers when the bill was finally approved. Incidentally, there has been criticism of the commission for not being active. duced prices during political cam-paigns and forgets all about the fam-ily grocery bill as soon as the votes

to-day as he had been considerably discussed because of the appointment given to him in the Pittsburgh city

given to him in the Pittsburgh city government.

—The Philadelphia Democratic city committee has named a committee headed by Roland S. Morris to probe election frauds.

—John C. Winston, the Philadelphia reformer, has been made foreman of the grand jury in that county.

—S. D. Crow is the new appraiser of Fayette county and D. H. Fleihr of Lehigh.

—Activity of Prohibitionists in hold-

Spain's annual production of ce-

Spain's annual production of coment amounts to about \$50,000 tons increase the production to \$600,000 tons increase the production to the Netherlands. Germany and the production to the public and will be of great the public and

ALVAH WILSON ADVERTISES HARRISBURG IN 'FRISCO

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THE GIRL FIGHT

OUR DAILY LAUGH



Brotherly.

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



said that two could live as cheaply as one.

culture, which was urged by the Grange, but not satisfactory to the farmers when the bill was finally approved. Incidentally, there has been requested.

American planos are popular in South Africa. Germany and England, however, however, sell a number of being active.

—The death of Edward M. Bigelow caused much comment at the Capitol

Ebening Chat

It's odd the way that foreigners coming to Harrisburg appear to go to the sections of the city where there other foreigners of whose tongues and customs they are generally as ignorant as of English. Some years ago there were a number of Syrians and Armenians coming here and they wound up by going to the section of the city where the Bulgarians and Serbians were dwelling side by side. The Italians appear to be about the only ones to flock by themselves. The Russians and the Poles go with the rest. Now the Mexican laborers who have been brought here to work have gone to the same sections of the city where there are men from the older countries of Europe and they are to be seen going around with their peaked hats and blue shirts and grins with the men from the Danube who wear leather-like shirts covered with embroidery. The Mexicans seem to have found where to go and how to enjoy themselves about as quickly as any people who have come here and they make up to people of every kind except the Americans. have been brought here to work have

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 passersby or men who are reading the news what the bulletins have to say. The last two days there have been three men who have taken a great interest. One can read English and he has been reading to the others the tragedy of their land. The men are Rumanians,

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. At the top of the mountain, a rock very difficult of access towers thirty feet above the level of the rest of the range.

"If don't believe that any man ever tried to climb that rock," remarked the native.

"Is not that a good reason for our trying?" volunteered the local man.

A half hour later, somewhat breathless, both were congratulating one another on doing what they believed had never before been attempted. Looking about the crannies on the top the practiced eye of the guide espied a newspaper laying hidden. A further investigation proved it to be a copy of the Harrisburg Telegraph dated October 5, 1916.

"Well," said the guide rather crestfallen. "It 'pears to me that the fellows who carry the Telegraph don't stop at nothin."

Jackson Herr Boyd, home after six

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

SMART CHAP.

I'll be your sister,

ter,

Murmured she.
And then he kissed her.

Brotherly.

Enoch Rauh, Pittsburgh councilman, has started a movement to have the soldiers, brought back from the border as soon as possible.

—Col. J. J. Swope, head of the West Virginia publishers, has called a meeting of the publishers of his State and says they must stand together or go broke together.

—J. S. Critchfeld, Pittsburgh provision man, says figures show Pittsburgh is the best fed city in the country.

—Judge W. Rush Gillan is seriously ill at his home in Chambersburg. -Enoch Rauh, Pittsburgh council-

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg steel is used to enstruct lighthouses?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG
The first taverns in Harrisburg were
along the river front and were for
traders and immigrants.

A LOST LEADER

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[New York Sun.]

The late Patrick Henry Morrissey, formerly head of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, never played politics, never evaded, made up his own mind and kept his mind open until makeup time. He was fair; when one of the trainmen's locals broke an agreement with a railroad he expelled the unit and sent men to take the places of the strikers. He was trusted; long after he had left the presidency of his brotherhood to work in a railway vice-president's office the locomotive engineers chose him as their man on the arbitration board of 1912. He was far sighted; in dissenting from the settlement of 1912 he declared that the award was a trouble breeder.

Organized labor has been cursed with some mighty unfit and misrepresentative leaders in this country, and this has come about largely where the leader were self-constituted as such. Where the men chose deliberately the type is better. Such men as Morrissey are few. Organized labor needs them to-day.

God's Commandment

And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his son Jesus Christ, and love one another.—I John III, 23.