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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 8.

While the loitering idler waits Good luck beside his fire, The bold heart storms at fortune's Gates, And conquers its desire. —BATES.

SIX-CENT BREAD HARRISBURG, with the State as a whole, is facing six-cent bread. For years, every time there has been a flurry in the wheat or flour markets the threat of the six-cent loaf has been held over the consumer's head.

As pointed out by the Pennsylvania Master Bakers' Association, the prices of every one of the component parts of bread has been advanced—sugar, lard, shortening compounds, salt and flour all have reached fabulous figures.

The responsibility apparently does not lie so much with the bakers as with those who have been back of unreasonable increases in the prices of grain, flour and the other products bakers use.

At all events the five-cent standard loaf has not been justified by conditions, although it has remained permissible from the bakers' standpoint so long as the variations in the price of flour allowed them to strike an average profit for the year—making large profits when flour was low in price and losing during bullish periods of the market.

Harrisburg is one of the biggest bread-producing cities in the State. One local bakery alone does a business of about \$350,000 yearly. Scores of our people find employment in the industry.

New York's Great White Way now extends all the way down to the Goddess of Liberty.

THE WORM TURNS

Note a dispatch from Chicago, quoting C. P. Carter, of Philadelphia, secretary of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers, as saying that women's stockings are about to come down.

Prices of materials have gone steadily up. Either ladies are to pay 50 per cent. more for their hosiery or stockings must be made about 50 per cent. shorter.

The big problem, it would appear, will be one of permanent support. Present methods would seem to be entirely inadequate.

appropriate our Panama hats, we have kissed many a cuff button good-by when wife came along with a new shirtwaist, and we have held no grudges when a fair member of the family snatched our riding trousers, but we don't propose to give up our hose supporters without a protest.

We can get along without either Panamas or laundered cuffs, but we decline, absolutely and finally, to part with that last token of self-respect, our trousers. Ladies, beware! The men are desperate. They will stand no trifling. Also hold in mind the embarrassments that may result from a combination of short skirts and short stockings and Boston hose supporters.

If prices keep on going up burglars, instead of using their coal piles to hide their loot, will use the loot to hide their coal piles.

NO EXCUSE FOR RUMANIA

THE people of Rumania are suffering the fate they hoped to inflict on Austria. They are paying the penalty of a crime as great as that of Germany in Belgium.

WE'RE IN FOR IT NOW

—abetted by a procrastinating and obstinate city council—failed to riprap the river front this year, Harrisburg, in all likelihood, will have another big bill of park damages to pay, unless the river is kinder the coming winter than it has been in the past.

DEMURRAGE CHARGES

DEMURRAGE charges varying from \$1 to \$5 a day for freight cars held in storage will go far toward breaking up speculations in food stuffs.

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John Yates has done a bigger thing than he perhaps realizes. He has popularized the Associated Charities with many who have looked upon the organization none too kindly, regarding it as a cold-blooded business machine bent only upon the mission of providing just enough assistance to needy persons to keep soul and body together.

Mr. Yates understands that charity is all that the New Testament tells us it is, and he has acted accordingly. He has mixed the new scientific administration of help for the worthy poor with the leaven of human kindness. He is a lover of children. He has a proper conception of the duties of the organization he so capably represents.

BRYAN AND 1920

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN draws attention to the fact that every Western State in which he spoke before election gave Wilson a majority.

William Jennings Bryan guest of honor at Washington luncheon. William Jennings Bryan prominent speaker at banquet of Democratic leaders.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

George W. Williams, of Tioga county, sponsor for the local option bill in the last Legislature and one of the staunch "dry" men of the House, has decided to be a candidate for speaker according to information which has come here in the last twenty-four hours.

Mr. Williams was regarded as the likely man upon whom the State administration would concentrate until the middle of November when there were rumors that the Governor's advisers were telling him to take a Philadelphiaian as the best man to defeat Representative Richard J. Baldwin.

The announcement of Mr. Williams' candidacy came from Pittsburgh last night, a letter being sent to the editor of the Wellsboro man being given out as having been received by members of the House in that city.

In presenting my candidacy for speaker of the House I am prompted from what I believe to be the best interests of the Republican Party. There are no good reasons why it should again be torn and rent by factional strife, and many reasons why it should not.

I have no pledge to make in this presenting my candidacy to you other than that of an endeavor to fairly and impartially discharge the duties of the office of so much importance to the members of the House.

—Representative Cox arrived in Pittsburgh yesterday in company with Congressman John R. K. Scott, of Philadelphia, who has a gubernatorial buzz around his head all the time.

ELECTION AFTERMATH

We have gone through another general election and have lost the presidency and one branch of Congress at least.

—Members of the legislative subcommittee of the Philadelphia Charter committee last night conferred with Thomas Raeburn White, chairman of the committee.

—Campaign expense accounts filed at Reading show that the Democrats spent \$2,967 through their county committee, \$1,000 to \$2,000 less than in other presidential campaigns.

—S. B. Twining has been appointed the new Burgess of Yardley.

—Mayor Smith is due to return to Philadelphia to-day and will discuss the speakership contest.

—Senator McNichol's firm appears to be low in the bidding for the Philadelphia subway work.

McCormick Praises Citizen

Claims to being the only newspaper in New York to correctly predict the re-election of President Wilson are being made by different newspapers, but the one that seems to have the goods in the shape of a letter acknowledging that fact is the Brooklyn Citizen.

Prairie Naval Head

If justice is done by the new administration William Allen White will become secretary of the Navy in place of Josephus Daniels.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AS TO MAIL WAGON HORSES

To the Editor of the Telegraph: I want to call attention to the treatment afforded the horses in the United States Mail wagons.

FOUND ONE FRIENDLY FACE

It remained for young Washington, himself a newcomer in this fast-growing society, to recognize the stranger.

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OLD RED, ROARING DAYS IN ALASKA ARE GONE FOREVER

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