have been obtained without mortgag-ing their future under any other plan

From the actual experience of thou-sands of cities the officials gathered in

Springfield derived the following fun-

damental requirements of a plan of

city government which would be effi

simplicity.
 Definite responsibility.
 Definite responsibility.
 Administrative specialists cannot be successfully selected by popular vote.
 The policy determining body which represents the people must be elected by popular vote. It should have legislative power only. It should have the power to appoint one or more executive heads.

It was the unanimous opinion also

of these men who are successfully administering the affairs of American cities, that the policy-determining body elected by the people should be composed of men able and willing to serve for little if any remuneration, and that it should have full power to employ an executive head or heads, who, in turn, should have full power to em-

ploy and dismiss his subordinates

We, in Harrisburg, realize that the Clark act is a failure and that there is some virtue in the small council-

managerial plan, but we are not prepared to swallow the new remedy for present ills as we were compelled to

gulp down the commission form of government. What the third-class

cities of Pennsylvania should have is home rule, so that they could operate under laws made to fit their own pe-

culiar requirements. And home rule is what will come eventually.

The Democratic donkey, having gorged himself at the public trough, may founder if Bryan persists in giving him too much cold water.

PUBLIC BATH HOUSES

THE sum of \$5,000 which Park

Commissioner Gross proposes

annual budget for the purpose of es-

tablishing a city bathing beach and

bathhouses is none too large for the

purpose. Nor will it do for council

to consider Mr. Gross' recommenda-

The people want a public bathing

appropriation of the amount named

quately equipped beach at Independ-

ence island last summer provide

ample testimony as to the popularity

tions lightly.

sively it is coming into its own again place. Left to a popular decision the

POLITICS, we are told, makes strange bedfellows, and the same may be said of war. Who, of aquatic sports in Harrisburg.

to ask Council to put into the

without interference.

of city government.

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Be strong and work, for I am with

THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE 'OW strongly the Christmas candle

charming use he means to make of

candles in his service on Christmas

eve. On the altar will burn two very arge candles and all through the church candles will be burned in-stead of electric lights during the

reading of the Christmas story and

There is no artificial light more

beautiful than the soft, wavering glow of the candle. It lends itself most

charmingly to the festivities of yule-

tide, whether in the home or in church,

and it is pleasing to note how exten-

brations, after having been lost so

LLOYD GEORGE

for example, five years ago could have imagined David Lloyd George kissing

connection with Christmas cele-

singing of old-time Christmas hymns

and earols.

idea, first advocated for Harrisburg by the Telegraph a year ago, has taken hold is illustrated in the announcement on another page to-day by the pastor of Messiah Luth-eran Church of the extensive and

you, saith the Lord of hosts.

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HARRISBURG

DECEMBER 9, 1916.



Politics in .

soon not be discovered in the present situation over the speakership. —Two hundred members of the Cen-tral Democratic Club will go to Wash-ington again. The members of the club club have been making big prepar-ations and they have to a certain ex-tent detracted from the three-cor-nered fight over the presidency of the club. —When the Democratic expense ac-counts are glanced over it must be pathrully apparent to some federal basis for some commentary upon the working of the nonpartisan law by the Governor inquired of judges andy others familiar with election matters throughout the State what suggestions they had to make regarding much discussed changes in election laws and through the Governor action speakers is now the speakers in the federal service switch at 76,039 fewer people yoted for justice than for electors. Just what recommendations the for contain the cost may and varied replies which the Governor may and varied replies they had to make regarding the discussed changes in sole known. He has corpressed great interest in simplifying them. —Presence here within the last few for the purpose would be approved basis for some commentary upon the by an overwhelming vote. The "When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war;" likewise a street fight and a quarrel among the Allies.

All this recital of self-evident

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There are problems in an blue. lines—even running a trolley line.

Something may come of the move-ment approved by the Governor for some State recognition of the site of Camp Curtin and which will be sub-mitted to the next Legislature. Until that project comes to fruition Camp Curtin Methodist Church will stand as Harrisburg's memorial of a place where many national hopes were cen-tered and which many men upon whose heads the snow has fallen re-call as a landmark in their lives.

State Fire Marshal G. Chal Port has a striking way of putting out his departmental bulletins. He is issuing a series on "How to make Pennsyl-vania Fireproof," and he very appro-priately puts them out in flaming red covers. Some of the news matter in the bulletins is almost as striking, too

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

the last three months for automo-bile license tag No. 1917, the requests for that particular tag being more numerous than those made a year ago for 1916. The division adopted a polley of first come, first served, in the mat-ter of requests except where tags had been held a long time, but the appli-cations for the number keep coming in. Any number of requests have been made for special numbers to correspond with numbers of resi-dences, post office boxes, offices and lodges and there have been special re-quests made for odd combinations, notably "straights" and similar num-bers. There is on file at the Capitol a letter which asks for the "hoodoo" and "skidoo" numbers as one man styled Nos. 13 and 23. Every combin-ation of like numbers has been asked and Nos. 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000 have been in demand. This rush of requests for reservations of tags starts every year just before election time and keeps up until January 1. It is sued for next year before. Thou-sands of dollars a day are being sent to the State Treasury by automobile owners.

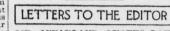
crowded Linglestown car. Search me. Guess we are coming to express cars to give the suburban shoppers a chance," was the answer. "Well, why not express cars not making stops in the central part of the city or say until they come to Nineteenth street?" "Well, agaig, human nature,," said the man. "Ever see a big husky foreigner get mad because he was carried beyond where he wanted to get off?" There are problems in all business

States now under the commission.

manager plan are administered more on most of us common Americans.

 Carrie Nation of his party.
 as in handling.

 King George now has two meatless
 --Ex-Representative R. R. Dearden, of Germantown, is out with some interesting political talk. He says he is the man who discovered Mayor



printed, painted or other adver-ties. The source true that in the act there is no reference to overhanging signs. It is just as true, and distinctly more ig important, that the act does specific-to fign upon property belonging to to the State, "or to any county, town-il ship, borough or city therein." The streets of Harrisburg are the property h, of the city, though constructively for-the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The highways of the State are not private

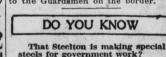
There's never a law of God or mar Runs north of 53. Funny, isn't it? Property. I am only anxious to pro-tect against intrusion the property of all. If Mr. "Laugher" can find any sign, such as have been criticized in the prohibition of this act, then J the prohibition of this act, then J the problem of this act, then J the prosing of any difficulty in sepecifically march 10, 1903, which specifically march 10, 1903, which specifically the prose any difficulty in sepecifically the posting of any north of the act of the add of the works the proper to be used the streets. Your laughing the streets of Harrisburg with per-manent structures or interdernes, and it only requires a clear test, not only of the act of March 10, 1903. There are literally thousands of the streets in Harrisburg to-day. Some time al of them will be removed be-the canae the people will need the streets to the beam over instance, all the provide of the streets of larrisburg with per-time and the other lot line, save the possing overhead signs of the streets to any right whatever to use for private time and the other lot line, save the beam of his friends, as i pre-time and the other lot line, save the beam of his friends, as i pre-time and the other lot line, save the streets in Harrisburg to-day. Some time al of them will be removed bes-and a porporisite the verse is no flare to the street, to the wait the street is of all of thes streets to all the streets and in that case. There are literally thousands of the streets in Harrisburg to-day. Some time all of them will be removed bes-cause the people will need the street, to providing at the same time a fair and synaw chair to the same time a fair and synaw chair to the same time a fair and synaw chair to the same time a fair and synaw chair to the same time a fair and synaw chair to the same time a fair and synaw chair to the same time a fair and synaw chair to the same time a fair and synaw chair to the same time a fair and synaw chair

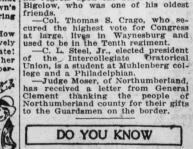
-Ex-Governor John K. Tener has been spending a few days in western Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania. —Andrew Carnegie telegraphed from New York to Pittsburgh friends his regrets upon the death of E. M. Bigelow, who was one of his oldest triggelow, who was one of his oldest

It took fifteen years agitation be-fore a bridge company was formed here. People were accustomed to us-ing the ferry.

DO YOU KNOW That Steelton is making spe r govern HISTORIC HARRISBURG







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PROTECTED. Didn't

find it rather cold as the thieves were making away with your clothes?

Oh, no. They

covered with their revolvers