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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 29.

Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt.—SHAKESPEARE.

THE PROPOSED TWO-CENT PIECE CONGRESSMAN POTTER'S bill directing the United States mints to resume the coining of two-cent pieces is a popular measure.

IN the selection of a successor to the late City Solicitor Seltz the City Council should proceed with caution.

GOING into office on a platform pledged to reduce the high cost of living and returned to office after having made no effort to fulfill those promises.

THE PASSING HOSTS THERE is food for reflection in the annual report of the Pension Bureau which shows there was a decrease of 33,575 in the number of persons on the pension roll during the year ended June 30, 1916.

decreased 3,354 during the year. Let us lose no opportunity to pay homage to these fast passing venerables.

PARTY FOOLISHNESS FOR several years there has been growing discontent among the Republicans of the State over the unsatisfactory conditions in Philadelphia.

Not satisfied to confine their activities within the limits of their own locality these malcontents project their caterwauling into the remotest corners of the Commonwealth.

Unless we are greatly mistaken, the time will come and is not far distant when there will be a combination of Republicans that will definitely and finally put a quietus on the Philadelphia troublemakers.

One resolution that every man ought to make and keep is to be as cheerful and as considerate in his family circle as he is at business.

THE SUSQUEHANNA BASIN IF the gentlemen of City Council have any doubt whatever as to the funds of the city being sufficient next year to cover initial cost of hatting and boating facilities in the Susquehanna Basin.

City Commissioner Gorges, who is Superintendent of Finance, has clearly shown that the investment of excess Water Department funds in the various public improvement bonds will be more than sufficient to take care of all the debt of the Water Department when it reaches maturity.

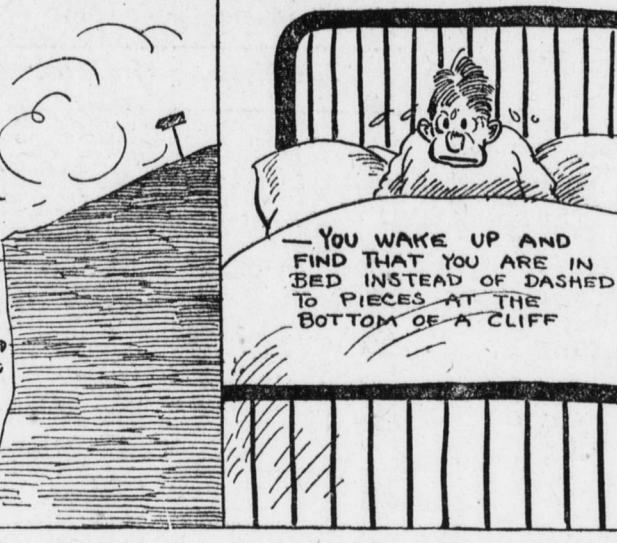
Through the investment of the surplus moneys of the Water Department in the street improvement and other bonds which show a return of 4 per cent, the excess is being well handled and there would seem to be no excuse for refusal to provide such facilities as the people demand in the way of boat and bathhouses.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING



BY BRIGGS THE VERY FIRST DAY YOU TRY TO LEARN TO DRIVE, YOU ARRIVE ON A LONG STEEP HILL WITH A DANGER SIGN ON IT, AND YOU LOSE CONTROL OF THE CAR

AND FINALLY WITH A HORRIBLE RUSH YOU PLUNGE OVER A HIGH CLIFF - AND -



YOU WAKE UP AND FIND THAT YOU ARE IN BED INSTEAD OF DASHED TO PIECES AT THE BOTTOM OF A CLIFF



AND 'T WAS ONLY A DREAM - OH - AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING? TATATA!

BISHOP PRAISES PRISON CAMPS

THE Rt. Rev. Herbert Bury, bishop of the Anglican Church for Northern Europe, the first and only Englishman that has been admitted to Germany during the war, has just returned to England and given out a remarkable story.

It is probable that the forces behind the Baldwin candidacy will ask the Legislature to investigate charges that Governor Brumbaugh permits members of the Legislature to fill positions of profit in the last year.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

The contest over the Republican nomination for the speakership of the House of Representatives gains signs to-day of a fresh outbreak of typewriter warfare and stenographers were rattling away at an early hour preparing fresh ammunition to be hurled into the opposing trenches.

Trade Briefs Cochin China's imports of hardware, machinery and iron and steel are valued at \$2,000,000 in a normal year.

Steel stamps and dies, metal plates for machinery and rubber stamp specialties are in demand in Argentina.

Looting the Treasury [New York Sun] Expressions from public men and editorials from leading newspapers of the country within the last few days show a rising resentment against the South's triple assault upon the United States Treasury through the omnibus public building bill, the flood reclamation bill and the river and harbor bill, which together will appropriate more than \$20,000,000, a large part of it for wholly unnecessary and extravagant projects.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

FAMILY TREE Bess - Who was Santa Claus' ancestors? Tom - Oh, I dare say he comes from some branch of the Christmas trees.

Mr. Schyboy - Don't you know, er-Miss Vera this is er-er-the longest night of the year? Miss Vera - Cutting - Well, it seems so at any rate.

Williamsport's Troubles [Williamsport Sun.] Events are moving rapidly at the City Hall. But none the less they are moving certainly toward the end that was inevitably forecast when the so-called commission form of municipal government, inaugurated by the Clark law, with its highly paid mayor and councilmen, brought into being the rule that the best competent should be selected for public office.

That Harrisburg manufactures tin plate which is used in army cups? HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first Legislature to sit in Harrisburg occurred at the Courthouse on a very snowy day.

DO YOU KNOW My diet's just the thing for me. My state of health is almost rude. But doubtless it would fave be as good as dead as a food. The moral: Let each child live his plan. But don't advise your fellow man. - Chicago News

Evening Chat

While no date has been fixed for the return of the Eighth Infantry from duty along the Mexican border, it is generally believed that Colonel Finney's organization will be heading this way about the first ten days of February and will again resume its place in the organized militia of Pennsylvania.

One of the matters connected with the return of Troop C, of the Governor's Troop, as it will be known when it comes home, will be the care of the thirty-two horses which will be maintained here for the organization.

As it is probable that the next Legislature will be asked to make some substantial appropriations for armories and other arrangements in behalf of the National Guard, it is interesting to note that one state which has two regiments spent \$70,000 in preparing its camp, while the other spent only \$200,000.

One of Lewis town comes a story to the effect that a Beaver Springs farmer owned the heaviest pig in proportion to its size in the world.

It is probable that there will be pretty big audiences at the watch night services which are a feature of Harrisburg life on the last night of the old year.

The methods of collecting ashes and garbage appear to be arousing the ire of some householders in Harrisburg and they are comparing notes on the condition of their yards.

Representative Miles A. Millron, of Kittanning, is here combining business, politics and pleasure, as he is a legislator and also connected with school supply concerns.

Well known people - Mayor James G. Harvey, of Hazleton, has decided that he can designate streets for the use of the deaf and has named the streets for sports.