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THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 4

Without the love of books the richest man is poor; but endowed with this treasure of treasures, the poorest man is rich.—J. A. Langford.

WATER CONSERVATION

PUTTING before the Legislature the water conservation program as outlined by Governor Brumbaugh in his message read before the lawmakers on Tuesday, the State flood control committee, headed by Dr. Dixon, has taken a momentous step in the history of the State.

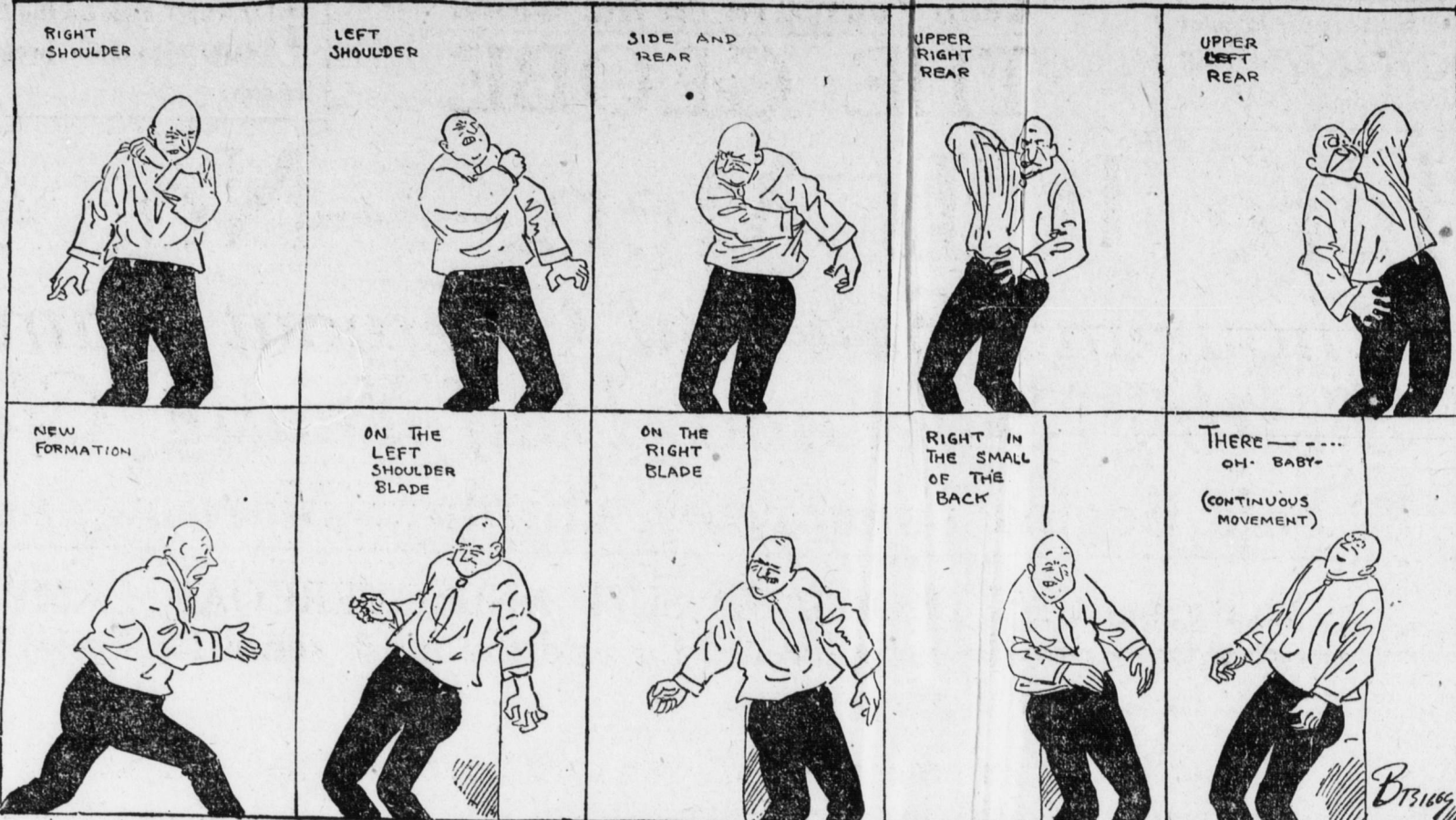
Their recommendations should receive all the more earnest consideration of the Legislature because they do not propose to rush haphazard into any pet scheme of legislation which might or might not prove best.

The water works of the ancients were most carefully constructed. They were the one great public asset in the early days of civilization.

But the "inexhaustible" mines of coal already are nearing the end of their supply and the hope of the people for cheap water power in the future lies in the long neglected streams.

More publicity for Wm. Penn. One hears a great deal more about William Penn lately than for years; and one reason why this is so is because of the efforts of the William Penn Highway Association.

MOVIE OF A MAN WITH THE ITCHY FLANNELS



By BRIGGS

Evening Chat

Announcement by the Harrisburg Railways Company that it is planning service improvement and changes in an effort to maintain schedules during rush hours, brought forth a number of traffic tie-up stories and the sympathies of at least one autoist who has occasion to use the downtown streets frequently during the day.

Talking about better service brought a story from an official of the railway company, too. He was discussing the plan started some years ago to run extra cars out State street, and the results of the trial.

"If you must have an accident, don't have it in a tollbridge, especially if there is an unreasonable Amazon at the one end that takes the toll," is the advice of a local man who relates the following experiences.

"Crossing a tollbridge in a nearby county an auto collided with his two-horse spring wagon from the rear. The wagon was so badly damaged that he could not continue his trip without repairs.

Retail milk dealers in the city kept the telephones busy the other day when they learned that the dairymen were talking of another increase in the wholesale price.

Only a few of the third-class cities in the State pay 9c a quart for milk, according to a recent census of Pennsylvania.

The value of the phonograph in the school and the appreciation of the variety of music made possible by this machine are causing youngsters in a number of schools to make plans to buy talking machines.

George H. Wirt, chief forest fire warden of the State Department of Forestry, is the author of an illustrated article in the recent issue of the Journal of the Engineers Society of Pennsylvania.

Now that the Christmas rush is over it is probable that something will be done pretty soon about a new high school for the West Shore.

It is an interesting thing to note that the State appropriation for the common schools, which Dr. Schaeffer would have increased to \$18,000,000, has jumped by ten per cent.

Judge Walling, re-elected in November, took the oath as Justice of the Supreme Court yesterday.

That large quantities of the timbers from the old 'tumble-down houses in the Eighth Ward were found to be so heavy and so well preserved that they have been used in some of the fine homes of Harrisburg and vicinity erected in the past three years.

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.—Ecclesiastes, iii, 1 to 8.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

All is quiet on Capitol Hill to-day. Aside from the water supply and power and the game conference there has been little stirring since the Legislature adjourned.

Under the existing system the city has little chance to improve conditions, because there is constant change in the administrative officers—the mayor and his department heads.

Those who are concerned with the efficient management of our Pennsylvania municipalities should see to it that the Clark act, under which all the third-class cities are operating, is so amended as to make it optional with these cities whether the commission shall be a paid body or one serving without pay and employing a manager or heads of departments.

President Wilson "had a hundred thousand men; he marched them into Mexico and he marched them out again."

A SIGNIFICANT RECORD

LOOKING back over the campaign, it may be of value to note that none of the members of the Cabinet who took the stump for Wilson—and they were almost unanimous in doing so—was able to do for his chief what their ex-colleagues, Mr. Bryan, did. The States where Daniels, Baker, Redfield, et al, spoke went Republican, while the States where Bryan put in his work went Democratic.

Need More Movie Censors

"Seventy-five per cent suggestive melodrama, and no good. Twenty per cent obscene or slapstick comedy, and no good. Five per cent travel and educational, and all right."

TO STOP DRINKING, STAY IN BED

Booth Tarkington, one of America's greatest writers, has written an article for the January American Magazine on the liquor habit in which one of his characters says:

"I didn't plan to do it. I didn't even attempt to do it. I just did it—or something did it for me. I woke up one morning, after an unusually fierce night, and when I crawled out of my bedroom for some bread I found I couldn't lift a glass to my lips. That didn't alarm me, I'd been that shaky before, but I decided to go back to bed and sleep until my nerves were somewhat quieted. I did go back to bed, and I decided to stay there until I got 'up normal' without alcohol. I stayed there all that day and the next—and I began to care a little about real food—and the next, and the next, I stayed there ten days, and when I got up I was feeble enough in body, but I'd given my mind or soul, or 'something,' enough rest for it to get a quiet and true vision of what had been happening to me, of what I'd slid into, so to speak. And I was through. I had decided. I knew I couldn't 'drink moderately.'"

THE GOSPEL OF PREPAREDNESS

MARK TAPLEY, in the romance of Dismal, you remember, was cheerful. No matter what conditions or troubles he encountered, Mark always saw a cheerful side to the prospect.

Parties Don't Have Ideas

President Wilson, in one of his speeches during the recent campaign, uttered this sentence: "The Republican party has not had a new idea in thirty years."

Every Man Owns a Cleaner

A Postoria, Ohio, youngster nailed his trousers to the floor in the kitchen of his home and put the electric cleaner to work.

The Booze Motto

The enormous consumption of liquor in Kansas disturbs Senator Reed. He attributes it to prohibition. To be sure, that is why the liquor folks always welcome proposals to make States dry and have as their motto, "Prohibition and Prosperity for Boozers!"

Backsliders

Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, I am come unto thee, and thou art the Lord our God.—Jeremiah lli, 22.

AND THE CAT CAME BACK

Did you ever try to lose a cat? I mean a cat that your wife didn't want hanging round the house and had ordered you to carry off eight or ten miles and drop into the lap of nature.

PHONOGRAPH NEEDLE BRUSH

Do you really clean your phonograph records when you rub them with a cloth? Doesn't the rubbing compress some of the dust into the grooves?

THE LATEST IN BABY CARRIAGES

The up-to-the-minute baby carriage, the electric engine and battery, operated by a conveniently located pushbutton, preferably on the handle, to clear the pathway of the carriage.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

MENTAL LIBERTY.

Do you enjoy novel reading, Miss Fullman? Oh, very much. One can associate with people in fiction that one wouldn't dare speak to in real life.

HIS LITERATURE.

Not literary, eh? The only book he cares for is the volume of business.

IN THE COURT ROOM.

Judge—How long have you owned a car? Motorist (choked with speeding)—One week, your honor. Judge—Um—then you can still afford to pay a fine.

ALL IN THE TOUCH.

Your son plays very well—he has such a sensitive touch. Has he? Well, not when he touches me!

AT SEA.

First Passenger—Sir, I fancy your mother over there has a touch of seasickness; perhaps you'd better look after her. Second Passenger—My lady is my mother-in-law. First Passenger—a thousand pardons.

GAME AND GAMES.

Were you ever on a big game hunt? Yes, and sad to say I found it—I spent two days at Monte Carlo.

WINKS—WHAT DID JONES DO?

Winks—Overwork—earning money enough to pay for the operation that saved his life.—Judge.

Tommy (during heavy bombardment, to his musical pal)—Chuck it, Nobby! I can't get to sleep while you're making that awful noise!—London Opinion.