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You cannot by exercise of force make a man think as you do, though you may make him say that he does. -J. S. Mill.

THE POOR BOARD'S WORK

Dauphin county's Poor Board has just completed twelve months' application of the policy of business efficiency in caring for the poor and indigent, and a visit to the almshouse and a survey of the books of the directors offer ample evidence of the practicability of such a system.

When the present Poor Board took charge the directors modestly announced that the office was to be run on lines similar to those any one of the businessmen constituting its membership would pursue were he handling his own money instead of the people's.

As a result the wayfarers who are resting more or less briefly at the half-way house on the road from "better days" to the only really Better Day they will ever know have been much more comfortable, much better fed, much better clad, during the past year than ever before.

True enough, the cost of maintenance during the coming year will be greater. But that's no fault of the Poor Board. The higher price of living affects the county's home as it affects every private home, and the increased outlay will be balanced by the installation of a new cold storage plant and the construction of new and more commodious pens for the swine. Ten thousand dollars additional is asked for the maintenance of the county's poor during 1917, but most of this will be expended in the installation of improvements which will eventually mean a big saving in cost of food for inmates and fodder for the livestock.

During the past year an irrigating system was put in and it has worked wonders. New beds and new mattresses, sanitary and modern, were purchased; attention to the beautification of the grounds in the way of hedges was given.

In the next year it is the director's desire to further improve the farm and home by the addition of greater facilities for maintaining the hundreds who have no other home. The taxpayers do not begrudge the county home money sufficient to run it properly. The old idea that the public owes its wards no more than enough to keep soul and body together is obsolete. They must be maintained in healthful and pleasant surroundings.

President Edwin S. Herman of the City Planning Commission, hit the nail squarely upon the head in his talk before the Rotary Club this week, when he pointed out the necessity of community co-operation and the touching of elbows of those who are interested in the betterment of the people. Mr. Herman's philosophy of life is that of good fellowship, consideration for others and consistent co-operation.

PEACE SIGNS

WE are pleased to see here and there signs of sanity within the contending factions of the Republican party. Surely the universal protest which has gone up from every section of the party in Pennsylvania must have its effect upon the pugnacious gentlemen who have been responsible for the deplorable controversy.

Neither side has been blameless and it will not do for one to accuse the other of all the shortcomings in the political decalogue. Each has been to some extent responsible for the unseemly row and a good deal of bad blood having been split, it ought to be possible to get all the belligerents out of the trenches before the reconvening of the Legislature.

There are signs here and there of harmony and the great body of Republicans will sincerely hope that these signs are indicative of a disposition to stop fighting each other and perfect the party alignment for the future struggle with the common political enemy. It ought to be plain to every factionist engaged in the recent unpleasantness over the speakership that there is not room enough in Pennsylvania for two Republican parties. It ought also to be clearly evident that the Democrats are so tickled over the outlook that they are punching each other on the back and chucking where two or three happen to meet. They are justified in their hilarity, but it is not too late for the Republicans to create such a condition

of harmony as will give force and effect to the old saying, "that he laughs best who laughs last."

This newspaper is still hopeful that the session of the Legislature will result in the enactment of such a sensible program that the disagreeable incidents of the opening days will have been forgotten long before the final adjournment.

Pennsylvania has had more than its share of political turmoil and the men of all parties would hail a surcease from these disturbing factors in our public life.

Mr. Marburg's discussion of the objects of the League to Enforce Peace before the Chamber of Commerce yesterday gave the large number of business men present a very clear conception of the whole movement with which ex-President Taft and others have been so prominently identified. Whatever may be thought of this particular plan to assure universal peace hereafter it is certain that the family of nations will never again permit such a slaughter as is now devastating Europe.

SCHOOLHOUSE CENTERS

PUBLIC sentiment in support of community centers to be established in the school buildings of towns and cities is increasing everywhere. Long ago the question of utilizing the school buildings by the people to a larger extent than is now possible was discussed. It has been only recently, however, that the movement began to take form in the organization of associations with a distinct purpose of using the school buildings in this way as their main object.

Harrisburg has some fine school buildings and the talk of social centers has reached the point of more or less crystallized public sentiment. It only remains now to put the movement into force and effect through some official action of the school directors. We believe that much good is to be accomplished by such associations and greater community effort in this direction. There are thousands of good people in every city who are willing and anxious to assist in solving the problems which are identical in every city the size of Harrisburg.

Already there is an organization in the Seventh ward, having a more or less definite plan for the Americanization of the foreign children in that part of the city. These children are bright and their school teachers with one accord pronounce them unusually teachable. They respond quickly to the sympathy and interest of those who are concerned in promoting their welfare. Many pathetic stories are told of the appreciation of poor parents of these alien children. It is, therefore, a work which should appeal strongly to all who believe in the future of Harrisburg and the country at large.

At the conclusion of the awful struggle in Europe it is expected there will be a tremendous influx of those who are now living in the war-ridden countries. Many will bring their children and our own people must prepare to extend a real welcome to all who come, so long as they are worthy and desire to take their proper place among the people of the United States.

It is perfectly obvious that the school property is owned by all the people and there is every reason in the world to make more general use of these buildings for the public welfare.

Henry P. Fletcher, as the new American Ambassador to Mexico, will have a fine time explaining to our friends south of the Rio Grande how that little expedition of General Pershing was simply a practice march without any purpose of hurting the feelings of Carranza and his more or less hectoric associates. Even now it is understood President Wilson has decided to frame a note to Carranza which will yield all of his demands.

LENTZ MAKES GOOD RECORD

COUNTY RECORDER JAMES E. LENTZ not only has turned back to the County Treasurer more fees than ever in the history of the office, but he has installed efficiency methods during the first year of his incumbency that not only save to the taxpayers the salaries of several transcribers, but make for legibility and accuracy in the important books compiled under his direction. This is the day of the typewritten document and record. No businessman worth the name now conducts his correspondence by pen and ink and most modern offices depend upon the typewriter for all kinds of written records. The three machines which Recorder Lentz has installed not only do the work of transcribing more quickly and efficiently, but there can be no questioning either words or figures and the records are easy to read.

The Pittsburgh man who says the "American small boy has respect for nothing under the sun," evidently never had heard of Buffalo Bill, Jess Willard and "Home Run" Baker.

A Georgia newspaper talks about "dirty politics in Pennsylvania," but makes no comment on the kind of a State government that shuts its eyes to a Leo Frank outrage.

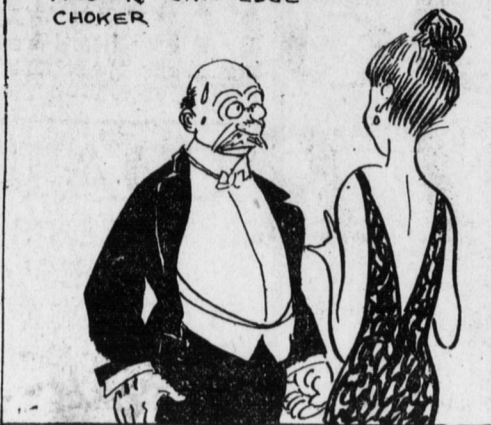
Montana having spent \$20,000 to bid itself of the liquor traffic will be able to make that up in one day's savings.

At last Philadelphia has given New York something to talk about. The artist model murder has all the trappings of a Great White Way tragedy.

"Fashion approves a melon-shaped sleeve for matrons," says a fashion-

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN' ?

AFTER YOU'VE SPENT A MISERABLE EVENING IN AN ILL FITTING SUIT AND A SAW EDGE CHOKER.



AND YOU'VE SOUGHT A SECLUDED CORNER TO RELIEVE AN ITCHING BACK.



AND YOU'VE SUFFERED TORTURES WITH PINCHING SHOES.



AND THE LONG RIDE HOME INCREASES YOUR MISERY BECAUSE YOUR FEET ARE HOT AND SORE WHILE YOU FREEZE AT THE TOP.



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note. Yes, and we suppose watermelon sized purses for husbands.

Talk of impeachment of Governor Brumbaugh will not be taken seriously by those who know anything of the political game. Impeachment proceedings have not been politically beneficial to any party and that sort of gossip is usually a bait for guileless.

A Wish

I'd like to be a boy again, a carefree prince of joy again. I'd like to tread the hills and dales the way I used to do, I'd like the tattered shirt again, the knickers thick with dirt again, the ugly, dusty feet again that long ago I knew. I'd like to play first base again, and Silver's curves to face again, I'd like to climb, the way I did, a friendly apple tree. For, knowing what I do to-day, could I but wander back and play, I'd get full measure of the joy that boyhood gave to me. I'd like to be a lad again, a youngster, wild and glad again. I'd like to sleep and eat again the way I used to do; I'd like to race and run again, and drain from life its fun again. And stand another round of joy the moment one was through. But care and strife have come to me, and often days are glum to me, and sleep is not the thing it was and food is not the same. And I have sighed, and known that I must journey on again to sigh, and I have stood at envy's point and heard the voice of shame.

I've learned that joys are fleeting things; that parting pain each meeting brings; That some are partners here, and so are smiles and tears; That only boys from day to day can drain and fill the cup of play; That age must mourn for what is lost throughout the coming years. But boys can not appreciate their priceless joy until too late. And those who in the programs I had will soon be changed to men; And then, they too will sit, as I, and backward turn and look and sigh. And share my longing pain, to be a carefree boy again. -Edgar A. Guest.

Losses on the Sea

(Cincinnati Times-Star) Sir Norman Hill, secretary of the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association, estimates that Great Britain's war losses in mercantile marine at 433 steam vessels, or more than 1,600 tons, and with an aggregate registry gross of 1,744,260 tons. If these figures are correct, and naturally they are as conservative as the facts will permit, Great Britain has lost more tonnage in 27 months than was contained in the total American foreign over-sea shipping in 1915. Statistics in June, 1915, credited the United States with possessing 1,349,946 tons of over-sea shipping, in other words Great Britain up to the time the estimate was made had lost 394,000 more tons of overseas shipping than the United States owned, and still had about 14,500,000 tons left. These figures indicate what the United States would be up against if she ever got into a real war on salt water. It would not be long before our relatively insignificant merchant marine was swept off the seas.

Opportunity For Worthy Boys

At the National Farm School, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, worthy young men desire to make agriculture their life's work, but have not the means to pay for an agricultural education, may realize their ambition. This school, which opened a few score of years ago and has a farm of almost 400 acres, situated in one of the richest agricultural districts of Pennsylvania, gives to poor, worthy boys a three years' training in practical and scientific agriculture free of all cost to them. The object of the school is to train young men in the practice and science of agriculture for agricultural callings and for leadership of agricultural colonies. The requirements for admission are briefly: The applicant must be between 15 and 20 years of age; he must have an education equivalent to that required for admission to the high schools of this country; he must be in good physical, mental and moral health, and he must have a sincere purpose of making agriculture his life's work. Applications for admission to the school, which begins in March, are being made to Horris A. Kaufman, 407 Mutual Life building, Philadelphia, Pa. On what develops will

Politics in Pennsylvania
By the Ex-Committeeman

Senator Boies Penrose, who is going to Atlantic City to-day, will meet at the seashore during the next week the chiefs of his victorious wing of the Republican party in Pennsylvania and things will be settled as to a legislative program, the committee places and the apportionment of the offices in the two legislative chambers, with the gubernatorial campaign of 1918 always in view. It is said not to be the intention of the senator or any of his friends to forego any fighting, but they will be prepared for any emergencies which may arise through activities of the Vares, the Governor, Commissioner Magee and others. It is generally believed that the Vares brothers who have been in numerous fights with the Penrose faction before, will assume a practical course and avoid trouble in the Legislature. This was intimated in the Public Ledger yesterday and by the interview which Senator Vore gave last night in which he said he did not think there would be much investigating. "The South Philadelphia senator issued this statement: "As far as I am concerned, I do not think there will be any investigations. This talk of investigating the Governor is foolish. "There is nothing to investigate. Everybody knows that. "Now that the big interests made it possible for Baldwin to be elected, they feel their cause is safe in his hands and they will not be back to Harrisburg again this year and the Governor's friends will have a majority in the Senate and House for any legislation beneficial to the people."

HERE'S A SYNTHETIC SOUP

SCIENCE is hurrying to the rescue. Along sanitary and military and mechanical lines it has made marvelous progress. In the culinary field it leaves much to be desired. Now comes a Philadelphia chemist and offers mending a mineral soup that is pronounced fully as nutritious as the finest beef extract. He told the Franklin Institute the other night how the substitute is prepared. It is a decidedly peculiar recipe and one that might make the ordinary cook book shudder. You take portions of sodium phosphate and calcium carbonate and ammonium sulphate, add a little sugar and a small amount of yeast. These ingredients are mixed and set away until reaction by auto-lysis ensues, and a brown, sticky paste

that has all the nutritive qualities of commercial beef extract is produced. According to the chemist it is the minerals into the pronounced organic meat substitute. The yeast contains fermentation agents called enzymes, which are responsible for the alteration and produce the food qualities from the chemicals. There were doubts about the table at the Franklin Institute. They insisted upon tasting the "stone soup," and pronounced it good. They even declared that it was fully equal in nutrition and appearance to the market variety, and each of the samplers pronounced the odor remarkably beeflike. Incidentally, the chemist announced that the cost of "stone soup," which he called synthetic meat, is less than that from the ox or sheep.

depend very much the legislation affecting Philadelphia. -A move to clip the power of the Philadelphia county commissioners because of the activity of Chairman George E. Holmes, Washington party man, in behalf of Cox, is being considered. Holmes and Congressman John R. K. Scott are blamed for stirring up most of the trouble by Vore papers. -W. C. Schultz has been named an assistant coroner of Philadelphia to succeed Representative John Mehring. -Senator Penrose's latest attack on Attorney General Brown, in which he charges that the chief legal officer is a lobbyist, is expected to be followed by the presentation of a bill to shear the Attorney General of power to name all the lawyers in proceedings brought by the State and making the Attorney General legal adviser of all departments, two bills to which the Penrose people agreed during their fright of 1915.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Milk Price Protest
To the Editor of the Telegraph: One way to combat another increase in price of milk, Mr. Editor, is to go to the grocery store and get a can of evaporated milk (unsweetened), of which there are several brands, put it into a quart bottle, fill it with water and you have a quart of milk for 6 cents, a saving of 2 cents per quart at present prices. Some years ago this scheme worked successfully in a neighboring town when milk dealers charged as high as one cent per quart. Consumers banded together and purchased their supplies of milk from grocers in cans instead of the milk man, who soon came around begging customers to buy at old prices. To-day farmers get 18 cents per gallon from the man who delivers it to consumer. He in turn charges his 3 1/2 cents per quart for delivering it. These people could stand the proposed increase of 2 cents per gallon to produce and still have 3 cents per quart or three-eighths profit (3 1/2 cents on every dollar's worth sold) for delivering it. Another thing, Mr. Editor, too many milk dealers expect to make a week's wages off too small a business—one hundred quarts daily, for instance. Now if he handled two or three times that much and could not get a living out of it, he would have a good kick. Now, let consumers follow my directions and see if we can't keep prices down. (Signed) CONSUMER.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Mr. Bryan thinks the water wagon is the hand wagon.—Brooklyn Times. Germany would be invincible with a sense of humor.—Wall Street Journal. Why not give the Nobel peace prize to the Kaiser?—Baltimore American. Wall Street is crying for help. The war-bites are fainting.—Baltimore American. The British censor who reads the letters can have no illusions about himself.—Wall Street Journal. Chicago's pie-eating burro may have got his tip from the Democratic donkey.—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph. It is reported from Juárez that Villa is not in such a hurry. People had begun to suspect as much.—Kansas City Star. Japan has not done much fighting, but Japan will be heard before there is any status quo ante-bellum peace.—Syracuse Post-Standard. One can't help distrustful any offer that talks of "peace" and "settling the Balkan problem" at the same time.—Philadelphia North American. [Popular Science Monthly] A Montreal, Canada, man wanted to use his bicycle in winter. He removed the front wheel and attached a small sled to the forks. Thus he had a bicycle-sled, which enabled him to ride around at ease. The Gates of Paradise The gates of Paradise are double, And they are blue; Blue as the skies when no clouds Their perfect hue; Blue as the calm face of the ocean When winds are still, And sunlight only is in motion To work its will. When skies are dull, the sea is lonely And moans or sleeps; The quick winds or the warm sun only May stir its deeps. The gates of Paradise are double, And they are blue; They open to love, but cold, gray trouble Will clank them to, Lord, give me strength that I who love them May live aright, And spread no trifling clouds above them. To dim their light. By other paths may clearer mortals Win Paradise; But keep for me its clearest portals In her pure eyes. -T. A. Dalv.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

NOT IN HIS CAREER. She—How long have you been out of college? He—All my life. THOUGHT IT WAS FOOT-BALL. Our college won. They did? R. A. R. H. What did they win? The debate. Oh, phaw! AFTER MARRIAGE. He told her she was queer. Results were grim. Today he feels that keenly. She's ruling him.

Evening Chat

When the Rotary Club committee went into the mountains above Harrisburg to select a community Christmas tree some weeks ago it picked out what the members regarded as one of the finest specimens in the forest. A few days later Chairman Frank B. Musser took the foreman of his pole erecting gang to the tree and told him to cut it and bring it to town.

"I expect you to have the tree at Market and Front streets and in place not later than 6 o'clock this evening," he told the foreman. "The time is growing short and there is none to waste. Don't fall me."

At 6 o'clock that evening the foreman reported "The tree is in place," he told Mr. Musser. "Good work," said the chairman. "Did you have any trouble?" "We were sure did, replied the foreman. "We smashed the tree you picked all to pieces getting it out, so we went on the tract adjoining and cut another." "Get great guns, man," exclaimed the chairman. "You hadn't permission to get that tree. I don't know even to whom it belongs."

"That's your trouble," observed the foreman. "You told me the tree had to be up by 6 this evening, and up it is. Orders are orders." And now Mr. Musser is awaiting the first fair day to make a trip to the mountains and will soon be in the community Christmas tree.

In medical circles there has been considerable comment regarding the number of deaths from pneumonia following operations for appendicitis. F. W. Whipple, a prominent Philadelphia railway official of New York, underwent an operation for the removal of his appendix and two days later died from pneumonia. Another case was that of Frank R. Robertson, the famous travelogist who gave a series of illustrated talks under the auspices of The Telegraph last winter. He was stricken with appendicitis in Denver and following an operation suddenly succumbed from pneumonia. Mr. Robertson was making a successful tour of Canada when he was stricken with appendicitis. There is general regret over his death.

A former Harrisburg favorite was in the city the other day. He came here with the Baldwin forces. His name is "Tom" Connor, and he was in Harrisburg but a few minutes when his friends found him out. Connor was at one time a Philadelphia police officer. He is now a contractor in that city and is very busy man. He is a staunch Republican and will be in Harrisburg at intervals during the legislative sessions.

A new safety first rule adopted by a Pennsylvania Railroad clerk is to avoid using tobacco from a box that has been opened before coming into his ownership. This clerk received two boxes of fine imported cigarettes as a Christmas gift. The one box was open and he took it to the office where he has a collection of briar pipes. Loading one of the pipes started to enjoy a smoke. There were several puffs in the bowl of his pipe. The clerk made an investigation. Then came two more heavy puffs and the pipe cracked. Opening the box he poured the tobacco out on a sheet of white paper. Yes, there were many little black specks on the white paper. It was powder. At the present came from several engineers' friends he does not know who to blame for the joke.

"Sounding the klaxon doesn't" relieve the automobile driver of further responsibility to avoid a collision when he approaches a cross street," pointedly observed President Judge Kunkel the other day. It occurred in W. M. Hurst's car on Front street. W. M. Hurst's attorney had argued that he, Hurst, had carefully sounded a warning klaxon and that it was the driver's responsibility to avoid a collision. "The purpose of sounding the klaxon is to help serve notice of the approach of the car and the intention in so doing is to avoid a collision. But the sounding of the klaxon doesn't fulfill the driver's responsibility, although some drivers think that when they do this, their work is done. But it isn't. The klaxon must do all they can further to avoid a collision."

The following interesting account of the origin of the word "news" will take place in the Senate chamber, where such gatherings have been held since the new Capitol was built. Prior to that time the college met in the hall of the House of Representatives. It follows a procedure which is a century old. WELL KNOWN PEOPLE -Andrew Carnegie is planning a visit to Pittsburgh this month and will be guest of honor at institutions which he endowed. -Dr. R. H. Hart, well known here, has been elected president of the Philadelphia College of Surgeons. -Thomas Devlin has been elected president of the Philadelphia Foundrymen's Association. -John Cooper has been retired on a pension after thirty-three years as a clerk in Philadelphia city offices. -Colonel G. C. Richards, commander of the Sixteenth Infantry, is to be guest of honor at Oil City when his regiment returns.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg makes parts of engines for automobiles? HISTORIC HARRISBURG Harrisburg was one of the first towns in the state to establish steam fire engine service. Strength and Weakness [Albany Times-Union] Man was never so mighty. In Europe he has involved himself and his neighbors in a war in which he has developed almost superhuman powers. Man was never so weak. He has started a war so terrible that he cannot stop it, he cannot even permit it to run down of itself.