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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 31

In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider; God hath even made the one side by side with the other, to the end that man should not find out anything that shall be after him.—Ecc. 7:14.

THE "KIDDIES' FRIEND"

SAMUEL KUNKEL, whose death occurred early to-day, in a long and busy life engaged in many activities of note, but he will be remembered fondly by thousands of people in Harrisburg as the father of "Romper Day."

When the playground movement was young in Harrisburg V. Grant Forrer, then superintendent of parks, conceived the idea of ending each season with a "Romper Day," when all the playground classes should gather together at Reservoir Park for a great jollification, the climax of which would be a big picnic dinner.

A GREAT OAK

ONE of the ancient philosophers in a brilliant moment remarked that great oaks from little acorns grow; and we thought of that truism when we learned that Lehig and Northampton counties had been added to the William Penn counties of Pennsylvania—those counties through which the William Penn Highway passes and in which are to be found organizations boosting earnestly for better roads for Pennsylvania.

PAY FOR PERSONAL LUXURY

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE REDFIELD believes that an occasional taste of life on the ocean-wave is beneficial to his health and that of his friends. About a year ago the Coast and Geodetic Survey, after a personal inspection by Mr. Redfield, spent about \$60,000 for the beautiful new yacht, the Isis, then lying in Boston Harbor.

CIVIL SERVICE TESTS EVADED

THE annual report of the Civil Service Commission, recently sent to Congress, contains the usual list of appointments made by order of the President without regard to the Civil Service Rules. During the past year there were 14 such appointments. As a result of a careful investigation of the merits of each case the commission reports that it was able to occur in only 22 instances, less than 20 per cent.

through to Millerstown; all-weather shale from Millerstown to Clark's Ferry; good roads from the ferry to Dauphin; permanent highway into Harrisburg from Dauphin; and, when the Berks-Dauphin turnpike is improved this spring, all-weather and excellent macadam, oil or asphalt treated, into Reading. Over in Montgomery county it will be possible before long to travel from border to border on a permanent William Penn road.

We mention these instances merely to show that the William Penn Highway Association has grown from a little acorn to a great oak. Only this week it was asked to bring its methods to bear in Washington county, where enthusiasts propose a million-dollar bond issue for better roads.

Four potato warehouses were burned at Houlton, Me. Somebody must have been reading Charles Lamb's "Essay on Roast Pig."

THE CHARITY BALL

THE annual Charity Ball was an unqualified success, not only in attendance and brilliancy, but because every penny outside the box rentals goes directly to charity. Those who paid for the boxes bore all the expenses of the whole entertainment, so that the full price of each ticket goes to the treasury of the Associated Aid Societies, which is a very worthy organization very greatly in need of financial assistance.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

While Senator William C. Sprull's action in postponing consideration of the resolution for investigation of government in Pennsylvania in the Senate yesterday within twenty hours of the time when a motion to postpone was voted down is declared by State administration people and newspapers to be a sign of weakness, the Penrose people are emphatic in asserting that they will have the votes to pass the resolution on Monday night.

IMMENSE SUMS WASTED

By S. W. STRAUS, President American Society For Thrift

STATISTICS show that only about 35 per cent of the timber cut in the forest now reaches the consumer, most of the remainder being wasted; 40 per cent of the coal is lost in the seams, so far as beneficial utilization is concerned.

In the Trenches

Editor's Note: The writer of these verses went to the French front with the first Canadian contingent and has seen his full share of war.

The Gracious Josephus

Mr. Daniels said to-day that he would not consider permitting Hadfields, Ltd., to carry out the contract if the British government insisted on postponing delivery until after the war.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

W. T. Ramsey, chairman of the House rules committee, will head the mines commission, in the coal business at Chester.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg manufactures tons of pretzels every twenty-four hours.

INDIAN DICE—FOUR DEUCES IN ONE



OUR DAILY LAUGH

Are goats fond of music? I should say so. I had one that ate up fifty dollars worth of phonograph records.

STONE WALL?

Why do they call it Wall street? Bump up against it and you'll find out.

IN A DESULTORY WAY

I hear Reggy is looking for work. Yes, with a monocle.

THE CHIEF TROUBLE

The trouble about the egg situation is that the speculators and not the hens are now laying for the customer.—Arkansas Gazette.

A Sensitive Institution

The seismograph at Georgetown, D. C., is so sensitive that it will clearly record a slight earthquake in far-off Borneo, but the New York stock market will go all to pieces in an hour over something that never happened, anywhere!—Boston Advertiser.

Meat

For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offense.—Romans 14: 20.

Robbing God

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.—Malachi 3, 8.

By Briggs

Evening Chat

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