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Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, to thee that addest thy venom, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!—Hab. 2:15.

INNOCULATION FOR TYPHOID

THERE can be no question as to effectiveness of inoculation as a means of preventing typhoid. It has been demonstrated beyond all doubt that the body may be rendered immune by this means, without bad effects upon the patient.

It is, therefore, gratifying to note that the manufacturers and dealers, of their own volition, will insist upon typhoid inoculation for their employees during the coming hot weather season.

Ice cream is growing in popularity, especially as a warm weather dish. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been and are being invested in modern plants for its manufacture under sanitary surroundings which would be set at naught if it happened, as it did last summer, that some of the men engaged in the handling of the product were typhoid carriers.

Nothing will do more to restore public confidence in the safety of ice cream from a food standpoint than the earnest efforts of the dealers and manufacturers themselves to insure its purity.

Frightfulness is no respecter of "safety lanes."

"WANTED, 1,000 DWELLINGS" "WANTED, 1,000 Dwellings!"

Reading needs new houses, needs them badly, and despite the fact that hundreds have been built the past year the usual spring scarcity is worse than ever.

Harrisburg also needs new houses. Not only are dwellings at a premium here, but we have some hundreds of them that must be torn away shortly, having long since outlived their usefulness as human habitations.

Why wouldn't it be a good thing for both Reading and Harrisburg if some big corporation were formed to build attractive houses on a large scale in order that they might be rented cheaply? The investment certainly would be safe, at least, and those who engaged in such an enterprise would be doing both cities a good turn.

The Weatherman is going to have a hard time explaining the way the Groundhog hits off the weather.

Earl White's Appointment

APPOINTMENT of Earl White as a clerk to the police department under the revised system ordered by council takes into the service of the city a young man trained for the work he undertakes by years of police work newspaper reporting. Nobody in or out of the police department knows more about its workings than Mr. White. He has a wide acquaintance in all parts of the city, holds the confidence of the police officials and officers and is of excellent character.

Exports to Warring Nations

OUR total exports for the calendar year 1916 were valued at \$5,481,423,589. Of this amount France, Italy, Russia, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and Japan, took \$4,329,000,000 — or 79 per cent, to

will find employment. The number of men to be added to the Bethlehem Steel payroll when all units of the improvement program improvement are completed will run into the hundreds. In the very heart of the distributing district of the East, this city is bound to grow into one of the really big steel producing points of the world.

The difference between Cuba and the United States is that we prefer hot air to hot shot, following a disappointing election.

Why Not a Street Car Survey?

WHY not a street car survey in Harrisburg?

The question naturally arises as a result of the excellent results achieved in the police department through the survey made at the suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce and with the friendly co-operation of Mayor Meals.

Nearly every day brings to the Telegraph offices letters of complaint relating to delays of street car travel and what the writers are pleased to call "inadequate service."

It knows only that a very large number of Harrisburg people believe conditions could be materially improved.

The average citizen has no feeling either for or against the trolley company as such. He wants prompt and efficient service for his nickel and beyond that he is not greatly interested.

And he is entitled to that. Regular schedules, reasonable frequency of cars passing a given point, comfortable seating arrangements and courteous treatment at the hands of efficient, honest and polite employees are the passenger's rights.

These are the best advertisements any company can have, but the opposite is also true; delays, inefficiency, dishonesty, carelessness, over-crowding—all operate against a trolley company in the opinion of the people it purposes to serve.

It is easy to fall into a rut. It is not easy to get out. There is doubtless room for improvement in the service of the Harrisburg Railways company. A friendly, co-operative survey at least would give the people much useful information and would not only encourage improvements but would place the blame for shortcomings, if shortcomings there are.

POTATOES AT \$3.50 A BUSHEL

POTATOES reached \$3.50 a bushel in Chicago the other day when a new kind of boycott was started which brought the price down with a bump to \$2.75.

The retailers took the situation into their own hands and simply declined to buy at any such ridiculous price, recommending that their patrons use rice and other foodstuffs of the kind as potato substitutes. The result might be well worth consideration in Harrisburg, where prices of potatoes threaten to go beyond all reason.

Chicago commission men insisted that the high prices were due to shipments abroad, and doubtless that and a short crop in this country last year do have an important bearing on the situation, but the fact that prices fell away seventy-five cents a bushel in one day under pressure of the retailers' boycott would appear to be ground for the suspicion that they had been artificially inflated.

Too often people blame the retail dealer for the high prices of provisions, but in most cases he is simply caught in the same trap that holds the consumer—he must buy at the figures quoted or do without. High prices tend to lower consumption and the small dealer whose profits are not increased to any extent, and often actually lowered, by exorbitant charges for the goods he handles, would be as happy as the consumer if the cost of living were reduced to before-the-war levels.

Another War Change

The woman window-dresser, strange as it may seem, is a war novelty. Now, however, she is frequently to be found, even in the leading shops where men alone were formerly supposed to have skill to arrange articles of women's clothing in such a way as to make women want to buy them.

In pre-war days, though a certain amount of the "fancy drapery" window-dressing was done by women, more important branches, such as the arrangement of model gowns, were seldom entrusted to them.

Window-dressing is regarded in the drapery trade as an art. In houses where there is a great deal of glass one or two competent window-dressers may be kept at this work all the time, but usually they are called in a couple of days a week at it, and during the rest of the time may be employed as buyers or to supervise stock or as salesmen.

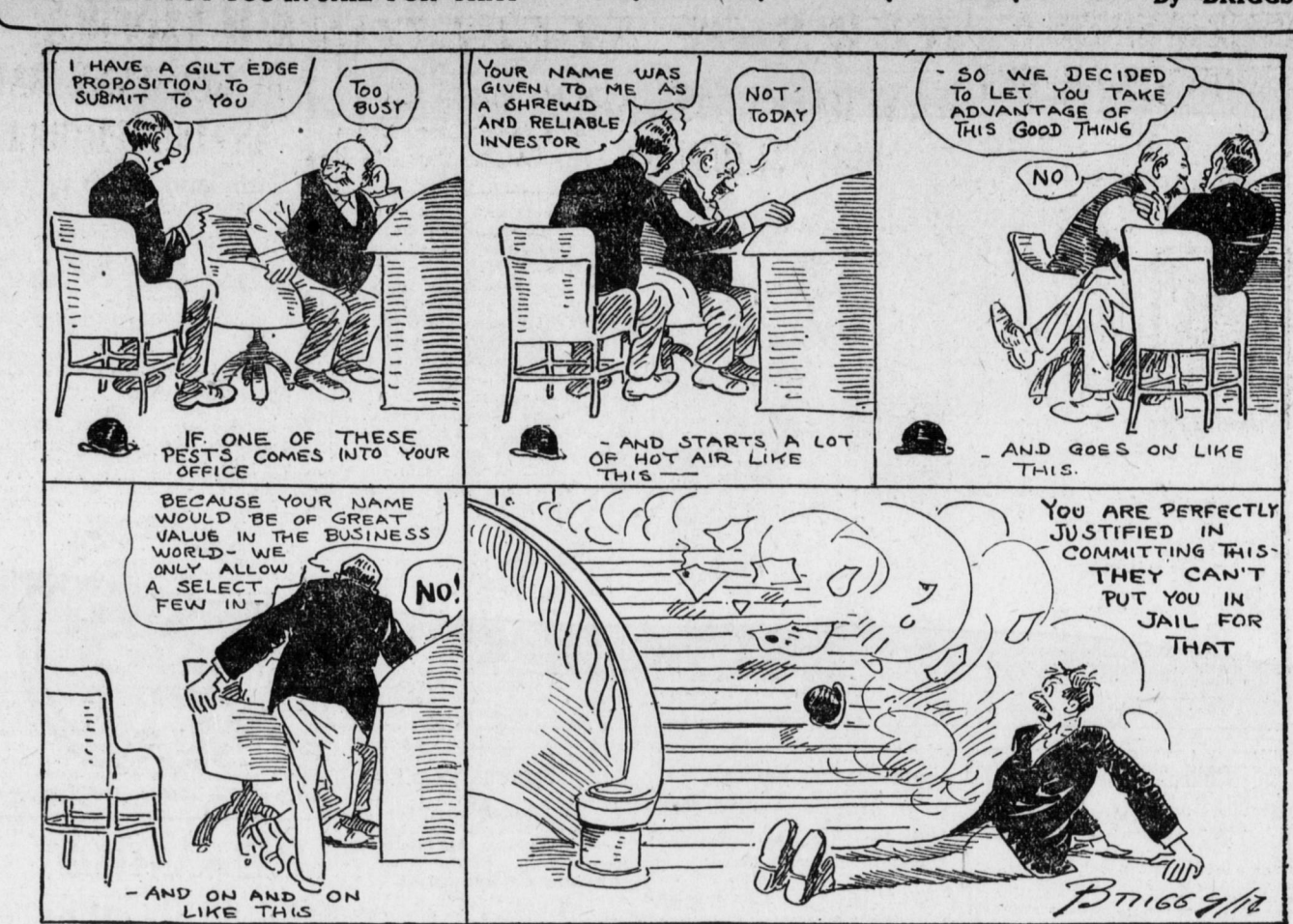
But the big drapery firms have now, as a rule, nothing but praise for the women who are doing this work. The women are not getting the same rates as the men whose places they are taking—where a man "living in" would be paid \$90 to \$100 the women are receiving only \$70 to \$80.—London Times.

They Worship Trees

Under the very shadow of the telegraph pole we find the tree worshippers of India. Many kinds of trees are worshipped in India for many kinds of reasons. Some are supposed to be the abode of demons who must be propitiated. The sacred Bo tree under which Buddha received enlightenment is worshipped by pilgrims who come in thousands.

In some small villages where there are no women than men it often happens that there are no men of equal caste to the girl whose time has come to marry. Since the tree represents a deity which can assume any rank or caste, the parents of a marriageable daughter who has become a burden to the family take her to the village tree god and marry her to him. She is bound to the tree and left either to the mercy of the prowling wild beasts or to be rescued by the first male of a lower caste who is in search of a helpmeet.—World Outlook.

THEY CAN'T PUT YOU IN JAIL FOR THAT



By BRIGGS

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman

The Philadelphia Record to-day prints a very interesting story to the effect that the Governor is testing out the Senate in regard to passing the Sprout resolution for an investigation over his rumored veto and also on the important question of his attitude on his appointments by having some of the members sounded in regard to their feeling on Secretary William H. Ball for superintendent of public grounds and buildings.

The Governor is more concerned now than he was early in the week over the attitude of the Senate on his appointments as he is commencing to realize that the dismissal of old and tried men during the excitement of the last days of December created considerable feeling throughout the State and is being reflected in the Senate.

The Governor and his friends have also begun to realize that they can not count on any Democratic help and that the sole aim of the Democratic bosses, legislators, partisans and newspapers is to "get" every Republican, the object being to obtain capital to help the present Democratic machine get into power.

The Democratic game is very apparent. Day after day, the bosses and their legislative leaders have been insisting that the investigation must be "kept" and the animals are the speeches the Democrats vote for the very measures they decry.

Now, after their scheme for a commission of "outsiders" to investigate the dropping of the Philadelphia Taxidermy Bill has been twice buried under avalanches of precedents they propose to bring it up again for purely advertising purposes.

They are said to have been the pioneers in this kind of work, and at this time complete their work by constructing life-sized hollow plaster figures which are not only light and durable, but also far more realistic than those produced with sawdust and excelsior.

Booze on the Run

According to statistics compiled by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, there were 1,413 breweries in the United States in 1914. During 1915 this number was reduced by forty-one, and during 1916 it was further reduced by thirty, there now being 1,322 breweries in the country.

Phonograph Made Trusts

The telephone, not the tariff, has made the trusts. We have had the tariff in this country for a hundred years or more, but the trusts are barely more than a quarter of a century old. And if you will look into the question you will find that the last twenty-five years about marks the development of the long-distance telephone.

Bill That Helps All

[From Christian Science Monitor] It may seem a trifle overdrawn at first blush, but when the matter is looked into carefully, the air of exaggeration vanishes from the statement that every Missouri horse, every Missouri dog that travels under the wagon, every motorist, every farmer's wife and girl, and boy, and man servant and maid servant, every country merchant, and every consumer of produce will be the gainer by the Hawes Bill.

TIPS ON THE FASHIONS

CLOTH top shoes are in for a Spring run, and all cloth shoes with leather tips and strappings will also play an important part in the summer's fashions.

Beils and girdles of gold and silver tissue have carried over from winter models, and are now shown on spring dresses.

Stout ladies and those who are only a little plump will be given as youthful lines in suits, coats and dresses as the willowy-forms of daintiness, and when these clothes are made correctly they will not be lacking in the necessary quality of dignity.

Leather embroidered in gold and silver is a fashionable trimming feature for millinery.

Figures and forms cut out of leather or kid are applied to hats with loose and irregular embroidery stitches done in colorful flosses.

Many French hats are in brilliant colors this season, such as cherry, rose and cardinal.

Huge silk tassels trim many separate skirts and one-piece dresses. On separate blouses and jackets the tasseled idea is used, but here the quaint ornaments are smaller.

The American Ambulance

Mentioned in orders; praised for their grit—Men of the U. S. A! Those who start battling when others leave off; Those who fight Death for his prey; Those who plunge on through shrapnel and gas; Those whom no cannon can rout; Those who dread naught but to fall in their job Of bringing the wounded out.

Mentioned in orders—only a line—But, ah, what a tale it tells Of dauntless devotion to stricken men Deep in that hell of hell! Ladies who went over from your town and mine— Striplings we used to flout— Flowering to knighthood there in the work Of bringing the wounded out.

Mentioned in orders; men from our land— Gone there to kill the lie That we in America do not care If our brothers bleed and die. Christ, as you succor the souls of men In gory fields and redoubt, Have in your keeping the tender and brave, Who are bringing the wounded out!—D. M. Henderson in Collier's Weekly

Health Note

Little tubs of beer and Little shots of gin Make the mighty waistline And the double chin.—Huntington Globe.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

THE ONLY COURSE OPEN. Why did you go into bankruptcy? I thought you were making lots of money. I was, but I couldn't get any more credit.

IN SOCIETY. You seem to say what you like about the Blit-mores but they certainly do entertain lavishly. Yes, they spare no expense to their creditors.

UNUSUAL. He's a queer man. So? Yes, he's over 90 and has no particular hobby to which he attributes his long life.

CANDOR. The Lady: Supposing, Jane, I should deduct from your pages the cost of all the dishes you broke? The Cook: Eh, that's in that case it's meself 'd be like the dishes.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—E. G. Smith, the Wilkes-Barre editor and publisher, has qualified to become a major in the reserve.

—Congressman John A. Rose in a speech at Altoona declared that he was opposed to war until it simply had to come. He is the man who beat Pacific Bell.

—Ex-Judge W. E. Porter, of Lawrence county, the head of the new Western Pennsylvania organization that will work for temperance. He is the man who made Lawrence dry and suffered defeat for it.

—Col. W. B. Rapp, commander of the Sixth Infantry, chose the long Southern route for his regiment so that the men could see the country.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg makes many things that go into Uncle Sam's defense plans? HISTORIC HARRISBURG Harrisburg's first schoolhouse was in Walnut street near where the new hotel will be constructed. This Girl Know "How useless girls are to-day. I don't believe they know what needles are for." "How absurd you are, grandma," protests the girl, "you're to make the graphophone play."

Evening Chat

Some interesting railroad history is recalled by the files in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth the other day of the official papers of the merger of half a dozen railroads into the Western Maryland railroad. The combined companies have a capital of \$78,000,000, and the Pennsylvania and Maryland companies of the system are now one as was accomplished recently when the Big Panhandle merger was made by the Pennsylvania and the New York Central consolidated many of its lines in northern and western Pennsylvania. The names of the companies absorbed by the Western Maryland are indicative of what was once contemplated, especially the scheme to make Harrisburg in now in the matter of freight traffic, the northern terminus of the Western Maryland. In the list are the eastern and western extensions of the Baltimore and Harrisburg roads, which were part of an ambitious plan to tap the rich agricultural regions of the lower Susquehanna and Cumberland Valley, which held charters from both Maryland and Pennsylvania and which formed the backbone of the system in southern counties and the George's Creek and Cumberland, which is the West Virginia end and the Connetquot and State line. Hundreds of cars from the latter two lines pass through Harrisburg every day. They come from the West Virginia mines, which is supposed to shorten the haul from Pittsburgh to Tidewater, and are brought into Harrisburg over the Reading lines from Shippensburg where the Western Maryland connects with the Cumberland Valley and Reading, by the huge engines of the railroad.

Few meetings of medical men in Harrisburg outside of sessions of the State Medical Society have brought together as many doctors and surgeons as the conference held at the Capitol yesterday by the Department of Labor and Industry for discussion of treatment of wounds. It was really a preparedness meeting for the doctors as the most advanced methods, learned on the battlefields of France, were presented with pictures. The doctors were told from actual experience what had to be done to stop the deadliest of all diseases, gangrene, and what was explained yesterday will be applied to industrial accidents. Men who were in attendance to the game, lessons were given which were part of meetings of the kind should be held so that the medical men who have to deal with emergencies could have opportunity to help where it is needed to the end that they would be ready to take their part in time of stress.

Can a Justice of the peace administer an oath to a man he meets on a highway? That is a question which the State Game authorities are trying to solve and Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, expert in matters pertaining to game, says that it is getting beyond him. It appears that the doctor "flagged" some of the affidavits sent to him by claimants for bounties, for scalps of foxes, and other vermin because they were all written in one man's handwriting. One explanation given by a Justice who was interrogated was that he had the claimant on a road and "swore him." As he did not have paper and ink with him he simply agreed to take the trouble off the man's hands and wrote out and signed the whole business. He got the fee, of course, but whether he is guilty of fraud or perjury is the problem.

These are the busy days for the photographers, especially those who specialize in outdoor work. The numerous conventions and other gatherings which have here caused the picture men to be right on the job. Every day this week a photographer has had his camera sighted on the Capitol front steps and the men who get the other photographs with the great granite building and the Barnard statues taking the place of the woodland scenes of the studio.

Dr. Joseph D. Findlay, of Altoona, Pennsylvania railroad physician in the city at the foot of the mountains, and one of the premier road enthusiasts in Central Pennsylvania, attended a conference on industrial accidents at the Capitol yesterday. Dr. Findlay is not so busy with his large practice that he cannot devote some of his spare time to better roads, and he is Blair county's representative on the Board of Governors at the William Penn Highway.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Cyrus E. Woods, former minister to Portugal, who is to speak before the Civic Club in its series of winter addresses, will give some of his experiences while at the court of Lisbon. Mr. Woods was minister at a very interesting stage of affairs in the Lusitanian realm and was a figure in the social as well as the diplomatic life of the world famous city.

According to a note sent by a friend of the Editor to be used in a law which will require the reading of the Declaration of Independence in all schools. Years ago this used to be the custom in this State and in Harrisburg. It was in the time of our grandfathers, there were prizes for the boy or girl who could recite it best. In fact, in those days the Declaration ranked next to the Bible in the schools, as attested by old time letters.