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It is not the pleasantest providence that always brings us the greatest blessings.—JOHN HENRY STRONG.

AN OLD-FASHIONED WINTER

ALTOONA has had zero temperature for the fourth time in ten days.

Truth is that the winters of recent years nearly all have been cold enough for all purposes.

About this season we begin to fear that after all we may be wrong about thinking this the finest climate in the world.

A PROPER INQUIRY

CONGRESS should pass the resolution to investigate the ownership of newspapers in the United States for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not there is truth in the report that a number of papers have passed into the control of foreign governments.

It is not probable that there are many such newspapers, if any.

However, it is not difficult to believe that European diplomats would be ready enough to buy up a few newspapers if they thought their interests would be served thereby.

Newspapers so controlled are pernicious influences in any community.

Wealthy politicians and designing capitalists have carried this practice to such lengths that it is no wonder suspicion has been directed toward publicity-seeking propagandists from abroad.

About the time the robins come North the baseball birds go South.

GENERAL FUNSTON

GENERAL FUNSTON, the stormy petrel of the American army and idol of the American people, is dead.

His career reads like that of an adventurer of olden days.

His search for the thrill of danger led him from Death's Valley to Alaska, from Cuba to the Philippines, from San Francisco to Vera Cruz, and from San Francisco to Vera Cruz, and from San Francisco to Vera Cruz.

The outbreak of the Spanish-American war found him the veteran artillery commander of the Gomez forces with twenty-two battles and three wounds to his credit.

and there first distinguished himself by swimming a broad river under fire and afterward by marching fifty miles through an unmarked wilderness to capture the insurrectionist leader, Aguinaldo, in his own stronghold.

General Funston arose from the ranks. His career is an illustration of the possibilities that lie before any American boy of talent and resource.

Many a woman sacrifices during Lent in order to have money for an Easter hat.

LET US HAVE IT SOON

THE ready response of the Harrisburg Railway Company to the suggestion of the Telegraph that a survey be made of the trolley problems in Harrisburg in the same friendly and co-operative manner as has marked the school and police inquiries is a big step toward betterment of street car service in this city and its suburbs.

It is frankly admitted by the company officials interviewed by Telegraph representatives that there are many shortcomings which should be corrected, but they point out that not all of the delays and congestions are due to carelessness or neglect.

Right here is where a survey will do most good. Always it is easy to blame the other fellow. When traction officers place some of the responsibility on those who use the streets traversed by their lines, automobilists and teamsters will come back with a general denial of the charge.

Prompt endorsement of the proposed survey by the Chamber of Commerce, through President Tracy, and offer of co-operation by Chief of Police Wetzel in solving the traffic problems, are indications of the wide-spread interest in the Telegraph's suggestions for better trolley service.

It is in the direction of getting them to and from their work more quickly and more comfortably. Naturally, everybody welcomes it with open arms.

President Musser says he will take the matter up with the directors of his company. Doubtless they will see as readily as he the wisdom and the benefit of such an inquiry by interested experts.

What the people want is not unreasonable. They ask for prompt and efficient service. To this they are entitled, and it is encouraging to note President Musser's statement that the company already has ordered three more new cars than usual for the year and that the problems of delayed schedules are receiving the attention of himself and his fellow officials.

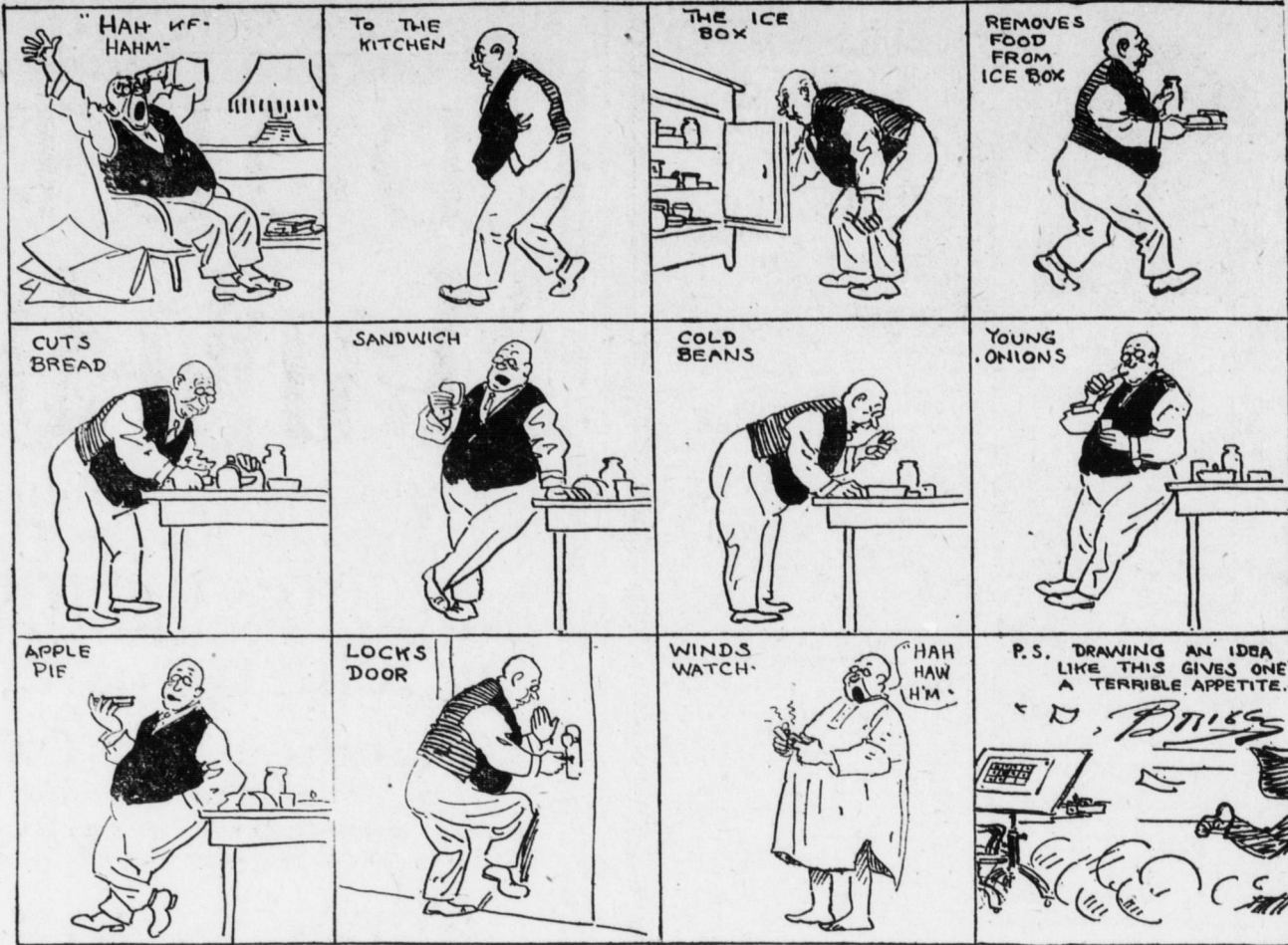
The sooner the inquiry is undertaken the better trolley patrons will be pleased.

TO FURTHER RURAL EDUCATION

THE State's lawmakers are interested in the furtherance of education in the rural districts, they would do well to give careful consideration to a recommendation of the Dauphin county school directors.

One of the great drawbacks of education in the rural sections of Pennsylvania for years has been the transportation problem. It is all very picturesque to talk of the pluck and doggedness of the farmboy, who trudges three miles through snow and rain to "the schoolhouse by the road" to learn his readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic. And in years past many

MOVIE OF A MAN JUST BEFORE GOING TO BED



By BRIGGS

Evening Chat

Major Simon B. Cameron, whose death occurred at Marietta on Saturday, was widely known in railroad circles. Veteran railroaders remember him because of his friendship for trainmen, and railroad employes in general.

A friend who had read in this column last evening the article on the various propositions to improve the navigation of the Susquehanna, calls attention to the fact that the first complaints about the obstructions in the stream were made at the time of the Revolution.

It would be interesting to know just how far the work progressed. Apparently the commissioners did little more than plan and possibly they maintained a force of engineers to survey, as has been done with some of the waterway projects of late years.

What these forefathers of ours were driving at, however, was not so much to get the coal and produce of the up-State valleys to Harrisburg and towns further down and to reach Tidewater, but something very different. The memories of the War of 1812 were still fresh and the project as indicated in correspondence between the people of Harrisburg and the War Department was "sloop and steamboat communication between the Chesapeake Bay and the lakes by way of the Susquehanna."

It is an interesting fact that in the session of the Legislature of 1855 Wisconsin creek in the upper part of this county was declared a public highway. This act was dated April 1 and set forth that the creek, which was "Wycosisco" should be a public highway from its mouth to Isaac Ferris' mill dam.

The fact that the Capitol Park Extension Commission has found it necessary to go into court on only two instances to have old mortgages officially marked satisfied is being commented upon about the city. The titles to the 537 properties were very clear and they were found to be ready for transfer when the title searches began work.

J. Louis Breiting, former member of the Legislature and recent chairman of the Board of Moving Picture Censors, was here yesterday to see the first Harrisburg performance of a noted film. Mr. Breiting met a number of his former colleagues, but said that he not thinking so much of State affairs just now.

Mayor J. G. Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, seems to have settled a strike on the city-county building in his own way. He just went into it.

Dr. K. K. Ulrich, Lebanon representative, is one of the committee on legislation of the medical men of the State.

Dr. C. L. King, University of Pennsylvania economist, says that the anthracite coal report did not go far enough.

Congressman Warren North Gor Baller, the Johnston pacifist, got into a row with Representative Gardner the other day and when it ended Baller's remarks were taken out of the record.

Mayor A. D. Newell, the mayor of New Castle, has finished his first year in office. Among other things he heard 3,800 cases.

Dr. S. K. Ellis McFadden, Pittsburgh minister, preached a sermon in which he said that heavenly words cannot be applied to satanic deeds.

That Harrisburg pig iron was used to make cannon balls for three wars?

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeemen

Col. L. W. Strayer, Washington correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch and well-known here as a keen observer of political affairs, has aroused quite a discussion over an article he sent from Washington to his newspaper entitled "The Republican Congressmen from Pennsylvania and National Republican leaders think about the factional row now going on. Col. Strayer sounds a note of warning such as has been heard from many newspaper editors through the State.

Republican leaders in Washington, says his dispatch, "are concerned over the factional warfare in Pennsylvania. The struggle of the opposing elements for political control there has attracted attention throughout the country, and the developments of the contest, whose storm center is Harrisburg, are being followed with interest by politicians of both parties at the Capital. Republican leaders who are endeavoring to bring together the two wings of the party in the country at large confess that they find little encouragement in Pennsylvania. When they clearly that they are for peace and that harmony will follow they encounter the confidence of Democrats who, taking the cue from National Chairman Vance C. McCormick and National Committeeman A. Mitchell Palmer, who spend most of their time in Washington, declare that the breach is too wide to be healed until the Democrats will gain in the municipal and county elections this year, and that next year Pennsylvania will elect a Governor who will be a Democrat."

On the other hand, Mr. Morgan, the present incumbent, has made one of the best postmasters in the history of the city. Having been advanced from minor positions which he occupied for many years, he entered the principal office fully equipped by experience, and his years of service in that office have been eminently trustworthy and satisfactory. Mr. Morgan's record has in every way justified the principle of promotion independent of politics—a principle to which the incumbent administration of the postal service in the metropolis.

The name of Secretary of the Commonwealth Cyrus E. Woods is again being mentioned as a candidate for Governor who would be generally acceptable to Republicans. Newspapers in Harrisburg and Pittsburgh have been mentioning him.

Friday night several newspaper vendors from the Capital City, made a tour of the town, and raised considerable commotion as they cried out war news of a startling nature, such as "The White House blown up"; "War has been declared"; "Several hundred Americans blown up and killed"; and "A truck, no one knows what it was, true. They sold quite a number of their papers, some paying as high as ten cents for the paper. If these men visit the town again, our police should promptly arrest them and stop their fraudulent proceedings.—Mechanicsburg Journal.

Wanamaker on Newspapers

"Two cents for a newspaper, morning or evening—now being charged in many cities—is very little nowadays. For what the purchaser gets for his money it is the cheapest thing he buys."—Mr. John Wanamaker.

"Dubbs has a lively imagination." "I've noticed that, Dubbs can glance over a pamphlet issued by some Western railroad and then rave about the scenic wonders of Arizona as if he had just been there."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

THE TALE OF THE RED CROSS DOG

Under the caption, "Merciful Dogs of War," Ellwood Hendrick, in The Red Cross Magazine for February, says:

"Dogs are never trained to scent out the dead. Their business is to assist the wounded. In the Red Cross Magazine for February, says: 'There are canine sentries on duty on both sides in the Great War, and dogs that are dispatch-bearers. Marquis, a French dog, fell dead from a bullet wound almost at the feet of a group of French soldiers to whom he bore a message across a shell-raked stretch of country. But the message was delivered! And there it stood, at the Fifteenth Army Corps, the savior of many wounded, and Flora, of the Twelfth Alpine Chasseurs, merciful dogs of war with reputations for distinguished service. There are many Stops and Floras actively engaged in humanitarian service, and it is quite unfair for me to single out individual animals—a conference of dogs of war would doubtless so decide—except as a means of giving typical stories of what are everyday exhibitions of intelligence, devotion, and self-sacrifice on the part of dogs of numerous breeds in the vast zone of battle.

"The people in the warring countries are called on for many and various contributions. The French War Department has on record a communication from the father of a family which poignantly illustrates this, for he wrote: 'I already have three sons and son-in-law with the colors; now I give up my dog, and vive la France!'"

"In the campaign on the Eastern front Lieutenant von Wieland led a party of men in an attack on the Russian trenches. Seeing the task hopeless on account of the Russian fire the officer signaled a retreat. Turning with the soldiers that were left he made for the trenches and safety. When he had covered less than half the distance a rifle ball shattered the bone of his leg and down he fell amidst the still bodies of the men who had set out with him and there in the blood and muck and filth of the battlefield. The Russian fire was so murderous that no one dared bring him in. Presently a dark form bounded from the German trenches, rushed to Lieutenant von Wieland's side, grasped his coat between his teeth, and foot by foot, dragged him to safety. Once, but only for a moment, did he loosen his hold, and that was when a bullet 'creased' him from shoulder to flank. The blood gushed from the wound but the dog took a fresh hold and finished his job at the edge of the trench where willing hands lifted the lieutenant down to safety. They had to lift the dog down, too, because just then a bullet broke both his fore-legs.

"It was the lieutenant's dog Steif that, when his master's hour had struck, gnawed through his leash and rushed to him. There are evidences that Steif is partly of great Dane breed, partly mastiff and partly hound, but the rest of him is pure dog miscellany.

"Man and dog were both taken to the hospital and the surgeons worked as hard over the one as they did over the other. Then one day, when His Majesty made his rounds, they brought Steif in on a cot and placed him beside the lieutenant. The Emperor had heard the story and as he came along he took from the supply that he carried with him, an iron cross, which he pinned upon von Wieland's bosom. Then, taking another iron cross, he tied it to the collar of the dog."

OUR DAILY LAUGH

THE REASON. What makes your boy so cross-eyed? Going to three-ringed circuses.

DOMESTIC DISCUSSION. Mrs. B.: My husband accuses me of extravagance. I spent \$10,000 last year. Mrs. W.: I wouldn't mind being scolded on that basis. I have to stand for the same accusation on \$20 a week.

WASTED YOUTH. When I went to college I worked so hard at my studies that I didn't have any time for baseball. Gee, dad, you don't know what you missed.

A RETORT PRACTICAL. Discouraged Wife: Several of the men whom I refused when I married you are richer than you are now. Husband: That's why.

THE SUMMER BOY. Mary had a little beau With pants as white as snow, And everywhere that Mary went The beau was sure to go.

Arm or Convoy Our Ships [From the Philadelphia Inquirer.] We have said before and we reiterate that the duty of the government is plain. It should take immediate steps to arm or convoy across the Atlantic American ships carrying the United States mails. As long as it refuses to do this, it is in an attitude of yielding to German mandate. It is not a free government. It is bondage.

Experience has shown for hundreds of years that laborers and artisans can secure better reward by collective bargaining than by any other means; hence, the labor union. Experience has also shown that no man can take out of a union more than he may put in. Hence, the necessity to regard the union as an instrument for the common good only, a weapon for general defense, a plan of action which, help of life for all concerned.

More Philadelphia legislation showed up last night, this time from the Vase side. It would provide for a budget plan for the city government and regulate other matters which have been discussed. A lovely fight over what shall be done to the Philadelphia government is in sight.

—George D. The city bills to change the time for filing nominating petitions.