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When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand docth .-

BATHHOUSES

THE Park Department will ask for bathhouse. proper that the old bathhouse at Sento the growing needs of the boys and girls of that vicinity. But it is to be et aside money with which to meet the insistent demand of the people for bathing places large enough to acthe Susquehanna bsin at this point resemble a midsummer scene in Atlantic City every weekly half-holiday during the warm season. Just now people are thinking very little swimming, but next summer council-men will be called upon to explain day. The same spirit exists in Harristheir neglect and the public will not burg. in very good humor when it calls for information.

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS THE Community Center Associa

tion is given a fine opportunity in Harrisburg. The School Board, folving the repeated recommendations of Dr. F. E. Downes, city superintendent of schools, has acted generously and wisely. Dr. Downes is convinced that while the board's decision is a radical departure in Harrisburg school activities, and for that reason somewhat experimental, there is not the least fear the neighborhood work about to be started will be other than

The saloon for years has boasted with some reason, but the social center is more than that-it is a neighfor men and boys, women and girls, old and young, rich and poor. Its influences are uplifting and make for better citizenship.

jump into instant popularity in Har- done quickly. risburg, because people do not know enough about it, but it will Once firmly established the schoolhouse centers will take care of them-

Telling League was the crowning event of the winter for that organization. Story telling is the basis of all word was and the traditions of the race were handed down by word of mouth. The pleasantest hours of childhood those spent in listening to the stories of those elder days which grandfather and grandmother never tire of telling. Story telling is an art no less than story writing and almost as difficult to master, for what the writer does at leisure and with ample opportunity for revision and correction the story teller must do extemporaneously. The league It publishes the foregoing in the hope has won for itself a place among the that, as our correspondent says, oth-

A THING WE ALL CAN DO

WITH the coming of the Lenten season all possible season all people might well follow the advice of Bishop Philip R. McDevitt, that they give a bit of their time each day to praying for the cessation of hostilities in Europe and in asking mercy for the suffering thousands in a wide part of the

mosphere of work-a-day America we tion of crops the ground may be forcare all too prone to forget the misery ed to give double or even triple reof the countless numbers of women turns. and children in the lands across the seas. True, America has come nobly were cultivated the price of living in to the relief of the bleeding peoples this city would be materially reduced of Belgium, Armenia, Serbia and everybody would be healthier and other warswept nations. Millions in happier. Play a game of golf or basethe hungry and the dying. Undoubt- of the day and only the fruitless score edly, the prayers of the devout have remains. Play a game with your gar-been raised to high Heaven for the den and the contest continues until the

But what have we as individuals Many of us have been kept the same time it builds muscle. Try busy meeting our debts with the pre-vailing high prices for the necessities The name and further information Many of us have had our for the dollar, But poor and rich the editor of this newspaper.

alike can most certainly lift voices in petition to the God of us all, asking His mercy and loving kindness upon those who are sufferng the scourges of war.

FOOD PRICES

OMETHING is radically wrong when food riots occur in the most prosperous city of the precedented prosperity, with wages higher than ever before.

Short crops and the war in Europe we are told, are responsible. The first we cannot help. The second is within our power to correct. Every nation half. It is from that angle America must view its food problem. W

ica the "breadbox of the world." and have boasted of our ability to "feed not only ourselves but half of Europe. Yet with pocketbooks weightier that ever before people are fighting in the streets for food. If we cannot feed Europe must go hungry.

But not all the difficulty is due to extraordinarily large exports. Fifty bids to-day for one pitiful little per cent. of the increased cost of pro To be sure, it is visions, perhaps, is due to the war. The eca street be replaced by one adequate remainder is the toll we pay to those who collect it from us because the regretted that City Council did not know we must eat and because they think we are helpless.

Greed has overreached itself, or soon will. People are not only hungry stroy provisions they cannot afford to buy, as they did in New York yester. order unless relief comes forthwith Prices have touched unendurable by the School Board's action in reached a limit past which it cannot go turning the Shimmell school building with safety. People are indignant and over to it, to demonstrate what can be accomplished along social center lines bewildered, which is a bad combina-

order restrict exports of foodstuffs and place limitations on prices. There is that it is "the poor man's club," and a question, of course, as to the scope

following paragraphs:

Following your advice, I last year cultivated a piece of ground back of my house about 100 by 140 feet. On it raised over two bushels of early potatoes and over two bushels of late potatoes. It alsed to the potatoes are in a contraction of the potatoes are in the potatoes are in the potatoes. Early cabbase, enough late cabbase for use up to Christmas, a half dozen pumpkins, peas, beans, lima beans, all the tomatoes for table use and canning, and beside having enough "garden sass" for myself, I had the pleasure of treating my friends occasionally. I take pleasure in outlining how I did it. It is all how one plans ahead, how much manure is used awould like others to see what I did so they may be encouraged. It is a good pastime and profitable, too.

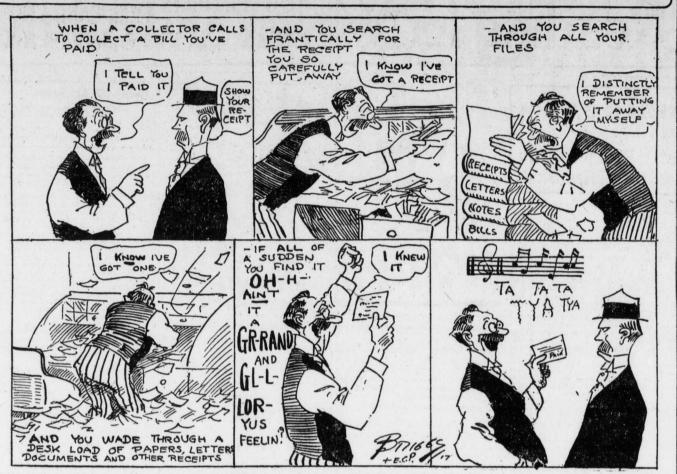
institutions of the city. It should be ers may be encouraged by the ex-

Time was when no home in Harrisburg was without its garden patch. Limitation of backyards by evercrowding buildings has made that imare few yards so small and badly situated that they cannot be made to yield something of value to the table, in these days of excessive costs. Beans, onions, radishes and tomatoes, for instance, will grow under almost any conditions and with a little care may Here in the hustling, bustling at- be made bountiful bearers. By rota-

If every backyard in Harrisburg money have been contributed to aid ball and the contest is over at the end amelioration of the widespread mis- last weed has been killed and the vegetables garnered. It is the only exercise we know that yields dollars at

of life, Many of us have had our concerning the writer of the foregoing whole interest centered in the chase letter may be had upon application to

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"INDEPENDENT" DEMOCRATS

HELP THE PRISONERS

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I would like to talk to some busi the editor. Now let me plead for more correspondents for prisoners. This we all can do. Write a letter to one or two poor lonely souls behind those gray walls. How eagerly they read and reread our letters from the outside world. Many a man will lead a good life if he gets a little encouragement from some one who seems to too.

Annually about this season for years the Telegraph has been urging upon its readers the importance of the "home-garden." It is happy that the seed has fallen on some fertile soil.

good life in legets a little entagement from some one who seems to care for him. Write to Dr. H. N. Stokes, 1207 Q street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and obtain information and addresses. God help you to see what seed has fallen on some fertile soil.

6,000 correspondents now.

A SUBSCRIBER. A SUBSCRIBER.

The Times

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There's no doubt, whoever says it,
That we're living in a cycle
Which may have its faults and follies,
Which to some may be unpleasing,
But which not its dearest critics
Can deny has its sensations.
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Of scorn at it while remarking Which to some may be unpleasing, But which not its dearest critics. Can deny has its sensations. Not one can point the finger Of scorn at it, while remarking "Naught about you is exciting, You are dull, and drab and weary, Monotonous almost past bearing, Same old things in same old manner Filling up your daily measure." Oh, no! none can fling this taunting At this day in which we're living, For 'tis reeking of sensations. War and crime and love and intrigue, Mystery and farce and romance, Politics and deeds of wonder In the air and earth and water, Putting wildest, wierdest fiction Unto shame by their comparing—All these come in quick succession, As we read the daily paper. No! the times we may denounce them, But we truly can't accuse them Of a lacking in sensation.

—The Baltimore American.

A Sense of Vindication [Washington Star.]

[Washington Star.]
"What do you think of the idea of
a concert of power?"
"It's a good thing," replied Mr.
Dustin Stax. "It supports my old
contention that if you want to do
business these days you've got to have
some sort of a merger."

Poor as It Is

The final passage of the Immigra-tion Law is conclusive evidence that the Senate and House each possesses a mind of its own.—Toledo Blade.

Politics in

The North American to-day says the "probe" has collapsed and that the Penrose men are glad of it. The Wilkes-Barre Record says that the Governor is in an unpleasant dilemma, which is also the view of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. The Philadelphia Record says the Governor is in the position of Hamlet. Pittsburgh newspapers look for a veto and say the Governor will have to shoulder the consequences.

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Newspapers appear to be having fun with Congressman J. Hampton Moore over his actions in Congress. Moorewas mentioned as a possible candidate for Governor, but he is just now, more of a target.

Mayor Smith is coming back from the South next week. He is signing ordinances in Florida and disposed to stand by the transit proposition of his director. Just what will be the development in that line in the politics of the State is hard to say. The Philadelphia subway may be a great issue.

they were not coming back next week. If the Democrats had not lost their nerve the chances are very great that a recess would have been started this week.

When the recess is taken there will be a tremendous lot of protesting from Democrats and Independents, but they will not do it so that it will curtail the vacation period. The whole legislative program is in such a situation that it has to be untangled and a good bit can be done toward outlining a plan of action away from Harrisburg when the outcome of the proposed probe is established.

Representative B. F. Golder, the youngest member of the House, has don't like. Universal service is far been connected with the law firm of better and it does not carry implicate. Attorney General John C. Bell. tions with it.—New York World.

THE BUSINESS WOMAN

TINDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS**
To the Editor of the Telegraph:

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However, he votes with the Vare Senator C. J. Buckman, of the Sen ate appropriations committee, is on the reserve list. He is a Plattsburger and will enter the service if he is called.

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that the Legislature will take a recess on February 28 until March 12, chiefly because the Democrats are as keen about it as the Republicans. In spite of all the buncombe being printed by Democratic newspapers about the Legislature the members of the minority, with a few exceptions, are decidedly in favor of taking a recess ever the inauguration. Some of the Democratic senators left yesterday for their homes and let it be known that they were not coming back next week. If the Democratis had not lost their nerve the chances are very great that a recess would have been started this week.

When the recess is taken there will be a tremendous lot of protesting the received and the season of the venom of disloyalty has no chance to spread. Actively to distrust those clare where they stand and where clare where they stand and where their sympathies and affections reside. Even the threat of wur is a serious matter. We should be prepared, in the best and highest sense, for every which may arise,—From emergency which may arise.—From the Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch

Horse Meat as a Diet

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The Democratic ringmasters committee will have a meeting about the middle of March and decide that, things are all going to the dogs and that the only way to save the situation will be to enact some Democratic legislation. A new crop of bills will then appear with some morning and evening salutes from Market Square. And then they will disappear and be heard of no more until speeches are in order in campaigns.

Among the men active in politics, who have been here this week was George D. Porter, former director of safety in Philadelphia, and active in the charter revision movement. M. Porter brought several bills to this city and they will appear shortly.

A. Nevin Detrich, chairman of the late Washington party State committee, came to town to look over the prospects of action by the Senate on the Long appointment for superintendent of public printing and ling. He is not very hopeful.

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Labor Notes France has a 6 o'clock closing law. Factories yearly pay \$140,943,000 wages in California.

A bonus of 5 per cent. will be paid to the women teachers in Hamilton.

Plymouth, (England), co-operative employes' strike, which lasted more than ten weeks, has not been settled. A bonus of 15 per cent. of their

early earnings will be paid to about 10,000 Porto Rican sugar workers next July, provided they do not strike.

Glasgow, (Scotland), school board has passed a resolution calling for in-creased allowances and pensions to the dependents of soldiers and sail-

A well-defined movement is under way to induce Congress to change the national holiday of labor to Saturday instead of Monday. The reason for this move is to prevent the loss of the day.

realize the potency of organization on trade union lines; the influence it wields in the industrial field, the strength it imparts in the aspirations of the workers for better conditions, the opportunities it offers for education on economic and social problems, the prospects for the future would be most promising and the road to the goal shortened by many years.—Ex.

The masses of the people could prist burgh manufacturer and president and president problems and the manufacturer and president president problems. The manufacturer and president presid

Control of Themselves

Holland and Denmark may get terribly mad at Germany, but it is believed that, remembering Rumania, they will be able to restrain themselves.—Kansas City Star.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

AMBIGUOUS.

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So you have taken to carrying around a monkey? This is going too far. g too far. Well, you never

go anywhere with



Visitor: Any real information on the problems of the day?

PER Farmer: Not yet; but my boy
Josh is at work
on a commencement oration
that'li tell 'em a few things.

Evening Chat

Folks living in the business section of Harrisburg, especially toward the Pennsylvania railroad, will miss the old bell of St. Lawrence's Church which has kept such faithful time all these years. This bell has rung at 7 a. m., noon and 6 p. m. and for a time at 8.30 p. m. The latter ringing was an idea of the late Father Koppernagel and was a sign for the children of that parish, and all others, to get to bed. The people of the neighborhood and a good many more have regulated many things by the bell and generations of people have gotten up by it and sat down to dinner. deep notes have sounded in all kinds of weather and never have they missed the hour. Often times the bell of St. Lawrence would ring out in ac-companiment to the big bell in the companiment to the big bell in the Cathedral and one would supplement the other's notes. When the State street church is opened the people in the business section will be without the friendly warning of the hour from the bell of St. Lawrence, which is nearer to the hearts of more Harrisburgers than one thinks.

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Speaking of bells there will be plenty of them in State street when St. Lawrence Church's new doors are opened. There is the Cathedral bell, which rings the same hours as the St. Lawrence bell does now and in between them will be the bell of St. Michael's German Lutheran Church, whose peculiar note is well recalled by hundreds of people who were born and bred below Market street. The removal of St. Lawrence's Church from the business section will leave it with three churches with bells, Old Zlon, with its beautifully tuned chimes; the penetrating bell of Reformed Salem Church, the house of worship which occupies the same plot which the Reformed congregation selected and upon whose rear end built the first church in Harrisburg right after the city was laid out 132 years ago, and the deep toned bell in the tall spire of Market Square Presbyterian Church which stands at the south end of the city's busiest place to remind men of other things than daily work and strivings.

The robins which are reported to have arrived in the city a few days ago as the advance guard of the spring brigade seem to have been "beaten to it" by a couple of flocks of blackbirds. The blackbirds were seen on Lincoln's birthday not far from Peservoir park and two days later were observed near Paxtang park. They appeared to be in a hurry as was to be expected during the weather and were taken, because of the distance, for crows. However, that they were blackbirds who had looked in the wrong almanac for meterological data, was well established by people who noted the flock and the manner of flying. They have not been seen since and probably left the neighborhood thoroughly disgusted with the weather.

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Governor Brumbaugh has received an interesting inquiry based upon the desire of a man in far off California to establish the record as a Revolutionary soldier of a man who enlisted from this State away back in 1775. It seems that W. O. W. Shepphard, of Corning, Cal., is the owner of a fife given to his grandfather and by him transmitted to his son and thence to the present owner. The fife was given to his grandfather by Jacob Young, a veteran of the Revolution in 1836, the giver telling how he had enlisted at the age of nineteen from Pennsylvania and had gone with the first contingent of Pennsylvania, according to a good many persons, by the way. Mr. Young told how he had played the fife when Washington took command of the troops at Cambridge and he described how he drew his sword and the fifes shrilled and the drums rolled. The fifer had enlisted in what was known as the Heidelberg company from Pennsylvania, in 1775, and he served throughout the war. The father of Mr. Shepphard used the file in the Civil war in which he served in a western regiment. What Mr. Shepphard wants to establish is where Mr. Young lived and where he enlisted.

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One of the funniest incidents about the Legislature was yesterday when the printers' label bill was being voted on. Many of the members were out of their seats and talking with friends when the roll was called and they had to line up afterwards to get on record in its favor. One of the number was President James H. Maurer of the State Federation of Labor who was so busy talking with a delegation which had come to see him that he had to stand up and ask to be listed, which was done amid considerable grinning. Several of the other labor members were also caught off their bases, but got their names down.

If the masses of the people could realize the potency of organization on trade union lines; the influence it wields in the industrial field, the lative matters. We restrict the matters of the state Board of Public Charities, was here yesterday on legistrength it invaries that

"Spring can't be very far off," remarked a man, the other day who spends his Sunday mornings, summer and winter, in the open. "Ever since it got cold and ugly out-of-doors, the country roads have been barren of lovers," he continued by way of explanation. "But on Sunday I passed at least half a dozen couples walking arm entwhed out the Poorhouse road. Of course there may be no significance in their taking that particular road, but the price of spuds has certainly gone skyward of late."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Harry S. Knapp, one of the new admirals, is well known in this

State.
Dr. J. M. Baldy, Chief of the Bureau of Medical Education, says that a new era is coming in state subsidies for

era is coming in state subsidies for hospitals.

John F. Bowers, sponsor for two original hunters' license law, was here yesterday observing the legislator.

General W. G. Price, who will command the Pennsylvania guardsmen at the inauguration, is the senior brighter of the guard. He lives at Chester, where he is engaged in extensive development projects.

Congressman A. G. Dewalt, of Allentown, well known to many resident; of this city, is laid up with a sprained ankle.

Judge Wessels, one of the new Philadelphia judges, is not very keen for vice squads according to some re-m,arks he has made.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg ships many tons of hay every week? It is raised extensively near this city. HISTORIC HARRISBURG

Harrisburg citizens banqueted La-fayette at a popular subscription din-ner when he visited here in 1825, and the general led the singing.