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We would have misery cease Yet will not cease from sin. —MATTHEW ARNOLD.

THAT "BONE-DRY" BILL

NATIONAL prohibition may be nearer than even its most enthusiastic advocates have imagined. Passage by Congress of the bill to forbid the shipment of intoxicants into prohibition states came as a big surprise to those who had not noted the steady growth of prohibition sentiment at Washington.

CHANCE FOR TEAM WORK

GILBERT A. MONTAGUE, of New York, sees in the Webb bill the sole hope of our industrial salvation when the end of the European war shall find us threatened with the bitter commercial competition that has ever been presented to our view.

The Webb bill promises freedom to American export trade, opportunity to smaller American manufacturers, and stimulus to our entire American commerce and industry.

There has been considerable propaganda of late circulated in relation to the Webb bill for the purpose of drawing the attention of the American public from the more engrossing question of tariff protection to American industries.

Now the Webb bill may be a good bill, but it is by no means the sine qua non of commercial prosperity.

The entire domestic production of the United States is in excess of \$35,000,000,000 annually.

But the point to be pressed home upon Republican legislators and Republican leaders is this—that while the voters are deeply interested in the kind of laws enacted, they resent any factional differences that may tend to concentrate the attention of the law-making bodies upon political preference rather than the best interests of the people.

The surest way of perpetuating the party in power is to continue to give the people the kind of laws so warmly commended by the carpenters in the aforementioned resolutions.

If this thing keeps up, Poland and Belgium may yet be called upon to send food to starving America.

Social note during the food shortage.—As a souvenir each guest was presented with a cold boiled potato.

powers in Southern Europe as for those of Germany in the North. Two wrongs never make a right and the allies are making a blunder of the first magnitude in Greece.

The funniest thing we have seen in the newspapers recently is an article on "Threatened Invasion of America" by the German army that hasn't been able to get so much as across the English channel.

REPUBLICAN LEGISLATION

It has required the action of a non-partisan, non-political organization to draw the attention of warring Republicans to the fact that the voters are watching closely their constructive work in the Legislature and that there is little or no public interest, save of a deprecatory nature, in the petty bickering of factional leaders.

The resolutions mention Governor Brumbaugh specifically, and very properly so, for it happens that nearly if not quite all of the progressive laws enacted since his inauguration had received endorsement at his hands either during his campaign or in his messages to the Legislature.

Here are a few of the more noticeable of a great number of laws of the kind passed by Republican votes and approved by Governor Brumbaugh: The best Child Labor law in the United States.

Workmen's Compensation law, a modern, effective and highly beneficial act.

State insurance fund law, designed to keep down insurance rates and protect employers and employes.

Continuation school law, a great step forward in the way of education for the poor.

Purchase of the remaining Capitol Park extension zone.

Improvement of school conditions in general.

These and more like them are distinctively Republican laws. They were conceived by a Republican Governor and enacted by a Republican Legislature, and the credit belongs to the party as a whole.

Not a single bill antagonistic to labor has been written on the statute books of the State since Brumbaugh became Governor with a Republican Legislature in power.

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The Philadelphia Public Ledger, in an extended article to-day, says that the factions of the Republican party will be arranged at a conference to be held at Philadelphia to-morrow.

None of the other Philadelphia newspapers discussed the report, which has been going the rounds for some time.

Independent Republican legislators to-day discussed printed reports about a community of interest with relief.

One legislator said that if a community of interest was established, it would not include any reorganization Democrats, because if Democrats got control in Pennsylvania they would not recall independent Republicans more than they did at Washington.

Dropping of Clerk Neal by the Auditor General does not appear to have received much attention from certain newspapers which have heretofore found fault with every Republican action.

This is the season of the borough council banquet in many sections of the State, and the members of the minor legislatures are commencing to say things about bills which are pending.

In Exeter it was discovered that one reason why the chief of police did not co-operate in closing Sunday amusements was that he had an interest in a movie.

Other Republican leaders go Atlantic City in a dreadful thing and their statements from that place are denounced as utterances from meetings where matters for the ill of the State are framed up.

Lately Democratic State bosses appear to be going to the same place and the remarks they give out are considered by some newspapers as only a little less than gospel. It all depends upon who is doing the talking.

An Infant Pessimist A youngster of four in a family in the city, which family had just received a visit from the stork, was told he had a new baby brother, and would be allowed to take a look at the latest arrival.

Taken to the baby's crib he gave the newcomer a careful and prolonged survey, then turning to his father with an expression of utter disgust remarked: "There's things in this house we need much worse than that."

The Philadelphia Press to-day editorially attacks the plan for taxing natural resources proposed by some of the legislators. The Press says: "There is no need of a tax on natural products. It is of more than doubtful constitutionality. If good legal title would be had practically and economically, as it would place a disadvantageous handicap on the natural products of this State in whatever market they reach."

The publicity bureau of the State Suffrage Association has issued a statement in which loyal support is pledged by the members in whatever emergency may arise.

It is probable that some steps will be taken in a few days to get the State Highway Department into closer touch with legislators. The feeling

OH, MAN!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOUP AND BREAD

Last Tuesday's issue of a local Democratic newspaper contains the following editorial paragraph: "For humorous reading you are referred to last election time's prediction of 'soup houses' in event of Wilson's re-election." The first page of the same paper contains under a bid headline an account of starving women in New York rioting in their desperate need for bread for themselves and their children.

ONE WHO PAYS THE TOLL

Rhymes From the Nursery

Tea Party Time

Our breakfast comes at 8 o'clock, after we're bathed and brushed. We eat it in a hurry, for we're always, always rushed; Daddy, he must make a car, and baby and sister has a lot of tasks—a sort of aftermath.

The New Telegraph

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Preparedness

Claude had disobeyed his parents, and his mother knew it. "I am afraid," she said, "that when I tell your father what you have been doing this forenoon he will punish you severely."

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The fact that Ex-Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer, the titular boss of the Democratic State machine, has taken the center of the Democratic stage, is regarded as being rather significant and some of the lesser bosses are looking for a boom to be started for him for the next nomination for Governor, so as to keep other aspiring Democrats out.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

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Who is that poor cripple with his arm in a sling and his head all bandaged up? He's a moving picture comedian on his vacation.

HAPPY MAN.

To what do you attribute your remarkable health? Well, I reckon I got a good start on most people by being born before germs was discovered, thereby having less to worry about.

ATHLETIC RECORDS.

I suppose all you fellows out there are regular athletes. There's what I There isn't one of us but can cut his fifty square yards of grass with the lawn mower in four hours or better.

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NUNS WINTER IN FLEMISH BARN

A Correspondent in the Weekly London Times

A BARN stands in a field, few yards back from the chaussee which leads to the trenches. Flemish barns are small, thin-roofed structures through which the winter winds howl dolefully.

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Evening Chat

According to the records of the State Department of Agriculture horse breeding has assumed considerable proportions in Dauphin and Lebanon counties and there is a pronounced growth of sentiment among farmers and other horse raisers for betterment of the stock. The demand is not for fast horses, but for good, strong work horses and the value of careful breeding is becoming more and more recognized in this community which, in spite of its industrial and transportation eminence, is nevertheless one of the important agricultural districts. There are no less than eighty stallions in the two counties, of which sixteen are registered. Cumberland has sixty-five and Dauphin fifteen. In this county five are registered and in Lebanon eleven. Of course, they are not considered as up to par. The registered animals in this county are C. H. Cassell, Hummelstown, standard breed; M. S. Hersh, Hershey, Percheron; John H. Miller, Harrisburg, standard breed; John E. Smeltz, Loyaltown, French Coach and the Upper Dauphin German Coach Horse Company, Walnut Bottom, Percheron; S. E. Wondrously, New Kingston, Percheron; Carlisle Percheron Horse Company, Carlisle, Percheron.

Some person asked the question the other day, "What are the veteran pensioners of the Pennsylvania railroad doing?" None physically able have the means, of course, they are not doing strenuous work. Their long service with the railroad company gives them a right to take things easy. If you watch closely their movements, however, you will see they are following some vocation. In several of the big department stores the elevators are in charge of railroad "vets." Some have gone into business. One in Carlisle is engaged in painting and has become quite an artist. Up on North Sixth street there is a passenger engineer, M. S. Hersh, who is selling what good oil is, having used it on his engine for many years. A well known train man is making furniture; while a shopman who had a record as a car builder is now working as a carpenter busy. Railroad pensioners believe that keeping active prolongs life, and as long as they can be their own bosses or have proper hours for work, they will not kick.

It is not often that a trolley car park-takes of the nature of a zoo, even on Saturday. The benches are crowded, the horses are more or less filled with the hilarity. But last evening a suburban cat furnished the entertainment. A man got on a car with a dog in a box and placed it on the platform. There were a couple of chickens in another box on the platform and the dog snuffed the fowls and began to give voice. He gave some help. Rosenthal was struck a little until they were sure they were well protected. The dog continued to growl and when the passengers were all taking notice from the rear of the car, a loud "woof" was heard from a duck, safe and sound in a basket carried by a very much fussed young man.

City health officers are keeping close watch upon the development of contagious and infectious diseases this spring and declare that in spite of the weather there have been very serious outbreaks. The people observing health conditions attribute the situation to the cold weather and others to the lessons learned last year when there was so much sickness. Some words, say doctors, people are taking more care of themselves and their families. Whooping cough has not been as prevalent as usual.

Albert Rosenthal, the Philadelphia artist who appears to be considerably in the limelight at Philadelphia because of some attacks made upon painted and executed by the fathers for Independence Hall, is well known here. Some ten or fifteen years ago Rosenthal appeared to be the only artist with any standing in the city. He had painted the portrait of officials and flourished about as though he was the court painter, as indeed, he was dubbed by some. Rosenthal was strong on having collections of portraits made for departments and when he was not doing that he was executing likenesses of eminent Pennsylvanians for various exhibitions, some of his works being now in the Department of Public Instruction. He painted the gallery of chief justices of the supreme court and various departments headed and if his vogue had not declined he would probably have anticipated Governor Brumbaugh's suggestion that the history of Pennsylvania art be made a feature of the Capitol.

Unconsciously Harrisburg appears to have taken the bait by the front to forge ahead of the rest of the country in the "save an hour of daylight" plan. At least that large part of the city's population that lives on the Hill and uses the Mulberry street bridge is an hour ahead of the rest of the world if it regulates its life by the large electric clock that blazes brightly each evening. Some weeks ago a new electrically lighted face was put on the clock which is part of a huge sign. Whether the workmen squinted carelessly at their watches when they came to set the timepiece or whether they are publicists for the "save an hour" propaganda is not just clear. Anyway the clock has merely blazed ever since one hour ahead of all competitors. So it is no unusual thing to see persons scurrying rapidly across the bridge wondering how they came to be a whole hour behind time.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

L. C. Maderia, the Philadelphian, who has taken issue with State Treasurer Young on State appropriations has been a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania for years. He graduated there.

Fred Rasmussen, State College agricultural expert, is urging people to do more planting.

Judge Josiah Cohen, of Pittsburgh, says that people who allow automobiles to stand without taking care of them do not deserve any consideration.

Franklin Matthews, of Columbia University, is to speak at the Cornell dinner in Philadelphia.

Superior Court Justice Orady was congratulated yesterday upon his birthday.

Frank McGarran, well known here, has offered land for quarters for the Lancaster militia units.

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