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Be persuaded, timid soul, that He has loved you too much to cease loving you.—Fenelon.

WHY DELAY?

CONGRESS should not hesitate to give the President full powers to meet any situation that may arise. Permission to arm ships is all very well, but the President should have the "other instrumentalities" for which he asks. In a moment we may need an army, and that moment does not appear far in the future. Why wait? Why not prepare while there is time? Give the President everything he needs, to the last man and the last farthing. If we are to be pushed overboard into the sea of world-strife let us at least provide ourselves with a life-preserver. We shall need every device of armament that the world knows, and in immense quantities. Everybody knows this. Why delay?

PUBLIC IS WATCHFUL

PUBLIC discussion of the school board controversy over the selection of a high school architect has lulled for the moment. But directors should not imagine that taxpayers have lost interest in the subject. The people are just as alive to the importance of this question as ever they were and just as keenly watchful.

The best is none too good for Harrisburg. There must be no guessing, no miscarrying in working out the solution of the high school problem. We made one gross blunder when the Forster street building was erected. There is much talk in some circles of the "folly of expert advice," but the fact remains that Harrisburg of today is built upon a foundation of expert opinion. Some of our experts may have erred. Granted they did. Nevertheless the city has been the gainer by many thousands of dollars as a result of having had expert services. It is so in relation to the high school. The most competent architect obtainable must be employed. The selection of any other will come back to plague the city.

THE SHIMMELL SOCIAL CENTER

SELECTION of Eli N. Hershey as head of the Shimmell school social center guarantees a fair trial of the movement in that district. Mr. Hershey, now a prominent businessman of the city, began life as a school teacher and he has never lost interest in school work. He is widely traveled, energetic and enterprising. The eyes of the whole city are on the Shimmell experiment. Its success means much for the future of social centers in districts where there is apparent need of them.

A THOUGHT ON SPRING

THE advance of the Lenten season brings with it the faint and far-away scent of Easter lilies and visions of chocolate eggs. Preparations for gorgeous Easter parades likewise move rapidly. The thought of spring, with the sweetness of its inspiration presents itself and the days rush by bearing winter swiftly toward its close. The break in the long sleeping Susquehanna and the appearance of the scarlet cardinals and bluebirds in Wildwood augur the approaching change of season.

Life is pretty much worth living, take it all in all. Of course, there are business worries and household troubles, and the "best laid plans of mice and men" can't always be carried out, but things are pretty much as they used to be in the matter of human nature; parents live for their children and the children grow up and the springtime of life comes along for them; there are tears and laughter, and there are wars and rumors of wars, but it's all in the game.

America has been very fortunate of late; perhaps luck may turn for a time. Why worry? The red blood of Yankeeism is not diluted with a yellow tinge, and the strength of the nation is in its virile manhood and brave womanhood. The spirit of America is that of perennial spring. And in springtime the occasional rainy day but makes the landscape fairer and

brighter when the clouds have rolled away. Spring is a pleasant, vigorous, all-conquering season, and this is a springtime land.

LET'S HAVE IT SOON

WHAT has become of that plan for a street car survey in Harrisburg? A few weeks ago the Telegraph was assured that the directors of the Harrisburg Railways Company would take up the matter at their next meeting. President Frank B. Musser is known to be heartily in favor of such a survey as is proposed and the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce head has given his endorsement. The directors of the company have the final decision to make, it is true, but it cannot be imagined that they will stand in its way. They would be making a very serious mistake if they did.

The public is not pleased with street car service in Harrisburg and its suburbs east of the river. The Telegraph knows this by direct evidence. The newspaper office is a clearing house for complaints. Indignant people are prone to "write to their paper." The Telegraph has received numerous such communications during the past month and the bulk of them have had to do with the intolerable ash and garbage situation that itself is shortly to be the subject of an investigation. But unsatisfactory street car service has been a very close second as a favorite subject of "letters to the editor." Some of these, which have been signed, have been published. Others were either of a character scarcely suitable for newspaper use or bore no signature, and so were consigned to the wastebasket. The point of this is that many people are of such a state of mind concerning trolley conditions in Harrisburg that scores of them take the trouble to write out their views and pay postage on them with the hope of getting them before the public. A very strong current of popular opinion is thus indicated which the management of the company ought not to be slow to heed.

People as individuals are apt to be at times unreasonable, but collectively they are not. The community as a whole is not satisfied that the trolley company is giving the best service possible. The belief prevails that at no great expense to the company street car facilities in this city might be greatly improved. The people as a whole ask for nothing more than prompt and efficient service. To this the company agrees they are entitled. The proposed survey opens the way for a disinterested third party, who shall be an expert in municipal transportation, to step in and say what shall be done. The patrons of the railways company ask for no more than this. Certainly, the company ought not to object.

The whole city is waiting eagerly for further news concerning plans for the proposed survey. Let's have the details now. Summer, with its complications of park travel and special excursions, is almost at hand. Now is the time to decide on such changes and improvements as may be necessary.

ACTIONS AND WORDS

OSCAR UNDERWOOD is bellowing for a federal food probe. The Southern Senator is championing the "dear people" with a passion and eloquence that would make anybody not familiar with his record believe him a sincere advocate of low prices and a friend of working people.

It was Underwood, you will recall, whose tariff bill ruined the sugar industry of the South and forced up prices on that commodity by putting the trust in control of the market. Before the Underwood law went into effect sugar sold for five cents a pound, and sometimes for less. Oscar should remember that actions speak louder than words—even the fog horn roarings of political blatherskites.

REPUBLICANISM-AMERICANISM

A CORRESPONDENT signing himself Old-Line Republican complains of recent editorial advice in these columns urging Americans to stand by the President. He says, among other things:

Last fall you told us not to vote for Wilson because of his mistaken European war policy, or rather lack of a policy. Now you say—"Stand back of the President. Are you wavering in your politics?"

When it comes to Simon Pure, yard-wide, never-say-day, fight-to-the-last-ditch Republicanism, the Telegraph yields to none. It is proud to be classed among the strong, influential, progressive, constructive Republican newspapers of the country. Never doubt that.

But Republicanism is also Americanism. The Telegraph follows the flag. Just now President Wilson is carrying the flag.

THE PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT

WASHINGTON yesterday witnessed the unique spectacle of Republican Senators fighting vigorously in support of President Wilson against the assaults of a Democratic Senator who should have been the executive's chief lieutenant in Congress. Senator Stone on frequent occasions has displayed his disqualifications for Senatorship, but never so flagrantly as yesterday. Stone is worse than a mere misfit. He is intelligently malignant. He has been entirely too close to certain powers not just now on speaking terms with Uncle Sam. He should be relieved of the chairmanship of the committee on foreign affairs.

A MAN IN THE SOUTH GETS A LETTER FROM THE NORTH

By BRIGGS



EDITORIAL COMMENT

ANY OLD GENTLEMAN HERE?

Speaking of ex-sports, who remembers baseball before it got into the hands of the money barons?—Indianapolis News.

BECOMING QUITE LITERARY

Mrs. Judge Johnson, who recently decided to become a classic, has sent the city library to-day and asked for a copy of "Gray's Energy."—Atchison Globe.

DON'T SING OF THE EGG KING

Sing the national anthem, but don't descend to any hymns of hate.—Wall Street Journal.

WOULDN'T GET IT RIGHT ANYWAY

If the naturalization bureau only had a machine for reading the soul of the applicant!—New York Sun.

BOUCK FAILTERS AT THE RACK

Bouck White doesn't want to be tried now for burning the flag, because he fears he will be severely dealt with. But does a true martyr seek martyrdom at bargain rates?—New York World.

LIKE THE SOUPBONE. FOR INSTANCE

It has become so that about the only things left which may be had at reasonable prices are the luxuries.—Marion Star.

Production Not a Remedy

[Christian Science Monitor.]

There are already indications of a rush to the soil, with the view of preventing such a scarcity as that which, it is claimed in some quarters, has so greatly increased the cost of living during the present winter. The cultivation of increased acreage in the rural districts, and of vacant lots in urban districts, is widely advocated. If we are to have cheaper living, it is warmly contended by some students of the situation, we must, of course, have a greater supply of foodstuffs. Therefore, everybody should raise things to eat. That is the way to cope with the difficulty, and they insist that it is the only way. As a matter of fact, it is the way not to solve the problem.

There is and there has been no scarcity of foodstuffs in the United States. In many parts of the country, last spring and summer, products of the garden were so abundant and cheap that it did not pay to gather and ship them to market. If everybody is going to raise vegetables this year, those who follow farming or gardening as a regular occupation will reap less profit from their labor next season than last. They will perhaps be discouraged, as thousands upon thousands have been in the past, and other occupations will be abandoned. There is not a remedy for high prices, because overproduction leads to waste, and waste is a blight upon industry. What is needed is normal production and better distribution. Existing markets should be made accessible to those who look to the soil for a livelihood. Prices should not be depressed in one season, and then inflated in another. The cultivator of the soil should not be left to the tender mercies of the food speculator and manipulator. The railroads should be obliged to furnish cars and to carry products to places where they are most needed, expeditiously and at reasonable rates.

An unimpeded flow in the transportation of foodstuffs, close connection between the producer and the consumer, inhibition of speculation in or manipulation of farm and garden products, and cold storage plants controlled by the public, offer a solution for the problem of the high cost of season amateurs into gardening will only result in further complication of the situation. There is in the country now food enough to go around at a reasonable price; the task demanding intelligent thought and direction is its adequate and equitable distribution.

Humble Sprat Elevated

[London Globe.]

The Board of Agriculture, in its paternal way, has been recommending sprats as an article of food not only very cheap but nutritious. These little fish when broiled are certainly very good to eat for those who do not mind the richness inseparable from a food containing so much oil. The pickled sprat does not possess the disadvantage, and is both grateful and comforting.

It has long been a saying that it was the extreme cheapness of sprats which prevented their admission to the tables of the wealthy.

Prophet of Evil

A fair imitation of a killjoy is being given by the man who claims that he has found a prophecy in the Bible that the United States will be invaded by a foreign army during the present year.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Predictions were made to-day that there would be no resolution to fix a date for adjournment of the Legislature adopted until some time in April, if then, and that no date in May would be fixed. These prophecies were from men in close touch with the legislative situation and the state-making committee back of the policy which might be the Fourth of July before the General Assembly formally adjourned was repeated.

Intimations that resolutions for fixing of dates of adjournment were inspired by people close to the State administration were heard to-day and it was also predicted that when the legislature came back that the policy which will be outlined for the session will be of a kind to cause the majority to agree to stay here and work. Administration men are naturally desirous of having the Legislature get away as soon as possible and the leaders of the other side are not disposed to gratify them.

It is said that a series of resolutions reciting various matters connected with departments of the State government and calling upon either standing committees to investigate or providing for a special legislative investigating committee, will be prepared by the time the Legislature returns and that there will be some inquiries made. However, there is no disposition to attack the Governor, but rather some of the departments under him. Members of the Senate are said to be unwilling to assume the responsibility for prolonging the session and some are understood to feel that they will be justified. There were hints yesterday whether the State Treasurer and Auditor General would recognize the warrant for the salary of D. Edward Long, Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding, until the question of the authority of the Senate over the appointment has been determined. The Senators are said to fear that the Governor will switch about State officials after the adjournment and thus defeat the constitutional authority to confirm appointments. Auditor General-elect Snyder says he will stand a test on any switching before he will sign warrants.

Woman Suffrage headquarters, in a statement issued to-day, says: Suffrage headquarters are in charge of their amendment bill was introduced have announced that they have been assured that the preponderance of sentiment among the members of the Committee on Constitutional Reform is in favor of reporting the bill to the House favorably whenever the sponsors so desire. Samuel A. Whitaker, of Chester county, is in charge of the suffrage bill in the House. Concerning the boasts of their opponents, that the suffragists are depending entirely upon the leader of one legislative faction for their support, suffrage leaders declare their strategic plans, soon to be unmasked, will show that leaders of all factions will throw heavy support to the suffrage bill. And in asserting this, suffragists say that the revelations will take much of the snap out of any body or organization which has deceived itself into believing that there is a possibility of being able to block legislation which will authorize a second woman suffrage referendum in 1920.

President Pro Tem Beidleman and Speaker Baldwin received notable receptions at Pittsburgh last night when they spoke at the banquet of the aldermen, magistrates and justices of the peace at Western Pennsylvania. Senator Beidleman spoke on Pennsylvania and the Speaker on the Legislature. The banquet was one of the largest ever held in Pittsburgh and attracted much attention. Joseph N. Mackrell, legislative correspondent of the Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph, was toastmaster. Prior to the banquet there was a reception at which the guests of the evening were greeted by many friends and the Speaker was given congratulations upon his sixty-fourth birthday, which occurred yesterday.

Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, is proceeding to take hold of the transit problem in earnest and there are intimations that he is not satisfied with the position of some of the Public Service Commissioners. The Mayor has been urging action for weeks and there are intimations that a public service commissioner from the western end of the State is not disposed to give approval on the proposition. The city has let some contracts for sections of the work. Mayor Smith may be here in a few days to see the Governor about the matter.

Michigan's Way

Under the Bone-Dry Law just passed by Congress persons who want to import liquor into Michigan after 1918 will have to drink it first.—Detroit Free Press.

NEW ENGLISH FASHIONS SIMPLE

Evidence of Feminine Tendency Toward Thrift Seen in Spring Styles

JUST at present extremists are railing against the projected new fashions; as a matter of fact the "tonneau" or barrel skirt is by no means so revolutionary in style as the change from the hobble skirt to the wide one, says the London Globe. Women who have been wearing the wider skirts can have them transformed very easily into the new fashion. The new outline is simply widened out below the hips and narrowed at the hem. Some of the spring tailors have short loose jackets; here, too, the art of adaptation is given full swing. Indeed, it would be difficult to imagine less revolutionary changes in the new mode or a change more easily achieved. Women are economizing in every way, and the mere fact of the advent of a new fashion will not interfere with their thrift schemes. This same simplicity is seen in millinery. The Russian vogue in small, high hats, without feathers or feather

mounts, and the double brim cloche hat are being worn, the latter having a crown trimmed with tulle, and sometimes wreathed with springlike looking flowers. Then there is the Scribian hat of pointed tam-o-shanter persuasion in much embroidered dark blue cloth, the embroiderings being, of course, in the national red and yellow; while a novel trimming scheme on Napoleon shape in silk cotele in a soft shade of green was a quaint motif of applied suede leather. Expensive flower trimmings, usually so much in evidence at this season of the year, are conspicuous by their absence. The new high crowned hats which every woman will affect this spring are marvels of plainness in black, beige or gray in satin suede or moire ribbon. One may choose them without hesitation this season, for their popularity with the well dressed of life is assured.

Labor Notes

Workmen in the California oil industry ask an eight-hour day.

Samuel Gompers has been prominent in labor circles for fifty years.

Frisco neekie cutters ask an increase in pay to \$20 a week.

An adequate compensation bill for Idaho is being drafted.

Of the 200,000 inhabitants of Hawaii, 80,000 are Japanese.

A member of the machinists' union is chief of police at Minneapolis.

St. Louis machinists have reduced working hours to 48 a week.

Building trades at Champaign, Ill., will ask for increased pay.

Frisco butchers' workmen plan an aggressive campaign of organization.

Twelve local unions have been chartered in St. Louis within a year.

Medford, Mass., city employees have been voted a Saturday half holiday.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

IT CERTAINLY DOES.

Telephones are great time-savers, aren't they? Well, that depends upon who calls you up.

LUCKY FISH-ERMAN.

Hello, Dobbs! Any luck yesterday when you were fishing? Great! I was away when six bill collectors called.

MODERN MATRIMONY.

"When I get married I won't think of leaving my husband alone in the city all summer." "You'd better not tell him that before you're married."

Finding the Way

Nor can I count him happiest, who has never been forced by his own hand the chain to sever. And for himself find out the way divine.

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Evening Chat

Members of the committee on game of the House of Representatives who come from the country have remembered what they used to like to do when they were boys and have made an amendment which will be hailed with joy by many a youngster. Under the laws of the State which govern hunting no one under fourteen years of age may use a game anesthetic, and many youngsters who know more about a weapon at that age than some grown ups. But the law makes no distinction as to the boys may not shoot. The committee contained a number of members who came from the country and one of them told a story about how he used to trap rabbits when he was a boy. Then another started and related how he would crawl under the hemlocks and shake the snow off his collar as he worked his way through the brush and brush. Joseph Kalbus, secretary of the Game Commission, contributed a couple of stories, too, and the result of it was that the amended bill which is now before the House contains a provision that boys may trap rabbits. It happens that Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny and Cornelius Cottontail are more or less pests in some counties of the State and the boys are buying rabbits. They will have a fine time. As there will be poor trapping in districts where rabbits are scarce, the boys will not take the trouble and the rabbits will not be thinned out. The State has been buying rabbits in other States to increase the sport and there will be plenty of fun for youngsters before long around here.

Most folks who frequent the markets have had interesting experiences during the present high cost of food. One man this morning declared that when he inquired the price of eggs the farmer answered "45 cents." "What, 45? Why, I just bought a dozen for 35." "That's right," the farmer answered, "I have been so accustomed to saying 45 that I just forgot myself." An officer of the police force relates the following: After a purchase he received four new buffalo nickels in change. He then bought three turnips and when he inquired the price the farmer told 15 cents. He produced three of the nickels and offered them in payment. The farmer gazed at the strange coins and earnestly. Finally, he looked up and said: "Are you sure these are good. I never saw any like them before." The question that is puzzling the officer is: "Who could most easily have been mistaken for a robber?"

"Tell this to your farmer friend who you say has been maligned because he would not sell his soil potatoes was the greeting from another man. "I think the aforesaid farmer also insists that eggs are scarce. Well, every time the weather gets cold the farmers do not go to so much trouble to gather the eggs. If the farmers gave attention to collecting eggs cold days as well as mild days there would be more eggs to sell. Now as to the farmer talk about seed potatoes, why, I have known times when potatoes were down and the farmers sold all the potatoes they had and were glad to do it and when the price was high they sold seed potatoes. And when they sold at low rates because there was a market they knew they would go up against the high prices for seed potatoes in the spring. You will find a lot of farmers have sold every potato right in the face of the rising market and that some of those who have been holding out for high prices, they are needed for seed, have their eyes on the market quotations."

The Pennsylvania Railroad attempted to withhold the facts relatively to the Mt. Union Wreck the other day. Several years ago the company discarded the policy of secrecy, and has never had occasion to regret it. About ten years ago one of the west bound limited trains left the track near Mineral Point, Cambria county, the entire train going over the bank to the Conemaugh river. The accident occurred shortly after midnight. It was a very cold morning—below zero. The accident occurred over the bank to get this curve the company had secured a newly-invented metal tie. For some unaccountable reason the heads of the bolts holding the rails to the metal ties were churning in the snow and into the river. A reporter who walked the five miles from Johnstown to the wreck was M. H. James, now secretary of the William Penn Highway Association. He found a lot of men at the scene the injured had been assembled in a relief train. Fortunately, no person was killed, but a number were hurt. James says that the train was a relief train. The first name he got was that of Mayor Busse. About the time he had taken down the names of the injured, a train official grabbed him by the arm and escorted him off the car. He ran to the rear car and climbed aboard, succeeding in getting some more names. Another train official came to the front outside. James ran to the first coach. He got several more names before he was again taken from the train. He repeated at the rear car, and so did the train official. On the fifth try a trainman called a railroad policeman. "Hold this guy," he said, "I'll get away from here; he's in the way." So the railroad official says to the reporter clambered aboard no more. Shortly afterward the relief train headed west—so did the reporter; walking. A mile down the track he caught up with the relief train and completed the ride to Johnstown crouched under the steps of a Pullman. About the time James got to his newspaper with the "story" the Pittsburgh headquarters released the names of all the injured.

W. H. Schwartz, the veteran editor of the Altoona Tribune, was among visitors to Harrisburg last night. Mr. Schwartz came here on business connected with the State government and met a number of his friends while in the city. Mr. Schwartz is keenly interested in the development of third-class legislation.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

J. Leonard Replogie, the steel magnate, is one of the big men in the new shipyard enterprise at Chester.—David Wallerstein, Philadelphia lawyer well known here, is the special master appointed by the Philadelphia courts to receive the Pennsylvania canal bond matters.—R. W. Anderson, formerly connected with steel companies in this section, is one of the men interested in the new Pittsburgh Rivet Company.—City Controller E. S. Morrow, of Pittsburgh, well known here, is ill and unable to look after business for the first time in months.—Scott Nearing, the Philadelphia professor, is now out as a pacifist.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg steel is used to make coal barges for Atlantic trade?—HISTORIC HARRISBURG Members of the Harris family sat in town council for years in this place.