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Evening Chat

Henry Houck was probably one of the best-known men in Pennsylvania. Expressions heard yesterday and to-Expressions heard yesterday and to-day at the State Capitol and at ho-tels, where there have been gathered an unusual number of men from all parts of the State because of the leg-islative sessions showed how widely he was known and esteemed and there were many stories told about the famous educator. For years Dr. Houck has lectured all over the State and his visits have been reception oc-casions. He boasted of his friends and it seems that they were number-less. The children whom he taught are grandfathers now and those who have youngsters of their own will tell of the days when "Uncle Henry" came to town. There will be mourn-ing all over Pennsylvania when he is buried on Friday.

In the thirty-eight years that "Uncle Henry" was connected with the Department of Public Instruction, his duics took him into every section of the State, and it is doubtful if any pennsylvanian had a greater ac-quaintance. This acquaintance stood him in good stead in the three cam-paigns he went before the electors as a candidate for Secretary of Infernal Affairs. It was natural that he could not remember the names of the thousands he had met, but he did not forget faces. He was to frank with his old woul hear him greet a school ac-qualitance in this manner." "Howdy do, what's your name?" "Howdy do, what's your name?" Thous he was shaking hands with. "Uncle Henry" was almost invariably and under what circumstances they had originally met. In his work on the stump, Mr. Houck devoted himself argely to the points he want do for humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor never was stavasted to bring out in the campaign. His well of humor here his and to close the meetings and his and to close the meetings and

Le's FORUM Pledging its support to the government in case of war. The other was the no-tice of the railroad brotherhoods that they would not strike in case of a declaration of war. This, as you said a week ago, in strong and favorable labor unions. Good for labor. UNION MAN The Jitney

the leaders in understanding and adequately providing for the needs of workers in the exigencies of life for which not all are able to provide. In the four years 1913-1916 inclusive expenditures from the benefit the funds of the Bell companies have aggregated \$5,611,016. At Decembe 31, 1916, the reserves for these benefit funds aggregated \$9,151,000. At the end of the year 284 former employer were on the year 234 former employers rease of 27 during the year. The average pension paid was \$45 per month. This in addition to sick and death benefits paid. What, one is prompted to ask, would ecome of this pension-insurance plan, which costs the employes nothing, in

We fancy Turkey is about as peevish about German promises as Rumania is about entente pledges.

THE "BRANCH CAPITOL" JOKE

again, this time in the report of a commission intelligent enough to have known better than to take it seriously. It is absurd to dream for

The branch capitol notion has its origin in the "pipe-dream" of a Phil-F Captain Boy-Ed is in the United adelphia newspaper correspondent States, as press reports indicate, bent upon an exclusive news story. He manufactured the scheme out of the ted to leave this country. He ought to whole cloth and was then under the necessity of inducing somebody to put in such a bill as he had described. of criminal plotting against the United States government and he ought to This was done, all in a spirit of horseplay, and-Philadelphia took it serihave been severely punished. He

proved himself a worthy agent of the devil's whelp he represents and if caught he should be summarily dis-posed of for what he is-a snake in the path of a peaceful people. There there is for one in Pittsburgh, Erie, just one kind of treatment the Scranton or any of the other cities Boy-Eds of Germany can appreciate. It is administered through the medium of a noosed rope, a tall pole and a

there are those who call this spring

THE LAST OF THAW?

strong pull.

heard the last of Harry Thaw? at their disposal the year around. It is a compliment to the courts of Pennsylvania that no lengthy proceeding was necessary to prove the insanity of this notorious young man. The defendant was brought before the a cost as private owners. The comcourt like any ordinary citizen simi-larly situated and no exceptions whatsoever were made in his case. The verdict is to be heartily commended. Certainly Thaw is demented. If there phia. The building asked for would ever was a doubt his latest escapades have dispelled it. And he is going where he should have gone long agoto a Pennsylvania asylum for the insane. And may we hear no more of him.

"Captain Boy-Ed resembles a prize-"ighter," fighter," says an exchange. Wrong, prizefighters don't hit below the belt.

RIVERSIDE

THE Harrisburg Academy directors want Riverside to be part of Harrisburg. It was an error 11 of councilmanic judgment which turned down the Riverside application in the first place. By the very nature of things, unless we are to be the hidebound, self-sufficient community that none of us care to see Harrisburg become, the city must reach out, as it has in the past, and absorb one by one its thriving suburbs.

Riverside eventually will come into the city. That never can be accom-

plete and successful operation throughout the Bell system for four years. The Bell system was one of **MOVIE OF A MAN AT HOME WHOSE TIME IS WORTH MONEY** the event of government ownership?

NHAT old joke, the "branch capi tol" project, has bobbed up

a moment that a Legislature as hard pressed for necessary revenues as that of 1917 would consider the appropriation of a half million dollars for a flag-station capitol in Philadelphia at a time when the main capitol in Har risburg is crowded far past the over flow point.

There is no more excuse for a where the ever-widening scope of State government has made it necessary to open offices. The claim is made that the higher courts of the

State have to maintain quarters in Philadelphia, but in reply it may be said that they also have elaborate offices and chambers on Capitol Hill, it too much to hope we have already built and furnished, that are

It has never been the experience of the State that it is able to conduct office buildings at anything like so low mission in its report uses as one of its arguments that the State is now paying \$56,000 office rentals in Philadel cost at lease \$500,000, exclusive of furnishings, and the interest on this amount, plus the expense of operation, insurance, repairs and depreciation, would run the yearly outlay up close

to the \$56,000 it now costs for offices in Philadelphia, in addition to the \$500, 000 expended for the structure itself There is neither rhyme nor reason in the branch capitol proposal. Pitts burgh and the country members may be relied upon to put the plan to sleep for at least two years more.

Germany has just sunk a Belgian re-lief steamer. For the purpose of starv-ing England, we presume.

MILLERSBURG BRIDGE BILL THE Legislature would confer favor upon a vast much

favor upon a vast number of people and provide an outlet for the products of a rich agricultural

Here was the ideal "Pennsylvania Dutchman"-first an American, then a Pennsylvanian and finally a Dutchman Henry Houck was a week more than branch capitol in Philadelphia than eight-one years old when he died, but eight-one years old when he died, but he still talked "broken English." However, there was nothing broken or half-hearted about his loyalty. Few men anywhere had served as a public officer so long as he and few deserved to. For fity-eight years his name was continuously on the pay-roll of his country or State and for thirty-eight years he occupied one State office. thirty-eight years he occupied one State office. But nobody ever accused Henry Houck of merely holding an office—he filled it. I doubt very much if any other one man in any American State made the indelible impress upon the country schools that he did during his generation as deputy State superinten-dent.

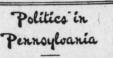
Say! Did you ever list to Henry-Say: Did you everybody seemed to know Mr. Houck by his first name-at a school teachers' institute? Wasn't he rare? Who else could picture as he did the trials of the overworked and underpaid school teachers in a lonely A third of the time his audience was

A third of the time his audience was, laughing, a third it was crying and the other third it was inwardly resolving "by heck" to better the school condi-tions. And that third thing was what Henry was after all the time. Here was a crusader who carried his eloquent message for school uplift right to tens of thousands of parents in rural places. He was essentially and all together of the farm, and be-fore an audience of farm people I'd back him against Henry Ward Beecher. Pennsylvania Germans have pro-duced a vast number of useful and loyal men and women, peculiarly de-void of crankiness and isms, a credit to German hyritage and to American

void of crankiness and isms, a credit to German heritage and to American citizenship. Henry Houck was a lead-er among these distinguished "Penn-sylvania Dutchmen." Would that all German-Americans dedicated themselves as he did to the proposition of minding their own or their country's business and not that of a foreign land.—Girard in the Pub-lic Ledger.

The Book of the People

Live book of the People Everything comes into the news-paper's dragnet. It is the magic car-pet on which we can fly in an instant over the world. It is the X-ray ma-chine by which we can peer into the breast of our neighbors. It is the Asmodeus which takes off the roofs of houses for us. Near and far are one to it; great and little jostle in its pages. The gossip of a million back-yards or front stoops comes to us; we hear the dog fight around the corner. Great crimes blaze like lightnings



By the Ex-Committeeman

Senator Clarence J. Buckman, Bucks county, was last night endorsed for

not place one of our own in the field." —There is considerable speculation as to the chief clerkship of the Sen-ate when Harmon M. Kephart be-comes State Treasurer in May. Mr. Kephart is going to serve until he takes his new office. For the place are heard the names' among others of Charles Johnson, former insurance commissioner; Fred McDonald, jour-nal clerk of the House, who halls from Chester; William R. Mason, register of wills of Erie and a former journal clerk of the Senate; ex-Congressman S. Taylor North, of Punxsutaney; Wal-ter H. Gaither, secretary, ex-Governor John K. Tener and others. The selection will not be made for some time and there will be consider-able rivalry for the honor which pays \$5,000 a year. —The unanimity of action on Buck-

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The litney To the Editor of the Telegraph:

To the Editor of the Telegraph: I am a friend of the jitneys. I be-lieve they have a perfect right on the streets. I ride in them when the weather is fit and enjoy the little breath of fresh air I get that way. But there is reason in all things. I see letters in your paper frequently putting all the blame for accidents on the traction company, which no doubt is some to blame. But I saw an inci-dent at Market and the Square Mon-day night that should have landed the jitneyman in jail. With a carload of passengers he ran out to the left past a standing street car and tried to cut across in front of it just as it started. He did not blow his horn or warn the both to stop somebody would have been hurt. Then the jitneyman back-ed around behind the street car and waited until it moved, as he should have done in the first place. It is such careless actions that make even the friends of the jitney afraid to ride.

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Garden Plots at Wildwood o the Editor of the Telegraph: In traveling over different sections

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

of the county I find especially the district lying on top of the ridge, al-

Senator Clarence J. Buckman, Bucks county, was last night endorsed for president pro tem. of the State Senator receiving the signatures of thirty-four senators. This insures his election at the close of the session. Senator Buckman is a friend of Senator Pen-rose and of Joseph R. Grundy, but he received the endorsement of Senator Pen-rose and of Joseph R. Grundy, but he received the endorsement of Senator Senator Senator E. E. Beldleman, of this city, who was chosen two years ago and senator E. E. Beldleman, of this city, who was chosen two years ago and re-elected when the Senate organized in January. The Bucks man is serv-ing his second term. The paper for the endorsement of Senator Buckman was passed about by Senator William E. Crow, the chairman of the Republican State committee. The selection was com-they signed the paper. There are thirty-rine Republican State. Senator Vare was anong the first to sign the Buckman paper and he did so because, as he said. "Buckman has always treated us fairly and when we head he was a candidate we did not place one of our own in the field." --There is considerable speculation as to the choice (lerkebin of the speculation as to the choice (lerkebin of the State Senator and that first to because, as he said. "Buckman has always treated us fairly and when the choice (lerkebin of the State) soluce one of our own in the field."

To the Editor of the Telegraph: I noticed in last night's issue of the Telegraph two items that gave me great pleasure—one was the attitude of the American Federation of Labor careless actions that make even t friends of the jitney afraid to ride. J. B. DICE.

family and former colleagues from Philadelphia and the speeches were heard by a large audience. Mr. Flynn, the Democratic leader, presided, and Mr. Cox offered resolutions. The speakers included Lieutenant-Gover-nor McClain, Speaker Baldwin, Rep-resentatives Beyer, McNichol, Palmer and others, Senator Vare and ex-Rep-resentative M. B. Kitts. —Mayor E. B. Jermyn, of Scranton, was among the many visitors here yes-terday. —More former members were here yesterday for various meetings than known for a long time. There were over twenty meetings and hearings held and they attracted much atten-tion throughout the State. —The stringent jury bill introduced

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a the stump. The old campaigner appeared to get more enjoyment out of the recital than any one else at the dinner. When Dr. Houck bought an automobile last year there was considerable excitement on the Lebanon Valley trains. The venerable educator was a figure on the train that used to get into Harrisburg about 9 o'clock in the morning and he always had to I hold a reception when he got on the cars and he had a crowd around him from the time he left Lebanon. He was the life of the ride, as some one put it, and the people who knew him used to step up and introduce their offlore to the train again the deen the trains any more and there was't much speculation, it being the firm opinion of the folks that he had been inquiries made as to his health. But were hearty greetings for him and the story telling rides were resumed. The Houck's birthdays were great occasions at the Capitol. He had one in 1907 right after he had been elected and before he was storm in as secretary of internal affairs. Everyone from Governor Stuart to the clerks in his office went to congratulate him and there was not much business in the Department of Public Instruction that day. After he became secretary of internal affairs the birthdays were regular celebrations and Governor Brumbaugh on the first occasion when he was in Harrisburg called the telephone number of the secretary's private office and insisted upon talking to 'young Houck'. The person who so the message thourk that the man at the other end of the line was inclined. to be disrespectful and demanded to know the name. "Tell him," said the Governor, "that his oldest living pupil wants to talk to thim." Dr. Houck was 'on" in a minute and promptly took the telephone with 'Hello. Marry. Vas ist?"

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ply than now is to be hoped that council will reconsider its action at an early date and extend a welcoming hand to this beautiful new residential section.

Thaw had the poor choice between an asylum and the penitentiary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BELL PASSING hurriedly over the statistics submitted by President

Theodore N. Vail, in his annual report of Bell Telephone business and conditions-for who can grasp what tant fees are charged those who do it means to be told that during the year 9,789,700,000 calls were made on rackety old structures that masque-Bell 'phones or that there was in use to carry these messages a total of 19,850,315 miles of wire?—we come upon some very interesting facts and conclusions regarding the much-talked backing of all the people of Dauphin,

Naturally, Mr. Vail does not approve of public ownership and he that extensive and populous terrimakes a very convincing argument against it. In this connection, h

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any individual or public official should be misled in respect to the telephone business, he asserts, for there is hardly a district in the United States in which there has not been an opposition company promoted on sub-stantially these same promises and statements. The experience of the Northwestern Canadian provinces in tiperfect statute requiring State stores that no single promise has been kept or carried out, that there has been raised and rural service neglected, if not faw, ways that no single promise has been raised and rural service neglected, if not faw, or the service negl

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mmunity by passing Senator Beidleman's bill for a bridge across the Susquehanna at Millersburg.

It is not a tribute to the progres siveness of the State government that there should be no means of crossing this broad stream between Clark's Ferry and Sunbury, and that in both places where bridges do exist toll is charged for passage. The Susque-hanna lies as a bar to the free intercourse of the people of Pennsylvania. There is little or no opportunity to get from shore to shore, and exorbimanage to use one or another of the

rade as bridges. Senator Beidleman's bill is intro-duced at the request of the Millers-

burg Automobile Club, but it has the Perry, Schuylkill and Juniata counties, and such a bridge as proposed would benefit many more than even

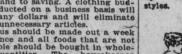
have again and again been proved SENATOR VARE'S ANTIDRUG BILL fallacious. There is no reason why any individual or public official S bill is a worthy measure. It provides drastic punishment for

Tolstoy Barred Columbia University authorities have forbidden Count Illya Tolstoy, son of the great Russian author and mystic, the right to speak in one of the university's buildings. No expla-nation of the refusal was made by President Nicholas Murray Butler or others of the Columbia authorities. "Russia will be greatly surprised when it hears the news." Count Tol-stoy said. "I thought this the coun-try of liberty and free speech. Why I delivered the same lecture that was forbidden here in the largest audi-torium in Moscow. It was passed by the police censors of Moscow. It seems to me that this is proof of the charges that there is much of hypoc-risy in American life." Count Tolstoy delivered his lecture before Princeton students, attracting favorable comment. He has spoken also in Brooklyn and Boston. -The action of the joint revenue

might. —Members of the Legislature united last night in a spontaneous tri-bute to the late Representative Charles J. Roney of Philadelphia, at a mean out of politics, He morial service in the House. It was attended by members of Mr. Roney's

 Everything comes into the newspaper's dragnet. It is the x-ray man for president pro tem, was and hearings here world. It is the X-ray man for president pro tem, was a distinct shock to the Demotrats and the groups site of aur neighbors. It is the the roots of our neighbors. It is the X-ray man for humonious action on important matters this session. Since the senation their recess there have been plenty of signs that no for a long time. There were there were the two sets and hearings held and they attracted much attended to the senation on important matters this session. Since the senation and the House yesterday by Represention they recess there have been plenty of signs that no for a long time. There were they attracted much attended they attracted much attended to the senation and the Governor Great crimes blaze like lightning searing the eye: the red beacons of they are not going to let such matters who have had access to ploration make fiction seem pale. And there with personal relations. Some and the comment of knowledge. We get menus for our women folk. What an are of experience the newspars subtended they extracted in the refuse was here for months in there is too, and infite please and unterviews during the speches and there some 'problem' alsouse and a cease is called in court. A stiff the seen about the Senate chamber. The senator and the generative was here for months in the comment of knowledge. We get menus for our women folk. What an are of experience the newsparse subtered is now wonder it has become the was been seen were there were the senator and the generative set of and they attracted for months in the they for the sessions of 1893 and they settered in the rotices. Mr. Mackrell also heave they seen and they entry is during the set of months they are or due to the front and ana dourned in the arisburg on this question before in the session will be a reative was here for months in the orbita. Some the important big islation would and there strongeneric in the they set of monthis the club today. Mr. De Gabb [can't believe it,

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ing has gone out of fashion. Huh! It always takes my folks a couple of



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Never gossip. Never. When I feel disposed to hear my neighbors dis-cussed I merely mention a name and then listen and then listen.

though personally often inclined to mercy. On this occasion Dr. Houck was discussing a case and urging his

Was discussing a case them the law," "Well, I have to give them the law," said Mr. Todd with an air of finality. "But." rejoined Dr. Houck, "I give them the Gospel." Adjutant General Stewart, an old assumatence with Dr. Houck and a

Adjutant General Stewart, an old campaigner with Dr. Houck and a warm personal friend of years' stand-ing, was often pitted against the Leb-anon man at dinners and they would be presented in such a manner that they had to reply to each other. Their interchanges were alwäys worth fhear-ing because the two gladiators went after each other in style. For twenty-three years without a break they spoke at Masonic banquets in Harris-burg and their speeches were talked about for weeks afterwards. One time when the general had used up the secretary in a post prandial battle Dr. Houck rose and said slowly: "Well, Tom, you're entitled to it. You swiped my speech in that brotherly talk we had coming over. I know now why you were so nice to me. Next time you ride alone."

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

-Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, provost of the University of Pennsylvania, comes from York county and loves local his-

from York county and roves focat me-tory. --Dr. G. A. Dillinger, Pittsburgh councilman, is seriously ill. --Speaker R. J. Baldwin, is an au-thority on Pennsylvania's Revolution-ary history. --R. R. Rakestraw, of Franklin, who was in the Rumanian oil fields, is home after some exciting adven-turas.

is home after some some actives. —President E.E.Sparks,of State Col-lege, spoke at a Philadelphia business-men's banquet on collegiate prepared-ness. —Gifford Pinchot, who was here for a meeting yesterday, is as much in-terested in forestry as ever.

Simple Rule For Success

The way to get ahead is to edge ahead inch by inch and hold on to that inch until you can edge in another. The man who is a dollar ahead of his debts is an independent critter.—Tare pon Springs Leader.