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If joy and hope must die, Still can I upward fly; Love lifts my spirit to the sky! —THEODORE WINTHROP.

REACTIONARY OBTUSENESS

WHEN a man becomes reactionary he likewise becomes obtuse. His eyesight is shortened to about double the length of his nose. He gets himself going along a given line under a full head of steam and it's dollars to doughnuts there is a stone wall somewhere along his path.

THE EQUINOX

YESTERDAY the sun passed the meridian. Last night witnessed the coming of the vernal equinox. With it arrived the usual storm.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR

THE railroad men of Harrisburg are going to be more prosperous in the next few months than they ever have been. In addition to what amounts to an increase of wages for them in the ratification of their eight-hour demand, they will come in for a very large amount in back pay.

RUSSIAN ECHOES IN BERLIN

THE Russian Revolution is echoing in Berlin. Vorwaerts, the powerful Socialist publication of that city, is boldly demanding that the German government be liberalized before it is too late.

POLICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

THERE is in the Legislature a bill providing for the placing of the police departments of third-class cities under civil service. Nobody except those selfishly interested in political patronage can seriously object to civil service in government, as such.

Government. We have had Berlin held up as the seat of all learning, wisdom and efficiency, and life in Germany during times of peace has been pictured for us as one long, sweet dream of contentment and bliss.

There is some reason for this. The German government is beyond question efficient. It is paternal and benevolent in its administrations—but it is not democratic and democracy is the greatest growing force in the world.

It should not, however, be taken as a sign of yielding on the part of the German people. Far from it, out as long as there is a chance for success. But unquestionably some such turnover of affairs as has transpired recently in Russia would go a long way toward bringing the war with Germany to a quick conclusion.

Whatever be the happenings in Europe during the next few months the growth of democracy in Germany is going to be one of the most significant movements and well worth observing.

WHY NOT?

DISCUSSING the excess profits tax, Senator Weeks penetrated to the heart of the question by asking why eight per cent. was set as the limit of return which enterprise may take from its ventures.

THE SPEAKERSHIP

WHY all this talk about who shall or shall not be Speaker of the House of Representatives? Speaker Champ Clark has been a more figurehead. He has not stamped his individuality on the office as did Reed, Blaine or even "Uncle Joe" Cannon.

WHEN AND WHERE?

IN an effort to laud the Wilson administration, the Department of Commerce claims that "active campaigns to help the American businessman wherever he might be, at home or abroad, were supported by the Department of Commerce."

THE STATE'S REVENUE.

A dispatch from the Gazette Times correspondent at Harrisburg yesterday disclosed that the state's revenues for the next biennial period from existing sources are conservatively estimated to be in excess of \$10,000,000 more than those for the last two years.

MOVIE OF AN AVERAGE READER

Cartoon strip titled 'MOVIE OF AN AVERAGE READER' by Briggs. It shows a man reading a newspaper with headlines like 'READ HEADLINES "WAR DEAD OVER 4,000,000"', 'TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER OF...', 'WAR INEVITABLE', 'FOOD FAMINE IN...', 'ANOTHER SHIP SUNK SA...', 'MEXICAN RE...', 'JAPAN SAID TO BE...', 'SAY JOE HERE'S A GOOD STORY BY FULLERTON RICE', 'HE SAYS THE YANKS AND GIANTS BOTH HAVE A GOOD CHANCE FOR PENNANT—YOU WANT TO READ IT—IT'S GREAT'. The man reads 'READS CAREFULLY' and 'EVERY SINGLE WORD'.

A Word to Pacifists

There are two classes of pacifists. One is made up of the fanatical non-resistants. The other, of high minded men and women who are concerned sincerely in social progress and who have come to have a dread of militarism which they feel is about to engulf the United States.

Politics in Pennsylvania

The visit of United States Senator Boies Penrose to the State Capitol has been the biggest matter of interest to people interested in politics in Pennsylvania in quite a while and it is generally believed that as a result of the Senator's conversations with legislators that the investigation proposition will pass into the observation stage.

To the Female Skirt

Although a day there used to be When we would note your every curve, you Must pardon now our yawns when we Observe you.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

Two WATS. I say, mamma, said little Arthur, do fairy tales always begin with Once upon a time? No, dear; not always, replied his mother. They sometimes begin, My live, I have been detained at the office again tonight.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Col. John A. Brashear, the Pittsburgh scientist, who has been in the Far East, has started on his way home. Dr. W. W. Curtin, Philadelphia physician, is visiting in Hawaii. Ex-Archbishop John C. Bell is spending his annual vacation in Florida.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

CONSTITUTION AND PENSIONS

Our State Constitution is one of the best constructed guides for a State government that can be formulated, and it strictly followed in legislation and use in conducting the government in general, very much that is bad would not be and unconstitutional laws would not be on our statute books.

LABOR NOTES

Miss Julia H. Shafer, of Knoxville, Md., has served the United States as a rural mail carrier for 12 years. Philadelphia firemen have formed a union and want a two-platoon system, with 10 hours for the day shift and 14 for the night.

IN COMFORT.

I'll sing me a song of the winter time And the drifting snow, And the foam divine of that girl of mine, As the frogy breezes blow And we sit content in the comfort By the brightly glowing stove.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has some of the largest car shops on the Pennsylvania system? HISTORIC HARRISBURG The first executive mansion established here was the private residence of Governor Snyder. The State did not even pay the rent.

AS THE SHEAVES

They know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they his counsel; for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.—Micah iv, 12.

WOLFE'S SASH TO MUSEUM

A new and valued addition has just been made to the museum of the Chateau de Ramezay. It consists of a cabinet containing a portion of the sash worn by Gen. James Wolfe on the day he became the victor of Quebec in 1759.

LUNKHEADS IS THE WORD

The lunkheads who are trying to prove that fried chicken isn't fit to eat will escape mutilation probably because intelligent people look upon them as harmless idiots.—Houston Post.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

THE REASON. Agnes, asked Grace, why does Miss Smith rush downstairs when the postman whistles? Well, you see, replied Agnes, it's the mail.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

THE LABORER. The labor committee of the Ohio State Senate has recommended a bill that would require railroads to equip their trains with a conductor and two brakemen.

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Evening Chat

Members of the Legislature who have been observing the conduct of the Susquehanna river during the recent ice and high water conditions have been commenting on the splendid manner in which Harrisburg treated its water front and the general system of handling the stream situation in and about the city.

One of the suggestions is that the State make efforts to improve materially the State main highways for a dozen miles on each side of Harrisburg, much as it has done in Gettysburg and that a system of gradual parking be carried out.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH. The attention called to the flood control works of the city in Wildwood park by the State Water Supply Commission has resulted in a number of inquiries as to method, cost and details of operation on the part of people from other places.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH. The beauties of the Susquehanna have been spread broadcast in picture as well as in poetry and prose. Just a year ago, the Geographic Magazine, one of the most wonderfully illustrated of its kind, has done a beautiful job.

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