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Ebening Chat

The first record of post service in Pennsylvania was recently discovered among a lot of old papers, letters, and ancient memorbilia in a house in Thompsontown among the effects of man named Thomson (without the p), who is supposed to have been the descendant of Col. James Burd, for years a resident of Paxton, east of Harrisburg, and a neighbor of John Harris, founder of Harrisburg, we wrote the letter to Col. Burd containing the announcement that the dell. ery of mail in Central Pennsylvania was about to be started. This letter from John Harris is addressed to Col. Burd at Tinian, near Lancaster, where Col. Burd was visiting at the tima. As showing the beginning of the pos-tal service in the vicinity of Harris burg it is interesting, and it is gives just the way John Harris wrote it-the address being as follows-

To James Burd Esquire at Tinian The "nigroe Isaac" is supposed to have been one of Mr. Harris' slaves. But here is the letter— "Paxton, March 19th, 1771.

"Sir, "The Bearer Phillp Craft is Begin-"Sir, "The Bearer Philip Craft is Begin-ning to take in subscriptions in Order to See If a Sufficient number of Sub-scribers can be Got in Order to En-courage him to Ride as a Post for 1 Year. If you Like the (word miss-ing, paper worn through) please to speak to Captn Green or any you Please to subscribe. he proposes to carry a paper for Every Person, for a Year Once a Week for 1 dollar, if Two papers ten ten shillings a year which I think Reasonable. I put Is shillings to my name as an Encour-agement. I would been at Widow Mar-tins but a number of Persons came here that I can't get away at Pres-ent.

I am Sir with the Greatest Re-"Your Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant, "John Harris.

"To James Burd Esquire, Paxton." "To James Burd Esquire, Paxton." The letter came into possession of Dr. Thomas Lynch Motgomery, State Librarian, who is always in search of documents of a historic character, and he permitted the publication of the above, as well as the following letter written by Mr. Harris, a year after he had laid out the town of Harrisburg— Harrisburg 110

Harrisburg, 11th, 1786.

and temperament—and those made by Senator Williams, of Mississippi, HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH NEWSPAPER FOR THE HOME and Senator Lewis, of Illinois, on the Democratic side. Founded 1831 We wish, too, that every voter could

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SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 24

The scientific spirit means the habitual determination to see straight, to exactly and to give an abso lutely honest reaction upon the situation in which one finds himself .--- H. C.

A MILLION, PERHAPS MORE MILLION men for the army is the decision Washington ap

pears to have reached. A million, yes, perhaps many more. In addition to the Regular Army the National Guard and the volunteers, men to be used as the first line of defense, there must necessarily be a large and efficient "home guard" made up of men beyond the ordinary enlistment to relieve younger men of the of guarding munition plants, railroads, bridges, tunnels, armories, plied from food-producing countries. upply depots, wharves, hospital, pubbuildings, etc.

The Germans have not been able to get a single man across the English channel, much less make a landing on Canadian soil, so it is reasonable to suppose that in the course events in Europe appear to be taking there will be small danger of actual inva-sion of America. To what extent our troops will be needed elsewhere it is difficult to say, although it is certain that not a few of them will be as-signed to the region of the Rio Grande to suppose that in the course events Grande.

rande. The greater peril to America lies the bakery man sold his oven-prodwithin. The snakes in the grass which the Imperial Government has the consumer got no benefit and the within. turned loose upon America have loss in revenue had to be taken out of shown that they will strike hard and without warning, regardless of life The Democratic tariff did give us a or property, if the opportunity is pre-sented. Pennsylvania, it is suspected, is alive with these representatives of Berlin. Dr. R. F. Bacon, director of three squares a day of American "vit-Mellon Institute, at Pittsburgh, and tles" did not relish the idea of living chairman of the national industrial by bread alone. preparedness committee, in a report When the gre isued to-day says Pennsylvania alone capable of supplying the entire needs of the nation in time of war, policy is persisted in, and they will It would appear then vitally necessary to the national welfare to guard most carefully the vast industries of the Commonwealth, and to this duty a 'home guard" could be assigned. One of the first steps to be taken should put to digging trenches for those who be to insure the safety of these vast do. industrial resources. A million men may suffice for the Army, but a vastly larger number will be required to pro-test our mills and factories, our railroads and shipping.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

OWARD University, which is to the colored race what Yale or Princeton, or Harvard is to the white, has just completed a half century of successful work for the up-lift and advancement of its students, and for colored people in general, for the radius of its influence for good

read the speeches made at various times of critical import to the nation by Senator Stone, of Missouri, chair-man of the great committee which onsiders questions affecting our foreign relations wish that every voter, having

done this, would seriously reflect and try to decide which group is the more worthy of confidence, the more likely American er Pubto render a sound and sober judg-Associa ment, the more likely to be actuated isners' Associated by pure and patriotic motives, and the bureau of Circu- more to be preferred as counsellors to lation and Penn- a President who is confronted by more to be preferred as counsellors to a President who is confronted by Associatgrave international and domestic

problems Eastern office, Story, Brooks & Finley, Fifth Ave-nue Building, New York City; West-ern office, Story, Brooks & Finley, People's Gas Build-ing, Chicago, Ill. Uneasy lies the head from which the rown has been lately removed. A TEST OF SINCERITY

HE death of Ambassador Guthrie at Tokio leaves an impor 1 tant diplomatic post to be filled at a time when the delicacy of our foreign relations demand the best

service that can be rendered. The resident's selection for this post will emonstrate whether he is really disposed to act himself in the spirit of his second inaugural address wherein he adjured his fellow citizens to be-

ware of the faults of partisanship. If he should designate some man of diplomatic training-like Henry White or David Jayne Hill, for example-the country would at once know that our first line of defense is no longer to be entrusted, at its most exposed points, to tyros and politicians. But if he takes one of the numerous "lame ducks" who now infest Washington clamoring to be taken care of, we shall know that the next four years will be no different from the last and that we shall continue to be at the mercy of "deserving Demo

April 2 will doubtless be observed as All Fools' Day for Germany.

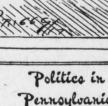
BREADSTUFFS AND THE TARIFF HE total value of breadstuffs imported into this country dur-T

San Diego (Cal.) Pressmen's Union has raised wages \$1.50 for the first six months of the year and an additional 50 cents a week will be paid during the remaining six months. ing the calendar year 1916 was \$26,385,000, notwithstanding the fact

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Labor Notes



THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

the radius of its influence for good Certainly, something should be done has not been by any manner of means to commemorate the vast and lasting confined to those who have been grad- impress Dr. Houck made upon the uated from its courses.

to including 1.000 1867. classes into other useful walks of life

Among the Howard men in Harrisburg are such prominent representatives of the colored race as Dr. Steph-en J. Lewis, W. Justin Carter and Dr. Charles H. Crampton, not to mention Dr. B. B. Jeffers, of Steelton. All over the nation the students of Howard are making names for themselves in the every-day work of the community and are doing much for the advancement of the people among whom they labor.

It is gratifying to note that where the university was graduating dozens and scores a few years back, its student body now numbers hundreds every year. There can be no better ation of the desire of the colored people of the country to improve themselves and their condition in life

than this vast incerase in the enrollment at Howard, which is realm of higher education what Tuskegee is to the industrial development of the Negro of the South.

READ AND COMPARE

wish that every American voter could read the Congres-683,000 worth came from France, and sional Record for those days \$3,315,000 from Japan in 1914 when the so-called "filibuster" was \$5,657,000 from France, and \$6,485, being carried on in the Senate. We 000 from Japan in 1916. French em wish that every voter could read and broideries increased from \$2,672,000 ponder upon the speeches made then in value in 1914 to \$2,689,000 in by Republican senators — such as 1916; Japanese silk wearing apparel Poindexter, of Washington, and Weeks from \$386,000 in 1914 to \$783,000 in and Lodge, of Massachusetts, to men- 1916. War cannot offset tariff-for-

tion two extremes both in geography revenue-only, it appears.

ated from its courses. The university has given diplo-He was influential in the movements 4,591 students since ading 1,000 physi-books, longer terms in rural schools, 844 teachers, 771 lawyers, living salaries for teachers and many 423 ministers of the Gospel, 324 den-tists, 264 pharmacists, in addition to His memory should not be permitted many who have gone forth from its to face with the generation that knew

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