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No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him; there is always work, and tools to work withal, for those who will.—LOWELL.

PATRIOTISM And there was tumult in the air. The five's shrill note, the drum's loud beat. And through the wide land everywhere the answering tread of hurried feet.

So sang Buchanan Reed in his poem, "The Waggoner of the Alleghenies," inspired by the rising of '76. It is a stirring bit of verse. In imagination one sees the "embattled farmers" of New England, the backwoodsmen from beyond the Allegheny mountains in Pennsylvania, and the plantation owners of the South gathering to the long, gruelling contest for the freedom of America.

Their example must be before us in these days when the honor of the nation they founded is assailed. We enjoy the blessings of liberty and all the good things that make America the Mecca for oppressed and down-trodden of all the world because these Revolutionary heroes were willing to sacrifice that the miracle of a republican form of government might be wrought on these shores.

AN IMPRESSIVE GATHERING If anybody had any doubt of the inherent patriotism of the citizenry of Pennsylvania, that doubt has been dissolved by the splendid response of a large number of prominent citizens to the call of Governor Brumbaugh to serve as a Committee of Public Safety.

Throughout the conference at the Executive Department yesterday there was displayed the highest type of patriotic devotion to the interests of the State and the nation. It would be difficult to conceive of anything more impressive than this gathering of influential and busy men from every corner of the Commonwealth to consider the mobilization of the resources of the State for the proper support of the government in this great national crisis.

Governor Brumbaugh himself made a most impressive address setting forth his view of the situation and emphasizing the importance of co-ordinating all the departments of the State's industrial and individual activities for and in the interest of the national defense.

It was a thoughtful and patriotic and impressive statement of the conditions which demand the most intelligent consideration of the people of the State. That the Governor realizes the importance of the service which these influential citizens have been summoned to perform has been best demonstrated in the high character of those men who have been invited to undertake the work which was outlined to the conference held here yesterday.

The Governor also has been widely commended for the choice of the chairman of this committee. George Wharton Pepper demonstrated in his remarks of yesterday and in the manner in which he assumed the discharge of the grave responsibilities which will rest upon him in directing the affairs of the committee that he is alive to the importance of what must be done to mobilize the resources of the State for the proper support of the national government.

This general committee will give force and inspiration to local committees everywhere throughout Pennsylvania and it is the hope of the Governor and those who are upholding his hands in this crisis that there will be no waste of effort, no lost motion,

but on the contrary co-operation of the most effective and efficient character. Pennsylvania always has maintained her position as a great patriotic Commonwealth and there is every promise now that it will be found ready to meet every call upon its people or its wonderful resources.

HELP THE BOYS!

WHO will help the boys of Harrisburg "do their bit"?

A few days ago the TELEGRAPH suggested that the greatest patriotic service the boys of the city could perform would be to go extensively into the work of backyard and vacant lot gardening. Yesterday there appeared on the editorial page of this newspaper a letter of endorsement from a correspondent, who expresses the belief that much good could be accomplished if the boys are properly organized and their work supervised by a trained gardener. He expresses the hope that some wealthy resident of Harrisburg will make the necessary contribution of about \$60 a month during the gardening season for this purpose.

This is a good idea. There should be in Harrisburg some man rich enough and generous enough and patriotic enough to perform this service to the community, for there can be no doubt that it would be a service of most substantial kind.

Gardening, to be successful, must be done properly from the very beginning. This is no time for experimentation. The yield from the vacant ground of the city can be wonderfully increased by proper attention and direction. City boys know little about gardening, but they can easily learn. No great skill is required. All that is needed is intelligent instruction. And the crops the boys would raise would do much to keep down living costs in the city and add to the local food supply.

Who will come forward with sufficient money to make gardeners of hundreds of Harrisburg boys who are ready to volunteer? Why will they "do their bit" for their country?

THE RUSH TO ENLIST

THE recent rush to enlist in both the army and the navy illustrates a curious effect that war or the threat of war has always had on American youth. So long as the country is peaceful and the military and naval branches are performing merely routine duties, it is next to impossible to get men to keep their numbers up even to the full peace quota. But the moment the eagle screams and war clouds begin to gather, the recruiting offices are overcrowded.

THE men who go into the navy today do so with their eyes open. They fully understand that theirs will be a perilous service. Hunting the submarine is exciting, but it is also dangerous. Yet that is the work to which a large majority of the recruits desire to be assigned.

Whatever the cause, the fact remains the oft-repeated belief that American men are soft and that they lack the courage and the desire for adventure that made the heroes of '76 and '61.

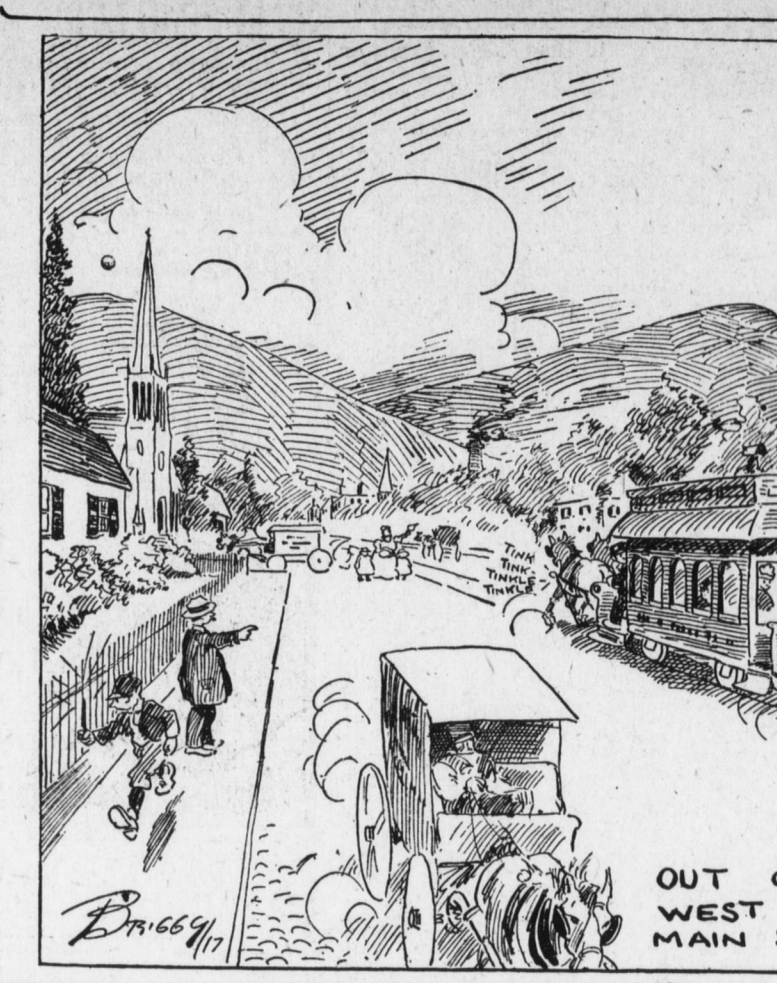
CAPITOL PARK EXTENSION

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH and members of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings expect to formulate promptly the legislation necessary for the treatment of the Capitol Park Zone during the next two years.

This legislation will include an act authorizing the city of Harrisburg to co-operate with the State in working out the several problems, provide for the transfer of such land as may be necessary and obtain an appropriation for the immediate grading of the park area, the planning of grass plots and the planting of trees.

It may be said to the credit of the Governor and those associated with him on the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings that they have gone about the solution of the problems involved in the planning of the Capitol Park extension in a broad and comprehensive way and those who follow will be able to complete the scheme of improvement in such a manner as to conform with the dignity and importance of the Commonwealth.

The Days of Real Sport



OUT ON WEST MAIN STREET

ment of the scheme outlined in the reports of the landscape architects some time ago.

Labor Notes Mrs. C. H. Moeen, of Grand Forks, N. D., is considered one of the most successful female farmers in the United States.

Still a Winning Fight (Public Ledger, Philadelphia.) It cannot be said that the defeat of the local option bill in the House was unexpected. Every one knows what influences have been brought to bear upon the legislators at Harrisburg.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

The proposed legislative check upon governors and mayors who seek to dismiss officials for political reasons, a measure born of the abrupt changes made in the State government just prior to the speakership contest last winter, was affirmatively recommended by the committee of the House in charge last night and will reach the lower branch next week.

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THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Abolishing Death Penalty To the Editor of the Telegraph: As on Saturday you published an anonymous but lengthy article advocating the death penalty, may I ask that in fairness which I think you always try to maintain, that you will publish another, but much shorter.

Perhaps it might be enlightening to show that peace can be maintained oftentimes only by war, paradoxical as this may seem. We think history will prove this. If a man has you by the throat you cannot shake him off by the ears and a bunch of lilies. The lion and the lamb story is very pretty, but it doesn't work out in the wilds of Africa.

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Evening Chat

Persons who have been studying the proposed plan for improvement of the Capitol Park Extension district have been astonished at the amount of traffic that passes over the State street bridge. Removal of the houses in the Eighth Ward facilitates the observation of the conditions attending the traffic and an automobile a minute is nothing uncommon at certain hours of the day.

There were probably more prominent men in Harrisburg yesterday than for a very long time. The meeting of the Governor's State-wide Committee on Public Safety and the hearings on the "mine cave" and other bills brought to this city captains of business and men prominent in the official and civic life of practically every city in the State.

James Scarlet, the Danville lawyer, told an amusing and yet tragic story yesterday in appearing before the committee hearing the "mine cave" bill. He said that people in some districts of the hard coal fields never know when their houses would sink into the ground. He read a letter from one company to a man in which he was requested to make some arrangements in case of damage.

A good many interesting stories are being told about the old Commonwealth hotel which is to go out of business as a hotel on Saturday. Some of the traveling men who have been "making" Harrisburg for a long time are sorry that it will pass from the active list.

The spring time is a great time for people to go to night fires. An alarm of fire any hour before midnight will bring out folks who would not think of turning out if the weather was wintry.

Harry S. McDevitt, the solicitor of the State Economy and Efficiency Commission who drew up the report which has been so much discussed, used to be a Philadelphia newspaperman, having been a member of the staff of the Press for years.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Senator W. E. Crow, of Fayette, has a fad for Holstein cattle and owns a fine string. George Wharton Pepper, chairman of the Safety Committee, is a Pittsburgh graduate.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg does a tremendous business in the printing of labels for food products? HISTORIC HARRISBURG State-wide gatherings of men interested in politics were held here as early as 1818.

OUR DAILY LAUGH



To the First Gun Speak, silent, patient gun! And let thy mighty voice Proclaim the deed is done—

And when long Peace is found And thou hast earned thy rest, And in thy cave of sound The sparrow builds her nest,

Not eating meat? "I haven't eaten any meat for three months." "Dieting or boycotting?"

Learned Better. "Did your husband write you poetry before you were married?" "No; but he used to write me what we both thought was poetry."