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The ungrateful shall not prosper .-

THE REPUBLIC

HOU, too, sail on, O Ship of State Sail on, O Union, strong and great:
Humanity with all its fears,
With all its hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathless on thy fate: e know what Master laid thy keel, What Workmen wrought thy ribs of

Who made each mast, and sail, and rou Tis of the wave and not the rock; Tis but the flapping of the sail, And not a rent made by the gale: In spite of pock and tempest's roar, In spite of false lights on the shore, Sall on, nor fear to breast the sea!
Our hearts, our hopes are all with thee, Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our

Our faith triumphant o'er our foes all with thee—are all with thee!
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

owners of vacant lots and open spaces everywhere to plant food stuffs of every kind as soon as the weather will per Let the girls and boys and those of maturer years aid in this important

So long as the city is managed under the commission form of government, it is the duty of every citizen to uphold the hands of those responsible for the duties vested in the City Council. It ought also to

terfere with effective service in every department. There are hundreds of good citizens in Harrisburg who are willing to give their aid to the complisioners and potting should stand. in the way of practical municipal ad- the little songsters.

ter so important to the city from every point of view that great good sense should be exercised in every phase of the discussion.

HELP THE HOTEL PROJECT

by the directors of the Harrisburg Hotel company this after on preparatory to approving the plans of the collaborating architects and the United Hotels Company, which will manage the Penn-Harris. The importance of this conference cannot be overestimated in view of the present hotel situation in the city.

With the passing of the Commonwealth to-day the inadequate facilities for public entertainment are enormously emphasized. It was hoped that the present hotels would continue even after the Penn-Harris was in operation, but as the largest of the old hotels has now closed its doors the need of prompt and expeditious action in the matter of the fine structure which is to be erected on the site of the old opera house is forced home upon every Harrisburger who is interested in the city and its prosperity, the need of prompt and expeditious ac-

President Wallower and those associated with him in the business negotiations involved in this large under-taking realize the responsibility resting upon them and, in spite of the ris-ing cost in every direction, they are determined to supply this one big need

dicated their interest in this enterprise come to the front and show their abiding faith in their home city and their continuing interest in its wel-

If you can's take much, you should why you at least show your interest by buying of the one share of stock and thus become reason.

Harrisburg placed more largely upon the map than ever before. Those who have studied the comprehensive and attractive plans for the interior and exterior of the hotel have expressed widespread satisfaction over the intelligent study which has been made of this important problem. It is going to be a hotel of which any city might

When the TELEGRAPH strongly ad-When the TELEGRAPH strongly advocated, two years ago, the introduction of military training in the schools of Harrisburg, especially the organization of a battalion composed of one company each from the Harrisburg Academy, the St. Patrick's Parochial schools and the two high schools, there was little interest manifested outside the Technical school. Our people in this respect-are not different from those this respect are not different from those the country over. Indifference has characterized this whole important matter from the start and from those in high places down the line.

ELISHA LEE AND THE RAILROADS THE appointment of Elisha Lee to be general manager of the

Pennsylvania railroad lines east of Pittsburgh was made on merit, as most Pennsylvania promotions are. Mr. Lee is a big man in the railroad world. Big men are required at this stage. The government at Washington and those of the several States have been the upper and the nether millstones between which the life is being steadily ground out of the railroads of the country. Many of them already are in the hands of receivers. Others will follow if conditions do not improye. Despite the fact that they have more freight than they can handle, the railroads cannot meet the increasing expenses imposed upon them

President Willard, of the Baltimore and Ohio Company, it is understood, will appear shortly before a congressional committee to advocate the federalization of railroad control. This is a radical step and all the more remarkable that it is to be taken by the railroads themselves. The reason lies back of the unfair legislation. State and national, that has been directed against them

About the only expense entering into the life of the community that is much cheaper to-day—outside of steel products—than twenty years ago is railroad transportation, but not even the Elisha Lees of the service will be able to maintain that distinction for long under present conditions and they have come to the point where they propose to shoulder the responsibility for rate advances on the government, which has taken such an active interest in railroad affairs from

Real estate is about to have a boo in this city. Upon every street activity is shown and a number of important developments are said to be under consideration. While we are preparing for

ENCOURAGING THE BIRDS

GRAPH is heartily in accord with a movement set afoot in he the aim and ambition of every one of the commissioners to give his very best effort to the working out of the problems which are involved in the problems which are involved in the problems. maintenance of an efficient administration. It is unfortunate, of course, that Mayor Meals is incapacitated for throughout the country. Some types any service and that there is a vacancy by reason of the death of Commissioner Bowman.

Throughout the county.

of landscape architecture are said to have driven the birds away from these haunts. The removal of underbrush However, these facts should not in- has deprived the feathered songsters issioners and nothing should stand used as homes by some varieties of

The plan is said to involve little Too often projects affecting widely the welfare and best interests of the city are menaced by over-zealous persons, who mistake criticism and personal abuse for constructive effort. The controversy over the selection of an architect for the school building program is a case in point. This is a matter so important to the city from every the selection of sense in trees, the providing of drinking fountains and other inexpensivant is case in point. This is a matter so important to the city from every the sense in the control of the landscape will not be marred, bird-houses in trees, the provides to the sample of bushes which will supply berry food, the growing of rye, wheat and sunfowers in spots where the beauty of the landscape will not be marred, bird-houses in trees, the provides to the supply berry food, the growing of rye, wheat and sunfowers in spots where the beauty of the landscape will not be marred, bird-houses in trees, the providing of drinking fountains and other inexpensions.

Said T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of the Audubon societies:

What isolated spots could be more welcome to birds? No place in the world ought to speak more forcible with the world ought to speak more forcible with the speak more forcible with the comparison our land. In them we should heating of birds and the little mess preparing bird-songs, note the world. There we should find beautiful flowers and waving grain, typical of the spiritual harvest which should be associated in our minds with comfort and peace.

The movement is worthy of attention in every community. Bird-life is not alone an attractive feature of summer life; it serves a very useful purpose. It should be encouraged.

It is pleasant to hear from so many of the readers of this newspaper com-mending this or that feature of the

THE TELEGRAPH is pleased to be one of the instruments chosen by Secretary Daniels to assist in procuring recruits for the Navy. Its columns are at the disposal of the govwithout a moment's loss of time. In this crisis, It will do what this connection, however, it may be it can. Throughout the war with said that those who have not yet in- Mexico, the Civil War and the Spanish becoming stockholders should both as a newspaper and through the men from its own force who went with the troops, has "done its bit."

Just now it, with all other Anterifare. It ought not to be necessary to can newspapers, is called upon to recanvass the town further in this matter. A telephone call or a letter to of military and naval news, the Secretary of the Chamber of Com-Like other loyal journals, it will go a merce is all that is necessary to have merce is all that is necessary to have one a patriotic public service in important the item, nothing will be subscribing to the fund necessary to published that may "give aid or comfort to the enemy." If you wonder fort to the enemy." If you wonder the man are the subscribing to the subscribing the subscribing to the subscribing to the subscribing the subscribing to the subscribe to the subscribing to the subscribe to the subscribing to the subscribing to the subscribe to the subscrib of the preparedness kind, that is the

The Days of Real Sport



EDITORIAL COMMENT

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Of course Russia does not yet know how to conduct popular elections so as to get the most out of them, but we dare say that after the first one some muhdek will be trundling a former prince around the block in a wheelbarrow and an ex-premier will be rolling a peanut with his nose, just like Americans who have enjoyed the blessings of the franchise for 140 years—Grand Rapids Press.

NEED STENOGRAPHERS

Evacuating Noyon, the enemy carried off by force 50 girls from 15 to 25 years of age.—Official French bulletin. "Military necesity," of course.—New York World.

THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE THIS One thing negligent and inefficient parents should remember. The Legislature wilknever have wisdom enough to do successfully for children at a distance what parents fail and neglect with a movement set afoot in cap by the National Association

Labor Notes

Additional facilities for giving re-turned soldiers technical training to fit them for new occupations in civil life have been provided in Montreal,

The judiciary committee of the Con-necticut General Assembly favors a bit that will end the practice of im-porting armed guards during strike times.

'Eighty per cent. of the Canadian operatives employed in the execution of new and continuation contracts for shells of all sizes from 2.75 inches to 4.5 inches are women.

A Lesson in Patriotism

(New Bedford, Mass., Standard)

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How many times the ignorant foreigners in this country have taught us the lesson of patriotism! An incident happened some time ago in New York City.
Downtown there is a store where one can trade cigaret coupons for premiums. If you want cash, the coupons are worth half a cent aplece. The store is filled with glass cases, in which there are silver coffee urns, genuine chinaware, collar buttons, fish poles, etc.

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I was cashing a number of coupons when a swarthy Italian entered and shuffled up to the counter. His hair looked as if it had never felt a comb. His hands and face were covered with mud from the building excavations across the street. In his list he held a crumbled and greasy mass of coupons, which he shoved half timidly over the

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The girl clerk was a gum chewer. More than that, she was painted and powdered until her features resembled the side of a newly painted barn.

"Whaddy ya wan?" she chewed, eyeing the Italian closely from under her penciled eyebrows.

"Gimme da biga flag," he whispered. It was the most natural thing in the world for the girl clerk to hand him a cheap Italian flag. The man touched it devotedly with his soiled fingers. A far away look entered his eyes. "No dis a-one. I wan'de Unita State flag." I left the store, gazing at my eightynine cents rather shamefacedly.

A Predicament

[From Answers, London.]

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It was the night of nights. Isabella had said "yes," Isabella's father had said "yes," and Isabella's "young man" was happy. So was Isabella.

Minutes ticked away as they sat hand in hand, not caring for conversation, blissfully content to sit, and sit in each other's proximity. But suddenly Isabella's young man grew restless. He began to twitch and pull fearsome faces. His facial contortions got worse and worse, till at last Isabella got scared and cried:

"What is it, beloved? Tell your Isabella! Are you subject to fits?"

"No, no, of course not," said the young man soothingly. "My eyeglasses are falling off and I don't want to leave go of your lovely little hands."

Gurgles!

Her Faith Made Her Whold

Her Faith Made Her Whole

And, behold, a woman, which was And, behold, a woman, which was diseased twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: for she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I-shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said. Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.—Matthew ix, 20 to 22.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

A general Democratic drive against every Republican Congressman who had a close election last fall is now believed to be likely as a result of the proceedings in the United States court against Congressman O. D. Bleakley of Vendingo. It is understood that the Democratic national leaders and the State bosses made up their minds to test out the election of the Venango man and if successful in their effort to swing in against other men elected last fall.

The plea of Bleakley late yesterday came as a surprise to many people here, including Democrats who had been watching the developments and at the State headquarters there was lasted the state headquarters there was lasted for the that its to say, no one of the nations of occasions in the past those of the state headquarters there was lasted for the European war has now lasted that the proceeding in the present war is altogether the strate headquarters there was late of the present war is altogether the strate headquarters there was late of the present war is altogether the greatest in history; and so it is in one sense, for undoubtedly there are more men men reported that the present and not reported that the propean war has now lasted two years and seven months. If the war lasts another fourteen months (by which time the duration of the European war will equal the Civil' War) a large number of additional men will becalled upon to do their "bit," as the benglish say; but it is improbable that it will bring the figures of one in seven Germany must place in the greatest in history, proportionally; In order to reach the figures of one in seven.

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Local Option Defeat [Philadelphia Record.]

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We hear much here and elsewhere, every time a measure of the prominence of this one is voted upon by the Legislature, of the lack of opportunity of the people to be honestly represented by members of the Legislature. As a matter of fact no such opportunity is lacking under our form of government. The trouble is that most of the people who vote do not grasp the occasion presented to them at the primaries and at the regular elections to select men who will faithfully represent them.

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If the vote in the House on Tuesday does not represent the sentiment of a majority of the voters of Pennsylvania on the question of the passage of a local option law the majority of the people are to blame for it. The question has been agitated for many years. It has been before the Legislature at all of the recent sessions and despite the fact that Governor Brumbell of the members who voted against the bill two year ago a large number of them were re-elected to the present House, while many of those who voted for the bill were not returned.

Co-operating With France (From the Troy Record)

On sentimental grounds it would be a magnificent thing to pledge our unstanding debt to French republican years with the majority of the paying of a long-standing debt to French republican which aided us in our struggle with British Toryism. If we can be made. If as a people we can large number of them were re-elected to the present House, while many of those who voted for the bill were not returned.

IS THE PRESENT EUROPEAN WAR GREATEST IN HISTORY

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The fall primary bill will be amended in the Senate according to gossip which is now being heard. The bill conflicts with the Jewish new year and the chances are that a change which will not interfere with the registration days will be effected.

—Industrious efforts are being made to work up a row among third class cities over legislation. The usual malcontents are at work and the Democratic bosses in some localities are lending their aid to creating dissatisfaction. Some attempts are even being made to have the governor veto the bill which would allow councils to fill vacancies.

—Members of the Legislature were to-day looking forward to the presentation of the general appropriation bill on Monday as the beginning of the end of the session. The data is being compiled to frame the measure which will contain a pretty fair idea of appropriations. ally came with father to market in the old markethouses in the Square. It is a matter which I think can be definitely settled and it may be of suf-ficient interest to you to induce you to make the attempt.

make the attempt.

ALLISON HILL.

(Wells Coverly's Hotel was located in Second street where the building of the Johnston Paper Company now stands. That corner was once the site of the Harrisburg postoffice and was occupied by hotels for years under various names. When Coverly retired it became a business establishment.—Editor).

OUR DAILY LAUGH



ARISTOCRATIC.

Dobbs—What train do you take coming into town in the morning? Bobbs—I used to take the Pinochle Express at 7.44, but since I became a member of the firm I've been traveling on the Bridge Whist Lim-ted, which leaves at 8.23.



WILLING TO SHARE HIS WAD. Teacher (sternly)-Willie Jones give that chewing gum to me.

Willie-I'll let you have half of STRATEGIC NOTE

The ruthless destruction wrought by Germans in French towns they left in a hurry is significant. They don't ex-pect to return.—Toledo Blade

Ebening Chat

ars a year in the valuation of the property taxable for city purposes in Harrisburg in the last decade is shown by the recently published statement of the city finances, prepared by Commissioner W. L. Gorgas. This statement is printed as an advertisement every year by the municipal authorities and the average man never looks at it. It is the city's balance sheet and it contains a lot of mighty interesting facts. For instance, there is the statement regarding the taxable property, which means, generally speaking, the real estate. The total of the thirteen wards is given as \$52,462,746. Ten years ago it amounted to \$41,096,520. Five years ago it was \$47,577,993. There are some who think the figures should be higher and, of course, a lot who think that they could be lowered, especially in specific instances. But leaving, all of these ideas aside, it is interesting to note that in spite of the wiping out of a big part of the Eighth ward for Capitol park extension and the development of properties used for religious, charitable and other purposes which are exempt, the city has gone right along adding a million or so a year to its valuation. The statement of such property is also interesting because it shows that the Ninth ward, which was reaching its stride some ten or fifteen years ago, is about a quarter of a million behind the Third ward, the business part of the city in valuation. The statement of such property is also interesting because it shows that the Ninth ward, the business part of the city in valuation. The Third shows \$8,705,128 as its value. The Ninth has \$8,596,714. These figures are generally regarded as conservative. Another interesting thing is that the Tenth ward beats the wealthy Fourth by \$190,000. property taxable for city purposes in Harrisburg in the last decade is

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Turning to another part of Mr. Gorgas' array of figures one finds that the city in spite of its tremendous public improvements, which have attracted national attention, has demonstrated the value of the Harrisburg plan of financing. When we all took off our coats back in 1901 to make the rest of the state watch Harrisburg grow we were warned by economists, students of municipal affairs, statisticians and others that we were heading for the brink of bankrupicy. The result is that the city stands at the head of third class cities in mileage of paved street, has the only flood control that works in the state, has made a park system that brings people here from Canada to study its general scheme and has done other things, including treatment of an unsurpassed river front in a manner that has won praise from the widely travelled and the rural visitor alike. The average man probably has no idea of what the debt amounts to. The visitor would put it down as awful. Well, it isn't much over \$2,000,000 and that includes \$111,000 of street grading and paving bonds that rest on the abutting and benefitted properties for payment, the best kind of an investment. I told this to a man from one of the State's most progressive cities and he did not believe me. And when I added that the debt included some water bonds put out at three per cent he asked for the statement. The city has to show against this debt an aggregate of resources a mounting to \$3,509,075 or a surplus of resources of not far from a million and a half dollars.

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Another interesting thing is that in-Another interesting thing is that included in the debt are a lot of bonds which have been due and payable for years, just like those old securities of Father Penn that State Treasurer Young would like to get hold of. The bonds of the city outstanding and on which the interest ceused include some due in 1899, 1904 and 1913 and 3300 of the dirst public improvement loan, the one that started to make Harrisburg famous, which was due and payable last September and for which the city has the cash waiting.

According to reports which are coming to the State Capitol and to business men in this city the State of Pennsylvania instead of enjoying a record crop of wheat which was hoped last year when an increased acreage was sown, will probably run short. Weather conditions are reported to have caused considerable damage to the young grain in several of the big wheat growing counties of the Susquehanna valley and also to have resulted in freezing in some of the eastern counties. Reports from northern counties are rather more favorable because there has been more snow than in the lower counties. The chief difficulty reported by farmers in the central counties has been that when hard freezing weather came the ground was almost bare of snow. If the reports are correct it will mean a pretty good sized acreage will have to be plowed down next spring. Judging from some of the reports coming here farmers have prepared for this emergency by arranging to sow corn or potatoes if the seed price is anything reasonable.

Prospects that there will be rospects that there will be authorization given by the State Board of Public Grounds and Buildings for completing the mural decorations of the first floor corridors of the Capitol have gone glimmering as the Board has cut out the item of \$20,000 on the estimates for the coming two nas cut out the item of \$20,000 on the estimates for the coming two years. The plan was laid last year following the death of John W. Alexander to have some noted Pennsylvania artist take up the work and the governor and other state officials made inquiries. Several artists were discussed and some are said to have gone so far as to outline what themes should be employed in the decorations which were planned for the north corridor. The south corridor contains paintings showing the religious elements which entered into the making of Pennsylvania. Recently the Board decided to economize and sacrificed the art.

Speaking of municipal matters members of the Legislature have gotten the habit when third class city legislation comes up of making in quiries as to bow a law operated in Harrisburg. This city was so successful under the old law and has worked out its problems under the new with such credit that its ways of doing things are being watched.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Dr. George Woodward has offered to give the city of Philadelphia a new firehouse site.

—Henry C. Frick is having plans made for some extensive new building operations in Pittsburgh.

—Rodman Wanamaker, the Philadelphia capitalist, has tendered to the government a new aerial station, the first of the kind to be offered.

—Mayor Thomas B. Smith, of Philadelphia, personally invited mayors of Pennsylvania cities to attend the patriotic meeting in Philadelphia.

—E. M. C. Africa, chairman of the Huntingdon county safety committee, is head of one of the county's biggest business enterprises.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg has doubted the number of its motor vehicles in a few years?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG In 1800 there were seven stage lines out of Harrisburg.