By BRIGGS

Evening Chat

It is interesting to recall in these

days when increase of production of foodstuffs is the slogan, that it is not

so many years ago that farms within

a dozen miles of Harrisburg were

noted throughout the State as mar-

ket gardens, or "truck gardens," as the expression goes, and that some which were famous are now devoted

to general farming and not doing any too well at that. For years the

city and its surrounding towns were

supplied by vegetables grown within

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FOREST FIRE PREVENTION THERE is nothing difficult about forest fire prevention. The

method that has reduced the many other States of the union was many other States of the union was invented in Pennsylvania, but it is not in use, so far as can be learned, in a single county of the State. Successful firefighting depends upon catching the flames in their incipiency and this can be done by means of observation towers erected every few miles throughout the country to be protected, from which forest rangers, equipped with glasses, can scan the landscape for long distances. This system of patrol and supervision was devised by the State Forestry Department and used first at Mont Alto, but very little of that nature is being done in Pennsylvania now, although the tower system has been put to good service by various state governments elsewhere and by

State governments elsewhere and by the United States.

The State Forestry Commission is scarcely to be blamed for this condition of affairs, for it cannot operate without sufficient money. The tremendous loss by timber fires will continue in Pennsylvania just so long as this penny wise pound foolish policy of the Legislature is continued. Every fire costs hundreds of dollars more than intelligent and effective protective measures, not to mention loss of much needed lumber and the wiping, out of new growth for years to come. Our law appears to be framed on the assumption that smail fires do not count and are not to be fought until they have swept hundreds of acres and have become a serious menace to improved property. We have the means and we have the money, but until our law-makers give more thought to prevention legislation the State will be swept, as it is being now, by fires that ought never to have gotten beyond the acre where they started.

Between the Yankees of the Bast and the Yankees of the Bast and the Yankees of the West, the German submarines are worse off than the Howes, the German submarines are worse off than the historic gentlemen who found the Yankees of the West, the German submarines are worse off than the historic gentlemen who found the Yankees of the West, the German submarines are worse off than the historic gentlemen who found the historic ought never to have gotten beyond ate, to have, to hold, and to assume

city from every standpoint. Housing conditions should have serious consideration and the work of

to be supported with enthusiasm. great war and the public mind has appreciate the underlying conditions that there is no fear of such a business depression as marked the entrance of England and France into the world conflict. For this reason there is no necessity for any falling down of municipal activities either in the improvement of the streets, the care of the parks or the development of any of the necessary plans for the health of the entire community. The Commonwealth is going right along with its share of the making of the Capitol Park zone and the city must co-operate in every way possible. ery way possible.

the City Council should brush aside worse, may be better, and will reall other considerations save those which affect the best interests of the people. The trifles of politics and ing of additional revenue, as it faction should be set aside and given righteously should, the speediest and no weight in the decisions which most effective method is to enact the must be reached regarding matters old Republican customs rates, en

by the Chamber of Commerce to some sort of commercial prepared-study our traffic problems shall have ness pending the post-war tariff resubmitted their conclusions imme- vision which all agree must com diate steps ought to be taken to put about. into force and effect any important recommendation serving to better conditions which have been in gen-

eral respects most deplorable. Mayor Miller himself has studied the submarine? American many of these problems and will be genius invented the blamed thing able to co-operate in making effec- to begin with. What is that old saytive reasonable and practical regula-ing about sowing the wind and reap-tions, especially in the much dis-

turbed business district. Heads of the several departments have much to do and while many of the more vigorous young men of the city will be serving their country at the front or in camps there are still hundreds of others who should be available for service in these de-

It is, in short, only necessary for pulling together to achieve results which will be satisfactory to the community and creditable to those who are in charge of the conduct of municipal affairs.

Harrisburgers should show a neighborly spirit and go to Steelton to- themselves do not take their own morrow for the big celebration. It propositions seriously. The Demowill be well worth seeing.

SCHOOL PROGRESS

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In one respect the Harrisburg school district is making progress, while a majority of members of the school board insist upon a building program that will give this city about sixty per cent. efficiency during the next generation, Superintendent F. E. Downes is urging upon the board radical changes for the improvement of teaching conditions, to the end that the children of the city may be better instructed and a higher degree of scholarship made possible. Particularly important are his busy in getting the bills reported out.

The whole Democratic campaign this session has been puzzling. Time this session has been puzzling. The bund again chances to do things were passed up and it has been apparent that a division exists which is liable to lead to a row at any time. Some of the most influential Democratic legislators did not even go around to hear United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes make speeches in behalf of the Democratic dills and the fact that Roland S. Morris withdrew at the end of the first day and allowed Humes to bear tracted comment. The Democratic elegislators did not even go around to hear United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes make speeches in behalf of the Democratic spislators did not even go around to hear United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes make speeches in behalf of the Democratic spislators did not even go around to hear United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes to lead to a row at any time. Some of the most influential Democratic begislators did not even go around to hear United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes make speeches in behalf of the Democratic digislators did not even go around to hear United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes make speeches in behalf of the Democratic digislators did not even go around to hear United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes make speeches in behalf of the Democratic spislators did not even go around to hear United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes make speech up and it has been puzzli

schools.

Superintendent Downes has laid before the board a highly important paper in the special report published elsewhere in this newspaper to-day, but it is almost too much to hope that the board, as at present dominated—meaning, of course, the majority who so outrageously betrayed the interests of the taxpayers in the matter of the high school loan—will have vision and thought enough Be swift to hear, slow to woods fire loss in Massachusetts and the interests of the taxpayers in the

Between the Yankees of the East

responsibility thereunder.

ports consist of crude materials for use in manufacturing, and manufacefficiency methods in the local administration. It is highly important that the reputation of Harrisburg as a modern and up-to-date municipality shall be upheld in the furtherance of every movement which will tend to the betterment of residential conditions and the beautification of the conditions are conditioned to conditions are conditions and the beautification of the conditions are conditioned to conditions are conditions and the beautification of the conditions are conditioned to the conditions are conditions and the beautification of the conditions are conditions and the beautification of the conditions are conditions and the beautification of the conditions are conditions. The conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions. The conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions. The conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions. The conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions. The conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions. The conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions. The conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions. The conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions. The conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are condition

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### Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Failure of some of the best advertised Democratic leaders to appear here this week to urge the Legislature to act favorably upon the Democratic platform leagislation is being much discussed about the Capitol and pointed to as indicating that the Democratic ringmasters themselves do not take their own cratic members did not all attend the hearings and have not been very busy in getting the bills reported

the acre where they started.

If this thing keeps up, the English soldiers will have to go back a mile or two every time they want to cross the Hindenburg line.

THE CITY'S OPPORTUNITY

MAYOR MILLER has an intimate knowledge of all that concerns the development of Harrisburg and may be trusted to use his best endeavors to still further provide for the introduction of efficiency methods in the local administration. It is made to assume responsibility thereunder.

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In short, the American manufacturer is to be shaken down for an additional duty of ten per centum ad of the meetings; to take any active part in political campaigns; to can year of the saints"; of the cripple who part in political campaigns; to can year of the saints"; of the cripple who part in political campaigns; to can year of the saints"; of the cripple who neighbor's rent; of the little Lady neighbor's rent; of the decisions in any way. It was precincts; to influence voters of the materials he runs through his mills, which make up sixty per cent. of our import trade,

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fairly large island on the extren north of the Australian continent.

# The Days of Real Sport



### BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

THE THRILLING STORY OF BELGIUM'S HEROIC WOMEN

THE THRILLING STORY OF BELGIUM The only American woman member of the Commission for Relief in Belgium has written a book that at the stream of the Commission for Relief in Belgium Turning Tragedy to Triumph." and was written out of Mrs. (Charlotte Kellog's own personal observations and experience in that a service of the commission, the deplorable condition of the Belgium People is being allemant of the Relief Commission, the deplorable condition of the Belgium people is being allemant of the Relief Commission, the deplorable condition of the Belgium people is being allemant of the Relief Commission, the deplorable condition of the Belgium people is being allemant of the Relief Commission, the deplorable condition of the Belgium people is being allemant of the Relief Commission, and her opportunities for eight mission the world, therefore, a most mit world will be seen to any address, postie than the control of the burden of the work—and you will be sent to any address, postie than the control of the profits from its publication goes to author or publishers or any one else except the trade of the commission for Relief in Belgium and you will be sent to any address, postie than the profits from its publication goes to author or publishers or any one else except the trade of the commission for Relief in Belgium and a delight, even if many of its pages are brimming with pathos. You can help the hungry and home the world will be sent to any address, postie that the publication goes to author or publishers or any one else except the trade of the commission for Relief in Belgium and you will be sent to any address, postie that the publication goes to author or publishers or any one else except the trade

titude and starving while you benessit took very probable.

It doesn't look very probable.

For one thing, the German nation doesn't seem to have awakened yet sufficiently to demand the necessary the work-a-day world, or who finds himself longing for the little emerald islest across the sea, can get there in imagination at least if he will follow Daniel Corkery through "A Munster Twilight" (Stokes). All that haunting glammor and mystery which is Ireland has been pressed into its pages. The people are true Celtic, the stories are that curious blend of tears and humor which poverty breeds. Here one may read of the saints"; of the cripple who of the saints"; of the cripple who have awakened yet sufficiently to demand the necessary to command the work-adminute suffering with a voice powerful and cannous enough to command out and woice powerful and cannous enough to command the mander with a voice powerful and cannous enough to command the mander with a voice powerful and cannous enough to command the mander with a

while be gets less than a protective rule on his manufactured products, which comprise fourteen per cent. of our import trade. Then he is mulcied for an excess profite tax and every other tax which the mind of a Democrat can concelve.

It was through no fault of the Republican members that such a blunderous provision was adopted by the committee. They were simply outvoted. The provision reflects the waster of the waste Peace Without Germany?

## WATERED ANCESTRAL STOCK

a day.

Great Lakes.

Humiliating Confession

"We have the most unscientific and the most inadequate tariff provision that ever was written in the books and the most inequitable provision, but I am going to do like a lot of Republicans and Democrats—I am going to shut my eyes and vote for it."

der of Railroad Teiegraphers will meet in convention.

Employes on the electric line between Toronto and Guelph, Can., have received an increase of \$3 a week.

About Time

[From the Baltimore American]
Whatever else happens, this war threatens to make ducks and drakes of the divine right of kings.

tains and the lieutenants and finally, the marchers, for while there must be a head of a parade, there must likewise be some folks to do the parading.—Observer, in the Altona Tribune.

They know who keep a broken tryst, Till something from the spring is missed
We have not truly known the spring.—Robert Underwood Johnson.

ustifying his recent fight with Charley Herzog.—Kansas City Star.

Tyrus Is So Modest

### OUR DAILY LAUGH



OUTSIDE THE LAW Mr. Penjab this week. was late one me. His

docking should be

SOMETHING NOTHING?

Why are all the waiters in this place so dis-

What do you expect? This is non-tip



d'Edbroke me, it without

At present 10,000 Canadians are engaged in lumbering operations in the British Isles. Two unions of barbers with a mem-bership of 250 have been organized t Montreal, Canada.

A 25 per cent. increase has been granted the thousands of women engaged in the Nottingham (Eng.) lace industry.

International Shingle Weavers' Union of America will hold its an-nual convention at Everett, Wash., May 15.

An organizing campaign is to onducted among the sailors on

Portsmouth (England) has the largest automatic telephone exchange in the world.

In the future child labor permits n Arkansas will be amended to com-form with Federal permits.

The Wistful Days

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What is there wanting in the spring?
The air is soft as yesteryear;
The happy nested green is here.
And half the world is on the wins.
The morning beckons, and like balm
Are westward waters blue and calm.
Yet something's warning in the spring.

What is it wanting in the spring?
O April, lover to us all,
What is so poignant in thy thrall
When children's merry voices ring?
What haunts us in the cooing dove
More subtle than the speech of
love,
What nameless lack or loss of
spring?

Let youth go dally with the spring, Call, her the dear, the fair, the call her the dear, the fair, the young;
And all her graces ever sung tet him, once more rehearsing, sing, They know who keep a broken tryst,
Ill something from the spring is missed Yes, they spent a month

at Palm Beach for some pre-liminary maneuvers.

Thursday seems to have become visiting day at the State Capitol because it is the day upon which most of the tourists appear to strike the bullding. Yesterday there were scores of visitors from all over the State at the Capitol and they were all frankly disappointed that the Legislature had adjourned so early in the day. Many of the visitors had brought along their lunch and had planned to sit in the galleries and watch the lawmakers at work while enjoying the provender.

It's odd how sometimes the best Ty Cobb didn't want to seek any notoriety by wiring the president, offering his services in the war. So he just sat down and gave an interview of a column and a half to the newspapers covering his family history since the sixteenth century and justifying his recent fight with Charley Herzog - Kapese City Star while enjoying the provender.

It's odd how sometimes the best preventive measures are defeated right alongside the places where they are started. Yesterday afternoon a squad of visitors to the Capitol stopped at one of the drinking fountains in the first floor corridors and not being familiar with the bubbling drinking apparatus and not liking its tendency to spatter one's face when not handled properly, one of the number invested a cent in a paper drinking cup. They passed it all around the crowd, each one using it. And when they were about to walk away some one began reading the signs on the transoms near where they were standing. "Department of Health" read the one bent on seeking information.

A Philadelphia friend tells this



My pay's short the boss docked

think that's a shame. There's a law against

ITS SILENT MOMENTS. Friend ue one, money

30-1 IMPORTANT



2 My wife an girls planned the camsummer paign in April this year.

Is that so?

Yes, they

### DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg ranks high as a food distributing center for central Pennsylvania?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG—
John Adams paid a visit to this place when vice-president and was given a reception by the townspeople at the Lee tavern.

A writer says that nearly every American family could keep a pig on what goes into the garbage can. Maybe. But did the writer ever try keeping a pig within the city limits? —Clevefand Plain Dealer.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

A Philadelphia friend tells this story on precautions. It seems that he was taking a walk in West Philadelphia when he noticed a very young boy with a mouth organ, which seemed to be in demand among the members of the group with whom he was standing. Finally a bigger boy came along and said: "Say, gimme that mouth organ, the way you're passin' it around we'll all be gitting disease next."

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The two sons of Charles E. Shaffer, connected with the State printing office, and residing near Dauphin, Walter and Charles, are both determined to be aviators in the United States service during the war with Germany. Walter is taking lessons in a school of aviation in New York and Charles has entered the services of the government and has gone to Fort Leavenworth, to be assigned first to the mechanician corps, but intends to take up flying. "They come naturally by it," said Mr. Shaffer to a friend the other day. "When I was a boy I conceived what I thought to be a device that would overcome the forces of gravitation sufficiently to let me soar with the birds. I hitched myself up in the apparatus, much after the manner of the late-lamented Darius Green.

the birds. I hitched myself up in the apparatus, much after the manner of the late-lamented Darius Green, and mounted a stable in the rear of my home to float out over a cherry tree in a neighbor's yard. Unfortunately I went down instead of up, wrecking the cherry tree and the friendship that existed between two families previous to the green's work.

dramiles previous to that event, to say nothing of accumulating as choice a variety of cuts and bruises as ever a small boy acquired in as brief a time."

Taking automobile trips to see the orest fires is among the favorite orms of diversion just now. The ires are to be seen along the ridge in Perry and Dauphin and to peoply who have not experienced their terrors they are a great attraction. A lew days ago a party started out to see a fire and the warden in charge made them work for six hous. Under the law he has a right to do so.

# -Ambassador Frederic Penfield, is a Philadelphian, will write a

on his experiences in diplo-

CHILD WISDOM.

Mable: Auntie do you expect to go to Heaven when you die?
Auntie: Yes, dear, wh?
Mable: It will be an awfully dead place if all the people go there who expect to.