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The soul alone, like a neglected harp, Grows out of tune, and needs a hand divine;

Dwell thou within it, tune and touch the chords.

Till every note and string shall answer thine!

-HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL

WITHIN a few days the Legislature of 1917 will have completed its work.

Outside the appropriation measures and the few necessary things that have been done in correction of existing laws, the work of the Legislature has been largely of a negative character.

But why should the people worry? The very fact that there has not been a further deluge of legislation should be a matter of congratulation.

Quite as much ability is necessary to prevent foolish legislation as to provide for constructive measures.

Meanwhile, what has become of the Valley Railways terminal proposition, the relief of traffic congestion and the incidental improvements growing out of the conferences held some weeks ago?

MUST HAVE THE RIGHT MAN

THE entrance of Dr. George R. Moffitt into the service of his country will remove from an important position here one who has given the city valuable service.

As the bacteriologist in charge of tests at the filter plant, and who has conducted the investigation of milk and ice cream supplies of the community Dr. Moffitt has occupied a place of peculiar responsibility.

It may be assumed, of course, that the Department of Public Safety will exercise great care in choosing his successor, but it will do no harm to suggest that this is the one place in the whole city government which will admit of no political favoritism or official interference.

LET'S PULL TOGETHER

WE have had surveys and surveys and more surveys with the purpose of improving conditions in Harrisburg, notably the educational facilities, the police service, the street railway operation and now the ash problems.

We believe that none of our officials is disposed to willfully neglect any public duty, but there is now and then an apparent indifference which may be nothing more than a failure to appreciate the importance of these matters which so vitally affect the welfare of the people.

Whatever City Council can do as a body or through the individual commissioners to correct any of the conditions of which there has been complaint ought to be done speedily and efficiently.

As to the street railway difficulties, these are up to the corporations interested, and while the problems are not so easily worked out as might appear to the casual observer—albeit every patron of a street railway line believes he could manage the system better than those charged with that duty—they are not so serious that something definite and practical may not be evolved in the near future.

IN short, let us all pull together—the municipal authorities, the public service corporations and the people themselves. Nothing is to be accomplished without constructive effort along reasonable and intelligent lines.

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE

THE present police department of Harrisburg cannot be construed as a safeguard for any officer who is incompetent or otherwise unfit for police duty.

Those officers who are honestly striving to do their duty and give efficient and faithful service have a right to expect protection under the civil service regulations.

Major Miller has a high and important duty to perform, and we have not the slightest doubt that he will see to it that the provisions of the civil service law, which are now in effect, shall be generally enforced.

Harrisburg will watch with interest the actual operation of civil service in the police department.

THE POST OFFICE AGAIN

POSTMASTER SITES is naturally chagrined over the indefensible and annoying delays in the completion of the Federal building here.

MORE CHERRY PIE

A BIT of whimsy relating to the dainty of the season, fresh cherry pie, appearing in these columns a few days since, has been made the subject of several letters to the editor.

LABOR NOTES

THE British government joins with the American people in their opposition to child labor on the ground that if the war were under those conditions it would be lost, as future generations would be destroyed.

CROP PEST LETTER

REPORTS of exceptional damage to young tomato, cabbage, cauliflower, pepper, and other crops throughout Pennsylvania and in other states are received almost every hour by letter or phone.

ATTILA

ATTILA, the king of the Huns, after putting his brother to death, soon gained the title of the "Scourge of God."

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Captain Ian Hay Beth Returns to England—Captain Ian Hay Beth, author of "The First Hundred Thousand" and "Getting Together," who returned a few weeks ago from a very successful lecture tour in the western part of the country and the Pacific coast, has sailed for England.

"Obstacles to Peace" for the Japanese—"Obstacles to Peace," by S. S. McClure, (Houghton Mifflin Company) which is now in its second edition in English, is being translated into Japanese and will shortly be published in Japan.

Wounded Nearly Killed by Kindness—A story which proves that wounded soldiers in hospitals are not on duty on the French front during the summer and to spend some time on board the vessels of the British Grand Fleet, and if the gods are kind, he will come to this country in the fall to tell us just what is happening on the European firing line.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Over half of the bills on third reading on the calendar of the House of Representatives for Monday night, the first session of the last week of the session of 1917, are House bills, and after Monday there will be no chance of any House bills being acted upon in time to pass the Senate.

All Continents in War

A day when all the world should be at war has often been the subject of sensational fiction, and those who profess to read the riddles of prophecy without stopping to read it; but to-day it is practically an accomplished fact.

Hands Across the Seas

The task before the American Red Cross is to support the American doctors and nurses already at the front, to care for the great armies of the dependent families of our soldiers who are called to the colors, to provide recreation and sanitary protection for our troops, and to be sent to France, to take over the work of guarding France against the ravages of tuberculosis, to care for the widows and children of the vastated districts, and to bring to Russia a concrete message of help which will strengthen her wavering resolution and faith in democracy and discipline.

Liberty Loan Commit

New York World—"By this inspiring demonstration of national unity and financial power the United States fittingly supplements its recent enrollment for military service."

New York Sun—"The loan, more successful than the highest hope of friends or the deepest fear of foe had expected, is a heavy blow which has fallen on the Central powers and their vile tribe of agents in this country."

New York Herald—"The brilliant success of the Liberty Loan evidences the wealth and the patriotic spirit of the American people—and that the statesman who in the past he that has bought a bond has a bargain."

New York Tribune—"It means that the statesman who in the past he that has bought a bond has a bargain."

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Think U. S. Should Pay

I saw the cartoon on the front page of the TELEGRAPH, entitled "He Might Be Your Boy," reproduced from Public Ledger.

"Booze" and Food

I have forwarded the following letter to Herbert Hoover, at Washington:

Local Carpenters Best

The undersigned desires to present to the citizens of Harrisburg and vicinity the following fact:

OUR DAILY LAUGH

FATHER MISPLACED ADAGE

Father—I amassed by industry the fortune which you squandered in idleness.

GLIDED YOUTH

It is a time of plenty, hey? There's money everywhere

GETTING YOURS

It is a time of plenty, hey? There's money everywhere

Noble Women

The relentless advance of a day has not robbed this nation of its millions of patient, noble women—women who are willing to serve and sacrifice; women willing to work like slaves to win.

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When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



Fine Fellows

[The Silent Partner.] Nearly all of the finest fellows in my circle of acquaintances drink. Personally, I like these fellows immensely.

They are good-natured, easy-going, almost always agreeable. Everybody seems to like them, and they seem to like everybody else. They are usually young, look well, and behave well.

Generally speaking, these "fine fellows" are as good as I am, and in many ways a whole lot better. But these "fine fellows" that we all like so well cannot stand the gaff.

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Evening Chat

Rotarians who visited Wellsville as the guests of E. J. Lewis, of the Harrisburg Leather Products Company, were impressed with the thrift and enterprise of that little town.

Particularly were they amazed by the size and extent of the industries from railroad connections. The Wellsville Whip Company, General Manager J. Milligan, told the Rotarians, turns out fifty gross of whips a day and disposes of them in all parts of the United States.

Mr. Milligan told the Rotarians that the original whip factory had been started by the founder, Mr. Wells, away back in the whips factory in 1837, in a small room at York.

Just back of it is the factory of the Harrisburg Leather Products, a large frame structure of brick, with a large room and steam-heated in winter, which gives employment to the sons and daughters of the men who find employment in the whip factory or in that other of the trio of big industries in Wellsville, the Wellsville Manufacturing Company, of which W. D. Brown is president.

Some idea of the extent of the company's business may be obtained from the fact that last year it turned out some 2,000,000 whips, of which is the unique and almost the sole product of the big factory.

But Wellsville has public spirit as well as business enterprise and the town citizens the pride in its appearance and the prosperity which it enjoys in the home of a hundred and more millionaires.

Richard Young, a millionaire leather goods manufacturer, whose summer home is one of the show places of that town. Mr. Young came to Wellsville one day some years ago to do business with this same Wellsville Whip Company and there met one of the charming girls for which the town is famous.

She, of course, was not a hundred years then; you were a little ahead of me, and I haven't caught up with you yet. We don't see many on the streets any more, and a hundred and we must vanish soon.

Speaking of the Capitol, one of its admirers is Attorney General Brown. Not long ago he met some friends who were talking about spending the summer on a motor trip to see points of general interest in eastern States.

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