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CONSISTENCY?

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Congress and the President proposes to waste 11,000,000 loaves of bread daily in order that beer drinkers may have their daily "ration."

Congress and the President have made it a penitentiary offense to sell a glass of liquor to a uniformed soldier and propose to make a patriotic virtue of selling the same liquor to a civilian, who to-morrow may be. and likely will be, a soldier. Consistency?

SAVING \$100,000 YEARLY

W HEN the Berks-Dauphin turn-pike is declared. the people of Pennsylvania will beannually, because the \$1.02 charged through travelers between Reading of young men who will go away and Harrisburg totaled not less than shortly to face the hazards of war Dauphin counties, has bought the old pike for \$70,000. The investment, will be seen, is a good one.

is a monument to what can be done tors wrought for them upon this through concerted action on the part | continent. of organized forces. Opposition to the turnpike had existed for many free the thoroughfare. A number of Club, through its efficient secretary, J. C. Myton, began a campaign The pike company was haled before ordered to improve the road accord-Highway Association, organized for ple. As a result of the force brought

Its influence was used in favor of the counties and their municipal subdions to spend dollar for dollar permanent highways.

FAIR PLAY

his draft and exemption regulations and a careful perusal of we too have heard the cry of Freewho come under the conscription

The President includes a paragraph of precaution to members of exemption boards, calling their attention to the necessity of an absolutely fair and impartial adminislutely fair and impartial administration of the rules laid down. This folly and in the pleasant valleys of tion regulations themselves are such and leave little to the discretion of

portant work is such as to warrant fathers stood. We are as one with fair-dealing, notwithstanding the near-treason of those politicians who have been trying to make political has been called upon to perform in more than fifty years. These are the same character-assassins who for a decade have been murdering the reputations of decent men whennotion that in some myster-

ity, but even though here and there might be found one who would like the administration of the rules as he has been in framing them, at least so far as Pennsylvania is concern-

THE FOURTH OF JULY

E COME to understand, in W this year of fateful decision, more of what the Fourth of July the high purpose that prompted it.
All over the eastern and southern sections of the United States there are nameless, unmarked graves of their breasts to the barb of death that we might inherit the blessings of freedom and liberty to a degree unknown elsewhere throughout the world.

Harrisburg will have no public celebration to-morrow, but that does not mean it will not observe the day. If there be no booming of cannon, to considering the developments at the convention, followed. The Governor also refused to go as far as his close supporters desired just before the Legislature organized, but it is now said that he is more of a mind to reward the followers of men who stood by him in the stormy days of the session just closed. Just where the changes will be made no one can say just yet, but if there are any men not of administration leanings in departments whose chiefs were not confirmed by the Senate they may have trouble holding down their chairs. The Attorney General's Department has studied the whole proposition of gubernatorial appointments and the Governor will be backed up if he reappoints men to positions for which they were rejected. Auditor General C. A. Snyder will demand authority for payment and may stand a law suit. Think of your forefathers! Think those who stepped forth and bared of your posterity!-John Quincy their breasts to the barb of death

If there be no booming of cannon, pike is declared free and open to the public about August 1 ever has held. In these family circles will be gathered the hundreds that sum each year. The State, to-gether with Berks, Lebanon and beyond the ocean with the high intent of making world-wide the blessings of freedom which their ances

Somehow, across the long reaches years, but individual effort failed to of the years, we have caught the months ago the Harrisburg Motor Spirit of '76. Washington, Lafavette and others of heroic stature who against the pike, being joined by forged the structure of American liberties, those heroes who the Public Service Commission and real the dream of a "government of ordered to improve the road according to State Highway Department specifications. The William Penn the people," have come very near to work about a year ago, joined in the campaign against the pike peobear the State will shortly possess cerned and little understood. In a to bear the State will shortly possess this hitherto tollroad in its entirety; and travelers on the William Penn Highway will no longer suffer the \$1.02 gouge which drove much traffic to other sections of the State.

The William Penn Highway Association aided materially in the enactment of legislation of benefit to actment of legislation of legislation of benefit to actment of legislation of legislation of benefit to actment of legislation of road users of Pennsylvania. It ob- manity. There is no mystery about shorten the Penn way fifteen miles them now. We know why they left etween Harrisburg and Newport. home and fireside and all they held \$50,000,000 bond issue, to which it dear; why they relinquished personstands committed. The same influence was used in support of the measures which permit State aid to high places and pleasure to take up boroughs, and which also enable arms against tyranny and oppreswith the State in the construction of such a duty; we too have heard the voice of the tyrant commanding THE President has promulgated freemen to don the chains of serfs;

them will convince the reader that dom for succor, and as we draw our those who helped him frame them have made an earnest effort to deal swords our answer is, "We come." fairly with the men of military age We have wandered, at times, far from the altars of our fathers; we have worshiped the golden calf; we was hardly necessary. The exempsafeguard 'n every possible hind us. We are back home again. way the interests of the individual Liberty beckons. We have "sounded those actually in charge of the work. forth the trumpet that shall never iber of the men named for this im-

At last we know fully and comcapital out of the most sacred duty the citizenry of this Commonwealth pletely what the Fourth of July really means.

INSURANCE FOR SOLDIERS reputations of decent men when-ever opportunity offered, in the mis-taken notion that in some mystertous way they might win public who go into the trenches ought to four way they might win public favor thereby. They have been repudiated by the public so often that they might have acquired better sense, were they capable of it, and their present efforts do no more than bespatter themselves with the mire in which they wallow.

have the same right to insurance protection as the men who labor in munition factories or on the rall-roads or on shipboard. The thought is new, but with the backing of the government there should be no trouble in working it out. Very proparity those back of the movement inbespatter themselves with the mire trouble in working it out. Very proportion that the eye of the public is upon them. Doubtless, they the country to participate in it, and the specific of the movement in the country to participate in it, and the country to participate in it.

desire nothing more than to perform quite as properly these insurance their work to the best of their abil-concerns declined. It was right that private business be given opportun-ity to take these risks if so inclined to favor a friend, he knows that a but it is to the credit of those in to rayor a friend, he knows that a but it is to the credit of those in single misstep would bring down upon him the condemnation of that they declined to jeopardize all who know him. There are few, if that they declined to jeopardize any, who would take such a risk. The President need not fear. The nobody can estimate. This is a matexemption boards will be as fair in ter for the government and the the administration of the rules as he whole country will unite in giving those who devised the soldier in surance plan the credit they deserve if they succeed in working it out.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Decision by Governor Martin G of another such conflict as that in Brumbaugh on a plan suggested for general shakeup of the personnel of the State governmental offices is expected to be made within a few the Chicago convention last year the magnitude of their sacrifice and but the Governor declined to agree to it and surprisingly few changes

Commissions for the men con-

Commissions for the men confirmed are being made out rapidly and most of them will be sworn in by the end of the week.

Charles E. Patton, former Secretary of Agriculture, left for his home in Clearfield county. It is believed he will be chosen as secretary by the commission which the Governor will name after he approves the Whitaker bill.

bill.

—A. Mitchell Palmer was yesterday called a plain liar by Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, in the discussion of the exemption boards. Mr. Palmer was also given a dressing down by Congressman Griest, who said that as far as Lancaster is concerned the charges are untrue, while Cyrus T. Fox, of Reading, said that in Berks Democrats predominated. Mayor Armstrong, of Pittsburgh, has quit the board in his city, saying that the Governor removed thirty-four of his appointees, while Sherifi Buss, of Luzerne, resigned because of disagreement over a board.

—Mayor Smith continues to shake up the Philadelphia magistrates. The Mayor has refused to accept resignation of one magistrate and says all must serve at the central station.

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—The Philadelphia Inquirer expresses the belief that the Philadelphia factions will not have a row over the county offices in that seething section of the state. It is generally believed that the danger of a split will get the leaders together.

—Thomas J. Evans was yesterday elected clerk to the county commissioners of Schuylkill county to succeed Paul W. Houck, the new Secretary of Internal Affairs. Patrick J. Brennan, of Shenandoah, succeeded Evans as assistant clerk.

the woods. SINCERITY.

"Keep Hammering Away"

"To the Editor of the Telegroph."

"To the Bailer of the Telegroph."

"I want to express to you my approval and congratulations upon your jinging editoral in Saturday woming's issue, headed President and their summer party. They have named a whole ticket with municipal ownership and various other things.

Now For Hard Coal

Those ancient fictions that have been used by the coal operators every since before the great coal strike, when one of their number sprung into notoriety by claiming that had and his group were especially delegated by the Almighty to control the coal and to disburse it, are still being used. But the food measure with a stringent coal clause will settle their cases for them. They now point with equanimity to an increase of fifty-five cents per ton over the miners deserve anything like this increase. Moreover, the prices of hard coal last year and say it costs this much more to mine it. No one for a moment believes the miners deserve anything like this increase. Moreover, the prices of hard coal last year and say it costs this much more to mine it. No one for a moment believes the miners deserve anything like this increase. Moreover, the prices of hard coal prices, For the price school in the difference to the hard coal prices, For the price school in the price of hard coal prices, For the coal for the people. The price of hard coal prices, For the coal for the people. The professionally predatory controllers of the coal output no longer may hope to hoodwink the public by their ancient lies and subterfuges the professionally predatory controllers of the coal output no longer may hope to hoodwink the public by their ancient lies and subterfuges the professionally predatory controllers of the coal output no longer may hope to hoodwink the public by their ancient lies and subterfuges.

There are no ghosts, you say.

Lincoln's Ghost Walks

There are no shosts, you say,
To haunt her blaze of light;
No shadows in her day,
No phantoms in her night,
Columbus' tattered sail
Has passed beyond her hall.

You'll meet in Salem town

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No silver-buckled shoon;
No lovely witch to drown,
Or burn beneath the moon;
Not even a whiff of tea,
On Boston's ghostly quay.
No ghosts where Lincoln fell?
No ghosts for seeing eyes?
I know an old cracked bell
Shall make ten million rise,
When his immortal ghost
Shall call the slumbering host.
From "Ghosts of the New World,"
by Alfred Noyes, in the Bookman.

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CELEBRATIONS HAVE CHANGED

By BRIGGS



THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

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Evening Chat

Some idea of what the Pennsylvania Railroad is preparing for may be gained by observing the construction work under way between this city and Philadelphia, where the immense amount of traffic drawn from the many states tapped by the system concentrates. Beginning at Highspire, where there is a new yard being laid out, there is work under way every ten or fifteen miles. Extensive changes are being made in the Lancaster district and at Parkesburg the grading is finished for a new yard. Additional facilities for handling what comes off the low grade are being constructed and right outside of Philadelphia a yard of vast extent is under contract and men and machinery are working to get it ready. The traffic on the Pennsylvania is assuming proportions which would have been deemed incredible a few years ago and the company is getting ready to meet still greater business. All of this will add to this city's importance as a railroad center.

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When fall time comes and the boys of the city turn from outdoor life to indoors for most of their amusements and recreations, they will find at their disposal a new boys' department at the Y. M. C. A. Secretary Reeves and Physical Director Miller are working out the details, and it is likely that a large room on the second floor will be set aside especially for the boys and Mr. Miller already is planning special classes for them. By next spring it is believed boys' work will be one of the best features of the local association, which for many years past has had no boys' department worthy of the name.

Mr. Reeves is bringing new life into the local association every day. One of the best things he has done since his arrival has been to open the association privileges to every soldier in the city, free of cost. They greatly appreciate this and every day many of them use the shower baths, the reading rooms and the desks for personal correspondence. The little camps about Harrisburg do not have many accommodations and heretofore the soldiers had to do their bathing as best they could. Now, however, the tubs, shower and needle baths of the association are at their disposal and almost every hour of the day sees some group of men in uniform taking advantage thereof.