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THURSDAY EVENING, AUG. 23

But if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.—JAMES 1:5.

OUR OFFICIAL GUESTS

WHEN officials of other cities of the third class come to Harrisburg for the League convention next week let's all endeavor to put our best foot foremost.

We must hand it to Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia. He seems to have tamed the foolish Republican factions in that city so that they now enter his presence a few minutes later arm-in-arm whistling "We are a band of brothers."

HIGH SCHOOL SITES

PUBLIC confidence in the motives and purposes of the members of the present board of school directors has been shaken by an apparent disregard of the sentiment of the people.

No particular reason has been advanced for the selection of the site on the river front, and as official action will not be taken until September we believe the board should give full consideration to all the reasons which would seem to determine the choice of a location facing the Capitol Park.

Riverside must inevitably become a part of Harrisburg, and in view of the past experience in annexation matters the sooner the nuptials take place the better.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Thousands upon thousands of nominating petitions for county and municipal nominations were filed in Pennsylvania's sixty-seven counties yesterday, which was the last day upon which such papers could be put upon record for the primary election on September 19.

YOUR DUTY, MR. CITIZEN FOR sixteen years Harrisburg has been going ahead in a way to command the admiration of all the municipalities of Pennsylvania.

There are some weaknesses in our present municipal organization which must be overcome. To an extent that is sometimes discouraging the men of vision in this community are losing interest in the administration of local affairs.

It is sometimes the unpleasant function of a newspaper devoted to the public welfare to point out defects of administration in those charged with public duties, but it is much more pleasant to applaud good and consistent public service rather than criticize shortcomings.

Among the interesting facts in connection with filing of papers is that D. Clarence Gibboney, the old crusader, is a candidate for district attorney on the Republican ticket in Philadelphia because his friends put in papers for him.

It is up to you, Mr. Tax Payer, to go over the list and discover for yourself and through proper inquiry of your neighbor how this or that individual is qualified for disinterested public service.

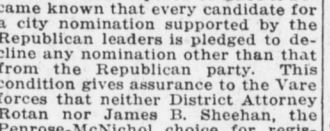
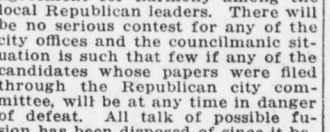
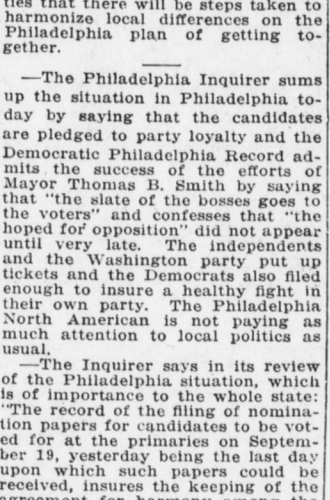
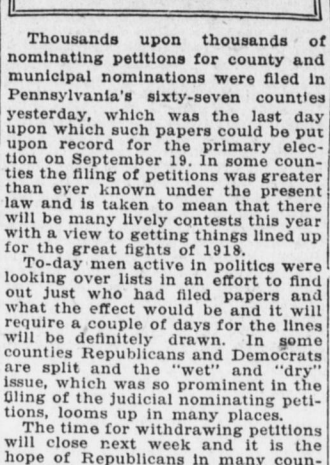
Meanwhile, the particular kind of garbage disposal system can wait a proper decision. It is not clear that the private contractor, or even an incinerating plant, there may be other and more modern ways of disposing of the waste of the city which will be in the nature of conservation and economy at one and the same time.

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It may not be amiss to suggest that you have more of one kind of vegetable than you need, your neighbor might be willing to exchange for your excess supply his surplus of another vegetable equally nutritious.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

By Briggs



EDITORIAL COMMENT

The thing that most conscientious objectors object to is being shot.

Germany is entirely willing to make another peace if somebody will kindly furnish the scrap of paper—Boston Transcript.

"Kaiser Scotts at Part United States Will Play in the World War."—Headline. Perhaps he reads the Congressional Record.—Chicago Tribune.

By virtue of being chairman of the Red Cross General Committee, William H. Taft is made a Major General. Oyster Bay papers, please copy.—New York World.

Though they hate us more, the Germans really respect us more, now that we are belligerent, than when we were neutral and proud to fight.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The American pacifists are the only persons in the world who are not prepared to have a war fought on their own territory in support of the other fellows.—Boston Transcript.

Activity Ahead The weekly review of Chicago trade published by R. G. Dun & Co. says: While there are cross currents and factors which increase the feeling of caution in some business channels, the development mainly are favorable, and the production, in the leading industries upon a greater scale than heretofore is imperative.

Glory I knew that hamlet well: a single street Bordered with cottages, where faces sweet And when their children all day long would roam Till the children the whispering poplar boughs Echoed the music of young lovers' vows. A hundred years it had been so— I knew that hamlet one brief month ago.

On His Mettle Many a young man is claiming exemption from military duty now who will regret that action for the whole remainder of his natural life. This is the finest opportunity he will likely ever have to prove his mettle. Those who show the right spirit will not only have the respect of their fellows as long as they live, but will always enjoy that which is vastly better than their own self-respect.—Fun-sutaway-Spirit

ATROCITIES IN THE GERMAN RETREAT

WATCHERS from the French lines before St. Quentin have seen the great cathedral of that hapless town put to the torch and reduced to ruins.

The devastation now being perpetrated at St. Quentin is in accordance with the fixed military policy of Germany. It is done merely with malignant purpose and without hope of military advantage.

W. J. Bryan, American [New York Herald.] "Before our nation enters a war it is perfectly proper to discuss the wisdom of going to war, but the discussion is closed when Congress acts. After that no one should be permitted to cloak attacks upon this government or aid the enemy under any circumstances."

If you can hold your tongue when German backers Are losing theirs and damning Uncle Sam;

YOU CAN'T FOOL 'EM. "Do you allow your husband to go to the beach by himself?" "Certainly not! I wouldn't trust him behind a screen door."

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Evening Chat

A friend commenting upon the article in this column the other evening on the recognition given to William Maclay, one of the first United States senators from Pennsylvania and one of the men who made Harrisburg, says that Mr. Maclay never agreed with his father-in-law, John Harris, about the Susquehanna river front.

The observation by State agricultural experts on the opportunities for raising more foodstuffs in this part of the state by changing the rotation of grain crops calls to mind that "C O W" is about as rigorously adhered to about here as in any part of the country. The initials mean corn, oats, wheat, and while there are some who add "G I" or "S" and rye, to their list, the bulk of the farmers raise the three staples, occasionally turning sections of land into potato patches. Dutch farmers have been successful with both wheat and corn, far more with the former than with the latter. The northern neighbors, but they have never raised very much rye. Alfalfa has been very successfully raised in the vicinity of Harrisburg, and is coming into general use. The commendations of the State experts will not strike the Dauphin farmers.

Announcement that the national Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. and the American Library Association are planning co-operation to raise \$1,000,000 for libraries in each of the thirty-two army cantonments has brought many a soldier to his feet. Already in this city a number of people have telephoned to know what will be Harrisburg's share and giving their dollar. The idea of a dollar for books for soldiers bids fair to be very popular.

Samuel T. Bodine, president of the Philadelphia district appeal boards, made an interesting observation yesterday at the meeting in the city chamber. He said that his company has sent word to every plant asking him to send a dollar for the war effort. He was informed that seventy-two men could not be spared. He then asked what would be done if each of the seventy-two men sent out of the whole list it looked like one exemption would be asked.

Did you ever see a mountain start to move at you? That is the way people who saw the giant blast fired at Steelton say the great hillsides during the district board meeting yesterday at the meeting in the city chamber. He said that his company has sent word to every plant asking him to send a dollar for the war effort. He was informed that seventy-two men could not be spared. He then asked what would be done if each of the seventy-two men sent out of the whole list it looked like one exemption would be asked.

Among the Pennsylvania officers who have gone up the ladder is Edw. T. Collins, brother of Deputy Attorney General Emerson Collins. He is now a lieutenant colonel and chief of the division which will be formed by Michigan and Wisconsin troops at Waco, Texas. He graduated from West Point in 1897 and was in command at Plattsburg, where his brother just died.

A Mitchell Palmer sat in the front row of the Senate chamber yesterday during the district board meeting and seemed to enjoy the place. When someone suggested that he might take a notion to try for one of those front seats he observed that he had trouble enough.

C. E. Carothers, chairman of the milk commission, is a practical farmer and has raised his own cattle in Western Pennsylvania, so that he knows the game.

Sheriff G. W. Richards, of Allegheny, has been arresting draft dodgers himself. He is a former legislator and well known here.

William J. Berkey, prominent in Johnston affairs, has been appointed treasurer of one of the big secret orders.

W. T. Alden, Jr., son of the late Philadelphia manufacturer, has been winning fame as a golfer in national events.

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