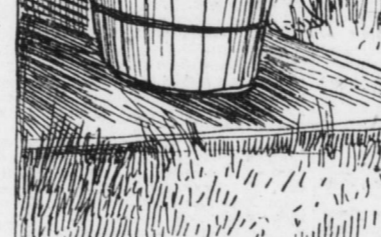


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along the curbline and on their private premises. Let us make next Arbor Day a real tree-planting day for Harrisburg. Preparations should now be made to secure hardy trees which will be almost certain to grow and flourish in this climate. It will be the pleasure of the Telegraph to print in a short time a list of the trees that are most suitable for planting here.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT -- -- -- -- --

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman Appointment of Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Neill to be Highway Commissioner, announced yesterday while the Executive was speeding back to Maine after a brief visit to the Philadelphia district over Sunday, does not appear to have created as much surprise as the selection of Ex-Speaker Charles A. Ambler to succeed Mr. O'Neill. Commissioner O'Neill has been mentioned for State Highway Commissioner ever since Frank B. Black got into difficulties with the men active in State administration politics last winter during the height of the Speakership contest and he was mentioned as being the man who would be chosen to succeed him when the switching talk was rife about the close of the session and after Mr. Black resigned, Mr. Ambler has been mentioned as a possible successor.



Letters to the Editor Suggests Reforms To the Editor of the Telegraph: As a friend of yours and your paper I send you some notes and talks on timely subjects and things that you do well to comment on. These matters are not idle vapors, but the information is gained from personal knowledge and experience and from talks with others; on the streets, in cigar and other stores and shops, not bar-rooms, however, and in social clubs and lodge rooms. The Coal Situation: Coal ought to be cheaper than it is in this city. Coal firms make too much money and profit on a ton of coal. Did you ever hear of a coal dealer falling in business? Their statement that they must have \$1.75 a ton for delivering proposed. I know the time when coal firms paid but \$2.50 per day for a man and his team and the latter had to haul out ten loads for a day's work, thus making the average about 25 cents a ton. Of course it costs more now, but they can make money at a charge of 75 cents a ton. I know the price of coal here should be as follows: \$5.00 for pea; egg, \$4.50; nut, \$3.80.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Registration Slackers: The newspapers have been saying there were no slackers in Harrisburg on Registration Day. It is the belief that there were many. At some places the registrar had registration lists of last year, showing ages of voters and many failed to register for the draft. Some who registered had their names on the list, but they were not in the line. This could be proven by comparing the lists as some parties did.

West Shore Annexation To the Editor of the Telegraph: The residents of the Cumberland county towns along the Susquehanna river are now in earnest discussion of the proposed changes in municipal government. A few reasons in support of a change in the present condition are: 1. The second and third class school in most of the towns which put our children in a backward position behind their future competitors in Harrisburg.

OUR DAILY LAUGH A VERY PRESENT HELP. "It's when a man is in trouble that he realizes the value of a wife." "Sure! He can put all his property in her name!"

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE -E. J. Cattell, the Philadelphia city statistician, says that if the wren he will feel like enlisting himself. -The Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, Milton clergyman, has been pastor of our church in the city since his appointment. -Rabbi Krauskopf says that the war gardens have saved the nation millions of dollars. -George B. McClellan, former mayor of New York, has been given special management advice at the Frankford arsenal the last two months without anyone knowing him. -The Rev. Samuel Clement long active in Philadelphia church affairs will take up work on the Pacific coast. -Irvin S. Cobb will be one of the speakers at the Doylestown fair school.

Mobilization of the blackbirds, which has been in progress in the vicinity of Harrisburg since the latter part of July, has now reached such a point that a man who can not get enough birds for a good sized fashioned blackbird pie must be a poor marksman indeed. Not in many years have the blackbirds been so numerous as they are at the moment about this city and their flocking together in the early evening is a sight worth watching. For years they were legitimate game after September 1, but a few years ago the Legislature protected them except when engaged in roosting up a garden or a field, and they are now being destroyed the nests of other birds.

"AFTER THE BALL" Chief Justice J. Hay Brown announced that he will host to the Lanterman Historical Society at their country home at the top of the hill on Thursday. This will be the annual pilgrimage of the society which is held every year after the manner of the "Gardening" program there will be a basket picnic.

OUR STATE HIGHWAYS IN THE working out of a constructive program for the upbuilding and extension of the system of highways in Pennsylvania the people of the Commonwealth are intensely interested. They want results and nothing else counts. Millions of dollars are now flowing into the coffers of the State from the owners of automobiles and motor-driven vehicles, and this huge sum, exceeding over \$3,000,000 this year, represents a substantial fund for maintenance of the highways. It also represents the interest of thousands of people in the efficient conduct of the road-building department.

OUR COAL TROUBLES NOW that we are up against the problem of high prices of coal supply, it is reasonable to expect that those who have been discussing the conservation of coal and the best methods of its use will achieve some headway, especially in reducing the loss of unburned fuel which floats out of the stacks of the city and covers as with a pall our homes and business places.

OUR STATE HIGHWAYS (Continued) Let us hope that putting aside all else Mr. O'Neill, who succeeds to the management of the department, will devote himself wholeheartedly to the development of such plans as will largely increase the good roads area of the State.

OUR STATE HIGHWAYS (Continued) LAFAYETTE DAY THE proposal to celebrate the anniversary of Lafayette's birth as a national holiday is particularly fitting at this time. America owes a debt of gratitude to this gallant young Frenchman, the extent of which many Americans do not fully realize and which we are only at this late date about to attempt in some measure to repay.

OUR STATE HIGHWAYS (Continued) CHESTER GOING TO IT IN a full page newspaper advertisement prominent citizens of Chester, including Mayor W. S. McDowell, steel manufacturers, bankers and merchants, make this appeal "To all citizens of Chester": We, the undersigned, directors of the Chester Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, in having voted for the annexation of this city to the State of Pennsylvania, are proud and proud of our action.

OUR STATE HIGHWAYS (Continued) WANTED - Army Cooks The War Department wants all men who can cook and are called in the draft to go in the first contingent of September 5. Special instructions to this effect have been sent to all army camps by the Provost Marshal General. The first men and officers at the camp, it is pointed out, must have cooks, and while every man should be encouraged to do professional chefs for the camps it is expected the number will be far short of the camp needs.—Exchange.

OUR STATE HIGHWAYS (Continued) DO YOU KNOW That Harrisburg can furnish many articles to equip soldiers? This place had two companies for service in the Whiskey Insurrection.