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"Our deeds still travel with us from afar. And what we have been makes us what we are."—GEORGE ELIOT.

A PROPER DEMAND

DEMANDS of American businessmen for a properly authorized purchasing commission for the government are not without reason.

Patriotically as we may view the efforts of those who have been doing the purchasing for the government since the outbreak of the war, it is not difficult to find ground for adverse criticism.

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patience of one eager for results, it is his opinion, but when we have once come to a conclusion the suddenness with which we put our plans into execution is amazing to the foreign observer.

All this is pleasing to us as a people, and will be good news to England. But the impression upon the German war council will be anything but either of those. These smashing articles from the pen of Northcliffe are equal to an army corps of Americans on the French front.

Sweepingly Republican

THAT Dauphin county is overwhelmingly Republican in sentiment this fall is the one big fact that stands out clearly and definitely from the jumble of yesterday's primary election returns.

Take for example the coronership contest. There were two candidates on the Republican ticket and two on the Democratic side. On both sides the campaign was sharp. In the city, where complete figures were at hand when this was written, the total Republican vote for coroner was 6,894, while the total Democratic vote amounted to only 1,201, indicating that 5,693 more Republicans voted at the primary elections in Harrisburg than there were Democrats at the polls.

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good taxcarriers. But, in the very nature of things, there must be a limit somewhere. If that limit be passed, the last straw will have been added and the back will be broken.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Immediate steps are to be taken by Secretary of the Commonwealth Cyrus E. Woods to work out a plan for taking the votes of the soldiers from Pennsylvania at the November election, in accordance with the request of Governor Brumbaugh, and commissioners will be selected next month.

In the Civil War, when the act of organizing the soldiers' votes was passed, the men were all in the country and in 1898 they were either in the United States, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. The sending of commissioners to carry out the act was consequently very easy as the greater number of the men were in Pennsylvania organizations.

—Returns of the primary elections held for nomination of all judicial candidates will be certified to the Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by county commissioners. The returns from the 28th Congressional district, will also come to the Capitol. The figures will be entered on a list of nominations certified to the proper counties for the November election.

—While here and there over Pennsylvania some notable political figures were tumbled in yesterday's primaries the general results were inconclusive. The "Fifty" ticket was nominated by the Republicans as outlined by Mayor Smith, but there have been some impressive things said about the ticket.

—An independent movement is likely in Philadelphia as a result of the primary. Candidates favorable to a city manager plan were nominated in Altoona and the rest of the State will watch it work out.

—With the primary scarcely over the Democrats have hopped into the streets with gubernatorial ambitions. The Philadelphia Inquirer in a Washington dispatch says that in Philadelphia there will be held to-day a conference of State leaders.

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THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



CORN SILK

General Stewart. The departure of the Governor for Maine means that there will be no appointments of any importance announced for a while at least.

—Col. Frank D. Beary, of Allentown, who has been entrusted with the task of organizing the Reserve Militia by Governor Brumbaugh, is regarded as the man mostly likely to be selected for Adjutant General.

—James E. Roderick, State Chief of Mines has not yet interviewed Governor Brumbaugh on the Governor's reported request to him to give way to a young man. The Chief declines to talk and is awaiting the Governor's next move, which is likely to occur about October 1.

—State Commissioner of Health Dixon in a statement sent from Mont Alto last night, disposed of the reports that he would resign. The doctor will leave to-day or to-morrow for his home at Bryn Mawr.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Facilities can not hold a meeting, seems, without courting the peace. —Chicago Daily News.

In her negotiations with Germany Argentina is now midway to the Lusitania and the Arabic stage. —Boston Transcript.

Those who contend that "democracy is a bad war-maker" are not making out such a bad case for democracy as they may believe.—Appeal to Reason.

The car shortage, one of the most vexatious problems with which operating and traffic men have to deal, has been reduced 70 per cent through the co-operation of the railroads, according to President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern railway.

—This is something to bear in mind in connection with the primary election ballot which states that under certain conditions a candidate on the nonpartisan ballot can be practically elected if he polls a sufficient vote at the primaries.

—Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh is not expected to return to the State Capitol until late next week, possibly until October 1. While nothing has been given out at his offices it is understood that his engagements for the next four or five days have been set aside and that the Governor goes to-day to Maine to work out some proclamations and to close his summer cottage at Scarborough.

THE PEOPLES FORUM

To the Editor of the Telegraph:

I am a resident of Briggs street and a contributor to the Boy Scout campaign fund. The other day I saw a number of youths drag some property away from in front of neighbor's house and leave it in the middle of the street.

—I notice in your paper that Chief of Police Wetzel, when he was asked concerning what he thought of the burlesque shows at the Orpheum, said he had seen them and they are "right."

—What you give them time to train or are you going to send them, undisciplined, against the most highly trained fighting men in the world?

—We are giving everything we have. You are talking to us about conservation of food. What are you doing to conserve the lives we are putting in your hands?

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

Consolation Mrs. Armstrong had to pay eight dollars a day for a nurse when her husband was ill.

That's a pretty stiff sum, but a funeral would have cost her more.

The bats' lament. I care not where the fielders lift. Their padded palms in air.

To be sure. This gardening is hard work. Persevere, old man, persevere.

Even in birdville. Parent—No Horace, you can't have any worms until you eat all of your bird seed!

Do you know. That Harrisburg is furnishing us with boilers for government camps?

Historic Harrisburg. Until the railroad came good brought down the river in ark to be unloaded here and sent east and south by stage or mules because of the rapids in the Susquehanna.

Here, too. A Dartford (England) farmer recently advertised that he had several acres of cabbage which could be had free of charge simply for asking. It is a spirit like this which will enable England and her allies to win the war.

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Flighting Chat

Harrisburg's strenuous primary election yesterday was the first to be held on a Wednesday in the recollection of some of the oldest voters and the change made in order to have met with more or less favor.

Although there are still some people who cling to the idea that Saturday is as much the day for a primary as Tuesday for a general election.

In years gone by primaries used to be held in Harrisburg on the nights fixed by the political committees.

Old newspapers tell of town meetings for nomination of candidates being held in taverns, especially Captain Lee's, which occupied the site of an old Jones and Commonwealth, now the Dauphin building.

Later on open air caucus meetings were held in Market Square and when Harrisburg became large enough for the division into two wards, the North and the South, these meetings were held in houses.

Often they were non-partisan, regular town meetings, but sixty or seventy years ago the rise of parties caused separate primaries to be held. Then the use of Saturday for the various parties on different nights and it was not until the time of the uniform primary act of 1906 that one day for all elections was fixed.

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