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THURSDAY EVENING, OCT. 4

Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.—Prov. 27:1.

A LONG WAR

COLONEL BEARY made an admirable address before the Pennsylvania Society at its monthly session at the Harrisburg Club.

We are beginning to awake to the seriousness of the war on which we have entered and it is well that we study the past with a view to preparing ourselves for what is ahead.

Congress is about to adjourn, probably for the reason that it cannot figure out how it can spend any more money and because there is nothing else left to tax.

THROW OUT THE MALCONTENTS It is a question sometimes whether those within the Republican party who are constantly fomenting factional trouble have any real interest in the party at large.

It would seem to be about time for the rank and file, who are simply good Republicans, and who believe that the party as such represents certain definite principles which are vital to the perpetuity of the government of the people, to take a hand in throwing out of the present party household the malcontents who are constantly arousing internal strife and encouraging party dissension.

Villa, having been discredited at home, might come up to Philadelphia to take the vacancy in the Fifth ward leadership.

A PAYING INVESTMENT That the Liberty Bonds of the new series will prove even a more desirable investment than those of the first issue and that large as the sum desired by the government is, it will be subscribed, is a forecast that may be safely in the light of American history.

There is much of interest for the prospective purchaser of Liberty Bonds in the bond history of the United States, and with such investors ought to be familiar.

The years of peace from 1801 to the war of 1812 were a time of great national prosperity and expansion, and a remarkable reduction of the public debt was accomplished.

Strange to say, it is the first issue of a war loan that usually sells and later loans finds purchasers where the first had no appeal.

Practically all of the buildings have been removed from the area east of the Capitol, and there is nothing in the way of going ahead with the permanent treatment.

Attention has been given to the safeguarding of all the trees which may be saved in the regrading of the park and it is understood that few trees of importance will be disturbed.

There is great interest in this work and Harrisburg is preparing to do its part in making the environment of the Capitol outside the State lines as attractive as possible.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Outside of the Philadelphia situation, which is going to have an effect on political matters this year and next that is hard to calculate at this time, the event of most interest in state politics was the convention of the state's firemen at Butler, which is just about ending.

The Civil War, one of the most expensive and exhaustive wars in history, until the Twentieth century, is said to have cost the government \$3,000,000,000 on the basis of all claims being adjusted.

The war of 1812 added about \$88,000,000 to the public debt, and it stood at \$127,334,933 in 1816, but the following year the floating debt had been reduced to such small proportions that payment into the sinking fund recommenced.

The surplus revenues of these years were used to pay off the short time loans. From 1870 to 1877 refunding operations reduced the rate to 5 per cent, then 4 1/2 per cent, and in the latter year 4 per cent.

On the basis of the relation between national indebtedness and wealth at the time of the Civil War, when an obligation was incurred equal to approximately one-ninth the country's wealth, the present government, financial experts say, should be able to float a loan of \$25,000,000,000, with every prospect of its forming a safe, sound and thoroughly desirable investment for the individual.

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A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE

By Briggs

OH HORACE! WILL YOU HANG THAT PICTURE FOR ME IF YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY?

'S THIS IT HERE WHERE YOU WANT IT HUNG?

THE WIRE IS OFFA ONE SIDE

WHERE DID WE GET THIS PICTURE AGGIE - I NEVER SAW IT BEFORE

WELL FIX IT

OH AGGIE, CHERE MINUTE, HURRY UP

IN HEAVENS NAME! WHAT?

UNDER TONE

I NEVER- IN ALL MY BORN DAYS SAW SUCH A GOOD FOR NOTHING PLESS MORTAL.

I'LL TELL YOU WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT AGGIE

EDITORIAL COMMENT

A few Swedish envoys will soon be arriving to find their home without getting their feet wet.—New York World.

The soap box was more useful when it held soap.—New York World.

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Patriotic Agriculturist

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John Armstrong Herman, the lawyer and traveler, has written the following observations while on a tour of the "Garden of the Land," the wonderful farming region of Pennsylvania, a few days ago:

"Pennsylvania, from colonial times onward in days of stress, (as are half a dozen) has been singularly dependable and patriotic. Today she leads her sister states in the enrollment of volunteers in the Regular Army, and nowhere is the Federal domain have women shown greater self-sacrifice in their devotion to our allies and for the great Army of our country is now raising for the cause of individual liberty and world-wide fraternity.

"Our Commonwealth's precious heritages—Valley Forge and Gettysburg—are incentives to our people, and that frequently we see our women, in addition to their other country's tasks, working in gardens and fields to further the all-important food supply.

"Traveling a few days ago, my itinerant neighbor told me of an agriculturist, a humble Pennsylvania woman, about to celebrate her eightieth birthday, which should have currency.

"I give it as the Keystone's challenge to American citizens as diversely as the denizens of the rich prairies of the middle west, the burly dwellers who sovereign the fertile acres hard by Los Angeles, and the shamed farmers who pet and adore the golden corn of the celery fields that margin Boston.

"My octogenarian heroine lives in a neighboring hamlet, I wish Harrisburg could claim her—and she is possessed of a small home and a half acre of land. For years on this balanced acre, the independent old woman weeding her vegetable garden in the silent hours of the night in the light of the arc lamp—is not in the hero class, too."

OUR DAILY LAUGH

IN DOUBT. Was it a love match? Looks like it, but you never can tell. One of them may have thought the other had money.

A COMMON LIKING. I hate an obese man. So do I, but I like a fat job.

WHAT HAPPENED. What happened to Jones' new egg that he married when he married? It hatched into alimony.

HIS JOB. I could have had any job in this town I wanted, so I took my pick. Oh, I see. And didn't you need your shovel, too?

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LABOR NOTES

By Briggs

A school of fisheries will probably be established at the Washington University.

Crews of women sailors are frequently shipped in tramp coasting steamers in Japan.

India ink originally came from China, but now it is successfully made in this country of lamp black and glue.

Twenty-four lumber yards in Wisconsin now employ women as lumber handlers.

It is proposed to establish a national industrial parliament for inspectors and men in the building industry.

Over 25 per cent. of all our women 16 years old and over are wage-earners, business women, etc.

Federated shop employees on the Chicago and Alton get an eight-hour day next March.

One and a quarter million women are stated to be engaged in men's places on the British railways.

British Gardeners' Association has decided to register their association under the trade union acts.

Mrs. Florence Kelley has been appointed by Secretary of War Baker a member of the Labor Council Board.

In 1900 the number of married women in gainful occupations was only 750,000, while in 1910 it was 1,850,000.

The effect of the check on the exportation of timber from Ireland has been to start all the sawmills working at full time.

The additional allowance of two shillings and six pence to British old-age pensioners will cost between five and six million pounds a year.

During the three years of war there has been an increase in the number of women workers of 32.7 per cent. in England.

THE SQUARE DEAL

By Briggs

Every patriotic American and every loyal member of Congress will welcome the President's order prohibiting the faintest suspicion in politics to influence the exemption cases of the National Army.

Favor-seeking citizens, it is reported, already had begun to put pressure on Congressmen. Requests were being sent to the War Department for special consideration for a privileged few. The peremptory command issued by President Wilson will end this budding evil. General Crowder sent to all the members of Congress a notice saying that "The President directs the War Department to decline to discuss cases pending on appeal or to entertain any communications, suggestions or additional evidence or statements concerning them."

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HOW TO REDUCE Reports from Germany indicate a general falling off in weight of the people under war rations. This simple fact is the cause of a number of persons who are disturbed by a surplus of flesh and who regard the reducing process as a medical mystery.

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NEW CLOTH ON AN OLD GARMENT No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment; and the new piece that filth it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse.—Mark II, 21.

Evening Chat

By Briggs

Frank L. Hessenberger, who left the staff of the Telegraph yesterday to go into the Y. M. C. A. work, was the originator of "Go to Church" advertising in Harrisburg, and wrote most of the copy for the first campaigns which were among the first experiments of the kind in the country, and very successful ones, too.

The West Enders say it was a mistake ever to have placed the plant where it is, at the entrance to Wildwood park and right along the road. Every effort has been made by the park department to have the district cleaned up but the surrounding woods are the source of the odorless, when the new contract is let.

Fishing is good these days in the creeks about Harrisburg. Stories of twenty-four black bass, the lot weighing nineteen pounds, caught by one angler and seven more caught by another were brought to town during the last few days. The Falls below the Rockville bridge also have seen a crop of some good catches recently, the Susquehanna stream having developed some of their autumnal fondness for "lampers" and "under the stone" fish. None of the fish is reported as being large but run from three-fourths to a pound and a half.

The visit of the Lutheran ministers to the Loyallville Orphan Home on the 2nd inst. has resulted in many well-known Harrisburg people are graduates of that noted institution, which holds a high place in the record of national and state education. The unadorned spoon, which is a mark of the fish is reported as being large but run from three-fourths to a pound and a half.

"I can remember," said an old railroad man to-day, "when it was my first day on the job as an extra brakeman on the Pennsylvania, and when I did get it, my how I was evicted by the other village boys! And they were so kindly and so efficient that it was a relief to get all manner of promises to get a man to work. The worst of it is that wages are much higher now than when I struggled for a job."

"Ever see a cackleberr?" asked Governor Brumbaugh, of a man at the Capital the other day. "No, where do they grow?" was the reply.

"Oh, generally, I saw lots of them in Maine this year and saw gatherings of them in other parts of the state," said the Governor. "Up in Maine they are highly prized."

"The man did not know," said the Governor, "but I told him this story: 'Up in Maine the Governor asked Late Norris, who is the local oracle around Wayne if he had ever seen a cackleberr. The man was stumped, but did not like to admit it. He fussed around and finally the Governor asked a friend who was passing by the store and he said: 'The man started out of the cottage toward the woods.'"

"Well," persisted the listener, "what in thunder did he bring back?"

"Two eggs," said Mr. Ball gravely.

Sullivan county is to the front again. Executive Clerk James C. Deinger comes from that county of shingles, lath, deer, purling brooks, mountain lakes and fine fishing and you can't get a better place.

"My brother is connected with one of the railroads in Sullivan county and says that deer are very abundant. They are so abundant that they are becoming a nuisance. The firemen say they have to stop the trains some mornings to 'shoot' the deer off the tracks."

Among visitors to Harrisburg yesterday was C. W. Armor, one of the editors of the Harrisburg Gazette-Times. Mr. Armor has long been connected with the big Pittsburgh newspaper and likes to visit Harrisburg once in a while.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

M. C. Kennedy, president of the Cumberland Valley, has two sons in the Army.

Col. Henry W. Coulter, of Greensburg, will command the 111th Infantry, which is the new number of the old Tenth Pennsylvania of Philippine fame.

John N. Hibbets, connected with Baldwins, will go to the Lehigh Valley as chief of motive power in this district.

J. C. Jones, the member of the district board in Allegheny, which is having a stirring time, is a McKeesport lawyer, with ideas of his own on the draft law.

Judge Charles L. Brown, who is presiding in the Philadelphia cases, is a former state senator.

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