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If we knew our brother as God knows him, we should never dare to despise him any more.—G. H. Morrison.

GETTING BELTINGS

IF MORE of the heads of the departments of the State government would follow the example of Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton and talk over with the head of the legal department of the State government the situation in regard to new laws it would be good for the Commonwealth and the people.

A HAPPY THOUGHT

SOME one—and we have no idea who it was—had a remarkably happy thought when he conceived the idea of linking the Red Cross membership drive with the Christmas season.

STARTING THE MILITIA

IN selecting the first list of officers to have charge of organization of units of the Reserve Militia of Pennsylvania Governor Brumbaugh and Adjutant General Berry have shown an appreciation of good service rendered to the Commonwealth and the nation by experience.

LIVE STOCK AND THE FARM

IT IS sincerely to be hoped that the farmers of Pennsylvania will take to fiesides throughout the long winter evenings the ideas enunciated by Lieutenant Governor Frank B. McClain in an interview published in this newspaper last Wednesday.

vania will not be as great this year as last and there has been more attention given to breeding, according to the men at the Capitol who keep in touch with live stock, while the increase of sheep will be in the thousands.

OLEO

A FEW years ago the use of the word oleomargarine was enough to make a politician tremble and a farmer forget his early religious training.

To use the short term, which is generally employed, oleo seems to have come to stay. Honestly made, it is compounded of animal fats. Some one arose in legislative halls a number of years ago and declared that oleo was going to be "the poor man's butter" and that the placing of a heavy State tax on it would prevent its use when butter prices were soaring.

This was a day of sunshine for the Telegraph Family—the employees' association divided nearly \$10,000, the year's savings among its members.

ETCHED BY JAPAN

JAPAN has etched us out of the Hongkong market for cotton knitting yarns, according to Consul General George E. Anderson, Honkong, China.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

In the event that the new party proposed to be formed out of the Prohibition, Progressive and other organizations formally adopts the name National, it is possible that its name National may be made light in Pennsylvania may be made under another title as did the Roosevelt people in 1912 when they were compelled to adopt the Washington name because the Progressive name had been pre-empted by men not in sympathy with them.

Dr. B. E. P. Prugh, chairman of the Prohibition state committee, said today that there was a mistake in the name National party had not merged with the National party this year.

—Much attention has been attracted at the State Capitol to the moves likely to be made in advance of the next state campaign in regard to the anti-liquor issue.

—The Philadelphia Press says today in an article from Washington that the subject of a "dry" amendment is under serious discussion.

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A GERMAN PEACE

If any one thinks it worth while to waste time talking peace with Germany, let him note even now, with the German cause plainly ebbing, the Saxons' Finance Minister tells the Diet that Germany must demand a great indemnity from the Allies as a group; it is immaterial who shall pay it.

MOVIE OF A MAN WITH A POOR MEMORY

Comic strip panels with dialogue: "I CERTAINLY GOT TO BUY SOME NEW SHAVING SOAP", "I FORGOT TO GET THAT SOAP!", "WELL - I'LL GET IT TONIGHT SURE", "WELL - FOR TH LUVVA MIKE! I FORGOT IT AGAIN!", "OUR FLAG", "THE ZIONISTS' DREAM", "WHAT OF THE FUTURE?", "LABOR NOTES", "A GERMAN PEACE".

BY BRIGGS

Comic strip panels with dialogue: "NEXT MORNING", "BEGIN AT PICTURE 'A' AND CONTINUE UNTIL FRIEND WIFE PURCHASES THE SOAP.", "HELLO BILL (RIGHT PAST DRUG STORE)", "AGAIN RIGHT BY THE DRUG STORE".

Evening Chat

The Rev. Dr. George B. Stewart, for years pastor of Market Square Church, said one time that his idea of an unfortunate person was a left-handed man trying to work a revolving door the wrong way in a crowded doorway.

DEATH THE LEVELLER

AMNES SHIRLEY (1596-1666), the author of this poem, was a contemporary of Shakespeare, whom, however, he survived by many years.

Some men with swords may reap the field, And plant fresh laurels where they kill; But their strong nerves at last must yield; They tame but one another still: Early or late They stoop to fate, And must give up their murmuring breath When they, pale captives, creep to death.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

PECULIAR. Bug—I guess they're cannon balls or something, but they certainly have a peculiar odor.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Dr. J. D. Erdman, new chairman of the Allentown school board, is a past commander of the Knights of Pythias and well known here.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg has made a record for the increase in number of its Boy Scouts?

FOR AN AMBULANCE

Mrs. Grace E. Richmond, who wrote that remarkable little "baby" book for mothers, "The Whistling Mother," is writing for an ambulance. She has given to the great cause of her country and our Allies and the money for this purpose is to come from a serial she is writing which is now appearing in a well known publication.—Exchange.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

If that list of enemy aliens ever falls into the Kaiser's hands, we look for another strain on the iron-supply of Germany.—Boston Transcript.

The three R's, as taught in Russia, are riot, retreat and revolt.—The Atchison Globe.

The Russians seem to believe that fighting, like charity, begins at home.—Brooklyn Eagle.

One way to fill a soldier's Christmas socks would be to enlist.—Christian Home and School, (Erie).

If George can't do it, perhaps Georges can.—Brooklyn Eagle.

"No More \$50 Dinners," says a headline. What is worse is that there are no more 50-cent dinners.—New York World.

If we understand it at this distance, the Finns are demanding a separate government and something to eat.—Dallas News.

As we gather it, the Maximalists represent the ultimate in lunacy, while the Minimalists are only half-crazy.—Chicago Tribune.

We must defend not only the West front, the East front, and the Balkan front, but also the New York water front.—Providence Journal.

Samuel D. Matlack, who has been selected to do the legal work for the commission to revise the banking laws of Pennsylvania, is one of the most efficient men in the State who that work. He was the legal clerk for the commission which drafted the remarkable decrees code which passed the Legislature and is regarded as a monumental work. Mr. Matlack will make a general digest of the state banking laws and the commission will have sittings in various cities to hear suggestions.

A man blew into one of the city restaurants yesterday and inquired something with wheat in it refused to order and walked out. His idea was that the restaurant people should not supply anything like that on wheatless days. Half an hour later he came back and ordering about a dime's worth hunted up the proprietor prepared to serve him. "I don't believe in eating wheat food on such days," said he. "Neither do I. Here's your hat," answered the man at the desk.

Dr. Joseph Kallfus, whose talk before the Pennsylvania State Society yesterday attracted unusual attention because of the wide knowledge of birds shown by the speaker, is developing a very interesting series of talks. His next one is on the building of luncheon and the plan to bring the officials of the state government together is working out very well.

—Attorney General Brown has been hunting in the west branch country.

—Judge C. A. Groman, of the Lehigh county, granted four divorces in almost as many minutes in court, the other three were granted by Judge Fred T. Chandler, Philadelphia broker, got a telegram shower yesterday in honor of his birthday.

—Chancellor S. B. McCormick, of the University of Pittsburgh, has been making a series of speeches on food conservation.

IT SURELY IS. He was rejected by a army doctors for physical reasons? Well, that's better than being thrown out for not being able to pass the mental tests.

NOT UP IN PEDESTRIANISM. Chauffeur (roughly)—Don't you know enough to get out of the way of an auto? Victim (humbly)—No; I'm not used to walking. You see I own one of the things myself.

HARVEST IN SAXONY. The Magdeburgische Zeitung, Saxony, receives from its Dresden correspondent the following report, derived from an authoritative source: The great expectations at first held of the harvest have unfortunately not been fulfilled. The great drought in May and June did considerable harm. Oats and barley have failed; rye and wheat reach a medium harvest. Particularly unfavorable is the harvest around Leipzig; in the hilly districts it is better. The potatoes offer the best prospects, so that they will cover the deficit in corn. The kohlrabi crop is bad; the fodder harvest in general is also not specially good. On the other hand, the present rains will do very good for fodder crops. Experts hope that no attempt will be made to hasten potato deliveries, as this year, owing to the long winter, the potatoes were planted late and must therefore remain in the ground longer than usual.

REAL WAR REFERENDUM. The number of citizens of the United States who subscribed to the second Liberty Loan is larger than that of every other war bond drive. There were 18,500,000 votes cast in the presidential election of November, 1916. There were nine and a third million subscribers to the second Liberty Loan. Thus the loan subscribers are more numerous than a majority of the total number of voters in that election. The population of the United States is somewhere around 110,000,000. Thus in every dozen persons living in this country, including men, women and children and pacifists, there is one buyer of Liberty Bonds to represent the group. These figures are significant. The second Liberty Loan may be considered as a great popular referendum on the war.

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