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Know how sublime a thing it is To suffer and be strong.

—LONGFELLOW.

TIME TO BEGIN

It will not be long before the season for outdoor work rolls around again and everyone in Harrisburg will be glad to learn that members of the State Board of Public Grounds and Buildings and of the Harrisburg City Council have decided to go right ahead with the preliminary work on the beautification of Capitol park.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion among visitors from various parts of the State that the work should not be interrupted by the war and that thanks to the liberality of the legislature it can be undertaken without curtailment of any other activity of the Commonwealth.

The time has come when there should be a settlement of the problems attending boundaries and bridges and such matters and they should be worked out so that when spring appears operations may be started.

KEEP THE ROADS OPEN

HARLES W. BURNETT'S call to motorists to help keep the main highways open shows how thoroughly the State Committee of Safety has organized its work and also how it relies upon the patriotic citizenship of the Commonwealth to assist in its periods of stress.

Time was when helping keep the roads open in winter would have seemed a huge joke to city folks. It was the railroad's business to get them where they wanted to go, and as for the farmer—well, if he wanted to get out, why let him dig himself out.

But the automobile has changed all this, and the war has added necessity to the desirability of uninterrupted highway communication between big centers of manufacture and trade.

Fortunately, Saturday's storm in this section was not very heavy, but it is a warning of what may come any day.

"PENNSYLVANIA EGGS"

FOR years and years people from this State who have been visiting New York and Atlantic City have been making their breakfasts on Pennsylvania eggs, but they didn't know it.

The officers of the State Bureau of Markets, who have been having a rather hard time of it because of the

impossibility of satisfying everyone in a day when food is the burning topic and because of the singular mental processes of some critics, are entitled to the credit of putting Pennsylvania eggs on the map.

One of these days the Pennsylvania pippin and the Pennsylvania peach will be labeled as are the Oregon apple, the Georgia watermelon and the Colorado cantaloupe.

BETTER HOUSING

FRED ROWE'S interview in Saturday's issue of the Telegraph relating to the housing problem here and how Williamsport has gone about to correct a similar condition strikes a vital note.

The time has gone when anything with a roof over it was considered good enough for the family of small means. The crowded, squalid, close-by built up sections must give way to such well designed attractive developments as that of Williamsport.

There is sunshine and pure air in the world for everybody, and both are free. They are the heritage of the poor as well as the rich, and the city that fails to provide them in the way of clean, well-lighted dwellings is assessing against itself a woeful taxation of poverty, crime, disease and death.

MR. HERSHEY'S SUGGESTION

M. S. HERSHEY'S gift of two second-hand, but still very valuable, automobiles to the Red Cross ought to be an example. Doubtless many of us have in storage articles of value we no longer use.

Here is a form of giving that in many cases might not seriously embarrass the giver, but if generally practiced would net large sums for the Red Cross and supply those who buy with their needs at figures far below the market price.

THE "HARDSCRABBLE" CASES

WITH the trial of the Hardscrabble cases to-day—appeals of property owners from the findings of the board of viewers—the final steps are being taken for the acquisition of the last piece of privately-owned property along the river front from one end of the city to the other.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The name of the Town Meeting party has been pre-empted in no less than 137 papers filed in the Dauphin county court and the State Department claiming the exclusive use of the name for the elections of 1918.

There have been pre-emptions filed on the name of the State Capitol, has been put on record and the commissions for the judges will be signed by Governor Brumbaugh before the end of the month.

Over the Top in Penna.

Dr. H. H. Hefner of Pennsylvania State College, says that the draft horse will not go out of business for many a year.

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GERMANY'S FUTURE The past month has been full of events of great importance in the war and in our relations to the war.

The entire police force of Darby, composed of six policemen and a chief, have requested a raise in wages and a bonus for their services.

According to what has been learned here, five Congressmen in districts in Central Pennsylvania, have already determined to run against the Congressional W. G. Priest, of Lancaster, who is certain.

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THE RETORT COURTEOUS

Natalie Sumner Lincoln, author of "The Nameless Man," just published by D. Appleton and Company, was Adjutant at the National Service School at Washington, D. C., during the time the Confederate reunion was being held there.

Man is indeed what food makes of him. The world's greatest food scientist was born in the fifteenth century.

He practiced what he preached, and was truly a marvelous example of the "eat and be fat" theory.

Fortunately, his mentality was still keen. The verdict of his physicians came to him as a shock. He was then to study life's deepest and most mysterious problem—that of living scientifically.

PROBABLY NONE IN Messrs. Lenin and Trotsky have ordered the Russian State Bank to issue them an advance of 25,000,000 rubles.

UNDER THERE

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INTERVIEWS WITH EMPEY—No. 3

Machine Gunner Empey Gives Good Advice to American Soldiers — "War Not Nearly So Bad as It's Cracked Up to Be"

IN the communication trenches the soldier hears the sharp crack of a bullet over his head and ducks—that sound is like being stung by a bee; it unnerves a man more than shelling.

Another piece of advice for the American soldier concerned with his own Government. "When the American goes into the army, and when he gets to France," Mr. Empey said, "he wants to forget that the Government is rich."

LOOKED LIKE IT. Bird: Goodness, folks are hanging up their Christmas stockings early this year!

THE BIG TROUBLE. "Do you have any trouble with your steam furnace?" "Nothing, except getting coal for it."

WHERE HE LEARNED IT. "Goodness, gracious, where did you ever hear such language?" "I was in the car with Pa the other day when the traffic cop bawled him out for missing his signal."

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Evening Chat

It may be interesting to the Harrisburg people who were impressed with the talk given before the Chamber of Commerce by Wesley Frost, the country's splendid consular representative at Queenstown.

From all accounts these are strenuous days at Camp Hancock. Col. Maurice E. Finney is now bossing the range, which is one of the best places in the whole of the great country where his experience is going to tell in getting the men into fighting with rifles.

State automobile license tags by the tens of thousands are being made up into packages for shipment to owners of automobiles.

The last of the federal property has been prepared for shipment from the State Arsenal and the men connected with the United States quartermaster service expect four officers leave tomorrow.

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