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If I live my politics into the
rhetoric of prayer, I cannot cast a
partisan vote.—JOWETT.

THE OUTPUT OF COAL

THAT the mine operators and the
miners of the anthracite region
are doing their part to keep the
country in coal is shown by official
reports just issued. The shipments
of anthracite for the month of No-
vember, 1917, as reported to the
Anthracite Bureau of Information,
Philadelphia, established a record
for that month, amounting to 5,545,-
313 tons, and exceed the shipments
made in November, 1916, by 552,316
tons.For the eleven months ending No-
vember 30, 1917, the total ship-
ments aggregated 71,424,880 tons.
These figures are 4,057,996 tons
greater than the total shipments for
the twelve months last year; and are
1,480,061 tons greater than the total
shipments for the year 1911, which
until now, was the banner year in
anthracite production. To date this
year, the shipments exceed those
of the same period in 1916; by 9,649,-
743 tons.Lack of railroad facilities with
which to handle the fuel, exports and
the use of hard coal in industry to
an unprecedented extent, and not
lack of production at the mines, are
responsible for the present coal fa-
mine, and with the mines going full
all winter and next spring and summer
and with the car shortage lessened
there should be little excuse
for a condition approaching the pres-
ent situation next winter.

"OWN YOUR OWN HOME"

THE "own your own home" cam-
paign which President Gippe-
l of the Harrisburg Real Estate
Board outlined in his recent annual
address to that body appears to be
taking definite shape and the recom-
mendations of the committee in
charge, to be made at the next ses-
sion of the board, will be awaited
with interest.The home-owner has an interest
in his city which many who have no
property do not display. By the very
nature of things he is inclined to
study very carefully every municipal
development and proposal. His pocket-book is directly touched and that
indeed is a sensitive nerve. If the
Real Estate Board can get going in
Harrisburg a successful "own your
own home" campaign it will have
done an excellent bit of constructive
work for the city.

NO TIME TO WASTE

A Commissioner Lynch has

pointed out repeatedly to Coun-

cil there is no time to waste in

deciding upon a method of garbage
collection and disposal. Some deci-
sion must be reached and that soon,if the city is to be in position to take
over the collections upon the ex-
piration of the present contract. It is no
small task the city faces. Even after
the contract is let time must be given
to the new contractor to get ready to
take up his work, and this will be
quite an undertaking, the scarcity of
labor and the condition of material
markets considered.

PECULIAR NON-PARTISANSHIP

A PECULIAR feature of nearly
every attempt to carry non-
partisanship into practical effect
in an election is that the Repub-
licans are expected to support a
Democrat. We have just seen an
example of it in New York City;
and in Boston a similar situation
now exists. In Wisconsin, as re-
gards the Senatorship, we have still
a third instance.The Badger Republicans are
calmly asked to support a Demo-
crat to succeed Mr. Huston. The
boot should be on the other foot.
Wisconsin is a Republican State.
Almost alone among the states of the
Union—certainly alone among states
of its size—it has not a single Dem-
ocrat in its delegation in the House
of Representatives. Senator Huston
was the minority choice of the
voters of his State; and he held his
seat by grace of Republican division.The Democrats of Wisconsin,
who have had in him nearly three
years of representation to which
they were not entitled, now are soanxious for non-partisanship and for
patrism, let them join the Repub-
licans in nominating—as the laws
of Wisconsin permit—and in elect-
ing—as their protestations would
indicate—a sound Republican to fill
the vacancy which has so tragically
occurred.

STARTING WORK

HE purchase of 40,000 yards of
"fill" for grading the CapitolPark Extension zone, decision to be-
gin work upon the widening of Third
street and the establishment of a
circle at Walnut and Third streets
are long steps toward beginning de-
velopment of the enlarged park
tract. The Board of Public Grounds
and Buildings, all the members of
which are ardent supporters of the
park extension plan, voted for the
start of the work and to them the
city owes its thanks. The widening
of Third and Walnut streets are mat-
ters of real importance, for with the
diversion of street car and other ve-
hicular traffic from the zone east ofthe present Capitol grounds, more
room will be required on the high-
ways adjoining.In return, the State will ask the
city to establish a future building
line along North street, widening
that street to take care of traffic in
the years to come. This the city no
doubt will agree to do, since setting
back the building line there wouldmean that as rapidly as the present
structures come down frontage
would be changed to meet the new
requirements of the wider street and
the cost to the city would be spread
out over a period of years, just as
the State plans to carry on its own
building and developing program
over a long term. Such projects as
the Capitol development are not to
be accomplished in days, or months,
or even a few years. They are de-
signed to stand for generations.Much money will be required and the
labor of thousands of men. The
members of the present board are
intent upon laying the foundations
upon firm grounds. They want to
make no mistake at the beginning.
Upon their decision will rest largelythe success of the whole enterprise.
After mature deliberation and con-
sultation with the most expert minds
in the country, they have decided to
ask the city to relocate the bridge
authorized for Walnut street and to
join with the State and the railroad
in the erection of a monumental
viaduct at State street, with proper
entrances from the Walnut street
and sidewalks to Walnut street from the
slope of the bridge in the park. This
can be accomplished in one of two
ways. Either the loan approved for
Walnut street can be diverted by
a popular vote or it can be thrown
into the discard and an entirely new
loan placed before the people for
the construction of a bridge over the
railroad at State street, in confor-
mity with the desires of those who
represent the Commonwealth.The State is giving the municipal-
ity so much that the city cannot
refuse any reasonable request. In
the end the city will be a great gain-
er and it must meet the Board of
Grounds and Buildings, as it has in
the past, halfway on any proposal
that may be made.

STEELTON'S HOME DEFENSE

FORMATION at a town meeting
in Steelton last night of a home
defense unit along the lines of the
Harrisburg Reserves will not onlymake the third such organization in
Dauphin county, but provide the bor-
ough with support in case of emer-
gency for the Reserve Militia and the
special policemen of the Public Safe-
ty Committee and the various indus-
tries. The plan adopted for Steelton
is to have an organization which can
train young men of draft age for
service and at the same time put the
older men in possession of knowledge
of military discipline and what is ex-
pected when trouble occurs.These home defense organizations
are being formed all over the State.
In every case public spirit is what has
actuated the preliminary meetings
and the same thought is behind the
work they are doing. In the face of
many discouragements these organiza-
tions have been working for
months. No aid, not even recogni-
tion, has come from Washington, and
the State authorities have never
indicated that they knew such
bodies were in existence. The time
is coming rapidly, however, when thehome defense man will come into his
own. Sheriffs and chiefs of police
have in many cases complimented
the members on what they have
done.

Steelton is right in line, as usual.

Politics in
Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

While it is apparently the plan of
the leaders of the Penrose wing of
the Republican party to allow events
to shape the next state ticket, certain
of the men aligned with the state
administration would like to force
the fighting by a declaration. Some
of them are looking for the Governor
to give inklings of the policy he
intends to make in his speeches he is
expected to make at Scranton, York or
other places where he is to talk in
the next few weeks.The unanimous election of Senator
William C. Sproul as president of the
Union League of Philadelphia, is
likely to be followed by some au-
thoritative statement either by the
Senator or his friends, but it is believed
that no matter what the Delaware
Senator may decide that High-
way Commissioner J. Denny O'Neill
will stay in the field into which he
really entered some months ago. Gifford
Pinchot is also likely to star.Democrats are going to wait and
are artfully switching from man to man
every day.In spite of the Governor's remark
that no one has asked him to call an extra session of the Legislature
at the Capitol, the idea of calling one
will be much discussed. The visits
of Attorney General Brown to
various parts of the state and the
pilgrimages of men lined up with the
administration to this city, have always
been followed by reports that
sentiment was being sounded out.
According to these reports the
main question will be raised in
the call in the event that Congress
passes the "dry" amendment before
summer begins and signs are right
for an extra session.According to an arrangement
made yesterday afternoon the ques-
tion of the re-election of Thomas D.
Bedellman in the service of the
Board of Public Grounds and Buildings
will be taken up to-morrow.—
Governor Brumbaugh desires to dis-
cuss with the Attorney General the
powers of the Governor in relation to
appointments, it is said.The Philadelphia North Ameri-
can to-day indicated that it believes
the election of Congressman John V.
Lesher, of the Sunbury district, as
the Pennsylvania member of the
Democratic congressional campaign
committee, means harmony. Lesher
and the opposition and the meeting of
the Keystone Democratic congress-
man, generally stormy, was said to
be interrupted.Louis Kosuth, the immortal Hun-
garian patriot, during his triumphant
and memorable tour in the United
States in 1848, delivered some of
the mightiest addresses in favor of
the rights of humanity that ever
were made. During his American
tour he visited Harrisburg and trav-
eled on a canal boat up the Juniata
to Hollidaysburg and on to
Pittsburgh. Hence, a quotation from
his address delivered, if I am not
mistaken, in the Plymouth Church in
Brooklyn. It sets his views of the
"Peace Society," the purity of
the world he did not question. Hesaid: "But I am told there are men of
peace who say, after all, it is very
true—very fine, if you please—but
they will have peace at any price.
Now, I say, there are many things
in the world which are not
definitions and definitions
and it is not true that
they are men of peace who speak
so—they are men who would
conserve, at any price, the present
condition of things. Is that present
condition peace?" Is the scaffold
peace?—"the scaffold" on which
he is hanged, is not it? "It is not
the most complete confidence in the
American troops and the work that
they will do." On the other hand, the
soldier hasthe immediate fact of war, and
we realize too, that we are not
just fighting Prussianism and
militarism; we are fighting Germany
and everything that has to do with Ger-
many. The American soldier in the
trenches fights German soldiers; it
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On the other hand, the soldier hasthe most complete confidence in the
American troops and the work that
they will do.The fighters on the other side are
absolutely wonderful. But my firm
feels after thirteen years of service
in the United States that they are
men who would conserve, at any
price, the present condition of
things? Is that peace? Are the
prisoners of Austria, filled with patriots,
make the world sit up and take no-
tice. They are fresh, and that means
a lot. They'll have a hard time at
first, but there's no cause for dis-
couragement in that; that's what
the world is going to do, they are not
for parades purposes!"The spirit of the draft camp is
wonderful! And the men I've talked
with aren't thinking of avoiding ser-
vice; they are asking, "What outfit
can I get into that will get me there
before the rest?" And it's no dis-
grace to be drafted."Mr. Empey refuses even to call the
men to the front. It isn't that he
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On the other hand, the soldier hasthe most complete confidence in the
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they will do."And," Gunner Empey added,
"was that they called the Conscription
bill?"

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AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'? . . .

BY BRIGGS



The sudden winter weather which has descended on Harrisburg seems to have caused considerable trouble not only in the way of light and heat but also in the way of transportation. Delivery wagons have been having their own difficulties to get around and motor trucks and automobiles of hitherto blameless reputation have developed skidding tendencies and cut up pranks which have made more or less annoyance for their drivers. It is also to be noted that the day of the old "butter-box" has not passed. Some real old fashioned sleighs have been showing on the streets and certain grocers have turned to the use of some sleds or sledges or whatever may desire to call them which seem to be days when they used to "jumped" if the driver did not mind and some times it did. But oddest of all has been the effect on the Capitol docks. There are something like 300 sleds, the bottoms of which have to be codded and for whom Joe Pyne is not only name but guide, counselor and friend. Mr. Pyne says that the weather has given some of the clocks cold. He deliv-
ers it this way: The clock is delicate; the hands are like people. They have just
got up on the Hill have been wandering around in darkness the last few evenings and the combination of no lights and much ice on pavements has not been pleasant. Last evening people
in Second and Green streets had their own trouble. They could hardly see to go about. Passing automobiles were hailed to stop and furnish some light in a number of instances. One man had a car stop and throw lights on his front step so that he could get up over the ice and not break his neck. * * *

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Officers at state draft headquarters are making efforts to complete before the end of the week information as to how all local draft boards stand in regard to the number of men under the age of 21 in the selective service from the Army. Considerable difficulty is being experienced as in a number of instances boards have not only to secure men to make up their full quota, but to replace men who were rejected or released on physical examination. Handbooks have been returned from Camp Meade alone and calls are coming for men to replace them. It is said that there are more shortages in Philadelphia boards than in some of those up the state. According to estimates there are about 700 men to go to the three camps Meade, Lee and Sherman—the others complete the first quota. The 1,000 men for Camp Sherman will go Friday and Saturday, but no date has been fixed for the 7,000 to go to Lee or the 17,000 to go to Meade. Col. George E. Sherman, the officer in charge of draft headquarters, says it depends upon when the information comes in. They may go the middle of next week, but no date has been set. * * *

Action of the State Board of Public Grounds and Buildings yesterday in agreeing to advance cash to Miss Violet Oakley for the paintings for the Supreme Court chamber assures the completion not only of the Supreme Court series, which will be a monumental work, but of the remaining ones for the Senate chamber. The Senate paintings will be completed this year. * * *

The deer season about to close has been very successful in many parts of Pennsylvania noted in past years for deer killed and hunters fresh from the woods say that deer are more plentiful now than they have ever seen them. Strict compliance with game laws is regarded as largely responsible, but there is some complaint on the part of hunters who say that in some of the deer camps the one buck per hunter is observed. It is said that the plan of allowing one buck to each man in camp works against the interests of the resident hunters and the men who go into the mountains for a day or two. In some of the camps the entire party hunts, whether or not one or more of those in the drive already have bagged a deer, with the result that one hunter may get two or three deer in a season. The resident hunter, however, is so fond of big bucks that he must keep out of the woods thereafter and the hunter who comes in for a day or two is often prevented from procuring the local man's services as guide. There is talk of suggesting an amendment to the Legislature requiring the man who kills a deer to stay out of the mountains the remainder of the season. * * *

Over in the South Mountains the recent snowfall has resulted in hunters beginning to realize just how bad it is. Although the light crust on the snow has made tracking difficult on account of the notice the hunter makes when approaching a buck. One hunter returning the other day said that in the course of several hours tramping along the top and slopes of one ridge near Barnesville station, he crossed at least three dozen separate deer trails, nearly all of them fresh and found numerous places where deer had dug in the snow. Hunters say that the tracks are unusually large and that the does they have seen in the woods are large and plump. * * *

General C. M. Clement, who is back in camp at Augusta, is holding close inspections of his men. Frederic Courtland Penfield, former ambassador to Austria, will make his home in Philadelphia. Frank J. T. Rothrock, the veteran forestry commissioner of Pittsburgh, is one of the incorporators of a big new realty company in that city. Ex-Senator Ernest L. Rustin, of Philadelphia, is making a series of addresses on patriotic subjects in eastern countries. General C. M. Clement, who is back in camp at Augusta, is holding close inspections of his men. * * *

That Harrisburg is making steel for new government vessels? * * *

HISTORIC HARRISBURG
In every war this place has furnished foodstuffs for the Army and often for the Navy. * * *