

HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH A NEWSPAPER FOR THE HOME

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THE BUDGET CITY COUNCIL is engaged in the annual agony of paring down the budget. Like all surgical operations, if properly performed the patient will recover, perhaps little or none the worse for the experience.

WHAT A CHRISTMAS! SOME of us are making our Christmas preparations with a touch of sadness and a bit of homesickness about the heart. For home is not really home with loved ones off in the training camps and vacant places at the holiday feast.

FARM LOAN BONDS SENATOR PENROSE has given notice that he will contest the effort of Democrats in the Senate to pass the Hollis amendment to the federal farm loan act.

MUST MAINTAIN TURNPIKES THE orders issued by the Public Service Commission in the complaints against three Lancaster county turnpike indicate pretty plainly that the highways on which toll is charged must be maintained.

move of the gates the traveling public shall get smooth and safe riding at least for its money. PUBLISH THE DISLOYAL ET us have a published list of those people who won't buy Liberty Bonds, who decline to join the Red Cross and who refuse to subscribe to Y. M. C. A. or Knights of Columbus war work funds.

THE WAR AND BASEBALL FORMER GOVERNOR JOHN K. TENNER, discussing the possibilities of the coming season, says that despite the war "the people must have baseball."

SOUTH MAKES BIG SLAM REPRESENTATIVE FITZGERALD, of New York, will retire from Congress at the end of the year. His assigned reasons are that he feels the need of making provision for his family and that his private affairs have been neglected through the service which his Congressional membership entails.

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TOMORROW afternoon school will let out with a rush and a shout for the holiday season. It has been "some" week. Ask any teacher if that is not so.

BOOKS With golden looks—Hiver's rarest honey!—A friendly, rarest honey!—The world for little money!

Learn How to Stoke Furnace FROM THE Mother's Magazine, learn to fire your furnace or stove economically. If you don't know just what to do with the drafts, or the heat, or the smoke, or the various kinds of fuel, write to the manufacturer, giving the name, date of manufacture, and style number; he will send you the desired information.

LABOR NOTES Since the war began the employment of women in the British metal industries has increased 84 per cent. Of the 200,000 women and girls employed in the district of Birmingham, Eng., 25,000 are organized.

LABOR NOTES (cont.) Frisco Cement Finishers' Union has negotiated a new agreement which includes wage increases. Buffalo, N. Y., has raised wages 20 per cent for city laborers, hydrant men, repair men and foremen.

A halo of mellow memory about the bit of spruce on a school room desk that is a treasure, indeed, to him who holds it in his heart as green and lovely as the day it bloomed gaudily in its dress of home-made trimmings from its anchorage in an erstwhile inkwell. And there is joy in the recollections of the old school "treats" that thoughts of more pretentious gifts of later years cannot mar.

Politics in Pennsylvania By the Ex-Committeeman

The manner in which the friends of Superior Court Judge William D. Porter, of Pittsburgh, have taken hold of the proposition of renominating the Judge and the emphatic endorsement given him by the bars of a number of counties, has raised the hope of many Pennsylvanians that the state may be spared in 1918 a repetition of the recent primary and general election scrambles for places upon the appellate benches.

—It is very evident from what is being said and done at the State Capitol that Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh proposes to take a hard line in the primary campaign. The Governor has told friends that he will contend for re-election and will nominate candidates for the Legislature pledged for the "dry" amendments and many look for him to depart from traditional conservatism.

—Men opposed to the "dry" amendment are already setting up pins about the state and are bending their efforts to sew up the nominations for the Legislature in both parties. Some of the Democrats are in a quandary as they fear to openly take up the amendment because of effect on some of their most ardent supporters.

—Between 30,000 and 40,000 votes are expected to be added to the strength of the Town Meeting party through plans which will be placed in operation at once, says the Philadelphia Press. The principal feature of the new party leaders to secure a complete list of names on the assessors' lists, which closed last night.

—The city of Scranton has started to cut down expenses and there is a department of battalion chiefs have been dropped. —General regret is being manifested at the Capitol on the retirement of Department of Public Safety General Horace W. Davis. He had many friends here and made a fine record.

—The years have come on and have fled away, And her locks that were dark are now silvery gray; But search through the years and you'll not find a sign That she's ever been less than dear Mother o' Mine.

—The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of childhood, and so when Christmas combines with the boys and girls in a conspiracy against school discipline the wise teacher bows to the inevitable, turns the pages of the singing book to "Jolly Old St. Nicholas, Bend Your Ear This Way," lets the younger pupils recite "The Night Before Christmas" and enters upon a season of Christmas trees and excitement that winds up Friday afternoon before the great holiday in a very orgy of holiday celebration.

A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



LABOR NOTES

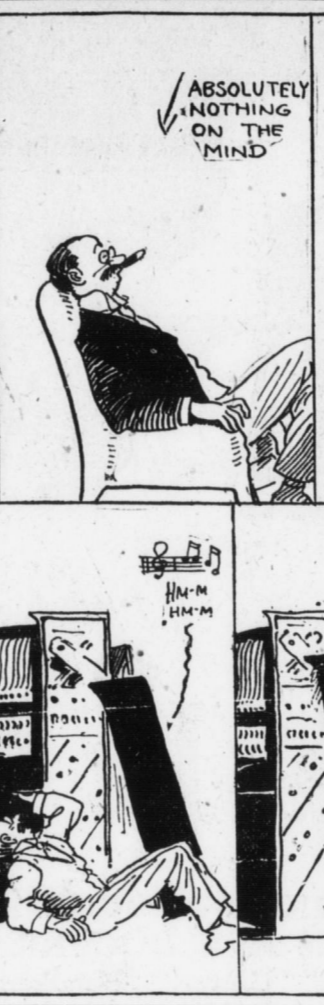
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DEAR MOTHER O' MINE

I am sitting tonight far away from the place where I was born and bred, Where I'm sure there are others see a beautiful face; And as I sit here writing line after line, I'm most keen the voice of dear Mother o' Mine.

And when we have crossed to the beautiful shore, Where partings and troubles can come never more, We'll see how "all things worked together" so fine, For your "good" and my "good," dear Mother o' Mine.

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON THE MIND



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WHEATLESS THERE

We are born in this Georgia valley with a "single eye" for three things, the weather, the harvest and Almighty God. We have had practice in keeping our vision clear and our attention fixed on the main job.

NOTHER HERO

He wears no medal on his vest, No lettered bronze adorns his chest, He makes no grandstand bid for fame, The hero stunt is not his game.

THE MAN FOR THE JOB



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BY BRIGGS



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ONLY THING THAT WOULD FIT. Sparrow—What's your Christmas? Stork—Same old thing, a candy cane!

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Evening Chat

Indications are that by this time next year that substantial progress will not only have been made on the preparation of the twenty-seven or so acres embraced in Capitol park extension for the landscape architect, but also possible to see the big changes which will be made along the streets which bound the park.

Over the Top in Penna.

One advantage a talking machine has over the human voice is that you can shut it off or change the record.

The hot denial of Austrian newspapers that Austria is not a vassal of Germany certainly recalls the old ballad.

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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Philadelphia director of health, has named a new Philadelphia charitable institution, says he would do again if occasion arose.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg people are furnishing considerable material over the holidays in the big camps? HISTORIC HARRISBURG Peter Barbezen, a French trader, is said to have had a trading post at Lochiel before Harris came this way.