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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1917 A fat kitchen makes a lean will.

FRANKLIN. MORE CITY REVENUE COUNCIL is facing the necessity of more taxes, abandonment of the municipal ash collection plan or higher water rates.

There has been a persistent doubt in the minds of those acquainted with the facts concerning the wisdom of the several reductions of water charges in Harrisburg in recent years. It never did look like good business.

As for abandoning the ash collection system just as it bids fair to become really efficient, that will not be well received.

Revelations of incompetence and inefficiency at Washington only emphasize the concern of the American people over the German menace.

MUST DO THEIR PART SHIPPERS who are justly complaining of congested freight traffic are not entirely blameless.

CHANGE OF SCHOOL RULES THE School Board will take a long step in the direction of increased efficiency of administration if it adopts the changes of school rules outlined in last evening's issue of the Telegraph.

There is nothing novel or experimental about this. It is the way in which all successful private businesses of any size is conducted.

The biggest advantage will be to centralize authority and vest responsibility in those who are required to perform the actual work of school administration.

CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES THERE appears on another page of the Telegraph of this issue a column headed "Christmas Opportunities," a list of worthy homes into which no holiday cheer may come unless YOU play Santa Claus to the unfortunate.

The Associated Aids vouches for each as worthy of your charity. What are you going to do about it? With all the war work activities, and hands stretched forth for our dollars at every turn, some of us have forgotten the poor whom we have always with us—the unfortunate of our own city.

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Out of the hundred millions which Congress gave to the President for exigent war expenses, he has given George Croell's Committee on Public Information \$1,350,000. This is not a large percentage of the total sum at the President's disposal.

CONSERVATION AT BOTH ENDS PENNSYLVANIA'S creation of a great forestry reserve and its offering of hundreds of thousands of young trees raised in its own State nurseries for systematic reforestation have attracted national attention and the results have been so successful that the great coal and water companies have established on their lands areas which are to be maintained in a natural state and are planting trees at a rate which would have astonished the coal operator of a generation ago.

At the same time the State Water Supply Commission is taking steps which will prevent flooding of towns and farm lands by a policy of close scrutiny of stream obstruction.

It is not generally known that official permission to make fills along a dozen streams has been refused coal and manufacturing companies. The filling in, which is often the cause of disastrous movement of waters in time of freshets, is now only sanctioned where it can be shown that harm will not result to people miles away.

THE State is not only moving to maintain its supply of water, but to protect its water courses. It is conservation of the most practical sort.

Instead of the old half-hazard committee administration, all very well when the board was large in numbers and the city small in size, but very cumbersome and inefficient under present conditions, the various departments are to be operated each by a responsible head, all under the authority of the superintendent of schools, and he in turn at the command of the board of directors.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Charters have been issued by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to three municipalities of Pennsylvania to become third-class cities on the first Monday in January and they are now beset by financial assistance asked from the bureau of municipalities of the State Department of Labor and Industry.

The new third-class cities are to be Bethlehem, composed of Bethlehem and South Bethlehem, both of which were incorporated some time ago as separate third-class cities, but legal proceedings set aside the charter; Duquesne and Butler. The Bethlehem lie in separate counties, that of the Commonwealth. They will vote on consolidation and erection into a city.

Grangers appear to be very much in sympathy with Auditor General Snyder's effort to cut down payrolls and to insist upon being satisfied by necessity for some appointments. It will be recalled that some newspapers and some men who were very busy in approving announcements of this sort of action by A. W. Powell, right after he became Auditor General, are now indignant at Snyder for even making inquiries.

NEWSPAPER ADS. BEST "Nothing equals the daily newspaper as an advertising medium." This was the statement of C. A. Brownell, advertising manager of the Ford Motor Company, to members of the Chicago Advertising Association, at a recent luncheon.

It is a fact that the circulation of these fifty-one cities in the magazines would cost \$7,500, an equal space in these newspapers would cost less than \$6,000.

RUSSIA'S FOOD PROBLEM There is food enough in Russia, but the fault lies in its distribution, and this fault may be traced, first to the long war, and the disorganization that occurred in consequence, to the mismanagement of the revolutionary government.

THE AULD SCOTCH WIFE They say I'm kinda crazy 'Sin' they sent me the news about him.

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IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES

BY BRIGGS



CHRISTMAS MORNING

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

A CONTRADICTION To the Editor of the Telegraph:

It has come to my knowledge that some one is circulating the story that the motor bus I run in Sixth street, is owned by the Harrisburg Railways Company.

THE RED CROSS To the Editor of the Telegraph:

A symbol is a sign of a thing which it represents. It is the immediate tangible representation of some event, or some thing, or some condition. The lion is the symbol of strength; the flag is the symbol of a nation; the Christmas tree and evergreen wreath are the symbols of the natal day of the world's Redeemer.

RUN THEM DOWN [Popular Mechanics.] This country has long been honeycombed with German spies. Every day or two some person who passed as a business or professional man, and who has been well regarded, is caught "with the goods" and arrested.

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Over the Top in Penna.

Everybody in Stroudsburg these days is dining on bear meat, owing to the generosity of R. D. Melvin, who shot the biggest black bear killed in that neighborhood in many years. It weighed 502 pounds and the assassin is so benevolent that he passed the bear around liberally.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

I had a restless night. I dreamed I had an appointment with you and you were more than an hour late. I got tired of waiting and woke up.

OUTMATCHED Do you think the widow is setting her cap for him?

AFTER THE SHARE Motorist (recoiling from smash-up): Isn't that a pretty stiff bill, doctor?

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE -Walter H. Greevy is the major in command of Blair county's home defense organization.

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