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Only one life, it will soon be past; aly what's done for Jesus will last.

### DISCUSSION NOT WANTED

T was scarcely to be expected that the resolutions of the Harrisburg
Democratic Association calling for "a free, unbossed, old-time Demo-cratic gathering" in the form of a State convention to discuss merits of candidates for the important State candidates for the important State offices to be filled this year would be received with uproarious acclaim at the headquarters of the regnant faction of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania. But the treatment given to the idea has been colder than the weather. The men about the headquarters say that they had not heard of the proposition until it was enunciated at the meeting of the State Capital Democrats and that they now have nothing to say. Leaders have ignored the scheme entirely and most of the Democratic newspapers give the action of the meeting inside page mention.

The truth of the matter is that the

merits of men suggested as candi- tion. dates in advance of the primary by ny convention or other assemblage hich can be considered as in any party of the Keystone State. All the liscussion necessary will be held at the National Capital, where the Democratic ticket for the second largest State in the Union was framed up just about four years ago, and where it is the plan to have less than half a dozen men sit around a table to make it up for the men of Pennsylvania this year. The fact that the voters repudiated the slate made by the Democratic bosses in 1914 by over 125,000 votes does not seem to have carried its lesson to these Bourbons. They are going to sit down and parcel out the nominations again and the result will be the same.

The Harrisburg Democrats might as well have spared their thought, time, paper and ink. No conventions or other gatherings are wanted this year or any other year while the present clique runs the Democracy of Pennsylvania. There is no need for discussion. The socalled leaders will meet, tag each other, run over to the White House and then telegraph the news to wait-

## THE TAGLESS TAGGED

HERE need be no sympathy Plain notice was given for victory in 1918. that all applications made within a reasonable time would be filled and the tags in the hands of the proper so that they could be disvision remained open last night until it says:

It is estimated that 100,000 out of the 300,000 vehicles in the State were registered for 1918. Some people going to get into trouble. It will be their own fault. The law requires censes to be displayed on the first of the year. There is no use in hav ing a license system if it does not start on a designated date and is enforced from that time. And there is no excuse, in view of the ample notices given, why anyone should

## SHOES, SHIPS, SEALING WAX

which is making an inquiry into the war activities of the Administration.

As the

HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH of thinking and discussion," he re-

sion at Washington is not yet over. After nine months of war, after our troops have been six months France, the ratio of thinking and discussing to doing is almost at the sacred figure of sixteen to one for which Mr. Bryan once fought so valiantly in the fiscal world. It will

### THE K. OF C. DRIVE

O-MORROW the Knights of of Columbus begin their drive for funds with which to maintain recreation centers in the Army encampments. The Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus are the only organizations doing this kind of work by authority of the govern-ment. The sum they-ask is very modest, in comparison with other requests of the kind, and they deserve the support of the public, both because they themselves worked nobly and contributed generously toward the success of the Y. M. C. A. drive and because their "huts" will be open to all soldiers, whether or not they are members of the order.

Men of all sects and faiths are represented on the committees in charge of the campaign, as on all

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> In his Tunkhannock speech W. D. B. Ainey, chairman of the Public Service Commission, made this decla-

Service Commission, made this declaration:

Political bickerings and meaningless factional quarrelings have no proper place in the future of the Republican party in this State. There are so many opportunities for service that for us to spend our time in contentions over nonessentials is to betray our State.

If we are to make a worthwhile contribution to our country we must take stock of ourselves. The economic problems which confront us call for the largest vision. If we have disagreements—and doubtless we must disagree cometimes—these disagreements should relate to fundamentals. We must recognize that the Commonwealth was not created, nor is it maintained, to serve political parties, or foment factionalism. Political parties may be separated by divergent views as to great principles, but these parties are only important as they serve the State. Factionalism that serves only personal ambition is lost effort. Factionalism that serves only personal ambition is lost effort. The state of the new problems the needs of the new problems that are facing us. It is upon the basis of our essentials and emphasize the essentials in our political affairs that we must rest our claim for continued recognition at the hands of the people.

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Mr. Ainey has clearly set forth the vital need of the Republican party Snyder, who wasted upon the man who tries past so far as it relates to party of wills where the Auditor General to run an automobile to-day or differences, and to combine for contorrow or any day this week with structive and vigorous party action.

Mr. Ainey has voiced the general party actions that he would announce his decisions by the end of 1917 tag and gets arrested. He Mr. Ainey has voiced the general has had his chance. For weeks the sentiment of the Republicans of the the week. The action of the Audinewspapers have been filled with State and it should not be difficult tor General is likely to be followed urgings by Highway Commissioner J. under the circumstances to start the Denny O'Neil for owners of motor new year with a clean party slate vehicles to get their licenses for the and a determination to pull together

## IN A NUTSHELL

THE Saturday Evening Post of current issue sums up in a single paragraph the cause of newsplayed where the law directs on paper and congressional criticism of the administration's conduct of the war, when, speaking of the cabinet,

t says:

That organization is doing an enormous work; in many respects doing it very efficiently; and, on the whole broad view, getting steadily forward with it. On the other hand, it is absurd to claim that the Government is organized as it would have been if anyone had deliberately and disinterestedly organized it to undertake the vast task of this war, or that it has not blundered and wasted time. It contains some very inconspicuous abilities, while some of the most conspicuous abilities in the nation are excluded from it. People don't like that.

That is precisely the estination.

That is precisely the situation while really big men are left with nothing to do, as in the case of former Presidents Taft and Roose-G EN. CROZIER, Chief of Ordnance, was the first witness heard by the Senate Committee tigs, while the life of the nation is

He was asked what his branch of Northcliffe's view of Lloyd George the service did in the way of prepar-ing for the inevitable war in the in-wit, that he is an able man with terval between the departure of von two or three able men about him Bernstorff and the actual declara- and the remainder "mostly shirtson of war. "There was a great deal fronts and rubber stamps."

## Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

which Mr. Bryan once fought so valiantly in the fiscal world. It will be "some time next summer," Gen. Crozier admits, before our army will have measurably made up its deficiency in cannon—and even then we shall have no calibers larger than six-inch. To-day we are dependant wholly upon the French and the English for the guns which our men are using against the Germans, and even after next summer we shall be dependent for the heavy guns, if we use any of them.

Of course, cannon are not to be bought in the market like shingle nails; and the difficulties experienced in suddenly expanding our tiny military establishment to wartime dimensions are not to be underestimated. But thinking, discussion and the making of card catalogues will not win this war; and when one has to contemplate fifteen months of precious time passed before our troops can be only partly equipped with guns, it is evident that Congress has begun none too soon to make diligent in the restriction of the making of card catalogues will not win this war; and when one has to contemplate fifteen months of precious time passed before our troops can be only partly equipped with guns, it is evident that Congress has begun none too soon to make diligent in the making of card catalogues will not win this war; and when one has to contemplate fifteen months of precious time passed before our troops can be only partly equipped with guns, it is evident that Congress has begun none too soon to make diligent in the making of card catalogues will not win this war; and when one has to contemplate fifteen months of precious time passed before our troops can be only partly equipped with guns, it is evident that Congress has begun none too soon to make diligent of the peace in Hatfield boroughlate of the peace in Men active in political affairs are discussing with great interest the

Swartz has seldom been reversed.

—The silence with which the suggestion of an unbossed convention to discuss merits of candidates for state offices in advance of the primary has been received by the Democratic machine leaders is being much commented upon. The weather is a more pleasant topic about the Democratic state windmill than the VanDyke resolution just now and the refusal to discuss the subject seriously rather indicates that it has been placed on the list of topics which must not be talked of under pain of being declared untrue to the faith.

—The Democratic bosses who are to meet on the banks of the Potomac this week to write down the names of the men the Democratic voters of Pennsylvania are to accept as candidates for 1918 will hardly call a convention, but intimate that the meeting of the state committee, which will be held after the primary will answer all purposes.

—Hugh Evans, appointed chief clerk in the Lackawanna register of wills office, is a brother-in-law of Federal Judge Witmer.

—John A. Eckert, Jersey Shore editor, has been appointed mercantile appraiser of Lycoming county.

—Scranton firemen have started a campaign for a raise in wages.

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—Tax Receiver W. Freeland Kendrick, of Philadelphia, occasioned considerable surprise in political circles yesterday by announcing the appointment of Daniel Wade as deputy tax collector to succeed James E. Herron, who was dismissed after 20 years' service because of his failure to support the "50-50 ticket" last November. Mr. Wade was active in Democratic affairs for some years. In 1913 he was the fusion candidate for Tax Receiver against Mr. Kendrick. It was reported at the time that he was put on the fusion ticket at the instance of Michael J. Ryan. "Well, miss, they went in that directions." "Well, miss, they went in that directions decided surprise in political circles yesterday by announcing the appointment of Daniel Wade as a far collector to succeed appointment of Daniel Wade as a far collector to succeed missed after 20 years' service because of his failure to support the "50-50 ticket" last November. Mr. Wade was active in Democratic affairs for some years. In 1913 he was the fusion candidate for Tax Receiver against Mr. Kendrick. It was reported at the time that he was put on the fusion ticket at the instance of Michael J. Ryan.

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—New Castle is to lose its last Socialist office holder this week. W. V. Tyler, city councilman, and former mayor, who held on to acity job longer than any other member of his party, sweptin of office during the upheaving the many other member of the party. He held the office of many of the remained of Michael J. Ryan.

—Auditor General Charles A. Smyte, who yesterday confirmed the peace with Germany in the missed after that was held in making peace with Germany in the tell that the hold all follow. He will not surrive the ruin of may country like the trun of the stable of his army over to General Charles and the was clearly and the surrive of the stable o

at this time in Pennsylvania. We the reports that he dismissed five cannot go on inviting disaster through factionalism and the promotion of personal animosities. Now is the time to get together, to forget the time to get together, to forget the office of the Philadelphia register.

by some moves here.

—The fact that January 1 came without a number of people being given walking papers at the Capitol created some surprise to-day. Mr. Snyder had given information that snyder had given information that he would not pay certain attaches of the State Insurance Fund after January 1. Indications are that the Fund's officers are going to stand pat with the backing of the Attor-

## LABOR NOTES

Montreal, Quebec, fur workers hav

improved conditions, securing an in-crease in wages, 48-hour week and full recognition of their union.

Female operatives in the shirt and collar industries of Derry, Ireland will make a demand for a war bonus The eight-hour day is being estab-lished in New Bedford, Mass., cotton yarn mills by Stationary Firemen's

Belfast (Ireland) Corporation has decided to grant a war bonus of \$123 to each employe receiving a salary of \$2,000 and less.

A city ordinance has been passed at Orange, Tex., which provides that all contract work for the city shall be done by union labor.

## IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES







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# Over the Top

Pennsylvania want to do the public a good turn let them provide muzzles for those who insist on reading out loud the explanatory text on the

"For good?"
"Well, miss, they went in that di-

One of the most amazing developments of the war is the recovery of Belgium. Let us not pity her. A nation that rises above overwhelming woes is not a nation to pity. She should rather be admired for her virile strength. Man for man, Belgium's soldiers are the biggest, physically, on the western front. Their spirit is beyond praise. To-day after holding Germany for three years their army is "vastly larger" than

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St. Louis, Mo., metal polishers have had wages increased from 40 to 50 teents an hour; work week reduced from fifty-four to forty-nine and a half hours.

Women convicts in Alabama are sold to contractors for 15 cents a day and housed in filthy stockades.

## When the Fate of Prussia Rested in a Vial of Poison

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N the evening of August 12, 1759. Frederick II of Prussia, soldier, statesman and first Teutonic ruler to dream of a panifer and soldier, statesman and first Teutonic ruler to dream of a panifer and soldier, statesman and first Teutonic ruler to dream of a panifer and soldier, statesman and first Teutonic ruler to dream of a panifer and soldier, statesman and first Teutonic ruler to dream of a panifer and soldier, statesman and first and soldier, statesman and first and soldier for the seas against through and sure of the mastery of the seas against France and Spain, withdrew against France and Spain, withdrew its financial support from Prussia, and to Prusia again seemed imminent. Then the tide turned with the death of Elizabeth of Russia, Jandary 5, 1762. Her nephew, Peter, of Duke of Holstein-Gottorp, ascended the Russian throne, and as he was a "poor silly' creature of coarse and brutal manners" thoroughly imbued brutal manners "thoroughly imbued the wiping out forever of the Prussian and one still all against the Prussians. At the close of 1761, worse became worst when England, certain now of victory in America and India and sure of the mastery of the seas against France and Spain, withdrew its financial support from Prussia, through the decision of the new king, to prusia agains seemed imminent. Then the tide turned with the death of Elizabeth of Russia, Jandary S, 1762. Her nephew, Peter, of Duke of Holstein-Gottorp, ascended the Russian throne, and as he was a "poor silly' creature of coarse and brutal manners" thoroughly imbued the Russian throne, and as he was a "poor silly' creature of coarse and brutal manners" thoroughly imbued the properties of the seas against trance and Spain, withdrew in the sure of the mastery of the seas against trance and Spain, withdrew in the sure of the mastery of the seas against trance and Spain, withdrew in the sure of the mastery of the seas against trance and Spain, withdrew in the sure of the mastery of the seas against trance and Spain, withdrew in the sure of the

### FARM LOAN BANKS [Philadelphia Press.] When the farm loan bank experi-

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good in another year, it must face a tion or a very radical change in its



Children and not heard. Not exactly dren should be heard I'll agree with you.

IN LIBERTY BONDS. Bave up you coin you'll find it best, Said Wise Old Mr. Kent, The thriftless

fellow. The money he has spent.

How's your coal bin?
Say. It's

ago that used to hide in the corner and re-mind me to order more is considered a full

## Ehening Chat

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In trading days New Year's Day was a big occasion at Harris ferry and the custom of observing the day was given renewed impetus when the town began to grow after the Revolution. After the erection of the county in 1785 Harrisburg was noted for hospitality and thirty-five taverns are reported by a French traveler. These were places of much celebration on the first day of the year, according to stories that have come down, and the observance of the day must have been rather bibulous. And it may be added that old account books show that some of the first families had a lot of wine of Maderia on hand about that time of the year.

## WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Mayor-Elect A. T. Connell, of Scranton, likes to tell of the days he spent in the Klondike.

—D. W. Kuhn, the fuel administrator in Allegheny county, threatens to bring suits if people do not shut off the lights which they are ordered to extinguish at night.

—Dr. R. V. Mattison, the Amble, magnate, has retired from the electric business to give his time to abbestos manufacture for the Government.

ment.

—A. M. Masonheimer, Carbon county clergyman, has been chose as chaplain of the Laurytown alms house in the Middle Coal field poor district.

—John E. Heyburn, who will retire soon as sheriff of Delaware, plans to go to France.

## DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg site was vis-ted by Penn's agents as early

HISTORIC HARRISBURG Every Harrisburg church was of-fered for the use of the Legislature when this place was chosen as the capital,