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It may be a little farther around the corners of a square deal, but the road is better.—ANON.

OUR GOOD FORTUNE

ANNOUNCEMENT that the War Department has planned a great supply depot for the vicinity of Middletown, to be continued in active operation with some 5,000 workmen even after the war, means a very great deal for Harrisburg.

A permanent addition of 5,000 workmen to the population of this city and vicinity, however much we regret the tragedy of war that has brought it about.

But if the new enterprise brings with it good fortune it also adds to our responsibilities. The sudden coming of thousands of people will add tremendously to the already serious housing problem of the community.

Who cares for a meatless day so long as he has a winesap apple to eat just before going to bed.

UP TO HARRISBURG

THE mid-winter display of Pennsylvania farm products held here during the week in spite of the fact that there were three-foot snowbanks outside of the exhibition building there were 800 apple exhibits and 250 of corn, for the judging of which 132 boys and girls were brought here from forty counties.

That murder in a saloon at 4 o'clock in the morning is another argument against booze. Every dollar of revenue from rum means ten dollars in court costs and other expense which the taxpayer must meet.

In a clarion call as president of the State Association, Judge Eugene C. Bonnell urges the 150,000 volunteer firemen of Pennsylvania to aid national, State and municipal authorities to combat incendiaries, apparently German sympathizers, who are destroying munition plants and other assets throughout the country. Who

Farm tractors were sold for cash as they were given demonstrations in snow in Tenth street. This mid-winter show is going to be held again next year. There will be more people here. The boys and girls who came to judge corn and went home to tell of the fine time they had in Harrisburg, our Harrisburg, traveled because funds were raised in their home communities to pay their fare. State officials passed the hat for the cash to pay for their meals, while the Y. M. C. A. generously gave sleeping space for the boys. The money for the premiums was given by men from all over the State. The city of Harrisburg did not even hire a hall. The Chamber of Commerce did little more than bestow a blessing on the show. Other organizations let it go by.

It looks as though something is up to Harrisburg. For the last twenty years we have been trying to revive the old State fair which was such a great feature of our town life in the sixties. Some of us lost a lot of time and suffered under the steam roller when an effort was made to put through a bill for re-establishing a State fair here a few legislative sessions ago. And here is a real State-wide fair growing right up under our noses and the city and its alert business people are not paying any attention to it, while its commercial organizations are very much interested. Why, the talk among the farmers who were here last week and even among some of the small fair men, who now realize that a State show at Harrisburg, where the prize winners of their own exhibitions can be gathered, was that they "hoped these mid-winter shows would lead to a real State fair."

Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil's declaration yesterday that he was in the fight for the gubernatorial chair in earnest and to the finish and that as far as he is concerned there will be no harmony in taken to mean that the McKeesport man is getting ready to make a campaign that will be worth watching. He does not consider it a foregone conclusion that the Philadelphia North and West and the Varney line will up for O'Neil. On the other hand the Philadelphia Record the big Democratic organ, says: "There is nothing new about the rivalry between the candidates for the gubernatorial chair in Congress. Mr. Campbell is 'wet' and Mr. Kelly voted 'dry'."

LOCAL Food Administrator Donald McCormick says that the latest food regulations are addressed primarily to housekeepers, for the reason that restaurants and other dealers in foods have been trying to follow the recommendations of the Federal authorities from the beginning, while in many families little or no attention has been paid to food saving. Housekeepers should understand that they must conserve now voluntarily or later under compulsion. We are going to send wheat to France and England and Belgium in sufficient quantities to prevent starvation there, no matter what happens at home, for here we have other foods that can be pressed into service, but which cannot be shipped abroad. So it behooves us to save wheat wherever possible.

The democracy of the United States was never put to greater test. We are trying out now the spirit of the people. Will they volunteer to do what they know should be done or must they be drafted? Will they follow the wise regulations of Mr. Hoover or will Congress be compelled to pass laws making them do so? On the answer hinges the extent of our patriotism and our fitness for self-government.

Mayor Kelster has a practical mind, and he will doubtless lose no time in directing the policemen to report at once the indifferent owners of vacant lots and other properties where sidewalks are impassable. If you are a good citizen, clean your sidewalk!

The Philadelphia Press, which has been paying considerable attention to the situation among the Democrats, has in its issue of January 28th developed in the Democratic ranks that Postmaster John A. Thomson was in the line with the purpose of a Mitchell Palmer, dispenser of Federal patronage, to strengthen the lines of the Wilson Democrats in their hope of naming and electing a Governor in the next campaign. It was also announced yesterday that Collector of Internal Revenue Thomson was in the line with the purpose of a Mitchell Palmer, dispenser of Federal patronage, to strengthen the lines of the Wilson Democrats in their hope of naming and electing a Governor in the next campaign.

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can doubt that these brave fire fighters will rally to their leader's call and that every effort will be put forth to crush an insidious foe.

According to newspaper reports, a sergeant and patrolman of the Harrisburg police force do not speak as they pass by and the sergeant has accused the patrolman of insubordination in refusing to salute Mayor Kelster in his demanding a show-down. Discipline is absolutely necessary if we are to have a force worthy of the name, but we confess to a little curiosity as to how the best results are possible when the sergeant and the officer on his beat do not speak to each other.

It begins to look as though the Austrians prefer to trust their enemies at Washington rather than their friends in Berlin.

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PROGRESS OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO By DR. ROBERT R. MOTON President of Tuskegee Institute

WE as farmers, teachers, preachers, and leaders generally, should keep clearly and definitely in mind the fact, that the race problem in America is going to be worked out South of the Mason and Dixon line, and I firmly believe, that eventually, we are going to have an amicable adjustment of all of the fundamental phases of race relationships in our country.

GERMAN SHOE OUTPUT The Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger, October 13, writes: "The supervisory committee of the shoe trade has made representations to the authorities regarding the serious scarcity of leather and all kinds of materials for the manufacture of shoes for civilians."

MONGOLIA WAYSIDE INN (Olive Gilbreath in Asia) The inn (in Mongolia) was a typical northern inn such as soon became familiar to us. From the horizon, a herd of animals were feeding in open mud stalls, as they fed in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago.

JANUARY GARDENS The days of catalogs have come, the best of all the year. When every mail its quota brings of books from far and near, with gorgeous blossoms on their backs, and fragrant flowers all tabled neat as wax.

MY ROSARY The hours I spent in sweeter art Are as a string of pearls; I sigh To count them over every one apart. My rows vary—my rows vary. Each hour a pearl—each pearl take care To drop no stitch, lest I be wrong. I count, yes count unto the end Of children's bodied, there are memories that bless and burn Of ravelling out a bitter loss, I drop a pearl yet strive to last To learn to knit across. Sweet art,—to knit across.

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LABOR NOTES St. Louis, Mo., organized bakers rejected their employers' offer to raise wages \$2 a week, providing the union abandons its label.

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Evening Chat

Two-foot ice and two-bushel coal orders are having a smashing success in this community and the experiences of the State Capital in the first two months of the winter we are now enduring will be interesting reading next summer when, according to the farmers and scientists, the ground will be in fine shape because of the heavy snows. The greatest ice since 1904 and every stream and pond in this part of the State is fast in winter fetters. The people who deal in ice declare they have never seen so much ice to care for this community than it did two years ago, because of the increase in population and the fact that the ice is being used for purposes and by people which did not require it in 1908. Then, too, it is pointed out that the district will have to supply more ice than it will come here because of Governmental affairs, especially the great supply station near Middletown and the proposed extension of the steel works, which are now being talked of at Washington. The coal men have already begun to figure out how to get the coal for next winter's demands because they believe that as soon as the weather moderates the coal market will be opened and will start to lean full for next winter. This interesting prophecy was made by a man long in the coal business in these words: "About the time that people get their income tax paid you will find they will be ordering coal for next winter. I have been bothering about how to hold the customer's money, but I think that they will be trying to hold me. When people run up against conditions such as they have struck this winter, they are not going to make any mistakes next trip. They will be saving money this spring and putting it into coal. Some will get it because the weather is not going to be speeded up and precautions taken against a repetition of what we have gone through. It will be because the weather is not going to hold the customer's money. Some saving next summer to buy coal will save suffering in the winter."

HOWEVER, there is something which the coal men will have to explain before they can re-establish themselves in our good graces and that is the small quantities of small lots required in many instances, but the prices asked for the bushel, two bushel, quarter or half ton lots make inquiry. The retailers who back along the line and declare that costs of delivery make them do it, but the fact that the charges were high for small sales for the winter, which is unfortunate. Another matter of much complaint about the coal is the quantity of slate and rock which is sold in the streets of the city the failure to secure heat led to examinations and the data secured will be heard from. Here again we are reminded that the line and say with more grounds than they have for their scale of charges that they are being hit too.

Unity between organized labor and the farmers is urged by A. C. Townley, president of the New York Farmers' Nonpartisan League.

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Bread and Stones JUST the other day I saw a big fat, OVERFED person talking TO A slim, bony individual AND lecturing him about FOOD conservation THE little man listened PATIENTLY until he was FINISHED, then he said "PEOPLE who have bay windows SHOULDN'T throw stones!" —St. Louis Star.