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Happy and strong and brave shall we be able to endure all things, and do all things—if we believe that every day, every hour, every moment of our life is in His hands.—HENRY VAN DYKE.

GROUNDHOG DAY

None of us believe in the Groundhog as a weather forecaster. No, indeed! Most certainly NOT!

But, there is no gainsaying that a lot of foolish persons ARE superstitious enough to place faith in Groundhog Day. This is silly. We know it is, because an official of the Weather Bureau once told us that the Groundhog has nothing more to do with the weather than he has to do with the price of pork, and this Weather Bureau man is a coldly calculating, scientific person, who can prove by geometry and trigonometry that the only way to forecast weather is by figuring it out in curves on a map.

As we have said, the belief in the Groundhog is a matter for the ignorant and the superstitious. But just the same most of us will breath a bit more easily if the coming Saturday be so overcast that the sun does not reach a shadow-casting stage. Of course, this has nothing, oh absolutely nothing whatsoever, to do with the fact that Saturday will be Groundhog Day.

MR. BAKER'S DEFENSE

Secretary of War Baker is a past master of glittering and convincing generalities and his defense before the Senate Military Committee smacks strongly of his address in Harrisburg last year, which sounded well, but has not been entirely borne out in all its particulars by the developments to which the Secretary then looked forward so confidently.

SMILEAGE BOOKS

A smileage book is a book of tickets to recognized places of amusement for soldiers. The pay of the soldier is small. The life of the soldier is hard and monotonous.

KILLING THE VARMINTS

Judging from the reports made by officers in charge of the bounty division of the State Game Commission, a pretty good share of the State's revenue from hunters' licenses is going toward encouraging the killing of weasels, wildcats, foxes, minks and other animals classed as vermin and upon whose heads a price is placed because of the damage they do to the farmers.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

An early announcement of the platform upon which he will seek the Republican nomination for Governor is expected from Senator Willing. This statement is expected to be of such a character as to meet the views of everyone, declare friends of the Delaware man, who are ready to contend with Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neill and his forces for the honor.

CONGRESSMAN KREIDER

It is to be hoped that Congress will enact Congressman Kreider's bill amending the soldier's relief act so as to include such worthy cases as that of the Aurands in this city, whose only son and sole support was killed in France, but is deprived of government aid through the loose construction of the original relief law.

CAMP HILL PATRIOTIC

The determination of Camp Hill and Washington Heights men to wash their own laundry and to their work by raising funds to provide sweaters, helmets, etc., for the boys of that locality who have gone to the front, as well as to make surgical dressings and other supplies of a medical nature, is greatly to the credit of those communities.

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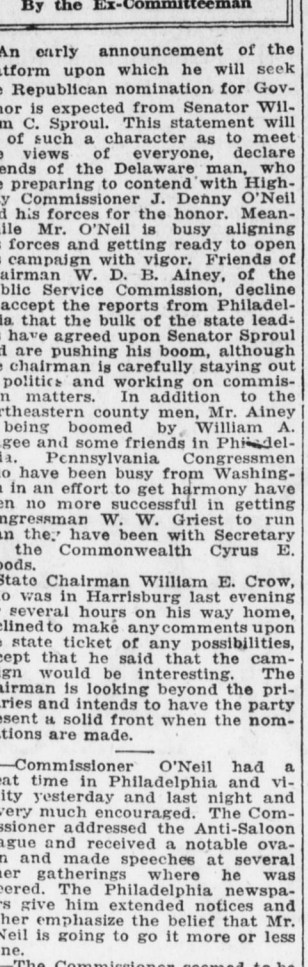
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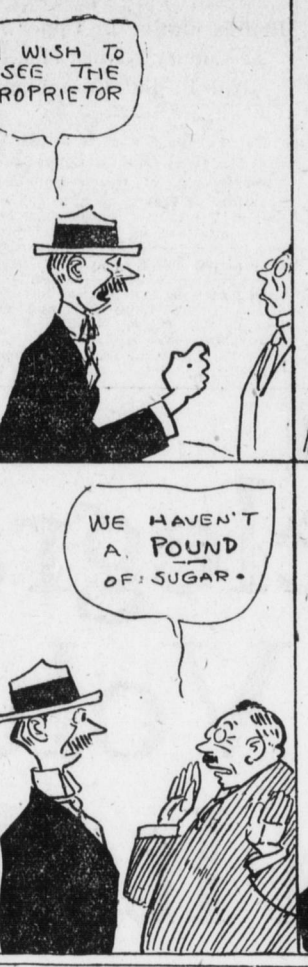
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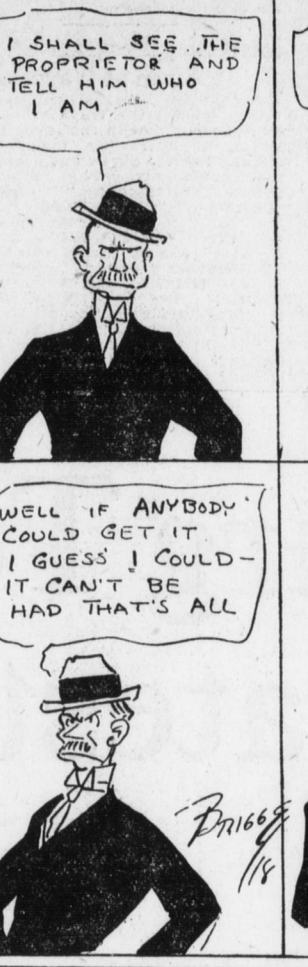
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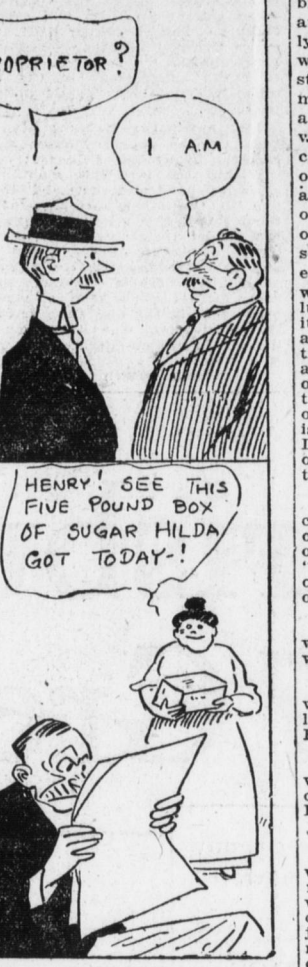
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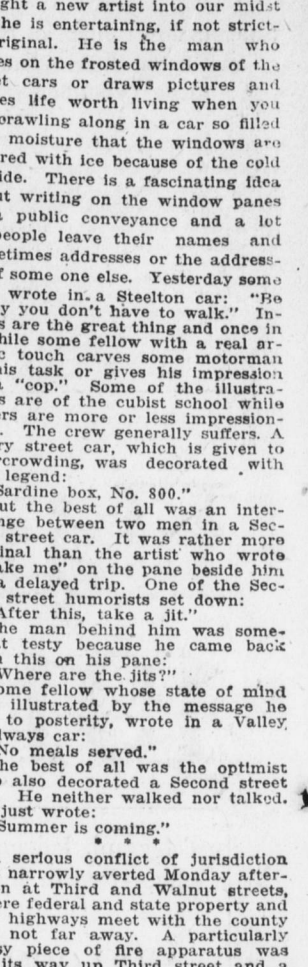
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