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He who knows most, gives most for wasted time.—DANTE.

COAL STOCKING

DR. GARFIELD, at this late date, denies that he told the American people last summer to buy coal in quantities, constraining his instructions to mean that they should buy just as much as would provide them with fuel through the winter, and no more.

Regardless of the fact that thousands of people were restrained from stocking up last year because they understood Dr. Garfield to say precisely the opposite, the fact remains that much of the fuel shortage in Harrisburg this winter has been due to this failure to purchase during the summer for use during the cold period.

Just what Dr. Garfield did advise is of little consequence now. We are almost through with this winter and are already looking forward to supplying ourselves during the summer with coal for the cold months to follow. We should be permitted to do this, insofar as the supply will permit. Doubtless the Federal Fuel Administrator has this in mind. The sooner we hear that we are to be allowed to lay in next winter's supply ahead of time the easier we will feel in our minds.

If we were choosing a defender, we would prefer some other to Ollie James; but, then, maybe the President didn't choose him.

"KILLING GERMANS"

GEORGE HARVEY, writing in the North American Review for February, says that the chief business of America has come to be the "killing of Germans."

That is not a nice sentence, but it is so distinctly the truth that it ought to be read and considered by every American.

"Killing Germans" must be America's chief occupation henceforth until Germany is brought to her knees. The more Germans we kill the fever will be left to kill us. It is plainly a case of kill or be killed. Either Germans or Americans must die, and as between the two we must see to it that death comes to the Germans. We must kill Germans in France or they will kill us—and our wives and children here in our own country.

"Killing Germans" is to be our chief occupation, because the more we kill the more quickly peace will be restored. That is the reason why Americans are so desirous of quick and effective co-operation with our allies. That is the reason why we are so indignant over errors and delays and so insistent upon speed and efficiency.

All our war preparations are being made with one end in view—the killing of Germans.

It is announced that a "schedule of garbage collections" is to be announced. The most encouraging thing is that those pigs at the garbage plant must eat so we may hope that the schedule will be something more than a "scrap of paper."

WASTED WATER POWER

THIRTY-FIVE million horsepower of energy capable of being transmuted into electrical current for all manner of industrial and domestic purposes is flowing every year down the streams and rivers of government-owned lands. Finally, after years upon years of controversy and debate, Congress is about to enact legislation that will add this tremendous asset to the available resources of the country.

President Wilson's recommendations should be enacted into law without undue delay. There is no danger of exhaustion of waterpower possibilities, as there is in the denuding of government lands of valuable deposits of coal and mineral ores by the letting of private concessions for the development of such properties. The flowing stream has been there for ages and will be for ages to come. It simply invites the adventurous hand of man to chain it for his own uses. It becomes no feebler for the using. Day

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Dozens of blank nominating petitions for filing in advance of the spring primary are being sent out from the Department of the Secretary of State...

Some of the requests for the nominating petitions are for healthy interest in the primary as the number asked is considerably in excess of those required to name a whole state ticket...

While there is no question but what the enthusiastic endorsement given to Highway Commissioner O'Neil by the Dry Federation as its perfect choice for governor...

The Democratic argument was that they need not worry, that they would be elected by Republicans and a dry Democrat by the Democrats...

HARMONY WINS

THE very satisfactory manner in which the Republican national committee reached a common platform of good feeling and harmony is not only a most encouraging indication of a concentrated drive for victory in 1920...

The choice of Will H. Hays, of Indiana, as national chairman, places a man at the head of the party well qualified by ability and experience for the great task he is called upon to perform.

The retirement of John T. Adams was to have been expected. While there was no proof that Adams is not a loyal and patriotic citizen...

TO BE EXPECTED

THE newspapers of Berlin have received President Wilson's latest message with scorn and hostility. This was to be expected.

The German press, for the most part, is subsidized by the government and what few papers are free live constantly in peril of their existence.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION

THE new turn in the Russian situation is most puzzling. Probably it will not be cleared up until the end of the war.

Albert Dutton MacDade, former district attorney of Delaware county and one of the men declared to be against Senator Sprout...

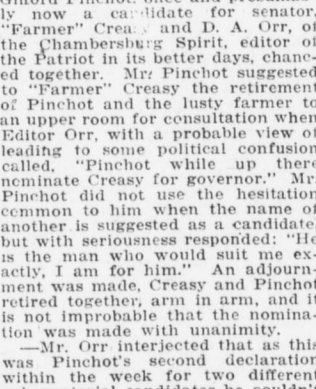
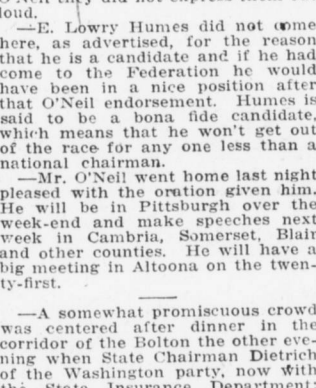
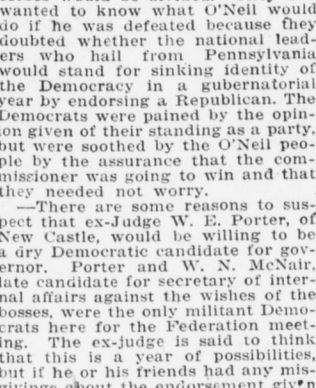
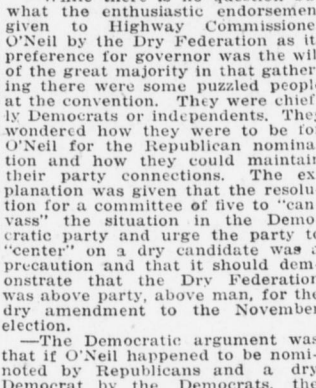
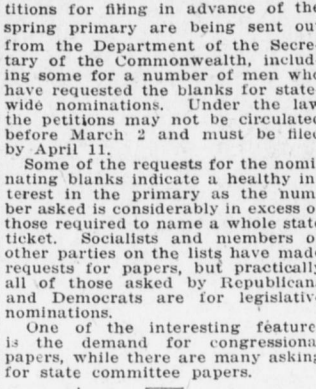
Thomas Kennedy, president of the United Mine Workers of the Hazleton (Pa.) district, has received an appeal from labor leaders of Luzerne county to become a Democratic candidate for Congress.

Mobilization of 3,000,000 workers for agriculture, shipbuilding and war contract plants has been entrusted to the United States Employment Service by the Department of Labor.

Members of the Scranton (Pa.) City Fire Department are now affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. They have organized a local union and elected a charter from the international organization.

OH, MAN!

BY BRIGGS



EDITORIAL COMMENT

A Washington report says Colonel Roosevelt has already picked a man for Secretary Baker's job.

"I charge," says Gumshoe Bill Stone, "that Theodore Roosevelt is the most potent and willing friend of the Kaiser in America."

Evidence of the matchless courage of the American soldiers constantly creeps into the daily news.

You may talk about Beanborough," said the fat plumber, "but the surest looks on the bright side of things."

"What has happened to Beanborough?" the thin carpenter inquired.

"Man Who Reads My Paper" I'm not a selfish man, I think, Nor do I feel that printer's ink is mine exclusively for me.

THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET (With apologies wherever needed.) How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood

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THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

LET'S ALL KEEP HENS

We are threatened with a meat famine—in fact, it is actually upon us, for all but the wealthy.

The average family, for some reason or other, would rather grow flowers in the backyard, which, granted, are good to look upon...

WANTED—MUSICIANS Camp Meade, Md. To the Editor of the Telegraph: The object of this missive is in the interest of any musician who would like to do his bit...

Some people may claim that it does not pay with prices of grain, etc., as high as at present.

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UP-TO-DATE. Mrs. Mouse— Tee hee! What a nice place for a nest. These ukuleles are all the rage!

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Over the Top in Penna.

It takes a very sharp dry goods salesman to bamboozle the country folk.

Speaking of Germans, the county of York, this State, has for one of its oldest ministers, the Rev. Dr. G. W. Enders, who for 33 years has been pastor of Christ Lutheran Church at York.

Associate Judge E. S. Chase, of Sullivan county, which is hereafter to be the site of our old friend, Captain E. S. Chase, of the borough of Eaglesmere, population 200 in mid winter and some thousands in mid summer.

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Evening Chat

The usual number of ice bets have been made this month. Ice bets are a form of diversion which is estimated to be at least 150 years old in Harrisburg.

From all accounts there are a lot of tool thieves around Harrisburg. In a number of instances carpenters employed in finishing up houses which have been worked on during the winter have discovered tools stolen when they came to work in the mornings.

Some funny things are coming to light as the snow fades. On lots you will see wheelbarrows, beer kegs, oil cans and what not showing above the snow as the sun's rays clear away what we all thought was going to make us a lot of trouble.

Edson J. Hockenbury, the well known campaign manager, has purchased a handsome home in Bellefonte Park. Mr. Hockenbury will remain in Harrisburg until the necessary repairs have been made.

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