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Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

PROTECT THE TREES

ELSEWHERE on this page today is published a letter from J. Horace McFarland, calling attention to the reckless and careless manner in which trees are pruned or trimmed when necessary to clear them of interfering obstacles.

Harrisburg has used its trees shamefully. They have been mauled, and chopped, and sawed, and generally mutilated with little or no restriction.

Pruning is an art that should be practiced by none but an experienced expert who combines skill with a sincere love of trees.

Very likely the city authorities will do more than they have been doing. But you, Mr. Private Citizen, can take the law into your own hands.

AN INJUNCTION TO HEED
CANDIDATES for nominations to be made at the May primary can save themselves a lot of bother if they will follow the suggestion made by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in regard to filing nominating petitions in time enough before the final day to discover and correct mistakes.

The Secretary suggests that the papers be filed a week or so before the closing hour on April 11. The first day on which papers can be circulated is March 2. There is time enough to get all the signatures needed for all aspirants twenty times over.

one candidate and belated men have tried all sorts of subterfuges, even to throwing papers over a transom to get them into the department because they did not follow dictates of common sense and come to town on time.

ADOPT THE AMENDMENT

THE Pittsburgh Gazette-Times, leading newspaper of Western Pennsylvania, and staunchly Republican, reflects the sentiment of that section of the State when it comes out strongly for the approval of the prohibition amendment by the next Legislature.

Nobody any longer attempts to defend the liquor traffic, even as a "necessary evil," much less attribute any benefits to it, save only those financially interested and they are not competent witnesses.

But, as the Gazette-Times points out, this argument does not apply in the present case. The sentiment in favor of nation-wide prohibition is so general and is growing so rapidly that shortly there will be no unwilling Commonwealth and the time is ripe when anti-liquor legislation may be safely applied from Washington.

Furthermore, since nothing good can be said for the sale or use of intoxicating drink, and its evils are so apparent that they may be seen on every hand, there can be no question as to the wisdom of wiping out the whole business, just as the national government is taking steps to abolish the sale and use of habit-forming drugs.

The Telegraph joins with the Gazette-Times in the hope that Pennsylvania will be among the first of the States of the Union to adopt the prohibition amendment, leading the way in this great reform as it has in scores of others.

It believes that all parties should put forth "dry" candidates, in order that the issue may be fought to a conclusion at the primaries and the anti-liquor question prevented from becoming the football of partisan politics.

By all parties. That done and vigor-

ous campaigns waged in their behalf, the rest may be safely left to the voters.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committee man

Ex-Highway Commissioner Frank K. Black, of Somerset county, is being urged to become a candidate for one of the Republican nominations for congress-at-large and has the matter under serious consideration.

In addition to Congressman J. V. Leshner, of the Northumberland district, who is running for Adams district; A. G. Dewalt, of Berks-Lehigh, and H. J. Steele, of Northampton, it is said that E. H. Beshin, of Venango-Warren-Mercer, will have a fight on his hands and they are talking of gunning against Clyde Kelly for renomination in the 30th district.

Richard W. Williamson, of Huntingdon, Special Deputy Attorney General in charge of collections, is going to be a candidate against Congressman B. K. Focht for Republican nomination in the "shoestring" district.

Friends of Congressman Edgar R. Kiess, of Williamsport, are asking him whether H. M. Foote is his personal choice as an opponent for the Republican nomination.

Reports that Warren North Bailey, tuning up to run for congressional nomination in the 19th district are commencing to get confirmation. Bailey is supposed to be dead, but some believe he will be a candidate for Republican renomination, with some of the Cresswell people will do with Bailey is interesting Rose's friends.

Ex-Governor Pennypacker in the course of his biography refers to William H. Berry, ex-state treasurer and much in Democratic line—light as can be kindly, honest, dignified, good-mannered slouch.

Ex-Governor Pennypacker in his biography in the Evening Public Ledger, again mentions Dauphin county affairs and tells the way he came to appoint the late Judge Thomas H. Capp. It may be stated that the Pennypacker version is what was always accepted in Harrisburg with exception of one part of Market Square.

In event that Representative Hugh A. Dawson is not a candidate again in Scranton, Robert P. Silverstein, who was secretary to E. B. Jernyn, when mayor, will become a candidate. The Scranton Republican says that Burgess M. J. McNulty, of Troop, will be a candidate on the Republican ticket against Democracy's lone star in the Lackawanna delegation, M. J. Ruddy, who lives in Dunmore.

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PEOPLE WANT STORE NEWS
FOR THE SAME REASON that he constantly changes his window displays to attract passersby with what is new in his store, the merchant should display his wares in the advertising columns of the newspaper to reach the thousands upon thousands of people who may not perchance pass his place of business.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



NOBODY'S HOME.

BY BRIGGS

Condition of the seed corn in Pennsylvania has been shown to be so poor as regards germinating power as the result of tests made by the experts of the State Department of Agriculture that an official warning to the farmers to plant double and triple the amount and then thin out may be issued.

The manner in which Harrisburg is handling problems attending industrial education and the way its business men have taken up the ideas behind the State laws on the subject will be reported on next week at the big conference in Philadelphia on vocational education during the war and thereafter. The conference will be national in scope and the experience of Pennsylvania will be a big theme.

Winter weather has stopped work on Senator E. E. Beideman's summer home near Dauphin. A few years ago Mr. Beideman purchased the point of land at the foot of the mountain, with a wonderfully fine outlook on the river, for a comparatively small sum.

Over the Top in Penna.
It is a fact that many a forefearer who comes to Pennsylvania, ignorant and uneducated, sees and sizes opportunity more consistently than the educated American who frequently complains that there are no chances like there used to be.

Suspension of iron and steel operations because of lack of fuel recalls the strenuous times of five years ago when the black smelter for Dauphin county iron and steel and the car shortage caused heavy loss in business as well as pay for men. The shortage of fuel, however, have been at more frequent intervals than ever known before.

Cheer up, folks, the "meatless days" may soon be brightened by the appearance on table of fresh fried fish from the Susquehanna, the Potomac and their tributaries. Black fish, the choice of eating, are already beginning to "run," though the streams are still covered with ice. The choice of eating, are already beginning to "run," though the streams are still covered with ice.

Owners of California privet hedges are inspecting them with some concern these days, may have suffered up to this time for signs of life. It is feared that the hedges, especially those in exposed places not protected by snowdrifts, may have suffered severely from the intense cold that prevailed during most of December and January.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE
E. P. Passmore, the new president of the Reserve bank, will assume his new duties on March 1. Rev. Dr. J. D. Kennedy, well known here, has been elected head of the State Lumbermen. He lives at Beaver Falls.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

PROTECT THE TREES

To the Editor of the Telegraph:
The spring fight against the shade trees of Harrisburg has already begun, and if the citizens do half as well as the butchers and the linemen have already done, 1918 will be the worst year for the trees of Harrisburg since the war.

Lieut. Col. Frank E. Ziegler
To-day the remains of a noble man and a brave soldier were laid to rest with the citizenship of all Harrisburgers as silent and sincere mourners.

THE LORD'S REWARD
The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.—II SAMUEL, XVII, 21.

JOAN OF THE FORGE
I can give you no better interpretation of the character of French womanhood than to attempt to visualize what will always remain in my memory as the most touching sight I have yet seen in the war.

LABOR NOTES
A labor candidate was elected mayor of St. Catharines, Canada. Women nurses are to be employed on naval hospital ships for the first time in American Navy history.

OUR DAILY LAUGH
VERY.
Seen the latest? A beauty specialist says the back may be made highly expressive. It can when a woman turns it on you.

THE KIND.
Is he going to be a doctor or a lawyer? I'm not sure. He expects to be a skin specialist.

STILL AT IT.
How long have they been married? Not so long, I understand. He still holds her hand through the dark scenes of a play.

HIS PROPER SPHERE.
What will they do with that eldest son of theirs? I heard his old man say he had neither judgment nor foresight. Then why don't they make him a weather sharp.

DO YOU KNOW
That Harrisburg is furnishing large quantities of feeding stuffs from its district for the army?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG
Market Square was the site for patriotic meetings in the first Jefferson campaign.