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It costs much to be capable of real

PUBLIC BACKS COUNCIL

CITY councilmen will find notheir decision that some means of uniform and systematized collecexcess of the sum of money avail-The ashes must be collected nd the present unsightly condition of the streets is proof positive that the private property owner cannot neet the disposal problem as an individual. It was difficult enough large enough to accommodate all en years ago to find men to remove ashes regularly at anything like a reasonable figure. It is next to impossible now. The householder is helpless unless council can devise a uniform method of collect

A monthly clean-up, such as ha houses have storage room for month's accumulation of ashes and e costly and troublesome.

nich to pay a contractor the price estimates he must have to do Just how this is to be the taxpayers insistent that the boys in the trenches. me way be found, and ready to apport the city legislators in any ctions would be both unsatisfac- THEIRS. ory and immensely more expensive the individual than disposal by he city. They agree with councilmen in favoring municipal or con tract disposal of any cost.

Cut out the meat and buy War

COMMUNITY SONG

ARRISBURG tried community singing for the first time last vening and liked the experient immensely. After the great triotic rally at Chestnut street hall similar gathering ever will be mplete without its half-hour of reliminary community singing.

song. Singing we unconsciously rise to new heights of feeling, to fresh resolves of increased endeavor, to closer fellowship and human symathy. Rotary clubs are noted evywhere for their life, energy and ill to serve, but no Rotary meeting ould be complete without its singng. A singing church is a vigorous, etive church. A singing army is a hard-fighting, never-say-die, win-atny-price army. Men sing when they are happy, and when they go nto battle; they sing from a full art or in a spirit of high resolve. They sing in triumph or to hurl ick into the teeth of adverse fate heir defiance of ill-fortune and of eath itself.

Last night's community singing nit the neighborhood bonds a little er, brought those who participated more nearly all to the same vel of thought and purpose. We ould have more of it. To that nd the Telegraph proposes to hire band and to invite the choir-leaders and people of Harrisburg to join in an afternoon and evening of paan afternoon and evening of paotic community song at Reservoir Park some day next summer.

is always just before the dawn.

MILLION MEN INSURED

THE United States has suddenly developed into the greatest life insurance agency in the rld. In a period of less than six it has gone into the busias and written insurance covering on the lives of more than 1,000,on men about to engage in the exsmely hazardous occupation of
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chorus: If your heart keeps right,
and justice done to ganant France.
The Hun be forced to see
Autocracy is doomed to die.
A world Democracy.

—L. W. W., Harrisburg. on the lives of more than 1.000 .-00 men about to engage in the ex-

much as the total ordinary life inurance in force with any life insurance company in the world.

The splendid result which gives to more than a million of the soldiers and sailors of our country the benefits of this insurance, which Secretary McAdoo has justly described as the most just and humane provision ever made by any Government for its fighting men, is due to the quick appreciation by the beneficiaries of the value of the insurance and the invaluable aid patriotically given to the War-Risk Insurance Bureau of the Treasury by the officers of the Army and Navy, and many of the individual soldiers and sailors, to which must be added the earnest and efficient work of officers and agents of the insurance companies, frater-nal beneficiary associations and many patriotic organizations, not to mention a very effective newspaper

publicity campaign.

The campaign, which has for its purpose the insurance of each and every person entitled to insurance under the law, will be continued. The time within which insurance may be applied for has been extended by a general resolution of Congress, approved by the President, until April 12, 1918. If you have a relative going into the service, se that he is protected.

The Russian situation reminds one of the katy-did, katy-didn't chorus of an early August day in the country.

WE MUST DO IT

A LL who attended last evening's great patriotic rally in Chest-George Wharton Pepper, or Lieuenant Sutton or Howard Heinz tell

of the needs of our allies will need body to disagree with them in buckle down to the conservation of provisions as never before. The tion of ashes must be found, even know that victory or defeat hangs in though the bids submitted are in the balance in which is weighed our will to save wheat and meat. No further argument is required for

Unfortunately, the hall was not who desired to attend. To those to those who made no effort to be present, the men and women who sacrifice. Each one who heard the been suggested, will not do. Few addresses last night must constia tute himself or herself a missionat all events such a practice would ary to preach the gospel of food saving. Each must pass the word Councilmen are facing a difficult to his neighbor. Only by whole situation. The big problem appears hearted, earnest, sincere and united be to find sufficient money with effort to carry out every request of olved is not plain. But council will done, we may safely leave the rest to

They know that private col- oughly as WE expect THEM to do

The war has been used as an excuse for much inefficiency and we have been asked to put up with some conditions, which in other times would be inexcusable, and about which we have doubts now, all because of the war. If trains Cheer up! Remember the darkest fail to make schedules, trolley cars are late or lights go out, mails oysters small we are told it is due to the war. But in all the glittering array of things for which the war is given as a reason the worst is given as a reason the worst work is given by the work is given by th and money of years on stream and in forest. By all means keep up the bars on the pot hunter and fish

pirate.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Sidestepping of the liquor issue by the conference of the Democratic bosses of Pennsylvania with the leaders of the counties and the captains of the organization held in Philadelphia on Saturday is the talk of men active in politics in everyone of the sixty-seven counties of the Keystone State to-day. It is considered as remarkable that the Democracy instead of declaring for the amendment as a matter of principle, in view of the talk of that character indulged in by its chieftains, shelved the whole business. the whole business as too dangerous o handle in advance of the primar-

to handle in advance of the primarles. The conference was dominated
by National Chairman Vance C.
McCormick, National Committeeman
A. Mitchell Palmer and other men
who have taken positive stands on
the liquor issue in years gone by and
they demonstrated that they ran
the show by ignoring men prominent
in the "Old Guard." And yet the
meeting adjourned with the understanding that the platform would
be made up after the primary.

If the bosses think they can avoid
a fight by waiting to see how things
line up after the May primary they
will be disappointed, because the
"wet" element of the Democracy
means to fight and there is also dissatisfaction over the slating of Actlng State Chairman Joseph F. Guffey, of Pittsburgh, as gubernatorial
candidate.

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Berry, tife hardy annual of the
State Democracy, who is always a
receptive candidate for anything big,
there are chances that Judge Eugene
C. Bonniwell, head of the State Firemen, may become a candidate G. Bonniwell, head of the State Firemen, may become a candidate, as Col. James M. Guffey, the former ruler of the Democracy and uncle of the acting state chairman; Judge John M. Garman, of Luzerne, and other insurgents, are said to be for him, while the name of James Gay Gordon is being revived. E. Lowy Humes discovered that he was not a candidate for governor after visiting McCormick.

Ing McCormick.

—The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times says: "It was announced that no formal action had been taken, but it was generally conceded that the Democrats were going back home with the understanding that Mr. Guffey is to be slated candidate for governor. Several weeks ago, Mr. Palmer, Vance McCormick and a few others gathered in Washington and decreed that Mr. Guffey was to head the ticket. The affair was simply the "insiders" calling the "outsiders" in and making them believe they were being consulted. Mr. Guffey's formal announcement can be expected in a short time."

-Philadelphia newspapers, while devoting considerable space to the suggestion of a referendum by the people of the state on the prohibition amendment during the sitting of the next Legislature, do not seem to warm up very much to the idea. It is believed that the idea was thrown out to sound sentiment, such as the Governor did with the extra session proposition.

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—Concerning the referendum plan the Philadelphia Press says:
"The prohibition amendment will come up for ratification in this state in the next Legislature. It threatens to confuse the election in November by presenting an issue on which party lines are not clearly drawn. The politicians would rather avoid this, and a referendum vote on prohibition by the people is proposed. It can be managed and perhaps with a special election in prospect to get the views of the voters on the prohibition amendment, the lines will not be drawn so tightly on that subject in November and candidates for the Legislature, or some of them at least, may escape the terrible necessity of taking a definite stand on the question of national prohibition."

soon be light,
Every cloud wears a rainbow if your heart keeps right.

Sound is joy for the taking, it will line
The sons of Uncle Sam,
Have answered to their Country's

CHORUS.

If your heart keeps right, if your heart keeps right, if your heart keeps right, if there's a song of gladness in the darkest night.

To do, or die, like men.

Forgotten now the deadly feud of 1881.

No bitter fight twixt brother's But man against the Hun.

and care,
Smile a bit as you journey, others'
burdens share.
Do not take trouble harder than you really might—
Skies will grow blue and sunny, if your heart keeps right.

Nor shall the sword be laid at re Though half the world be bled Tril restitution be enforced And lust for gore have sped.

And justice done to gallant Franc The Hun be forced to see a topographic description.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH





EDITORIAL COMMENT

The impression grows that when Germany gets ready to withdraw from Belgium she will try to take most of Belgium with her.—Indian-apolis News.

When Congress warms up on questions of strategy we get a vivid sense of what is meant by the mili-tary inefficiency of democracy.— Springfield Republican.

We see nothing inherently improbable in the story that von Hindenburg told thirty German editors that he would be in Paris on April 1.—New York Evening Post. The "four-minute men" have been instructed to cut out the hate in their addresses. Proper enough. Nobody can crowd even a fair-sized hate into four minutes.—Chicago Herald.

It is curious how many critic there are who have access to sources of information which are denied to Secretary Baker.—Springfield Re-

The Local Option Elections

[Pittsburgh Gazette-Times] Complete returns of the local

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ALFRED DE ROTHSCHILD WAS WORLD'S RICHEST BACHELOR

A LFRED CHARLES DE ROTH- minor official in his journey

beautifully shod. He was a dilettante in many things—dress, music, drama and art. In fact, he was a connoisseur in art, and was a trustee of the National Gallery. But he kept his finger on the pulse of business, and spent the whole time from 10 o'clock in the morning until late in the aftenoon at the banking house, and thus earned his right to an income of more than \$5 a minute.

He was a little autocratic in his ways, and often evinced his disapproval of anything that offended his artistic eye, having several times

artistic eye, having several times umes containing descriptions and ilcreated a sensation by suddenly demanding the removal of a gaudy bunch of flowers from the buttonhole of some astounded railway porter or day.

Who's Hoarding Potatoes?

the way are usually apologists for

strongly blaming farmers for hold-

ing back their potatoes. Their argu-

ment is based upon the figures pub

lished by the Bureau of Crop Esti-

mates comparing the holdings of

dealers and farmers on January 1

with the holdings of a year ago.

These figures show that dealers'

holdings are 50 per cent greater this

year than last, while the number of

bushels in farmers' hands is 175 per

cent. greater than on January 1,

claim that the Government's appeal

to the consuming people to be pa-triotic and use lots of potatoes should also extend to the farmer and urge or compel him to sell his po-

are

middlemen and profiteers,

LFRED CHARLES DE ROTH- minor official whom he encountered

A LFRED CHARLES DE ROTHSCHILD of the banking family of that name, who died in London the night of January 31, was one of those men who apparently solved the problem of how to be happy although unmarried. He was one of the richest bachelors in the world.

He was born in 1842, the second son of the late Baron Lionel de Rothschild of London. He was a partner in the family's London banking house, and was at one time a director in the Bank of England. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Few persons seem to get more enclyment out of life than did Alfred Charles de Rothschild. Possessed of an enormous fortune, his entertainments were among the star features of the social season in London. He had a magnificent town house in Seamore Place, and there was no more popular host in Mayfair. When not detained in London, he traveled every evening in his own private band, which was acompanied by his privace band, which was composed of first class 'musiclans, and by one of his secretaries and two valets. The band performed every night after dinner, 'Mr. Alfred' as he was universally called, invariably conducting. Pieces of his own composition often were played.

Dilettante in Dress, Music, Art 'Mr. Alfred' was a dapper little man, of medium height and slim build, and because he was constitutionally delicate he always had amedical attendant at close call, and his most remarkble physical characteristic was his onspicuously small called the was a distention of the wind and art and his most remarkble physical characteristic was his onspicuously small of the proper loss of the world time in many things—dress, music, drama and rar art, and was a trustee of the successive of the ring. In the green of the proper loss of the ring and the proper loss of the ring. In the green of the ring and the remainded the remaind

AMERICA'S BUSINESS The produce journals, which by The righteous sword we can't con-

sign To dark medieval days. While Pluto throned in Neptune' brine With submarine essays.

To shark-like pierce each Nation's side And shed her chosen blood. His Paean creed to be supplied

The "Right Divine" is yours and To keep the freedmen free. 1917. For this reason these journals As David slew in olden time

The boastful enemy.

By bomb and fire and flood.

So we must kill, or suf er death Through him, the Momus saint. Who sphinx-like sees the children's breath Expire in hunger's faint.

Oh! grant us haste, nor brook delay!
Antagonism cease.
Our only course is kill to-day,
There's just one path to peace.

That path must lead where sacrifice
Ennobles, purifies—
Of men and men—a fleet relief,
Where Mars is lord indeed.

urge or compel him to sell his potatoes.

There are several perfectly good reasons why this condition exists, if it does exist to this extent. In the first place, we have very good reason for believing that the crop was very much over-estimatea. Secondly, the slump in price early in the season reduced it to a point below the actual cost of production in many instances, and farmers took the perfectly legitimate chance of storing them for higher prices. Thirdly, uot only have prices failed to recover as expected, but the abnormally cold weather of the past ten weeks and the congested traffic conditions have made it impossible to ship anything so perishable as potatoes safely. Added to these reasons is the fact that thousands of bushels have frozen in cellars, and other tens of thousands are still in the ground under the snow. It must be remembered that the crop of 1916 was largely a failure.—Pennsylvanla Farmer. No hymn of hate transcendent here, But truth that sleepeth not. When Clotho spurred demands a pon't be a wife of Lot.

Let men the wheel, the food con-And brace our fighters well.

Each knell and dirge a place reserv
For Hun in "Kultured" Hell.

—JOSEPH A. BELL.

The Washington State Public Service Commission has refused the request of the Puget Sound Traction, Light and Power Company to employ women conductors.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

PRIDE. Wrench: What chet so stuck up? Screwdriver cestors made George Wash-ington famous.



SUPREME TEST. It must be awful to have death staring

you in the face. Huh! Did you ever get home after midnight and have your

TAKING NO CHANCES.

If women are as old as they look, why do they guard their age so jealous-I guess that's

because they are not sure how they look.

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WILL HAVE

What's that? Mike will have to go some to keep up his reputation as the finest trench digger in the country.

Ebening Chat

In these busy days when there are constant demands for contributions for war work and the usual charities are actually in some cases, suffering because of funds cut down, it is a relief to hear of a patriotic society enlarging its gifts without lessening its help to the Red Cross and like institutions. The Washington's Birthday celebration of Harrisburg Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Miss Cora Lee Snyder, Regent, was marked by a special contribution of \$50, gathered in a few minutes, to endow a day, the chapter anniversary, May 19, in the Berry School of Georgia. This means that the money goes to pay the principal expenses of the school for that day. The school is doing a wonderful work in educating the children of the mountaineers, giving them the practical things of life, as well as the "book larnin" "they are so anxious to get. Many of the boys of Berry School are in the United States service and the girl graduates are serving their country as nurses and teachers as well as in the home.

The manner in which snowbanks were cut down and ice chopped out of gutters in the business section of the city yesterday was not lost on many people and several men active in affairs promptly proceeded to give orders to have their places cleared up. Some of them were subjected to "kidding" as to the cause of their activity.

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"I saw a robin Sunday; that's enough. I'm getting ready for spring business" said one.

"Women are wearing spring hats with bright flowers," said another.

"Well, I saw you fellows clearing up; that's why I did" was the frank admission of the fourth.

Ralph J. Baker, a member of the legal firm of Hause & Baker, has a new job. It was thrust upon him by Uncle Sam. Mr. Baker is associate LABOR NOTES

The Trans-Mississippi Terminal Company and the Texas and Pacific Railroad have increased wages of their railway clerks \$6.50 a month.

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Boilermakers employed by Los Angeles, Cal., have secured wage increases of 6½ cents an hour, with another increase of 2½ cents on February 1.

Employment of women on street cars is a step to be taken only as a last resort, according to F. J. Macleod, chairman of the Massachusetts State Public Service Commission.

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific reports that over one-half of the benefits paid out by this organization in 1916 was for reading and educational purposes.

Nine-tenths of the 240,000 accidents that occurred in Pennsylvania last year were preventable, according to Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

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The buying power of the dollar has been reduced 40 per cent. in the last 10 years and the average prices for the same period have risen 63 per cent.

Mediation by the Federal Government of Labor has averted strikes that would involve thousands of men engaged in war work, according to a report covering the last three months.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

with inexorable regularity.

Snatches of conversations heard about Third and Walnut streets these days are nine times out of ten about how many stories the new Penn-Harris is to be and commendatory in the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in handling their job in the face of the persistence of the builders in han

of. I'll bet they grudge Sundays."

"That idea of telling farmers and city people, too, to use some care when they drive over country roads when they are soft and to quit going in ruts is good hard sense," said the owner of several delivery wagons that go all over the countryside, today, discussing Commissioner O'-Neil's idea of getting people interested in "saving highways." This man said that as a result of the snow the roads this years will be badly washed and that the very cold weather has made deep frosts so that when the real thaw comes there is going to be a mess. People can help, says he, by being careful where they go and by endeavoring to avoid the ruts. "The road repair bills are going to be something to make us shudder this spring," says Chairman C. C. Cumbler, of the county commissioners.

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An item of expense that is going to confront farmers this year is damage to fences. In many parts of Dauphin and Cumberland counties the roads have been so badly drifted that people took to the fields to get anywhere. This meant either cutting of wire fences or tearing down wooden ones. There are places on the Linglestown and Jonestown roads where the driveways are actually in the fields and in Derry township some fences have been taken down and scattered.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

-Frank McGrann, the Lancaster county rural magnate, who is also a justice of the peace, has set up a courthouse on his estate for the transaction of legal bunsiness.

—James M. Beck, the former Philadelphia lawyer, has been honored by election to learned societies in Lebanon, in honor of his recent contriction.

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—C. H. DeWitt, chairman of the farmers institute for Tloga county, is urging farmers to buy seed wheat and says that the southeastern coun-

ties have the best.

—Charles T. Davies, the Reading food administrator, says that he will prosecute farmers who sell their

hens.

—Ex-Congressmen Donahoe and Logue, of Philadelphia, called up Congressman Edmunds at Washington on Washington's birthday. It was the birthday of all three,

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg is sending food to half a dozen camps and some abroad as well as caring for its own fairly well? needs to conserve more.

HISTORIC HARRISBURG Lindley Murray, the grammarian was raised at Harris Ferry.