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A greater man than is the sceptered king And greater than the richest I shall be

—S. E. KISER.

PRIMARY ALIGNMENTS

THE lining up of J. Denny O'Neil, candidate for Governor, with John R. K. Scott, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, by the very nature of things tends to merge the campaign interests of Senator Sprout for Governor and Senator Beidleman for Lieutenant Governor.

Neither Senator Sprout nor Senator Beidleman will lose by that. As lieutenant Mr. Scott and Senator Beidleman for second place on the ticket there should be no hesitancy in the selection of the Dauphin county Senator. Senator Beidleman represents the State-at-large. Scott is a Philadelphia politician, associated with those largely responsible for party bickerings that have been spread from Philadelphia to all parts of the State, and himself doing much to keep animosity alive within the party.

Scott has been using the customary Philadelphia tactics of mud-throwing at previous incumbents—alleging that Lieutenant Governors Reynolds and McClain did not fulfill their duties of presiding over the Senate as they should, regardless of the fact that both made records for faithful performances of that duty, and notwithstanding that he—Scott himself—was at that very moment an absentee member of Congress.

So much of hypocrisy and disappointed ambition are involved in the fight against Senator Sprout and Senator Beidleman that a formidable revolt among those once favorable to State Highway Commissioner O'Neil is entirely probable, especially in view of the Commissioner's failure to declare his purpose to accept the result and support the Republican nominee in the event of his own defeat in the primary contest.

Republicans generally are not going to give support to any aspirant for public office who enters a primary contest and trifles with the voters on a matter of party principle. Central Pennsylvania Republicans have very definite convictions with respect to party rules, and they will not be induced in any great number to support a candidate who sidesteps so important a matter as an open declaration on primary decision.

Senator Beidleman is right in concluding that the people do not want to hear one candidate make charges against another and he will win far more votes by an outline of his own platform, as he is doing, than by following Scott's example and calling his opponent hard names. Senator Sprout also is to be congratulated upon his manly attitude in face of those arrayed against him. He will not fall to gain in popular esteem by ignoring personalities and devoting himself to constructive policies. As he has declared repeatedly, the people are more interested in winning the war than in political controversy, and he might have added that the washing of soiled political shenan does not appeal to them in the least. It is rather to be suspected that the superheated denunciation of Senator Sprout is a significant development of the week, indicating the realization of his opponents of their own blundering in the preliminary round of the contest.

The War Department has reached the opinion that everybody else entertained long ago, which is that the list of addresses of killed and wounded

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

While it will take a couple of days to complete the official figures it looks as though the third class cities of the State have much the same experience in the May 1 registration as Harrisburg. For weeks and weeks the people of Pennsylvania have been hearing about an army of unregistered men, sufficient in force of numbers to decide the Governorship and from what has been said about some headquarters and by some candidates these people were just burning to be registered. Harrisburg, which was reported as having 5,000 unregistered men, was included in the rolls, registered about 1,425, and went on with its business on registration day as though such an official time had not been reached on the calendar.

NOT ONE-SIDED

NEWS from the allied front in France may not be of the best, but think not that it is one-sided. At all events, the allied armies do not have a foe in front and a threatened revolution in the rear. It becomes more and more apparent that the German command is willing to sacrifice tremendously to gain a really decisive victory only because by so doing it hopes to calm the rising tide of dissatisfaction and growing discontent in Germany. This is no longer mere conjecture. There are leaks in the German wall that are letting through whispers of the true state of affairs in Germany and Austria that cannot be other than most threatening to the militaristic aims of the ruling classes, if not to the dynasty itself.

When a former director of the great Krupp steel and munition works of Germany turns upon his one-time imperial masters and bids the people of the country throw them out if they hope ever to regain the respect and confidence of the world at large, matters have reached a stage when anything may happen. Even though Dr. Wilhelm Muhlon, the former Krupp expert quoted, has thrown in his lot with the revolutionary element he would not have dared go the length to which he did in the following statement given out at Berne, Switzerland, had the feeling in Germany against the military party not reached an acute stage:

Since the first days of 1917 I have had no more respect for the present directors of Germany. Our offer of peace without conditions and our war aims, the accentuation of the submarine war, the deportations of Belgians, the systematic destruction of English hospital ships have so degraded the governors of the German Empire, in my opinion, that I am convinced that they are disqualified forever for the elaboration and conclusion of a peace and just agreement. The personalities may change, but they cannot remain the same. The representative of the German people will not be able to do anything but to continue committed against its own present and future, and against that of the whole of humanity.

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It may even be that the loss of the channel ports by the British, severe a blow as that would be to allied communication, would be a blessing in disguise. "Give us the channel ports or Paris and the war is won; then will come peace." Hindenburg told the Socialist leaders before the present drive started.

Then what? Will the Germans and the Austrians continue to permit themselves to be driven to the slaughter? Perhaps, for a time, but scarcely after Americans have gotten to France in numbers sufficient to make themselves felt and have achieved a number of successes against German arms, as unquestionably they will do within the year. It would not be surprising if a great American victory in France—and who can believe we shall not achieve it?—will be followed by revolution in Germany and the end of the war from within and without at the same time. It is a large, hard game we are facing, but one full of hope for the future of democracy in the world.

The proposed Moore band of 100 pieces ought to prove a great success. The Moore have done many worthy things in Harrisburg and the organization of a band would help to promote the musical interests of the community, a subject that is just now occupying the attention of many people.

When the Hun fails to beat his adversaries by the sword he tries the pen; thereby admitting that the pen really is mightier than the sword. But the sword has not been cast nor the pen made that will make a German peace while an America lives.

With wages, materials and taxes all advanced, rents are bound to go up, but there is no reason for increasing rents four or five dollars a month to cover expenditures of half that amount.

WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

BY BRIGGS

PERFECT FORM SIR
ALL WINTER TAKING LESSONS OF A DEPARTMENT STORE 'PRO'
THE JOYOUS JOURNEY TO THE LINKS TO TRY OUT YOUR FORM AND SMASH RECORDS
CONTINUOUS TIPPING THE BALL 'THO' YOUR 'FORM' IS STILL THE SAME—PERFECTION—

AND YOU MUST ONE OF YOUR NEW CLUBS.
YOU COME IN WITH A SCORE OF 116—
THEN YOU RESOLVE TO GO BACK TO YOUR LAST YEARS 'FORM'—
-AND COME IN WITH AN 86.
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(EXPERIENCE OF R. E. BOYCE)

Utah Wants a Gun Factory

Although Utah boasts the greatest inventor of firearms in the world, we have no firearms factory in the state.

Why is it that, with the mightiest of wars in progress, a government factory has not been established here? The light and heavy Browning machine guns have been pronounced by experts far and away ahead of any similar weapons in existence. And not only the Browning machine guns, but other Browning weapons could be made in the Utah factory. It is, perhaps, not out of place to suggest that the commercial clubs of Salt Lake and Ogden, which is Mr. Browning's home town, should investigate the feasibility of such a factory.

The Philadelphia Record appears to be getting considerable entertainment out of the linking up of the candidacies of John R. K. Scott and J. Denny O'Neil and does not attach much importance to it as indicating that the Vares will do. The Record says: "Now that he has linked his political fortunes with J. Denny O'Neil, candidate for Governor, is vigorous in his support for the prohibition amendment, what will be the stand of Congressman John R. K. Scott, candidate for the public nomination for Lieutenant Governor, on the liquor issue?"

WINNING ITS WAY

(From Christian Science Monitor) Prohibition, like any other good thing, is winning its own way. New York newspapers have recently published figures showing the great decrease in crimes in that city during the past few Mondays on which the saloons were closed; it begins to look as if Great Britain had at last partially awakened to the realization, that barley as more needed than wheat for the food of the people comes news from Yucatan, Mexico, that the State Legislature has invited the rest of the Mexican republic to a congress which is to discuss and adopt laws toward the total prohibition of the sale of alcoholic and intoxicating beverages throughout the entire country.

Foolhardy, Anyhow

A Joe Millerism about the danger of long whiskers and lighted candles in combination has just been heard in England. A respectable stonemason of the London neighborhood was going upstairs with a lighted candle, the flame caught his whiskers and he was burned. The coroner's jury decided that it was an accidental death, but we should call it suicide.

A Call to the Hyphenate

When you were poor and friendless Uncle Sammy took you in. He met you with a friendly hand, He didn't question what you were out there across the foam. He simply said: "Come in, old top, just make yourself at home."

On Historic Ground

The division headquarters at Camp Lee is within a stone's throw of the spot where the late General Grant and his staff during the siege of Petersburg. Last fall there was a Confederate reunion at Petersburg, and the Americans visited the spot where the late General Grant and his staff during the siege of Petersburg.

Really Preferred

He—I would give lots to make you happy, dear. She—That sounds good to me. Are the things you mentioned improved?—Baltimore American.

Two Boys in a Dug-Out

SISTER, what are you going to do? Two little boys just home from school stood the doorway of their sister's room.

The sister, a beautiful girl with dark, wavy hair, and deep brown eyes, knelt before a chest beneath the window. It was a handsomely carved chest, with curious figures all over it. The open lid disclosed a heap of delicately embroidered linens, dainty squares and oblongs, filmy lace work, handsomely colored pieces of silk—the work and the sewing of many years. The chest itself had been the girl's great grandmother's dowry chest, used next by her grandmother and mother and now ever since the sister of the boys could sew daintily, had been her "dower chest" in which she deposited things for her future home as every girl in Turkey does.

The two little boys of ten and twelve did as their sister bid them, running with the crowd until night fell. Then in the darkness they crept away from the others, hiding behind a rock the next day, and running again by night.

THEY FACE INTERMENT

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O'NEIL'S DUTY

[Pittsburgh Gazette-Times] (Times.)

J. Denny O'Neil, a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, should consider carefully the implications of his hesitancy to declare whether or not he will abide by the decision of the party voters in the May Primaries. They are sincere. He should not be content to rest under them. Republican voters assuredly will not be satisfied with a state of uncertainty as to the intentions of one who asks for their suffrages in so important a connection as the election of an executive of Pennsylvania.

The personal honor of the candidate is involved. There can be no questioning that a man who submits his candidacy to a party primary is in honor bound to abide by the decision there made. There is no detestable at all. It is a matter of personal honor, not something to be determined by a campaign committee, despite Mr. O'Neil's statement to the contrary. But, if it were, who constitute this committee which is the keeper of the conscience of Candidate O'Neil? And are the governmental policies which he has announced the result of the will of his own? Further, if Mr. O'Neil is nominated and elected will his campaign committee be governor or will he be governor?

OUR HELP IS NEEDED

We must help. England has called to arms her last men. Men of the age of 50 are now being conscripted. This tells the truth of what the need of Europe is today. Why try to save ourselves with fragments of hope that because a German rifle is repulsed or because the Germans rest a day or two that the tide has changed and at last we are on the eve of the great offensive that will decide this war in the interest of humanity. Such hopes are false. The grim fact remains. We are not winning. We are doing miraculously well to keep our enemy at bay and we must lose and will lose unless we send the timely aid for which England and France are praying.—From Memphis Appeal.

THE REASON.

What makes you tell such old jokes? I was born in an old chestnut tree!

SUIT TO SUIT. I want a motor costume, something in half mourning? Why, what? My engine has a habit of going dead.

Evening Chat

Establishment of the big ordnance and quartermaster's depots along the Susquehanna below Harrisburg is a boon to the jitneys that throng the streets of Harrisburg, but they do not seem to realize it. The ordnance work along the east bank of the Susquehanna between Hagerstown and Middletown, is served by train and trolley, but the number of men employed is increasing daily and there are also many sightseers who have been hoping for jitneys to turn up, but there have been very few.

One of the surprising things about the estate's registration of automobiles is the number of new cars being licensed. The total received in 1917 were matched and passed before the first four months of the year were over and it is believed that the aggregate of the licenses for 1918 may be three and three-quarter millions. Tags are being shipped at the rate of a couple hundred a day from the offices of the automobile division in this city. The number of new trucks being licensed is greater than ever known before. This year's increase in trucks is declared remarkable.

Harrisburg people who have followed with pleasure the rise of Colonel Frank R. McCoy in the United States army from the days that he graduated from West Point, which was around 1897, we think, will be interested to know that he is now a colonel on the staff of General John J. Pershing, the American commander-in-chief in France. As a matter of fact he is the executive officer of the staff of the commander of the American Expeditionary Force as he is the secretary of the staff of the commander of the American Expeditionary Force as he is the secretary of the staff of the commander of the American Expeditionary Force.

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