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Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart, the kinder hand; Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be!

—TENNYSON.

LOYALTY OF A PARTY

FACTIONISM here and there, personal resentment, bitter controversies and other political barnacles which invariably attach themselves to the main structure of a great organization have not destroyed its usefulness, but have seriously retarded the progress of the Republican party in Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

There will be disappointments and political hopes are certain to be shattered, but the great mission of the Republican party must ever be kept in mind. The war for all that the world and humanity holds of value is going to be won by the standing together of the American people and their brave allies.

In the supreme crisis through which the nation is now passing the party of Lincoln and Grant and McKinley and the other great statesmen and soldiers who gave force and effect to its teachings has upheld, through its honored leaders at Washington and elsewhere, the hands of the President and all entrusted with the stupendous tasks of the hour.

SAVING AND BUYING

IT is very gratifying to see by Banking Commissioner Daniel F. Lefeau's summary of the reports of the banking institutions under the eye of the State that Pennsylvania is adding millions to its savings fund deposits when it is sending every one of its counties "over the top" with subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan.

is not always a prompt payer because of the red tape of his system, is a pretty thrifty Commonwealth.

Bully for Mayor Keister! His clean-up proclamation is exactly in harmony with the best thought of this community. We must keep this good old town in prime condition for the home-coming of the boys when they shall have licked the Hun to a frazzle.

CARRY-ON!

THE authorities of Steelton have concluded, in view of war-time demands for labor and high price of materials, not to trim or spray the shade trees of that town this spring.

However much we may desire to concentrate on purely war activities there are other public duties to which we must attend if the very thing for which we are fighting is to be kept untarnished and undefiled.

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Somebody has said it will not be so much a question of what we are going to do with the soldiers when they return as it will be what the soldiers, who have been fighting for a great principle, are going to do with us, and certainly we could not expect much sympathy from the home-coming millions if they found that we had neglected our community duties while they were away risking their lives for the things which they had left with us in trust.

United States Senator Philander C. Knox is neither partisan nor hysterical when the great issue of the war is at stake. He never rails for the sake of railing, and his patriotism is sold to the core.

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of the Government's colossal billion-dollar program will have nation-wide attention. Democrats and Republicans at Washington have joined forces in demanding a showdown at once.

Politics in Pennsylvania

—According to the Philadelphia North American, which is generally pretty well informed on the plans of the Vares organization in that city, there will be no endorsement given to any candidates for the Republican nomination for governor unless the primary is held.

—The North American says today: "Endorsement of candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, members of internal affairs and congressmen-at-large by the Republican city committee, controlled by the Vares, the subject of much discussion by Senator Vares during the earlier part of the primary campaign, will not be given, according to an intimation yesterday of Congressman Penrose."

—Senator Sprout and Commissioner O'Neil campaigned yesterday in the city. Senator Sprout was west of the mountains and the Commissioner in Chester county. Mr. Sprout will be in Blair county tomorrow and the Commissioner in York and Lancaster to line up the county clubs in the State.

—One of the interesting things about the campaign yesterday was that Senator Sprout should remain in the Senate and not run for Governor. After closing his Chester tour he said: "Senator Sprout's neighbors take a view of his record in the Senate which is not so favorable as mine. I can be of real value to prohibition through his vote, but should he resign his Senate seat the choice of his successor is not in the hands of the Republican voters of Delaware county, but in the political committee controlled by the McClure liquor ring."

—The announcement by the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times that Mr. O'Neil has declined to make a positive statement to what he would do if defeated in the Republican primary appears to have taken the edge off the declaration of William A. Magee for the highway commissioner. While Magee and the highway commissioner have been at swords' points ever since the last Pittsburgh mayoral election, Magee's position was not unexpected. It attracted more attention by its assertion that while Magee did not assert of the O'Neil position, he would not do it if he found other grounds on which he could support him.

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I DON'T CARE HOW LONG IT TAKES IF I CAN GET WHAT I WANT



Ice Regulation

Mr. Hoover declares his purpose to protect the American people against profiteering in ice. He asks, however, that an effort be first made at agreement between dealers and municipal authorities, and adds in his instructions to state food administrators:

If such settlement cannot be made by the local authorities in cases where there is an attempt to unreasonably increase prices we suggest that you investigate and in the first instance endeavor to arbitrate.

Mr. Hoover well says that ice at reasonable prices is necessary for the preservation of perishable foods. National necessity is therefore back of this reasonable order from the food administration, and there should be no patriotic co-operation everywhere between dealers, local governments and the officials of the food administration.

Honorable Men and Others

[Pittsburgh Gazette-Times] Highly creditable to the personal honor of the gentlemen responding are the answers published in the Gazette-Times yesterday to the simple inquiry made by this newspaper to candidates before the Republican primary election for nominations to the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Internal Affairs, Congressman-at-Large and district congressmen from Allegheny county.

"Will you accept the decision of the Republican primary and support the party nominees in the November election?" The Gazette-Times would rejoice could it conscientiously advise Republicans in the case of the eleven candidates who did not reply to its inquiry that as silence gives consent, according to the respectable usage, they also may be regarded as faithful to the American principle of majority rule. Unfortunately, to some at least of them, any such conclusion is precluded by the revealed attitude of the candidates.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

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PA DESCRIBES HIM

"Pa, what is a slacker?" "A slacker, my boy, is the lowest thing in the scale of man. Don't ever be one."

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HAPPY THOUGHT

"What did that after-dinner speaker make you think of?" "My good old bed at home."

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Ebening Chat

The Rose Show to be held in the Y. M. C. A. next month is destined to become an annual affair in the opinion of those who are interested in rose culture.

When the Rev. Robert Bagnell, pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, returns from his tour of duty with a vast store of very valuable knowledge. He means to spend time in the front line trenches with the American soldiers under fire, to get first hand information as to what M. C. A. and Red Cross work at the front, to make himself familiar with the war sentiments of the people and their way of thinking.

A good story is told of a Judge in Harrisburg where he has frequently been seen. The Judge, who has a reputation for being over the roads in his automobile at a speed which takes him from one point to another in the briefest of moments, has been seen at a certain highway where the speed of motor vehicles is strictly regulated.

The Judge said nothing then but after the party reached town he went around to the constable's house and said: "John, I have a better report that motorcyclist. You see, you and I might be placed in rather an embarrassing position as witnesses. The speedometer in that car there was 20 miles and it wouldn't sound exactly right if you told the court you knew the motorcyclist was going 45 miles an hour."

One of the interesting characters of Pennsylvania is Edwin Charles, register and recorder of Snyder county, who lives at Midsbury. Charles is an ardent historian and a nature lover. He was one of the first members of the Pennsylvania Alpine Club, who lives at Midsbury.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

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