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Holy truth, eternal right, Let them break upon my sight, Let them shine unclouded, still, And with light my being fill.

WILLIAM HENRY FURNESS.

MUNICIPAL PROBLEMS

THE gentlemen of the City Council are called upon to consider many problems and when they realize that the community is always ready to co-operate in everything that will aid in the making of a more wholesome and comfortable city they will have less difficulty in correcting some of the things which are now giving them pause.

For instance, the enforcement of traffic regulations. Mayor Kelster has decided to send one of the important officials of the police department to New York City to make a study of the traffic conditions there and to utilize what he gathers in correcting whatever is necessary to correct in our own city.

Through experience we shall overcome many of the things which now detract from our municipal administration, but so long as those charged with these responsibilities manifest a disposition to study what is best in other cities, there is hope of material and permanent improvement.

The same thing applies to the care of shade trees and the other matters which are now pressing for solution. There is no occasion to wait until many trees shall have been destroyed before definite steps are taken to protect the remainder.

A Shade Tree Commission ought to have been created years ago and some definite plan ought to be considered for the conservation of the trees we now have and the planting of thousands more which are needed.

It should also be remembered that in the difficulties growing out of the break down in the pumping station last winter it was understood an operating superintendent was to be employed who would give his whole time to the care of the water supply of the city.

This has not been done and no reasonable explanation has ever been made as to why months have passed without some such expert direction.

So, in the park management and all matters affecting the welfare of the community, care must be taken that in the administration of these public trusts efficiency is the first and important factor. As in the inspection in the ash collection system, so there might be a proper review of all departments from time to time, that those to whom the people have entrusted the management of the city shall have first hand information as to how things are being done and whether all is well.

In the matter of the ash-collection system, the important thing for the people who pay the bill is to know that the plan is efficient and no more expensive than necessary. If Chief Inspector Sheesley, as has been intimated, is doing most of his inspecting on a telephone at \$1,500 year, his usefulness may be properly questioned.

THAT FARM TOUR

THE automobile farm tour conducted yesterday under the direction of County Farm Agent Niesley was an inspiration to all who participated. Not only did the tourists find the crops in good condition, but they were impressed by the serious attitude of the farmers as to their part in winning the war.

talks. Dauphin county farmers are, as a whole, prosperous and for years have conducted their farms along modern lines. Co-operating with the farm agent, this efficiency has been greatly increased.

Still no explanation of the refusal to send Major-General Wood to the fighting front. Perhaps he is being kept at home to make a lot of his countrymen fighting mad.

HOOVER AND BEER

NATIONAL Food Administrator Hoover may have convinced President Wilson that it would be unwise to save millions of bushels of grain by closing the breweries of the United States, but that does not mean he has convinced the country.

The American people have followed the lead of Mr. Hoover to great lengths. They have denied themselves when he told them it was necessary and they are willing to continue a policy of volunteer rationing that astonishes the food controllers of European countries.

There is no limit to their self-denial. But when Mr. Hoover begs them to go without bread and to eat less grain with one breath and with the next authorizes the beer makers of the country to pour millions of bushels of grains into liquid poison, even the most zealous and patriotic citizen will pause for thought.

Mr. Hoover, in a public statement, explains that if beer-making is stopped, the drinking public will turn to whiskey and much harm will be done. But it remains a fact, as has been brought out on the floor of Congress, that since the making of whiskey has been stopped and the supply on hand is steadily decreasing, the price a few months after beer went out would become so high as to be prohibitive to any but millionaires.

And it remains also a fact that since a very large number of saloons are controlled by brewers these would be closed because traffic in whiskey alone would not keep them alive. Mr. Hoover has deceived himself, or has been deceived, concerning this situation, but a very large proportion of the people of the nation have not been deceived and they will resent deeply this robbing of the family kitchen for the sake of keeping the saloons open.

"Eat less bread; eat less grain, but drink just as much beer as you want." That in effect is the order from Washington and it cannot be expected that the housewife, who is denying her children their usual ration of bread and is saving grain wherever possible, will receive it with any degree of enthusiasm.

If a few people insist upon poisoning themselves quickly by the use of whisky because they cannot do it more slowly by getting beer, that is their concern, but to say that the working people of the nation will be ruined by an anti-beer order at this time is an insult to the intelligence of thinking men who know that the vast majority of workmen are sober and industrious.

The liquor traffic, root and branch, sooner or later must be abolished and if that can be accomplished and a great saving of foodstuffs affected at one and the same time it is foolish to delay the order.

Just so long as the Democratic administration at Washington stands behind the manufacture of alcoholic beverages during wartimes and advocates the use of vast quantities of grain in their making, so long will a great many people suspect that politics as well as patriotism has a part in the consideration of those responsible for the policy.

The gubernatorial situation would be greatly simplified if Judge Bonniwell would, like Highway Commissioner O'Neil, advise all his friends and support Senator Sprout. It might just as well be unanimous.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

With returns from Allegheny, Lackawanna and Luzerne counties not filed, Judge William D. Porter, of Allegheny, has 24,565 votes for renomination for superior court, and Stephen H. Huselton 122,317. The unofficial returns of Allegheny county increase Judge Porter's vote to 319,214 and that of his rival to 442,712.

There is considerable interest in whether the supporters will be the nominee and the State Department officials are sending out requests for statements on the total number of ballots cast and an estimate of the Official computation of the votes cast for the state-wide nominee will not be started until all of the returns are in hand and expected to be made to authorities of the counties which have not filed to expedite the returns.

The statement of J. Denny O'Neil declaring that he will support Senator William C. Sprout for Governor, has been favorably commented upon. The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times says that "it fulfills the moral obligation which rested upon him to accept the nomination of the Republican primary" and shares the hope of Mr. O'Neil that Pennsylvania will ratify the amendment. The Philadelphia Ledger says that he is expected to support O'Neil and did not say: "An external harmony for the purposes of the campaign for state officers will mean little if no attention is paid to the complexion of the Legislature. It is there that the crucial battle will have to be fought, whether the Governor be for or against the prohibitionists."

The Philadelphia Inquirer says about the declaration: "It is not surprising that J. Denny O'Neil, who was the chief competitor of William C. Sprout for the Republican nomination for Governor, should come out in a statement announcing his intention of supporting Senator Sprout for Governor. It is a highly notable illustration of the loose, slovenly and ignorant fashion in which a large portion of the electorate is casting their rights at the polls when a man who is almost unknown in the greater part of the Commonwealth and who has expressly declared that he was not a candidate for Governor, is elected to the office of Governor and both naturally pledge their support to his candidacy."

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Senator Sprout carried Allegheny county by 5772 majority over O'Neil. The Republican State Committee meeting will be notable for harmony.

—Prospects that the exemption from payment of income tax of persons deriving their living from salaries of public office whether national, state or municipal, from Governors to police officers, has caused more or less perturbation throughout this city and the state as a whole. The exemption is said to be to tax the incomes of businessmen and state legislators and all clerks and attaches. The result of properly made taxes like German propaganda.—Chicago Daily News.

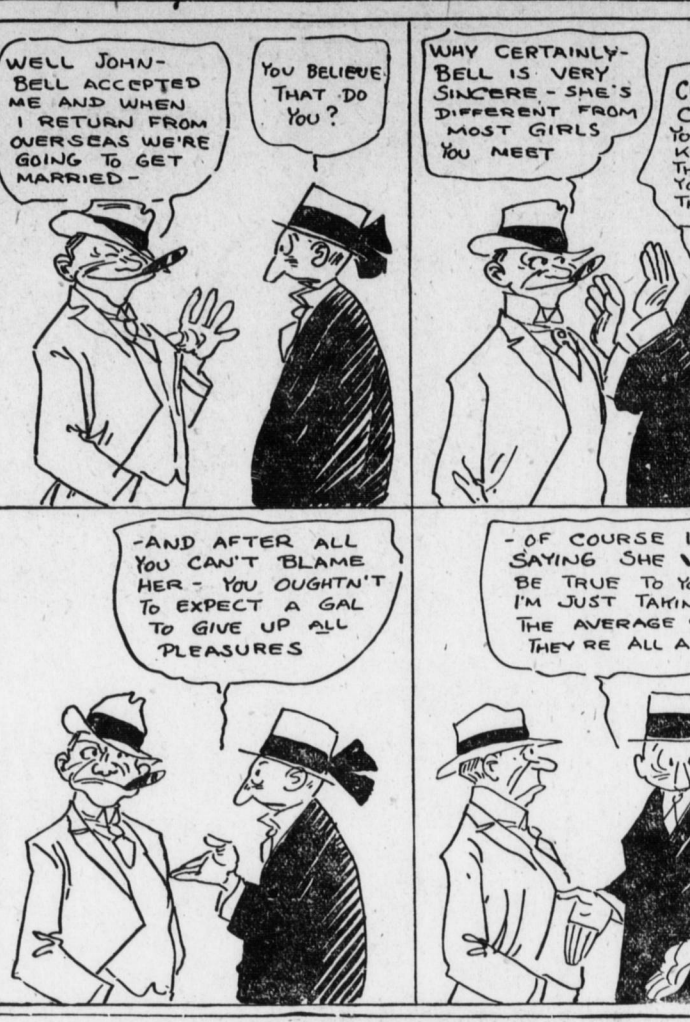
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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

BY BRIGGS



EDITORIAL COMMENT

The yellow peril is the yellow streak.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Beans and peas and garden-sass, they tell the Boche he shall not pass.—Baltimore Sun.

The railroads of the country never had a more distinguished list of deadheads.—Boston Herald.

If the Kaiser builds bigger U-boats the American gunners will find them easier to hit.—Des Moines Register.

In christening an iriship we suggest the young lady smash a bottle of liquid air on its nose.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

For twenty-five years the Kaiser drilled for war, and now he can't control the geyser he struck.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

One general says the side with the last reserves will win; and America is raising 1,000,000 reserves.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Corn bread properly made is an ambrosial delight. Corn bread improperly made tastes like German propaganda.—Chicago Daily News.

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"Accidental Superfluosity"

[From the Wall Street Journal.] An all too fast disappearing generation of older railroad executives are accustomed when recalling Gen. James C. Clarke, for many years before his death president of the Illinois Central, to speak of his stately courtliness, the warm Southern tinge of his hospitality and the depth and which ever kept him in lean purse. But the general was also a live railroad, no respecter of mere custom, and well to the fore in the era which transferred Chicago from a Michigan port to the largest interior continental city in the world.

General Clarke was fond of telling how in the post-bellum days an order was issued from the head office of one southern system that no more personal baggage should be carried on the rails, and that the name of the bureau of which it was part should be painted on the door of each room.

Shortly after the president, on a personal inspection tour, opened the door of a very small room and confronted an ancient negro of eminent respectability and respectful mien. Said the president: "You black rebel, are you still here?"

"Yes, sho, is," he bowed. "And what payroll are you on?" "I don't know what payroll, General, but I bresh de colonel's coat, black his shoes, comb his hair and scrub. He says to me jes like dis: Major, he say, of dat damned fool whid General come roun hyar axin whid youah honnab's pardon, I'm in de de-yoah air doti hyar jes tell im, axin partment of accidental superfluosity."

SERVIA

When the heroic deeds that mark our time Shall in far days to come, be recorded be, Men, much forgetting, shall remember thee, Thou central martyr of the Monster-Crime.

Who kept thy soul clear of the ooze and slime— The quicksands of deceit and perjury— A living thing, unconquered still and free, Through superhuman sacrifice sublime.

O Servia! amid thy ruins great, Love is immortal; there's an end to hate, Always there will be dawn, tho' dark the night, Look up, thou tragic Glory! Even now.

The thorny round that binds thy bleeding brow Is as a crown irradiating light! —Florence Earle Coates.

"FIRST COURAGE"

[W. Beach Thomas in Current Opinion.] A comment by the first of our writers would illustrate, if it may interrupt, my argument. During breakfast in Amiens, at the very height of the Somme battle in 1916, was investigated into a discussion on the morale of soldiers by my immediate neighbor, Mr. Lloyd George, "Military men," I said, "unite in saying that there is no courage like the first courage." "Aha," he answered with the quickness to develop an idea that is his leading characteristic, "that is yet another reason why we must win. His point is much better than any other that was made. One of the most inestimable gifts that America will bring the Allies is a constant supply of first courage." "Aha," he said, "perhaps include new courage in the domain of general strategy as well as on the stricken field."

A Close Contest

As hospital bombers the Huns are beating their own worst records. Air pirates are punning neck and neck with submarine pirates for the inhumanity stakes.—From the Boston Traveler.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

ROMANCE VS. REALISM.

How did Tom come to break with Miss Sweet? He used to say that she was as good as gold. Yes, but you see he's got acquainted with a girl who has gold.

A CONSIDERATE HUSBAND. If your husband isn't good to you, why don't you apply for a separate maintenance?

What's the use —he is never home as it is.

A COMPLIMENT. How are you getting along with your auto, girls? A constable cautioned me last night about dazzling lamps. Ah, he must have gotten a glimpse of your eyes.

HOW CRUEL! Hubby (from the next room)—Why are you forever gazing into that mirror? Wifey—I've just discovered that I am good-looking. Hubby—You're some little discoverer all right; nobody will ever suspect you.

TACTLESS. So the great actor was invited out to dine? Yes, but I don't believe he enjoyed himself at all. He was set down to what was called a good roast.

A PROSPECTIVE CROP. Doing any gardening this year? A little in that line. I'm training a neighbor's bean vine to grow over on my side of the fence.

Also Applies to the Athletics. An expert presents the opinion that the Detroit baseball club will win games as soon as it begins to hit and score more runs. That's—shutting out the opposition would accomplish wonders.—From the Detroit News.

LABOR NOTES

Queen's County (Ireland) National Teachers' Association has strongly protested the inadequacy of the government grant for Irish primary education.

Union painters and paperhangers at Memphis, Tenn., have increased wages 2 1/2 cents an hour. The new rates are \$5 and \$5.20 a day, respectively.

Five hundred journeymen tailors at Winnipeg, Canada, demand a wage increase of approximately 10 per cent, Saturday half-holiday and time and one-half for overtime.

Masons, carpenters and plasterers of Wexford, Ireland, went on strike when their demand for a \$10-a-week minimum wage was refused by the employers.

Within the last year there have been twenty-four unions organized in the Cumberland district, which includes Western Maryland and that part of West Virginia.

Three thousand strikers in the employ of the Great Central Railway (British) Works resumed work when their wages were increased 12 1/2 per cent.

On May 13 at Chicago, Ill., American Federation of Musicians will convene.

Edson J. Hockenbury, who completes the Anville college campaign for the raising of \$350,000 for that institution among the United Brethren Church members of the state, will go to Wildwood Crest for a rest. Mr. Hockenbury has conducted numerous campaigns in this country and Canada and all of them have been successful. He has just purchased a handsome home at Bellevue Park and the family will remain here until improvements are completed. There are finished and will then go to the state for the summer. Mr. Hockenbury is an enthusiastic and successful fisherman and is secretary of the Wildwood Crest Fishing Club, who he helped organize last season. He landed two big channel bass last summer, one nearly 40 pounds in weight, and will try to break the record this year and gamey fish this year.

Another ardent fisherman who prefers his vacations in the open to the pleasures of the resorts is former Mayor J. William Bowman, who is never happier than when he is helping entertain his own and other boys along the streams in the woods of this section. Mr. Bowman's numerous duties—he is connected with practically every one of the organizations of the city—prevent any prolonged periods of recreation this summer, but the day-lab saving statute has enabled him to slip off occasionally for an hour or two on the creeks and a supper cooked in the open. When friends of Mr. Bowman, George S. Reinhold or Norris Longaker fail to locate him at any of his haunts, the story haunts they lay bet that the fish has gone fishing—and nine times out of ten they win.

The life of a stockbroker isn't all fills and laughter. Even the manipulator of the markets has his trials and troubles. A. H. Gorney, manager of the Erie and York and Company's branch office here, tells a tale of his being called to the country to see some stock and appraise its value. "I boarded a jerk-water train, and after two hours of agony, reached the town. I went to the widow's house and after a pleasant chat, asked to see the stock. When she took me to the barn and showed me the farm stock, she magnified that I appraised the horses and cows, and not gilt-edged securities."

—Dr. Thomas S. March, head of the Greensburg schools and historical society here yesterday to see friends at the Capitol.

—Charles H. Bean, new president of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, is a director in a number of street railways.

—John C. Frazee, who was here yesterday for the War Board meeting is active in the campaign to get boys to work on farms.

—Elisha Kent Kane, prominent prohibitionist, who was here for the annual meeting, is a member of a family with large interests in Mecklenburg county.

—Prof. W. W. Elster is the new principal of the Shamokin High School.

—John D. Mishler, of Altoona, is taking a prominent part in the meeting of the State Posters convention at York.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg is selling more of its products to the government now than ever before?

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Historic places were in Market Square where the speakers stand is now located.

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