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Life is not days and years: Life is love and labor.—P. H. NEWHAM.

HOW LONG?

THE slipshodness which characterizes the attitude of many citizens of Harrisburg in the matter of local administration can only be accounted for on the general theory that many of our citizens believe the best way to remedy unsatisfactory conditions is to allow inefficiency, carelessness and neglect in official places here and there to become so rank that the public generally will at last observe what is transpiring.

Forms of government cut mighty little figure in efficiency or satisfactory administration. The human element is the deciding factor. Officials are needed who will give to the performance of their duties the same consistent and intelligent direction as they devote to the conduct of private business.

Just what was anticipated when the commission form of government was wished on Harrisburg has largely happened. Here and there the official job is looked upon as a sort of side issue to private business. Promises are made with respect to the things which should be done, but performance rarely succeeds.

Now that we are in the midst of a great war and the burdens of the conflict are beginning to be felt in every household, the people of Harrisburg are going to insist that they get a square deal or know the reason why. Bluffing and furloughing may last a little while, but the revolver is approaching in the public mind and those who are public servants, whether heads of departments or subordinates, will learn in no uncertain way that the people expect them to make good.

Why it should be necessary for citizens to constantly prod officials paid to attend to the city's business in order to get results is beyond ordinary comprehension, but since the unfortunate division of authority and duties among five men, and these duties subdivided among subordinates, there has been an ever-increasing feeling that the clock is running down. Isn't it about time to wind it up, that it may again strike true?

At last the gents in Germany who conspired to take over the world and all that therein, have commenced to pinch themselves that they may awake to the awful fact that not only will they not gain the real estate and other holdings of other nations, but will lose the trade which was rapidly being taken over by the Germans when they started something they can't stop.

WHITE HOUSE AND BOOZE  
PRESIDENT Wilson is manifestly not enthusiastic over prohibition of the liquor traffic. Vested with the power of a decree to suspend the manufacture of intoxicants during the war, he has refused to exercise this power. Twice during the last ten days he has likewise exerted his influence to prevent the enactment of any legislation as important as a bone-dry statute through the medium of a rider to an appropriation bill.

It is beginning to dawn upon the minds of intelligent people who favor the absolute prohibition of the liquor business that they need expect no help from the White House, notwithstanding frequent assurances that the president has no objection to a general prohibition law.

Wonder how many people have a real appreciation of the great work of the Y. M. C. A., especially since the outbreak of the war. Don't forget this important institution in your giving.

STUDENT'S VIEWPOINT

NO more timely or forceful graduation oration has ever been delivered by a Harrisburg student than that of Maurice Greenwood Beard, Technical High School valedictorian, at the commencement exercises of that institution Thursday evening. The graduate seldom stoops from the rare atmosphere in-

habited by sages, philosophers, prophets, scholars and high school or college seniors, but young Mr. Beard has made the descent most gracefully and incidentally has pointed a lesson which the school board should take home to itself. His subject, "Military Training in the High Schools," is one that is attracting attention all over the country and the oration sums up in a very clear, concise and convincing manner most of the arguments for and against the adoption of such a course. The presentation is of value as it sets forth the viewpoint of a High School boy on the subject, which no doubt is fairly representative of the thought of the whole student body.

Had every High School student been familiar with the manual of arms and possessed of rudimentary military training, we would have been three months earlier, at least, with our 700,000 men in France, and the spring drive of the Germans would have been blocked at the outset. The next war may not find us with a year in which to prepare. It is necessary that we be able to defend ourselves at the first shot.

Nor can the physical side of training be ignored. The State College had been picked readily from a dozen other schools by his erect carriage and his alertness of movement. That is because he has had military training. These and a dozen other arguments urge upon the school board the early adoption of a military training course in the High School. Much good and no harm can come of it.

A UNITED PARTY

NEVER did gubernatorial candidate in Pennsylvania open his campaign more auspiciously than Senator Sproull before the gathering of the Republican State Committee in Philadelphia yesterday. On the same platform with him, offering unqualified pledges of support for the whole ticket, were those who had opposed him most vigorously at the primaries, and they were welcomed as sincerely and as heartily as only a very big man can greet an unsuccessful opponent. Senator Sproull's address, which will be the keynote of the coming campaign, was in full harmony with the occasion and measured up to what his friends expected of him as a candidate.

As in the platform upon which he based his candidacy previous to the primaries, he laid most stress upon the winning of the war and the part which Pennsylvania must play in the conflict now being waged. It was a most constructive speech, as all Senator Sproull's utterances have been, and will add to his strength as a candidate. The Chester Senator looms large in the public eye with every expression of his views and with every passing occasion like that of yesterday the wisdom of his nomination becomes more and more apparent.

Republicans may well congratulate themselves upon the dominant position of their party in this State. The vote that will be rolled up this fall will be an indication of the stand the Commonwealth will take in the elections of 1920, and the party has but to maintain its leadership of thought and action along sane and progressive lines to insure its return to power in the nation two years hence.

The Republican party has a great constructive work to perform. It can and will give full support to the President in all war measures, as Mr. Hays very properly urges, but on the other hand, it has constitutional rights which it cannot be expected to yield at the behest of an administration that even as it announces "politics is adjourned" is plotting and planning to perpetuate itself in power. The Republican party is fundamentally a war party. It came into being with the Civil War and its patriotism and devotion will be but emphasized in this. With such a leader and adviser as Senator Sproull at the capital there can be no question as to where the Republicans of Pennsylvania are headed. The next four years should be bright in the history of the party and should mark another big advance in the progress and efficiency of popular government in this State.

Secretary and Mrs. William G. McCadoo arrived from Washington on their private car this morning and have with them Helen Curussi, of Washington, who will be with them for some time, and Miss Sally F. McCadoo, Oscar A. Price, who was recently appointed Assistant Director of Railroads, an office which he shares with Walker D. Hines and J. M. Shaffer, also arrived on Mr. McCadoo's car.

This is a White Sulphur Springs dispatch. Who said the private and luxurious car was taboo under McCadoo control? It is not necessary, in the view of many patriotic citizens, to create an autocracy to get rid of another. An autocracy is as objectionable in one part of the world as another.

Some United States Senators still believe that they have certain important functions in our scheme of government and don't propose to be shackled.

The swivel-chair brigade at Washington, thousands strong, are said to wear aprons to keep their boots from slipping off the tables.

Are those Yanks in France doing anything worth while? Ask President Poloneur!  
Fishes, fishes bite!

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committee

The manner in which the leaders of the recently opposing factions in the Republican party in Pennsylvania and the rival candidates got together at the meeting of the Republican state committee yesterday has attracted national attention and is taken to mean that the Keystone state is not going to have any close contest this year. The divisions in the Democratic party, so recently reorganized and harmonized, have assumed a serious stage and with the Republicans united there is small doubt of a big majority for Sproull and the whole ticket together with the election of a large number of Republican congressmen and legislators.

The appearance of J. Denny O'Neil and his speech pledging support to the ticket ends any chance of any third ticket. While the state administration, except for O'Neil, was conspicuous in absence, this it was taken to mean anything except some personal feeling, which will soon pass away. Mr. O'Neil was well received as John R. K. Scott. This morning we have now in shape the platform drafted and early in the fall the state campaign will be opened. The re-election of W. Harry Baker as chairman of the state committee has been a matter of statewide commendation and an energetic campaign will now be waged.

The Bonniwell faction of the state Democracy is not taking the defiance of its attempt to get control of the Democratic machine with any degree of equanimity. The Bonniwell people are going to have a big meeting in Philadelphia to-day. This meeting will supplement the Pittsburgh conference and is designed to get some authority for a demand that the reorganizers submit to reorganization.

Leaders of the Palmer-McCormick faction, who met in Philadelphia to-day, have sent word to the Bonniwell people that the judge as nominee for governor is just one man and that he may name any state administrator and nothing else. The judge holds that his nomination indicates a lack of confidence in the present rulers of the party and that they should take a long voyage and not be in a hurry about returning.

The whole row is over the conduct of the offices of the state committee and the writing of the platform. There is supreme confidence in the commander of the Allied armies. While the Huns have made some advances in their latest drive, after nearly two weeks of effort they have gained nothing that brings them any nearer a decision which they were forced to attempt in a last demonstration, and nothing that is of great military value.

Rooms in Harrisburg hotels went to a premium to-day because of the requests for rooms which poured in from Democrats who are coming here to attend the meeting of the state committee. Most of the requests are for rooms in the Commonwealth Hotel and the fact that the new Penn-Harris is not yet complete has reduced the hotel capacities practically.

All believe in the strategy of General Foch. All have confidence that when the right hour comes, when the German divisions are thinned out, as they are being by the engagements now in progress, he will turn with all his reserves, and with all the forces of genius take the offensive and force a victory that will be significant of the end.

Apprehension does not exist. The civilized world can do without the Hun to anything but the defeat he deserves.

VICTOR HUGO 3RD

News of the distinguished conductor at Cantigny of Lieutenant Victor Hugo, 3d, who is attached to the American forces in France as instructor, will be read with interest in this country. Was it with a shrewd understanding of the sentiment that the French assigned the great-grandson of their illustrious novelist and poet to service with our army? That army from overseas is surprisingly familiar with "Les Miserables" and a certain proportion of it has even read "Hernani" in the original in college classrooms.

OUR NEW RATIONS

The dietetic and customary beef ration imposed by the latest regulations and appeal of the Food Administration, which reduce householders to a pound and a quarter of beef a week for each person, may easily be supplied by increasing the consumption of pork products, of which there are sufficient to assure an adequate supply of food for all. The beef stringency comes at a time when persons engaged in sedentary occupations customarily reduce their consumption of red meat; that reduction might in many cases be made much more drastic without impairment of health or loss of vigor. Indeed, in numerous instances elimination of beef from the diet would produce excellent effects.

Down With Bolshevism

On the same day that a Bolshevik mass meeting in New York petitioned for American recognition of the "Republic of Labor," the American Federation of Labor, in its annual session at St. Paul, received and considered a report in favor of sending a delegation abroad to promote opposition to Bolshevism by the workers of all lands. That is a singular thing to do, for the Bolshevik meeting declared the Soviet "Republic" to be "the guardian and the hope of the leftiest ideals of the tolling masses." Hardheaded people look beyond the beautiful language to the ugly facts and see that the "Republic" in Russia is more autocratic than was the Czar.

GOLF SCORES ARE NOT NECESSARILY MADE ON A GOLF COURSE

CONFIDENCE IN FOCH

From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph  
No one will be disturbed by the boast of the German Minister of War that General Foch's reserves are exhausted, because all the world knows it is untrue. There is supreme confidence in the commander of the Allied armies. While the Huns have made some advances in their latest drive, after nearly two weeks of effort they have gained nothing that brings them any nearer a decision which they were forced to attempt in a last demonstration, and nothing that is of great military value.

Binding the Fetters on Austria

From The Literary Digest  
I f we can believe the dispatches and comments cabled from various quarters of Europe, a purely nominal independence seems to be all that is now left to once "happy Austria." By the "firmer" alliance arranged between Emperor Karl and Emperor Wilhelm on May 15, it would appear that Austria has surrendered to Prussia her military and economic life, receiving in return "the solution" of the Polish question desired by Austria. The German paper shows a considerable relief about the actual terms, and, in fact, the usually well-informed Swiss organ, the Neue Zuercher Zeitung, tells us that the final formalities of signature have not yet been completed. The Berlin press speaks in a rather veiled manner of the immense importance of the meeting, and will convert our opponents to peace by the strength of our will for peace.

LABOR NOTES

Mississippi labor unions will form a state federation.  
A war bonus has been granted government employes in Austria.  
Metalworkers' unions in Germany have increased their membership.  
Of industrial accidents, almost ten per cent, are injuries to the eye.  
Congressman Zihlman, of Maryland, is a glassblower.  
Canadian painters demand legislation for occupational diseases.  
Membership in Austrian trade unions has decreased to 150,000.  
Independent labor bodies in Canada have a membership of \$,400.  
Despite England's war troubles, the agitation for a forty-eight-hour week continues.  
Congressman Helvering, of Kansas, in private life was a streetcarman.  
At the present time there are forty-five state branches affiliated with the A. F. of L.  
Already 36,000 women and girls are employed in the auxiliary services of the Austrian army.  
On June 20, at New York City, the White Rat Actors' Union of America will convene.  
On account of a dispute between the engineers and firemen, Liverpool (Eng.) refiners have shut down.  
Congressman Cooper, of Ohio, flattered himself for his present high position while working as a railroad man.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

MONEY FOR THE SCHOOLS

[Wilkes-Barre Record]  
Next year's Legislature will be confronted with a formidable recommendation from the State Board of Education for an increase of at least twenty-five per cent. in the two-year appropriation for the schools, and the claim will have much forceful backing. For war reasons the Legislature will hesitate to place additional tax burdens upon the corporations and other interests, but also for recognition.

MERCHANTMEN

[By C. Fox Smith]  
All honor be to merchantmen while And ships of all degree,  
In warlike dangers manifold,  
Who sail and keep the sea,  
In peril of unlitton coast  
And death-besprinkled foam,  
Who daily reap a hundred deaths  
To bring their cargoes home.  
A liner out of Liverpool—a tanker from the Clyde—  
A hard-run tramp from anywhere—a tug from Merseyside—  
A cattle-boat from Birkenhead—a coaler from the Tyne—  
All honor be to merchantmen while any star shall shine!  
All honor be to merchantmen,  
And ships both great and small,  
The swift and strong to run their race,  
And smite their foes without,  
The little ships that sink or swim,  
And pay the pirates' ransom.  
Unarmed save by valiant hearts,  
And strong in naught but soul,  
All honor be to merchantmen,  
As long as tides shall run,  
Who gave the seas their glorious flag,  
From rise to set of sun;  
All honor be to merchantmen,  
While England's name shall stand,  
Who sailed and fought, and dared  
And served and saved their land.  
A sailing-ship from Liverpool—a tanker from the Clyde—  
A schooner from the West Country—a tug from Merseyside—  
A fishing-smack from Grimsby town—a coaler from the Tyne—  
All honor be to merchantmen while sun and moon shall shine!

Trying Your Faith

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith is wrought withal.—James I, 2 and 3.

Slam Chance

Girls are urged to wear low shoes this summer in order to conserve leather. Does any girl with any kind of a walk need urging?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.