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TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1918 Have more than thou knowest, Speak less than thou wisest, Lend less than thou owest. —SHAKESPEARE.

THE PARTY CONVENTION

ELSEWHERE on this page is reprinted from the esteemed Inquirer of Philadelphia some thoughtful comment upon the recent convention of Republicans in New York. Since the new-fangled ballot reform schemes have been put into operation in this State the old-time convention has ceased to exist.

No one who knows anything about party enthusiasm will contend that the present system is an improvement upon the old convention arrangement. Party committees meet, of course, but these do not arouse the widespread interest of the convention of other days.

How about the suggestion as to military training in our schools? Who will lead in this movement? How about the directors themselves?

HOW ABOUT OUR TREES?

HARRISBURG has become about hopeless regarding the very much needed and frequently promised Shade Tree Commission. Meanwhile the trees are dying and the city promises in the not distant future to be as shadeless as the Sahara Desert.

Other places are showing more sanity in this important matter and tree planting is receiving the same attention as other important municipal functions. Dispatches state that the Chamber of Commerce of Morrisville, a New Jersey town, is preparing a tree-planting program in honor of every man from that place in the war service.

On several occasions the Telegraph has suggested some such program for Harrisburg, but it has not yet received official approval. If the civic or municipal bodies are not sufficiently interested perhaps the people themselves may care enough for the trees to honor the hundreds of young men who have left Harrisburg to serve their country.

COL. HARVEY'S VIEWS

COLONEL GEORGE HARVEY continues to ring the changes on the President's suggestion that "politics be adjourned." In the current number of the North American Review he presents in full the correspondence with Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee, responsive to his suggestion that there should be no campaigns in certain Republican or certain Democratic Congressional districts this year.

He figures that the elimination of such sure districts would cut down the campaigns for Congress more than fifty per cent. In short, that the number of Congressional elections would be reduced from 455 to less than 100, and probably by supplementary mutual agreement, to not more than seventy-five.

Colonel Harvey is quite pleased with the prompt and satisfactory reply of Mr. Hays to his proposal, the Republican chairman intimating that a conference of the two party heads "might make more surely effective our determination to check any disloyal head that may show up." But he is not happy over the apparent sidestepping of Chairman

McCormick, who promised in his letter of May 17th that the suggestion would have his "most careful consideration."

"There the matter stands," says Colonel Harvey. "The prompt response of Mr. Hays is undeniably frank, unequivocal and, to our mind, worthy of the highest commendation." The Colonel thinks, however, that, after five weeks of dallying with the suggestion "to which he [McCormick] had already given careful consideration" he is warranted in making a direct appeal to the leader of the Democratic party.

The only man who can meet the country's demand and resolve into accomplishment his own duties that politics shall be, as it ought to be, adjourned.

Manifestly, Colonel Harvey is determined to smoke out the insincerity and hypocrisy which seem to environ those Democratic bosses who favor nonpartisanship and "politics adjourned" when it is to their interest to do so, and play politics to the limit when it suits their purposes.

In his "War Weekly," the Colonel quoting from the New York Times, asks, "What is the use of wasting time, money and energy on a minority candidate in districts now clearly Republican or Democratic and represented by men of undoubted patriotism?" To which Colonel Harvey rejoins:

"There is no use, of course; there never was; but it has taken the Times a long time to find it out—about as long, in fact, as it took Mr. McCormick to consider the advisability of considering what he had already considered."

"Russia will come back," says a Petrograd dispatch, and our advice is that if she wants to get there in time she better start soon, for she has gone a long way in the wrong direction.

BOARDS OF INSTRUCTION

PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL CROWDER is backing a movement for the appointment of boards of instruction throughout the United States in a plan to instruct drafted registrants before they go to camp. It is hoped through this arrangement to save months of training through a home knowledge of discipline and war aims. Already the Harrisburg Reserves have offered their services in the training and drilling of men who are registered and likely to be called at any time. These boards of instruction, which are organized with the thought of making better soldiers and citizens, will be designated through the local draft organizations and a conference will be held here this week to further the work in Pennsylvania.

General Crowder says "the plan includes all such measures as are best calculated to prepare the selectives to go to camp willing, loyal, intelligent, clean and sober, and thus better to fit them for rapid progress in their military education after joining the army."

Of course, the board of instruction will be under the authority of the local draft board and will consist of an appropriate number of citizens of high character and ability, enjoying the confidence of the community. Subject to the ultimate authority of the local board, says General Crowder, each board of instruction will perform its work by individual interview and group meetings with the selective, by giving advice and instruction on all subjects that are necessary or useful to future soldiers and by arranging for preparatory military drill and instruction where feasible.

Local boards are authorized and directed to furnish to the boards of instruction access to the records for the purpose of compiling lists of names and addresses and to send out, in the name of the local boards, any notices of meetings or interviews as desired and requested by the boards of instruction.

Few of the selectives have had military training before reaching camp and it is believed through these boards of instruction much embarrassment will be saved the men themselves and advancing their fitness for service.

It is not generally known that in the mobilization of the great citizen army defects have frequently been largely mental and it has been found that the proposed boards of instruction are useful in overcoming the unfortunate mental attitude that upsets the new soldier. Personal instruction will have much to do with the removing of imaginary troubles and placing the registrant in a better attitude of mind. Men who leave home mentally and morally fit are in better shape to become good soldiers when they arrive in camp.

They are going to cut sugar consumption again, in which case the restaurateurs may have to provide microscopes with each little envelope.

JUP. ON THE JOB

JUPITER PLUVIUS is taking a hand in the fighting along the Marne river. The Germans have been forced to abandon many of their guns in the mud and the Americans close upon their heels are using these pieces in accelerating the retirement of the enemy.

A significant feature of the fighting of the last two weeks is the growing confidence of the French and the Allied forces. Prestige of the German strategists has been badly upset and the French military leaders now believe that the German soldiers also are realizing the failure of the German high command. Deprived of overwhelming brute force, the Prussian highway-men are no match for the Allies on any front.

If the Frenchmen, who comprise seventy per cent. of the forces which have been keeping the Germans on

the jump in the present drive, are "bled white," as Prussian advices have frequently declared, then we must believe that the whiter they are bled the harder they fight.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Present indications are that Major George R. McLean, the District State chairman, will remain at the helm of the Democratic State committee in Pennsylvania and handle what comes from Washington where he is stationed in the judge advocate general's office. The details of the campaign will be left to William VanDyke, secretary of the state committee, who has managed the headquarters for the last five years. This plan will not be changed unless there is a rumpus raised in the state.

It is authoritatively stated that Joseph J. Guffey, of Pittsburgh, who was mentioned as a possible acting chairman again, would not consider the matter at this time. State headquarters people are without any information as to when the state committee will get down to business.

State department officials to-day declared that they were awaiting word from Scranton as to the outcome of the contest over the Republican senatorial nomination. There is nothing official here since word of the contest has not yet come as word is received a formal certification will be made to the Lackawanna county commissioners.

After considerable jockeying to control the appointment of a successor to Harry J. Stone, as chief clerk to the City Commissioners, at a salary of \$2,000 a year, Mayor Smith has finally obtained the position for a resident of his ward. The new appointee is Windom D. Bryant, a personal friend and an accountant. Commissioners Eberhart and Kuenzel were disposed to appoint an out-of-town man, but the Mayor insisted that since Stone, whom Holmes freed, was a resident of his ward, the place belongs to him.

There may be a battle looming up in the Berks county Republican ranks for the organization meeting of the county committee to be held in Reading on the first Saturday in September. Rumors of opposition to the "outside" candidacy for county chairman came from the vicinity of Hamburg, where it is said Harry P. Shomo will be backed by former Judge W. K. Stevens and the County Chairman Edward Koenig.

Program go through there are intimations that Mr. Shomo's son, William A. Shomo, a Reading lawyer, will be the challenger. The contest as compensation referee, held by Mr. Seidel, who is a Brumbaugh appointee.

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Officials connected with the United States district attorney's office in Philadelphia declare that men accused of irregularities in the administration of the election law are indicted before the Federal grand jury no matter who their friends may be. There will be some additional developments in this case.

Wicks' chief of police, who is the central figure in the Chamber of Commerce graft charges, has made a statement in which he accuses the State Board of Public Charities and Auditor General also have men there. The legal department is said to be planning to put up a bill in the drafting of bills to be presented at the next legislative session.

Considerable comment has been caused in political circles by a letter in the Philadelphia Public Ledger signed by John McE. Bowman, calling upon legislative candidates to agree to submit the legislative amendment to the voters of the state before passing upon it. There are signs that this plan will be much heard of later on. The Benniwell people are said to intend to fight their fight right on the amendment and precious little else.

German Idea of a Joke

[Kansas City Times] Here is the way the official German report tells of the folks back home the news of the German retreat from the south bank of the Marne:

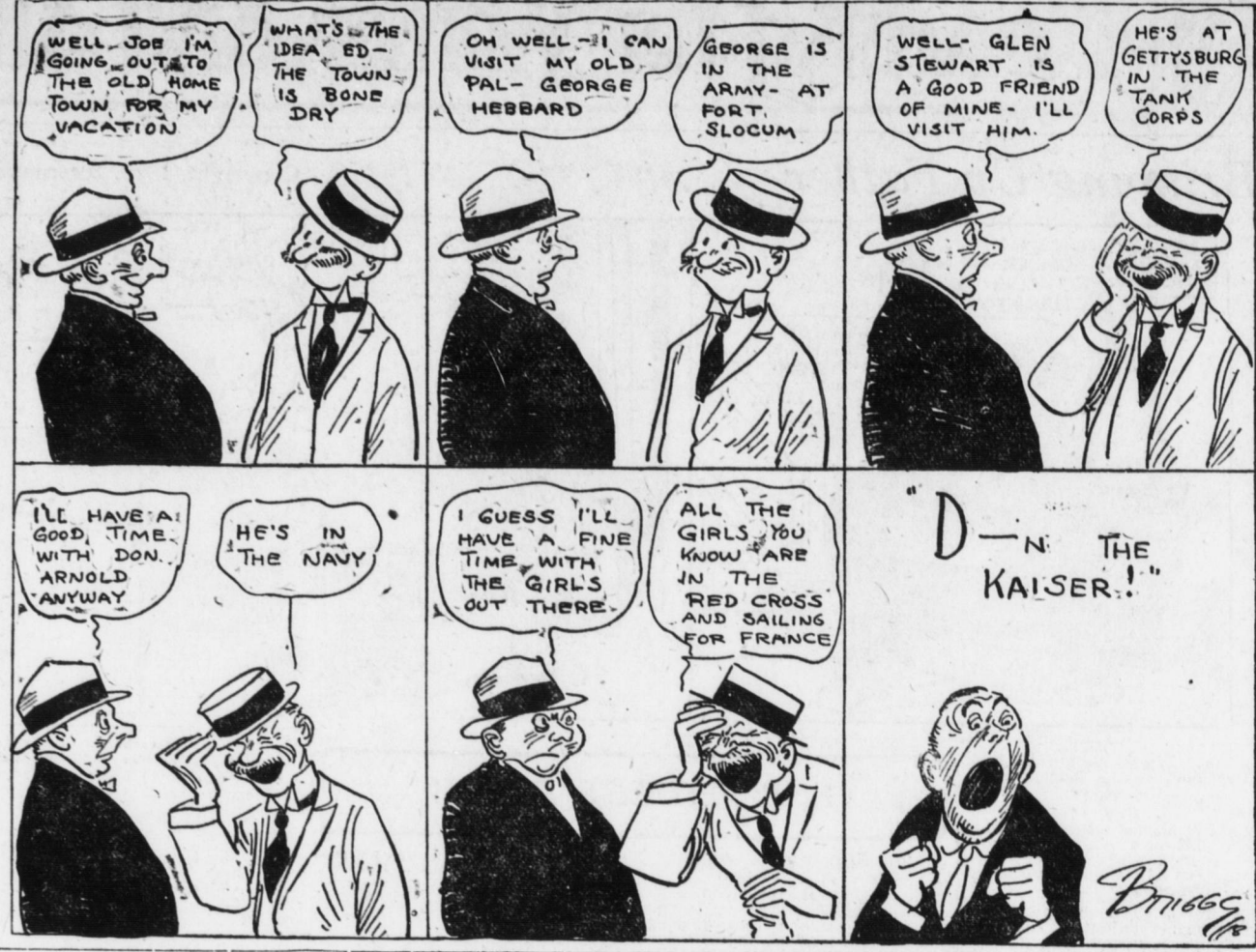
In the southern bank of the Marne after four hours of artillery preparation and under cover of a heavy fire and with numerous tanks the enemy made combined attacks against positions which had been evacuated by us during the previous night which attacks uselessly beat against empty positions.

"We fooled 'em," says the high command. "Great joke on the Allies. They attacked positions from which we had retreated. The German to be persuaded to overlook the defeat while bursting out laughing over the joke said to have been played on the victors."

World's Meanest Man

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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



A Pennsylvania Convention

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer.] Last week the Democrats of New York held a state convention at Saratoga. The week before the Republicans gathered. There were several hundred delegates in each body.

Now these conventions are powerless to nominate tickets. They may suggest and endorse candidates, but there are primaries in New York as there are in Pennsylvania, and candidates are actually nominated at these primaries.

Of what use, then, these conventions? Of great use. They assemble the party thought of the state. They discuss events and men and they issue a declaration of principles, which declaration virtually becomes the party platform.

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Col. Harvey's Observations

[From the War Weekly.] "Ludendorff calls his own men traitors." He ought to know.

Speaking of passing the buck reminds us that we have been reliably informed that Mr. Baker has cabled to General Pershing that the intention was to give the European command without his approval as indicated by a request. If General Wood goes to Italy it will be because General Pershing suggested him for the command.

Canada, we are told, has sent 400,000 men to the war and 1,000,000 more in reserve according to the good old Rule of Three, then, to do as well as Canada has done, the United States should send 5,700,000 men to the war and have 1,900,000 in reserve. Until we have done that we shall have no cause to complain of the burden of conscription. And let us remember that it is just as much our war as it is Canada's.

The Telegraph Adventure

[New York Times.] The railway experiment was much less of a leap into unknown problems than the wire adventure, and was undertaken under greater necessity. Railway rates and finances were as well understood as anything can be after thirty years of regulation. The telephones and telegraphs have not been equally regulated, their finances have not been so controlled, and their efficiency rivaled that of the railways, although the railways were at the topnotch of their public service. During the debate on the subject in the Senate it was said that the officials advising the President were "bursting with ignorance," and names were mentioned unkindly. But the wires have been taken into the hands of the government and the thing has passed beyond debate.

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Woe Betide Public Men Who Trifle

[New York Times.] GENERAL SMUTS, the Boer soldier and statesman, predicted in London a day or two ago that eventually the American Army in France would be numerically stronger than the combined armies of France and the British Empire; that is to say, the allies would have more than 6,000,000 men, perhaps 7,000,000 men, in the field. Only with such a host could we expect to be fought by men and not by boys.

It is not fair to call upon young men of age to fight the battles of this country, and I shall oppose any such legislation. From what war ever fought since the dawn of time have "young men not of age" excluded? If the American people are in earnest in the prosecution of the moose conflict they have entered, they will put the extinguisher upon politicians whose objections, if sustained, would be a "gottsend" to the combatant nation in Europe are young men, not of fighting age in Mr. Prou's opinion. If Great Britain and France had refused to train and equip their youth for the front, Germany would long ago have been the victor and dictated her own terms of peace.

"Germany has once more said 'that force, and force alone, shall decide whether justice and peace shall reign in the affairs of men, whether right as America conceives it or the dominion of force ceives it shall determine the destinies of mankind. There, therefore, but one response possible from us: Force. Force to the utmost. Force without stint or limit. The rightness of our umphant Force which shall make right the law of the world, and cast every selfish dominion down in dust."

Thunders of applause greeted this tremendous statement which will become historic. Mr. Wilson had read the words of his countrymen, and he spoke their purpose. Class 1A is exhausted. How can we send "Force to the utmost. Force without stint or limit" to France when it is most wanted, unless the draft ages are changed without delay? This is the most urgent question before the American people. "Woe betide the public men who trifle with it!"

IO VICTISI!

I sing the hymn of the conquered, I sing the hymn of the battle of life. The hymn of the wounded, the beaten, who died overwhelmed in the strife; Not the jubilant song of the victors, for whom the resounding acclaim

THE CURB MARKET

[From the Pennsylvania Farmer] The curb market offers the most direct route from the farms to the consumers. It eliminates the middlemen and dealers in the products handled and should save money for both producers and consumers. To be successful it must yield advantages to both interested classes. The producer must receive more for what he sells at the curb than he can realize by sale of the same products to the dealers. The consumer must be able to buy at the curb at a price lower than he would pay for a trip to market and for the trouble of carrying goods home. If quality there is offered by the grocers, the buyers may be trusted to appreciate that point and give added preference to the curb market. But farmers cannot expect to build business upon prices that offer no inducement to buyers to come to their wagons. On the other hand, town and city consumers cannot expect farmers to such a way cannot expect farmers to produce to the curb and spend the time of parceling it out in small sales unless such marketing brings them a commensurate increase in price over what the dealers are paying.

Curb markets are only a partial solution of the bigger marketing problem. They can be served only by those farmers living within hauling distance. But they benefit all farmers when they help increase the bulk of the produce bought and consumed. The real market problem is not to get higher prices for a short period, but to get the products to the consumers in such a way that more will be consumed and a higher range of prices made possible over the year. The article on the first page of this issue tells how curb markets help to this end. It also discusses some of the fundamental requirements in the development of curb markets. There is an opportunity to repeat the success of the towns discussed in many more of our eastern cities.

Two Fathers—a Contrast

[From the Los Angeles Times] There is a very distinguished and widely known father in Germany who is not at all in doubt as to whether his son will be killed or captured. Eh, Wilhelm!

Whatever else has been said of him in the past or is to be said of him in the future, Colonel Roosevelt is no piker as a patriot. The Roosevelt boys could have easily found something "soft" in the way of a commensurate increase in price over what the dealers are paying.

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Soldiers' Chances in War

[Spokane Spokesman-Review] Great as the danger and large as the losses in the aggregate, the individual soldier has plenty of chances of coming out of the war unscathed, or at least not badly injured.

Based on the mortality statistics of the allied armies, a soldier's chances are as follows: Twenty-nine chances of coming home to one chance of being killed. Forty-nine chances of recovering from wounds to one chance of dying from them.

One chance in 500 of losing a limb. Will live five years longer because of physical training, is freer from disease in the Army than in civil life, and has better medical care at the front than at home.

In other wars from ten to fifteen men died from disease to one from bullets; in this war one man dies from disease to every ten from bullets.

For those of our fighting men who do not escape scatheless the government under the soldier and sailor insurance law gives protection to the wounded and their dependents and to the families and dependents of those who make the supreme sacrifice for their country.

Mrs. Willets Is Out Again

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Willets is able to be out again. It is nearly two months since she kicked at the cat and broke her kneecap against the door. Society has missed her very much.—Hometown (Penn.) Banner.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

A NATURAL MISTAKE. Willie Woodpecker: Someone has been boring here before me!

PUZZLED. Mr. Owl (looking at golf ball): My! what kind of an egg is that?

KITCHEN CHATTER. Potato Mashers: Why do you object to Mr. Tea Kettle? Rolling Pin: He's always spouting hot air.

A SUBDUED CANINE. "Does your dog ever growl?" "No. He knows that my husband has him hopelessly outclassed."

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Ebening Chaut

Wisdom of the men whose influence led to the erection of the Technical High School building on an elaborate scale is being demonstrated now that the east of the houses on the lower edge of Capitol Park Extension have vanished from Walnut street and the full effect of the front of the school can be gained from across the area which was added to the commonwealth's normal garden. Viewed from the State street bridge or from the east end of the Capitol Park Extension of the building, as the architects call its front, is very striking, and those who have seen it from the extension when turning into North street from Cowden or Seventh or when coming over the bridge have been struck by its imposing appearance. It was some time ago that "Tech's" building constructed for that future, but the expenditure is well repaid and will be realized more and more as the State House extension develops. And by the same token it will be an incentive for the city fathers to see that all future building along the east end of the extension, but on the Third and New Walnut street sides of the older park area shall be of a type that will fit in with the scheme of the eminent architect who is "dreaming out a beauty spot," to use his own words in description of the present phase of the great embellishment of the official center of the city. The new Penn-Harris and the Y. W. C. A. with the Technical High School, form an excellent start, and when the Scottish Fathers build their temple North street will get its incentive.

It seems rather odd to see men with picks and hoes tearing up the surface of what was once South street and to see a steam shovel preparing the erstwhile highway of Farmers' way for seeding with grass. There were times when Harrisburg police officers like "Jim" McCann and "Joe" Thompson were accused to look for something different from herbage being raised over in those byways of the old Eighth ward. But things are changing in Harrisburg, and ornamental shrubbery will soon be the "Red Lion" and the "Garnet House" were objects of jealous eyes from patrolmen and perchance there may be a certain playing where some games were wont to be held on the site of "Eris' Battis" old clubhouse.

Turning to newer Harrisburg, it may be said that the completion of the new Penn-Harris is being rather eagerly awaited in many parts of the city. There will be some interesting men and things to come in less here. They have been hoping that the contractors for the interior will make a record, and from all indications they are doing so in a scramble to get names down on the first page of the register. Out in Pittsburgh when the William Penn was under construction, the name of a man who was a descendant of the great William to sign first. Perhaps he can be induced to come to the state's capital for the same ceremony.

The new government control of the telephone and telephone lines of the country has brought some interesting problems. For example, the men in charge of the local Western Union and Postal offices are expected to be combined, but there is any truth in the report that the two offices are to be combined. The same question has arisen in the operation of the local telephone companies. There has been some talk of turning the conduct of both the telephone and telegraph lines locally over to the postal department, but this would be as bad as turning the post office department over to the telephone managers.

Nothing is known about the highly technical and complicated affairs of the other, and it would appear the height of absurdity to attempt the improvement of already very efficient services by taking them out of experienced hands and putting them into the hands of men already overburdened with the growing activities and problems of the telephone service whose ignorance concerning wire operations is quite as great as the ignorance of the wire managers in the postal department. It is believed that good judgment will dictate the continuation of the telephone and telegraph service in much the same manner as at present, but the frequent and unaccountable changes on the railroads under government control have caused a feeling of uneasiness to pervade the forces of the Western Union, the Postal, the Bell and the United companies.

Edson J. Hockenbury, of Harrisburg, is at present leading the contest for the biggest fish catch along the Jersey coast this summer. His catch was a channel bass weighing two pounds and four ounces while fishing from the pier of the Wildwood Crest Fishing Club, of which Mr. Hockenbury is the secretary. This club which was organized by the Harrisburg man now has the longest pier on the Atlantic resort coast and some of the best catches made this summer between Atlantic City and Cape May have been from it. Mr. Hockenbury is combining business with pleasure at the shore this summer, planning his fall and winter campaign to begin when he has time. His family is with him.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Senator T. L. Eyre has been elected a director of the United Sportsmen of the state. —Dr. J. W. A. Haas, head of Muhlenberg College, is advocating military training as a part of the course of the college. —Captain J. Kirk McCurdy, of Swarthmore, has organized an anti-seditious committee. He has taken the militia company at that place. —J. W. Bouton, prominent Smithport oil man, has been chosen president of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Producers Association.

—Senator E. H. Vore presented the flag at the opening of the Vore playground, named for the Senator's father, George A. Vore, of Philadelphia. —E. T. Noble, well-known Harrisburg attorney, has been elected a director of the Pennsylvania State Association of Attorneys.

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