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He had kept The whiteness of his soul, and thus Men o'er him wept.

SPROUL ON THE STUMP

SENATOR SPROUL is striking right at the heart of things in the few speeches that he has been making since his nomination as Republican candidate for Governor.

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As the next Governor, the distinguished Senator from Delaware will also be in position to lead in the work that Pennsylvania is doing and will continue to do until a triumphant peace shall have been achieved.

A LITTLE LATE NECESSITY, it is said, is the mother of invention, but what, we wonder, possessed Mrs. August Stura, of Chillicothe, to invent a luminous keyhole, which, we are told, anybody can find? It would seem in this case that invention must take the role of a posthumous child.

TAKING A VACATION IS IT PATRIOTIC to take a vacation this summer? This question has been asked by readers of the Telegraph repeatedly in the last few weeks, and the answer is: Certainly, if you actually feel the need of a rest.

A tired worker is not up to mark in production and he is in danger of becoming sick. Rest and recreation are the only known remedies. Medicine is in most cases of the kind more than a spur to the tired horse. Change of scene and occupation is the essential.

Even the hard-wooded, carefully trained soldier requires his vacation periods. He "goes stale," to use a camp term, if he is kept under strain too long. So with the man or woman in any occupation.

If you are in the physical trim, go cheerfully to work and enjoy your duties; you don't need a protracted vacation. If you lag and pitter over your tasks or are inclined to lose your temper over trifles, by all means try to take a few days away from the job, even though physically you may think yourself fit.

"No powder is being used during working hours by girls at the shell plant in Hazleton," says the Philadelphia Record; but what, we wonder, do they put in the shells?

A MIGHTY TASK AHEAD

OPPORTUNITY will present itself in the next month or so for some 20,000 Pennsylvanians to render valuable assistance to the United States government by acting as registrars when the men who will be called upon by the new draft law to sign their names for the national defense appear at their home polling places.

Plans being made at the State Draft Headquarters call for every one of the several thousand polling places in the Keystone State to be an enrollment place. It would be beyond the power of the draft boards, or even of election boards, to register the vast army that will respond in our Commonwealth alone.

DOWN WITH THE REST

JUST about a year ago it was estimated that there were half a thousand miles of highway in Pennsylvania, many of them upon the main traveled roads, for which toll was collected and the majority of the stretches which drivers and owners of vehicles were taxed to pass over were in a state of repair as out of date as the toll road itself.

The next Legislature ought to lose no time in appropriating enough money to enable the Commonwealth to join with counties in getting rid of the rest of these anachronisms. The automobile owners are providing millions in licenses and some of it could be made available if necessary.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

WE ARE proceeding blithely along in our reckless career of Government control. Having taken over the railroads, the telegraph lines and the telephone plants, the administration is now considering the street car systems of the country.

It is easy in war times to scramble up the railroads, the trolleys and the lines of wire communication, but the real difficulty will come with effort at restoration. Very likely we shall never go back to the old order of things entirely. But public ownership is another thing from public control, and it is doubtful in the sober moments that follow the war if a majority of Americans will vote to bring into being the vast governmental machine, with its multitude of political jobs, that would be involved in the operation of our public utilities as public property.

THE FIGHT NOT OVER

FRIENDS of the Federal prohibition amendment will hope that the leaders of the Dry Federation have facts to substantiate their claim that 100 members and twenty-seven Senators in the next Pennsylvania Legislature—enough to turn the State into the "dry" column, pledged to vote against rum, are certain of election. But this is no time for overconfidence.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Notwithstanding a manifest effort on the part of a number of men active in politics and by some of the larger newspapers to discourage opposition to the campaign for election to the Supreme Court appointed by Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, it is predicted here to-day that it will not be known until the time for filing nomination papers expires just who the Democratic nominees will be.

In the Democratic party a real old-fashioned fight is pending, although as a matter of fact, the Democratic measure seems to have been accepted through a custom of Philadelphia, which probably consent to run and that will make five in the field, while there will probably be half a dozen Republicans.

The Wilkes-Barre police investigation, which has been followed with the greatest attention by men in politics all over the state, assumed a new phase yesterday when Mayor Kossek declared that if things went on he would bring some prosecutions against members of the Chamber of Commerce of Wilkes-Barre active in the matter.

Announcing in the newspapers that he'll "make them sit up and take notice this fall," William J. Coulter, the youthful Democratic county chairman of Lancaster, yesterday announced his organization completed, headed by the following two committees: Executive, D. F. Lague, R. H. Myers, John A. Myers, Jacob P. Pomeroy, William F. Schneidman, Levi B. Smith, Dr. W. B. Irwin, W. S. Hastings, George W. Hensel, Jr., and B. F. Davis, Jr., and a committee of managers, Dr. M. O. Chadman, E. R. Bersole, Dr. J. A. Biever, M. F. Donnelly and Amos S. Hess.

The meeting of the county commissioners of the state at Pittsburgh this week will be one which will have much bearing upon legislative matters next winter and is being followed closely. Auditor General Snyder's address is expected to be very interesting because of the ideas the man from Schuylkill has about the Federal government and its relation to the state.

The probabilities are that John T. Carpenter, of Potter county, who was defeated for the Treasury and Angus Cameron, of Jefferson county, who was separated from his job as chief of guides, will be taken care of in other departments. For every man who is "fired" on orders from the Governor's office, it is said another man will walk the plank in the next session of the Legislature.

The Vast Difference

[From the Syracuse Journal.] The telegraph and telephone systems have been managed under the most successful methods of modern business qualifications. Whatever else might have been the criticism directed against the wire concerns, business inefficiency was not one of them.

The same cannot be said about the management of the Postoffice Department. It is a business which is probably known to some measure to the lowliest employe. To a great extent these official sins of omission and commission have been the result of the fact that the Postoffice has been dependent upon their revenues for operation and to pay dividends.

Unlettered in Music

[Christian Science Monitor.] It almost never happens that a writer of books makes reference to musical composition, he writes in the course of his work, and reduces the musical fraternity to tears of laughter. An instance of this is quoted by a writer in a recent issue of "Dumbey and Sons" makes a play on the violoncello: "I have whistled, hummed, tuned, gone accurately through the whole of Beethoven's sonata in B." None of all the twelve keys in the only one in which Beethoven did not write a sonata, remarks Notes and Queries' correspondent, and above "Tristan" in "Ann Veronica." For the comfort of "howlers" who have or may commit the sin of not knowing the difference between the immortal William Shakespeare and the immortal Beethoven concerning music.

OH, MAN!



ALL THE COMFORTS OF ROME



Rebellion in Cambria

[From the Johnstown Democrat.] It is understood that ex-Congressman Bailey has handed over the Cambria county Democratic organization, rank, file and assets of all sorts and descriptions, to the Bonniwell rebels. Judge, Bonniwell is forming a Democratic state committee and effecting county organizations in opposition to the Wilson-Palmer-McCormick faction.

Of course, the Wilson administration leaders will expect the Cambria county Democratic postmasters to take up the cudgels for its side of the party fracas. Neither side has the faintest hope of electing the Democratic state ticket, in fact, it may be gathered that the Wilson-Palmer-McCormick faction will do its best to see that Bonniwell is not elected, while the Bonniwell rebels will have their knives and pencils out to administer a more sounding defeat to the aid of the party.

Palmer and McCormick are not such tyros in politics as to fail to realize that there is no chance at all for the election of a Democrat as Governor in Pennsylvania. They care not a snap for the result of the state election in November. The job of the administration forces is to secure and retain control of the Democratic party organization for use in the next presidential year—1920.

Father of Quentin Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt's contribution to the Star yesterday came with the earnestness and solemnity of the man who has made the supreme sacrifice for his country. It was the father of Quentin Roosevelt who wrote:

Nothing that we can do will lighten the bitter sorrow of those who have lost the man they loved; stern pride in the courage and gallant devotion of those who are dead is the only staff that will help to carry that burden for the living.

No Sun For Us

How different we are from Wilhelm—we are well content with modest place in the shade.—From the St. Louis Star.

Advertising Gain Part of Capital

From the Editor and Publisher.

ROGER W. Babson, the famous statistician, who is now chief of the Information and Education Service of the Department of Labor, strongly advocates that good will in business, created by advertising, should be allowed for by the Government in taxing capital. Testifying before the House Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Babson said:

"If I hire a carpenter to erect a sign, and a painter to advertise my business thereon, I can charge the service of this carpenter and painter as capital invested. If, however, I invest the same amount of money in paper and ink, the Government refuses to consider it capital invested. This is absolutely unjust and a distinct discrimination.

A CHRISTIAN CAROL

"You are old, Father William," the Crown Prince remarked, "And your waistline shows signs of distress; But a handful of women at seventy miles Is a very good score, I confess."

"Four years back, Friedrich Wilhelm," the Kaiser replied, "We began shooting girls by the lot; And this by sub-caliber practice grew to be a habit. For this last striking tribute to Gott."

"You are old, Father William," the Crown Prince observed, "And your wind is not all it might be; Yet that little Slav tango you did at Was a joy and a pleasure to see."

"Four years back," said the monarch and smiled on his heir, "I took up paper scraps as my line; And the pieces from Belgium just made up a nice Little treaty for Mr. Lenine."

"You are old, Father William," the Crown Prince declared, "Or at least you are well in your prime; And yet you're some distance away from Paree. Do you think you will get there in time?"

There Are Many Lampposts

[N. A. Review's War Weekly.] Two men were caught in the very act of lighting a bomb in a powder factory in the outskirts of Newark, N. J. If the bomb had exploded, the vast works would have been destroyed and hundreds of lives in the densely populated district would have been lost.

LABOR NOTES

New York hotel proprietors predict the possibility of having to close their dining-rooms if present labor troubles continue.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

VERY. He is very active in financial matters, isn't he? You bet, he owes me ten dollars, and every time he sees me he dodges me.

THAT WAS ALL. She—What is the trouble between you and Arthur? Have they had a new quarrel? He—No. The patch came off of their old one.

GOING FURTHER. With wheelless days and meatless days We might go strong. And institute some eat-less days To help along.

THE WRONG DOSE. Did you take the medicine the doctor prescribed for you? Certainly not. I haven't begun. It said on the bottle "Shake before taking."

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES. Papa built me a wagon today. Is that so? He must be smarter than he looks.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE. Charles S. Calwell, the Philadelphia banker, is on a motor trip through New England. Senator William C. Sproul, who will talk to Delaware county poultrymen to-morrow, owns a dozen farms including some in the section and runs them like a factory.

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Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

Dry weather of the last month has cost farmers of Pennsylvania thousands of dollars according to reports coming to the State Department of Agriculture. Early potatoes, pasture fields and corn have been the most seriously affected, while in some sections the ground has been so dry that it could not be sown for buckwheat, which is the latest crop.

The spy young men who comprise the military police detail at Union station have been getting experience the last week in a task excepted by the drafted men who have passed through Harrisburg station. The military police are detailed from Philadelphia and wear a blue arm band or brassard, which is called, with the letters "MP" and they have regular "cop clubs." They have to keep soldiers in order and it is not much of a task when some of them want to frolic. It is the drafted men, who have not yet met army discipline who give the military police the excitement.

It only takes a hot afternoon to send dignity even in some of the state offices and in some of the most representative business establishments to the ceiling. In Capitol offices heads of departments are around yesterday in shirt sleeves and without collars and some of the pillars of the financial communities are in business suits and tie shirts and did not apologize for it. One big merchant sent as many of his clerks home as he dared and waited on customers himself without a coat sleeve. The railroad departments are cooler than sitting in his office. But where dignity had to swelter was on the Pennsylvania railroad where the city assessors were their brass-tipped coats which are warm and comfortable even in winter time. Just why this dignity is needed in 103 degree weather and in war time with Uncle Sam heating the railroads, many asked the trainmen, but got no answers.

With only a few more weeks to complete the revision of assessments of properties in the city, James C. Thompson, city assessor, and his three assistants have a large part of the city assessors' departments to start working in the business sections and in the Ninth ward, one of the larger residential districts. Mr. Thompson recently attended a convention in Wilmington, Delaware, and absorbed a number of important things in connection with city assessment work. In Wilmington the city assessors have a complete record of each city property together with a description of all improvements on any plot of ground. While Harrisburg's assessment plan is not so general, a complete record of all real estate so that in the future there can be no duplicate assessments and no question about the ownership of any lot or building. The task of carefully revising figures on the valuations of more than 18,000 properties is no small one. Mr. Thompson's visit here also assures members of City Council that when his time limit ends the work will be completed.

County Commissioners and other county officials are in Pittsburgh for the week learning developments in various counties during the year. The Harrisburg city assessors will attend a convention of officials of third class cities in the state to be held at Erie. City Engineer M. B. Cowden is listening to the Harrisburg method of making paving assessments.

Farmers in the eastern end of the county are working if the crops will come back to the big crowds which the black coated fliers established out beyond Penrock and there were hundreds of birds seen in that section and some judiciously treated corn was spread for them with dire results. There have not been many crows around this year and what have visited have been wary.

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