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The only difference between a rut

cading, swift, deepening into pools of beautiful philosophy, sparkling in rainbows of wit and humor, gurgling with laughter, trickling with tears, but it never babbled, nor sullied its tanvirons with muck. And now, with its journey nearing completion at debouches silently into the cool, pure, placid lake of profound contemplation, whence we may hope to see emerging now and again some pretty swirl of reminiscence, or a bubble of the old Wattersonian merriment.

The period of Col. Henry Watterson's activities in the field of journalism covers a distinct era in the history of the United States, and he seeks retirement at a time when this country is on the threshold of a new epoch. Watterson was born in 1840. His first newspaper employment was on the Washington States, a Democratic paper, 1858-61. He was a casual volunteer staff officer in the Confederate service, and in 1867 he purchased the Louisville Journal, with which he merged the Louis in the long of the low seeks retirely children in the Confederate service, and in 1867 he purchased the Louisville Journal, with which he merged the Louis in the proper their legal training with the case in the case in the purchased the Louisville Journal, with which he merged the Louis in the case in the case in the proper the new hall should be achievements and to generate enthus, staism and "pep" for twelve months may be end from the steady grind that has been commissioned majors in the laste was been day on the threshold of a proper the new will be a country is on the threshold of a new epoch. Watterson was born in 1840. His first newspaper employment was on the Washington States, a Democratic paper, 1852-61. He was a casual volunteer staff officer in the purchased the Louisville Journal, with which he merged the Louis who procured their legal training that the cool, the hall was erected from the proper the new hall should be about \$58,000 greater than the predate the stafe are watching with the greatest interest the troubles in the third class city code will get a much pe convention of 1876, served in the Forty-fourth Congress and was a monument to the success in life of the school's graduates and a testidelegate to various Democratic con- monial of their faith in its future. acknowledge the error of Southern ecessionists and since the surren more loyal American than he.

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mony. Rise, ye sons of Pennsylvania
Austria is preparing for another and smite this Kaiser person cheek drive against Italy, evidently determined to upset the old theory that a "burned child dreads the fire." and jowl. Chuck him into one of your own applebutter kettles and boil him in the molasses he would foist

upon us.

Politics in

Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Democratic nominee for Gove

SECRETARY OF WAR BAKER ican soldiers reported as "missing" may be alive. Doubtless this is true. "Missing" in military partrue. lance means simply that the enlisted man has not reported with his company at roll call and that no member of his company can explain his

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absence.

When fighting is on such a vast scale as in France at present, men often become detached from their organizations and sometimes do not get back for weeks. Sometimes they are captured or lie wounded in British or French hospitals. Meantime they are reported as "missing."

"Missing" may cover almost any fate, but it holds the possibility of ultimate restoration, and amid its uncertainties there is always a hope for the best. Many a soldier marked aup as "missing" during the Civil War is alive and vigorous to-day.

What the Kaiser said at the Crown Council this week is not given to the public. Probably it wasn't fit for print.

REASON TO CELEBRATE

ABOR has very good reason to celebrate this year, and the parade proposed for Harrisburg is in line with what is being planned in many other cities.

Bemocratic nominee for Governor, who was here to-day to attend the funeral of Hon. Benjamin F. Meyers and the vieweran Democratic leader, left intitle doubt about his intention to run his own campaign this fall. The judge said that he had come here to pay his tribute to the chairman of the meeting held in his honor in June when Mr. Meyers made his last to talk politics.

When asked if he expected to get into touch with the leaders of the Democratic State Committee faction the judge said with emphasis titat he did not and that he did not on-the proposed for the Democratic State Committee faction touch with the leaders of the Democratic State Committee faction touch with the leaders of the Democratic State Committee faction touch with the leaders of the Democratic State Committee faction touch with the leaders of the Democratic State Committee faction touch with the leaders of the Democratic State Committee faction touch with the leaders of the Democratic State Committee faction touch with the leaders of the Democratic State Committee faction touch with the leaders of the Democratic State Committee faction touch with the leaders of the Democratic State Committee faction touch with the leaders of the Democratic Stat

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ure, devised after many months light of texture and crisp of crust; Ouality Seems High Also A month ago a million America soldiers had embarked; now Genera Pershing has a million America soldiers under his command. Eve in this war it is an army.—Spring field Republican. the mere joy of living and even for-Weatherman the Guesser With the exception that the first got the smarting gusts of smoke Hot waves come and hot wave go, but never lettin' the guesses know.—From the Baltimore Sun.

System is a good thing in business, unless you've got more system than business.—From the Binghamton Press. Higher Up

"Why are you leaving us, Bridget' omething private?" "No, mum—sergeant."

Many in That Fix

MOVIE OF A MAN TRYING TO LIGHT A SWEDISH MATCH

HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH



ant of the autocracy—temporary, at least—into which this country has been drifting since 1913. The perinciples upon which that party was founded have every one been demolished since 1913. The Democratic party, as such, has ceased to exist, and in its place we have horde of men who apparently cannot think for themselves, whose individuality is nil, and who have become fawning courtiers. The state, men of the controlling majority could be counted on the fingers of one hand; the sycophants are legion. May the Lord spare Watterson for some years yet. He still has the ability to do good work in the service of popular government.

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Carpenters at Salt Lake City have ecured the 8-hour day.

On Sentember 1 Cleveland slate and St. Louis (Mo.) hodcarriers and uilding laborers' unions have 1300

Milwaukee meat cutters have ablished an 8-hour day with hours' pay.

In 1913 Hamburg Germany, had 143,000 union workmen. It now had 47,000.

Over 60,000 coal miners have been called to the United States colors. There are now 550,000 men engaged in shipbuilding in this country.

Women in England have entered limost every trade except carpentry.

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But if our young men are forbidden To toy with the highball and if they cannot hoist in any brandy or gin,
If they cannot hoist in any brandy or gin,
Our plants will be useless and idle.
The jails and the pens and asylums Are illed with the work we've turned out.
If you go on the rounds of the bury-law will see it well scattered about.
And if any form of red liquor They will not permit us to use, we shall just have to bust and give up in disgust.
For we simply CANT run without booze.
And what will become of the poorhouse
And the various jag-cure resorts, And the judges and clerks and the army that works
We hope you won't think we are selfish.
But industry should not be curbed, And, whatever is done that the warm may be won.

OUR business must not be disturbed.

JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

First Possible Reference
[From the Phila. North American]
We hope you won't think we are masters" exclaims Ludendorff theatrically, referring perhaps to the unarmed hospital-ship situation.

You Bet It's Important

Are we to understand that paper suits the Germans are now wearing? It is an important question.—From the Cleveland Phain Dealer.

### Appeal to Lady Patriot

(From the Grand Rapids Press)
We suppose the hole in our knife
pocket would have gone unrepaired
all summer had we not had the happy inspiration to tell the lady commander at the house that our salient
needed attention.

### Doing Its Bit [From Life]

"Look here, neighbor, I hate to complain, but your baby keeps us awake most of the night."
"Yes sir, and that pet pig of yours gets us up early in the morning."
"But our pig is helping to win the war."

### Bulgaria's Portion

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer] Bulgaria is paying the penalty of an alliance with her two traditional enemies. She gets cholera, starvation

# A Strong Probability

[From the Cleveland Plain Dealer]
Before this drive is over, the Germans will not only be accepting
American troop figures but will probably be inclined to exaggerate them.

## Estimate of Crown Prince

The Dodge City Globe says the Crown Prince made little progress until he shifted his gears into ve-verse.—From the Kansas City Star.

## OUR DAILY LAUGH



NO NEED TO WORRY. "Papa, the boys laugh at me be

cause I am so fat."
"Never mind son, at the present prices of food, that will soon be changed."



DIFFERENT ANSWER.

"Am I the first girl you ever oved?"

"No, you are the sixteenth, and my taste has been improving right



IN BUGVILLE. Spectator-Ha, ha, look at the Bush League game.



LITERALLY.

History of newspaper-making in Harrisburg—and it extends from the days of John W. Allen and John Wyeth, who started the Oracle of Dauphin away back in 1792—shows no figure that compares with Hon. Benjamin F. Meyers, who was laid at rest to-day. Reference has been made in the Harrisburg Telegraph from time to time of the part that the brilliant journalist played in the life of the state capital, but few peeple realize now the force that he exerted in this community and the state by his writing. Mr. Meyers came to Harrisburg to live when his term as Congressman ended at the beginning of the seventies. For ten years previously he had been a frequent visitor here as legislator and delegate to Democratic conventions and after he had acquired control of the Harrisburg Patriot in 1868. When he bought the morning newspaper it was published in the Dock building at Third and Strawberry streets, where O. Barrett, another mous knight of the press, had held forth. This is the self-same building, only changed by some comparatively minor alterations, that stands there to-day being occupied by stores and offices and the laboratory of Colonel Henry C. Demming. The Patriot establishment, including its job department, occupied all of the building except the top floor, where J. George Ripper printed that influential German weekly, the Staats Zeitung. This newspaper disappeared years ago, although the only thing Teutonic about it was the language. Ripper, who was the head of a notable family of printers, was a very stanch American and tolerated no nonsense. When, in 1874, Mr. Meyers became state printer, he acquired a part of the State Capitol Hotel lot where the Federal building now stands, and erected a five-story printing office at Third and Locust streets, the foundations of which were uncovered last year in enlarging the Post Office. The whole Patriot filted overnight and Charles P. Meck, who was then foreman of the kname and became a Democratic oracle, comparable to the Philadelphia Record and the Pittsburgh Post of our day.

Evening Chat

pers and a couple of Sunday sheets.

During his active days in jouralism Mr. Meyers had about him many fine newspapermen. Among those who have gone were Major John H. Filler, an editorial writer as keen as the owner of the newspaper, and Theodore Wright, both of whom went to the Philadelphia Record later; William P. Coulter, William Rodearmel, one of the greatest local steporters the city ever knew; and George M. Wanbaugh. Among the men living who are among the "aces" of newspaper work in those days were Aiderman George D. Herbert and Colonel Demmins. In the composing room there were some remarkable printers; man of virility and hard sense. There were Edgar E. Ebbert, Garland E. Allen, a southerner who was as good an editor as printer; Oliver Whitman, who later became his own editor up the state; Alexander M. Sample, Calvin MacDowell, son of Thomas MacDowell, one of the editors of the Patriot in Civil War days; George W. Osler, long a city sanitary officer; Marion Verbeke, George S. Sharp, George Chandler and "Sam" Murphy, together with Mr. Meck and others well recalled by many Harrisburg people.

Mr. Meyers was one of the organizers of the Citizens Passenger Rall-way Company, and its president for a time; the prime mover in telephone competition in Harrisburg, and interested in electric and other utilities. He laid the foundation of the Valleys Railways Company and gave the Wilkes-Barre railway system its start. He was interested in many lines, but he liked best of all to get beside a reading lamp with one of the big classics and read in the original what most of us have to turn to translations to absorb. One time in the heat of a strenuous political campaign—and it would take a page to tell the stories of the battles he waged—a newspaperman wassent to get some important information from him. After a search of hotels, headquarters and various offices, Mr. Meyers was found at home. The campaign had reached a tight place and as he felt that events had to shape themselves, he stole to his chair at home to read Horace.

One day some friends asked Mr.
Meyers what was the most exciting incident in his varied life.
"When the rebels chased me," replied the veteran journalist.
"Never knew you were in the war." remarked one of the party.
"I came near being part of the war," said he. "I was up in my home country helping look after some deserters. They had called upon some of us to assist in the recruiting and I was detailed to look up some men away down near the state line. It was about the time Lee invaded Pennsylvania, and I spied some men on horseback right after I had rounded up a fellow. They spied me about the same time and it was a race. I had a good horse and knew the roads."

## WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—John S. Gayley, Jenkintown banker, who was seriously hurt by a fall, is prominent in county club life near Philadelphia. —Dr. J. D. Kelper, one of the Cambria draft board members, has gone into the army as a captain.

## DO YOU KNOW

-That Harrisburg seems to have more people on the streets these evenings than ever before?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG —One hundred years ago as high as a dozen Conestoga wagons used to be parked in Market Square at night.