

George Ade and the Y. M. C. A.

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ONCE there was a world-weary cynic who had come to be 24 years of age, and who, looking back over the years and checking up his multifarious experiences, was ready to make affidavit that nothing whatsoever was on the level.

You know the kind who smokes his cigar in a long holder and knows women. The characteristic specimen we are picking out was named Wendell.

There is no first-class reason why we should hug him, because all the rough stuff could just as well be hung on Davy or Oliver or Bertrand or any one of a million of the well-groomed prodigals of refined homes and higher institutions of learning.

Wen was not a wrong Indian, mind you. 'Tis his own wobble was that, having got beyond growing pains and a change of voice and arrived at the molting period, he thought he had seen the works and that the busy world ought to pause from its labors and put one hand behind the ear and listen every time he got turned up.

He was along just far enough to be very severe in his judgments and darned caustic. When the intellectual fodder is half digested, various toxins may develop and visions probably will float before the eyes.

Whatever happens to be in a lodginghouse cubbyhole during the time of distemper, he is apt to break out in spots with socialism and discover something fine and manly in the attitude of the I. W. W. toward the classes.

He decides that all problems will be solved by every man having more than \$100 in his possession is taken out and burned at the stake. In fact, he will continue to be very Bohemian as long as he is broke.

But if the young person has a father at work and a mother trying to think up something good for him to eat and a room of his own, he will do anything and everything and try to do it.

When a man gets to be 55, he will not last four months, that Friday comes after Thursday, but the square jawed fellow who has been turned up

ROAD BUILDING MAY BE CHECKED

National Restrictions Upset Plans of State For Highway Improvements

State Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil in a statement issued today announced that unless the National Highways Council recesses from its present position, road construction in Pennsylvania will practically cease until after the war.

Mr. O'Neil in his statement says: "The highways council has disapproved, or taken no final action on all except nine. This means that work must stop, as no material of any kind can be secured, unless the highways council approves the same."

The Highway Department is of the opinion that the National Highway Council has failed to realize the importance of road work in Pennsylvania and the great hardship that will be imposed upon the local communities by leaving the roads in an unfinished condition.

"George S. Oliver, of Pittsburgh, regional director of district number five, of the National Highway Council, has requested the construction of all roads located in his district, and he has arranged for a hearing on the subject, to be attended by himself and Commissioner O'Neil, to try to have the action of the Washington authorities modified so that the roads now under construction, particularly those which have a large percentage of the material on the ground, will receive their approval."

No one can question the willingness of Pennsylvania to co-operate with the Washington authorities. Pennsylvania is doing her full share and it is not in the least possible that roads are not only essential, but necessary as a war measure, but they are a vital economic necessity, particularly in a great industrial, manufacturing and shipping state like Pennsylvania.

Also, he has shaken off the binding shackles of error and prejudice and probably is one of the most fair-minded young fellows to be found anywhere. Here is a trampish-looking boy who is all through having fun with the G. M. R.

For that which we give up, we acquire something else. He and his other buddies are painfully plodding toward the hut. What do you mean—hut? In other words, the improvised hangout of the Y. M. C. A.

It is possible that our young patriot, commonly known as the proud and dignified of the crownstone, has forgotten so soon that only the swabs and lizzies go in for early entry.

They pushed him away out toward the front among the barbed-wire entanglements and the ruined villages and the gas attacks and other nonattractive incidents. They worked on him until he was blue and hoarse, and possibly a little cold between the knees.

They waited until he was simply honing and yearning for warmth and light and cheer and music, and companionship and entertainment and something different in the way ofchow.

Then, having him on the hip, as it were, they let him know that he could not get the things he craved except by compromising all of his sturdy convictions, and going back to slavery days, when he attended Sunday school.

He was having a lot of new ones handed to him—but of all the jobs! A real high roller doing a sneak entrance into the Y. M. C. A. He couldn't stand outside when the whole gang was inside, showing the piano how to take a joke.

Two things he dreaded when he nerved himself and walked through the doorway. One was meeting the secretary and the other was leading in brass. But he would have preached a shorter sermon in order to get a plate of ham and eggs.

To his intense relief, he was not called upon to invoke. He and the secretary had been pals for twenty minutes and were ragging together and everything was Jake before he identified the live wire as the main squeeze.

STATE SEALERS WILL MEET HERE

Old Laws and War Conditions in Regard to Commodities to Be Discussed

Just what shall constitute the duties of inspectors of weights and measures in relation to sales of food, coal, ice and other commodities during the war period, will be discussed at the sixth annual conference of the inspectors of the cities and counties in this state to be held in the Senate chamber Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.

James Sweeney, the chief of standards, will make the opening address on Wednesday morning but he will be the only speaker not a city or county inspector. The first day the principal attending packages, bottles and containers, and the second day to be prosecuted, packer, jobber or retailer, the determination of net weight, application of variation and other questions will be discussed. These subjects are so important that they will be the business for the first day.

The second day the principal attending matters to be discussed are the conditions attending meat and coal sales, including standardization of the sale of coal, and the third day will be devoted to talking over the best methods of weighing and delivery of ice to the household.

Mr. Hargest Named.— Announcement has been made by officers of the American Bar Association of the National Bar of Judge W. H. Staake, of Philadelphia, as vice-president for Pennsylvania and these members of the local council for this state: H. A. Knapp, Scranton; William M. Harbinger, Harrisburg; F. M. Abbot, Philadelphia, and Judge J. McF. Carpenter, Pittsburg.

Tractors to Take Hold Again Monday Noon on Marsh Run Farm Lands

The winning tractors on Thursday in the national contest which is in progress on Government property adjacent to the town of Marsh Run, Pa., announced this morning as follows: Parrett, International Harvester Company, Waterloo, Ia. (H. Co.); Waterloo, Frick. These machines completed the task allotted them on Thursday.

It was decided early this morning that the contest, on account of the impossibility of day and the program has been postponed until Monday. On the other hand, the program of commission, namely, the Reed tractor. The handler of this machine, Nathan R. Buller, of Marsh Run, Pa., had a smash up and withdrew from the drive.

Inspecting Fishways.—Nathan R. Buller, state commissioner of fisheries, has been summoned to Massachusetts to make inspections of fish hatcheries and fishways in the streams of that state. He will make some studies of the way the Bay State is meeting the problem.

One Dollar Payment.—These are the days of the one dollar check at the State Treasury as the state authorities are clearing up the old accounts and taxing the income of companies. Some of the concerns hold valuable charters and while not making business Father Penn makes them pay a state of \$1.00 for the right to do business.

Much to Do.—Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh will be back in Harrisburg Monday or Tuesday for the first time since the first days of July and he will find awaiting him dozens of applications for charters, numerous state contracts and other routine business. The accumulation of charter applications is the greatest in a long time.

Springfield Cases.—Hearings in the complaints of various boroughs and townships in the vicinity of Philadelphia against the new rates for fire hydrants of the Springfield Consolidated Water Company are scheduled to be heard by the Public Service Commission in Philadelphia next week.

Dr. Bagnell to Speak Before the Rotary Club

The Rotary Club will hold a women's luncheon at the Market street gymnasium, on Monday at noon, when Dr. Robert Bagnell, lately returned from his speaking tour in England, Britain's Part in the World War. More than 200 members have already responded to the speaker and all members who have not done so before, should notify the secretary for reservations.

WORKMAN'S ARM BURNED

O'NEIL TURNS FORCE FOR LOAN

Directs That the Men Help to Sell Bonds and Suggests That They Buy, Too

The entire Pennsylvania State Highway Department force of eight thousand employees—equal to eight battalions—will be marshaled to aid in the drive for selling bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan. Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil has directed in a letter to each division head, assistant engineer and county highway superintendent, suggesting that they get in touch with the chairman of the local Liberty Loan committee and work in harmony with him; also, that each and every employee of all divisions of the department be impressed with the vital importance of making the loan a notable success.

Age Limit Changed.—The minimum age limit for operators of motor picture machines in this state has been changed by the Industrial Board of the State Highway Department from 15 to 16 years. This amendment to the Motion Picture Machine Law is effective during the war period.

Mothers' Pension Trustees.—The Pension Fund of Berks county, to-day appointed by the Governor, as trustees of the fund, are: Mrs. Daniel Ancona, Reading; Mrs. Nelson Bausher, Harrisburg; Mrs. Charles Boyertown, Mrs. A. D. Nelson, Wyomissing; Mrs. Charles Kutztown.

Prohibition Changes.—H. F. Pittman to-day filed a withdrawal as Prohibition candidate for Congressional nomination from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He was substituted for the Prohibition Legislative nominees in McKean county.

Two Promoted.—Adjutant General Beary to-day announced promotions of Harry J. Hadden, to second lieutenant of Company A, second infantry, Reserve Militia, and Russell H. Easton, to second lieutenant.

Through Complaints.—The borough of Freeland, Pa., has received a complaint from the Public Service Commission against the Freeland Water Company, which says that the company has an exclusive franchise to supply the pure, quantity defective and rates unreasonable. The first hydrant rate declared to have been advanced from \$15 to \$20 for each of forty hydrants in the borough, to have gone up 25 to 33 1/3 per cent.

Orders to Board.—Specific instructions for members of local draft boards in preparing and issuing notices to the existing regulations were issued to-day from State Draft headquarters. The headquarters issued notice that registration cards received after today shall not be assigned serial numbers at the present time.

In Some Trouble.—People at the Capital are trying to figure out just where and why Edward Parks, Digit, of Philadelphia, will get his freedom. Digit is in the Eastern Penitentiary and his case was held up by the State Board of Pardons on Wednesday.

Defense Society Slogan 'Unconditional Surrender'

Washington, Sept. 21.—The American Defense Society, with Colonel Theodore Roosevelt as its honorary president, has adopted as its slogan 'Unconditional Surrender by Germany and Her Allies!'

Uncle Sam Says 'ECONOMIZE'

Advertisement for Uncle Sam's 'ECONOMIZE' featuring various car models like Buick, Packard, and Cadillac, with prices and features listed.

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