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It is in men as in soils where sometimes there is a vein of gold that the owner knows not of.—Stiff.

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A FITTING MEMORIAL

HARRISBURG is casting about for a fitting memorial with which to honor the men of this city who donned the uniform at the call of country and went out to fight the battle of liberty in France.

"The American City Magazine" in a lengthy article in the December issue offers a number of suggestions of a very practical nature.

"Poland quits Germany," newspaper headline. Quits Germany? What do you mean, Germany?

THAT STATE SONG GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH has been hopeful that the war would bring out a great State song.

"Date paid 100 years old will yield a gallon of alcoholic beverage," says the Kansas City Times, but what tank can wait a century for a drink?

COSTLY BLUNDERS THE taxpayers of Harrisburg are about to reap in advanced taxes and increased expenditures the harvest of costly blunders so lavishly sowed by the school directors in their haphazard adoption of a high school building program and their delay in getting it under way.

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with many so-called school experts is that they do not recognize the difference between a school and a school building. There is a value beyond dollars in such a morale as Dr. Fager has developed in the Technical High School, all of which would be lost for years to come if it were abandoned.

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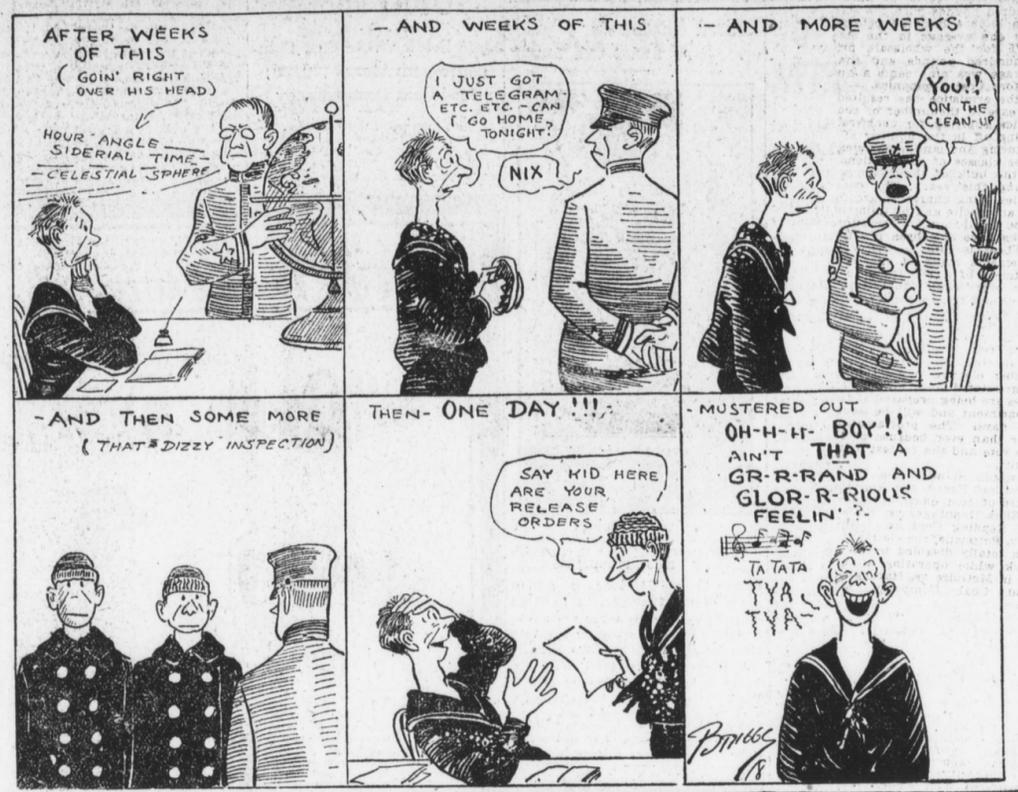
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AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



By BRIGGS

A Beautiful State Capitol

IT is the good fortune of Harrisburg to be the capital of a state which, though too often sadly misgoverned, is still disposed to do the handsome thing by its seat of government. This fact is brought out strikingly in the sketches published of the proposed improvement of the extension of Capitol Park, which presents a remarkable opportunity for the beautification of the city on the Susquehanna.

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A Japanese Print

A curve for the shore, A line for the sea, A tint for the sky, Where the sunrise will be, A stroke for a gull, A sweep for the main, The sky to do more, With the will to refrain, Ruth Mason Rice in The Forum.

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Evening Chat

Mention the other evening of the extent to which people in this state have been investing in commercial orchards led to the discovery to-day in a prosaic looking state pamphlet of the fact that Dauphin county, which is better known as a center of government, mining, steel making and railroad activity than anything else has no less than thirteen commercial peach orchards. Eleven devoted to the raising of apples. And the interesting part about it is that while there are about 3,600 bearing apple trees in these orchards there are almost 6,000 more coming along. Dauphin county has thirteen peach orchards devoted to the commercial side of fruit raising with almost 10,000 bearing trees, with over 6,000 not yet bearing. These orchards are scattered all over the county, the largest being that of Dr. J. W. Snyder, near this city, who has 2,000 peach trees. Cumberland county has over seventy orchards of various kinds, the biggest ones being the Flettz and Sproul farms, in which the new Governor is interested. In addition to the 900 peach trees and about 6,000 apple trees coming in, Dr. H. A. Surface, of near Bowmanville, and D. W. Green, of near Shippenburg, have second orchards. The Flettz and Sproul interests have big orchards near Benton in Columbia county and 1,900-tree peach orchards in Wyoming and Cumberland counties. The Perry county has seven apple and seven peach orchards ranging from 500 to 1,000 trees, while Franklin, Adams, Fulton and other counties have big orchards. The Flettz and Sproul orchards are notable for the tremendous expansion of the fruit tree business. Fully a third of the trees planted are not yet bearing.

The state pamphlet gives in detail the various orchards, showing some figures which are startling when considered. It says "In addition to the 1,444 orchards reporting on apple and peach trees, there were 74 orchards bearing pears reporting 45,417 trees. The largest pear orchard in Carbon county and contains 2,100 trees. There were 80 orchards devoted to plum and prune culture and a total of 49,015 trees. The largest cherry orchard in Adams county and each contained 3,000 trees. The cherry interests with 300 or more trees were represented by 160 orchards with a total of 58,565 trees. The largest cherry orchard is in Adams county with other large ones in Erie county. From the survey there appears to be special attention to crabapples and he is located in Pike county with 1,000 trees. There are nine quince orchards of 300 or more trees with a total of 415 trees with 100 in Adams and Franklin counties. The bulletin also contains the long list of vineyards and shows eleven large growers of currants containing 30,000 bushes. The vineyards run as high as 25,000 vines."

Money is rolling into the State Highway Department for automobile licenses at a rate never known in the Capitol since the automobile license system was established more than a year ago. The checks, money orders and bank notes are clogging the mail of the automobile division and money is being sent to the State Treasury at the rate of \$10,000 a day. The belief is that the revenue from automobiles in advance of the new year will run considerably over a million and break the record. The rate that is now working night and day in three shifts of eight hours each and it is expected that shipments will be at a greater rate than usual. The total of 25,200 licenses issued during the whole of 1918. For 1919 the state issued 34,351 licenses, which was considered a very creditable record.

Military units at the State Normal schools are being disbanded, according to word received from the State Normal offices here. In some of the schools officers training courses will be considered. The normal schools had military training the first time this year. The shock to the attention was also given to foreign languages.

Water and gas rate complaints will be heard by public service commissioners to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to-morrow. There will be comparatively few hearings because of the holiday as even public officials want time to trim Christmas trees. "Chief" Gilmer is about to begin his annual round of the public service offices.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Charles M. Means in charge of bituminous production in the national Fuel Administration. Means will resume his engineering business in Pittsburgh. Herbert G. Tully has been elected vice-president of the Philadelphia welfare work of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. John J. Casey declared elected to Congress in Luzerne, used to be in the Legislature. Chancellor S. B. McCormick has established a course in reconstruction at the University of Pittsburgh. William Draper Lewis, who ran for governor four years ago, is now urging a constitutional convention.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg steel is being used for armored cars?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

Some of the French fugitives and Germans who set out for the West have resided here for some years before moving on.

The Victors

As we understand the speech made by Gen. von Elnem in the evacuation of the Rhine provinces, this is what he said to the inhabitants of the Rhineland: "Our victorious army greets you. We have protected the Fatherland from its enemies. We are undefeated. We have snared the armies of the enemy into the Fatherland so that you might have a look at them. We have broken the enemy's fist with our loyal German noses. We have brained the enemy's toes with the seats of our loyal German pants. We have broken the butts of the enemy's rifles with our loyal German skulls. We have outrun the enemy. Remain proud and German. We are victorious." Cincinnati Enquirer.