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Lord Christ, my trembling lips inspire, So with Thy love my words inspire, That I may link each heart's desire With Thy vast eaper power to bless.

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THE HIGHWAY PROGRAM

THE decision of Governor William C. Sproul to make a chart and then go ahead with his road building is something which everyone will be glad to hear.

But we may safely say that period is gone. With the sponsor for the present road system in executive authority, and ample funds and a good organization assured under Commissioner Lewis S. Sadler, Pennsylvania can look forward to improvements of its roads on common sense and business lines.

THE KEYSTONE

GEN. MARCH'S announcement of the losses sustained by the combat divisions of the United States army in the world war once more proclaims Pennsylvania the keystone of the national arch.

Pennsylvanians can refer with solemn exaltation to their divisions—National Guard and National Army—heading the lists of the heaviest sufferers outside of the First division, composed of regulars. Whether province or state, Pennsylvania has been ever faithful in response to the national call.

No state suffered more in the colonial wars than Pennsylvania. Indians raided within sight of our home and the smoke of burning cabins was seen from John Harris' ferry.

sands of men. Pennsylvania was one of the sources of men of strength in the Mexican war. The Keystone State was raided and made the scene of the decisive battle of the Civil War; its captains and its men; its financiers and its activities made records for the preservation of the Union which will endure as long as North America.

And now it is officially announced that the Pennsylvania troops suffered heaviest among the divisions. We may fairly lay claim to a share of the glory of that First division of regulars, with a casualty list of over 5,200, because Harrisburg led the nation's districts in regular army recruiting, and Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton and other places contributed their finest sons for the regulars.

The Twenty-eighth division has proved the value of the militia system and upheld the traditions of the Pennsylvania Line, the Pennsylvania Reserves and the National Guard of Pennsylvania.

The Seventy-ninth division, in leading the National Army divisions in losses, demonstrates that the man in the draft was as valorous as his grandfather in the Civil War.

There were Western Pennsylvanians in fighting organizations, one regiment in Italy being made up from men from the Pittsburgh district, while sons of Pennsylvania made the great sacrifice in many a unit.

Enough is at hand to show that Pennsylvanians upheld their State as the keystone not only of the fighting men, but that, as Governor Sproul says, it gave in equally glorious measure of its wealth in taxes and bond subscriptions, in products of the factory, the farm and the mine.

Pennsylvania, the keystone, did what it has always done.

TO BUY A DOZEN EGGS

SAYS the official jokesmith of the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger: "To buy a dozen eggs all you need is a heart and a dollar."

TALKING TO THE STARS

THE New York Times, the Ohio State Journal and certain scientific gentlemen more or less visionary, are having a lively discussion over the possibility of talking with the stars; or, rather, talking with the people who inhabit the stars, providing there are such.

that "hitching one's chariot to a star" is highly commendable. We know that stars "whisper," for did not the venerable Tennyson himself tell us he heard them? Then why should they not talk right out loud and be done with it?

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Philadelphia newspapers are again announcing that to cure the election troubles in that city the Legislature of the commonwealth is to be asked to pass bills for radical changes, and to-day the desire expressed by some members of the General Assembly was that it would be the "last call" from Philadelphia for a time.

Probably one of the most interesting studies known about the Capitol in a long time is to be found among attaches of departments that they are now responsible solely to the chiefs of their branches of the government, and that the system of securing gubernatorial approval on the appointment of every person is ended.

Appointments and rejections by Governor Sproul in regard to the State Board of Public Charities appear to have a general commendation. No criticism has been heard of the selections by the Governor, and at the Capitol there is a disposition to welcome back to State action Howard B. French, the Philadelphia business man, who has been appointed to the position now held by Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding D. Edward Long.

Blair county newspapers say that Harry A. Thompson, a member of the House of Representatives, and publisher of the Tyrone Times is a candidate for the position now held by Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding D. Edward Long.

The Philadelphia newspapers are commenting extensively on the acquisition of Mayor Smith, the Philadelphia politician, who has been recalled as marshal of the civic division of the inaugural parade, and a storm center of police action worse than in this city, is out to subvert the city.

Berks people say that Judges Endlich and Wagner will be accorded renomination and election. Their renominations are the only things upon which the Berks Democrats seem to be united.

Philadelphia newspapers contain quite complimentary references to Frank A. Smith, who will be named for the Republican nomination for senator from Dauphin county to fill the Beidleman vacancy this week.

HIS WAR RECORD

He heard his country's S. O. S. And answered P. D. G.; He joined the U. S. Q. M. C. Enlisting from the "U."

Tangled-web-we-weave Note

Nothing is more annoying to a host who is boasting that the string beans came from his own war garden surplus than to have the guest

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



By BRIGGS

Gov. Sproul's Good Start

(Pittsburgh Gazette Times.) The really gratifying thing about Gov. Sproul's discussion of state highway improvements is the disclosure of his familiarity with the needs. He knows what he is talking about, and that means that when he gets down to business we shall see results of benefit to the greatest possible number.

Cowbells of France

(From the Spikkr, France.) Right on the heels of the armistice came the French cows. Bells cowbells with four years of idleness were dug up from the peasant's barn lofts and hung on the neck of the cow as she left the thickets and hills far from the searching hunt of the local French impounder.

TO THE WOUNDED

This is our homage when you pass us by: Not the crude, plying stare your dread, but this— Averted eyes, and conquered tears, and pangs Of helpless love * * * You do not know how brave We also are, not stretching out our hands, Maddened with pity, to the stranger faces That whitely pass us, needing us so much!

PERILS OF DEMOBILIZATION

Lack of Any Federal Plan Renders Almost All Local Efforts Valueless

IF the Secretary of War desires concrete proof of the need of a thorough-going national plan to govern the process of demobilization, let events in Boston have not left him without evidence in point.

WORDS

Words are the stones I use in building. My house will be strong without fillet or gilding; I dig the crypt of the centuries Where the earth is rich in shonies. I burrow for words in the quarry of Time; In the heart of the ancient hills for rhyme.

THE PERFUME

She looked at me in pink surprise; Resentment flashing from her eyes; For she was in her teens and fair, And I a man with frosted hair.

Goes the Wrong Way

Portugal's is what might be called a counter-clockwise revolution— (From the Springfield Republican.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DUTY OF LEGISLATORS

The Members of the lower house of our General Assembly are called "Representatives in the General Assembly." Of course they are in the generic sense no more the "representatives" of their constituents than are the members of the State Senate.

First, there is the problem of righteousness that must be answered righteously by the representative. Our fundamental principle declares that the object of the forming of the United States government was, "in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

In applying this principle to the perpetuation of the liquor traffic, it does not take a man with half an eye to see that the liquor traffic does not help "to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

The question of ratification of the prohibition amendment by our legislature is just now a burning one. It has already become a part of the United States Constitution, and the legislator who may have been elected by the people in his district who were opposed to ratification vote against it.

THANKS HARRISBURGERS

Since returning to Harrisburg on the 15th, after being mustered out of the service of the United States, I have endeavored to reach the many friends who were so liberal to me with their moral and financial support during the period I was sergeant, secretary and treasurer in the Harrisburg Recruiting Division.

LABOR NOTES

The first organization in the United States to advocate extensive ownership of public utilities is the Ohio Federation of Labor. In 1916 there were about 2,672 members of the American Federation of Labor. In 1917 this number had increased to nearly 2,600,000, and today it has gone beyond 3,000,000.

Evening Chat

Harrisburg had a good many men in uniform on its streets, and at its station during the height of the war and especially during the last six months, but it would seem that there are more than the great khaki or the navy blue about. The fact is that Harrisburg is not only a transportation center, but that it is becoming an important military center.

The average citizen is nonplussed these days in his efforts to establish the meaning and significance of the various insignia and decorations being worn by returning soldiers and officers. Gold stripes, silver stripes, state stripes, red stripes, service ribbons of all colors and sizes, shoulder devices and every other form of adornment embellish and ofttimes disguise the returning heroes.

Abuse of the privilege of wearing service ribbons on the left breast has also caused a great deal of feeling against those men who buy up all manner of bright-colored bits of ribbon and declaim modestly on the campaigns for which they are worn.

Wound stripes of gold are worn on the lower right sleeve of the coat and overcoat, one for each day the wearer received wounds, but hot one for every wound, if the latter were all received in the same engagement.

It is understood that devices indicating the division with which the soldier served may be worn below the seam of the left shoulder by all National Army and former National Guard divisions.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

The Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts, stated clerk of the Presbyterian general assembly, is being congratulated upon his seventy-fifth birthday.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg furnished the fighting men of our army. Historic Harrisburg here for Washington's army when it made the march to take Yorktown. Books Exactly Balance Yesterday Father Van Quentin figured he broke even this car was stolen and his brother sent a bucket of country-made lard, free except for the express.