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Set it down to yourself, as well to create good precedents, as to follow them.—Francis Bacon.

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SHAFFER TESTIMONIAL

THE testimonial to be given Walter Shaffer, the daring Dauphin aviator, no doubt will attract a crowded house. It is not generally known that Shaffer paid for his own training as an aviator, paid his own way to France and supported himself there until he could get into the French air service.

ALWAYS READY TO GIVE

HARRISBURG is always ready to give to a worthy cause. The success of the Rotary Club's drive for the Nursery Home and Children's Industrial Home is proof of that.

OUR HANDS TIED

IF the United States is to establish itself on a foundation of rock during the trying days of reconstruction the government should not place a single stumbling block in the way of the progress of industries and the employment of labor.

Senator Jones recently read upon the floor of the Senate the following extract from a letter which he received from a large shipbuilding concern in Washington.

Our yard is now practically completed and we are in a position to take on contracts for three years' work. The minutes we are authorized to construct for foreign account, and as you know, our yard will employ about three to four thousand men, and as we are going to give preference to returning to soldiers, there seems to me to be an additional legitimate reason why the shipping board should act.

Norway wants ships. Italy wants ships. France wants ships and yet after their capital has come to our shipyards, they cannot build. Why are these permits denied?

So that even though the board favors the removing of these restrictions, it cannot do so without the authority of the President and he has not seen fit to act.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman An outburst of threats to prolong the legislative session has followed the rout of the liquor leaders in their attempt to prevent the House of Representatives from ratifying the constitutional amendment and to judge from some of the talk heard in the corridors of the Capitol these discomfited buccaners intend to make things so interesting that the session instead of closing in the latter part of April or early in May may run into June.

Just how the legislators friendly to the liquor people would view a plan to stay in Harrisburg in those first real hot days in May and on into the month of roses at the present cost of living is rather problematical. Some of these men are inclined to be sore over being lined up against a "dry" amendment scheduled to go through and would probably resent any more dictation and rear up when regulatory legislation came along.

FRANK A. SMITH

FRANK A. SMITH, nominated to-day for the State Senate vacancy caused by the elevation of Senator E. E. Beldeman to the Lieutenant-Governorship, may well feel that a distinguished honor has been conferred upon him. He will succeed, if elected, and his election is as certain as anything political can be, a long line of able and distinguished legislators, among them Lieutenant-Governor Beldeman, Judge S. J. M. McCarroll and Senator John E. Fox.

A GOOD BILL

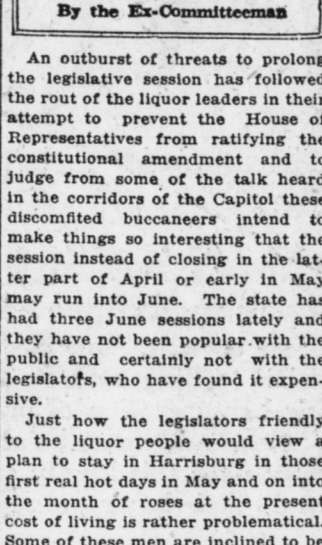
THE Ramsey bill permitting the elective head of the police department to suspend patrolmen for ten-day periods without councilman hearing ought to be passed. Under the civil service act the policemen have become practically a law unto themselves. They feel themselves above the mayor and council and the mayor and councilmen are naturally hesitant about taking the officers before a councilman hearing on trivial charges.

"DAYLIGHT SAVING"

THE Literary Digest believes farmers in general to be opposed to "daylight saving" on the ground that it robs them of an hour of rest in the morning and adds an hour to their working day in the evening. The farmer who lets himself be fooled out of an hour of sleep by the clock is a fool. The farmer does not work by the whistle. There is nobody to tell him when to report. He can regulate his hours by the sun—and does. He is early to rise in summer and later to rise in winter. Also, he remains out of bed longer in summer and retires earlier in winter.

What's to prevent him from continuing his protest no matter what the clock says? If it is dark at 5, why he can sleep until six and work an hour longer at night, if he is so inclined. The clock need not mean anything to him.

OH, MAN!



THE HINES HAZE

(From the Philadelphia Press) The new director general of the railroads is very vague in his request that Congress vote for his use three-quarters of a billion dollars for use as a "revolving fund."

—One of the reasons why the Senate will not vote until the week of February 24 on the amendment rather than that Senators Vare, McConnaughy and others are getting ready to take their usual winter vacation and will be away until about that time.

—It is possible that bills for additional judges which may be passed from the present legislature on the ground of increased criminal court business may have a rocky road to go. There are counties where it is recognized by the common sense that the expense is extensive, but with prohibition coming it is natural to suppose that the criminal business will take a drop in the whole state just as it has in the counties where prohibition has been enforced.

LABOR NOTES

Labor conditions of the near future will most likely be based on a universal eight-hour day in all countries, both European and American. One man can handle four-ton loads with a new three-wheeled truck that has lifting apparatus operated like a jack.

French Mayor to Americans

From an address to the American troops on Christmas, on the occasion of a Christmas celebration for the children of Bouxieres, France, by Mayor Sentignen: Messieurs les Américains—For four long years we have been subjected to the German rule. One glorious day we heard with joy that a glorious people, friends of liberty and justice had come to deliver us. We thank you for the sacrifice you have made for us.

Forgetfulness of Emerson

At the funeral of Longfellow Emerson went up to the bier and with his arms crossed on his breast looked down at the dead face. His memory was a mere blank. "The gentleman we have just been burying," he said, "was a sweet and beautiful soul; but I forget his name."—W. D. Howells in Literary Friends and Acquaintances.

Days Beyond Recall

Maybe you also remember the good old times when a person could buy a pickle's worth of cheese and crackers and get some of both.—From the Dallas News.

Deeper Susquehanna Will Not Mar City's Beauty

By Major William B. Gray

THE question has been asked, How will the "Susquehanna Navigable" effect the Front street residential section of Harrisburg, First—what about the view? The beautiful view will be unchanged, the water will flow as now, the islands will remain just as green in summer and as brown in winter.

Forecast Is For Still Drier

[From the New York Tribune.] Water as a beverage is going to experience a tremendous popularity the coming spring if this thing keeps up: Everybody knows what is going to happen in July, which is going to be a very hot and dry one.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PLEA FOR EXTENSION

You are of course thoroughly familiar with the organization of the Council of Defense system throughout the country. Under the Council of National Defense in Washington, consisting of the Secretaries of War, Navy, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, and Labor, and with Grovesnor B. Clarkson as Director, there has been built up under the governors of the forty-eight states a complete defense system now consisting in addition to the state organization of 4,000 counties, 16,000 women's divisions, and some 164,000 community and municipal units.

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Evening Chat

Not only has Pennsylvania furnished her men of high rank and valor in the divisions and brigades which are in the army of occupation now. Some of these men were just being heard of by the average man who does not know that they saw the light in the Keystone State. Every now and then something crops up to show what Pennsylvania men are doing. For instance, Adjutant General Beary was talking the other day about Pennsylvania soldiers and mentioned that the Thirty-third division number one officers of high rank and valuable attainments in the divisions and brigades which are in the army of occupation now. Some of these men were just being heard of by the average man who does not know that they saw the light in the Keystone State.

In this connection it is interesting to note how much the men of the 79th infantry, which was organized and trained at Camp Devens, Mass., think of the men of the Pennsylvania division. The regiment had had to be sent to the front in a hurry, its staff on transport it was ready to sail when the armistice was signed and it was ordered to be sent back to the States. The boys had a booklet and what they saw about Kemper would make fine reading for his friends here.

The State School Directors Association and the organization of school board secretaries are meeting here this week, were in reality formed here. They came into being as a result of the activities of the State Educational Association and have been potent factors in the affairs of the districts, representing the business and administrative ends. Dan Hamaugh and others active in school work here have been officers for years.

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