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A happy man or woman is a better thing than a five-pound note.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

COFFEE SUCCEEDS BOOZE

MANUEL GORZYL, of Porto Rico, believes the coffee house will succeed the corner saloon in the United States, just as it has in his island home, and that coffee will become the popular American drink between meals as it has at meals.

And right there a Pittsburgh writer rises up, like a skeleton at the feast, to demand: "What, get rid of one poison only to substitute another?" Using that as a text he proceeds to tell how injurious to health coffee is to the individual with the habit.

CITY A BEACON LIGHT

ONE of the important phases of the work of the State Bureau of Municipalities, which is to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Internal Affairs in the reorganization of State departments, is the aid which the Commonwealth proposes to give through this department to boroughs and the smaller municipalities in town planning.

It was brought out at the conference of farmers at State College a day or two ago that constructive improvement in the small communities in the way of planting shade trees, widening narrow streets, establishing parks and recreation squares, and the liberal application of whitewash and paint would do much to eradicate the public health evils and promote contentment among the people.

and provided more attractive surroundings. According to Professor Cowell's observation, our largest cities are yearly spending vast sums to correct planning mistakes made in their village days. Streets are widened, the grades changed, river fronts reclaimed, ugly billboards removed, sore spots of crime and infection cleaned out, shade-trees planted and breathing places created.

Harrisburg has set a fine example of public improvement through a long period of years, and it is now regarded as a leader in modern municipal development. We shall hope that it will continue to serve as the beacon light for all of the municipalities of Pennsylvania.

Winter tourists at Miami were given a talk last evening on the subject of politics with the slant that "politics is the curse of America." It is not so much the politics that is out of joint as it is the failure of many critics of existing conditions to take their proper part in the political movements of the day.

Most of our troubles in the local community and throughout the activities of the State and nation are primarily due to the fact that too many otherwise good citizens fail to do their full duty in the conduct of public affairs.

WORTHY APPROPRIATION

OF THE thousands of appropriations proposed or enacted by the present Congress that setting aside \$12,500,000 for education in English of adult illiterates, both native and foreign born, should be passed. It is an entirely worthy measure, in full accord with the Americanization program endorsed by both State and national government and approved by all good citizens.

Here in Harrisburg we have undertaken the problem of Americanization and education in a practical way. Not all cities have either the breadth of vision or the finances to undertake the work. Even here the program could be greatly broadened, and the field of effort widened if the funds were available.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

HIS friends generally will be more than pleased with the announcement that Colonel M. C. Kennedy, president of the Cumberland Valley Railroad company, will be an official of the Pennsylvania Railroad company when the absorption of the Cumberland Valley railroad by the Pennsylvania railroad shall have been accomplished in April.

During the war this experienced railroad head, was at the side of General Atterbury in France, where the construction of a great railroad system and the other transportation activities was one of the big undertakings which contributed to the winning of war.

Manifestly, the only solution of the present problems is the appropriation by the government of millions of dollars for railroad reconstruction and equipment and the average business man will almost involuntarily wish that his deficits might be likewise made up by Congressional appropriation.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

A. Mitchell Palmer's appointment to be attorney general of the United States, which has been his ambition for years, may have the effect of starting off again the row in the Democracy of Pennsylvania, which Mr. Palmer split so effectively one summer's day last year by making charges against Judge Eugene C. Bonnell, the nominee of the Democratic voters of Pennsylvania for Governor.

Palmer's clique will be given more recognition than ever before in the appointment of E. Lowry Humes as Western district attorney indicates that quite aside from the preference of Palmer. This is another reason why the Honorable Palmer should after the levers of the State machine because they dislike Humes as much as the new attorney general.

While most of the newspapers say something about the honor of the attorney generalship coming to the Keystone State some newspapers make comments not so kindly. The Philadelphia press says that Palmer's selection is "a bad business" and that his selection looks like the naming of a deserving Democrat.

Some of Governor Sproul's program of legislation will also be presented soon, the final draft being now before the Governor.

Something akin to consternation was caused this week among men interested in military training by the discovery that to establish the system as proposed in several bills would cost millions of dollars.

It's a good thing Swarthmore is a Quaker college. She needs a little wit of self-control instilled by the Society of Friends to keep her from busting her buttons with pride.

There they stand, the Big Three—Morris L. Clother, Governor William C. Sproul and Alexander Mitchell Palmer. A fish has as much chance of keeping dry as Swarthmore has of ducking a new honor.

Classmates, fraternally brothers, best-man-at-the-wedding and all that sort of thing. Strapping big fellows, one a blonde, the other a brunette, one with locks as wavy as a chorus girl, the other with hair straight as an Indian, big business men, one a Republican, the other a Democrat, both Phi Beta Kappa men.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

By Briggs



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Open Letter

To the Legislature of Pennsylvania: It was remarked that by Senator Matthew Quay said, "The people of Pennsylvania quickly forget." How true this is!

"Blame the Farmer"

To the Editor of the Telegraph: I was very much pleased to read your timely editorial on the Daylight Saving rider, which would take away one hour's valuable time from the farmer.

Would Give Odds

After the grand review of German troops at Potsdam the Kaiser called out to the officer commanding the Prussian Guard in a voice loud enough to be heard by all the distinguished guests who were grouped in front of the palace:

The Grand Young Man

Mr. Clemenceau was severely wounded by a half-baked assassin on February 12. On February 26, Mr. Clemenceau was taking a drive in Paris, to the great joy and surprise of his fellow-citizens.

Incentive to Wed

A West Dallas widow says that the latest proposal she received was from a local Bolshevik, who said she would marry him before a Soviet government was set up in the city.

Evening Chat

By Briggs



No Beer, No Work; No Work, No Pay

Alas! Alas! This come to pass That I must leave my frothy glass Or lose my job and be an ass.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—George F. Krause, who started the ball rolling in Lebanon market, is a well known many Harrisburgers. —A. Mitchell Palmer, the new attorney general, used to play football when at college.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg is daily handling large amounts of postal supplies for adjoining counties, being the distribution point?

Stewart Statue Ready

The bronze statue of the late Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart presented to the city by the officers of the National Guard is about completed and arrangements for placing of the figure in one of the niches of the Capitol rotunda, shortly be made.

THE TRIVIAL

The great emotional experiences of life are belittled by the insistence upon the trivial; Life and Love look into each other's eyes, a man and a woman select each other from all the world.