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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1919 The way to find out truth is by other's mistakes.—Seldon.

A SINGING NATION

THE new song sheets of the War Camp Community Service bears this inscription: "A Singing Nation to Welcome a Victorious Singing Army."

There is much more than mere sentiment back of this motto. It is a good catch sentence, but it expresses a truth as well as a hope.

As far as the House is concerned, it has evolved a policy of passing many useless bills and in spite of predictions to the contrary, the committees of the lower branch have put out an awful lot of legislative material.

There will be general approval of the efforts of the Legislature to establish military training in the schools of the State.

Uncle Sam's Trees POSTMASTER SITES as custodian of the Federal Building, has found it desirable to remove the surviving shade trees along the property on Walnut street.

Uncle Sam is abundantly able to care for the artistic features of his property and we have no doubt Postmaster Sites will do what is possible to restore the shade tree effects around the Federal building.

ANTI-BOLSHEVISM EVERY man and woman in America should read the full page advertisement, "The Frozen Breath of Bolshevism," published in the Telegraph Saturday afternoon.

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Politics in Pennsylvania

Issuance of the warrant for arrest of William S. Leib, former resident clerk of the House of Representatives and for years Schuylkill county leader, at the direction of the Attorney General last night, made everyone forget that the Legislature had gone home for the Easter vacation and the probable results of the action will be the big theme in State politics for days.

—The adjournment of the Legislature, without any of the protests which were declared were going to resound in the hall of the House of Representatives caused considerable amusement and the story goes that two or three of the men asked to sign the warrant yesterday declared that they had personal matters at home which had to be attended to.

—One of the incidents of the week was the meeting of the representatives of the third-class cities and boroughs here yesterday to arrange for the protest against the Eyre bill and the fact that opposition to the bill was so strong was strongly manifested.

—It took several conferences before the House committee on counties and townships determined to make the Jones bill establishing a board of three county assessors, to be elected by the voters, party tickets with minority representation, apply to every county in the State, outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny.

—The committee then made up a scale of salaries ranging from \$4,000 down to \$750. The bill would authorize the assessors to district the county and name sub-assessors. Rights of assessorial duties, the fees and courts would also be arranged.

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A NOTABLE OPINION

[From the Philadelphia Press.] The recent opinion of Judge Kunkel, of the Dauphin County Court, denying the right of the President and Postmaster General to set up new and higher rates for private telephone users in Pennsylvania has not received the attention that its importance deserves.

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The Attorney Who Now Runs the Railroads For The Government

AN odd prank of fate," which somehow or other seems to be always up to something frankish, now appears in the fact that Walker Downer Hines, attorney for railroads and their defender against Government control, should now be serving the Government as Director-General of Railways.

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ANARCHY

I saw a city filled with lust and shame, Where men, like wolves, slunk through the grim half-light; And sudden, in the midst of it, there came One who spoke boldly for the cause of Right.

And, speaking, fell before the brutish race Like some poor wren that shrieked in eagles' tear, While brute Dishonor, with her bloodless face, Stood by and smote his lips that moved in prayer.

"Speak not of God! In centuries Hath not been uttered! Our own king are we."

And God stretched forth His finger And o'er it cast a thousand leagues of sea.

—By Lieut.-Col. John McCrae.

LABOR NOTES City laborers at Milwaukee have been increased 5 cents an hour.

The pay offered harvesters by the Holderness, England, Agricultural Club is \$16.80 a week, with beer and tea.

Salaries of officials of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners have been advanced by 25 per cent.

Boston, Mass., eatmasters' union has secured an increase of \$3 a week and an additional 10 cents an hour for overtime.

he state horticulturist in Nebraska are carrying on a campaign to interest farmers in the planting of home orchards.

Coal miners in the Fernie, B. C., district have asked the Government to protect them from gaseous mines.

Italy, at the end of the third year in the war, had built up a number of enormous ordnance factories, one employing 80,000 people.

By BRIGGS

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Evening Chat

Borings made with a view to determining what foundations could be obtained for the proposed Memorial bridge to be constructed as part of the Capitol park improvements, have demonstrated that not only is the State Capitol of Pennsylvania founded upon a rock, but that for the whole length of the viaduct through the rock foundation available at a comparatively short distance beneath the surface.

The engineers in charge of the borings, have made a preliminary report with some sections of what they struck at about fifty feet and it has been most gratifying to the men planning the great structure which the Legislature will soon be asked to authorize. The dike of trap rock which crosses the Susquehanna and has an outcrop at what has long been called Macley's rock at the foot of South Street known to generations of boys swimmers as "Bigger's hole" through Capitol Hill and some of the borings developed it not far below the surface.

The trap dike separates the hard shale at the base of the limestone, which is so abundant in the lower end of the city. For the most part, the borings struck a very hard shale with some specimens of trap. The following report regarding the foundations is all that could be wished and there will be no difficulty in the region of the old Pennsylvania canal line or Paxtang creek.

In addition to the completion of the room about the whole valley between what is now the Pennsylvania bluffs and the base of the bluffs which make up the old Hill. Before that it was the old river bed and some engineers wondered what they would strike. They no longer have any misgivings on the subject.

Men who have been out looking over the streams in Dauphin and Cumberland counties recently stocked with trout by the State authorities, are showing the excellent of vitality and they should be some good sport. Not only brook, but brown trout were distributed in these streams last fall and it was the old river bed and some engineers wondered what they would strike. They no longer have any misgivings on the subject.

Reports are current that when the Pennsylvania Railroad Company gets on its feet financially again—that is, when the government funds are forthcoming—a new building program will be started at Enola and a large number of handsome houses erected for railroad men who will reside there. This news comes from a reliable authority, and while no railroad official will be quoted to that effect, it is regarded as forecasting the plans of the company pretty accurately. There had been rumors to the effect that the Enola big yards at Marietta, though Enola might lose some of its importance, but this is denied by those who know the situation. There is every indication that with the resumption of business on a large scale and the consequent increase in traffic Enola will become more than ever a freight center on the Pennsylvania lines. Incidentally it is pointed out that Enola is one of the few towns in the State which has a main line freight yard in the yard there and excellent street car facilities.

One would expect to find "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in one of the lower end of the borough and purchased the large open tract of the town's reservoir and in the center of which had been erected a large building used as a military academy. But having acquired more land than was required for the school building proposed, the thrifty citizens of Columbia do as our own penny-wise found-foolish "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in one of the old reservoir lots at the street and kept only enough for a school house that now cannot be enlarged or extended to meet growing needs. The school board wisely kept all the ground and let the ground stand. Indeed they went so far as to retain the rear of the old academy building, but a modern high school building with big auditorium, stage and all the equipment of an up-to-date high school right across the front. So now Columbia's high school sits on a site which is ingeniously solved for all time to come, even though Columbia outgrew Philadelphia in population, and the people are proud of their work.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —R. A. Mercer, Bradford county lawyer here yesterday for a hearing, is a son of the former chief justice, Chief Justice Edward Martin, State Commissioner of Health, is playing golf for years and works as hard at it as his professional and official cares permit.

GOVERNOR WILLIAM C. SPROUL is reported as improving at Hot Springs.

DO YOU KNOW —That Harrisburg has developed some of the finest river bank treatment in the country and that it is much admired by visitors from Canada?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG. —The State used to have an ammunition loading plant in the old State arsenal in Capitol park.

To a Post Office Ink Well How many humble hearts have dipped In you, and scrawled their maundered scribbles? Have shared their secrets, told their cares, Their curious and quaint affairs!

Your pool of ink, your scratchy pen, Have moved the lives of unborn men, And watched young people, breathless, Put their hearts in a postal card.

—Tennyson J. Daff, in Kansas City Star.

DIFFERENT VIEWS Some people call a spade a spade, But other folks abuse it And call it simply a useful name. Most every time that you use it, —Tennyson J. Daff, in Kansas City Star.

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