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Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.—Matt. 26:41.

OUTSIDE APPROVAL

The State Highway Department may feel gratified over the endorsement given its road program by the Rotary Club delegates of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and the District of Columbia in convention here last week.

The Rotarians, keenly interested in public improvements of all kinds and quick to see the magnificent beginning made here by Governor Sprout and Commissioner Sadler, went strongly on record as favoring the Pennsylvania plan as designed to create a center of highways that will extend to all the states of the district.

It is not the policy of these clubs, acting as a unit, to take cognizance of any merely local activities, but the delegates in this instance felt that what Pennsylvania is doing with respect to inter-state importance, and for that reason they went out of their way to express approval and to point out our system and method as admirably designed to produce equally good results elsewhere.

NEIGHBORLY

THAT was a neighborly thing the Kiwanis Club did yesterday, when it entertained the members of the Rotary Club at a joint luncheon. Some, who have not understood, may have imagined that there was rivalry or clannish feeling between the two organizations, but such is not the fact.

THAT OLD-TIME EASTER

DO YOU remember those old days when the biggest adventure of the spring season was that trip from away up town, or from Allison Hill, or wherever else you lived, to see the big Easter egg in the window of Dan Bacon's candy store on Market street?

Mr. Bacon was the original candy Easter egg man in this locality. Not only that, but he used a couple of barrels of sugar and about a hundred pounds of chocolate every year making up the biggest Easter egg the town had ever seen.

And then, just when boyish speculation had about concluded that the limit had been reached, why he performed another miracle. He built a hollow egg as big as those of other years and put a little window in the point just high enough for boyish eyes, and inside he created a veritable fairy-land, with rabbits, and chickens, and eggs, and wonderfully colored rivers that wound their way down to an invisible sea through fields of spring-time blossoms and tiny forests of nodding palms.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Announcement of the coming of United States Senator, Boies Penrose to Harrisburg Sunday night or Monday morning to take charge of the Philadelphia charter revision bills and to visit the Legislature during its sessions next week, furnished the Capitol Hill with a sensation on the eve of closing the Capitol over the Good Friday holiday and more men will come back to Harrisburg on the evening of Easter Sunday than expected.

APOLOGIES IN ORDER

DISPATCHEES FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, tell of a resolution adopted by 400 farmers, "who have been unanimously voting the Democratic ticket all their lives," but who now realize their folly and "express their great dissatisfaction with the way things are being run in Washington."

PUBLIC BATHING

NOW that Colonel Martin, as the head of the State Health Department, proposes to make Harrisburg a spotless town as an example to the rest of the Commonwealth, it might be a good thing for Mayor Keister and all who favor adequate bathing facilities in the Susquehanna basin to bring this matter to public attention.

HOW MONEY WORKS

A WELL-KNOWN businessman said recently: "Few of us realize how hard a dollar has to work to earn six cents in a year's time. When we spend a nickel we do not pause to consider that the average dollar working 365 days of the year and twenty-four hours of each day has had scratching to earn that much, else we might think twice about expending it recklessly."

Our public schools are seriously at fault here. Teach the boy the inside of business, the methods of handling capital, the possibilities of earning power and the difficulties of making any given amount of money earn even reasonably fair dividends, and you will have made a better citizen of him.

SELF-RESPECT IN BRAZIL

THE authorities of Brazil, with more concern for the dignity and respectability of their country than actuates the government officials at Washington, have prevented the landing at Rio Janeiro of a representative of the Russian soviet government.

LABOR AND CULTURE

(On seeing a poet making a war-garden) Poet, client of the Muses, Life to you no good refuses, In high peace your soul reposes, While you build your road of roses In the miracle of Toll.

MLEACH STARTED IT

AN ECHO of Senator McLean's measure, which resulted in the convention between the United States and Canada for the protection of migratory birds is heard in a bill which has been introduced in the Legislative Assembly at Quebec to set apart certain areas in the Province as bird sanctuaries.

Consistent to the Last

The London Daily News says that the choice is between a world peace and a French peace. The paper that up to the last moment urged that Britain stay out of the war and profited by it is surely a good authority on peace.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

MOVIE OF A CITIZEN READING A PAPER

DOES NOT READ THAT THE KAISER (EX) IS TO BE EXECUTED BY BEING BOILED IN OIL - OR STUNG TO DEATH BY WASPS? OR -

DOES NOT READ THAT THE PEACE CONFERENCE IS HAPPILY ENDED.

DOES NOT READ THAT BOLSHIEVISM IS STAMPED OUT.

DOES NOT READ THAT THE HIGH COST OF LIVING IS A THING OF THE PAST

DOES NOT READ THAT PROHIBITION IS NOT TO BE ENFORCED AFTER ALL

DOES NOT READ THAT ANTI-TOBACCO CRUSADERS ARE TO BE TRIED FOR TREASON AND SHOT AT DAWN

BUT - DOES READ - THAT THE BASEBALL SEASON IS ABOUT TO BEGIN -

THE PALMER PUZZLE [From the Philadelphia Press.]

Already Attorney General Palmer is finding that the cabinet office has its thorn. There has been put up to him the question of prosecuting the cotton planter of the South for a combination of which the avowed purpose is curtail production and to raise prices.

Indications of a fight by large property owners of Radnor town, Delaware county, against the proposed school loan, which goes before the people of the Main Line township at a special election on April 26, cropped out at meetings.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger says in an editorial: "The Legislature should not commit the folly of permitting German to be taught in the public elementary schools."

THE FARM VIEW

[From the Pennsylvania Farmer.] The Pennsylvania Senate last week passed a bill providing for a commission to consider the revision of the State constitution. It is expected that the House will concur in the bill and that a commission will be appointed to report, with a possible draft of a new constitution in the next session of the Legislature.

THE VICTORY IN MICHIGAN

[From Ohio State Journal] Michigan had an election this week to determine public sentiment on the "dry" amendment and the majority given in favor of it was not what the people expected. It doesn't show that the people are weakening on prohibition; and it particularly doesn't show that the prohibitionists are displeased at the triumph of the amendment.

HIS CRUTCH

He hobbles down the quiet street, A youthful veteran Whose heart is still attuned unto The drum's wild rattle, Whose ears are deafened even yet By battle's dread alarm, Whose halting step depends upon The crutch beneath his arm.

Wilson Cannot Stamp Out Autocracy By Practicing Autocratic Methods at Paris

PRESIDENT WILSON on his return to Paris finds himself in the awkward position that he invited by his course during his earlier visit to the seat of the peace conference. Then he made the mistake of undertaking to commit the American people to the sacrifice of long established national policies without consulting them or even undertaking to explain his purposes.

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FOREST HARMONIES

I had what Wordsworth calls a "couchant ear" in my youth, and my story will wait, dear reader, while I tell you of another harmony that I learned to love in the wilderness.

There will come sometimes in the spring—say in May, or whenever the snow-drops and sulphur butterflies are tempted out by the first timorous sunshine—there will come, I say, in that yearning and youth-renewing season, a warm shower at noon.

Mr. Lloyd George has ever shown himself as a believer in publicity, and from the moment he took office as Munitions Minister in the crisis of May, 1915, has assiduously encouraged the light of publicity upon all that made for the successful peace.

England Sees "African Golf" A gambling scene of a unique character for London was witnessed the other day.

It took place in an opera space near the Earl's Hut and was witnessed by a large crowd.

The players were Canadian, New Zealand, Australian and American soldiers and American sailors. All were excited and the betting on the game, played with a couple of dice, was fast and furious.

The game is called "scraps" and one "shoots the scrap," or "shoots" the dice. A Canadian soldier standing by described it as the best and swiftest gambling game in the world.

"Scrap" is somewhat akin to banker, but the main idea is to throw 7 or 11 with the dice the first time.

Every one "shot" with avidity. American sailors knelt lick backers at a cockpit, and money passed quickly with every throw.

Men were betting against one another, and against third parties and eventualities. One gambler had fifteen or sixteen treasury notes in his hand at one time.—From the London Globe.

The Bard's Inability The plum and peach and pear tree bloom that I observed last Sunday.

Persuaded me that here at last was what I'd own was one day when I had the weather made, like Hicks or old Hostetter, And I had tried my lone best, I couldn't have done better.

—Tennyson J. Daff.

LABOR NOTES

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DO YOU KNOW —That Harrisburg engines are used in Western Pennsylvania coal mines?

By BRIGGS

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Does Not Read That the Peace Conference is happily ended.

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Does Not Read That the High Cost of Living is a thing of the past

Does Not Read That prohibition is not to be enforced after all

Does Not Read That anti-tobacco crusaders are to be tried for treason and shot at dawn

But - does read - that the baseball season is about to begin -

Evening Chat

Just exactly what it will mean to the rapidly growing army of people in Harrisburg who like a glass of soda water, milk shakes or egg drinks in one form or another when the new Federal tax goes into effect on May 1 can be imagined. It will mean one cent on each nickel or dime drink. In other words the six-cent "soft drink" will go up beside the six-cent car fare and other things; which we have gotten accustomed to because of the kaiser.

There will be many other things plus but as the time for collecting the tax will start with the coming of warmer weather, the sales will not diminish; but the demand for coffee and milk will be moving forward. But there is another side to the new tax and its effects and it will come from the people who sell such commodities as soda water. They will have to keep records of the tax.

One prominent business man, who has three stores, said the other evening that it will cost him a thousand dollars in speaking before the women's appliances needed to collect the tax and keep his own business going. There are others who will be affected in a lesser degree. The soda tax is going to be about as unpopular as the three-cent stamp, and will probably end as quickly, because there is a great big election due next year.

One of the most difficult phases of the housing problem confronting this and other cities is the high cost of building, which makes it almost impossible to build the homes for rent and them at figures which the poor people can afford to pay. Everybody realizes how important it is to raise the living conditions.

It is in such places that diseases germs are bred by the million and where tuberculosis finds most of its victims. John Molitor, State housing expert in speaking before the women of the housing survey at the Civic Club the other day, said that the scourge of tuberculosis is great in houses where the living conditions exist. "Evidence exists," he said, "that germs of this disease live and maintain their vitality for long periods in bad housing conditions, that is, in places where the conditions in which they continue to thrive. Sunlight, bright daylight and fresh air will end their existence in a brief time. Homes for the ventilated places the tuberculosis germ may live for a long time.

"No means has as yet been devised to provide proper housing for the very poor," said one expert during the recent visit of the Chamber of Commerce trip to Yorkshipp Village, and he is speaking for the help most of the skilled laborer and his family.

"Then," said a man in the Harrisburg party, "you have not solved the housing question, for it is a very poor man's problem, and you must require the attention of the best minds not only of this city, but of big, broad men everywhere.

The Susquehanna River does not seem to have lost any of its attractions for ducks. The seasons for shooting them are changed, but the ducks seem a numerous as ever, and as though they were aware of the limitations of the law, more "sassy" than in years gone by, when we used to get up around 4:30 a. m. and get in line for the boats.

Philippine Independence Congress, of course, possesses the power to grant or reject the request of the Filipino people for complete independence, and there will be no lack of argument on either side when the question shall come up for discussion and deliberation at some later date. The President's report of approval of the Filipino request is not surprising, save in its formal expression. It has been in favor of the return of the islands, whenever he has spoken on the matter.

The act would be in direct accord with his policy of self-determination. And possibly he regards the present as the most opportune moment for such a step before the League of Nations, through its signatories, binds itself to maintain existing political and territorial boundaries.

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