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Admit your ignorance, and few will blame you; Pretend to knowledge, and the world will shame you.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

NOTHING more important has been attempted in the way of welfare work in Harrisburg than the present survey of child conditions by volunteers associated with trained nurses under the direction of the State and city health departments.

Just in proportion as the babies and the little folks under the age of six are given a proper start in life will the city prove its worth in the generation of which they are the beginning and the hope.

It is the sort of public service which is free of all unfortunate reactions because those interested in the work are giving their time and effort out of a lofty sense of personal obligation to their fellowmen and women.

BLOT ON ESCUTCHEON

ACCORDING to a bulletin of the United States Public Health Service dealing with the prevalence of venereal diseases among the second million of drafted men by cities, Harrisburg is given a most unenviable showing.

This correspondent believes that a serious responsibility rests upon the municipality and that the obligation cannot be shifted in any indifferently fashion.

If Harrisburg has suffered through the fact that it is an unusual railroad center, bringing hither many temporary residents and thereby padding the statistics of the public health, then that fact should be brought out and the truth be known.

mitted a condition to prevail here until it has become a public scandal again the exact cause should be developed and steps taken to remedy the situation.

Democrats all over this United States revenue district, the Ninth, are greatly perturbed over the closing of the Lancaster headquarters and the loss of forty places for deserving workers.

PROFITTEERING?

IF THE Government is offering the people army provisions at the price paid for them, and these prices are only a shade below the wholesale prices of foods on the open market, doesn't it look as though there has been some profiteering at the expense of the Nation during the war?

This is a matter that will bear investigation. Instead of paying more than the private wholesaler the Nation should have sought as much cheaper. It looks, however, as though the purchasing agencies of the army bought first and asked prices afterward—which is very poor business, indeed.

When the cut-out offenders fall into the hands of the local magistrates and the police department there should be little mercy shown them. They have been warned time without number and their indifference to the health and comfort of the community justifies a severe re-education.

When the dirt begins to fly presently in the reform movement of the Capitol Park zone and the city falls into line in the widening of Third and Walnut streets, and the various public utilities eliminate the big poles and overhead wires, and the city and county join in the erection of a combination city hall and courthouse, won't that be a grand and glorious feeling for every progressive citizen of Harrisburg?

Many of the paved streets are being scarred by ditches for the installation of conduits, but this is a temporary condition and presages the removal of practically all the overhead wires in the central business district.

Forestalling in the markets of the city should have been stopped long ago, but it is never too late to undertake a proper reform and provide an effective remedy for conditions which concern the entire community.

Governor Sproul and Banking Commissioner Fisher have demonstrated their qualifications as public servants in the prompt handling of the unfortunate bank failure in Philadelphia and in conserving the interests of the Commonwealth as they may be affected by the insolvency of the institution in question.

Governor Sproul is probably ready to admit that the easier job is passing bills—or is it passing the buck—to the Governor than the duty of approving or disapproving the output of the lawmakers. He has had experience at both ends of the Capitol and doubtless could speak feelingly on this subject.

The aggressive Elliott-Fisher organization has brought from the remote corners of the United States and from lands beyond the seas a fine bunch of live wires who appreciate Harrisburg and who have only compliments for the splendid Pennsylvania hotel, which is their headquarters for the week.

The Jly pond at the pumping station has been a prize enigma for two or three years and the absence of the fountain has given rise to many inquiries, but the leakage is now being remedied and we may expect the flowers to bloom again for the admiration of all who pass that way.

When the Dauphera goes out to sea its most important cargo will be invisible—the splendid record of this district in the various Liberty Loans and the unselfish and efficient labors of those who made possible a fine patriotic showing in the midst of war.

The legislative committee of the State Grant, perpetually out of joint with modern good roads methods, has heard from the Governor and will appreciate the surprise of the fellow who never heard of a boomerang.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell's denunciation of the methods of the Palmer-McCormick coterie of bosses in running the Democratic State machine in the letters he sent to all the Lancaster headquarters and the loss of forty places for deserving workers, while Philadelphia gets the office.

The fight this year and next will be a repetition of the reorganization fight of 1911 when Palmer and his pals got control of the machine by the time honored method of denouncing the methods of those who null the machine.

Judge Bonniwell's exhortation of the bosses of the Democratic machine who repudiated him after his nomination for Governor at a popular primary has quite overcast in political discussion the perennial row in Philadelphia and the seething municipal politics in everyone's mind.

Abolition of the Lancaster revenue district and retention of the Scranton revenue district, which was put back on earth after a period of suspension soon after Wilson became President, also rising to plague the Democratic bosses.

The making of officeholders for political contributions is based on the idea that public office is a private snap which the holder is obliged to pay an annual bribe to retain. This view has long since been discredited.

The effect of Democratic reorganization methods in Dauphin, Cumberland and other counties is well known to the voters.

Philadelphia newspapers say that it is very apparent that the Palmer-McCormick reorganization commission in Philadelphia and that the election of H. S. Thomas as chief clerk displacing H. H. B. is a fare man, proves it.

Director of Public Safety William H. Wilson will be a candidate for Philadelphia Council.

Registration has begun in Pittsburgh where there are prospects of a close fight over Republican county nomination.

Two school loan bills suffered defeat in Delaware county recently. In Springfield township a bill for \$75,000 was polled against it and forty-seven in favor of it.

Sam Hertzler is the type of railroad engineer that has made the P. R. R. famous as the leading railroad system of the world.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES

By BRIGGS



A Shady "Proposition"

[From the Philadelphia Record.]

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

By BRIGGS

Points Out a Fault: We have law governing shipping rates, railroad fares and other commodities; We should also have laws governing the price of food.

Suggests Probe: One of the first things to be taken to investigate all wholesale grocers or others that are known to be profiteers, and expose their disreputable and dishonest methods.

Would Prosecute: You ask how the high cost of living may be cut down in your July 18, 1919 paper.

Cut Out Middleman: I have been a reader of the Telegraph for years. About cutting the price to the consumer, I have a few suggestions.

A Little Advice on W. W.: The dear old Springfield Republican screws up the remnant of its courage sufficiently to remark:

Mr. Black Jack: You are sure some fightin' man, An' now with the Kings and the Princes.

Roosevelt and the League: As some of the advocates of the League of Nations have recently taken the liberty of saying that Theodore Roosevelt favored the League of Nations, the Sun believes it will be conclusive to reprint the letter which Colonel Roosevelt wrote to Sir Henry Rider Haggard, a month before he died.

Democrats Defeated It: The Georgia State Senate, solidly Democratic, defeated ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment of July 8th when a motion to disagree with a fair sample report against ratification was lost by a vote of 37 to 12—a full sample of Democratic "enthusiasm" for the measure which Georgia's Junior United States Senator espoused and which the Democratic President approved.

DO YOU KNOW: That Harrisburg steel is being used in English building operations?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG: Telegraph offices have been located in Third street between Market and Walnut ever since telegraph lines came to this city.

Evening Chat

By BRIGGS

Three new portraits will be added to the galleries of paintings in the State Capitol as the result of the approval of the general appropriation bill. The funds are now available and the commissions will be given.

While there are many people who have doubtless felt rather badly about the continued rains, the boys who live in the city at traffic control Capitol Park extension are having the time of their lives with Lake Sprout. This body of water has been drained to the sea by the rains and is growing daily.

Among recent overseas veterans who have put off the khaki and donned the civilian's dress, Col. J. G. Stess, Col. Frank Gaffney, erstwhile first-class private, Co. G, 108th Infantry, 27th Division, is a notable one.

John E. Sones, one of the former legislators running for judge, is a Schuylkill lawyer who hails from Snyder county.

Major Ralph A. Gregory, just home from France, has been made cashier of a Scranton bank.

Charm, who took the part of the House Educational Committee, seeks to be District Attorney of Schuylkill county.

Ben Branch, Mauch Chunk lawyer who took the votes of the Rainbow Division's Pennsylvanians on the way to France and got just out of sight of land, is a candidate for District Attorney in Carbon county.

Mayor Heldenreich, of Hazleton, makes youngsters who violate the law feel that the American evening in succession at his office.