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Character is an atmosphere rather
than a sum of qualities.—Aron.

REWARDS FOR FARMERS

THROUGHOUT the Common-
wealth there is increasing in-
terest and enthusiasm in the
comprehensive plans of Governor
Sproul and his administration forces
for the development of a wonder-
ful system of modern highways. In
addition to the direct appropri-
ation of some millions of dollars—
approximately \$100,000,000 in all
and covering new mileage of about
600 miles—the Legislature has pro-
vided and the Governor has approved
a system of rewards for townships
to encourage the authorities of the
lesser community units in the con-
struction and improvement of the
"back" roads and the building of
township bridges. An appropriation
of \$1,000,000 will be available for
this purpose after December first
next. This law provides rewards
equal to one-third of the cost of
the local improvements not to ex-
ceed specified amounts per mile.
These branch roads extending into
the remoter rural districts will be
made of sufficient width to assure
their use as practical highways.

Highway Commissioner Sadler has
been getting around considerably
since the Legislature adjourned and
with his keen business sense is giv-
ing such personal oversight as will
result in first-class construction in
every direction.

While the State is about it, why not
encourage the owners of lands along
the main State highways to plant
trees that will provide shade for all
who use these modern roads. New
York had a law some years ago,
which may still be in force, that re-
lieved farmers and other owners of
land abutting on the State road of
taxes as a reward for planting and
caring for the trees. The result was
magnificent avenues of fine trees in
every part of the State. Such a plan
might easily be adopted in Pennsylv-
ania.

There exist innocent people who
are wondering why the Government
persists in its effort to get whole on
the extravagant war prices which
were paid for foodstuffs that are now
gorging military warehouses. It
would seem that the consumer, who
is also the taxpayer, might have the
benefit of the necessarily reduced
prices of the canned goods now de-
teriorating in these big warehouses.

REPUBLICAN LINES FIRM

PENNSYLVANIA is going to
take its proper place in the
nomination of a candidate for
the Presidency next year. Harmony
prevails throughout the party and
only inexcusable stupidity will check
the return of sanity in the direction
of its affairs.

Members of the old Progressive
party, which returned in a body to
the Republican fold under the in-
spiration of the lamented Roosevelt,
are in conference in Harrisburg to-
day with a view to retaining inter-
est in the preliminary campaign of
1920. May we not hope that the
more conservative and astute rep-
resentatives of the Progressive element
will avoid any action that may be
construed as an invitation to further
controversy and party division.

It is regrettable, on the threshold
of such a conference, that the former
State chairman of the Washington
party has assumed to speak for the
Roosevelt men of Pennsylvania. His
statement, put out with all the old
trimmings, has encouraged the
Democrats of the Wilson brand to be-
lieve that there is about to de-
velop another fatuous and unneces-
sary Republican split. Mr. Detrich,
as the oracle of the so-called Pro-
gressive wing, declares "what we
want to do at this time, and what
we feel as a strong duty, is to lend
our organized aid to the national
success of the Republican party."

best efforts to the vitalizing of
the great principles upon which the
party was founded and which it has
continued to uphold.

Mr. Detrich, as usual, sees things
where they are not and imagines
difficulties which do not exist. He
talks glibly as has always been his
custom about the "reactionary" to
whom "the advancement of prin-
ciples is only secondary to his per-
sonal success, and his party success,"
he adds, "is only considered worth
while when he can dictate its
policies."

Mr. Detrich was probably looking
in his own mirror when he dictated
that particular paragraph. It will
be recalled that he lost no time in
landing a position on the State pay-
roll in the last administration on
Capitol Hill and the fact that he is
not now occupying that position may
account for his sudden outburst on
the eve of to-day's conference.

"We have no present quarrel with
anybody," says the former Washing-
ton party chairman, "but we strong-
ly believe in preparedness. Absolute-
ly there is nothing new in that
declaration nor has it the flavor of
originality. All Republicans have
believed in preparedness and from
National Chairman Hays down the
line the leaders of the party have
been urging a strong stand in be-
half of Americanization and the de-
velopment of a vigorous American
spirit among our own citizens. Mr.
Detrich and his associates have no
monopoly of patriotism or the virtues
of the Republican party. They have
returned to the fold and in large
numbers are contributing to the up-
building of a virile party organiza-
tion. But such statements as the
one in question are not calculated to
harmonize elements which in years
past have honestly differed as to
methods and policies. For some in-
scrutable reason the former chair-
man of the Washington party, speak-
ing for such of his associates as may
be still laboring under the delusion
that the Republican party is not a
united organization, reverts in his
unfortunate statement to 1908 and
the succeeding national campaigns,
indulging in the old, old fulmina-
tions which were better left on the
musty shelves.

Mr. Detrich concludes that "in
1920 Pennsylvania may confidently
be trusted to send a delegation which
will be truly representative of the
Republican party." Right you are!
This good old State, with its splen-
did record of supreme patriotism and
devotion in the stupendous war for
righteousness and justice, will do just
that thing. National Chairman
Hays and all stalwart Republicans
are standing together with the great
Progressive leaders at Washington
for the maintenance of enduring
principles the observance of which
prepared this country for its part
in the winning of a wonderful tri-
umph for all that is worth while.

Mr. Detrich need not worry about
the Pennsylvania delegation next
year. It will be representative of
the best thought of the Republican
party, and insofar as the conference
to-day acts wisely and in harmony
with sane Republican policies will
"the action of Pennsylvania's Pro-
gressive Republicans be followed by
similar action in many other States."

Such conferences as that held here
to-day may achieve much of real
benefit providing there is no ten-
dency to arouse old animosities and
encourage factionism. Discussion of
fundamental party principles and
careful avoidance of personal
aggrandizement cannot result other-
wise than in the ennobling of party
spirit, and the fewer statements of
the Detrich type that are issued the
better for all elements of the Re-
publican party.

POINDEXTER LOOMING UP

SENATOR MILES POINDEX-
TER, of Washington, is regard-
ed as the strongest candidate
for the Presidential nomination by
Charles S. Barrett, of Georgia,
president of the National Farmers'
Union. Mr. Barrett has been at the
head of his organization for thir-
teen years, and the correspondence
he has had with the 2,500,000 mem-
bers of the Farmers' Union gives
great significance to his estimates
of popular opinion.

"No candidate for the Presidency
stands stronger with the farmers
than Senator Poindexter," declares
Mr. Barrett. "In my own section of
the country, the Southeast, Poindex-
ter is especially strong. He would
stand a good chance of carrying
Georgia, for example, which is
going some for a Republican. The
fact that he is a native of Tennes-
see, although he has spent most of
his life amid northern political
environments, adds to his strength
in the South."

"Senator Poindexter's popularity
with the farmers of the South and
the United States generally lies in
the fact that throughout his entire
career in Congress, first in the
House and then in the Senate, he
has always stood four-square for
the things in which farmers are
interested. He has met all tests,
and to please the farmer element is
a difficult task. They know what
they want and why they want it,
and they are not deceived by false
promises from any man in public
life. They gauge performance as
against mere words. I know per-
sonally thousands of farmers
throughout the United States, and
I know how they regard Poindex-
ter."

GOULD STIRS UP P. O. D.

THE introduction by Representa-
tive Norman J. Gould of a re-
solution to suspend the opera-
tion of the Burleson orders regard-
ing rural routes, and which caused
heated hearings before the House
Committee on Post Offices and Post
Roads, has had the effect of bring-
ing about the desired results in the
form of promises on the part of the

Post Office Department to send out
inspectors through the rural dis-
tricts of the country to rearrange
the system.

The final decision came when
James I. Blakeslee, fourth assistant
Postmaster General, was closely
questioned by the committee and
put on record as promising for the
department speedy action to restore
the system to a practical basis.
My cases were cited to show
the error of the Postmaster General
in doing away with many rural
routes and extending others to such
length that it has been impossible
for the carriers to cover their routes
except with mail one or more days
late.

THE radical Socialists, the Bol-
shevists, the German propa-
gandists, the Internationalists,
the I. W. W. and a varied lot of
hyphenated Americans are con-
ducting a campaign that details so
perfectly they have almost
inspired them a complete under-
standing and agreement.

And the sum and substance of
their work is anti-American.

Secretary of Internal Affairs Wood-
ward is going right to the front in
the preliminaries to make the Susque-
hanna River navigable. Pennsylvania
is a progressive Commonwealth and
the record of the Republican party in
this State is one of creditable achieve-
ment in the development of its enor-
mous natural and industrial resources.
Mr. Woodward, as one of the stal-
warts, is injecting a lot of pep into
his department and has abiding faith
in the ability of the several bureaus
under his direction to further develop
the public works of the State and its
great mineral deposits.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Reorganizations of department
of the State government affected by
action recently approved by the Gov-
ernor have been definitely put off
until September. Some were sched-
uled to take effect in August, but
in accordance with Governor
William C. Sproul's desire the chiefs
of departments will first submit
their plans to the tax commission.
A meeting of Vares leaders can be
looked for within a few days to put
forward candidates. The Philadel-
phia Press has been running a gal-
lery of mayoralty possibilities, in-
cluding ex-Governor Edwin S.
Stuart, who refuses to listen.

"Lieutenant Colonel James P.
Kerr has accepted the call of the
citizens of Allegheny county and will
be a candidate for the Republican
nomination for County Commis-
sioner in the September primaries,"
says the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times. "He
will at once begin an active cam-
paign with the assured support of
thousands who are desirous of en-
couraging men of his high type to
take up the burdens of public office."

Register and Recorder George
C. Irwin has caused a stir in Blair
county political circles by dismiss-
ing his first deputy, James P. Bart-
ley. His reason for taking summary
action was the candidacy of the
deputy for the Republican nomi-
nation for Register and Recorder. Mr.
Irwin, who is a former Legislator
and well known in the county, ex-
plained that his friends object to
Bartley being in the office while a
candidate against his chief. Four
years ago Irwin was defeated for the
Republican nomination for Register
and Recorder by Harry A. Thomp-
son, but ran on an independent
ticket. Bartley was also defeated
for the office in the primaries, but
was nominated by the Democrats.
He retired in favor of Irwin, and
the combined Democratic and inde-
pendent vote elected Irwin. Bartley
served nearly two years as a
deputy in the Register and Record-
er's office and wants the real job.
There will be a strenuous battle.

Councilman P. J. McArdle, Rob-
ert Garland, John H. Henderson,
W. H. Robertson and Daniel Winters,
of Pittsburgh, who are candidates
to succeed themselves, have enter-
ed into an agreement to conduct a
joint campaign in the September
primaries and the November elec-
tion.

The Johnstown Tribune, com-
menting on Bryan's plan for Fed-
eralism, says: "Not even the exist-
ing Democratic autocracy has broached
such a plan. It has gone the limit in
permanence. Nobody runs a
campaign of existing agencies for
the collection of news."

The Somerset judicial campaign
is all up. John M. Berkey and
Norman T. Boone had the field to
themselves until a few days ago.
A Somerset letter says: "The situa-
tion was changed over night, when
Charles F. Uhl became a candidate
for the nonpartisan nomination, and
there is now abundant material
from which the most fastidious
candidate can select. No one candi-
date will receive 51 per centum of
the votes, and that I am an ac-
tive candidate and believe I shall
have his support, but with or with-
out I am a candidate to the finish."

In McKeesport no announce-
ment that a city treasurer was to
be elected was made until a few
days ago. Now candidates are busy.

Berks county, the citadel of the
Democracy in Pennsylvania, is fur-
nishing an interesting example of
the way the once famous organiza-
tion has been split up the back by
factionalism. There are two well
defined parties in Berks, both of
which are well organized, and
which will fight to a finish, prob-
ably even after the primary, because
of the bitterness displayed. One of
the candidates is headed by
Lott W. Reiff, who is United States
naval officer at the port of Philadel-
phia, and the anti-Reiff contingent
is headed by Irvin Kutz. The latter
two are followed by Justice Bonni-
well, of Philadelphia, while Reiff
represents the Palmer-McCormick
element.

Chester city politicians are all
heated up over the endorsement
given by Governor Sproul's news-
papers to the new Chester Republi-
can League. The Philadelphia Press
says: "While the platform of the
new political organization is gener-
ally in its character, having for its
principal purpose better men for Mayor
and City Council in Chester and
good men for the county offices, yet
in the background the underlying
object of the league is the forcing

WONDER WHAT A SIXTEEN MONTHS' OLD BABY THINKS ABOUT?



"THE OLD THING HURTS ALL THE TIME I HATE TO KEEP UP THIS BAWLING BUT IT'S THE ONLY RELIEF I GET - IT HELPS A LITTLE - BAW-HOO"

"SOMETIMES I JUST DO A LITTLE BIT OF WHIMPERING LIKE THIS - MOSTLY AT NIGHT - GEE IT GETS MY FATHER'S GOAT"

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Evening Chat

Harrisburg people, who are tremendously interested in everything pertaining to the war and the men who won it, will be glad to learn that Colonel W. F. Harrell, who started the Harrisburg recruiting station on its way to the top of the ladder, is back in the United States, colonel of the Sixteenth Regular Infantry, in which regiment he started when he left West Point and in which he served through most of his life. When he left here for Syracuse to help reorganize the regiment for war he was Captain Harrell and both he and his family had many friends in Harrisburg. He was known as one of the greatest hunters in the army and no one was surprised when he came here where he had been made major and then lieutenant colonel of a regiment which has a history extending over 120 years and which has been the thick of every war. It is only necessary to say that this regiment was in the First Brigade of the First Army in France, Colonel Harrell, who succeeded to the command when the fighting was hardest, is declared by the New York Times to be known among the army officers as "Two Gun Harrell," a tribute to his fighting ability. Other New York and Philadelphia newspapers refer to him as "the grand old man of the First Army," and say that the South Carolina and there is a wound stripes when ordered to do so. Then he put on two. He was ordered to put on seven, but he did not think there could be more than two. A significant paragraph about this former Harrisburger is that he came home "wearing many decorations." Mrs. Harrell and her daughters are in Denby where Colonel Harrell will join them.

One of the odd growths of traffic is on a street where a horse gets on a street and does pretty much as he pleases. Whether this is because he drives a horse because he does not have a motor vehicle and wants to inform the public of the fact or else that he grows confused no one can say, but motormen and policemen are authority for the statement that drivers of carriages in Second and Market streets do more than cause traffic than anything else. Often drivers of horses, wishing to keep away from the cars stacked along curbs, take to the trolley tracks and hang there. Occasionally they try to turn up alleys. But the motormen swear that every man who drives a horse takes to the trolley tracks and hangs there, ringing the gong several times to clear the way.

What has become of the old time street car conductor who used to help the passengers get on and off the car platforms and pass down the market baskets? There are some of them left, but the younger generation of car operatives either has been trained to do as they please or does not care. Almost any day women with youngsters can be seen struggling to get them off the car steps, while the old time conductor stands on the platform waiting for them to clear the platform. The other evening a motorman on Second street was helping a woman and her child get on the car. The motorman stands on the platform waiting for them to clear the platform. The other evening a motorman on Second street was helping a woman and her child get on the car. The motorman stands on the platform waiting for them to clear the platform. The other evening a motorman on Second street was helping a woman and her child get on the car. The motorman stands on the platform waiting for them to clear the platform.

Mrs. Edith B. Bergstresser, the new police matron, went on duty unofficially the other night. The story is told that during the parade of the "Pink Goss" there was one of the pink wrappers that were worn by that unusual organization proceeded to cut some caps. He carried away a cap and Mrs. Bergstresser who told him: "You put down your dress, you ought to know better."

"I'm too young" responded the man.

Some one tipped him off that the new matron was standing there and the way he resumed his place in line resembled a pay day rush at a mill.

Some of the automobile drivers of Harrisburg are getting a chance to see and enjoy one of the finest rides in the city. The road has been built by the lower end of Dauphin and Clark's Ferry. The road has been fixed up and it really gives a party using it a chance to see the great central section of the country and far over the Susquehanna into Perry county. The drop right straight down from back of Halifax over the mountain into Dauphin and the rear way goes through a rich farming section and then over the mountain unfolding views of never heard the average Harrisburger which

Midnight swims along the Susquehanna are not unknown these days and nights the mercury is up and people living along the river front have been surprised when the noise of speeding automobiles and motor cycles with cut-outs open has been punctuated with shouts and laughter of people enjoying the cool waters of the river. Sunday night there were some late swimmers and some went to bed pretty close to morning hours. There were probably more people in the water yesterday morning before breakfast than for a long time.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer will be the guest of the Insurgents' welcome home celebration in September.

—Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, will be the Labor Day orator at Pittsburgh.

—The Rev. Mark B. Roy, of Washington, who has been in missionary work in Egypt, is home again.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg knit goods are sold in every State in the Union.

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

—Harrisburg began to make nails in the twenties.