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Die when we may I want it said, Of me, by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow.—Lincoln.

THE PLACE TO BEGIN

IT IS to be hoped that the return to Harrisburg of Arnold W. Brunner, the architect of the State in the Capitol park improvements, with the revised plans for the street changes and the terracing and coping of the Third and Walnut street sides of the park, will not be long delayed.

In no place in the State is there greater interest in Governor Sproul's plan to make the Capitol the civic center of the Commonwealth than in Harrisburg. It has been the experience that many state capitals regard state improvements as wholly state matters.

We wonder if there is anything significant between the prohibition law and the sudden increase in coffee prices?

CAUSE FOR INDIGNATION

THE Telegraph on Saturday published an exclusive picture made by Underwood and Underwood, the noted photographers, showing the burning of a million dollars worth of airplanes in France by order of the War Department as a means of ridding itself of an incumbrance after the signing of the armistice.

Not a Republican has a single objection to raise against a single item of necessary war expenditure. They voted for the appropriations which Mr. Baker said were necessary without debate and gave into the hands of the administration without a murmur.

Some of the Cumberland Valley cornstalks better look out or they will be mistaken for telegraph poles.

Beware Bad Water

Beware of bad water. Every summer Harrisburg has from one to a dozen cases of typhoid fever brought in from the outside; "vacation typhoid" or "picnic typhoid" the physicians call it, because for the most part it is acquired on outings jaunts or camping trips.

The fellow who "stands on his dignity" seldom adds much to his stature.

torch in order to lessen the baggage of returning divisions. Nobody would have objected if this stuff had been turned over to needy French, Belgian or Italian people, but to deliberately burn it is a crime that should be punished. It is too late, unfortunately, to get back any of the wasted material or the money loss involved, but it is not too late to find out who was responsible and make an example of him.

NEW NATIONAL GUARD

WHILE it is most gratifying to learn that Pennsylvania may be the first of the States to reorganize its National Guard after the war, it is exactly what we should expect to hear. It is the Pennsylvania way.

Men of the 28th, the 42nd, the 79th and all the other divisions in which Pennsylvanians fought in France and Belgium will gather with the Reserve Militiamen at the mustering places when the word goes out to give the Nation and the State a body of men ready for any emergency, trained, experienced, vigorous and spirited.

Halifax wrote her name in large letters on the upper end map Saturday, linking up with Lykens, Wisconsin and the other communities that have been celebrating the return of their young heroes.

EUROPE'S NEED OURS TOO

THOMAS W. LAMONT, just returned from Europe where he had exceptional advantages for observation, gives it as his opinion that the greatest need abroad is trained young men.

We seem to have remembered very clearly, indeed, that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," but we have forgotten that he is not worth more than his hire; in other words, that there is a limitation to his earning capacity.

The man who sells a pound of coffee gets more for it than the man who sells only a half pound. Right, you say, he delivered twice as much.

Always and ever, so long as the world stands, the trained man, the industrious man, will be paid more than his untrained or his lazy fellow workman.

Many Democrats heard with sorrow of the death of Ex-Representative Fred T. Keeler, of Bloomsburg, for several years one of the fighting Democrats in the Legislature.

Yes, the greatest need of the day is trained young men—not trained in technical and professional lines alone, but trained in the gospel of hard work, trained to believe that production should govern pay.

Politics in Pennsylvania

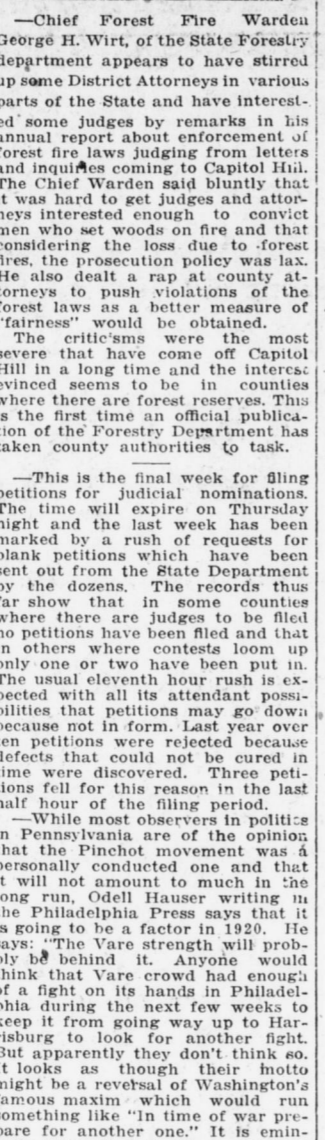
Chief Forest Fire Warden George H. Wirt, of the State Forestry department appears to have stirred up some District Attorneys in various parts of the State and have interested some judges by remarks in his annual report about enforcement of forest fire laws.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

There was a great world crisis here were literally millions of lives at stake; here were anguish and heroism, seething human action reaching over half a world, and the clergyman was helpless to do any one of their jobs even at a pinch—while every man of these "half-educated" warriors could not

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

BY BRIGGS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MOSQUITO NUISANCE

Dear Sir, If it be true that the city of Harrisburg has failed to take advantage of the expert assistance placed at its disposal by the State Commissioner of Health to make Harrisburg more than ever a model city, some one should be called to account for it.

The big men of Harrisburg, the leading civic organizations, pledged to the Telegraph that they would do their best to see that the city was not plagued by mosquitoes.

We had walked ten miles through mutilated towns and villages. The little town on whose site we lay was a simple one square, brick building, with a few trees and a smudge on the mud—all that was left of a once smiling and happy little town.

And we four were watching, thinking. We were an Australian private in the ranks, a British officer, an officer in the marines and an American Clergyman with a long career of degrees representing fourteen years of steady "education."

WHO HAS 'RIGHT'?

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Sir: Please explain the regulation of the new automobile act which reads as follows: "When vehicles approach the intersection of two public highways at the same time, the vehicle approaching from the right shall have the right of way."

Feeding Damaged Wheat

Many farmers in this section will be confronted with the problem of disposing of wheat damaged by sprouting and exposure. When markets are normal is a questionable policy to attempt to sell damaged wheat. Under present conditions, and with other grains high, it will certainly pay many to feed such wheat if they have any fattening animals on the farm.

What's to Follow the Ukulele?

The time is ripe for some hither-to unknown musical instrument to leap into popularity. That sort of thing goes by waves, and we are now in the trough of the sea of melody. There is something to cheer us, and it is only necessary for somebody to start something to make the crowd fall in line hilariously.

Teething-Hottest Room in the House

PA AND MA AND EV'BODY OUT ON THE FRONT PORCH GETTING THE AIR.



THINKING AMONG THE GUNS

A Clergyman's Conversion to Universal Military Training

By The Rev. Thomas Travis, Ph. D.

NUMBER 1.

There were four of us, resting in the shelter of an "arbl," at the firing line in Flanders. Shell were bursting around us just near enough to give noisome and penetrating to our thinking.

We could see the great "Woolly bears" bursting over the roads, and the flash of our big guns behind us, as they twisted iron and steel to see the signals flashed from plane to battery where the limbers and lorries crowded the roads.

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MISTAKES

We all make mistakes, humankind is not perfect. It is small wonder that the Secretary of War makes mistakes. He was drafted from the ranks of pacifists in his present high place.

The Secretary of War says that the selection and maintenance of certain Southern military camps was a "mistake," and that he, to a certain extent, responsible.

Secretary Baker generously comes forward and admits his "mistakes." Recognizing his pacifist profession, nobody would be so unkind as to say he should have been able to manage the War Department, in war time, without making "mistakes."

What's the Use?

It is idle talk of coming seven-cent pieces for street car fares. It would be only another year before we would have to discontinue them and begin to coin-fourteen-cent pieces.

Going to the Country

[From the Detroit Free Press.]

A great many people profess an affection for Nature who have never met the dame and know nothing about her or her ways. Most of our lives are spent in looking at the procession. Take it away and the zest of living is gone.

To those accustomed to city noise and hustle, three days of country quiet develops homesickness. A lamentable lack of mental resources, when they are applied to themselves, comes to view.

Farmers are great despoilers of beauty. A tree is cut because its roots exhaust the soil; they choose a shadeless site for the new house, and perhaps plant trees, awaiting their growth, when well grown forest trees are reasonably near.

For a day's real country pleasure you like the sort of thing—lock the car in the garage, and if possible that all but obsolete vehicle known as a phaeton, coerce a not too ambitious nag between the shafts and go forth to explore.

Part of the joy of such a pilgrimage is the association recalled; one landscape calls to mind others like which there were as "intangible and indescribable as the tints of morning and evening," are the true harvest of life.

The Victorious Dead

Peace? I recall an acre of the dead marked with the only sign on earth that saves. The wings of death were hurrying overhead.

The earth shook on those quiet graves. For the deep gulches, with quick made their own thunders of the sunlit air.

The peace with which the moving heavens are fraught, The peace that is our everlasting life.

The loose earth shook. The very hills were stirred. The silence of the dead was all I heard.

A little while we may not see their eyes, Or touch their hands, for they are far too hard, the life that never dies.

Speaks to the life that waits its freedom here.

Chuzzlewit's Eden Today

Eden has changed since Martin Chuzzlewit and Mark Tapley tried to develop the land which Dickens believed to have given that name in the American State of Missouri.

The swamp was too much for them. But now comes the report that a similar tract has lately produced 56,000 bushels of corn and has 350 acres successfully planted to oats and 125 acres profitably raising alfalfa.

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WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

The Rev. Max C. Wiant, of Reading, Pa., has suggested that churches establish membership degrees.

DO YOU KNOW

Harrisburg had taverns before it was even a town? HISTORIC HARRISBURG Early industries of Harrisburg were chiefly repair of wagons.

Evening Chat

One does not ordinarily look for individuality in an electric arc street light, but there are some which have marked characteristics and furnish interesting ground for speculation in Harrisburg.

The men who have been observing these light traits say that there are also street cars which have their fits of temper, and that they have been known to protest and groan when hauling the "foundry" gang or out on the "Rutherford Special" on P. 22 in the morning.

State officials who have been busy enforcing the pure food laws in Pennsylvania have come to conclusion that so-called ciders are going to furnish the most prolific source of violation of the pure food laws.

Probably the most sweeping investigation of dams in Pennsylvania is now under way by engineers of the State Water Supply Commission to see how the structures which were erected a few years ago, and in many cases strengthened and changed to meet the demands of the times and experience, stood the strain of the frequent periods of high water.

Introducing the New Pastor in Kansas

[Ogden correspondence Manhattan Mercury]

The Rev. Snare gave two good sermons Sunday which if some of the people of Ogden and community who have not attended a church service in a number of years, had been present to hear they might not have slept quite as peacefully Sunday night.