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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1919 Education is a capital to the poor man, and interest to the rich man.

PIONEERING CLARENCE E. ZORGER addressing the Harrisburg Rotary Club on his work as superintendent of special activities in the Harrisburg public schools.

We have the School Board and Dr. Downes to thank for that—also for the engagement of Mr. Zorger to perform the service.

The need is here. Just how best to meet it remains to be worked out. It is not right that the school houses should work only five hours a day for five days in the week and ten months in the year.

It is the belief of those who have given thought to the matter that discontent can be greatly lessened and the standard of citizenship materially raised by giving to every man, woman and child who desires it the opportunity to take his or her place in the community.

THE CENTERPIECE ARNOLD W. BRUNNER, explaining in detail his plans for the city's memorial to the men who saw service in the war with Germany.

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new depot. Our present structure, large though it is, is a mere makeshift. It was not designed to accommodate the traffic that now passes through it and all additions and changes that have been made in the past fifteen years have not greatly bettered conditions except to provide for a little more room.

Superintendent Elmer recognizes this and has promised to do his best in the way of improving conditions, but he is handicapped by the present Government control of railroads, with its constant shortage of funds and its limitations of service.

In the old days, with private interests in control and each railroad bidding for the business of its territory, corporate management saw to it that depot necessities were met, no matter how great the cost, but since the Government has taken over the roads, no improvements to property have been made that have not been vitally essential to the movement of trains, and even some of these have been neglected.

VETERANS OF THE CROSS

WHAT a fine thing Stevens Memorial Church did yesterday and Saturday, when it entertained the veteran members of the congregation in honor of their long and faithful service to the church. It is remarkable that this congregation embraces fifty-six men and women between the ages of 70 and 90.

TALKING FOOLISHNESS

EVERY soap-box orator in the land is talking "revolution." Even President Wilson used the ominous word in several of his western speeches, and now comes Senator Johnson to say that the country will be on the brink of revolution if the Wilson league plan is not soon killed.

The great majority of Americans are taking the league debate calmly and revolution is an unknown word in America, except as it applies to occurrences in countries that do not enjoy our democratic form of government.

THE AIR FIELD

THE necessity of getting a municipal flying field for Harrisburg as soon as possible is shown in the trip made recently from Mineola to Washington by an "air-liner" conveying fourteen people. At last the commercially possible heavier-than-air type of plane has been devised and it will be but a short time before we are taking passage from Harrisburg to New York or Harrisburg to San Francisco as nonchalantly and with no more thought of the risk involved than now attends the purchase of a railroad ticket.

OH, YES, IT PAYS

TRULY there is nothing like newspaper advertising. Take the case of George Unger, of Chambersburg, for illustration. In Thursday's issue of the Telegraph, George advertised for 5,000. Yesterday came the answer—5,000 English girls on their way to the United States in search of husbands, and every girl of 'em is said to have a pocketful of money.

OUR STATION NEEDS

INDICATIONS that Pennsylvania Railroad authorities are considering the building of a union station adjacent to the State Memorial Bridge to be erected at State street are not lacking.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Two matters connected with the Pennsylvania primary of last Tuesday are causing comment not only in newspapers within this State, but in New York and Washington. This is due to the prominence of the men whose political future is involved in what happens in the next six or seven months.

It seems to be generally agreed that the results of the Republican primary have assured the return of Senator Lutz, Pennsylvanian to the United States senate and that Governor William C. Sproul is a greater force than ever in State politics.

Found Americans Groping (Philip Gibbs in Harper's Magazine) At dinner parties and evening receptions I met the different actors in the great drama of American life, and found them, in that time of armistice, desperately earnest about the problems of peace.

The editorial view is well summed up in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin which in discussing the results of the primary says in part: "The number of citizens who enrolled themselves as Democrats or Republicans at the polls was so small as to be almost suggestive of the virtual extinction of that party in Philadelphia."

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THE MENIN WAY

Along the cobbled Menin Way The wine and wool were sent, And market wagons every day To Ypres and Menin went, And oh! the laughing women sat and sewed Before their houses on the Menin road.

Remarkable Tribute

Oyster Bay is not the easiest place in the world to get to. Traveling by rail it is at the end of a devious branch line. By motor it is off the beaten path, far from the main roads where the car would be a help.



Jack London's Spring

To the Editor of the Telegraph: The "Sparkling Water" near Harrisburg has been remembered with joy by at least one world-renowned sailor, although the word Kipona was not in use when Jack London spent that day in June, 1895, in and about the city. He enjoyed his swim "off one of the piers" despite the fact that his clothing was robbed of all his possessions—cigarettes, papers, tobacco and about thirty cents while he was in bathing.

Friendly Trees

(From "Poems," by Herbert Trench, published by E. P. Dutton & Co.) O dreamy, gloomy, friendly trees, I came along your narrow track, To bring my gifts unto your knees, And gifts did you give back; For when I brought this heart that These thoughts that bitterly re- And laid them here among the ferns And the hum of boughs divine, Ye vastest brothers of the air, Shook down with slow and mighty poise Your coolness on the human care, Your wonder on its toys, Your greenness on the heart's despair, Your darkness on its noise.

Keeping It Dark

(From Blighty, London.) Master of the House—Why did you tell me what time I came in this morning after I expressly paid you and told you not to do it? The Cook—Sure, sir, an' Oi didn't look at the clock

The Underpaid Professor

He is being cramped and humiliated on all sides, is conscious that he is becoming quasi-miserably able to support his family. In fact, he is himself living a petty and sordid life, and what is much worse, sees those he most cares for, and for whom he is responsible involved in the same destiny. He willingly took on the vow of poverty for himself, perhaps, but not for them. He is in the clutch of an out-and-out exasperating experience, one that is destructive both of his dignity and his self-respect.

In An Attic

Into a dusky land of dreams The twilight falls in moted beams Where in an ordered disarray, The relics of an elder day; Dead scents of lavender and thyme Still linger in the dust and grime, While through the sleepy after-noon Whisp'ring of long-forgotten The wind that round the attic sings.

Influence

[Forbes Magazine.] The only influence worth having is the influence you yourself create. Money can be bestowed or bequeathed by a rich man, but the things most worth while cannot. The man who yields a wide, wholesome, beautiful, noble, but and himself, the man who has acquired wisdom by painstaking study, effort, and experience, the man whose virtue and character are respected by others, the man whose personality inspires admiration, the man whose achievements testify to his worth.

Well Known People

—Bishop J. F. Berry will preside at the Methodist conference at Uniontown. —M. L. Montgomery, well known in Lehigh county affairs, is ill at Allentown. —Mayor Arthur M. Scully, formerly in Harrisburg newspaper work, is home after service in the army in Germany.

DO YOU KNOW

—Harrisburg is now one of the chief freight car repair places? —Historic Harrisburg —Harrisburg's baseball grounds used to be up in what is now the Eleventh ward.

Evening Chat

Steelton furnace No. 1, which has played an important part in the industrial history of Dauphin county and which was the first stack to be built in the Pennsylvania Steel Company by the Pennsylvania Steel Company, is being torn down and before long the tall chimney which was one of the landmarks of Steelton for half a century will disappear. This furnace, which made iron for steel for some of the early steel rails rolled in Pennsylvania and for bridges in a dozen lands, was built in 1872 and stood in the following fall. It was originally 60x14 feet and was remodeled in 1883. The stack has a remarkable history for continuous service. Before the end of the year it is probable that No. 2 furnace, which was blown in almost on the Nation's centennial day in 1876, will also disappear. This furnace was one of the first Eastern Pennsylvania to attain the size of 80x20 feet and has been remodeled and improved several times. Both furnaces have had their share of accidents, but it would be difficult to find any units of industrial establishments in this county which have for fifty years had so large a place in the lives of thousands of men. When the smoky plumes were rising from the tall chimneys it was a sign accepted by people of Steelton that times were good and that the furnace was "busy," while the furnaces furnished employment to a couple of generations of iron workers. They were the first to be taken down and another similar plant will go to the scrap pile before the march of improvement. Fortunately for Steelton, the furnace is rising to take the place of the two towers and the iron producing laurus will remain there and not disappear as they have from other parts of Dauphin county.

A friend in the Grand Army of the Republic in commenting upon a picture in his column the other evening about the organization of the posts, says that Post 58 was mustered on April 24, 1867, and was one of the largest in the State in a short time. It still has a considerable roll, there being about 175, possibly more, veterans who are members. This post has furnished two commanders and the department of Pennsylvania, the late George G. Boyer and the present commander, George Rhoads. It was joint host with Post 116 when the national encampment of the Grand Army was held in Harrisburg in May, 1883. It has a fine history, indeed.

Pennsylvania's official goldfish placed in the basins of the fountains in the front of the State Capitol this summer are having a hard time. Between school boys, predatory tom cats, and the elements of the weather, the fish are large handsome fellows which were obtained by the head of the State Department of Fisheries and placed in charge of Superintendent "Tom" Tompleton. Before the school bells rang the fish had only the cats to contend with. Then the squirrels began to try to fish. Some of them fell into the basin, but the Capitol policemen say that squirrels do try to catch the smaller ones. The basin have to be watched to prevent boys from taking the fish, but the other day one of the guards found that some boys had opened the door to the fountain and had been pouring the drain and the water of the fountain into the sewer. It is a race with the frost in Pennsylvania now, say State Agricultural Department officials, who have been getting reports of many late tomatoes, beans and other produce and of much corn still in the stalks. Late produce seems to be rather heavy, probably due in a measure to the weather conditions and there has been a tremendous crop of grapes in many sections which have been much in demand by foreigners and others who want to make their money in the vine. Corn cutting has been under way for some time and there was so much of it planted this year owing to the attractive price that it will be some time before it is all sold. A great deal of corn is large in the southern counties and farmers are working to get the apple and potato crops gathered before Jack Frost comes around.

Although 1919 automobile tags have still over three months to run, there have been a number of reports of their expiration. Many of them are from people who want to continue their present numbers or to get some one which they failed to buy in winter. The usual freak requests for "polished" and odd combinations are being made.

Owen Johnston, the author, was among visitors to Harrisburg the other day. He stopped here while on his way East to see the Capitol and spending with Captain Fred A. Godcharov, an old friend, and shown through the building and about the city.

The State Medical Society, whose members meet here to-morrow, is one of the oldest societies in the country. It has met in Harrisburg almost every five years and several Harrisburg men have been honored by the presidency.