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Only so far as a man believes strongly can he act cheerfully, or do anything that is worth doing.—Rousseau.

PROGRESSIVE ALTOONA

ALTOONA is fairly on its toes and, with Harrisburg as an example, it is going ahead with a great community hotel movement.

Plans will be rushed and it is expected that the new place of entertainment in Altoona will be ready within a few months.

President Wilson is about to learn that the present Congress is not like the old. It has a mind of its own and it does not see much virtue in rum.

A GOOD MOVE

CHIEF STONE, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has made a move toward lowering the high cost of living that, if properly handled, may get somewhere.

His plan is to get together a party of consumers and producers and outline plans for getting foodstuffs from one to the other without many of the unnecessary transactions between them that now add so much to the cost of provisions.

Some middle men are necessary. There can be no doubt about that. But others are in the market purely on a profit-making basis.

TIME TO MOVE

HARRISBURG is to get into step with the capital cities of other States and to keep pace with Erie, Meadville, Greensburg, West Chester and other county towns of its own Commonwealth in the matter of facilities for its military organizations.

block, but donated \$75,000 beside for a building. Harrisburg is an important military center both from official and transportation standpoints.

A LIMIT TO LAW

THE Railroad Brotherhoods threaten to strike as a protest against "non-strike" legislation in the railroad bill now a store Congress.

It was nonsensical to include such a provision in the railroad measure. Nobody can prevent a man from leaving his job if he be so inclined, and what one man can do a thousand or a million can do.

THE NEXT STEP

INASMUCH as City Council is in full sympathy with the important Italian Park plans and the development scheme which comprehends important street changes and diversion of water so as to provide for a small park, we may expect prompt action to the end that all of these matters shall be determined before the coming of winter.

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS

AS indicated in an authoritative business publication to-day the real object of the Washington industrial conference was to arrange for business to proceed undisturbed hereafter by unrest and dissatisfaction on either side.

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I'LL GIVE YOU AN IDEA WHAT I CAN DO ON THE WALL - I KNOW IT'S AGAINST THE RULES BUT I'LL TAKE A CHANCE -

WOW! I GOT WALLOPED AGAIN - DIDN'T DO NOTHIN' BUT WRITE ON THE OLD WALL

Politics in Pennsylvania

One week from to-day Pennsylvania will be voting to settle one of the most interesting series of county, municipal and judicial elections held in a decade and the echoes of various contests are coming across the counties to the State Capitol in a manner that indicates that the men who play politics have an eye on next year's campaigns.

In several counties the Palmer wing of the Democracy has had an idea that the Bonniwell people might try to do something and they have been ready and waiting for something which never happened, while in other counties they have tried to demonstrate that they are on the job by taking various matters into consideration and getting beaten most of the time.

In addition to the judicial and mayoralty contests which have been reviewed from time to time are a score or more of local elections. In Reading, a mill on loan improvement loan is an issue and moves and speeches are being used to boost it. Johnstown has a school loan which is being extensively advertised in the newspapers.

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Evening Chat

Suggestion made in this column last night that the proposed State bridge, to be built some time in the future as a part of the comprehensive plan to make the Capitol the civic center of the Commonwealth, should be named the Red Cross bridge in honor of the women of the Pennsylvania branch of the great organization, seemed to have met with much favor, but objection was promptly made to-day that it would force a change in the roads leading to Harrisburg from the Cumberland valley. As a matter of fact, it would not disturb a single existing road and being primarily a bridge for tourists would not interfere very much with the ordinary traffic over the present river bridges, which by that time will probably be replaced by a highway for those objections. As to the highway problem it would simply mean a new road cutting off from the Carlisle-Harrisburg pike some-where near Camp Hill and following, most of the way, a ravine or series of depressions that come down to the Susquehanna at the Northern entrance to the valley almost opposite State street. This would take it past properties which were considered a few years ago as a possible site for the Country Club of Harrisburg and bring the traveler through some very pretty lumberland county farming lands. There is a road a small part of the way on the West side of the highway and brings down traffic from the Juniata Valley that does not cross the river at Clark's Ferry.

The change in the hours under the Daylight Savings Law, which went into effect at midnight on Saturday, caught many unprepared and there was more confusion Sunday. People say the newspapers had not discussed the matter as generally as they should have, when the law became operative, and the confusion announcing the change had escaped the attention of many. Some who had remembered the law forgot to turn back their clocks when they went to bed on Saturday night and they arose at the usual hour to find that they would be late for their longer commutes. The joy longer commutes and trolley cars and railroad trains adjusted themselves easily to the change. Trains in or near terminals on the main roads were held an hour to adjust themselves to the new order of time.

Insurance people are nothing if not versatile. In recent Legislatures they have been getting through laws which extend the field of insurance, one of the recent acts authorizing insurance against bombardment from air or sea, and while others were from various kinds of natural disturbances. Now various firms are offering insurance against "riot and civil commotion."

Scarcely a day passes that one or more letters with a complaint do not reach the office of William Elmer, superintendent of the Philadelphia Division. Some of the complaints are humorous. The complainant frequently takes up much space and paper in the files. Most of them overlook the fact that there is a place for filing complaints, and in many cases they get the matter straightened out before the case the other day, when a traveler wrote the local head of the Philadelphia Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad that while traveling from one city to another in an adjoining county he had occasion to leave his grip in the baggage room for a short time. On his return to Harrisburg he discovered that the grip, according to the letter, had been taken to the "cow itch." "I scratched all night" said the complainant. He asked for an investigation into conditions at the baggage room. Unfortunately Superintendent Elmer has no connection with the railroad over which this traveler rode.

A year or so ago an appeal was made by the late Dr. Joseph Kalthaus, secretary of the State Game Commission, for the preservation of the American walnut tree and other nut trees. The doctor pointed out that the black walnut had been largely bought up for gunstocks and that there was danger of the tree becoming very scarce. As a result there were literally thousands of the trees planted in this State. In Harrisburg more than 500 were planted, some of them being young saplings brought in from the country. In other instances people bought the nuts and planted them. Not many of them survived, but the thing is that interest in the trees did not die out. It seems to be as strong as ever. Years ago the nuts of the black chestnut and hickory nut trees in the vicinity of Harrisburg, but they are very scarce now. Twenty-five years ago there were chestnut trees lining the city roads for miles around Harrisburg and Oberlin, Progress and Shiremanstown were places where chestnuts were to be had, while the hickory nuts were the Blue Ridge and on many hills. Some were even to be seen on Fort Washington. And the beech nut which used to furnish much of the fuel for wild turkey was frequently met with in upper Dauphin and Perry counties and along the Swatara. Now they are rare and some people can not even identify them. The beech birches that used to be so numerous along the Susquehanna they are now more garden ornaments in the Lombardy park has replaced them along the streams.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Thomas Shipley, of York, well known here, is head of the committee named for the Knights Templar conclude in this city.

—Dr. S. S. Rowe, former University of Pennsylvania professor, has left the United States Treasury Department to become head of the United States Bureau in the State Department.

—Bishop T. J. Garland, of Philadelphia, who declined the bishopric of Utah, may become bishop of Newark.

—Ex-President Taft is to speak at State College next month.

—Major Alfred Collins, of Bryn Mawr, has taken charge of a housing survey near Philadelphia.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg hosiery is sold in Cuba?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG—Harrisburg used to be a distribution point for Huntington and a million county wheat a century ago.