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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1919 ... I dread nothing so much as falling into ruts and feeling myself becoming a fossil.—JAMES A. GARFIELD.

TWO GREAT BRIDGES ... READERS of the Telegraph of Wednesday must have been greatly interested and impressed with the story printed on the editorial page from L'illustration (Paris), telling of the wonderful memorial bridge now under construction over the Marne river at Chateau Thierry to take the place of the old bridge blown up by American engineers to prevent the further advance of the German horde toward Paris.

It is a remarkable coincidence that there should be designed for Pennsylvania's splendid memorial a commemorative structure similar to the bridge approved by the expert art critics of France for the high water mark of the Hun invasion at Chateau Thierry.

FRIDAY EVENING ... voters at the election next Tuesday they will not fall in appreciation of the importance of such facilities for Harrisburg.

The use of money at the polls, according to old politicians, is not confined to Carlisle. Nearly all can tell the story of a silver dollar that was handed over to a voter in the booth and of the dollar rolling out before the election bell.—Harrisburg Evening News.

They could also tell of women of South Third street who leaned out of the upper windows of their homes and witnessed the Democratic dispensers of a big corruption fund, giving large bills to the voters as they passed single file into the polling places during a famous mayoralty campaign here.

TWO REASONS WHY COUNTY CHAIRMAN WILLIAM H. HORNER says there are two prime reasons why every Republican should go to the polls next Tuesday. They are:

First, because the ticket named in September is made up entirely of men worthy of the support of the party. Second, because the vote rolled up this fall will have an important bearing on the Presidential election next year, when every Republican will desire to see the party in power at Washington turned out and Republicans elected to replace them.

Just because the Democrats are disrupted and discouraged in Harrisburg and Dauphin county is no reason why Republicans should be careless of their duties, and it is not likely they will be. Indeed, the present state of disorganization in the Democratic party should be the very reason why Republicans should show their interest.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

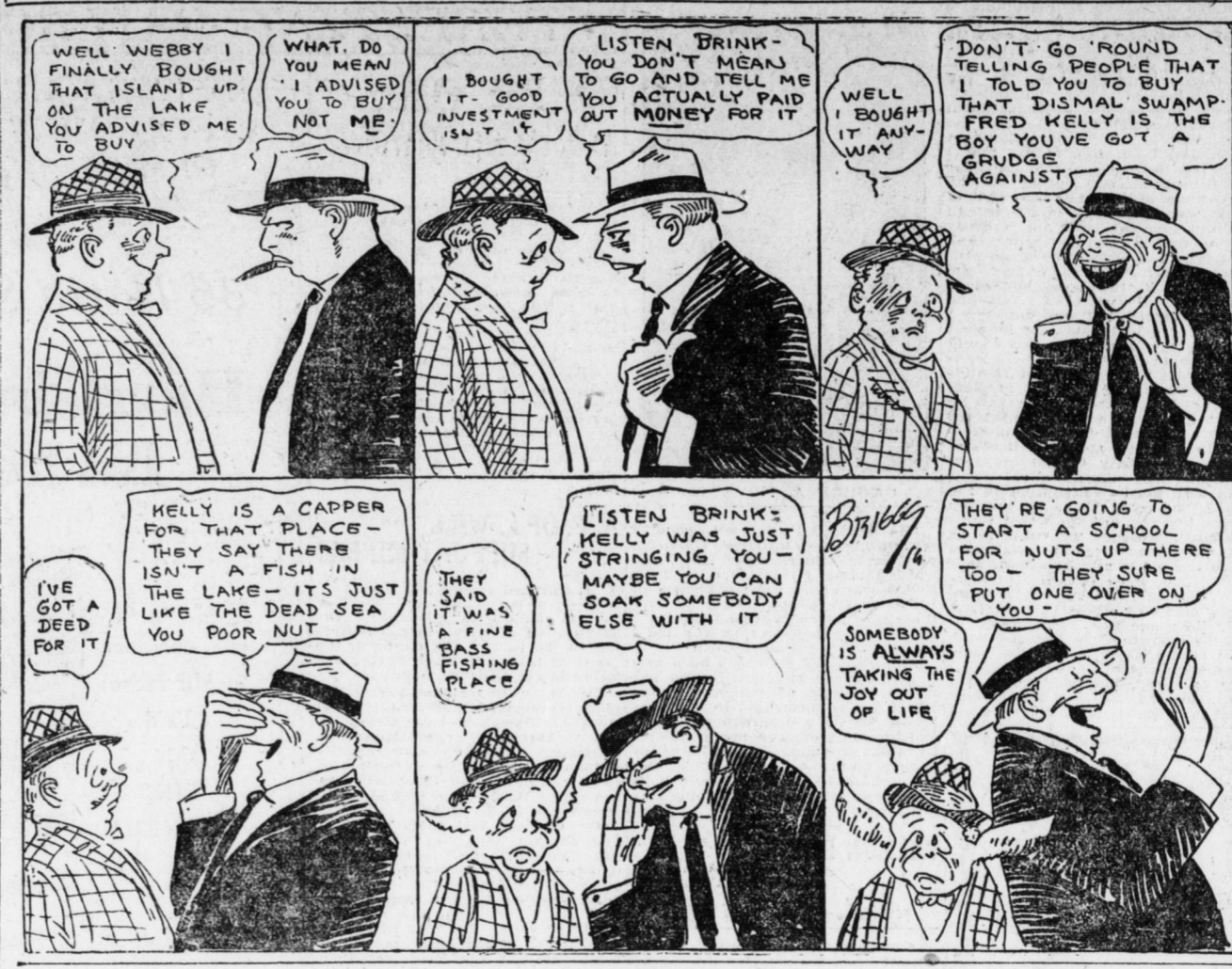
Considerable apprehension is being manifested by men connected with the Democratic State windmill as to what may happen to the party in its claim to minority representation in counties where there have been flank movements engineered to elect county officers. The Democratic leaders have always attempted to assert something like constitutional rigidity to minority county commissioners.

Just as an instance of the way the Democrats and some of the independents have gotten tangled up this fall, this extract from the Philadelphia Press is of interest. The Press has been making a close study of the unusual political situation in Philadelphia and is of the opinion that the Democrats have no right on their hands to hold minority places. It says editorially: "We are not concerned in the contest for the minority offices between the Democratic party and the so-called Charter party, but when the Democratic party chairman, who is also a candidate for county clerk, is elected, the law is specifically framed for the purpose of allying the minority places to the Democrats."

Some attention has been attracted to the local issues involved in the State election of next year, the question of adopting the commission form of government for the borough, instead of following the general provisions of the borough act, which would require a school loan is also before the people. The Sunbury Daily gives this account of an important endorsement of the plan for the commission form of government which will be voted on at the general election in Sunbury on Tuesday of next week.

The Methodists of Harrisburg in a great union conference determined to widen their sphere of usefulness by promoting practical Americanization efforts. A definite program is to be arranged for this work to cover Harrisburg and a radius of ten miles outside.

SOMEbody IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



Government's Function ... "Gas"—The First Alarm

Government's Function [From Kansas City Times] The public welfare is expressly declared by the constitution to be a chief concern of the Government, that welfare undoubtedly requires that the Government should by its production and distribution of the necessities of life.

"Gas"—The First Alarm A Frenzy for Which the Hun Was Not to Blame By INNIS BROWN IN THE AMERICAN LEGION WEEKLY I WONDER whether any man who saw front-line service in France will ever forget that first gas alarm. Surely none of the boys who were bitten by the fiendish stuff, and possibly marked for life, will ever forget its horrors.

When he started—One cent a word: "He lit a cigarette." Six cents later—Three cents a word: "Taking out his ornate cigarette case, he extracted one of the slender cylinders and applied a match to it. The curling smoke mounted like incense at the altar of some pagan goddess." Two years later—Twenty-five cents a word: "With a gesture of supreme ease and manner, he poised the slender cylinder between his lips. For just a fraction of a second he held it before he pressed it to his lips and in a pause before a kiss to take the fullest pleasure in the anticipation. Then the spurt of the match brought his features into sharp relief for an instant, to be veiled the next second by the misty exhalation of that first perfect puff."

Republican Doctrine [From the Dubuque Times-Journal] We have pointed out that the great leaders of the Republican party have always maintained the cause of Americanism. The stand taken by the party to-day is in entire accord with its position in the past. It is not an accident that the Republican party has been called upon to put American interests in the foreground.

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How About It? [The American Legion Weekly] The Army will take over the work of the seven welfare societies, says Secretary Baker. An organization connected with the General Staff will be charged with the development and supervision of the educational relief for an inmate of the row. Washington elects two judges this year. Governor Sprout speaks at Chester's final rally to-morrow.

Bad Men of "Character" Historians who try to write of prehistoric times tell us that men won women at those days by brute force. Strength in man still appeals to women tremendously, and she likes to find her master, in spite of the vote and a few other things. Bad men usually show strength of some sort. Maybe that is why they are attractive to women. Follow up the life story of any criminal you like, and you'll find a woman in the story. No matter how bad a man may be, he can usually find a woman who will believe in him.

Lion Is Household Pet The lion says a writer in our Dumfries Animals, which prints a photograph of very mild young beast, would seem to contradict the general opinion that a lion's wild nature cannot be practiced by kindness and human associations. Since he was but a few days old, the young lion has been the pet and playmate of Mrs. Herbert Cole, of San Francisco. Tawny Pershing, that's his name, is now nearly two years old, tipping the scales in the neighborhood of two hundred pounds, and it is hard for either him or his mistress to realize that he is getting too big to fondle.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —R. J. Montgomery, of the Reading Coal and Iron Company, who has been ill, is improving. —D. Lloyd Claycomb, candidate for district attorney in Blair against Marion Patterson, used to be in the Legislature. —Dr. Charles Rohland, who resigned his office of Berks, is well known to Harrisburg medical men. —Captain B. P. Cannon, elected president of the 21st Regiment Volunteer Association, is a car manufacturer. —Mayor Charles J. Biddle is to make the memorial address at Morris Hill. —The Rev. Dr. George W. Shelton, Pittsburgh clergyman, is making a series of prohibition addresses in Ohio. —Judge John D. Kephart will be speaker at the Reading Sons of Veterans celebration. —Major Joseph J. Smith, who had charge of the Roosevelt tribute at Allentown, is a newspaperman and former national guardsman.

The Red Cross [From the Philadelphia Press.] The accounting which the Red Cross is making of its trusteeship of the tremendous war fund that was entrusted to it by the American people is the best possible preparation that could be made for its forthcoming membership drive. No benevolent organization has ever had before the handling of so enormous a fund. There were four hundred millions of dollars placed at its disposal, either in cash or in material. How good was the Red Cross stewardship, how effective its methods, how business-like its organization, how excellent its results, the reports tell in very convincing way.

Worth Considering [From Kansas City Times] The only advantage in a celluloid collar is that it makes nice fall in cold weather.

Evening Chat

So little has been said about the plan for a State Commission to study and recommend revision of the Constitution of Pennsylvania that the average man does not realize the importance of the body which is to be appointed partly by Governor William C. Spruill, and which will hold its sessions in Harrisburg. For years there have been discussions and plans to revise Pennsylvania's constitution and there are persons who are as insistent upon changing its provisions as there are folks who hold that it meets all requirements the way it is, although the number of the latter is growing less and less all the time.

There appears in some quarters to be considerable misapprehension regarding a program which was recently incident to the reception of King Albert and his party the other day. One of the Philadelphia newspapers says that "Some citizens were surprised when they learned that the program did not include a visit to the Capitol." So far as the Chamber of Commerce was concerned, the program from the outset contemplated a visit to the Capitol, the planting of trees on the Capitol grounds as a memorial of the visit, the short street party, and the party might gather some impression of the city and finally an inspection of the great industrial plant of Steelton. It is true that the program was in danger of breaking down several times and up to the last minute, owing to the shifting orders from the Department of State at Washington and the party en route, but through the co-operation of Governor Spruill and Colonel Charles H. Patterson, Harrisburg boys accompanying the party on its tour, the tentative program was finally approved by King Albert and carried out as originally intended with one or two minor changes.

Many expressions of sympathy for "Tony" Frenie arose when he learned of the illness of the city's senator who length of service goes back a long time and whose acquaintance among men of affairs is well known to many a Harrisburger, as he came here from Baltimore almost forty-five years ago and in the days when he was proprietor of the Luchel barbershop he shaved statesmen of every rank, was the man whom Quay sought, Hartranft called for and other noted men insisted upon his personal care.

DO YOU KNOW —That Harrisburg is represented in regiments in Germany, Honolulu and the Philippines? —Historic Harrisburg—Seventy-five years ago Sixth street became noted as the "back road" to Harrisburg.