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And, having thus chosen our course, let us renew our trust in God and go forward without fear and with manly hearts.—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

A COAL SUBSTITUTE

IT IS becoming more and more apparent that we must have a substitute for coal. Here we are with a soft coal strike on our hands, thousands of people out of work, thousands more suffering for lack of household supply and no surplus at hand to meet the deficiency.

NOT SURPRISING

ALLENTOWN'S celebrated city farm, conducted as a socialist experiment, has gone out of existence. The socialist delusion into agriculture resulted in a city deficit of \$25,000 in two years.

THE GRADE CROSSINGS

THE plan proposed for the Public Service Commission to make a survey of all grade crossings in the State and find out what must be done to get rid of them is one that should be put into effect as soon as the Commission can find the funds to make the study.

Health of the Nation

[From Harvey's Weekly.] "Health Week" is, we are told, really a "Penny Day" with an added running on for a fortnight more.

as those which by change of grade could be made reasonably safe, should be listed and the job figured out.

LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE

IT WOULD be most interesting, though it cost a lot of money, to have the League of Nations proposed go before the people in a direct election, as has been proposed by Senators Lodge and Harding, but it would not do to submit the League merely for adoption or rejection.

Just why our Democratic friends should hesitate about submitting their treaty to the people direct is difficult to understand, since President Wilson based his whole contention upon the personal conviction that a great majority of the American people favored the League plan as drawn at the Peace Conference.

In taking this stand they, of course, merely follow out the thought of the administration when it barred membership of the Senate and representation of the Republican party from participation in the conference leading up to its adoption by the Peace Commissioners.

Wilson was determined that, although a united country had made the victory over Germany possible, a partyisan American commission should sit at the peace table, even though the country itself had just repudiated the Democratic administration by electing a Republican Congress. So now, perhaps, he feels that appealing to the country after he had gone over the heads of a majority of the people in a most high-handed manner might not be good for his pet proposals.

To put the matter more simply, the treaty having been drawn by the minority representation in the Government is to be forced willy nilly and the people as a whole, so far as the Democratic bosses are concerned, are to be utterly ignored.

Public ownership in the United States has not been a success. It is just as well that we had to try the experiment as a temporary expedient of the war, for it left us in position to let go the nag's tail, before the pace got so hot as to drag us into the slough of national bankruptcy.

Some of us would be tickled to death if we were to be insulted with a fourteen per cent. raise of pay.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Senator Boies Penrose's serious illness will keep him out of political matters for eight to ten weeks in matters pertaining to the Republican State organization.

Announcement that the Senator had become gravely ill did not surprise some of his friends, especially those who follow him in his political affairs at Washington and his indefatigable work in connection with the Senate.

—Governor William C. Sproul is said to be very much in the minds of men prominent in national affairs as an available candidate for President, although Odell Hauser, writing in the Philadelphia Inquirer, says that the managers of the Leonard Wood campaign believe that they have Senator Penrose for Wood.

—Mayor-elect J. Hampton Moore, who still writes a good bit in the Philadelphia newspapers, says "What a letter in the Evening Leader. What is it all about? Governor Sproul is already on the hustings doing double time as a speaker and he gets out of the State in a few days."

—From what people at the State Capitol who have been observing the trend of thought regarding proposed constitutional revision have to say there does not appear to be any widespread demand for material changes in the general scheme of the government, but rather for a better division of the powers relative to the smaller divisions.

—Another subject which is going to attract attention will be appropriations for the State, which are raised in legislative halls that would be fair and at the same time constitutional.

—James H. Maurer, of Reading, stands in a fair way to be "sacked" and continued as a member of the Civil Pension Commission unless he takes warning from some of the signs.

—Illness of Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will prevent further organization of new bureaus in the department until he recovers his health.

—Auditor General Charles A. Snyder is being congratulated by many friends all over the State on the success attending his work in the recent fiscal year. Mr. Snyder made certain promises in regard to producing revenue in the new laws. He has made good, rather better than expected by people on the sidelines, and established himself as a

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



UNCLE SAM RAN RAILROAD

IN STRIKE AFTER CIVIL WAR

With Washington, New York and Other Cities 'Reeling in Dissipation,' and Cost of Living Mounting High, Labor Unrest-Grew Then, Just as It Has Now.

WASHINGTON—That familiar saying "History repeats itself" gives a great deal of comfort in these times of strikes, discontent and industrial unrest. It should "buck up" those who are asking, "What is the world coming to?"

Extreme and the Simple

[From the Milwaukee Journal] Anyone who ventures to talk of simplicity in dress or quotes such of stale maxims as "clothes don't make the man" or "woman, must run the risk of being considered a Rip Van Winkle."

Idealism Run Wild

[From Kansas City Star] During the war the War Department coddled the radicals who not only refused to fight, but tried to bring about a military revolution.

Rights of the Public

[Philadelphia North American.] No matter how strongly some labor leaders may contend to the contrary, under our form of government the public is a thing apart from and superior to either capital or labor.

Winter's Joy

Inside the house there's cheer and mirth, A log is glowing on the hearth, A great big lamp is burning bright, Dispersing all the gloom of night.

Crafty Fellows

[From the Birmingham Age-Herald] "This wrestler styles himself a bear." "And his opponent?" "Is called 'Belve a Lion.'"

Very Noticeable

[From the Columbus Dispatch.] Uncle Sam is getting ready to count our noses again, and we wonder if he'll notice that there are not nearly so many red noses as there used to be?

Evening Chat

Members of the bar in the counties of central Pennsylvania will be keenly interested in the decision of the bench of Allegheny county, one of the most conservative in the Commonwealth, to wear gowns, as is done by the members of the appellate courts of the State, the Philadelphia judges and in Federal courts.



WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

—Col. John C. Groome, who is just home from Russia, declares that Germany is plotting another war and is using Russia and China as the storeroom.

DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg contains more battle flags than any other town in the Middle States?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG

—The first armory seems to have been located on Walnut street where men kept equipment after the murder of the dog which took their town his gun and uniform home with him.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM I. SCHAFER

—Attorney General William I. Schaffer walks after his recent severe illness.