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It is right to be contented with what we have but never with what we see.--ANON.

THE CONVENTION

ALMIGHTY confident of the permanency of our constitutional form of government, representatives of the people of Pennsylvania are gathered to-day to recommend such revision of the fundamental document of the Commonwealth as progress in thought and changed conditions may indicate as wise.

But for all that don't refuse a metzel soup if your farmer friend offers one to you, soup or no soup. Generous, hospitable Pennsylvania folks know that a "metzel" is one of the daintiest and most acceptable of gifts.

The Jones family has four prize porkers and they are dated for slaughter on Tuesday, December 2, say. Along about 4 o'clock that morning the whole family turns out of bed to welcome the neighbors who are coming to help, and incidentally to get three square meals, beginning with breakfast.

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FIRST, AS USUAL

WHAT the Republican National Committee is to meet in advance of the Democrats to select the date and place for the next National convention indicates that the party management is in the hands of aggressive leaders who care nothing for precedent and intend to be first in the field with convention, candidates and platform.

Ordinarily the party in power in the White House is accorded the lead in these matters. It has been more or less customary for the winners of the previous presidential election to arrange for their national convention first and generally to take the lead in arrangements for the ensuing campaign.

The man thrown out of work by the miners who don't accept a fourteen per cent. increase in wages is beginning to understand what is meant by the "right to strike."

And now, we suppose, the liquor people will charge the prohibitionists with the decision of the Supreme Court's decision on the war-time law.

Politics in Pennsylvania

Governor William C. Sprout's appearance before the Republican National Committee and his participation in the meetings of that body at Washington as the proxy for United States Senator Boies Penrose as National chairman from Pennsylvania are being made much of throughout the country.

The meeting of the National committee has caused a revival of a discussion of candidates for Republican National delegate, and between now and Christmas there will be much talk of possible candidates for party honors.

DEPTH OF IGNORANCE

It is said that "where ignorance is bliss, 'twere folly to be wise," but there are exceptions. Take, for example, the case of the editor of this newspaper who asks what is a metzel soup. Here is what I say: I am a newcomer in Pennsylvania, but long ago I heard of the fame of Pennsylvania cooks and now that I have a better attitude toward the important industries of the country and incidentally an improved situation with respect to the wage-earner himself.

Dear correspondent, you need not have mentioned the fact that you are a newcomer in Pennsylvania; we knew it at once. Thanks for the compliment to our cooks, I can whom there are no better in the whole wide world. But how did you get the idea that we served soup in packages in Pennsylvania? Your question puts a conundrum into our mind. It's this, "When is a soup not a soup?"

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OH MAN--AND WOMAN



The Country School

[From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.] In asking County Superintendent of Schools Samuel Hamilton to contribute his views on the needs of rural schools, the Dispatch felt that he would not be alone in the L. S. 850 teachers and 700 school directors of the county, but to the entire rural population dependent upon the country school for educational opportunities.

GERMANY A "ROTTEN APPLE"

GERMANY, beaten and severed, remains a force to be reckoned with in the eternal struggle to live and labor, which knows neither race, prejudice nor war hangover.

As to Political Prisoners

Recently the radicals in this country had the impudence to demand in a round-about way, a demand upon the American Government for the release of the "political prisoners," Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman.

Neglected Power Resources

[From the Public Ledger.] Secretary Lane does well to dwell with especial emphasis in the annual report of the Department of the Interior upon the vital need for the adoption of some definite national policies affecting the production and distribution of power.

Picturesque Indian Names

[From the New York Sun.] The supervisor in charge of the Black-foot agency at Browning, Mont., has issued a circular advertising for sale certain Indian lands. The list of allottees shows that the years have not driven out all the picturesque Indian names.

More Sugar

[From the Philadelphia Press.] The new order of the Food Administration permitting the sale of all but Cuban sugar--which is controlled by the government at the half cent a pound above cost at retail is not an unmitigated blessing. It is certain to relieve to an appreciable extent the present sugar shortage.

"Era" Goldman

No more shall Emma Goldman grace The "pen" of our fair state, Since we could not make Emma good We made her emigrate. --Kansas City Times.

Evening Chat

Deer are so plentiful in Juniata and Cumberland valley counties that some hunters having shot their legal game went home before the close of the first week of the hunting season. The State Game Commission has received several reports of this character and another section has heard of hunters who have decided to continue in camp, although they have shot all the law allows.

Success attending the various sales of army and navy food, clothing, blankets and other property not needed for military purposes, were conducted by municipal authorities and committed to other sections.

The reminiscences of Jacob R. Miller, who frequently contributes to The Telegraph, are of much interest. The editor recalls the memory is very clear as to many happenings of the early days in Harrisburg. Referring to the recent visit of Mrs. Tolson, he recalls the visit of the famous General and his wife to this city in 1847.

The Red Regime

Boo, Boo, Bolshevik. I weep. The nose of all-that-is; and seek, Deep sinking dirty fang and poison-ed hook.

Books and Magazines

High Benton: by William Heyliger, author of "Fighting Fair." \$1.50. D. Appleton & Co. New York.

The Triumph of France

[From Harvey's Weekly.] We had thought of speaking of the triumph of the Tiger. Not the Tammany Tiger, which got pretty considerably stretched a few weeks ago, nor yet the Princeton Tiger which did triumph over the Bulldog of New Haven; but the veteran Tiger of France.

Frightfulness in United States

[From the Weekly Herald, Beaver Springs, Pa.] Words fail to express our contempt for Government officials who permit such vermin as the I. W. W., the Reds, the United Order of America, the violent Socialists, Anarchists, and others a haven in this country.

Well Known People

Owen J. Roberts, the new member of the Board of City Trusts in Philadelphia, is an attorney and has appeared here in number of cases.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg had half a dozen big plants that halted nothing but Government orders during most of the war?

Historic Harrisburg

The first State Capitol was put upon a roof just 100 years ago this month.

Getting Them Together

[From the Brooklyn Eagle.] Looks as if the only way to get capital and labor together is to keep them from meeting.