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Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.—GAL. 6:7.

A RINGING SPEECH

Governor Sproul's keynote speech before the Republican National Committee yesterday might have been the acceptance address of a presidential candidate, so well and powerfully did he sum up the problems which will be the issues of the 1920 campaign.

Gov. Sproul's address was not sensational. He offered no new or unusual methods of dealing with the serious questions now confronting the nation. He was only the stronger for that.

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We wish those immigration officials who refused to let a little girl accompanied by her aunt come into the country, had been only half so watchful when Berkman and Emma Goldman came along.

SIMPLER GOVERNMENT

The whole trend of the Constitutional Commission now being held in Harrisburg appears to be toward simpler processes of government. Many of the amendments offered during the opening sessions are designed to substitute business-like and economical methods for worn-out and expensive forms that have cluttered up official activities at the Capitol for years.

Another amendment that will receive State-wide approval would divide the cities into seven classes. It has long been apparent that the present division of first, second and third class cities does not fill the bill.

HOSPITAL NEEDS

The amazing statement is made that Harrisburg has fewer hospital beds than any city of its size or importance in the State. Wilkes-Barre, for example, which stands highest, has six beds for every thousand of its population, while Harrisburg has only one bed for every two thousand of its population.

HOUSING HELPS

The Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce, through its newly-formed Housing Bureau, of which Ritchie Lawrie, Jr., is the head, has just issued a pamphlet on "Plans for Financing Home Building Projects" that ought to be widely read by those interested in any form of building development.

BOARD'S REMEDY

The Federal Reserve Board, which recently curbed the epidemic of speculation on Wall street in handy fashion, has ideas also as to how prices may be brought to a more reasonable level. There is little new in the Federal Board's prescription, but its formula would bear reprinting though it had appeared a dozen times. We need repeated doses of this medicine. Says the Board:

The remedy is to work regularly and efficiently in order to produce and distribute the largest possible volume of commodities, and to exercise reasonable economy in expenditures, a firm hand in Mexico, a peace policy that will protect America, the return of the railroads, the removal of wartime restrictions of business, the restoration of the United States to the place it once held in the respect of the world and the encouragement of red-blooded Americanism in every community in the land—the more important planks in the Sproul platform—constitute a declaration of principles on which any man of any party may stand and which the Republican party would do well to adopt.

RAILROAD RATES

The increase in wages the soft coal miners are to receive out of the earnings of the mine operators, why not make up the increase the railroad men seek out of the deficit of the railroads? asks a newspaper paragrapher facetiously, but behind the joke lies a subject for serious thought. Whether wages go up or not, it is certain that the railroads must have higher freight rates if they are to survive, but that need not affect the cost of living nearly so much as \$450,000,000 a year added to the price of bituminous coal.

Discussing this matter in a recent issue, the Railway Age quotes a letter written by Julius Kruttschnitt to Chairman Esch, of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to show how little influence freight rates have upon the cost of living. It is highly enlightening.

Mr. Kruttschnitt points out that in 1914 the average value per ton of freight carried on the railroads of the United States was fifty-six dollars and that the average rate on it was two dollars per ton, which was 3.6 per cent. of the value of the freight. In 1919 the average value of a ton of freight is \$119 and the average freight charge on it only two dollars and eighty cents, which is but 2.4 per cent. of the value of the freight.

He shows that between 1899 and 1909, when commodity prices in general advanced, freight rates were unchanged; between 1907 and 1909, when there was a fall in prices, freight rates were declining; and between 1915 and 1916, when there was a further increase in prices, freight rates were still declining; in 1916 and 1917, when prices were higher than at any time in nineteen years, freight rates were lower than at any time in nineteen years. He also shows that the sharp advance in freight rates in 1918 was followed by a decline in prices.

The reason lying back of this is that the freight charge is so very small in relation to the average value of commodities that it would take a relatively enormous change in rates to affect prices. It is a notable fact that in 1914 the freight charge was 2.6 per cent. of the average value of commodities, while in 1919 it was only 2.4 per cent.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman
Everything now points to Pennsylvania sending an unopposed delegation to the Republican National Convention and that every vote will be ready to go on record in favor of Governor William C. Sproul in the event that he decides to be a candidate for the presidential nomination.

The Democratic situation is becoming considerably muddled and Or set in in the winter time. In tilted chairs to hear Some jigin' tune old Buckram Boone Had learnt to play by ear.

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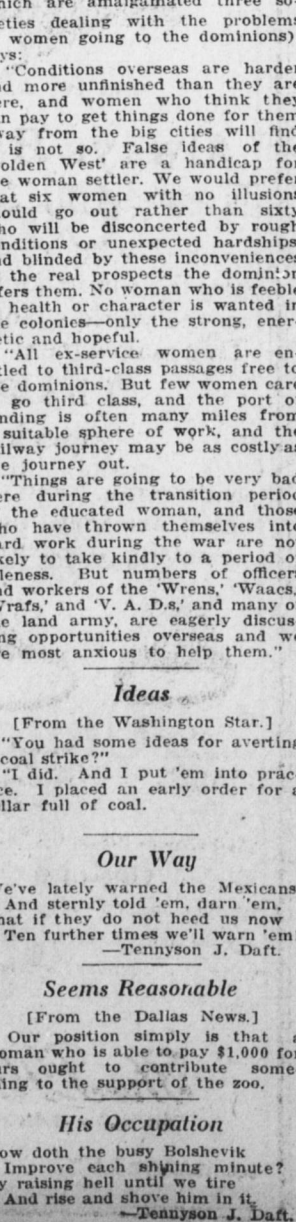
AND YOU NEARLY GET NERVOUS PROSTRATION GETTING FITTED FOR NEW CLOTHES.

AND THEN ON THE OPENING NIGHT THE HOUSE GOES WILD WITH JOY.

AND YOU PUT IN WEEKS OF REHEARSAL AND EVERYTHING GOES WRONG.

AND THE CRITICS SAY THE PLAY WILL RUN FOR YEARS.

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A Real Fox Hunt in the Kentucky Hills

Night in the Woods Makes Following the Hounds Impossible, but the Old Timer Traces the Course Accurately by the Cries of the Pack.

The other fellow's sport is fool- ishness to those who do not take part in it. The man who does not enjoy fishing can't understand how any one gets pleasure out of catching a bass.

But to the fox hunter—well, there is nothing this side of heaven more glorious than the chase. He will go out by himself at night and endure the cold and rain for hours while listening to the hounds give mouth as they chase the fox over the country.

The Kentucky fox hunter is a different individual from the fox hunter of other regions—especially the English fox hunter. The Englishman rides with the hounds; the Kentuckian makes no attempt to keep up with the chase, but follows himself with the music of the dogs.

The night was a frosty one and we built a fire there in the woods—after taking the usual precaution of clearing away the leaves so as not to start a forest fire—and seated ourselves about it on the ground.

The voices became stronger and stronger, the hounds were headed our way, as the fox hunter said they would. On and on they came, until there was a rustling in the leaves not 50 yards from us, and the hunter whispered that it was the fox—with the dogs a quarter of a mile behind.

As they came winding out it reminded one of a great string of messages linked together, and when the horn was blown for the assembly they twisted and veiled and jumped about the feet of the fox hunter if anyone from excitement.

December
Brown hills, So lately robed in joyous green; That only yesterday were blue; North winds That sting and roughly flout their power.

Be Ye Holy
I am the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.—Leviticus xi, 45.

A Fair Proposition
[From the Washington Star.] "If the price of oysters keeps going up," remarked Mr. Grosvenor, "it'll be only fair to include at least one pearl in every oyster."

Popular Interest Sought

The proceedings of the commission on revision of the State Constitution introduced at Harrisburg should be closely followed by the public at large. Unfortunately the subject is too apt to be considered dry and of little popular attraction, yet the hearings and discussions should be of the highest value to every citizen of the Commonwealth, involving as they do the fundamental law of the State and therefore affecting the people in countless directions, public and personal.

Traced Course by Cries
He knew that the trail the dogs were following was hot, one and that they would soon be close upon the quarry. And, verily, they were, for suddenly there began the constant, rolling voices of the hounds that could mean where the fox was on.

The good citizen, that is the man or woman who takes an intelligent interest in the affairs of State and the community will follow the deliberations of the commission with the attention the potentialities of the discussion warrant. This is the real politics of the science of government, and the better it is studied by the people the nearer we shall come to genuine popular government.

"Faust" Was a Real Person
[From the Detroit News.] "Faust" hitherto regarded as a legendary character emanating from the brain of Goethe, really existed as a self-styled prophet, quack doctor, and a discoverer of fake horoscopes, according to a discovery made in the recataloging of the Munich Library. In the diary of Canon Killian Lieb there was found this entry:

Under this Canon Lieb had written: "Faust may believe he was a great commander with high sounding titles undertaking a pilgrimage through Germany, but he was, as a matter of fact, a quack doctor, selling horoscopes and remedies. The fact that he became rich was due chiefly to his education, he having been a graduate of Heidelberg in the class of 1487."

No Coal For Foreign Vessels
[From the New York American.] Bunker coal will not be furnished to foreign vessels. This announcement was made by officials of the Tidewater Coal Exchange, which port in compliance with an order from the fuel administration in Washington. The order has been issued, it was said, as a conservative measure for the nation's supply of fuel. Agents of foreign steamship lines were notified they must get their bunker coal elsewhere than at United States ports.

Well Known People
—Counselman A. K. Oliver addressed the Pittsburgh Real Estate Board on the responsibilities of city government.

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Evening Chat

Fifteen hundred books have been placed in the schools of the city by the Harrisburg Public Library for the use of the pupils of the various grades below the high schools, in accordance with the arrangements made by the library recently. The books were provided by donations from residents of the city who desired to aid the library in placing books within the reach of the school children in buildings which could not be equipped with the funds at the disposal of the institution.

Herman L. Collins, who writes the Girard column in the Philadelphia Press, is a great admirer of Highway Commissioner Lewis S. Sadler. He has this to say about the Detroit Mayor Sadler has a rare gift as a man of affairs. Each task that he takes up is handled with an enthusiastic zeal and a keen enthusiasm as if that were his first and only task in the world.

Some of the rum being consumed in and about Harrisburg must have an awful kick on the people who drink it. It has been away from us so long that it hits harder than in days when people could get all they wanted. There have been a number of persons who have been imbibing the evenings who have been imbibing. Whether it is regularly manufactured or home-made, it is hard to say, but the science of government, and the better it is studied by the people the nearer we shall come to genuine popular government.

Prospects of curtailment of railroad and industrial operations due to the coal strike are already being reflected in application for places at the State's employment agencies which have proved a barometer of even the unusual conditions prevailing in the city. The coal strike has struck applications for work jumped at several of the agencies and when the coal strike began there was also an increase. Now, when suspensions and reductions are now being made, the coal situation will be forced, there are men taking time by the forelock and seeking places in lines which will not be affected by the coal strike of the odd effects is that there have been many inquiries as to what farmers will want, while municipal authorities say they will be able to command all the labor wanted for the season.

City park authorities are taking no chances with the elm trees planted along the River front. Gray Park, the superintendent of the parks, has gone along the whole line of trees and where one is not in good condition he has had it fixed up. In the city of York, Pa., the city of York has gone along the whole line of trees and where one is not in good condition he has had it fixed up. In the city of York, Pa., the city of York has gone along the whole line of trees and where one is not in good condition he has had it fixed up.

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