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Four things a man must learn to do.

If he would make his record true; To think without confusion, clearly; To love his fellow men sincerely; To act from honest motives purely;

To trust in God and heaven securely.

—VAN DYKE.

L. E. MCGINNES

THE public schools of Pennsylvania lose a great champion in the death of Prof. L. E. McGinnes.

City Commissioner Lynch has an important program of improvement work for 1920.

A UNITED PARTY

EVERY indication, following the meeting of the Republican National Committee at Washington last week, points to a united party.

of the United States. But it is more than that—it is a guarantee that the Republican party is to be as it always has been, the most representative political organization in the history of the country; not of the party of section or class, but of all the people devoted to the best interests of the vast majority of people in every walk and condition of life.

In the consideration of the budget for the coming year the gentlemen of City Council might with propriety give attention to the appointment of a Shade Tree Commission.

TREE MORTALITY

LOUIS G. BALTIMORE, city forester, has worked out several very interesting comparisons with respect to the shade trees of Harrisburg and the care they are given.

He finds that while Springfield, Mass., has one tree to every five people, Hartford, Conn., has one to every ten people and Philadelphia one to every twenty.

Harrisburg stands up in the front ranks with Detroit, Mich.; Syracuse, N. Y., and Washington, with one tree for every three people.

That sounds all very fine, and it would be but for the other side of the ledger, whereon Mr. Baltimore shows that where Washington spends \$42,000 a year on 101,000 trees, Syracuse \$7,000 on 45,000 trees, Philadelphia \$20,000 on 127,000 trees and Detroit \$23,000 on 250,000 trees, Harrisburg spends only \$250 for the care and upkeep of 15,000 trees.

In other words, we like trees so well that we plant many of them, but we are supremely indifferent to their fate once they are in the ground.

A shade tree should be pruned at least once every five years, and if possible once every three years.

Harrisburg's citizens plant only one tree to every ten that die, and about sixty out of every one hundred planted by Harrisburg's citizens die.

It costs the citizen who plants a tree purchased from an agent and planted by him twice as much as it would if purchased and planted by the Department of Parks.

Improvement of the paved streets and repairs that are necessary will go right along until the winter becomes too severe for outdoor operations.

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It is time we distinguish between the good and the bad in our alien population. It is just as patriotic to encourage the good men of foreign birth as it is to set the foot down hard on the red radicals.

Kreisler is not a man of the Dr. Muck type. Muck was deported, and deservedly so, because of his pro-German sympathies.

Soundings and surveys are being made for the bathing beaches and bathhouses at Island Park in the Susquehanna basin.

Of course, the Department of Public Works will be ready to march along with the State as soon as the final plans are consummated for the Capitol Park projects.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Meeting of the Republican National committee at Washington last week is taken by New York and Chicago newspapers, as well as those of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, as the real opening of the Republican campaign.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, in the course of a Washington letter, has this to say: In Pennsylvania there has been a change of leadership.

Several of the newspapers in Philadelphia and elsewhere are devoting much attention to the disagreement between State Chairman William E. Crow and Joseph R. Grundy.

Between jobs in the revenue and prohibition enforcement services the Democrats of Pennsylvania have time for such places as the census affords.

Reclassification of Cities

From the Scranton Republican. Former Judge Kelly's statement, printed in yesterday's Republican, discloses that the Commission, appointed by the Governor to revise the state constitution, will give careful consideration to the reclassification of cities desired by Scranton, so as to separate it from the grouping with Pittsburgh, which has proved a handicap for this municipality.

Judge Kelly says that the committee named by the Commission to consider legislation, the legislative and executive has, in a partial report, recommended an enlargement of the classification of cities from three groups to five.

The subject has been so fully discussed locally that everyone realizes that it is a matter of great importance and interest.

Government at Washington

From a Bulletin of Washington City, New York. Organized labor is conceded the right to tie up all the industry and commerce of the country at its own will.

Fuel Shortage

From the Boston Transcript. An English schoolboy wrote: "England has much coal beds when it is finished we shall have to use our brains for fuel, and it will be scarce."

Where Education Fails

From the Dallas News. Furthermore, college education never in this world made a young man anxious to milk a cow in a muddy lot.

Abbe Martin Says--

From the Indianapolis News. We never hear a Kansas Governor kicking for shorter hours.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



HE THOUGHT HE'D GO OUT DOORS WITH HIS SLED AND "HITCH ON"

in a different class from Pittsburgh. Scranton expects to be put into the same class with Erie, Pa., and Chester city dispatches are that the Republican League is making a clean sweep of McClure men in county offices and that Everett Sprout is routing the old organization.

YANKS IN TOULOUSE SCHOOL LEARNED FRENCH IDEALS

Fifteen Hundred American Students From the A. E. F. Who Spent Four Months at the University in Beautiful City of Southern France, Bring to America an Intelligent Idea of French Education and Culture.

IN the spring of this year the University of Toulouse, in Southern France, welcomed fifteen hundred American students who had come to spend four months in study while awaiting their return to the United States.

Toulouse is situated upon the Garonne River, too shallow itself to be navigable, but supplying the water for a lateral canal whose banks are lined with warehouses and broad quays, parts of which are always covered with huge wine casks.

The whole country has suffered, and as usual the brunt of the suffering has fallen on persons of small means working in industries curtailed by the strike.

One thing the nation has determined is to do to it so far as is humanly possible, that such a breakdown in industry does not occur again.

Learning French Ideals. It was expected that school detachments such as the one at the University of Toulouse would accomplish something further, something different.

Conserving Paper. The European professor who predicts that the world will come to an end December 17 greatly cheers the Poet News-Herald.

Music and Bomb Making. Music and the making of bombs do not go together and the man who is really a musician will probably have no music in his soul.

Paris League Against Jazz. A League has just been formed to combat the frightful exotic music known as jazz.

Speaking of Domes. The marble dome over the national capitol is not the only marble dome intimately connected with that building.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

E. P. Dutton & Co. are publishing this week Pushkin's famous drama, "Boris Godunov," in a translation into English verse by Alfred Hayes.

Two little books published by E. P. Dutton & Co. will interest students of the Russian language.

Carl Grey, British Ambassador to the United States, is better known to Americans as sportsman and diplomat than as sportsman, and so his book on "Fly Fishing," which the Duttons bring out in the United States, will interest him as a new guise.

Stuart Henry's novel, "Villa Elsa," another of the many books held up on the presses by the recent strikes, is promised to appear in a new edition.

"Economic Phenomena Before and After War," which E. P. Dutton & Co. are this week publishing in the United States, is a book by the late Ko Serov, a brilliant young Serbian, who has been carrying out in London the studies whose results he embodies in this volume.

News of the death of Arthur J. Anderson, editor of the Pennsylvania Farmer and well known to Harrisburg readers, has been a number of agricultural gatherings here in recent years and combined the training of a good Detroit newspaper writer with the practical experience of farming gained in the fields and enriched by special study in college.

The school libraries of the Harrisburg Public Library have been in over a dozen and a half of the schools of the lower grades for just about one week and in some of the schools it has been in for longer.

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Evening Chat

Col. Henry W. Shoemaker, in the course of his studies of the wild life of the State and in inspections as a State Forest Commission member, has established the interesting fact that in spite of the disastrous forest fires which have swept through sections of the Blue Ridge, there is more wild life in such districts than in those where forest fires have been scattered about to get rid of vermin and nuisances.

State Game Commission officials, who have been carrying on investigations along the same line, have arranged to restrict the use of poisons by wardens and to make some kindred observations.

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