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I asked the New Year for some message sweet,

Some rule of life with which to guide my feet;

I asked, and passed; he answered soft and low,

"God's will to know."

THE "DRY" DECISION

THE United States Supreme Court in declaring war-time prohibition legal did precisely what every man knew it would do.

Had it cast a doubt on the ability of the government to take such extraordinary measures as are involved in this act, it would have been evident that the control of the railroads and other laws much more important to the well-being of the people as a whole than the prohibition law could be attacked.

This decision removes the last hope of the "wets" for another season of open bar-rooms, breweries and distilleries. It is unlikely that the Peace Treaty will have been approved and the war brought to an end before the date upon which the national prohibition amendment will go into effect in January.

This means that the war-time prohibition will overlap constitutional prohibition and there will be no wet period intervening.

Justice Brandeis does not accept the contention of the brewers and distillers, who hold that the act constitutes confiscation of property, for he points out not only that the way is open for the export of the stores on hand, but that the law provided a period of sale extending over seven months for the clearing out of all stocks on hand.

It is a noticeable fact that all the protests that have arisen against prohibition, either war-time or constitutional, have been from those who are financially interested in the sale of liquor.

All the propaganda, all the objections have come from those who make or sell booze. The people have accepted prohibition and a great majority heartily approve of it. It is here to stay.

Allentown having solved the public cost station problem in a practical way, it would seem that this city should have no serious difficulty in bringing an end to the controversy over such facilities here.

A GOOD INVESTMENT

RED CROSS Christmas Seals and Health Bonds are on sale now in Harrisburg and the country districts to raise funds to continue the fight against tuberculosis next year.

Each year the little Christmas Seal is sold, and the penny paid for it goes to the fund to combat the white plague, one of humanity's worst enemies.

A Christmas Seal costs only one cent; Health Bonds from \$5 to \$100. Why not include one or the other on your Christmas list? Join in the fight to wipe out tuberculosis. It can be done in ten years, physicians

assure us, if we will only keep up the struggle against it. There is no Christmas investment which could do more good or cause more happiness and end more suffering than the purchase of the little Seals or the Health Bonds.

Now that the final legal steps have been taken in the matter of the improvement of the Italian Park district and the changes involved in taking over the McKee-Graham tract along Division street and northward, the City Planning Commission feels that the fine co-operation of the City Council and the school authorities will result in a wonderful change for the better in that whole important section of the city.

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Mr. Wilson announces that he will "have no compromise" to offer for the adoption of the Peace Treaty and that he "will hold the Republicans of the Senate wholly responsible" for the failure to put the treaty back on a peace basis.

Utterly ignoring the treaty powers of the Senate and the representation that body was entitled to on the American Peace Commission, President Wilson, against the repeated warnings of leaders of the Senate and prominent laymen, insisted upon making the League of Nations a part of the Peace Treaty.

And responsible for declining to swallow the dose without the sugar-coating it needs to make it agreeable to American tastes.

If the Treaty fails the Senate will be no more responsible than the President. The Senate is willing to compromise. He is not. He is the same stiff-necked autocrat he always has been and what he happens to think along the lines of the Treaty is not by any manner of means what the people think.

So Dr. Garfield has quit as Federal Fuel Administrator. He doesn't believe the administration at Washington has played fair with the people. He sees the public in a minority. Secretary of Labor Wilson also wants to quit and there appears a general disposition to leave the ship to drift.

GOOD FOR MAYOR MOORE Mayor-elect MOORE was presented with a handsome watch by his colleagues in Congress and in a speech of acceptance declared that he intended to nationalize Philadelphia.

Philadelphia needs just that sort of treatment. Too long the metropolis of the State has been treated as a football for all manner of political and other factions and the Commonwealth at large would be glad to see the great American city shake off the things which have retarded its development and given it a hazy reputation beyond our borders.

It is high time for Philadelphia and all other cities of Pennsylvania to get into line for the promotion of the best interests of this imperial Commonwealth. Municipalities can help or hinder the State at large just in proportion as they conduct themselves in harmony with the principles of good government.

Eggs are nearing the dollar mark for the easy mark.

GARFIELD'S RESIGNATION

THE resignation of Dr. Garfield as fuel administrator may have been a bit hasty, but it is evident that it was not entirely unprovoked.

Dr. Garfield made certain recommendations, apparently with the sanction of the administration, only to have the President overturn the most important of them without consulting him. He should have expected as much.

The "Clarified Progress" has this date will be anxious to get the support of the large delegations from Pennsylvania and New York. As these delegations will combine and bring about the nomination of any candidate on which they could agree, the matter of instructions can be allowed to take care of itself.

Mayor-elect J. Hampton Moore writes at Philadelphia: "George W. Coles, who led the Town Meeting party to victory in the recent municipal campaign, is a native of Lykens, the coal town which nestles in the mountains of Dauphin county; and Lykens is town where the Coles name is familiar to most everybody in it. The father of George W. Coles, past 70, is superintendent of one of the mines. He came from Welsh to Lykens in 1840, and there are half a dozen of the Coles besides George, got together with the home folks and after the shooting match, which is part of the day's festivities, will separate the edible part of the steer from the hide and hoof, and distribute it among the neighbors. The Town Meeting party leader is generally in at the killing."

Prices continue to go up and it will not be long before fruit cake will be sold in jewelry stores.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Advance of some of the cities of Pennsylvania in population in the last few years, due to industrial development, has brought about an entirely new proposition in regard to classification of the cities and may make easier the way of the proposed new constitutional amendment establishing a system of classification more in accord with needs than the three classes fixed by the Supreme Court.

It is interesting to note that the act on which the Supreme Court fixed its decision made seven classes and the new amendment follows the thought of the Wallace amendments submitted to the last Legislature at request of the Third Class City League.

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Philadelphia would make it a simple matter with Philadelphia for the first class, Pittsburgh for the second and 250,000 to 100,000 made the third, with from 100,000 down to 75,000 being a deep impression below for the fifth. Reclassification so that what suits one large city shall not be forced on others of lesser size will do much toward solving "Home rule."

The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times and Philadelphia Press both predict Eugene C. Burns will be an active candidate for Democratic National Committeeman from Pennsylvania, regardless of opposition, on the grounds that the party in the Keystone State is in a bad way.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch says Bonnell believes Arthur G. DeWalt will withdraw. The Philadelphia Press in a Washington dispatch says again that the weakness of the Palmer-McCormick machine is that these leaders have kept all the honors and emoluments of themselves and their adherents have obtained very little.

The Philadelphia Evening Ledger continues to criticize the State Constitutional Revision Commission. Its latest is as follows: "When the City Council adopted the present document and to show how they could be removed and how the Constitution could be simplified by the omission of all the present complicated provisions upon the Legislature and by providing for a grant of power with wide discretion in its exercise."

Automobile Code [From the Philadelphia Press.] Old style glaring lights are no longer to be tolerated in Pennsylvania. Their use in the well lighted streets of the city was always an outrage on pedestrians.

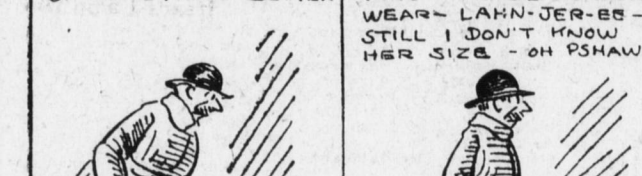
Resignation of Dr. Garfield [From Philadelphia Press] Dr. Garfield's resignation from the post of Fuel Administrator is said to be in protest against the government's coal strike compromise, which was adopted against his advice.

WONDER WHAT A MAN WINDOW SHOPPING THINKS ABOUT?

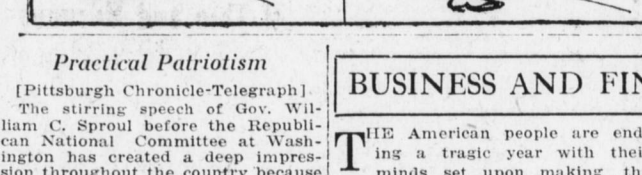
I WISH I HAD SOME IDEA AS TO WHAT ALICE WANTS - I'VE LOOKED INTO A MILE OF WINDOWS AND NOTHING DO I SEE - I HATE TO GO IN A STORE UNLESS I KNOW WHAT I WANT - THAT'S A MIGHTY GOOD LOOKING MANICURE SET BUT I KNOW SHE'D BAWL ME OUT IF I GOT HER THAT.



I'LL JUST KEEP THE NECKLACE IDEA IN MIND UNTIL I THINK OF SOMETHING BETTER - I WISH I HAD THE NERVE TO GO IN AND BUY SOME SILK STOCKINGS - OR SILK UNDERWEAR - LAHN-JER-BE - STILL I DON'T KNOW HER SIZE - OH PSYAW



I'D MAKE A BIG HIT WITH HER IF I'D GET SOME NICE SILK UNDER - ER LINGERIE - ALL WORN GENTLY LIKE THAT STUFF - I'LL LOOK AT A FEW MORE WINDOWS FIRST AND IF I DON'T SEE ANYTHING I'LL GIVE HER A CHECK -



Practical Patriotism [Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.] The stirring speech of Gov. William C. Sproul before the Republican National Committee at Washington is a masterpiece of its forcible presentation of the issues upon which next year's presidential campaign must be fought.

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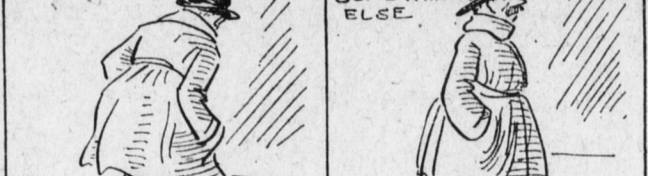
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By BRIGGS

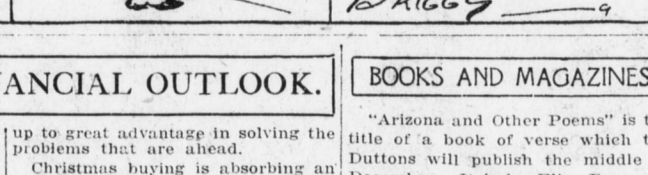
There's a stunning shopping bag but holy cat what a price! Anyway I'm no judge of those things - she can pick out her own - A NECKLACE! I heard her raving over one something like that one time - but other night - but no - I guess I won't - nope - there ought to be something else.



I'll just keep the necklace idea in mind until I think of something better - I wish I had the nerve to go in and buy some silk stockings - or silk underwear - lahn-jer-be - still I don't know her size - oh psyaw



I'd make a big hit with her if I'd get some nice silk under - er lingerie - all worn gently like that stuff - I'll look at a few more windows first and if I don't see anything I'll give her a check -



Books and Magazines "Arizona and Other Poems" is the title of a book of verse which the Duttons will publish the middle of December.

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