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## Zimmerman's Opposition to Home Rule

Mayor Zimmerman's efforts to defeat the home rule bill will not get far, if it gets under way at all. The voters want the optional right to determine whether the majority of the citizens of Richmond are satisfied with the municipal government they have had in recent years.

His statement Monday furnishes the best proof possible for the charge of the friends of home rule that the present system leaves the people at the mercy of the politicians. No political boss wants home rule. He wants the right to reward friends with jobs and to punish enemies by discharging them, something that cannot be done under a commission or managerial form of city government, in which fitness to perform duties is the only test.

The scores of citizens who will appear at the public hearing next Thursday night will be prepared to show conclusively that a change in the form of municipal government is as badly needed as it is devoutly hoped for.

The average voter knows that even a commission or managerial form of government may fail and that it may be unable to perform at the highest point of efficiency at all times, but he also knows that few cities which have adopted it are willing to abandon it for the wasteful political system of the old regime. The weaknesses of home rule are infinitely fewer than those of the political system.

Many of the members of the general assembly have had experience with the present system and have been instructed by their constituents to vote for the Knapp measure, which will give the cities the right to choose if they want to make a change.

If the mayor makes a canvass of Richmond he also will discover that the voters are willing to take chances with the new system, tired as most of them are of the present regime.

## Stay Off the Railroad Tracks

The death of two strangers who were walking along the Pennsylvania railroad's right of way

near Centerville emphasizes the danger of trespassing on railroad tracks. Many of the accidental deaths on railroad tracks are due to the carelessness and negligence of persons who use the tracks as short cuts or as highways.

A railroad track always is potentially dangerous to a pedestrian. Tracks are the paths of trains and are not designed for pedestrian purposes. The pedestrian has no right to walk on the railroad's property, and if he is injured or killed has no one to blame but himself.

Many railroads, realizing that the public is lax in its regard for personal safety, have carried on intensive campaigns of warning. They have erected signs telling pedestrians of the danger of walking on the tracks. They have published figures showing the large number of persons who have lost their lives or have been permanently disabled by ignoring the warning, and yet thousands of persons daily make a side-walk out of the tracks and needlessly jeopardize their lives.

Appalled at the number of automobile accidents on crossings, the Pennsylvania company, for instance, has instructed its crossing flagmen to take the numbers of automobiles whose drivers rush across the tracks without looking to see if a train is approaching. Then cards are mailed to violators of one of the first rules of safety.

A human life is regarded as a priceless possession, but sometimes we wonder if many persons really place any value on their lives.

## Another Good Road Record

Wayne county boasts of many qualifications that recommend it as an ideal place in which to live. Diversification of industry, splendid farmland and good marketing centers, a good school system and an excellent college, sound financial institutions, and scores of factors that are considered as vital in the appraisal of a community.

We have known for some time that our road system is superb. Motorists from many states have complimented the county on its splendid system. Now comes the compliment that Wayne county's road system ranks third in the United States, and that 15 miles of continuous concrete surface on the National road is the longest single stretch in Indiana.

Theories of road construction and maintenance have held an advanced position in this county for a number of years, owing, perhaps, to the good judgment and diligence of County Superintendent Jones. The distinction of Wayne county, acquired by its splendid system, is a compliment to his work and ideas.

## Answers to Questions

**READER**—Did some of the states ever try to introduce "moonlight schools" to combat illiteracy among adults in the mountains of Kentucky, North Carolina and other states, was the idea of Mrs. Corn W. Stewart of Kentucky. It was in 1911 that she tried the experiment in Kentucky. It was watched eagerly and imitated in other states, particularly North Carolina where county superintendents in 1914 agreed to organize "Moonlight schools" wherever possible. After an auspicious beginning in 1914 it was and the influenza epidemics caused setbacks in the movement. An active campaign now is being carried on. The system seeks not merely to teach reading, writing and arithmetic, but to foster community spirit and teach health and thrift.

**SUBSCRIBER**—What are the dates of the Russo-Japanese War?—It began in Feb. 1904 and ended in Jan. 1905.

**R. B. M.**—Was George Walton a signer of the Declaration of Independence?—He was.

**Readers may obtain answer to questions by writing the Palladium Questions and Answers department. All questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.**

## Who's Who in the Day's News

The problems attendant with resuming direction of the great railroad systems of the country, released from government control, brings the guiding heads of these roads into prominence these days. Samuel Rea is one of these men.



SAMUEL REA

Rea is a native of Pennsylvania, born in the town of Pottsville, Pa., is not at all the cheerful place that his name implies. For a boy born on a farm near that hamlet, life did not seem much in the way of \$75,000 a year, but to Samuel Rea came a vision of the world beyond. He was clerking in a country store when he heard strange stories of a railroad survey, which led him to apply for a place as a rodman. It does not require a high order of brains to carry and hold a colored staff for others to sight at through the theodolite, and some men stay in the occupation of acting as a lay figure for years.

To Samuel Rea appeared the possibilities of the great railroad system, and out of the engineering department of the Pennsylvania he proceeded by steady strides to the head of the entire corporation. He was for a time in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio, but it did not take the Pennsylvania long to realize that he was too valuable to be away from the organization which initiated him.

As a superintendent of bridge construction and creator of road beds and embankments he followed out the best traditions of engineering. His hold on the art of railroading, however, was due to his ability to see big things far ahead. His supervision of the work of construction of the Pennsylvania's tunnel under the Hudson and the East rivers, and of the monumental and classic pile known as the Pennsylvania station brought him the degree of Doctor of Science from the University of Pennsylvania when his giant task was done. Rea was born September 21, 1855.

## Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

THE HIGH PLACE.

I do not envy Warren G., his task I would not share, I have no presidential bee, I want no White House chair, for all it brings, as he will see, is plain and fancy care. He's full of high resolves, you know, our confidence to earn; he'd make the wheels of commerce go, as all good wheels should turn, and put the lid on every woe, and give us joy to burn. And if we all stood at his back, to help as best we might, to share the burden he must pack, and cheer him day and night, he might enjoy that old white shack and think his

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## TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can", "Take It", "Up".

## KEEP CARRYING ON

The happy human being is the one who wakes up in the morning with something on his mind to do!

Life isn't half as much a creative proposition as a carrying on one. A relay race always impresses me. One runner does his best to the very limit of his strength and endurance—and then he touches the fresh man who takes his place and does his part to win the race.

And every one of us wins his race if he does his best with his part of the program.

Keep carrying on!  
If any of us does less than his best, someone later on is going to have to do a lot of straining to even up. So let us each carry our task with even enthusiasm and fair endurance. Then the one who comes along to take our place will go ahead with finer satisfaction and surer speed.

That nation is greatest that most nearly expresses the ideals of its earnest founders.

It is much easier for us to carry on than it was for those who preceded us—for we have the product of all their experiences for our example.

As we work, let us do so in the spirit of the larger good. Let us build well and with conscientious regard for those who follow.

And let us do our best so to shape our work that we shall produce something worth carrying on!

## Dinner Stories

A country housewife of good intentions but with little culinary knowledge decided to try her hand at cake making. The result was somewhat on the heavy side, and, after offering it to the various members of the household she threw it to the ducks in disgust. A short time afterward two boys tapped at her door.

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## Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

Backed by prominent business men and city officials the Richmond Machine Driving association was organized, and leased the old driving park track. A campaign was opened to secure over a hundred members. If it was a success as it was anticipated by members, the association would virtually prove a revival of the old Richmond fair association.

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## Good Evening

By Roy K. Moulton

An then a married man is used to having some lady go through his clothes. There's really nothing new about it.

"Don't tell my husband!" screamed several ladies simultaneously when pinched by the police in a gambling raid the other day. And now the husbands are all puffed up about it—to think, after all that has happened in the way of equal rights, they are still afraid of us.

## ONE WOMAN'S AGE KNOWN, ANYHOW

She was aged 72 years, 6 months and 25 years.—Canton (Ill.) Register.

The only groundhog we know anything about is the one who crawls and jostles old ladies in the street cars.

## LOOKING FORWARD

From the N. Y. American: "Every sinner is going to be punished with an overdose of his own sin. A tobacco smoker will be locked up in a den full of tobacco smoke. A chewer of the filthy weed will be immersed to his neck in a vat of tobacco juice. A drinker will pass his term of purification in a natorium filled with beer, wine and whisky."

O death, where is thy sting?—R. G. Rich.

German scientists have made a giant searchlight with which to signal Mars. But they will not be able to learn war tricks that they have not already used.

## MORE IMPROVEMENT

The officers of the Young Women's Christian association are being Painted And Put in Condition for the winter.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

## A SNAPPY WEEK

Here is the program for the week at a moving picture theater:

Monday—"The Forbidden Thing."

Tuesday—"Once to Every Woman."

Wednesday—"Half an Hour With Dorothy Dalton."

Thursday—"Something to Think About."

Friday—"Idols of Clay."

Maybe it is time to investigate the cost of investigations.

## Correct English

Don't Say:

He has GOT plenty of money (pleonasm).

He has GOT to go (pleonasm).

He OBTAINED possession of the land (pedantic).

He ACQUIRED a fair profit (pedantic).

He has GOTTEN his just dues (obsolescent).

Say:

He has plenty of money.

He has to go.

He GOT possession of the land (natural).

He GOT a fair profit (natural).

He has GOT his just dues.

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