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"Virtue, Liberty and Independence"

THE Evening Ledger stands for Brumbaugh and Palmer.

The translation of Republican principles into the established economic policy of the Government is essential to the well-being of the United States. The catastrophe in Europe has accentuated, not caused, the failure of the revenue. A wise protective system, devised to equalize the cost of production here and abroad, and to assure to American labor a living wage, satisfies fiscal requisites and stabilizes prosperity.

Men, therefore, who are guided by practice instead of theory can reach but one conclusion. Republicanism must be revived, rehabilitated, vitalized, and its principles once more made dominant in national affairs.

Against the accomplishments of so essential a purpose, under a friendly masquerade, appears the disolute conspiracy known as Penroseism. It has its fingers fastened in the throat of Pennsylvania Republicanism. It has ambushed the party, seized it, subverted it to its own ungenerous designs.

Whatever the standing of Penroseism in Pennsylvania. In every other State of the Union it is hated and detested. Nowhere else is there any attempt to defend it. Only answered Federalism with an emphatic repudiation. In New York, Mr. Barnes has yielded to the overwhelming antagonism of the rank and file in his own party and has surrendered his leadership. Tammany, too, that feebly criminal emulator of the Philadelphia Organization, disciplined in its own balliwick, has been shorn of its false colors and the black flag nailed to its reprobate by an indignant public.

This baneful fraternity of plunder is an old man of the sea on the back of the Republican party. In every harbor it is the free trader's slogan. It is the chief Democratic asset, for men prefer illogicalness, even honest incompetency, to overt prostitution of their Government for sinister purposes. The election of Mr. Penrose, who does not and cannot disavow his leadership of the hungry and thirsty elements which compose his machine, would hamstring Republican efforts in every doubtful county in the Union.

Which is better, a Republican majority in the Senate without Mr. Penrose, or a Republican minority with him? Manufacturers may as well make up their minds that it is one or the other. Mr. Penrose has no more chance of ever being chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance than he has of being President of the United States.

Consider the motley elements now lined up behind him. His bipartisan machine has wrought a coalition of the liquor interests, which with incredible stupidity are actually endeavoring to buy the State Senate in order to prevent conscientious consideration of the drink problem. In Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, where the great bulk of Mr. Penrose's strength was shown in the primary, dependence was largely placed on illiterate or irresponsible citizens, men willing to barter their ballots for Organization crumbs.

Franklin could generally state a common-sense conclusion without wasting words. This sentence of his was much used in the Revolutionary period: "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

PASSED BY THE CENSOR

LIFE in some newspaper offices—that is, official life—is about as certain as the weather a week hence, and no one knows this better than the theatrical manager. Not so long ago the dramatic editor of a Philadelphia paper called upon a manager and was amazed to find him giving a pass for two seats to the paper's office boy.

LUTHER BURBANK has a rival in constructive eugenics, if it may be so called. His name is George White and he lives in Eaton, O., who will now become famous as the home of the scratchless chicken, for that is the type being evolved by White through a process of elimination and eugenics applied to poultry.

REFLECTED in the light of his great Runcle, Helmut von Moltke, Chief of Staff of the German armies, has stood the acid test of publicity very well. Though little is known about this six-foot-four giant, his father-in-law, the Danish Count von Moltke, is responsible for the story of his daughter's wedding to the present military leader. Helmut fell in love with his distant cousin and namesake, Eliza von Moltke, but her father declared that he would withhold his consent until the great von Moltke, the uncle, had given his consent.

WHERE there's a will, there's a way, says the old adage, and there appears a way to fulfill the alleged last will of Peter the Great. This will, the object of 100 years of controversy, is said to rest in the archives of Petrograd, so far as is known, no modern eye has ever been laid on the original copy of this mystic document.

THE authenticity of the will is very much in doubt, but it gains interest, nevertheless, in view of Russia's present stand in European politics.

SPEAKING of the elder Dumas recalls a literary document of another nature, which was not authentic, but—here is the story: In the middle 40's Dumas had engaged a large corps of translators, among them being the father of the writer, then an impecunious newspaper man.

For the Service of Philadelphia THE sympathies of the Evening Ledger will be instant in favor of programs which promise to make this city a better city in which to live. It will not accomplish its purpose unless it senses the social and civic longings of the thousands of homeowners and homemakers who have made Philadelphia the splendid metropolis that it is.

Mr. Pinchot may be without a party, but what does he care? He has the nomination. Mr. Bryan is not for peace at any price. In fact, the price depends entirely on the size of the audience.

THE heavy artillery is also doing something to bring about the end of the war. Napoleon had an idea that it generally would in any war.

CURIOUSITY SHOP William Murdock, an English millwright, went to a factory in search of work one morning in 1680. The proprietor, who had turned him away, noticed that he was wearing an oval hat, whereas the style had been round until then.

DONE IN PHILADELPHIA

ONE COULD scarcely allow the birth of Philadelphia's newest evening paper to pass without a word or two about evening newspapers, and especially about Philadelphia's first evening journal, which, by the way, was the first evening paper to be published in this country, and, if I am not mistaken, the first evening paper to be published in the world.

VERBAL HANDSHAKES "We extend to you our heartfelt congratulations for the success of the Evening Ledger."—New York Commercial.

A New Evening Contemporary "War" extras during the past few weeks have served to accustom the community to the afternoon appearance of the PUBLIC LEDGER, which, according to announcement, is to be published in regular evening edition, beginning next Monday afternoon.

The Workin' Song of Old John Paul By HOLMAN F. DAY Down by the church lived old John Paul. He tanked with his hammer and he jabbed with his awl.

THE IDEALIST If you had carried out to the best of your ability everything which you had planned to carry out, you would now be one of the leaders of men.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW "Even Argentina long ago learned to govern her internal improvements without waste or graft; and it is not for want of feasible plans that we have not done the same."

THE OTTOMAN GOVERNMENT must have strong reasons to believe it can maintain its new pretensions indefinitely, otherwise it would scarcely have made a move whose failure will bring humiliation heaped upon humiliation.

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT seems to be a sort of universal umpire. As far as the railroads are concerned we think that there probably never was a time when the people were more willing to treat them fairly and justly.

THAT farm club work is gaining constantly increasing attention from South Georgia farmers is good news. It means not only crop diversification, but better marketing of diversified products.

THOU NAMELESS COLUMN

OUR own private war in Montana is also a Butte.—Boston Transcript.

A Kind of Stick-to-it-iveness Two business men, so it is told, were lurching together when an old graybeard stamped by. "That's Brown. He works for me," said the first business man.

ANOTHER Kind of the Same What do you think of this as an example of constancy? It is cited by the Alta Vista (Kan.) Journal: "Jacob Eisenhut was in town Monday wearing a work shirt he bought 41 years ago when he lived in beautiful old Switzerland. It cost \$1.50."

A Spring Poem Without Flowers Contrary to general opinion there are several varieties of spring poems, some of which bloom in the fall. Mr. W. P. Eaton deserves credit for this: "It is spring today; I know the slightest smell of asphalt fills the air. The gas-pipe men are mending lines. And digging ditches in the square."

A Long Shot In a text-book on arithmetic the Sacred Heart Review has discovered the following ingenious problem: "A cannon ball travels 50 feet in one second. How far will it be from the muzzle of the gun after the lapse of thirty-five minutes?"

NINE Points of the Law Harper's Magazine describes an excellent situation suitable for very young ladies: "The lovely girl, having lingered a minute in her room to make sure that her skirt fitted to her entire satisfaction, descended to the parlor to find the family pet ensconced upon the knee of the young man caller, her curly head nestled comfortably against his shoulder.

WAR and the Dictionary A cable dispatch from Paris read: "Ten members attended the French Academy's regular meeting this week and discussed the word 'exode' for the dictionary. 'Exode' means exodus." Evidently the French are suffering from lack of sufficient words to express their delight over the retreat of the Germans.

A Double Fumble "Who was that tough-looking chap I saw you with today, Hoke?" "Be careful, Parker! That was my twin brother."

THIS IS A True Story It happened in a small city about a week after the time for paying dog licenses had expired. The dog catcher was out on the trail of unlicensed dogs. In a house on the outskirts of that city lived two women who may be described as middle-aged and unmarried. They had a dog named Bingo.