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PHILADELPHIA, TUESDA	Y, SEPTEMBER 22, 1914
PENROSE organs, w	Carrion for Meat" chose moral perspective might as well not exist, and their readers that

the Evenue Langer has become Democratic. Was there ever a candidate who hid so slasely behind the party emblem as Mr. Pen-"I am a Republican," he says, and all the little satellites solemnly echo: "He is a Republican." Apparently Republicanism is a mane without which the senior Senator could sot hobble twenty yards. Yet he is not a Republican. His organization was denomisated by that true Republican, Senator Root, "a oriminal conspiracy," a masquerade. It is trim garmant in which this coterie of polidalans have wrapped Penroselsm, a pretty iress. Tear it saids and a stench of corrupdon deadens the atmosphere. There are the prembling limbs of graft, the tricky fingers. the dripping revenue from rum, the long Capitol scandal, the victous debauchery of voters, the indescribable alliances with vice. the whole composite body of social parasites and hangers-on, combined in a vast conmiracy of loot.

If that is Republicanism, then America is done with Republicanism; and the world is done with its and decent men and women are done with it. But it isn't. Not a bit of it. On the contrary, the vital principles of the party that saved the Union, first from dissolution and then from economic calamity. still live. They are the principles that thousands of men want to vote for, but will not vote for if at the same time they must be put on record as approving as immoral a set of political adventurers as ever gathered together on the public highways or in the back rooms of corner dens.

This nation will have Republicanism without the fraud that Penroseism attaches to it. or it will not have Republicanism at all. That is a patent, obvious fact. Men who Imagine that the destinies of this nation will ever again be entrusted to statesmen who cannot stand daylight are eternally mistaken.

### Men's Patience is in Their Pockets

TTIS a mania of Congress to play with dy-Inamite. The American people will never be content with war taxes in time of profound peace, in a year when nature has been magnificently prodigal and bumper crops are the rule. Millions which were formerly got from the customs houses were being taken directly from the pockets of citizens before. the European war broke out. Now it is proposed to secure millions more from excise taxes. From being the most prolific source

tion in one of his poems. The fly, however, fared somewhat better in general esteem until science and education changed the attitude. Fifteen or twenty years ago children in kindergartens sang liltingly of "the fly in baby's milk," Selected by Professor Quiller-Couch for "The Oxford Book of English Verse" is an excellent poem of William Oldys, beginning-

Busy, curious, thirsty fly Drink with me and drink as I: Freely welcome to my cup, Couldst thou sip and sip it up,

But the fly is now our enemy, and the rat is more knowingly dreaded than ever before. There is safety in fear.

### Enmeshed in a Definition

THE most brazen of all the anti-morality L organs in Pennsylvania said this morning:

Facing defeat in their various districts, the pitiful appeal of Congressmen, "Let Us Have Pork," has changed to the insistent demand, "We Must Have Pork!" It is a tough outlook for mushroom statesmen whose only stock in trade is a faked prayer and a trunkful of broken promises.

Pork or no pork was the question before the United States Senate yesterday. By ome strange freak of fortune, Mr. Penrose appened to be in his seat. Putting himself n a class with "mushroom statesmen whose only stock in trade is a faked prayer and a runkful of broken promises," he voted for he pork.

#### Checkmate the Municipal Court Grab ANEW Municipal Court grab, involving Aeventually a million instead of half a million dollars, is in process of accomplishment. The Mayor has boldly challenged the men who propose to put this burden on the municipality at a time when common sense requires the husbanding of resources in order to make the way clear for transit. The Mayor's veto of the ordinance condemning ground as a site for the projected buildings should be sustained. His argument against it is conclusive. There can be no satisfactory answer. The city cannot be loaded down with white elephants at this time without the people understanding clearly the purpose of the program.

#### New Hose Must Be Got.

THE fire underwriters have sustained Di-rector Porter's charge that a large part of the hose owned by the city is unfit for use. It would be idle now to quarrel about who is responsible for the situation. The thing of importance is the fact itself. It must be remedied, not next year, but this year. There is no other matter which so urgently requires the attention of Councils,

### Art "Made in America."

THE European cataclysm has at least tema porarily affected the buying of books and attendance at the theatre. Book publishers and play-producers are unanimous in their opinion on that point, but they predict a 'boom." American novelists and dramatists will have the field to themselves.

No one has ever contested the supremacy of France in the short story; yet the much-vaunted French writers, such as Flaubert and Gautier, acknowledged their indebtedness to Edgar Allan Poe. The short story has reached a more perfect form in America today than it ever has in France, We have not yet produced a Shakespeare, a Moliere or an Ibsen. Nevertheless, England, France, Germany and the other continental countries can beast of no living dramatist whom we may not hope to duplicate, if not surpass.

"The adulating imitation of Europe's middle-age art has brought about mediocrity in our own," recently declared America's famous sculptor, Gutzon Borglum. "There is no reason why we in America should not produce an Angelo or a Da Vincl." have a declaration of inder

# PASSED BY THE CENSOR

THE wonderfully blue waters of the bay of L Funchal, off the coast of Madeira, glittered translucently. In small boats a party of American tourists landed from the steamship. McNab, who had a mania for collecting outre things, announced that he would buy the finest old Madeira wine on the island and, with that, he disappeared on his hunt. the while the others saw the sights.

And then the unregenerates laid a deep and wicked plot to commandeer that wine. So they got back to the steamship well in advance and awaited events. Just as the whistle blew its "all aboard," McNab hove in sight in a small boat, lovingly caressing a basket. He tied it to a rope, mounted to the steamship's deck and began to hoist up his precious burden.

But the wicked ones were prepared and when the basket was passing a certain porthole, a hand protruded and two bottles, cobwebbed and ancient looking, were lifted bodily into the inner receases of the steamship. Whereupon the ship's surgeon brought fine cigars and the first mate nuts and biscuits. Then the puriolner, after a more or less neat speech of triumph, pulled the corks and-poured out the clearest, nicest water ever seen!

McNab had paid \$5 each for the bottles, but he never knew-the unregenerates had just enough self-respect left not to tell him the awful truth.

TT HAPPENED last week, when the sun shone brightly and the poesy of autumn was in the air. I wandered far affeld into the lands beyond Collingdale-over the hills and far away, until I came to a tumble-down stone building, decayed with age and redolent with historic memories. There arose visions of Washington, of Grant, the herces of our wars. Memory painted pictures of love and intrigue and bloodshed and the pursuit of peace and then-came the most anclent inhabitant.

"Pretty old building?" ventured the writer,

seeking information.

"Pretty old." responded the man. "It's probably played an important part in

our country's history?" "Not that I know of." responded the old man; "it's been a cow barn nigh all its life."

Whereupon I heat a masterly retreat.

HEINRICH HEINE, the German poet, iay desperately ill in Paris, an exile from bia native land, shunned by members of his race because of his change of faith, disliked by those of his new religion. But though paralyzed, his mind was as clear and acute as ever and his wit as cutting. Daily he wrote for a French paper; incluive, raplerlike, cutting and sharp were his remarks And the butt of his daily joke was one of the Rothschilds. For months this had continued, and then Rothschild could stand the jibes no longer. He sent a friend to Heine to offer him a life of ease if he would forego his satirical attacks.

"Stop?" asked Heine. "Stop the attacks on Rothschild? What other pleasure have I left. in life? Tell Rothschild that all his millions. could not buy health for me. Tell him that my impooning pleases me more than it hurts him.

So to the day of Heine's death, Rothschild had to endure.

TN PARIS, Heine had married a French woman of dubious antecedents and utterly at variance with the spiritual nature of the poet. She was a good nurse, however, dividing her time between Heine and her parrot. One day she disappeared and a friend, condoling with the sick man, suggested that she had eloped.

"Is her parrot still here?" asked Heine. "Yest"

sired change in the old Constitution, which dated back to Charles II. Rival factions were formed—the "Suffrage" and the "Law and Order" parties. Each elected a set of State officials and each sought to gain con-trol of the State Government. Thomas W. Dorr was chosen Governor by the Suffrage party and attempted to seize the Govern-ment, but was sentenced to imprisonment for life, being pardoned subsequently. for life, being pardoned subsequently.

Cold slaw, a dish essentially American in its popularity, is said to have been invented by the early Dutch settlers, who called it by the ea kool-slas.

John Bull's sister Peg is really Scotlanda poor girl raised on porridge and water and quartered in a garret exposed to the north wind. In Arbuthnot's satirical "History of Europe" she is represented as madly in love with Jack-John Calvin.

## IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR

#### **Popularity** Assured

That proposed 'bus line on Broad street should become immensely popular with the young folk, for bussing has ever been a popular pastime. A Bitter Dose

## Petrograd and Jaroslaw,

Budapest and Crecy, alser Wilhelm, General Pau-Drive me nearly crazy, Kaiser But the worst is yet to come, Tasting rather pill-y, Reading like prescriptions all-"Take some Przymsl-y" "Take some Przymsl-y" "Take some Prmzsyl-y" Spelling.

'Twouldn't be Tolerated Here

#### From the Buenos Aires Standard.

"Again I was welcomed by my cheery hostess, and once more partook of her simple yet palatable face."

Casualties

From Allied sources we learn that 4,356,711 Germans were killed, 11,699,326 were wounded and 900,467 were taken prisoners, in the

last four days of fighting. From German sources we learn that the total German loss to date was 11 slightly killed, 43 seriously dead and 66 compre-

### Fowl Play

"Why have you given your hen such an outlandish name as Footpad, Jinks?" "Because she's laying for me."

hensively wounded.

### The Natural Sequence

It now behaves all good exchange editors to dig up the Ingoldsby Legends and reprint "The Jackdaw of Rheims."

#### Heartburn, Probably

From the Elkton (Md.) Democrat. "Fire of an unknown origin totally de-stroyed the contents of Clarence H. Krauss one night last week."

### Huh!

Mary had a little lamb, And then I heard her holler: "What does that waiter think I am?

# He charged me half a dollar!" --Cincinnati Enquirer.

### Domestic Discord

### "My husband used to call me his lovely

lute.

And now?" "Now he picks on me."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

### What's In a Name?

'We're giving our pastor a new drawing room carpet on the occasion of his jubilee. Show me something that looks nice but isn't too expensive.' "Here is the very thing, madame-real Kidderminster."-London Punch.

#### Altruism

### Teacher-Johnny, you have been writing

your own excuses. Johnny-I know, mum; it takes all pa's time to think of his own.-New York Sun.

#### A Fall Time Singer

Golden punkins gleamin' bright

Yander in de patch. Never seed a purtier sight Laying in a batch. Trouble dis way's fraid to steer— "Come right in an' have a cheer."

Dixle Land's de land fo' me,

# DONE IN PHILADELPHIA

FRIEND put into my hand the other Aday an old pamphlet written by John Roach, the shipbuilder of Chester, which describes rather fearlessly the causes of the decline of the American merchant marine and denounces in positive terms what has been called free ships. Both these questions are uppermost in the minds of the people at the present time, and it is curious to note that they occupied a somewhat similar position 40 years ago. Roach was an Irishman, who came to this

country as a boy early in the 30s, and first went to work in a foundry for 25 cents a day. In the course of his long career as a ship and engine builder he failed four times, and, had he survived, undoubtedly would have successfully passed through his fourth failure to fortune again. He built four of the warships which were known as the White Squadron, the beginnings of our present modern navy, and it was due to his suggestion and advice that the United States ventured upon the development of its navy along mod-

ern lines. TT WAS this venture that finally caused the death of John Roach. First he astonished the Naval Advisory Board by making his bids on four ships far below their estimated cost. When the Dolphin was completed the new Secretary of the Navy, William C. Whitney, would not accept it. Although another board conducted a stringent test and also rejected the vessel, Secretary Whitney changed his view. His action came too late. Roach, with so much of his capital tied up, stopped business for the benefit of his creditors. He declined in health from that time, and two years later, or in

1887, he died, a broken-hearted man. Roach was responsible for a large proportion of the iron steamship tonnage which carried the American flag after the Civil War. It is said that his yards built in all 114 ships of the most modern type for their day. He was naturally a stern advocate for the protection of the ship industry in this country, and one had only to mention Clydebuilt ships to him to start him off on a

tirade.

#### 'N ROACH'S pamphlet which my friend handed me, I find an explanation of the disappearance of our flag from the merchant marine of the world. "When our Civil War began," the shipbuilder states, "we had a large commerce but a small navy, and the latter, to protect national life, purchased 215,978 tons of our best steam tonnage. The War Department absorbed, by charter and otherwise, 757,611 tons more. Of the remainder, to avoid war rates of insurance or destruction by Clyde-built cruisers, under the rebel flag, 801,311 tons sought refuge under

the flag of England or other European bunting, while 104,605 tons were actually destroyed by the Alabama and other pirates. "Of the ships of all sorts employed thus by our Government few were afterward of any

commercial value, though resold at comparatively low rates, partly because of the alterations they had undergone in the process of adapting them to war uses, but more on account of the revolution which had taken place in commercial naval architecture and in the application of motive power."

DOACH comments upon this procedure as R one of the most extravagant and ruinous methods that could have been devised for supplying the United States with a navy. But at the opening of the Civil War, as at the beginning of every other war in which this country has engaged, something like this has had to be done. We always have been unprepared. Indeed, the method appears to be the approved method of augmenting naval services all over the world. We chartered ships during the Spanish War, and England, Germany and Japan, with their subsidized lines, also have found it convenient to take over certain vessels from their merchant marine in war times.

becomes a murderer; the drunkard become a liar; the liar becomes a coward. Benedict Arnold did the most convenient thing; it took too much courage to do the inconvenient thing. And that's exactly the situation with the teller of the "white He." THE IDEALIST.

### VIEWS OF READERS **ON TIMELY TOPICS**

Contributions That Reflect Public Opinion on Subjects Important to City,

State and Nation.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: In reading your efficient newspaper I find an article entitled, "British Diplomat Criticiaes Wilson on the Mexican Policy." The British Ambassador, Bir Lionei Carden, was nothing but a warm partisan of the Huerta regime. At one time I was a Huerta sympathizer until

After he committed murder—the killing of Francisco I. Madero. Sir Lioitel Carden cannot by any means compare with the great President Wilson; the troops were ordered from Vera Cruz. Why? Because the President knew that he was leaving the situation to an honorable and edu leaving the situation to an honorable and edu cated man. Sir Lionel's statement is against Senor Carranza, because he ordered that he (Sir Lionel) should leave the republic for being a Huerta partisan. So let me explain, in a few words, that Sir Lionel contradicts himself by saying that Carranza has no sort of Government.

He must know that if Senor Carranza had no sort of government he would not have told

FIGHT TO THE FINISH

Sir-A campaign is on in this Commonwealth

which is being watched throughout the length and breadth of our land. It is a fight to a finish between the discredited old machine and

the forces which must prevail if the old Keystone

State is to be lifted into the place it must occupy if we as Pennsylvanians are to stand

The issue is Penrose as the embodiment of

practices which no longer have any proper place in our political and industrial life. These are the days for the vallant on both sides of

the ocean, and the call of duty is just as clear

as if it were "To arms" instead of to the ballot box. When the EVENING LEDGER enlists in this

campaign, aggressively opposing this blight of

the cause of good government second to none

DAVID J. PEAPSALL. Mauch Chunk, Fa., September 15, 1914.

GIVE HONEST POLITICS A CHANCE

Sir-I have read for many years and have appreciated deeply the splendid work which the PUBLIC LEDGER has done toward the puri-fication of Pennsylvania politics, Another

great opportunity has now arisen for it and the

EVENING LEDGER to continue this service, to the

advantage of both State and nation. /I refer to

the opportunity of defeating Mr. Penrose for

re-election to the United States Senate. \* \* WILLIAM I. HULL.

WESTMORELAND AGAINST PENROSE

Sir-As an independent Republican, interested in raising my party to a higher standard of citizenship. I am glad that you are opposing

Penroseism. You deserve the gratitude of the good citizens of Pennsylvania. Our county was strongly anti-Penrose at the last primary, and the sentiment against him continues to increase.

PENROSEISM NOT REPUBLICANISM

Sir-I am a reader of the EVENING LEDGER

As I believe that is your policy, I cannot see how you can consistently support Palmer and a Republican platform at the same time. He does not stand for Republican principles

and, therefore, should not be supported by any Republican. JOSEPH RICHARD.

Praise From Sir Hubert

George W. Childs himself might have issued

the order under which, with the beginning of this week, an EVENING LEDGER flashed upon

the Philadelphia public-and the community at large. It was a liberal move to extend in these

your paper, but I am a Republican

Mt. Fleasant, Pa., September 14, 1914.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Slatington, Pa., September 18, 1914.

From the Boston Transcript.

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E. E. ZUCK

Swarthmore, Pa., September 14, 1914.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

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a great public duty and makes a contribution to

Sir Lionel to leave the republic. J. R.-MEXICAN CITIZEN. Philadelphia, September 21, 1914.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

erect as men worth while.

of revenue, the tariff is rapidly being made to assume a minor role in national finance. Direct imports are taking the place of indirect levies. American history and American temperament are against this procedure. The Administration is preparing to drive itself into an inextricable labyrinth of unpopularity.

#### League Island Gets a Chance

CHIPWAYS at League Island will enable D the Philadelphia Navy Yard to demonstrate absolutely its superiority over every other yard in the country. All things that go into the building of ships are centralized in this city. Private shipyards along the Delaware testify to the unexcelled advantages here offered. When next Congress is asked for an appropriation the Philidelphia delegation will be armed with so formidable an array of facts that opposition to support of the local yard will be swent nway. A beginning has been made, nothing more, but it is a beginning that is a promise of far greater things to come.

**Open Markets** Are Checks and Balances THE open markets recently established in New York city may be made permaant, though thera is some opposition from middlemen, and there is complaint from other quarters that the market privileges have been abuned by vendors who are not farmers. So far as the abuse of privileges is concerned, the remedy lies in a system of careful regulation, and as for the middlemen their just profits cannot be at all endangered by any number of open markets.

On the consumer's ande, only it commerative few of the housewives of a large community can utilize open markets. It is a question of convenience and carfare, and the corner grocery is not menaced beyond the limits of reason.

Open markets, the parcel post and similar short cuts, which reduce several transactions to one transaction between one millor and one buyer, will never apply to a very large proportion of the business of marketing produce, but they will be exceedingly valuable in restricting the middleman to such profits. as will compensate him for the service which he actually performs. They will serve both the producer and the communer as an alternative when the middleman becomes too. exacting a tollmaster. They are checks and balances.

#### Our Enemy the Rat

WaR has been declared on the rata of Philadelphia. They have not yet scourged this city with the bubonic plague. but science and education have convinced the modern age that they are menaces to the health of any community. Philadelphia will probably do at once what New Orleans did after the rats had been the means of destroying many human lives. This is a wise maxim rar cities, "to take warning from others of what may be to your own advantage "

The rat never enjoyed the popularity with which the fir used to be favored. Shakespeare and Cervantes both referred to him in slighting metaphorical phrase, and Browning gave im prominent but not complimentery men-- + m

in art.

### Roll of the Thunderbolt

TTHE history of representative government Lis the history of the gradual assumption of power on the part of the people. The French Revolution, which Victor Hugo called "the most profound thing in all history," would never have left its imprint upon the social and political soul of mankind had it not been for the current of life and action supplied by the people. They made real the teachings of the French materialists of the 18th century. Rousseau and Diderot and Voltaire, and the entire coterie of chilosophers and thinkers of that period, would have remained dead letters had it not been for the dynamic power which the revolution supplied for the realization of their ideas. Their thoughts were but the rustling murmur of a new day. The power supplied by the people was a thunderbolt that has since rolled around the earth.

No Quarter to Political Plunderers OUT in Kansas City the friends of good government are quoting what Hugh O'Brien, a former Mayor of Boston, said in an official message after his re-election in 1286:

If political marties put unscrupulous men-to the front, they ought to be voted down. If political parties make combinations with If political parties make combinations with men whose morality and integrity are ques-tionable, such combinations should be dis-coursed and discounteranced by every good citizen. If no quarter is given to men-who have no moral principle behind them, who have no moral principle behind them, who connect themselves with beading parties mersiv for plunder, they should be stamped out, and then the business of the country will be conducted, like any other dama eminoration, on business principles. large outporation, on business principles.

These words apply to all combinations for plunder in municipal state or national poll-They point to the responsibility of \$ 64-56 every American citizen.

fueror Brumbaugh is immune to spitially.

A man with a feather in his cap usually hus an tagle in his pocket.

Was the recent cellpse of the sun an English plot to deprive Germany of her wellknown place therein?"

The Mayor has done his duty in the matter | asked Mr. Reick. of the Municipal Court grab. Councils will have another chance this afternoon.

There is no question about what Mr. Penruse stands for. The record shows that through his Organization he has stood for anything.

Mr. Roosevelt says that Mr. Pinchot will not retire, but what does Mr. Roosevelt know about it? A man is not addicted to coffee if he has nover been able to get a first cup.

Regular steamship service from Philadelphia to the Pacific is a good sign. Shipping goods from so fine a port as this to New York to be loaded on vessels was a kind of extravagance which sound business could not long endure.

This war tax on gasoline is a direct blow at the poor, down-trodden automobile owner.

"Then she'll come back " And come back she did.

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m R}^{
m OMANCE}$  is a thing of the past. Our childhood dreams and fancies have been relegated into the scraphcap of materialism. The thrill of old is replaced by the certainty of knowledge. What is it all about? Oh, yes, Robinson Crusoe's isle has been connected with the rest of the world by wireless! Can you conceive it, Robinson signaling to Friday to come to his aid? Or some one far away punctuating the air with electric flashes to warn him that the savages were coming? Gone are the days of the buccaneers, the rovers of the sea!

Robinson Crusoe's isle has been annexed to the rest of the world!

BENEATH the great St. Stephen's Cathe-dral in Vienna, which may yet be taken by the Russians, is a fabyrinth of catacombs. nearly equal to that of Rome. For miles the subterranean passages twist and turn in Cimmerian darkness. When a very small boy I was taken into the depths by my father. accompanied by a guide who carried a torch. Somehow or other, I went astray and wandered off. The reflected light of the torch showed skeletons of Capuchin monks, arrayed in the booded vestments of their order. standing in silent, gruesome rows against the damp walls: horrors were multiplied in my childish brain

"Papa!" I yelled, and the echoes sounded and resounded in quavering rones, dying away in ghostly whispers. And when I was safe with my dad, a moment later, I was the happiest youngster in all Europe.

WHEN William C. Belck was editorial manager of the New York Herald it was well-nigh impossible for any one from the outside world to see him. But Harold J. Littiedale, an English newspaperman, accomplished the seemingly impossible, and here is told how he did it. He sent word into Mr. Reick that he had a story which he would tell only to him. Mr. Reick sent a reporter to see Littledale, who declined to reveal his story to any one save Mr. Reick. After a long wait he was taken into the august presence.

Well, young man, what's your story?"

"It's a hard-luck story: I want a job." said Littledale, and then he was ushered out.

BRADFORD

### CURIOSITY SHOP

It was John C. Calhoun, who in a speech delivered May 27, 1836, coined the phrase, "cohesive power of public plunder," saying: "A power has risen up in the Government greater than the people themselves, consist-ing of many and various and powerful in-terests, combined into one mass and held together by the cohesive power of the vast surplus in the banka"

That other well-known phrase, to "die in the last ditch." originated with William of Orange, who, on being asked by Buckingham whether he did not realize the inevitable ruin hanging over the Commonwealth, replied:

"There is one certain means by which I can be sure never to see my country's ruin. I will die in the last ditch."

Dorr's rebellion took place in Rhode Island in 1843, the bone of contention being a de-

No whar else l'se boun Possums roamin' roun' so free. Nuff to make a darky grin-"Bring yo' folks an' call ag'in." —Jacksonville Times-Union.

Sign of the Times A Baptist Church in Paterson has spoken the last word in business administration of religion. This is the sign erected in front of the edifice:

Love and Sunshine Company, Wholesale and Retail Christians; Distributors of Joy and Goodwill. In Essentials, Unity; in non-Essentials, Liberty; in all things, Charity. The Church with the Royal Welcome.

A Villainous Joke

Who is the Villa of Europe? Which of the embattled emperors is the friend of the Euro-peon?

This is Too Punny We labored hard to pen a pun, An hour passed, and it was done; We nearly died of sheer surprise; We pinched ourself and rubbed our eyes; For on we knowed on it in pride as we looked on it in pride-For. And, as we said, so nearly died-We found we'd made a double hit (Of wisdom, infamy or wit) For wisdom, intamy or with For then we saw, and not till then. We'd penned a pun that punned a Penn. A lot of fuss over a little thing, perhaps, but it occurred to us that William Penn books eather the looks rather inky compared to the rest of the City Hall tower.

#### One Bad Turn

Brown (whose new cook is worse than the last)—It was you who recommended that new cook to my wife, wasn't it? Jones (with difidence)—Yes, old man. Brown (vengofully)—Then, I must ask you to come home to dinner with me tonight,— London Sketch

A Prayer

London Sketch.

God of the warring nations, God of the ways of peace, Hark to the pleas of women And bid the warfare cease Hark to the prayers of children. Their small hands lifted up, And from the world forever Remove this bitter cup!

In years of peaceful living Thy servants have forgot. The grief that follows carnage, And now, their blood grown hot, They challenge each the other, And with no heeding for The necklaced arms of loved ones

They clatter forth to war. Oh. God. remove this madness.

And make Thy servants sane! Remove the fields of carnage, Where wounded and where slain where wounded and where alah Are trampled to gory remnants! Our God, of war and peace, Remove from men their blindness And bid the warfure cease!

A wife stands all forsaken And peers into the storm, Above the smoke of battle She marks the vultures swarm. No loved one hears her pleading And to her succor flies-Beatde where she stands weeping

A baby starves and dies. God, lift the burden from them Who bear the burden most! od, touch the hearts of rulers! God, turn each warring host God From ways that lead to slaughter

Back to the paths of peace! God, hear the plaints of women And bid the warring cease! -Judd Mörtimer Lewis, in Houston Post.

It has been generally understood that it was during the period of our Civil War that England-and to a lesser degree Germanytook advantage of our preoccupation to snatch away from us the commerce-carrying trade of the world. From 1830 until the opening gun of the Civil War was fired our foreign trade increased regularly and enormously, and in 1860 it was questioned whether the United States merchant marine was not first. In any case, it was a close second to that of England.

DURING that long-continued strife, how-ever, England had her opportunity and was keen to take advantage of it. Some persons may have thought that our present concern to regain our proud position on the seas while Europe is busy is a triffe unethical, but to the persons who feel that way about it Mr. Roach 40 years ago supplied the answer.

Listen to this: "England saw the opportunity thus afforded her and availed herself of it to the utmost. She spent millions on millions in subsidies under various forms; she used even the agonies of our strife for her own advantage, and the Clyde builders were enriched in the construction of blockade runners, not to speak of the Alabama and other representatives of the 'British neutral service.' Unobstructed and unrivaled by the only people who had shown a capacity for competing with her upon the sea, she made the first fruits of the great naval revolution all her own."

TT MUST be remembered in reading that sentence from Roach's pamphlet that it was written less than ten years after the Civil War, when the wounds and prejudices of that strife had not yet been effaced; nevertheless, it is likely to make us feel a little more comfortable about seizing the present opportunity to get our flag on the sea again. GRANVILLE.

### THE IDEALIST

Did you ever tell a "white lie"?

After you had told it, did you feel any less mean, small and disposed to creep snake-like into the nearest hole than when you had told a real substantial one?

It is curious how we grease our con-sciences in the "white lie" habit. I sat in a man's office when his messenger presented a visitor's card. After a quick glance he returned it to the boy with the trite in-structions to "tell him I'm out."

This fellow forthwith established his repu-tation for wilful inaccuracies among two people, the boy and myself; perhaps in it-self not a serious handicap to his standing, but just as a drop of aniline dys will thut a hogshead of water this man's lack of re-spect for pure truth will gradually permeate his entire environment. This is as inevitable as the law of gravitation is inevitable.

be the law of granuation is internation. Doubtless the mental process is: "Well I don't want to see this visitor and I don't want to insult him by telling him so. Hence, I abstain from making him angry by leading him to believe I am not in my office."

Did you ever see a sin marching alone? Never: Always it is found in the company of its own bone and marrow. The thief

of retrenchment the expense of pub tion. A false idea prevails that in "war circu-lationa" there is great profit. Circulation in itself is of no value. It is only as it commands respect and thus advertising patronage that if

is even self-supporting. Thus the expansion of the Public LEDGER of this time is purely for the advantage of 11 readers, though let us hope in the long run its publishers, too, may reap their reward.

The infant marches like a veteran. It is edited by a "distinct organization," which we may be sure in this case does not mean that heave-everybody policy-"support" in the morning, "opposition" in the evening-to 'catch them coming and going." A newspaper "without a history" is as happy

as the proverbial "country." For the years of its existence the PUBLIC LEDGER's has been most brief. It was conceived a thoroughbred and thoroughbred it has remained in spite of the temptations of mongrelization-by voting contests, money prizes, tango teaching, etc.,

Its history is the personality of a few cleanminded, public-spirited individuals with a true sense of what "enterprise" really is. Never has it been nearer its best than today.

#### Silence Not Golden

From the Chambersburg (Fa.) Valley Spirit. A strange, weird silence falls upon the him of the Republican candidates when the name

of Penrose is montioned. Not one of them has so far dared to declare himself either for or against the machine that seeks to continue its corrupt management of this State for its own advantage.

### Welcomes Evening Ledger

From the Jewish Exponent.

The EVENING LEDGER is a welcome addition to the ranks of Philadelphia newspaperdom There is no better paper in the United States than the PUBLIC LEDGER, and few as good. If the evening edition keeps up the fine tradition that the PUBLIC LEDGER has established, it will be a potent force for good.

### NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

Along with the day of prayer for the peace of Europe it might with propriety be suggested that a day be set apart for a popular memorial to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a just rendering of the public account with the railroads.-Chattanooga Times.

Nothing can bring back the glory of bleiros. Imagination is touched with the heat of passion when armies bediessly deflower a country of its noblest church, and it receils with scorn and leathing from the guilty hords.—Ne- York Tribune.

The struggle in Colorado is sure to by reauthority, resumes its forgotten duties and both makes and enforces laws which the promote peace in the mining regions .-(Cag) Journal.

Every well-informed commentator Every well-informed communication to the problem of building up our trade with fourth America agrees that it is mainly a question of establighing a proper system of examinges, whoseby ample credit facilities may be constitued to the fatth Averdoons and payment of terms to the Latin-Americans and payment trans actions carried Pioneer Press. carried out with facility -- St. Paul

Railroad men should lean on themselves more and on the Government less. They should not stand back helplessly without sconomizing and nak the Government for a license to raid shippers and railroad passengers.-Milwaukee Journal.

The extension of American banking facilities to South American cities should be followed by the establishment of cheaper rates of postage.--New York Times.

New fork stines. If President Wilson and the Democratic leaders desire to go into the coming election with an indefensible grab—even a \$20,000,000 appropriation—to their discredit, they have suddenty became less careful of the political as-pects of administration than they have been heretofore.—New York Tribune