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Alcoholic or Apologetic Republicans BOIES PENROSE has a following, either coerced or cajoled. Vears of such astate manipulation as he has displayed, added to the Quay legacy, could not full entirely.

The days of utterly blind partisanship are past. Republicans are Republicans for aspertainable reasons some for direct gain and some for indirect. And in the pass Republicanism has produced tangible results, and results that might have continued indefinitely but for crude or debased leadership.

There are two classes of Republicans who are backing Penrese today. The first may be called Alcoholic. They make or sell liquor: they own the property drawing high rentals in which liquor is sold; they are members of the fraternity of night that flourishes under the protection of the saloon; they are the beneficiaries of the traffic that has introduced countless victors elements into our social, industrial and political life. This Alcoholic following of Penrose is unblushingly enthusiastic for him.

But they alone cannot elect him. Unless Penrose has the support of the respectable body of intelligent voters he is hopelessly beaten. Whenever a respectable and intelligent voter hints that he may have to vote for Penrose he does it with a droop of the eye-Hds, a lowering of the chin or a shrug of the shoulders. "It will go against the grain," he says, "and I have to do it, but-" Then the threadbare plea of the tariff, the local industries, the wages of the workers. Thus honor, self-respect, virtue are thrown to the winds and the Apologetic Penroselte goes away less a man and less a citizen. And he has not only put the brand of shame upon his own brow, but the manacles of an infamous tyranny upon the Republican party in the State and

### The Villain Still Pursued Her

Now that the second act of the great world delphia fans are beginning to wonder if they haven't happened into a tragedy by mistake. One act of tribulation, yes. One act of sorrows for Miss World Pennant and the courtly Cornellus; one art of triumph for the Redskin. But It's about time for some "herolsm rewarded," or at least a little comic relief. The nearest thing to humor Saturday was the "merry ha-ha" of pugnations Mr. Stallings.

The Braves have departed to their Back Bay hunting grounds. Refreshed by a short mojourn in the Boston Public Library and a nip of Emerson, they are ready to do battle again. Meantime Philadelphia can try to recover its mental equilibrium. A little culture is all right. But two days of it is too much of a strain for any city south of Cape Cod.

Employment the Preventive of Charity MAYOR BLANKENBURG makes the senstead of employing the usual factics of delay and obstruction, shall expedite the enabling ordinances to make effective the municipal loan to be ratified at the coming election, work will then be found for the city's unemployed, a procedure which will make unnecessary the dangerous plan of dispensing charity from the city treasury, as advocated by the Organization floor leader in Common Council.

If the Organization majority in Councils is sincere in its purpose to provide a loan for the immediate and pressing needs of the city it will accept the Mayor's suggestions in the spirit in which they are offered, instead of in the antagonistic spirit already voiced by Chairman Connelly.

The voters of Philadelphia will keep a close watch on the Organization Councilmen to see that the people's purpose in horrowing millions for public works is not thwarted by another resort to petty, plagery politics.

A prompt ratification of the loan and an equally prompt passage of the necessary appropriations will do more to relieve the industrial situation and find work for the workers than anything that could be devised in the way of ill-advised and improvident

The Mayor says truly, that "those out of employment at the present time want work and not charity."

# A State Housing Its Crops

NORTH DAKOTA is going into interstate trade via the grain elevator. Some years ago a constitutional amendment authorized the construction of storehouses for Dakota grain in other States. The State Board of Control is beginning an investigation of conditions in Duluth, Superior and the Twin Cities with the intention of placing sloverers

there to handle grain from North Dakota. Obviously the Commonwealth is making a wise move in the interests of its most populous class, the farmers. It is endeavoring to give the best of care at the lowest of rates to what is the basic product of American industry. If the Federal Government goes to considerable trouble to facilitate the moving of the crops, a State may surely play its part in the necessary housing.

# Elasticity of Human Nature

DURING the Civil War, when the States were in the threes of the agony that now grips Europe, the playhouses of the country were filled to overflowing. Eurfeited with parrow, people sought relief in the vision of

a brighter life presented on the stage. The effect of the news of the war, and the consequent financial depression here, was

of the European cataclysm. In Philadelphia, as in Boston, Chicago and New York, theatres, with but few exceptions, were poorly attended. However, with the inauguration of the new season the predicted reaction has COTTO

To date 33 new attractions have been produced, and of these but ten have failed. The significance of this is manifest. The resilience of the human mind is at once a marvelous and fortunate thing.' It is a well recognized psychologic fact that in hours of direct disaster the mind often finds relief in whimstcal jest. After our most crucial hours, the spirit rebounds with an amazing facility.

For Brumbaugh and Pennsylvania DISTINGUISHED alumni of the Univerganization for the support of Doctor Brumbaugh. The tie that binds these men is found in two terms and irrefutable sentences in the letter signed by the committee:

"His every qualification for the office is

"He is the candidate of all the people." Dr. Isaac Sharpless, president of Haverford

College, has pronounced for Doctor Brumbaugh with the statement: "I must declare and vote for Doctor Brumbaugh because at a time like this we should have a Republican Governor.'

All of these and multitudes more are enthusiastically supporting Doctor Brumbaugh as the possible savior of Republican Pennsylvania. And not one of these to lift a voice for Penroso! Their silence is damning.

## Mexico Straining Our Patience

I'T Is doubtful whether any nation ever dis-played more patience than has the United States roward Mexico, President Wilson, by sheer strength of personal optimism and charity, held the temper of Americans in check for many months while Mexico was being ravished and riven by her warring factions.

Probably Mexican anarchy can go on indefinitely so far as Mexico herself is concerned, because the people have acquired the habit of insurgency. They seem to have a natural liking for it and are happy in proportion as they make themselves miserable. But the Mexican leaders should be warned that the patience of America is not inexhaustible. Having given that country more than a fair chance to compose herself and to live within the bounds of decency and order, not even President Wilson with his sanguine personality can keep this country from intervention if Mexico is to be in a perpetual state of guerrilla warfare. We have some rights as neighbors and we have some inferential duties and obligations growing out of the Monroe Doctrine.

Why American Financiers Are Timid TA PRENSA, an Argentine newspaper, says Lathat Argentina has needed American banks, American ships and American facilitles for trade intercourse for the past 25 years, but they have not been forthcoming

because American financiers are timid. Of course they are. How could they be otherwise? The United States Government has been notoriously lax in protecting American interests abroad; has been inquisitorial and threatening toward capital at home, and it has had a financial policy that crippled the adventurous spirit of those who might have opened new channels of trade.

When our Government throws off its detective habit toward capital and frankly recognizes that wealth has rights no less inalienable than poverty, then, perhaps, we shall see a new spirit of enterprise in our financiers. So long as capitalists are treated as presumptive criminals they will naturally restrain their activities.

# "Crude, Jagged Sentences"

a soldier. Like all his La fellow "literary men" of Athens, he served his years; war took him to Cyprus, Egypt. Phoenicia, Haliels, Aegina, Megara. What a difference between such times and these days when the man of letters "lives either by writing or by investments eked out by

Yet it was the Greek who wrote from the idealistic point of view, touching the poetic with the poetic. As Gilbert Murray, the Greek scholar, says, it is our modern writer, "wrapped round in good books and safe living," who "cries out for something harsh and real-for blood and swearwords and crude, jagged sentences."

What of the European war? Will it bring back the Attic qualities to our writers? There seems little hope of it. Many will never see battle. And our world, after all, demands a different temper.

## War Is Energy Misdirected

ILITARISM has power enough in it to M save the world, by realizing every reform and attaining every rational ideal. The power that ruins a city could save it. The courage that sweeps Europe with a gleaming line of deadly steel could lift up every head toward the everlasting light. Militariam is power perverted. Its moral equivalent could cover the earth with beauty.

War is energy misapplied. The soldiers' attributes of prowess, courage, fanatical patriotiess, and willingness to suffer and die

are not to be destroyed, but converted, There is enough real grit on the battlefield of Europe to Hot all the world as the sun and moon lift the tides. The transportation of these qualities into new motives and methods of constructive living is the next task of Christian civilization.

In 1493 Columbus discovered America. There were Braves also in those days.

This day Connie expects every man to de

"Hee how attractive I am now, Father

Penn. I am disguised in Lincoln's chak." 'A vote for Penrose is a vote for prosperity," and when the dive-owner says it he

knows what he is talking about, It is significant that anti-Wilson sentiment in the Democratic party has gone 'way out to

Michigan to orystalline.

It's a little hard to understand just how the European was has made servents plentiful; hut that's no reason for not being thankful.

Fostunately for the peace demonstration at Convention Mail tenight, the third game is being played in Boston.

In spite of the doctors, Jac Banks indorses Edison's prediction that man may become a "sisepless animal."

What is so rare as a day in October" would have been quite as true a poetic expression for almost perfect weather, such as Philadelphia enjoys today. Unfortunately, Boston exactly the opposite during the first weeks I may be indulging in a nor'-easter,

## THE HANDS OF ESAU

Promotion in the Organization Can be Procured Through Subserviency Alone. Names of the Directors and Business Agents Appointed to Take Care of the Different Wards. The Rise of the Vares and Their Methods.

"The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

Retter government in Philadelphia is being slowly strangled. The cold fingers of "The Organization," Philadelphia's Tammany, twisting dexterously through a pliable majority in Conneils are pressing hard on its windpipe. Unless pried off by the people themselves, stran-

phia dwell the real beneficiaries of better government. They pay the taxes. It is for them to say how the public funds shall be expended. Their support alone means better government. The worst that can be said of people who toil is that they are sometimes too tired to study a public subject-SOMETIMES, NOT ALWAYS.

WITHOUT illusions what would become of any of us? They give faith to the poor, and strength to the weak; raft all over space from the drudgery of the present to something easier. Now, the placeholders have sublime faith in Jim McNichol and the Vares; they never think "The Organization" cold, cruel and hard, as it really is. They have been bought and paid for. Promotion can be secured through subserviency alone; hence the illusions of nobility in this or that leader one hears expressed loudly, yes, loudly, in the bar of a Chestnut street headquarters, or around the corner in 15th street, at an equally

Moral and physical capacities and faculties have no value in a candidate for a place. The important qualification is-Has he some brother, uncle, cousin or other relative who is a member of the Legislature, a Councilman or a ward committeeman? Once in the job, constantly before his eyes on the screen of advancement are thrown such overnight promotions as the catapulting of John J. Harrigan from a \$2000 clerkship into a \$3000 Magistracy, when his ward chief, James A. Carey, was moved up into an \$8000 Mercantile Appraisership. So the placeholder trails along, voicing his own secret hopes for rising behind blatant certificates of character to the higher-ups in "The Organization."

It is the same with hundreds of citizens in the wards who are unsuspectingly linked into locksteps with the army of placeholders by small favors from ward leaders or committeemen, the directors or active business agents of "The Organization." An electric light is located on the block where a single property owner wants it. A relative up for some infraction of the law is discharged with a soft reprimand by a Magistrate. So goes the process of binding dependable servitors under obligations. Whole communities come to believe that government itself is a distribution of individual favors, a grab-bag for all. A man expects semething, and he finally gets it-a sort of free lunch with his noonday beer.

pocket.

winter.

some tact, and much experience.

of white teeth. Of this, at another time.

whom he represents. Here goes:

and fees; for the Vares.

ciate of the Wares. 3. Ex-Mercantile Appraisor Harry J. Trainers wholesale and retail liquer dealer; lines up with the Vares.

\$500; ex-compositor and former small office-holder; called "Neutral Bob."

8. Chief Account Clerk Charles R. Love

terer and ex-foreman in Fire Department; Penose mar. 8. Edward Cook; ex-saloonkeeper; represent-ing Mercantile Appraiser Edward A. Devlin, commonly called "Buck" Devlin; also a Ponrose adherent.

9. James M. Neely; saleenkeeper; for Mo-10. Stute Senator James P. McNichel; former Select Councilman; gentus of the Organization contractor overlord de luxe and a member of

11. Common Councilman John P. Connelly; chairman of the Finance Committee, lawyer and monthpiece of the Organization in Common Councils, usually found with McNichol.
12 Register of Wills James B. Sheahan; salary, \$10,000; ex-small officeholder, grip carrier and court jester to McNichol; a merry fellow.

il Clerk of Quarter Seculors John F. Figherry, salary, \$3000 and fees; also Select Council-

practice in the courte of Quarter Sessions, now lined up with the Vares in Tipstoff John P. Colline; salary, \$4000; for

eard Publ, representing Select Councilman flins Abrams; for McNichol. 17. Ferdinand G. Zweig; small officeholder; representing Magistrate David S. Scott; leans toward the Vares. 18. James D. Dorney: a contractor with tearns

FOREWORD

"For where every man under certain titles and pretenses draweth and plucketh to himself as much as he can, and so a few divide among themselves all the riches that there is, there to the residue is left lack and poverty. The poor be lowly, simple, and by their dally labour more profitable to the commonwealth than to themselves"—Sir Thomas More.

gulation of better government must ensue.

In the modest palaces behind the myriad two-story red brick fronts of working Philadel-

#### NO. IV-THE DIRECTORS

Committee

Joseph Summer; small officeholder; for

22. Jacob R. Seeda; business-man type of

ated with ex-Sheriff Joseph Gilfillan; for Mc-

25. Magistrate William F. Campbell; salary.

26, Congressman William S. Vare, former Se-

ported Boies Penrose for Mayor against Dave

Martin's candidate years ago; contractor over-lord de luxe and a member of the Executive

27. Select Councilman Edward W. Patton; now

candidate for State Senate; very shrewd; operates a large bonding business; in Councils for

a quarter of a century.
28. M. Reidmeyer; a ticket punch for ex-Post-

master Thomas B. Smith, who, like Patton, is

In the bonding business.
29. Magistrate Thomas G. Morris; salary, \$3000

and fees; formerly a foreman in the Fire Department; for McNichol.

30. John J. Carr; figurehead for City Treas-urer William McCoach, who was Collector of Internal Revenue, also Select Councilman and

a plumbing contractor.
31. Magistrate John Mecleary; salary, \$3000

with fees; former small officeholder; for Dave

32. Walter N. Stevenson; contractor, who sup-

ports McNichol. 38. John J. McKinley; contractor; shifts from

McNichol to the Vares. 34. Ex-Select Councilman Frank Caven; con-

85. Clarence Crossant, wealthy contractor; al-

36, F. J. Ryan, salconkeeper; backed by both McNichol and the Vares to beat ex-Receiver of

Taxes Hugh Black, who refused to obey the

37. Real Estate Assessor Oscar E. Noll; saf-

ary, \$3000; former small officeholder; for Mc-

38. Ex-Select Councilman James E. Waish;

representing Sheriff A. Lincoln Acker; McNich-

39. State Senator Edwin H. Vare, brother of "Our Bill"; contractor overlord de luxe and a

member of the Executive Committee.
40 Common Councilman George Connell.

brother of Real Estate Assessor Charles E. Con-

ell; real leader is Harry D. Beaston, perennial

41. Common Councilman Peter E. Costello; a

candidate for Congress; poor man 10 years ago,

now wealthy contractor; for McNichol. 42 Andrew Frosch; butcher; McNichol man who defeated William G. Carroll, a Vare man.

43. Real Estate Assessor John Lukens; salary, \$2000; former small officeholder; for McNichol.

44 Select Councilman Dr. William D. Bacon; Real Estate Assessor; salary, \$3000; unseated

by lower court, but will serve out term before

final decision by higher court; for McNichol. 45. Coroner William R. Knight; salary, \$5000;

helped break up the Union party and was re-warded; for McNichol.

46. Harry A. Mackey; lawyer; lines up with

47. Peter E. Smith, contractor, who now sup-

ports the Vares, 48 Member of the Legislature William H.

Each ward also has a local executive com-

mittee, on which can be found innumerable

placeholders. We would like to share their

names with you, but they are so many. In-

stead, let all curious citizens on hearing

some well-upholstered personage exploding

a street-corner laudation of "The Organiza-

tion," mildly interrupt him with the remark:

"Kindly tell us what job you hold?" That

is enough. There is a chance he may only

be a favor-getter, but just as like as not

he is a placeholder. Try! There are so

Now imagine that the waters of the Dela-

ware and Schuylk#l are swept with 48 Viking

ships, one for a ward. The warriors have

round, painted shields, each emblazoned,

"The Organization." The shields hang along

the gunwales of the vessels. As the rowers

beat time with the cars, the warriors stand

erect in the ships, eager to land. From the

front of each vessel, projecting high in the

air, is a marvelous carved, golden prow,

Look! The prow is a head, the curved head

of United States Senator Holes Penrose,

The invented picture is meant to convey the

exact status of Mr. Penrose in "The Or-

ganization"-he is just that, the golden

prow, the ornamental gargoyle of each craft.

frock coat dignity of "The Organization";

first he meets with Jim McNichol and the

Vares, and next he confers with the Judges,

then out of a magio box pops an appoint-

ment. All business organizations operating

government have a Penrose; a sort of cherry

The Vares were originally huckstors. It is-

a good, dean business, huckstering; hand-

ling the fresh products of the earth. A

Vare brother one never hears of is still a

farmer over in New Jersey. Altogether there

were four Vare brothers, but George, the

first to enter business polities, died some

years ago. Observing the Vare boys going

through the etreets on a door-step acquaint-

ance with the people, a famous First Ward

leader of "The Organization" named Amos

Martin Slack saw possibilities for practical

use of the young men. He made division

leaders out of them. A division is the indi-

visible political element of a municipality,

There was another factor in the initial suc-

cess of the Vares, They were prize "shoot-

ers." As active, energetic members of the

Thomas Clements New Year Association,

they carried the big cape-tinseled glory of

South Philadelphia even to Frankford and

How the Vares purlayed these small be-

ginnings into top-rung locations on the po-

litical ladder-William S., a Congressman,

and Edwin If., a State Senator, and both

contractor overlords-is rather inspiring, for

But there is caution in their advance. They

lean most heavily upon the advice of an

exceedingly able lawyer. He tells them

in the cocktail. Precisely!

the smallest unit,

Kensington.

they aspire still higher.

In short, Mr. Penrose is the high hat and

Wilsen: lawyer; for the Vares.

tractor, who supports McNichol.

ways for McNichol.

officeholder.

uncilman and Recorder of Deeds; sup-

\$2000 and fees; ex-small officeholder; for Mc-

firm of Filhert & Porter, called the "Hog Combine"; bowled out of executive control of the Organization by the late Jerael W. Durham; 5-mark put on his forehead by the late Senator Quay from the floor of the United States Senate 20. David H. Lane, venerable and educated politician of the old school; member of the Board of Education; close associate of early gas and street car magnates. McNichol. leader; large manufacturer, with retail stores; solld personage; for McNichol. 25, Real Estate Assessor David Hart; salary, \$3000; former Magistrate; for McNichol. 24. Real Estate Assessor B. D. McCaughn; salary, \$3000; former small officeholder; associ-

well-known place.

Which of us will say that the large inter ests of our wonderful growing city should forever be sacrificed for the small personal interests of a few individuals? Influence will probably be bought and sold until the crack of doom. But, apart from the morality of the practice, are the people getting value received? Hardly! Just put on one side of the ledger all the benefits done individuals by the business agents of "The Organization," and upon the other the city's losses from the operations of the contractor overlorder the clean-up of the middlemen is staggering, and their huge gains come out of everybody's

Only men who make a business of it would take the time, let alone the patience, to build along in this way, peddling small favors right and left, year after year. Each favor done is appraised at a high value, and pigeonholed among the assets of "The Organiza-Tammany is the master-builder along these lines, working among the allen poor with free ice in summer, and free coal in

The business agents of "The Organization" are less prodigal but more subtle, for the twostory house people of Philadelphia would spurn charity. They do not need it. When one reflects, one must perceive that getting around the local voter is about as delicate a matter as a surgical operation, requiring

There are times, too, when the expediency of an election requires a surer road to office than through the legitimate voter. Then "The Organization" quickly throws off the cloak of a kind grandmother, and appears before the Little Red Riding Hood public as a savage, hungry wolf, with a glistening row

Of the 48 wards of the city 27 are owned outright by Jim McNichol, 12 are driven by the Vares and nine are of mixed ownership. Perhaps it will be just as well to set the wards all down with their business agent, central committeeman or ward leader and

1 Magistrate George K. Hogg: safary, \$3000 2 President Harry C. Runsley, of Select Coun-cil; Mercantile Appraisor; \$8000 in fees; asso-

4. City Commissioner Robert J. Moore; salary.

6. Marcantile Appraiser James A. Carey; \$8000 in fees; ex-policeman and former Magistrate;

Register of Wills office; salary, \$1500; for Mo-7. Select Councilman Charles Seger; ex-plas

the Executive Committee.

man; for McNichol. 14. Candidate fer Congressman-al-Large John H. E. skott; well-to-de lawyer of extensive past

14. Ex-Member of the Legislature John Ed-

after city business; leadership disputed by Grier, Hetzell and others. 19. Flavid Martin: ex-State Senator, Ingur-ance Commissioner and Register of Wills; "Our Dave," ex-overland de luxe; power behind

what to do. On the other hand their rival in the executive control of "The Organization," Senator McNichol, lets nobody instruct him

what to do. He tells others, lawyers included, what he wants done. This difference of temperament in the rulers of Philadelphia is highly interesting because of its ultimate effect upon the whole city. Any circumstance that reacts upon Philadelphia is vital, a public matter, and well worth printing. Is It not so?

#### 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: Sir-If it is true, as is alleged on good au-thority, that a certain man is "behind the gun" In shooting into the Christian churches of the State decognory statements to the candidacy of Dr. Martin Brumbaugh for Governor of Pennsylvania, which worse than folly is being swallowed and furthered by some of the churches without even so much as giving it the slightest investigation, then it does seen that it s high time that there should be an awakening throughout the entire State as to the true situation. Doctor Brumbaugh is too good a man, with too clean a record from the time he began as a boy to work on the farm, later in the saw mill and his father's store, right down to the present minute, to be maligned in that way, especially so when it is being done through Christian churches which ought to stand with him now, shoulder to shoulder, as he has stood with them from his boyhood. Now is the time when they can show that they have backbone and are not easily led to do a grave injustice to one of the best and noblest men in the State, either on account of their ignorance, thoughtlessness or

Furthermore, it will not do to simply sit idly by and let this attempted injustice be perpetrated, because that would be to prove unworthy of the name of Christian or a good and worthy citizen. It is the solemn duty of the ministers and laymen alike to get busy and stand up for a man who has shown himself fully worthy of it, and who is being shamefully abused and misrepresented for selfish ends by those who are trying to use the Christian church and ministers as catspaws.

No greater stain could come on the churches of Pennsylvania than for Doctor Brumbaugh to suffer a serious loss in votes by reason of this misrepresentation, which is an innuende, because no one has dared to openly accuse him of anything unworthy of the highest Christian citizenship.

When one reviews the clean record of Doctor Brumbaugh he cannot help but see that every citizen in Pennsylvania who honors worth and manhood should promptly rise up and join in doing justice to him at this time, when so grave an injustice is threatened by men who evidently stand ready to assessinate character in order to accomplish their selfish ends, and who trust to Christians and their leaders in the pulpit to aid them in their nefarious and damnable aims. In no better way can the churches of the State show that they are in sympathy with the masses and worthy of their support and co-operation than by seeing to it that plain justice is done to Doctor Brumbaugh, even though it may be necessary to preach it from the pul-EDWARD NEWTON HAAG Philadelphia, October 10.

#### BRUMBAUGH'S STAND ON LOCAL OPTION

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-In your edition of this evening you give prominence to an article headed "A. F. Huston, Foe of Liquor," on Brumbaugh Committee. His Action Taken as Proof of Local Option Men's Confidence in Doctor," and in said article you state "Mr. Huston has directed the anti-saloon campaign in Chester County the last two years," etc., and "that Mr. Huston stands in the very front of the forces in this State which are fighting for local option."

Now, this article is unfair and very mislead-ing, and doubtless is intended to catch anti-liquor votes for Doctor Brumbaugh. The fact is, the man who has been at the head of the temperance fight in Chester County is Charles L. Huston and not A. F. Huston. It was Mr. A. F. Huston who came out in a strong signed letter, published in the Coatesville Times, before the primary election indorsing the nomination of Boies Penrose for United States Senator, and any man who supports Mr. Penrose would expected to support Dector Brumbaugh also, as their pictures may be seen hanging side by side in very many saloon windows all over the State.

I think this statement should be made and honestly, without the opportunity of deceiving voters who want to cast their ballots where they will count solid against the saloon, and to say that the addition of a strong public advocate of Penrose to the committee "is a clarion call to the local option forces" support for Governor a man who says as little as possible about local option, and what he does my is spoken as gently as though there was some understanding with him whose cause he was chosen to help, and who we know is against local option, is deceptive and will not be accepted by thinking men who have placed prin-

The EVENING LEDOUR certainly cannot afford to let such a misleading statement stand uncorrected before the public, and for that reason, and that voters may have the truth. I as space for this. HARVEY M. COOK.

Avondale, Pa., October 9. The EVENING LEDGER regrets that its correspondent confused A. F. with Charles L. Huston. Doctor Brumbaugh's position on local option has been emphatically etated by himself .- Editor of the EVENING LEDGER.

# CURIOSITY SHOP

The "Kent street ejectment," common in England in days gone by, consisted in taking off the front door. It was originated by land-lords in the Kent street. Southwark, London, district, where many tenants were in arrears

Winter street, Boston, was formerly known as Ladies street, because women's shops were situated on that thoroughfare.

"Macaroni verse" was poetry in which foreign words were ludicrously sprinkled and jumbled. Teofilo Folengo, a Mantuan monk of noble family, published in 1520 a book, entitied "Liber Macaronkorum," a poetical rhapsody, made up of words of different languages and treating of "pleasant matters" a comical style.

Ancient Rome possessed a name of much greater antiquity than "Rome." It had a mysterious meaning, which it was death to pronounce. It is believed to have been Valentian and the statement of the subsequently turned into the Greek

## THE BABBLING FOOL

Among the falsehoods in the proverbial philosophy of the day is this: "Labor con-quers everything." To add dignity to this quere everything." To add dignity to this venerable its it is often given a Latin dress.

Labor does not conquer everything. A hog will never learn to climb a tree, and a turtle will never be able to fly, and some men will not be elected to the United States Senate, no matter how hard they labor. Hard work is not a substitute for brains,

work. The fellow who said genius is hard work was not thinking of empty heads. Labor finds what there is, but there are no gems in turnips.

Education is drawing out what is there. It is not a miracle. Grapevines do not plums. Such is the law of nature. A cannot change his nature any more than a leopard can change his spots. The logic of

the silk purse and the cow's ear will explain the failure of ministers, lawyers, doctors and

business men.

and brains can never take the place of hard

I do not mean to disparage hard work. Every man could be better and greater than Every man could be better and greater than he is. No man does his best, but the best he can do does not change his taient. It only develops what he has. The stone does not make the metal in the blade; it grinds it to an edge. A school is a grindstone. Work is wasted when misdirected. Hard work does not make a Paderewski; it only saves him from helps somehody inferior to Paderswell. from being somebody inferior to Puderewski Genius must be saved and conserved by work danua must be saved and conserved by work as meat is saved by sait. The parable of the talents illustrates the variety of minds in the world. No, labor does not conquer every-thing, and it still is true that a man cannot lift himself by his bootstraps.

## IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR

Same Thing

"There was only one little fault," said the would-be inventor of perpetual motion. "Machine stopped, eh?" "Machine stopped, eh?"
"No, I couldn't start it."

Song of the French Poodle Little Zeppelin, v., so high, Like a sausage in the sky, I would eat you if I durst, You look so much like wienerwurst.

#### Revised Admonition

A man who signs himself "Cotton Planter" has written a letter to a St. Louis paper saying that he and his fellows are getting no benefit from the "Buy-a-Bale-of-Cotton" movement at \$10, because they are now selling their product at anywhere between \$8 and \$9. He says the middlen an gets the difference. Oh, well, we'll change the slogan to "Buy a bale of cotton and help the poor middleman." Anything to oblige,

#### Miss Barkis Was Willin'

"A girl in Iowa has just accepted a pro-posal of marriage couched in the form of a poem," remarked the Star Boarder, looking poem," remarked t up from his paper. "Shows she wasn't a verse to matrimony," chortled the Cross-Eyed Boarder.

Recent Events of the War

battle line:

worth.

The Kaiser, with pneumonia, is in Poland and in France,
The princes, slain a dozen times, are on the

Von Kluk surrendered calmly and is making England prance, And La Patrie isn't making any wine. The Germans captured Antwerp as the Belglans flung them back, The Russians beat the Teutons as the lat-ter won the fight;

The Austrians are out of it and on the forward track, And all of them aver they're in the right.

Old Italy is neutral but her anger groweth And Turkey wants to wallop every nation on the earth; The soldiers get enough to eat except when

# they do not, on nation wonders what the other's It Is Appreciated

Britannia is receiving a little French, Russian and Japanese assistance in the wave-Elucidating a Mystery

### Judging from the unanimous Franco-German silence on this point, we are perchance correct in surmising that the treasure con-tained in the historic Julius Thurm in Berlin

has been utilized to buy the invisible French navy. Deserves Action Our neutral contemporary, the New York Staats-Zeitung, remarks: "England expects every liar to do his duty." This is another item for reference to Dr. W. Wilson's Neu-

#### trality Department.

Sailing Term The lubber failed to see the boom As it was swinging past, And as he did not give it room He sailed before the mast.

#### Too Long Hours The eight-hour system would be welcomed by those millions of troops who have been doing a 24-hour stunt on the firing line for

a month. Manners "What's manners, Paw?" "Manners, son, consists of looking at a

# girl as if she was pretty and not as if her back hair was coming down."

The Little Brother At a funeral, a dinner-dance, or wedding You'll find that I am equally au fait; A well-bred air of ton about me shedding, My manners are distinctly recherche: The product of the Very smartest tailor And freshened every morning by my tub

I'm a jolly sort of joker While my skill at bridge and poker Makes it possible to dawdle at my club. As "amongst those present" mentioned in

I'm really quite looked up to by the mob, For where our best society cuts capers I am (in vulgar parlance) "on the job." I'm simply indispensable at dinner,

#### For when I'm there things go without a In short, my only mission,

Is to fill the proud position, Of a useful Little Brother of the rich! Restricted Use

# The only arm of military service to which the term "flying squadron" is now strictly applicable is the aviation corps.

Good Marksmanship Somebody should tell Rudyard Kipling that the bear which walks like a man now shoots like a soldier.

# NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

The chief credit of the Administration is that it did not succumb to the ancient dogma of and party.-Ohio State Journal. President Wilson's advocacy of the purchase

of Monticello by the Government "as a Virginia

home for the Presidente' should be carried out .- Elmira (N. T.) Star-Gazette. The Clayton anti-trust bill, just enacted, has developed two sorts of criticism. Eastern business men view it with unmixed disfavor as an infraction of individual rights. Western radi-cals, like Senators Reed, of Missouri; Clapp, of Minnesota, and Bristow, of Kansas, denounce it

as a "surrender" to Wall street.-Boston Herald.

The Colorado mine war stands exectly at the point where it did weeks ago, when Presi-dent Wilson, on viewing the breakdown of State authority, sent Federal troops into the atrike zone. It is Colorado's shame that such a condition should continue, and that peace should depend on the National Government. Surely there are enough good citizens to assert the State's sovereignty.—Indianapolis News.

It begins to look as if the Marconi Wireless Company will be a long time getting that in-junction to restrain the Government from keeping the wireless station at Siasconset closed-

# Springfield (Mass.) Union.

THE IDEALIST Where does music come in your scheme of things? Do you regard it merely as some-thing nice for the children to take up and

learn? Or do you use it as a sort of a balancer in your own day's work?

A man often bewails his inability to get away from the worries of his business for a short while for the purposes of mind rejuve-nation. Often he thinks there is only one way to do this, and that is to go out and grind at his hobby. This sort of man furnishes a very excellent example of an unbalanced life. Music—either participation in or appreciation of it—is one of those things that

helps to strike the balance. too widely advertised fallacy is the idea that music, or a love for it, must be born in one. This, unhappliy, keeps many men from indulging in what would often prove to be a real remedy for mind-ills.

Music stirs the imagination. And when the imagination is stirred it simply means that the mind has roamed away from the beaten path it must necessarily follow during the day. It soothes, inspires, stimulates.

The well-balanced man finds music to be a

#### most efficient tonic. Prayer for Murphy

From the Springfield Union. "I'm going to stay here as long as I live," said Charles F. Murphy when questioned regarding a rumor of his retirement from the chieftanety of Tammany Hall. Spoken like a real king. His next step should be to set apart a day for prayers for his continued health and iong life by the Democrats of New York State