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wealth is sufficiently able to handle its own affairs. Prohibition was in Colorado, Arizona, Oregon and Washington this year, and was defeated in Ohio and California.

Local option, the third method, finds its unit in county or township, the county being the more favored. There is no doubt that as an experiment this approach to the problem is the most favored by conservative people.

Argument against it, on the ground that it is almost impossible to enforce the will of the people after they have expressed it, is met by the contention that if the people who have the power to make a law cannot or will not enforce it they must suffer the consequences of their weakness or supineness.

One thing is clearly certain: the temperance movement in one form or another is rapidly gathering momentum. Economic considerations, the palpable dangers growing out of an alliance of the liquor ring with party politics and the chivalrous thought that the strong are everywhere giving to the weak are bound to keep the subject well to the front and win adherents to some corps or other of the anti-liquor army.

Militant Co-operation PHILADELPHIA can be congratulated on the increase of its coastwise trade in the last year, but the deplorable condition of its foreign business is nothing short of a disgrace.

There is a vast amount of foreign business which belongs to this port and which under present conditions goes through New York. Many exporters would ship from Philadelphia, but for discrimination by steamship companies working in conjunction with railroads.

Victory for Woman Suffrage TWO more States, Montana and Nevada, have acknowledged woman's right to the ballot. The suffrage cause was completely victorious on election day, though campaigns were waged in seven States.

Philadelphia's Schoolchild Army WITH many American cities driven to half-time school sessions in order to accommodate all the children, Philadelphia may be well satisfied with its showing this fall.

Police Bureau is the Weaker THE Police Bureau is to be credited with another of the little humiliations that make the preserving of the public peace a fine and dignified thing.

Crime Made to Order THE "mock trial" of high school days is looming into favor again. And official favor at that. New York city presents her police department in a series of mammoth realistic spectacles entitled "Justice as She is Done."

Censorship a Blessing THE veil of secrecy drawn over the details of the hastily European war has its compensations. It is sufficiently gruesome that the primal passions of the combatants themselves should be unleashed without the added horror of having them reflected in our land of peace.

Temperance Movement Growing FINISHED distinct and unconfusable methods for the control of the liquor traffic by the people are now being definitely and ably advanced. The first, national prohibition, is wanted.

THE HANDS OF ESAU Good Government "If We Can Keep It"—Remarkable Results Achieved by Blankenburg Administration—Great Saving in the Departments. The Making of Public Opinion.

"The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." "The wonders of life are not in deeds, but in character. Given the character, the deed does not surprise me. Let me look into the martyr's soul and see the perfect consecration which is burning there, and then there is no wonder in my spirit when I see him walking the next day to the stake as to a festival."

SHORTLY after the Constitutional Convention of 1871 had completed its work a Philadelphia lady meeting Benjamin Franklin asked him whether the new Constitution would give the people a republic or a monarchy.

agent. He, like other officials of the Blankenburg administration, has sublime faith that the people will find out for themselves the value of a good public servant.

There is no graft in the police department, and the city is cleaner than it ever was with respect to the handling of the social evil and the elimination of speakeasies and gambling.

It is the same in the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, the Department of Public Works and other important branches of the municipal service. All are giving something in the way of actual efforts to the taxpayers, and they constitute the seed plot, the nursery of better government.

Every pause to think that the facts, views and motives which are revealed to the readers of this newspaper may not be familiar to the readers of countless other newspapers of equal good intent, but different methods of presentation! Each publication has a perfect right to feel that it alone has the proper understanding of the needs of the public.

When it comes to the taxpayer, a plane has been reached upon which all classes can feel the shoulder touch. That is why the struggle to give Philadelphia better government deserves first the close attention and second, the support of an uninvited people.

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For, after all, public opinion is made in the homes of the readers. Newspapers are but great organs, pushed far forward on the head of civilization straining to catch the first sounds of a public wish and then blow it forth in mesaphone tones.

Horatio Herbert Kitchener, Kitchener of Khartoum, master-mind of the British army in its present war, came to the turning point of his career in the Soudan 18 years ago. He was already a major general, Sir of his Majesty's troops in Egypt, but it was the battle of Omdurman which was the critical moment of his career.

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distance like an army of banners. Careless of death, which insured immortal happiness, they advanced under the British fire, dropping by hundreds and thousands. About three hours after the British began to echelon forward into the plain, thinking the battle well over. But the Kaiser had divided his army, and hardly did the British appear when they were met with a terrific onslaught.

Comments on Tuesday's Results in Pennsylvania and Elsewhere. From the Wilmington Evening Journal. Democratic warfare upon American business; Democratic taxation; Democratic disregard of all the safeguards of the civil service were stringently rebuked by the great American electorate.

Penrose a Democratic Asset From the New York Globe. A mistake will be made if the Penroses and the Cannonites are taken together as a unit. They wrecked their party two years ago by forcing through control of the party machinery, a nomination that the party had declared to be outside its sphere.

Penrose Still Penrose From the Boston Transcript. In Pennsylvania a Republican landslide is responsible for the return of Penrose, an evidence, we hope, not of the approval or popularity of that personality, but, rather, of the enduring strength and vitality of the Republican party, which has carried the spirit of its leadership through the vicissitudes of time.

A Tonic to Business From the New York Evening Mail. The result will be a tonic to business. Confidence in a Republican victory in 1914 is justified by the figures of yesterday's election, and anticipation of it will lead to business activity and development.

The Party of Lincoln From the Cincinnati Times-Star. It was a great victory for the Republican party. That party has held to its principles; it has not wavered to the demagogues who tried first to coerce and later to annihilate it.

Last Court of Appeal From the Boston Post. The people of this nation are the court of last appeal in politics. Today they are called to criticize the Democratic Administration. But they are open to conviction, and if Democratic claims and achievements are shown to be good, as the party leaders have boasted to be, they will cheerfully reverse that criticism in 1916.

Verdict on the Tariff From the Bridgeport (Conn.) Standard. By rallying to the defense of their industries that are being strangled by the Underwood tariff and are threatened with further instalments of repressive legislation, Connecticut has done much for herself and for every manufacturing district in the country.

A CORRECTION To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir,—In a recent issue of your paper you stated a certain piece of music, the Underwood tariff and are threatened with further instalments of repressive legislation, Connecticut has done much for herself and for every manufacturing district in the country.

Famous at Birth From the New York State. The article referred to stated that "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary" had been played in St. Patrick's, instead of the usual hymn. This, my dear Sir, is a case of malicious falsehoods and an insult to St. Patrick's, with its glorious record of over three-quarters of a century and recognized in the United States and Canada as an example of what is proper in Catholic Church service.

From the New York State. One man who needn't worry about making a name for himself in General Kitchener's army is the man who is the subject of the article in this issue.

SCRAPPLE Our Dr. Graves on the War (Not by the Editor's Most Very Special) Never having seen the personal Kaiser, noblest of all spy employers, before, I was rather amazed at his frankness. It also amused me to notice that he was so thoroughly human—he moved his lower jaw when he talked like any schemer of the world.

Society Notes G. Pinchot retired early Tuesday evening. Nick Romannoff is thinking of taking a flying trip to Berlin. How about it, Willie? F. Villa, the popular general and President-maker, and friends are taking a walking tour through Mexico these days.

Post-Mortem Victims Now in our midst is a person redundantly yammering. He who has found for all national evils the cure: All of our efforts to crush him and all of our hammering. All of our cunning is vain, and we have to endure.

Mercenary Observations The City Hall reporters frequently turn in hot stuff in their routine. For instance, there is the fire record. Strange that such stuff should get the cold shoulder in the city's list of news.

Musical Note Jadowker, the favorite tenor of the Royal Opera, although a Russian subject, has not been discharged by the management, but his salary has been reduced from 75,000 marks to 12,000 marks.—Musical Courier.

Things They Hissed Villains and the Irish Playboy Never please the first row Gayboy. Burlesque shows and Low Brow Dramas Might fetch Thibet's Dalai Lama.

Information Wanted An expectant world is wondering whether J. Bruce Ismay, 'ero of the Titanic disaster, has enlisted. Perhaps the Horse Marines have him in their salty grasp.

The Soul of Music Reverberates Miss Phoebe Tibbets is one of the most accomplished vocalists in the whole country and Green Bay is justly proud of her. After having established her reputation as the most divine of concertina players, whose beauty of tone and clearness of style has taken up the study of that difficult instrument, the trombone. Her many admirers predict that she will develop into a great artist.—Kentucky Illuminator.

The Babbling Fool It is a very queer thing that now, 135 years after the Declaration of Independence, there should still be such a clamor about sending honest men to perform the important functions of government. For a country which is like the rest of humanity, 49 per cent. rascal, 49 per cent. fool and 2 per cent. scatterling, to send an honest or a wise man to do a comparatively simple, or a fairly honest, man and manage somehow to live through it. But if he is a little too honest, or a shade too wise, we will never send him again.