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A youth may expect to inherit his father's fortune, but if he would have knowledge he must acquire it for himself.

### WIN PENNSYLVANIA

NEW JERSEY cannot set back the clock. It can no more prevent woman suffrage than the secession of whole States was able to prevent abolition. There are some causes so inherently just, so obviously fair and right, that no obstacles can hold them from their final goal. No question is ever settled until it is settled right.

There were powerful interests at work to drive the women back in New Jersey. The politicians saw in the program the death knell of their control. Their only chance was to beat the women when the women were without the vote, for they realized that they could never defeat them when they did have the vote. Wherever there was organized graft or disreputable business, there was anti-suffrage sentiment strong. Yet, in spite of everything, the women polled for their cause an enormous vote and proved beyond question their political capacity.

Suffragists in Pennsylvania need not feel discouraged. Here is a different battleground, ready to be won. That the State has a soul-hunger for better things, for righteous things, was shown by its avid reach in 1912 for social ideals. Extension of the full powers of citizenship to women is the most practical and feasible means of elevating the electorate and giving to it a surer moral vision. It is certain, therefore, that thousands of progressive and earnest men will not let this opportunity pass, but will rush to the polls to vote a welcome to the women. Suffrage may be beaten in Pennsylvania, but there is no reason now to anticipate so unfortunate an outcome of the persistent, capable and earnest campaign which has been waged.

### BRYAN IS STILL IN THE AIR

FIROM the moment of his first entrance into public life Mr. Bryan has shown a remarkable capacity for projecting himself into the air and talking about things which do not exist. The world in which he lives is unreal and the remedies that he proposes

when confronted by a crisis. Lincoln was a lawyer and not a business man. Grant was a business failure and would not have been selected to manage a corner grocery store when the war broke out; but events proved that he was a military genius; and Lincoln, when put to the test, proved his capacity to steer the Government wisely through a most

soldier when he found one. Asquith has failed in this crisis, not because he is a lawyer, but because his abilities are not of the kind needed. If Bonar Law should take his place and succeed it would be for the reason that he has the qualities needed and not primarily because he is a business man turned politician.

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# SIDESTEPPING

CANDIDATE SMITH took the Transit Pledge under consideration more than a week ago. He promised a quick answer. Ever since he has been sidestepping and dodging. Why? Perhaps the answer can be read in the statements of William N. Le Gierse, Organization candidate for Common Council in the 44th Ward:

I am in favor of transit, but I won't sign anything or pledge myself-that's something anything or pledge myself-that's something the Organization has not asked me to do. I wouldn't dare sign it. The Gang's got seven divisions out here and they can do me more harm than your paper can good. They'd knife me and I wouldn't have a chance. I am going to see the leader to-night and will let you know, but I won't sign anything now.

Evidently Mr. LeGierse saw the leader, for the next day he telephoned: "Nothing doing; can't sign anything."

There is but one chance for this city to have adequate transit facilities and be put on an equality with other great cities in this respect, and that is by the defeat of candidates who sidestep or are insincere and by the election of men who are enthusiastically devoted to this great public enterprise.

### THE FABLE OF THE FAGOTS

THE plans of the Chamber of Commerce L to become a federation of commercial organizations are working out satisfactorily, for the neighborhood business men's associations are showing a disposition to affiliate themselves with the central body.

The advantages of this arrangement are so great that it has met with no opposition. Under it, when the Logan Improvement Association seeks better fire service, improved payements or lighting, or any of the other benefits that the district deserves, it can swing the influence of the business interests of the whole city into line for the changes.

It has taken a long time for the business men of the city to learn the lesson of the old fable about the bundle of fagots, but they know it now.

## THE COLLEGE ATHLETE

THE five men who have, apparently of L their own volition, dropped from Yale's intercollegiate athletics, have done a double service to the cause of the amateur player. If their resignation was not forced, they again demonstrate the growing honesty of intercollegiate encounters. They have even provided an opportunity for generosity on the part of other colleges, and a rumor has it that Harvard will take advantage of this, asking, unofficially, for the reinstatement of Legore and his associates.

A still greater service is that to a clearer understanding of the amateur status. The five men were playing on an amateur baseball team during the summer. The team never paid salaries to its players, but in the case of the five men was willing to give them free board. On finding that this was a violation of the intercollegiate rules, the athletes refused further support. disqualified in the very crisis of Yale's activity. It seems that the players and the governing board are equally at fault. The board acknowledges that it was remiss; it implies that the rules had not been enforced. The players have done the one thing possible. Wouldn't it be advisable to revise the laws so that they might be understood-and be sensible?

# THE ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENSE

Some Cases From the Two Years' Record of the "Public Defender," Who Looks Out for the Penniless

# By SAMUEL HARRIS

MALIFORNIA has a good-sized reputation U as a melting-pot of political and governmental ideas. Those that are put into practice teach the people of the country many valuable lessons. The county of Los Angeles. has a "public de-fender." The second

anniversary of the

establishment of the

office is near at hand.

and facts relative to the success of the

experiment in the

two-year period are

now available. At

the recent session of

the State Legislature

bill" failed to become

law because the Governor did not sign it within the required

"public defender



time; but the measure received in both WALTON J. WOOD houses a total of 111 votes, as against nine in the negative, an indication, it seems, of public approval.

The aim in establishing the office in Los Angeles was to place the penniless defendant on an equal footing with the accuser, the State. It is the theory of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence that among the duties of the public prosecutor shall be included the duty of defense; but it is common knowledge that practice has deviated far from this theoretical relation between prosecutor and defendant. The job of the District Attorney, theoretically judicial, is political, and his record in office is judged by the number of convictions he has been able to secure. The situation is natural, inevitable, indeed, but it hardly gives the accused the opportunity to which he is entitled. The law prescribes, of course, that every defendant, however poor or ignorant, may have counsel, and the usual method is the appointment by the Court of an attorney to represent him. This method, though it must be said that thousands of lawyers have as much public spirit as the thousands of public-spirited physicians, does not insure in all cases the faithfulness of service and the ability found on the prosecutor's side of the fence. The public prosecutor of Los Angeles, however, employs in the defense of an accused person the same activity which the District Attorney employs in his prosecution, and he has behind him the same wealth and machinery-that of the county of which he is an officer. It is constructive work that Walton J. Wood is doing in the "Legal County Hospital," of Los Angeles, as a few instances will suffice to show.

### The Story of a Thief

Here is the story of a recent case described under the title of "People vs. Black": "Black, a stranger in California, had no work. He lived on nothing at all some days, and little enough at best. Finally he entered a building, stole some tools, sold them and spent the money at an employment office. He was arrested and confessed. The Court hesitated to grant probation, because the man, with neither friends nor employment, was likely to have increasing difficulty in keeping straight, and would undoubtedly have sent him to jall had not the public defender found compatriots of the prisoner who promised to employ him, and thus persuaded the Judge to release the man on probation."

Here is another instance of the service performed by the public defender. It was brought out in court that two men accused of burglary were starving when the offense was committed.

# "'ORRID PREDICAMENT, BAH JOVE!"



### DIRECTOR DRIPPS AS "MISTER"

Outside of Business Hours and the Time Devoted to Other Civic Activities, He Is a Collector of Books About Philadelphia. Some of Them Very Rare

### By WILLIAM A. McGARRY

HOUGH Mr. Porter has made public noth-Ling that may be in his mind as to the personnel of his cabinet if he wins in November. it will surprise no one if Robert Dunning Dripps is continued in the position he is now

filling for the remainder of the Blankenburg administration, Certainly no one, not even among his political opponents, doubts his ability to direct the affairs of the Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Dripps is not new to public life. although but 38 years old. He has been prominently identi-

ment for the overfied with the move-ROBERT D. DRIPPS. throw of the contrac-

tor bosses since the great upheaval of 1905, when he became a member of the old City party committee in the 22d Ward, of which

also is greatly interested in the city playgrounds. Physically, the new Director is not unlike his predecessor. He is of the same stalwart build. He has the same healthy glow in his

well demonstrated in his councilmanic work as personal representative of the administration.

Collection of "Philadelphiana" Mr. Dripps has one fad-the collection of pamphlets and other publications on Philadelphia. When he started this, shortly after his admission to the bar in 1901, he confined it to publications by lawyers. He now has more than 150 such booklets, most of them out of print. His recreation is reading, in which his taste is catholic. He has a growing library of about 3500 volumes in his Germantown home. The Director is generally to be found when not at work prowling around book counters. His collection of publications about the city is said to be surpassed only

AMUSEMENTS WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARADE FRIDAY, OCT. 22, 8:30 P. M. MASS MEETING AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC Speakers-Senator Moses E. Clapp George Creel Dr. Katharine Bement Davies Norman Hapgood Woman Suffrage Party Invites members and friends to join its exciton at Broad and Castle arman 645 P. M. (Between Moors and Moors st. S. College Section Forms on Moore St. East of Broad TiCKETS-Reviewing stand-North side si City Hail Flark, \$1 ench. Mass-Meeting-Boxes, \$1; orchestra, 50c; bai-ance of house free. On sale at 1723 Chestnut and 35 S. 9th St. and at all local headquarters.



Porter was chairman. He is perhaps best

cheeks and the same twinkle in his eyes. He is an exceptionally quick thinker. When he is deeply interested in a subject he talks so rapidly that it requires concentration to follow him. His qualities of leadership were

for evident evils would make the evils worse His financial heresies have long since been exploded, and his latest fad of disarmament in a world of wars rests on no firmer foundation. Yet it is doubtful if a movement more fortunate for the country could be started than a disarmament propaganda in the Democratic party. It would split that organization so effectually that there would not be the least doubt of the election of a Republican President and a Republican Congress next year, committed to a program of adequate preparation for any eventualities in a world inhabited by men rather than angels, Villa

## CAMDEN'S CELEBRATION

LTHOUGH Camden is in another State, Alit is part of Philadelphia. It has grown from a small community to a thriving city of more than 100,000 population because it is near this great commercial centre. Philadelphia overflows on all sides and spills some of its enterprise and energy across the Delaware into Camden, just as New York expands into Jersey City.

The carnival across the river is, therefore, of as much interest to Philadelphia as to Camden. We look with pride upon the exhibition of Camden's spirit, its elation at its growth and its confident belief that what has already happened is only a promise of greater things in store in the future. If there were no enterprise and initiative there, the city would still grow, because Philadelphia needs that territory for expansion to east; but when the advantage of its location is joined with the enthusiasm of its business men, there is every reason for believing that its prosperity has only begun.

### ENGLAND AT WAR, NOT AT LAW

THE talk of Bonar Law as successor of Asquith as British Fremier is due to the prevalent belief that a great business executive and not a lawyer should be in charge of the Government in the present crisis. This feeling has found expression in the remark that the Ministry does not seem to genlize that Great Britain is at war and not at faw with Germany.

Bonar Law is, or has been, a great from merchant. He is chairman of the Glasgow Iron Trade Association, and is a business cutive of wide experience. He was not a brilliant success as a parliamentary leader on he displaced Balfour in the premierin, but the British have grown weary of centary politics. They are domandg action in the field and the organization armies hig enough to insure victory. oy are asking to know the truth about the rs that have overtaken their forces so int they may not be buoyed up by false

in addition, there is a growing feeling that re have been too many boares-not only Frant Britain, but in the councils of the Affica. If they are to win there must be

preater unity of purpose and of action. The British doubtiess know, as we know in es, that men without business trainmake developed great executive shilling

**OUT FOR A KILLING** 

AN evening contemporary announces that "the effort to make a campaign issue out of the extension of rapid transit lines is futile and impotent," and two or three paragraphs further on declares that "next to the question of the tax rate, and possibly 80-cent gas, the question of universal free transfers comes nearer the individual citizen than any issue put forward in this campaign."

Our contemporary is right the second time. How really big this issue of the operation of the new lines is may be gathered from the obstinate refusal of Smith and Connelly to do anything but sidestep. The Gang is out for a killing at the expense of citizens who use street cars.

Charles S. Mellen is an expert at confessing.

The Salvation Army wins victories that justify its name.

Italy's fleet has sailed under sealed orders. Austria's submarines have left Pola to break the seal.

The EVENING LEDGER gladly joins with Camden in celebrating the passing of the 100.000 mark.

Porter accepted that challenge to debate with Smith so quickly that Smith begins to be corry that he issued it.

Where is the good old-fashioned German aubmarine which used to blow up a British merchantman every other day?

King George must appreciate the compliment of that London crowd which called on him to lead his armies in person.

If the fashion of speechless banquets, inaugurated in honor of Edison, should become general, those who attend public dinners might go again.

Drexel Hill is to be securely fortified against attack for the next five weeks while the mon who want to learn how to be soldiers are training.

Every alien who becomes an American citzen has to swear to support the Constitution. It is supposed that the rest of us will support if without making any promises.

'The "See America first" slogan for vacalionists is now supplemented by a "Be Americans first" battle cry, set to music by the Federal Bureau of Education for the benefit of the immigrants.

The Judge placed little reliance on the story when it was related by the men themselves, but the public defender proved that they had made sincere and earnest efforts to secure work and food. After the facts had been presented in full one man was released and the other let off with a light sentence Had the case been conducted in the usual manner, it is highly probable that no rigid investigation would have been made for lack of funds.

In a murder case in Los Angeles an exceptionally remarkable precedent was set under the new order of things. The mental condition of the prisoner was in question. The common procedure in such cases is to array alienist against alienist, even dozens against dozens. The prosecutor and the public defender, co-operating as agents of the county government, joined in asking the Court to appoint three disinterested physicians. No other expert witnesses were called.

The two years' experience in Los Angeles has shown that criminal cases are more speedily handled than before the innovation. The public defender, it should be added, is a man of at least equal ability with the public prosecutor, and the time and facilities at his disposal are the same. So useful has the "legal hospital" proved that Mr. Wood has a staff of eight deputies, beside his investigators and clerks. Yet the county has saved money. The reduction of litigation and the efficiency and rapidity in handling cases have brought this result. Though the record of the public defender in criminal cases is the more spectacular, the work in civil cases is no less interesting and helpful. He has assisted more than a thousand persons in civil matters.

### A Bit of a Crank

The man who holds the unusual title is a young man, a graduate of Stanford. His profile is keen and a bit masterful, but when you stand before him you see geniality and humor in the expression of his face. For several years he practiced law in the Philippines, returning with innumerable instances of judicial wrong at his tongue's end. He was appointed a deputy city attorney of Los Angeles. When the revision of the city charter was an issue in Los Angeles he joined another lawyer of that city. David Evans, "the father of the public-defender ides," in the successful effort to get that idea incor porated into the new charter. He qualified for his present position by passing civil service examinations held for candidates. "A bit of a crank," some of his townsfolk call him, adding that "he doesn't believe there is such a thing as a 'criminal cines." Mr. Wood is concerned only with courts of record, but Portland has in David Robin-son a public defender who works in the police court. One result is Portland has been a large reduction of the number of irresponsible arrests.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE

Congressmen who are also lawyers are has-ening to enrol themselves among the counse or the defense-Chicago Herald.

known now for his work as floor leader of the independent forces in Common Council in the last four years and as executive secretary of the Public Charities Association of Pennsylvania.

In this connection there is an incident not heretofore published that throws an interesting light on the character of the new Director. Since his appointment by Mayor Blankenburg he has been criticised by Organization followers for dual officeholding. But the fact is that at his own request Director Dripps ceased to draw any salary from the Public Charities Association when he took charge of the Department of Public Safety. And he is still giving as much time as he can spare to the association without compensation of any kind.

### The Fight for Reform

Director Dripps has been following Mr. Porter in various political offices, serving as chairman of the campaign committees for the independents, as Common Councilman from the 22d Ward, and now as Director of Public Safety. But from this it must not be supposed that the new Director is not "his own man." He has been in the conference of the leading independents for years. He has proved time and again his value to the cause of good government by his ability to see ahead and his capacity for organization. Director Dripps first met Mayor Blankenburg in the 1907 fight of reformers against the contract made in that year between the city and the P. R. T. He served on the Town Meeting Committee of 15, of which the present Mayor was a member. When the fight was ended the "War Horse of Reform" sent for Mr. Dripps, it is related, and said to him:

"Young man, I want to say that one of my most pleasant experiences with this committee has been meeting you. You will be a force in the fight for reform."

After the Roosevelt sweep of Pennsylvania in 1912, Mr. Dripps was a member of the Executive and Legislative Committee of the Republican State Convention, captured by the Progressives. In that committee he helped draft numerous bills on social legislation, some of which were adopted by the 1913 Legislature, and others, with changes, by the Legislature of this year.

Outside of Philadelphia Mr. Dripps is best known for his exhaustive pamphlet on methods of municipal taxation. He wrote this as a member of Mayor Blankenburg's Advisory Committee on Finance, studying the subject in conjunction with Arthur E. Post, now a member of the Federal Reserve Board. Copies of this pamphlet are still being sent for by municipal taxation officials. The Hureau of Assessments at New York ordered 500 copies at the time the report was issued and then asked for and obtained permission to use it as an appendix to its annual report. It is said by experts to be one of the most thorough publications of its kind in existance.

In the Public Charities Association, Direc. tor Dripps has paid particular attention to plans for the improvement of institutions for the insane in Pennsylvania. He also has been intensely interested in prison reform. He helped secure the improvements that have been made at the House of Correction. He

by that in the great private library of Hampton L. Carson, ex-Attorney General.

Director Dripps was born in this city and educated at Lawrenceville and Princeton, graduating from the latter institution with the class of 1898. He studied law in the office of Biddle & Ward. He is so wrapped up in his home and work that he hasn't much time for club life, but is a member of the Princeton and City clubs. He also is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, of Germantown. Mrs. Dripps before her marriage was Miss Made Heron. They have two children, a boy and a girl.

### PORTER'S PUBLIC SERVICE To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir-In reply to D. Clarence Gibboney I, as a reader of the papers, repudiate the statement made as to the inefficiency of George D. Por-ter for Mayor. I take as my standpoint the way he filled the chair of Director of Public vay he filled the chair of Director of Fublic Safety, just vacated by him. What we want today is an honest, upright, reliable man and some one the public can approach personally and not through the medium of Organization Such a man is George D. Porter. Philadelphia, October 20.



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