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The poet has no more imagination than the captain of industry who has built a arent business out of nothing

WHAT PHILADELPHIA WANTS

IF ANY ONE had the slightest doubts of the necessity for Sunday concerts in Philadelphia, he lost them yesterday. The entire capacity of the Metropolitan Opera House, more than 4000 seats, was offered to the public through the newspapers. The distribution began at 9 o'clock. Half an hour later the EVENING LEDGER had given out every scat at its disposal and was regretfully turning away disappointed petitioners. Nor was the EVENING LEDGER alone in this predicament.

The concert Sunday will be the only form of entertainment open to the public on that day, and it will be a form beyond cavil. So far as humanly possible, precautions were taken that the legitimate interests of Sunday should not be scanted for the orchestra. Certainly, the 1900 men and women who will hear the concert will spend two hours more profitably and more pleasurably than they would have spent them without that boon. The engerness for tickets, the honest desire to hear good music and to be quietly entertained on Sunday may be taken as a presagement that next year the orchestra will have to play more than three times. It is a city institution, and the city should have the great

STILL ON THE JOB

As the three blg leaders filed into the meeting Barnes, Crane and Penrose, the Information was given out that Chicago would be selected.—From the report of the meeting of the Republican National Com-

THESE three men also ran the meeting of the National Committee in 1911 and the Republican convention that met in Chicago in 1912.

PROTESTING A LITTLE TOO MUCH

WHY should it be necessary to have so many conferences about the regulation of the Tenderloin? Some one must be in tration. But why should there be any doubt about it? An open town was not the issue in the campaign, at least so far as any pub-He announcement was made. It has not appeared since that any private assurances were given to the men and women who live on vice that they would be allowed to have a free hand in the Tenth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards, or anywhere else,

William H. Wilson, the new Director of Public Safety, however, is having private interviews with the police officers in the old vice district, while he says in public that he is "unalterably opposed to an open Tenderlain." If he is so opposed, a simple order to keep the lid clamped tight is all that is necessary. All this talk behind closed doors tends to make the public suspicious in spite of the assurances of the Mayor-elect and the man whom he has chosen to keep the

PENN'S CHANCE

W SENEVER a football team loses con-sistently there are reports of favoritism in the selection of players. It is common talk in Cambridge. Massachusetts, whence the so-called "Harvards" come, that the change for the better began when Harvard grew tired of playing society buds in her teams and put in some football players. So with other colleges.

With Penn the charge is peculiarly distressing because her democracy has never been challenged. Unlike Harvard, which wen her democracy through arduous effort. Penn has been a spirit democratic by nature. Yet It is obviously from the student body that the charge has come. It is regrettable that the candidacy of one man for the position of coach should bring up the charge which may return upon him. But it is necessary that the truth be known. Penn considers itself entitled to a winning team. It is certainly entitled to a football team.

BLACKLISTED

THE Chicago doctor, H. J. Haiselden, who gained a sudden fame in connection with the Bollinger baby case has been condemned by a council of the Chicago Medical Society to expulsion from that body. The committee did not base its recommendation on the doctor's refusal to operate on a baby doomed, according to him, to lifelong imbecility. The doctor is to be dropped because, close upon the publicity gained in the case, he allowed a series of articles to appear over his name, and since that time the case has

been exploited in moving pictures. Such publicity, for a physician or surgeon of high standing, is abhorrent to the lay mind. It makes public an essentially private matter, and puts the doctor somewhere between the barber and the green grocer, so as deilcacy is concerned. But beyond that, careful readers of the daily press could have noticed another ill effect of undue pub-He attention. Immediately after the Bol-Euger case, perhaps within a day, three other cases of consenital defectives were found. Within a week to community was too small to lack some agreet of the case. Fortunately, American minds are far too busy, even if they are not too, Samble, to be taken in for long. But the evil of misdirected advertising is great, and whatever one's sympathies may be in the particular case in Chicago, one cannot help believing that a salutary lesson in ethics has been read there.

PREPARING FOR THE GREAT DRIVE

NONFIDENCE of victory is reflected in the O decision of the Republicans to hold their national convention a week earlier than the Democrats meet. If they had followed precedent, they would have waited until the party in power had nominated its candidates and framed its platform. But the head of the Democratic ticket is already nominated, and he must run on his record and not on his promises for the future. He must, indeed, stand before the country as the apologist for his party. It is good political strategy, therefore, to be first in the field with a formal propouncement.

The Chicago convention of June 7 can make its own the great non-partisan issues of national defense and the protection of national honor abroad. It can also deny to the Democracy the right of being sole custodian of the rights of Americans in foreign lands and on the high seas, and it can assert its belief in the duty of preparing the mation. to maintain itself against foreign aggression. It will be able to indict the Administration for all its failures and be able also to put it on the defensive in St. Louis, where its leaders had been planning themselves to take an aggressive stand on the non-partisan issues. Sufficient evidence has already been accumulated to justify the Republican convention in charging that, however good the motives of the Democracy may be, it is incapable of originating and carrying out any adequate plans for the protection of the hational honor abroad.

There remains the great issue of protection of American Industry. The war has raised protective barrier about the country higher than in any Republican tariff in history. But when peace comes, all Europe will rush its goods to our markets: English and French will buy no German goods that they can get along without and Germans will go without rather than buy from England or France. These nations will be forced to sell their surplus here. Unless Congress prepares against this invasion, it is morally cerrain that disaster will overtake our indus-

Congress shows no disposition to consider this question. The tariff is to be let alone, save for the sugar schedule, where the duties are to remain as they now are. At a time when academic theories should be ignored and practical business sense be applied to meeting an impending crisis Congress is planning an increase of internal taxes, while ignoring the vast possibilities of revenue in a revised tariff. Every consideration of common prudence, however, dictates that even if a tariff for protection should not be levied customs levies should be resorted to more extensively for raising money.

There is ammunition enough for the Republican campaign. All that is needed is a good general to lead the fight. The decision to select him before the Democrats are lined up at St. Louis will give to the Republicans the same strategic advantage that the Germans had when they made their first drive to Paris.

BEING ADVERTISED

DHILADELPHIA ought really to sit back And look into the mirror and say pleasant things to its image. One of its institutions, a bell not remotely connected with national history, has just been "toured" through the provinces, speaking loudly of Philadelphia's care and attention. No sooner had the bell returned than the Pennsylvania Railroad placarded the wide stretch of country as far south as New Orleans and as far west as Chicago with announcements of our Mum-

A little bit modestly, but altogether cheerfully, the city considers these things and admits that it likes to be advertised.

AMERICAN LABOR

MR. SAMUEL GOMPERS very properly takes no credit to himself, nor does be invoke any for the members of the American Federation of Labor, when he puts himself on record as being for America. It is important that this should be the case, and it is deplorable enough that we have come to the time when each man must be questioned whether he be for us or against.

Labor, in particular, has been a little on the defensive because of the attempts by foreign agitators to ally the entire laboring classes against the governmental policy of neutrality. "Friends of Labor" and "Friends of Peace" and other societies with as misleading names have sent protests, in the name of American workingmen, against the shipment of arms to countries with which we are not at war. Against these misleading ventures Mr. Compers and the men for whom he speaks have stood firm.

They have had it in their power to wreck every American munition factory. They had, and still have, moments which may never return, for strikes, for revolutions, for involving this Government in the war on one side or the other. And they have gone about their work heedless of these things, asking a share in prosperity, comparable to

their work for prosperity. If the United States had only labor to fear In this crisis our course would be fair and the seas calm.

Tom Marshall-you may have heard of him is willing to run again-

Yuan Shih-Kai still insists that he was forced to accept the kingly crown.

Even so, the baseball war may be settled before the other little dispute across the

Chicago is now making plans to get the Progressive convention. Assuming that there

Vienna is not quite so ignorant of what has been going on as she would like to have

It will take more than the left hind foot of a graveyard rabbit to make a success of an Administration.

Where is the reluctant Yuan Shih-Kai on whom the Republican convention will have to force the nomination?

You'd be cross, too, if your allies refused to go on merely for the sake of a scrap of paper, especially if you had shown them how

The project of a building for the Philadelphia Art Alliance in Rittenhouse Square is still in the air. The sooner it descends to earth and becomes concrete the better it will be for all the artistic interests connected

Tom Daly's Column

WE CANNOT find words to adequately express the joy we feel in the discovery that our publication of the extracts from Hill's Manual of Social and Business Forms" has already borne rich fruit. Several of our readers evince in their composition and chirography great improvement, and it is with pleasure that we reproduce here specimens from the recent correspondence of two of our most promising young men. Our joy is tempered with the regret occasioned by our inability to reproduce the lovely penmanship of Mr. Towne's letter. but at least we can give his signature. Thus do great caks spring from little acorns. Here new-the Intiven-

LETTERS OF THANKS.

Philisdelphia, Dec. 5, 1915.

Terrence Samuels

How can I capress to you my real feelings of pleasure, derived from the exquisite gathering at so much, for I mit a most enlosable that it seemed that the days were quite altogether too short. What an ideal host you are: How you

the velocity till!

'How the answer Echo makes
To must at hight—
When reused by flute or horn, she wakes,
And far awar o'er lawns and lakes
Goes answering light."

Thus the poet P. H. Shelley, Assuring you at my deep thanks, and noping for many more favors of this character, I remain.

To a Priend-In Appreciation of a Visit.

richnose of friendship, and thirdly, because you are a but you are a man among men, or, as the poel both it. In prime of gived follows? How you mit more pen depict the juy my beart new feets. What cament writer could do justice, in a more acknowledgment, to your uniform and gracious Rindmess. Also words foll no at such times as there, and recreating been vain after all, mere words are? Only, I will say that friend, Charles. I do appreciate your generosity, the beauties of nature that were infolicit to the during the last three says, the sound of the surf as it becomed atmost up to your dear, the soughing of the wind, the carivashack durks, the lawish breakfasts, and, last, but he have breaked the lawish breakfasts, and, last, but he have been young son at the foot.

Helieve me, dear friend Charles,

Your admiring and constant well-wisher,

Charles Bancon Boune

Mr. Towne's letter is admirable and, we do not doubt, sincere; yet we heard this same gentleman at table thus address his host regarding the canvasbacks mentioned in his letter; friend Charles, these are good, rich ducks, are they not." "Yes," replied the kindly and un-suspecting host. "Ah! I thought so; yet at first I functed them a Firestone product."

Your admiring and constant well-wisher,

FRIEND WILMER ATKINSON, of the Farm Journal, sends us a bag of Mountain Buckwheat, "grown at his farm on the mountains of Pennsylvania and ground at an old-fashioned water-mill," and with a recipe for old-fashioned buckwheat cakes tied to the bug.

I thank thee Priend Wilmer, and beg to advise That when cutting the string to examine my

A strange transformation occurred in this room The floor was a sweet upland meadow in bloom And the warmth of September came back to the air,
And I sat on a fence rail instead of a chair;
And the sound that I thought but the type-

writer's click, Was the buzzing of bees where the blossoms were thick. . . .

Then I came to my senses and grabbed the string quick.
And restored thy good gift to its wrappings

For the wife and the bairns in my "wee but-So I thank thee, Friend Wilmer, and may thee

be here.
To send us another such present next year!

Wards of Anubis

old lady. whose great-grandmother walked a minuet with Washington uptown, now pulsied, lives at the southernmost fringe of Philadelphia with her two dogs," writes her "Rags is one; fat, frowsy, tow-colored, doctor. "Rage is one; fat, frowsy, tow-colored, vague in character as a midsummer sermon, remotely connected with the Mastiff family, a bully. The other, small, meek, yellow, relaxes his cowering brush before any one that calls him Buttons. Rags is ill mannered. He ran yapping at the heels of a negro ashman's mules recently, and the negro burled a cinder that badly cut Rags' fore foot. Bleeding, whining, three-legged, he wended his homeward way, and his agitated mistress bandaged the injured foot and wept over him as he licked her gray cheek. That night, despite her pulsy. the old woman with infinite labor dragged her own mattress off the hedstead so that Rage could get on it without jumping. She lay beside him on the draughty floor and crooned herself and him to sleep, quaveringly, with tunes mothers use.

"Buttons now struts exulting, for Rags the bully is bedfast. In one short day, betwixt spring and downfall of the light, Buttons acspring and downfall of the light, Buttons acquired the grace of walking with extended tail. Heretofore when the old lady left hones for her two friends Rags took all, and what he could not eat he buried like an egg trust. Buttons would sit afar off on his pathetic tail with mout? watering and wistful eye until Rags slept the sleep of the sated. Then Buttons would sneak toward the cold storage plant, hastly dig and vanish with a bone and a delirium of terror. He led a dog's life of it. Buttons' ribs are disappearing. He even buries bones ostentationsly, not remembering days to come, while Rags complains to the wintry sky. The god 'Anubis gives every dog his day.' The god 'Anubis gives every dog his day.

Sir-High life eight to moving stairway, etreet level Market street ferries;

TO ELEVATED TRAINS

THE MINSTREL.

"I am the merry Ministrel, old and gray," The North-wind chants.

"The forest is my harp and when I play The snawfakes dince."

With the mail bag full to overflowing, and the Christmas rush aiready on, the rauch over-worked cierk can still find time for a 'tween smile. We recently seit out a baich of letters, one of which was returned with the inforestment, "Dealt," A second led followed before the necessary intrection was made in our lists. Apother letter, addressed to the same person came with the notation, "Still Dead."

County Jail and Other News

From Catawissa News-Item The official trouble hunter of the Board of Public Charities visited the Columbia county juil on October 23. The sounty commissioners are just in receipt of a letter from the board stating that he found the juil 'badly ventilated, corridor extremely durk, beds old, hedclothing corridor extraor solled, tollets completely worn out no lights in cells, bath tub old, worn out and very dirty," coupled with the statement that "the lail needs a complete over-hauling."

While they are at it the commissioners might as well put in bowling alleys, billard and pool tables, a tabaret show, Moris chairs, indirect inandescent lighting, a sideboard, a sun parlor, a tennis court, a card room, a barber shop, and a few other necessaries for the comfort of the

Charles L. Pohe is housed up by a severely strained leg, caused by a fall last Saturday while chasing a rat in the yard.

Owing to a delay in the arrival of his railroad ticket Adam Mensch did not start for the soldiers' home at Johnson City, Tenn, until Monday of this week. Luther Eyer, of Lewis' band, purchased a new B flat braze horn at a cost of \$60.

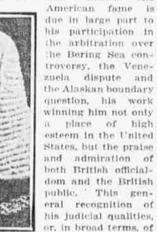




SIDELIGHTS ON A SPLENDID CAREER

Lord Alverstone Was One of the Most Remarkable Men of His Time - His Many-sided Personality

THOUGH he visited this country but once. 1 Lord Alverstone, who died in London yesterday, was held in the friendly regard of the American people beyond most distinguished citizens of other countries. His



due in large part to his participation in the arbitration over the Bering Sea controversy, the Venezuela dispute and the Alaskan boundary question, his work winning him not only a place of high esteem in the United States, but the praise and admiration of both British official-

dom and the British public, This general recognition of his judicial condities. or, in broad terms, of

LORD ALVERSTONE his fairness of mind. has followed his public acts throughout his

The career of Richard Webster, first Lord Alverstone, has been one of remarkable success, due to the possession of no less remarkable qualities. The distinguishing mental characteristic which enabled him, with no special advantages, to rise to the highest judgeship of England, was, in one word, thoroughness. Genius has been described as the capacity for taking infinite pains, and there was perhaps no Englishman of his time who possessed that victory-winning capacity in a higher degree than Lord Alverstone, who retired as Lord Chief Justice three years ago at the age of 70. He was the architect of his own fortune; but in his recently published recollections he pays tribute to the early training given him by his father, Thomas Webster, a well-known patent lawyer of his day.

"It may be of interest," wrote Lord Alverstone, "if I refer to one general rule of conduct to which I have always adhered. My father, when I was a lad at school between the ages of fourteen and eighteen, had taken me to see the carrying out of any process which might be affected or involved in the question in dispute upon which he was advising. In this way I saw manufacturing processes in actual working, with the result that I determined that whenever a case in which I was consulted involved any process, or referred to any particular species of property, I would make a point of seeing for myself the work as it was being carried on. or, at any rate, the local surroundings, thus enabling me to appreciate better any question of fact that might arise. I adhered to this rule without exception during the 28 years that I was engaged in private practice. Only to give a single example, I spent the whole of a Sunday in the screw shaft and engine room of the 'Atrato.'"

A Marvelous Memory

At Charterhouse and Cambridge University Webster won a reputation as an athlete, especially as a runner and hurdler, his interest in athletics and sports remaining with him during his life. Choosing his father's profession, he distinguished himself Richard Webster used to amaze people with the minuteness and accuracy of his knowledge. "What a memory!" they would exclaim; but it was something more; it was a naturally fine memory kept up to a rare standard of excellence by application that never flagged. Thomas A. Edison once paid him a splendid compliment, "Sir Richard Webster," he said, "now Chief Justice of England, was my counsel and sustained all my patents in England for many years, Webster has a marvelous capacity for understanding things scientific and his address before the courts was lucidity itself." In the famous Parnell trial Webster was

counsel for the Times. It was said of him by a famous public man, as quoted in the London Telegraph, that "there was not a name, there was not an initial, there was not an episode in all that vast network of movements and rival organizations, in all that labyrinth of puzzling and bewilderingly similar names, which he did not know. Nay, there was not a person of any importanceor, indeed, of no importance-in the gallery of the hundreds in the movement in Ireland, in England, in America, whose handwriting Sir Richard was not able to identify. Such a feat in the absolute mastery of an unfamiliar subject I have never seen equaled by any man in my time. I am told that he showed the same extraordinary and almost

miraculous grasp of details and facts in every case in which he appeared." A man of cultivation as well as a master

of facts. Lord Alverstone appreciated and admired Gladstone's wonderful grasp of his subject and his intimate knowledge of the classics. The following incident, given in the "Recollections," a Longmans publication, is illuminating in regard to both men. During the period from 1886 till 1892 he (Gladstone) was in the habit of attending one of the breakfast clubs where some one subject was generally selected for discussion. Shortly before the occasion in question Sir. John Lubbock, afterward Lord Avebury, had published his book on bees, and when the question was raised as to a suitable topic for discussion the subject of bees was suggested. Mr. Gladstone at once acquiesced, and for nearly an hour took a prominent part in the discussion, showing what apneared to be an extraordinary knowledge of the habits of bees. As Lord Morley walked away with Mr. Gladstone from breakfast he said, 'Well, Mr. Gladstone, you seem to know all about bees. I suppose you have been reading Sir John Lubbock's book?" 'No," said Mr. Gladstone, 'I have never read a word of it, nor have I ever seen it. It was the Georgies from which I got my information.' This incident is not only illustrative of Mr. Gladstone's power of generalization and of his knowledge of Virgil, but is also a striking testimony to the poet, for I believe that there is little really known about bees which is not described or indicated in the Georgies!

A Friend of Americans

Lord Alverstone was acquainted with most of the leading men of England in law, letters, science and political life, and with many well-known Americans. His reference to our representatives at the Court of St. James is perhaps of particular interest to their countrymen. "Among other well-known men with whom I was acquainted were Mr. Phelps, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Choate, Mr. Hay and Mr. Whitelaw Reld. They were all Ambassadors from the United States to the Court of St. James, most distinguished and worthy representatives of the great Republic of the West." All but Mr. Hay were frequently his guests at his home in Surrey, and he and Mr. Hay were often together, Mr. Choate impressed him as the best of them as a public speaker. One of his close friends was David Dudley Field, the famous American lawyer. Another was Alexander Graham Bell.

Science lost a brilliant student when Richard Webster chose the law. On second thought, he was an accomplished student in science throughout his remarkable career. On the mantelpiece of his town house there stands one of the curiosities of the place, an electric clock, which, as a card states, is "worked from two plates, one copper, one zine, buried in the garden. Started May 29, 1879." Lord Alverstone was one of the pioneers in domesticating electricity, and installed a plant of his own before any electric light company was in existence.

A Sing Sing convict has written a book en-tied "The Pleasures of Prison Life." It must

be a small volume.-Detroit Free Press.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW Mr. Wilson does not understand the American business man any better than he understands business.-Kansas City Journal.

Cities that have commission government con time to demonstrate that successful municipal administration is not a political problem but one of economics.-Kansas City Star.

Europe's needs for our farming products will he more urgent and for greater quantities next year than at any prior period of time. There will be immense demands from Europe for such products for years after the war ends .- Cincin

All the circumstances in the Ancona case dictate to the Vienna Government an early denunciation of its naval subordinate's crime; and is difficult to believe that Emperor Francis Joseph will permit what now seems like an in-evitable diplomatic rupture between the two countries unless reparation is made for so inexcusable an outrage.-Springfield Republican

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