SPEAKING THE PUBLIC MIND

Letters From Readers on Various Timely Topics of Local and General Interest-Tariff and Politics. A Square Deal for Fire Horses

To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir-The purchase of the old fire horse

"Joe." In order to save him from the
degradation of being made to haul garbage, tends to bring that portion of the
municipal gavernment which has charge
of such animals into unenviable notoriety. When it became known that 'Joe' was suffering from a 'side bone.' a private individual upon hearing of this, actuated by the sense of fustice and humanity, rescued the overworked animal from

further suffering. we can scarcely hope to awaken any feeling of interest or sympathy in a body of men who have never made an effort to care for their faithful servants worn out in the service of saving life and property, in the service of saving life and property, and who must be aware that these are sold to the highest bidder and that as silme goes on, as in the case of "Joe," they drift lower still lower until the latest stage of their offeer finds them in the Zoological Gardens to be knocked on the head and become food for wild beasts.

the head and become food for who beads. To appeal for humaneness from those who have shown idemselves void of this attribute would be a travesty, even when they are fully aware that motor englies will in the near future collected the fire horse. In the meantime it would not be too much to ask that provision be made to the arrivals that consil. these animals that remain.

for these animals that remein.

Philadelphia might well adopt the method practiced in New York, where un fire horse is sold, but places are reserved for them in their old age. Surely this matter is worthy of consideration, and while millions are being spent to adorn the city. some portion of our civic wealth should be expended upon these dumb servants of the public.

E. C. E. Philadelphia, December 15.

ROBBING HISTORY

To the Editor of Evening Ledger. Sir-"The life of Frederick Parry Morris should provide inspiration for every true American. Coming to this country from England as a boy, penniless, finding his opportunity as a newsboy on Long Island, working his way up the ladder until he reached the top rung of business success, his career stands as a symbol of what can be done here by grit and persevarance."—News item.

And just think, our cruel Child Idleness Laws will effectively prevent the development of another Frederick Parry Morris. Boys, hundreds of them, will in every age find themselves as poor and penniless as did Morris—as did Lincoln. Why then should not our laws permit such as they to ascend the ladder of success by their God-given right to labor. Verily, we should have education of the young. But is it not true that labor alone will avail the boys who find themselves poor and penniless. Why should we rob history the boys who find themselves poor and penniless. Why should we rob history of such jewels. Fancy, if you can, the distress of such a soul crushed by a prohibition against the right to labor-the right to succeed in spite of adversity. And crushed in its infancy, the satisfied, affluent portion of humanity will never know this side of heaven the sin committed. For it is a terrible sin to rob God's creatures of noble aspirations.

A READER. Philadelphia, December 15.

IN PRAISE OF FORD

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir-Henry Ford at the present time i the subject of much comment and criti-cism and his name is perhaps more widely discussed than any other name in America. Henry Ford at the head of a peace expedition has sailed across the occan to make an attempt in stopping the most terrible butchering of human lives ever witnessed in this world, and because of this glorious object that Ford has in view he is being stamped as a fool.

It is not the question of whether he will succeed or fall in bringing about peace, but the vital point involved is the fact that he is willing to try. It was by trying that Ford has reached the pinbacle of success and fame and from an obscure beginning he has become one of the greatest Americans whose name will

If Ford's efforts to stop the war prove a success he will be honored and hailed as a man who accomplished more good for the welfare of the entire world than

any emperor or king.

If Ford should fall in his noble venture ne will still be bonored as the first man who really made an effort to brind about peace. It is much better to have tried and failed than not to have tried

at all.

Let every one praise Ford as a man with a will power, a man who is not afraid to take a chance and a man who to the second se the discouraging utterances of the hun-dreds of statesmen, he is determined to win by reaching the triumphant goal of

It no doubt looks big to Ford and perhaps seems to be a hopeless task to undertake, but he faces it bravely, not afraid of failure. If he succeeds—well and good! If he fails he will try again. What a wonderful country this would be if it had just a few more Henry Fords!

ROBERT ROSEN. Philadelphia, December 14.

A DEPENDABLE POLICY

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir-The Tariff Commission League be-lieves that the country will sufficiently stouse itself to bring about the appointment of a Tariff Commission made up of men of the very highest ability. All efforts it this direction are an absolute waste of time unless the men appointed on such a commission are really first-class men, men, for example, like Mr. Delano, of the Federal Reserve Board, who has been notably successful in practical affairs, such men would very soon come to be relied upon by the President and Congress for information and advice in tariff matters. Even the short-lived tariff board of Mr. Taff grained considerable streams. Mr. Taft gained considerable strength in Washington, and it may be stated as a fact that its investigations, so far as it had pursued them, were very fully availed of by the members of the Ways and Means Committee who framed the Present tariff as We. We. Present tariff act. Mr. Taft has recently written to the Tariff Commission League that the work of the tariff board was a valuable work which still survives, and that he hopes another board will be appointed.

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Men of influence in the community are coming in a very striking way to realize that the absence of a dependable tariff Policy in the United States is certain to be productive of real and far-reaching dappers as we enter more extensively into international commercial affairs. Both in connection with our foreign trads, and also, as every one realizes, in Both in connection with our foreign trade, and also, as every one realizes, in connection with our foreign trade, and also, as every one realizes, in connection with our domestic business afairs, the failure to put the tariff on a scientific basis has contributed powerfully to accentuating that greatest of all business dangers, namely, uncertainty. It is time that this was done away with. It is time that this was done away with. It is time that this was done away with. It is time that we got together and insisted on the matter being handled in the way that all other great nations have handled it, by lacing the facts and their analysis and co-ordination in the hands of a small body of the very best men obtainable in the country. In the words of one of the most constructive Democrats, Henry D. Lindsley, Mayor of Ballas, Tex., and a member of the Advisory Council of the Tariff Countiesion Leasue:

"Probably no greater permanent service has be tendered our country than the divorcement of the turiff from partian tolistes and its eat-oblishment on scientific test economic lines, flexible enough to

WHAT TO DO WITH FIRE HORSES , meet changing conditions as they arise, and yet presenting a permanent and comprehensive general policy." Philadelphia, December 15.

> THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS a the Editor of Evening Ledger :

To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir. * * I am writing because I want
to express my approval of your very suggentive "carroon" in Saturday's Evening
Lettoger. You rertainly "hit the nail on
the head" in that picture, and I carnest
ly hope that many parents will be persunded thereby to refrain from encouraging in their children the military
spirit which is certainly so far removed
from the spirit of Christmas. Do it again!
Battleships, and guins, rifles and ammunition are certainly not symbolic of Love
and Good Will.

Believing as I do that workings as

Believing as I do that world-peace is possible only after the education of the masses to the dealer for international brotherhood. I have thought to encourage conversation and personal testimony to these principles.

WILLIAM H. RICHIE. Philadelphia, December 15.

DOLLARS IN THE POCKET to the Editor of Evening Ledger.

Sir-Just now, when hearts are full of love and peckethooks wide open, I what to recall a quotation by the late Judge G. Harry Davis, 'The saving of a boy is not only the saving of his immortal soul but dollars in the pockets of our taxpayers.' For more than 15 years it has been my privilege as well as outy to look after the boy of our streets, chiefly those of the wayward sort. In doing this I go into many a home which a little Christmas cheer would brighten, and on their behalf would thank our generous citizens for any financial help they may be inclined to give. "He merelful after thy power: if thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little."

A Christmas tree with presents bright, And pretty candles all stight:
Supposing you had none?

Supposing you had none? candy dog-and turkey wing. A candy dog-and turkey with With pumpkin ple-and everything; Supposing you had none?

A dolly dear, with bluest eyes,

And truly shoes for a surprise; Supposing you had none And then a coxy bed-and mother, too

To tuck you up and care for you, Supposing you had none? What is the thought of Christmas?

What is the heart of Christmas? Love. DAVID L. WITMER. Philadelphia, December 15.

THE DEATH OF NAPOLEON

to the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir-In yesterday's issue of the Evening Lepgen I see it stated that December 14 was the anniversary of the death of Gen-eral Washington and also of Napoleon Bonneyers Bonaparte.

Now, this statement is correct respect-ing Washington, as every schoolboy knows the first President of the United States died in the month of December, 1799. But, quoting from Scott's "Life of Napoleon Bonaparte," we have the following:

"The fifth of May came amid wind and rain. Napoleon's departing spirit was en-gaged in a strife more terrible than that of the elements around. The words tete of the elements around. The words tete
d'armee (head of the army), the last that
escaped his lips, showed that his mind
was watching the progress of a heady
fight. At a quarter of 5 in the evening,
after a struggle that showed the original
strength of his constitution, Napoleon expired."

pired." According to the eminent historian, Napoleon died on May 4, 1821. So, in view of the fact so stated, we think your correspondent in error when he says that December 14 is the anniversary of the great Emperor's death.

Bristol, Pa., December 15, 1915,

WOMEN'S COUNCIL ORGANIZES

Mrs. John C. Groome Heads New Branch of Department of Health and Charities

The Women's Advisory Council of the Department of Public Health and Charities, recently appointed by Director Ziegler, has organized by the election of Mrs. John C. Groome as chairman, Mrs. Thomas Robins secretary and Mrs. Alfred Stengel treasurer.

It will be the aim of the council to aid in bettering conditions in all of the city's hospitals and institutions. aid in bettering conditions in all of the city's hospitals and institutions.

The following persons are members: Mrs. John C. Groome, Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury, Mrs. Rudolph Blankenburg, Mrs. J. Willis Martin, Mrs. James P. McNichol, Mrs. Thomas Robins, Mrs. Edwin H. Vare, Mrs. John P. Nicholson, Mrs. William Henry Trotter, Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, Mrs. I. Harrison O'Harra, Mrs. Alfred Stengel, Mrs. John F. Lewis, Mrs. Rodman E. Griscom, Mrs. Thomas B. Smith, Countess Santa Eulalia, Mrs. Thomas Potter, Jr., Miss Mary E. Sinnott, Mrs. S. Lewis Ziegler, Miss Helen Fleisher, Mrs. Reed A. Morgan, Mrs. Wilson Potter, Mrs. Dayton Voorhees, Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton, Mrs. Charles S. Starr and Mrs. Wilmer Krusen.

Judge Woolley to Try du Pont Suit WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 18.—Judge Joseph H. Buffington, of the United States Court, today assigned Judge Vic-tor B. Woolley, of this city, to sit in the suit of Philip F. du Pont vs. Pierre

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2000 BIRDS ON EXHIBITION

Wear the most stylish civiles made by the most fashlonable Walnut street tailor and the chances are that you will be taken for a farmer just the same at the poultry show in the Metropolitan Build-

Do you raise chickens, my friend?' you will hear addressed to you many times, no matter how metropolitan sour Earb may be. The phrase is almost as peristent a sound as the cackle of the hens and the crow of the receiver.

hons and the crow of the roosters.

No longer can they distinguish the farmer from the man described in the comics as "Citicusa" by his clothes. This is the day of a new farmer, when the man who tills the soil, raises chickens and breeds cattle ho longer wears a wisp of straw in his hair, a chip beard on a mustacheless face, and a wide flapping hat that formed the frame for the picture the cartoonist of yesterday used to draw.

fraw.

Every time there is a ponitry show or an exhibit of farm products or a lecture on agricultural products, it becomes more and more noticeable that the old farmer with the bagny trousers, carpet log and cotton umbrella, is rapidly missing away. The new farmer is the college graduate, the scientist, the capitalist. For the most part he is sleek and well groomed. He is a men of culture, applying knowledge which he has worked hard to acquire; he is directing the operation of a large investment of money, just as the banker or business man does. For farming these days requires capital to pay for modern days requires capital to pay for modern trachiners; and the automobiles, which are fast supplanting horses and mules on the up-to-date agricultural enterprise

If you are the best-dressed man, therefore, in metropolitan society, you may hear the question: "To you raise chickens, my friend?" addressed straight at

you.

Scores of men are asking this question. It seems as if some slogan were being passed among the visitors to the show. You can't escape it.

The words are the prelude to a speech, if you answer in the affirmative you will be uttering an "open sesame" to an enthusiastic description of something that is for sale and which, if you buy it, will enable you to double the product of your poultry farm or perhaps treble it, or even—well, no, they really go no higher than that.

that.

Chckens are by no means the only attraction at the show. There are any number of exhibits displaying any number of things. Every ten steps you bump into a representative of some farm journal or poultry paper who offers you a copy free and asks you to become a subscriber to his valuable paper. The latest and most approved mechanical apparatus for the raising of chickens are on Niew, sent C. O. D., subject to approval. A dozen varieties of chicken houses are displayed, quite attractively built and seeming good enough for humans and positively palatial for a chicken.

American fowldom is represented at

American fewidom is represented at the show by perhaps 2000 specimens, all polished and powdered to look their very hest. The judges started work yesterday to make their awards, but did not achieve as much progress as had been hoped for because some of the birls entered did not arrive on time, having been

held up by the storm.
Lady Eglantine, chempton egg-laying hen of the world, with a record of 314 ergs in a year, is, of course, the star attraction at the show. But there is an other champion erg layer which has more ergs to her credit than Lady Eglantine. She is "Victoria," a white Indian runner duck. She has a record of 358 ergs in one year, a record completed October 35 one year, a record completed October of last year.

THE AWARDS. Parm; third, Wood Crest Farms, W. S. Wrisht, amerintendent.
White Plymouth Rock Hen-First, Pine Grove Poultry Farm; second, Bickmore Poultry Farm; laird, George H. L. Pettle, fourth, Wood Crest Farm; fifth, Willow Brook Poultry Farm; White Plymouth Rock Cockerel-First, Bickmore Poultry Farm; second, Pine Grove Poultry Farm; third, George H. L. Pettle, White Plymouth Rock Pullet-First and fifth, George H. L. Pettle; weahad. Blekmore; third, Abbeyleix Poultry Farm; fourth, Minch Brothera.

PENS. Barred Plymouth Pen-First, Mesdow Brook outtry Farm, second, C. Guy Myers, third, lideweed Poultry Farm, Pen Mated to Produce Exhibition Males-irst, George E. Muth, second, Warren Lack-an; third, George E. Muth, Penn Mated to Produce Exhibition Females-irst, and second, Robert J. Waiden, third, "N. Myers."

Single-camb Rhode Island Red Pen-First,

Buff Orpington Pen-First, H. F. Old Forge Poultry Parm; third others. of Black Orpinston Pen-First, Mrs. ice Sussex Pen-First and third, How-layle: second, T. Cadwallader. Cortish Pen-First, James B. Gillen. Millon B. Brauss. Exceptle Penn-First, M. W. Pelssier. Heahma Pen-First, Minch Brothers: William L. Cox. Laneshap Pen-First, Elin Poultry record, Alexander N. Warner: third, inthinson. hinson comb Brown Leghorn Pen - Pirst, one Parin, S. E. Boyd, manager, omb Brown Leghorn Pen - First, Kerlin aker, second A. C. Wack; third, William nes, et al. Mineras Pen-First, ew Jawn Farms, second, John Rabinson, les-facel black Sonsish Pen-First, Brick-Farms, S. E. Boyd, manager, excupaled Hamburg Pen-First, Pins go Poultry Farm, etc. J. Bichards, etc. Rei Fir Came Pen-First, Harry Reign, etc. Fen First James Pen-First, J. W. 12. Bickleb Game Hantan Pen-First, J. W. 13. Experiment Station, Pen Piest Pratt Experiment Station, Pratt Push Pen Pirat, Pratt Poulirs ment station. Pen First, Edgewent Poultr

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\$100,000 Loss in Railroad Yard Fire SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 16 - Several box are, 1890 bales of cotton and a ware-nouse were destroyed by fire in the yards The Central Railroad of Georgia today TORN WILL \$100,000.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

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