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Censure is the tax a man pays to the pubhe for being eminent-Jonathan Swift.

Six dollars a week is hardly a living wage for women workers.

Seth Low holds that defense is vital. It has been found so in football.

The great distinction of Franklin lay in his successful practice of what he preached.

Senator Clarke wants to neutralize the Philippines. Does he mean Belgianize them?

Every now and then a man gets foolish and trades a couple of gallons of gasoline for a limousine.

The Mayor of Trenton denies that he "hit the trail." He is not going to get into the Hall of Fame on that account.

Says Mr. Perkins: "For a quarter of a century i have been an ardent believer in publicity." He's getting it, all right.

The slogan of the Progressives seems to be: Let Roosevelt be the candidate and we care not what you do to the platform.

With the Attorney General of the State as his personal adviser, why should the Mayor worry? The smile belongs to the South Philadelphians.

Of course the Board of Trade will stand back of the Mayor in support of a program of public improvements. So will every other organization of broad-minded citizens.

The military reasons for the purchase of the Delaware and Chesapease Canal by the Government are as sound as those which justified the building of the Panama Canal.

Lieutenant Commander Harris, who is to be the new Chief of Docks and Yards for the navy, knows exactly what should be done to make League Island yard the best in the country.

Evangelist Stough's fight upon the sale of obscene postal cards at Atlantic City ought to succeed. But why do the police down there have to be prodded on by a visitor to do their duty?

The surrender of Montenegro can scarcely be construed as a break in the ranks of the Allies, but it would never have happened if there had been a little less diplomacy and a

Governor Colquitt, of Texas, in 1914, said. "This holiday interview so glibly read into the Congressional Record by the able standpat Republican from Pennsylvania, Mr. J. Hampton Moore, is for the purpose of having it franked out to the country, and to discredit a great Democratic President by the assaults of an alleged Democratic Governor of Texas." But, if Mr. Moore's speech is sent out, the Texan's reply will follow t over the country. The continued abuse of the franking privilege is deplorable. since the other patrons of the United States Postoffice Department must pay the bill. From now on until the 1916 campaign closes. speech after speech will be made for and against the Wilson Administration, and the folding rooms of the House and Senate will take on additional help to insert these speeches in envelopes that they may be used to further the campaign of both Democrats and Republicans.

REMIT THE GAS TAX

The public has not shared in the reduction of gas prices. The operating company selis gas for 80 cents, but the consumer pays one dollar. A twenty-five per cent, tax is ex-orbitant and interable. A change in faxa-tion is ineritable. The readjustment should where the gas tay out entirely. There are no legal difficulties in the way. A Council-manic ordinance can put Philadelphia on an conality with competing citles,

THE gas lease of 1897 provided, first, that at stated intervals the company should reduce the price 5 conts the thousand: secondly, that the city by ordinance should be empowered to fix the cost, though never 10 reduce it lower than the amount fixed inthe contract for the company to receive These two provisions, taken together, are

sufficient evidence to show that it was the Intent to give citizens the benefit of each separate reduction. But the city in each case has gobbled up the difference and sent it sliding into the treasury.

The company's charge for gas has fallen to 30 cents. Yet by ordinance the consumet is still compelled to pay \$1. After next year, the company's price will tumble down to 75 cents. But invariably the city permits the users of gas no participation in the decrease. This means simply that at intervals an extra tax of 5 cents the thousand is levied on all users of gas, without their consent and in spite of their protests.

It is a grossly unfair tax, because it is levied on a part of the population only. It is an unwise tax, because it penalizes industry and progress. It is an exorbitant tax, because it amounts to 15 per cent. There is \$9-cent gas in New York, and there is 75cent gas in Baltimore. With these two cities Philadelphia must compete for citizens and industries. They both have us backed off the map.

No argument to support this extravagant ind intolerable condition is offered, except that the city needs the money. Why not, then, make a deal with the electric company to add 59 per cent, to its rates and hand the surplus over to the city? Or why not an ordinance requiring dealers in sugar to charge 2 cents the pound more than normal prices and credit the city with the profit? It is true that the city owns an equity in the gas works, but so far as any cash invested by taxpayers is concerned, the Bureau of Gas reports:

As a matter of record the old reports of the former operating Bureau of Gas indi-cate that most of the \$5,250,000 secured by loans to build and extend the gas works had been paid out of gas receipts, so that the tax-payers had not carried the expense of the works in the least, while the city owned, practically self-paid for, the largest municipal gas plant in the United States.

In fact, during 11 years of city-operation, there were cash profits of approximately \$5,000,000 over and above all expenses, inluding extensions and betterments.

The equity of the city, therefore, should be exercised for the relief of consumers, not for the expansion of the treasury. For the rate to the consumer to remain stationary when the actual charge of the gas company is being reduced five cents, the leap is a ridiculous thing, or tragic, for it beirays a lamentable inability on the part of the citizenship to protect its own interests. The Mayor hinted in his inaugural address at a study of taxation and a readjustment along modern lines to assure an income equal to the city's necessities. There are, for instance, many great improvements which must be undertaken without delay. The financing of the transit system will not affect the rate of taxation, since early interest charges will be capitalized. Other enterprises, however, are on the way. The price of gas was not an issue in the recent campaign. The Mayor is not obligated in any way to work for a reduction. We suggest, nevertheless, that in studying the revenue situation, he give to this phase of it his earnest attention. We urge on him the wisdom of removing the gas tax, in whole if possible, in part in any case. Let there be substituted for it an equitable tax. levied on all alike and not on one class of citizens only.

Tom Daly's Column

YESTERDAY. A day of gold and blue, and rare Frost-sparkles tingling in the air, That mingled with the blood like wine! A day to cheer your heart and mine.

This sky, this air, when Time was young. From God's benigmant hand were flung, And still declare His lave divine! A thought to cheer your heart and mine.

 $O^{\rm N}$ BATURDAY sflernoon we attended to the important business of going skaling with the youngsters. Monday morning we find this upon our desk:

Dear Tom-What are your office hours? Having a few minutes in your five city, hoped to find you. F. P. Dunne.

Oh, well, to paraphrase a predecessor of Mr. Dooley, Sir Boyle O'Roche, "Sure a man con't be havin' pleasure in two places at warst unless he's a bird."

WHEN ded Sullivan was 5 years old he undertook to preach to the projectariat. His mother tells the story: "I saw him from my window. Workmen were repairing the street, and a teamster with his wagon had been standing for some time at the corner. He was an immensely tall man, Jed walked up to him and said something. There was an angry look on the man's face at first, but then he threw back his head and laughed heartily. Jed came up to my room presently, and I asked him what he had said to the man. 'Why, mother,' said he. I just told him he had no business to stand there wasting his time. He ought to be working."

The Ballads of Portland

"Come. n o w. "fess rs Thomas, Writes "you're faking those Porthand things, aren't you" And if you must write that sort of stuff, why Portland? What's n matter with

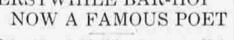
We sometimes wonder tour wonderful self-united. We used to be control. We used to be horribly quick temperat. Sir, we say to you calluly, we are posi-tively not guilty, there's the author. Moses Owen, as he appears in the frontispiece of the firthe book, "Builads of Portland," published by W. S. Jones, advertis-ing agent, in the year of grace 1574. grace 1874.

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ways appear at ease when they are traveling. Investigation will prove that these individuals have had an unusually wide experience in journeying, and an extensive acquaintance with the world.

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versity This Week, Was Farmhand, Sailor and Tramp Be-

THE actuality of common experience clings to John Masefield, poet. His work is English to the core in subject and manner, yet no Englishman has written poems like his within the memory of this generation-

poems so thoroughly modern and unconventional as to be essen-

tially American in tone and spirit. His American popularity is great. Educated in what we call, when we speak of self-made Americans, "the University of Hard Knocks," Maselield is honored by Oxford and Cambridge for achievements in literature founded on his

far-flung experiences -strange experiences JOHN MASEFIELD for a poet? No. He

cuptures the spirit of the sea, which perhaps he knows and understands better than any other man living. He knows the country places equally well. For he has lived wonderfully. The vigorous and vital contemporaneousness of life is in his poems and plays.

Masefield comes back to America from France and the Dardanelles, where he has been alding and succoring the stricken in battle. Ten or fifteen years ago John Masefield. scure, unknow passed the Statu of Liberty homeward bound-back to the England where he was born forty-one years ago, the son of a firmer. He had worked as a farm hand in New York State. In the city of New York he had worked for a baker. "The baker," said Masefield the other day, "made a patented kind of bread; but I don't think it was much of a success, as I have never heard of it since."



ERSTWHILE BAR-HOP

that England should pay attention to the John Masefield, Who Comes to Uninew poet. Masefield has been compared with Chaucer, with Whitman, with others. He himself says: "I admire Whitman. But fore He Began to Write

I owe everything to Yeats. He influenced me, just as he influenced Synge. Yeats set us both in the right direction. What glory there is is due to him. He is a perfectly generous and sympathetic mind to all young writers. Masefield's home is in Great Hampden, a

small, secluded village in the heart of Bucks, The house is a longish, inornate structure of flint, with no shade trees about, but a considerable plot of lawn in front, part of it used as a garden. His library includes many volumes on science-books about Euclid, electrical experiments, with many volumes of economics and sociology and a sprinkling of drama, poetry and fiction. His children use his study for a playroom-sometimes, anyway-and those who have visited Masefield at home are always struck by his intimate companionship with his children. Masefield comes to the University of Penn-"vania this week to lecture.

ing and talking. A little later John Gals-

worthy, attracted by his verse and plays,

became one of his close personal friends. It

was Galsworthy who insisted and insisted

WHAT'S WHAT IN "EATS"?

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir-1 resent the statement in your issue of January 15 that people who cat their water-melon with salt are "of a kind with the one who wears a sky-blue necklie with a shirt striped with pea green and Tyrian purple." I was raised in the State whence all good waterraised melons come, Georgia, and I have salted my watermelon ever since I was old enough to know how. Probably the writer of the article to which I take exception has his tomatoes cooked with sugar, in which case not much could be expected from him in the matter of

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MORE HABERDASHER STUFF

"And if you were going to an evening party would you be interested in this sign?" writes Interested. "I noticed It over a "gents" fur-nishing store on Market street:

ANSPACIES SHIRTS OPEN EVENINGS

THOUETTE OF TRAVELING.

From Hill's Manual of Social and Rusiness Forms.

The reader will call to mind people who al-

The inexperienced traveler is readily known by his flurry and mistakes. He is likely to be behind time, and he is likely to be an hour too

Whenever you contemplate a journey, con-sider carefully what route you want to take and decide it definitely. See that your baggage is perfectly in order, and an hour before you start engage an authorized expressman to take your baggage to the depot.



little more reinforcing.

If the mine workers who are opposed to the national defense program of the Government were equally opposed to preparedness in their fight for better wages they would be consistent-and foolish at the same time.

Now that the grip epidemic has found a victim in the horse that pulls the Polyclinic Respital ambulance, it may be that the friends of the institution will provide an automobile ambulance, not subject to the ills that desh is here to.

The best solution of the Mexican difficulty would seem to be a man hunt, with Villa as the quarry. Mr. Bryan, it is understood. had always favored the Villa crowd, but even though the feelings of the Nebruskan should be hurt. Villa should be got.

The Mayor has lind a eigar named for him, and now Representative Vare, who thinks he could have been Mayor if he had been willhag to fight for the office, is to have his name painted on the bow of a tagboat. The friends of the two mea may dispute about which will make the more snoke.

The Brillsh have bombarded Lille with guns having a range of twenty miles. Uncle Sam has gone with as long a range, but they are mounted on fixed carriages so adjusted that they can shoot only fifteen miles. The anti-preparedness people would like to prevent the expenditure of money for new carriages.

The third-term ldra does not out much ice in Guatemala. Cabrera has already served IF years, and he has been re-elected to serve aix years more. There is nothing to indicain that the interests of his country have suffered from this long tenure. Mexico with Diaz was a whole lot better than Mexico has ever been without him.

The Poor Richard Club has indersed Plate. The bellef that publicity is a panacea for all political and business ills, which was met with applause last night, is a modern version of the Greek philosopher's theory that knowledge means justice. Plato had no biliboards and the Dally Acropolis was probably a poor speet. But the right idea persists from age to use.

The British in the vicinity of Kut-el-Amara have evidently been fighting with that desperate heroism which won for them the mastery of India in earlier days. Heavy reinforcements for the Turks are under way from the Dardanelles, however, and only the pressure of the Russians in the Caucasus will permit the English to hold their post-Again and again Russia, even while being defeated, has saved the Allies, and she is today the insuperable obstacle to the ampitions of the Control Empires.

Congression Robert L. Henry, of Texas. Thus eving the speech made on the floor of House by Congressman J. Hampton a who referred to a domunclation of Wilson Administration, made by es-

Since some change in taxation is inevitable. let absolute equalization be the underlying principle. Let the thing be settled right while it is being settled.

The Administration can do nothing of more lasting popularity, nothing more likely to carn the commendation of all classes, than to remit the gas tax, thus putting into effect a program which the people ratified by their votes more than four years ago, and of the benefit of which they have been deprived by subterfuges of one sort or another.

Unpledged, unfettered, his hands free, a great majority behind him in Councils, the Mayor can do this thing and reap from it a full meed of glory and the gratitude of thousands, particularly among the poor. Respectfully we suggest it

A PLACE TO PUT YOUR MONEY

WOMEN physicians have justified them-selves. There is no longer any doubt of their ability to treat the sick. If we are to have women physicians we must have medical colleges for their training, and if the colleges are to do their work efficiently they must be properly endowed.

The campaign, therefore, of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania to increase its endowment by half a million dollars ought succeed. And it will succeed in proportion to the skill with which the needs and desert of the college are made known to the men and women with money seeking ways to use it for the benefit of the greatest number.

Many Philadelphians could give the whole amount, but it will be better to have five hundred subscribers of \$1900 each than five who give \$100,000 aplece. If some of those who have made money in "war bables" were approached is might be discovered that they are willing to devote to the relief of suffering some of the thousands they have won through the manufacture of implements of

(Fig. 17) The Couple That Make Themselves Ridley

Having selected a seat, it is customary to deposit the satchel, umbrella or some article of wearing apparel in the same should one not be ready to occupy it; and it is eliquette for any-one finding a seat so occupied to look further.

What to Avoid When Traveling

A lady and gentleman should avoid evidences of undue familiarity in the presence strangers. Couples who may evidence a silly affection by overfondling of each other in pub-lic (Fig. 17) make themselves appear extremely ridiculous to all who may see them.

Avoid leaving the pockets so open and money so exposed that thieves may steal your effects In the sleeping-car the valuables should be put in some article of wearing-apparel and placed under the pillow.

GOSH: WE WANT TO HEAR THE SEQUEL

- Journeyed to the late of Manhattan yester-where reside my sister and her husband. It is that they have telephone troubles there, too, scussion of which brought forth this tale--gh is seems to me that the telephone was by to blaine:

though it seems to me that the tempinone was hardly to blame: The hushani was at home when the "Bell" rang. "This is Mrs. Van Brunt. May I speek to Mrs. Unitas" (Note-Mrs. Van B. is quite unknown to Dr. and Mrs. C.) "Mrs. Childs due with Mrs. Van Brunt and go to the opera next Tussday?" "Will Mrs. Utilds dine with Mrs. Van Brunt and go to the opera next Tussday?" "Whit would Mr. Hill say to this, and what is Mrs. Van B. going to say to the other Mrs. Childs when also ments har, and does the fact that Doctor thinks is a Vale graduate, with several years in derman universities, explain the 'Nothing doing; too buo??" H. H. H.

NO! STICK ABOUND ABOUT HERE

Now that Fye landed at the end, Perhans you'd feel inclined to send Me higher up (as is polite For such a gentle modest wight) And put me at the top tonight?

Will Lou

ANOTHER GRAYBEARD GROWS GARRULOUS

ANOTHER GRAINEARD GROWS GARRULOUS Deav Tom-1 liked your psem on Ada Kohan. It doesn't seem long since I was paying 25 centre for a gallery seat in the old Chesinut Street Opera House to see hur. I made it a polar in those days to see every Sinklespearean play that came along, and Augmenth Dair, as you will remember, revived a Shakebpeareau coundy yearly. I certainly think theatregoers got more for their money then than they do now. Of course, incy could not see Richard Braneti. in "Damaged Goods." but they could gee the other Richard (Mansheld). I remember seeing inin do one act from five of his plays. It cost mus a quarker, and I don't know whather I got better value for my money that hight or when I saw irving and Yerry in "The Merchant of Veniles." Prices were higher that hight, and it cost me 50 cents.

Cells. Most of these attractions appeared in the Chest out Sizes: Opera House, which is now given over to the "Exploits of Elaine," The Perils of Faulta, atc. J. F. F.

Sir-Here's a bit of (Israel) light comedy from real life: Firm of garment makers dissolves; necessary to change title of property held in name of the firm; conveyancer, man of brunque sneech, calls un for information. Here's the dialogue: "Hello! Potash & Perimutter (or words to that effect)? Mr. Potash? This is Black & White, conveyancers. Have your dis-solution papers less snade out yet." "What is it, movers?" "Have your dimension papers been made out jet." "What & y mash papers? I been a voire for seven years!

He worked and he went without work Gracefully, pluckily, he starved in the garret of a house in Greenwich Village. Doughnuts and free lunch were his fare. Days and nights he looked for a job, searched among the cheap eating houses, the livery stables, bakeries, wholesale stores and along the water front. He wore sailor's dungarees, red shirt and an old slouch hat. Finally he got a job as bartender and handy man in the saloon of the Columbia Hotel. When Masefield came to his fame only three or four years ago literary blographers looked for the saloon where the poet had worked in New York. Two or three claims have been put forth for priority of discovery, but Masefield or Luke O'Connor could have told the secret, which is no secret at all and never has been The old building has been torn down, but the Columbia Hotel, opposite Jefferson Market, still exists and Luke O'Connor is still its proprietor.

Masefield as Bartender

Masefield tells how he was hired. It was this way:

"The proprietor of the bar, a small, pale man "The proprietor of the bar, a small, pale man in a tweed suit, panama hat and tar boots, came over to me and began a conversation. 'Say,' he said, speaking slowly, 'do you want a good job?" I said I did. 'Well,' he said, 'I want you to help behind the bar here. Here's a dol-iar; go over to Lee's and have a haircut. T'il fix you up with an apron. I'll give you ten dol-lars a month and your board. You can start in right away.'

"When my hair had been clipped, the pro-prietor brought out a white jacket and an apron. bade me put them on and then sent me behind the har to clean glasses. There were two other bartenders. My duties were to clean the glasses which these two artists filled for the thirsty. I, who was not an artist and could not mix the subile drinks then in vogue, might only serve beer and cigars. I had to take a tray laden with drinks to men living in the botel or loading at the bar tables."

O'Connor liked the young man, who stayed with him the whole summer, and testifies that Masefield was always right on the job diligent and cheerful. He took his meals with the O'Connors, sometimes taking care of the children while Mrs. O'Connor got the meals.

Masefield was born in Ledbury, Shrop shire. As a youth he disdained school and books, and would frequently leave home on long tramps without telling his people where was going or how long he would stay. His parents, in an effort to mend such habits indentured him to the captain of a merchant ship. I'e was then 14 years old. In the old square riggers he salled over a great part of the world's navigable waters, sometimes going ashore for long tramps and then re-Lutzing 10 the sea.

Ten years ago or so he mot Tests in Devon shire, and together they spont a summer loaf.



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