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I fear the Greeks, even when they bear gifts. -Vergil.

The scene of the war was transferred yesterday from Verdun to Chicago. They had a municipal election.

Ford Carries Detroit-Headline. Of course he does, and his tin Lizzles carry the rest of the country also.

The announcement that Holland is friendly to everybody is reverse English for a general invitation to nobody to beat the Dutch.

After sweeping the cactus plains Colonel Dodd's forces are combing the Mexican hills for Villa, and pretty soon they will be brushing up the remains,

The trout seasons opens on April 15, and April 18 is the last day for filing nominating petitions for the primaries. Which date are you waiting for more eagerly?

Secretary Daniels denies that he has betrayed any naval secrets to England and Russia; but his denial does not necessarily mean that he has not told all he knows.

Did the Peerless Orator tell Warren Worth Bailey to propose that Uncle Sam go into the oil business to compel John D. Rockefeller's company to reduce the price of gasoline?

Those Boston doctors who have discovered the germ of scarlet fever after two years' investigation may now devote themselves to discovering the germ of New England culture.

Mrs. Waite, the wife of the New York dentist who killed her father and mother, is suing him for divorce on the grounds of extreme cruelty. This is a mild term to apply to it.

A check for \$70,000,000 that has just passed through the New York Clearing House is described as the largest check ever drawn. Did you ever notice that every big check is described in the same way?

There are those who say that no one will attempt to frustrate the efforts of the Governor and his friends to keep secret the list of delegates-at-large who are to favor his nomination at Chicago, because the voters at the primaries will pay no attention to them anyway.

the British at St. Eloi, near Tpres, is consuming great energies. The sudden Italian dash is supposed to have held back numerous Austrian troops destined for Verdun. More important, as an explanation of the situation, was a casual remark of a British Minister which permitted the length of the British line to be told. It is now reported as a quarter of the entire front, and clearly keeping that line is of as much assistance to the French as active sorties from it. The question is whether Verdun can hold out until the next "spring drive" of the Allies is prepared.

THE CALL FOR A STATESMAN

It would be a mistake to elect a man to the Presidency for the sole reason that he is a business man or a iswyer or a teacher or a what not else. The President must, first, be a man fitted to perform the duties of the office. After that no one cares what he has done for a Union as he has he has done for a living so long as he has been honest.

MORE twaddle and punk have been written in recent years about the importance of electing a business man to the Presidency, the Governorship or the Mayoralty than about any other political subject.

We have been told that all the ills of government would be cured if only a successful business man were put in charge. But experience has proved that "business administrations" so called are usually more unsatisfactory than political administrations. Among the sanest words spoken on the sub-

fect were those of which George Wharton Pepper delivered himself to a writer for the EVENING LEDGER last summer, when he refused to become a candidate for the Mayoralty nomination. Mr. Pepper said that his training had not been in public affairs, that he was not equipped to fill the office of Mayor and that no man could fill the office successfully unless he had had proper preliminary training in the study of municipal problems and in the practical work of their solution,

There is no greater fallacy prevalent in popular thinking than that a business man just as a business man can enter political life and serve the public better than an expert who has been trained in the art and the practice of government.

The Business Men's Presidential League, which is printing petitions in the newspapers throughout the country asking for the nomination of "a business man as President of the United States," is attempting to capitalize this popular misconception for the benefit of some particular candidate not yet openly named. It matters not who he is; if he is a business man and nothing more, he would make a miserable failure in the Presidency. An expert buyer and seller of commodities is no more fitted for the Presidency than he is fitted to be a surgeon. He has not had the necessary training. His vision has been confined to the balance sheet of a ledger and has not ranged over the whole realm of human interests. He has had to consider popular sentiment only as it affected his profits. The President must consider public sentiment as it affects the conditions under which people must live in human society, which is a much more complex and a much broader question. It is possible for a business man to be a statesman also, just as a lawyer, or a college professor, or a farmer, or an iron founder may be a statesman. One of the ablest men in the Senate is John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and he is a planter. But he is a statesman not because he is a planter, but because he has devoted years of hard and earnest study to questions of government. Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, is a

man of wealth who entered public life be cause he thought it was his duty as a citizen. His profession is politics. No one would deny him the title of statesman. President Wilson is a college professor, but

Tom Daly's Column

TO ROBERT FROST.

Something there is that doesn't love a wall, That strives to pierce it when it cannot climb Or scep in through the windows or the doors. Perhaps it is the clamor of the street That cannot brook a lesser noise at all And so would reach and end it. So it seemed, At any rate, to me in College Hall This afternoon*, when you were holding forth. I heard the first short poems that you read, I heard your dictum that you would have none Of them that dealt with versa in terms of music.

(Ah! there you erred, good poet that you are, But poet since your music will not down.) I heard disjointed talk of "tones of voice" And sudden laughter punctuating it, But could not tell if other heresies From you had issue. Still the laughter proved Your sense of humor, which will bid you

smile-No whit resentful of the impish twist I put upon your talk of "tones of voice"-When I remark "one's tone may be too low," As yours was-and as mine was when I left, Else you'd have heard me mutter at the door. "You're wrong, my friend. Good poems make good music." *Tuenday.

The Devil's Advocate By Heinrich Schoener.

By Heinrich Schoener. DEAR READER—Have you ever hiked through a newspaper factory and let your gaze wan-der to the poor worms that toll at the cases and linomonsters, whose job it is to manhandle copy that resembles hieroglyphics on an Expiritan mummy—and make "sense" of it—and who also ast as goats for the brain department? If you have milled the abnorance incent of the you have pulled the above-mentioned tour, you didn't fall for the bunk of the alibi artist on the editorial page of our own dear paper one day last week. If you haven't, do so.

Look the emaclated exponents of the art preservative over-each tips the beam at about a hundred and nothing-and dope out, if you can, the reason why the poor fishbalt slop around with lower lip hanging and shoulders hunched up to their cheaters. You can't, unless you're next to the job!

Is it the grinding toll? Nix! The disciples of Gutenberg defy you to grind them! Simon Legree hasn't even a nodding acquaintance with them. What's the answer? Listen, dear reader, and TII put you hep: Each time one of these poor bloks bikes to the desk for "cony." he wirgles In fear and

Each time one of these poor hicks hikes to the desk for "copy," he wiggles in fear and trepidation. His hand shakes and wabbly lips tremble as he unfolds the sheets to rubber at what he has drawn. If it's typewritten, some-thing like a sparkle seems to light up his eyes; but if it is "raw" copy, his dome sinks deeper into his shoulders and he shuffles back to his linoftend with a movement that's a dead ringer for a turtle deal a wave theo. for a turtle doing a marathon. (Concluded tomorrow.)

Musical Triolets (Most of them knock-turns) XII

I don't like Caruso In "I Pagliacel." His sobs don't ring true; so

I don't like Caruso. Why does he boo-hoo so? Admitting it's "catchy,"

I don't like Caruso In "I Pagliacel." SOREHEAD.

Sir-I'm anxious to make a little easy money Will you help? I want to place a bet upon the next President of these here U. S. I say Lansing will be the man. REIPH.

will be the man. IEIPH. P. S.—For your private ear, or eye—as the case may be: Wilson's term expires at midcase may be: Wilson's term expires at mid-night, March 4 (Sunday); the winner at the No-vember election—even if it's Wilson himself – won't be inaugurated until noon of Monday, the 5th

The Anagram Contest

OH, VERY WELL, if you think that Easter hat will look best on the dome of W. L. Sacrey for his anagram on "Emperor William Second," keep on sending in things like this: DO GREEN DEVILS GET ANY?

A. Moth. HASTEN'D BEST RAG PLANNER. M. V. B. R.

I WILL SEEK HARM



SPEAKING THE PUBLIC MIND

Views of Readers on Censorship, With Special Reference to Moving Pictures, and on Universal Military Training

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-Discussing editorially what you call "censorial cowardlee" in the moving picture business, you say: "If you believe in the freedom of the screen, just as you believe in the freedom of the press,' ran the suppressed leader, and there is no need to quote further. Obviously to the censor the freedom of the press is a machine of anarchy, a breeder of corruption, a factor in what they consider the growing degeneracy of the American people."

the American people." Are you sure that when you speak of the "freedom" of the press and of the movies you really mean freedom? Are you sure you do not mean that which is continually being con-fused with freedom—namely, license? True freedom is a blessing, but the misuse and excess of freedom, which is mere license, is a curse. The prevalent idea of freedom of the press, and, I take it from your expressions, of the movies also, seems to be that the owners of these busi-nesses should be practically the sole judges of what is proper to print or to show. Of course, some things—such, for instance, as downright obscenities or flagrant suggestiveness along sexual lines—even the most callous producers sexual lines—even the most callous producers keep shy of to avoid immediate police inter-ference. But there seems to be no provision against and no widespread desire to curb the degrading effects along other lines which are almost universal now in the movie theatres. I refer to the continual and (to many people, at least) sickeningly wearisome repetitions of crime scenes. How many of the so-called movie "dramas" are founded on anything but crime? In how many movie houses in Philadelphia today can the thousands of young girls and boys who frequent these places get even a half hour's entertainment, to say nothing of any longer period, without seeing on the screen a murder, theft, abduction, or other crime, with vivid elaborations of various ways of committing these crimes? From the "Birth of a Nation" down to

policy to depend on practically green man and place them against such weapons as are used today? The trouble with us as a nation is that we are not a war nation to begin with; we con-sider ourselves invulnerable to attack; we cry we are the richest and most self-supporting nation on the globe, and therefore no nation dare attack us. The present war has shown con-clusively that there is not a nation which is not liable to attack. Witness Belgium, Serbia, Poland, while small nations, yet it would have been the same result had they been large nations. We will also take Mexico. While she is a pigmy compared to us as a nation, yet even she dares challenge us and even invades our border and kills our soldiers and citizens without a

moment's warning. Mexico knows our weak-ness in defense as well as all other nations, and it has been demonstrated that we have all we what to attend to on account of our small forces, which we are compelled to depend upon. Why will our President and our Congress keep each other in doubt regarding the forces needed to protect us?

Why do we not have a compulsory military service? Let overy man from 18 to 45 be com-pelled to serve his time in the army as they do in Europe; the Constitution of these United States strictly puts this clause in its body. If we have such a military law then every man will have to do his share, and the working classes will not be compelled to shoulder the responsibility of war compelled to shoulder the responsibility of war while the rich stay home and reap the profits or simply go as observers as lots do. Let us drop the Boy Scout business, which to my mind is nothing more or less than nonsense, and wait until the boy gets old enough to understand what military training really is. Then, when he arrives at the age of 18 years, put him in the arrives at the age of 18 years, put him in the arrive under the compulsory laws, and we will then have a defense we can be proud of. The cry that a big army loads to war is all non-sense, as we are fast rushing into one, with a small one. The very people who have been crysmall one. The very people who have been cry-ing against preparedness are now howling be-cause we are fast approaching a crists in Mex-ico, but they do not tell us why we are in the muss. Let us drop this playing soldier, and if we can't get the men we need then let us have compulsory military laws. Then we will see who are our patriotic gitizens and who are not. HARRY SPEELER.

Philadelphia, April 3.

[We should have in mind, of course, that it is not Mexico that is opposing us. The distinction between Mexico and Villista bandits is im-

What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

QUIZ

- I. When was the building of City Hall begun? What European rulers have been driven from their countries or deprived of power by the war?
- by the war? Does the amount of butter made in factories in the United States exceed the amount made on farms? Can a widow in Pennsylvania be "cut off"
- from a share in her husband's property if he leaves a will in which she is not men-
- tioned? 5. Is New Year's Day a legal holiday in all the States?
 6. What is popularly meant by "a baker's
- dozen"?
- Who received the electoral votes for Vice President as Taft's running mate in 1913?
 W ~t is the average depth of the Atlantic
- cean? 9. What is the age under which parental con-
- sent is required for the marriage of a young woman in Pennsylvania? ame two raw materials used in the manufacture of paper.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- Multiply the diameter by 3.1416.
 Approximately 1000 acres.
 About the centre of the plot between Front
- and 2d streets on High (now Market) atreet. 4. It is the only mint in this country that coins
- bronze and nickel in addition to sliver and gold. The school at Point Barrow, Alaska.

- The charter was granted in February, 1891.
 President of the New York city Police Board.
 Thirty-five feet at high water and 30 feet at
- low. 9. For John Harvard and Ell Yale. 19. Golf.

what success he has achieved in statesmanship is not due to his training to teach young men. Mr. Taft was one of the most admirably trained Presidents in the history of the country, and one of the least successful. He has the intellectual characteristics of a judge and the political instincts of a hermit. Roosevelt's preliminary training was much less exhaustive than that of Taft. His followers do not care what he is called, because they believe that he is better able than any other citizen to give them what they want. His gift for leadership is unsurpassed by that of any contemporary American. It would be the same if he had earned his living by dealing in silk ribbons instead of being independent of trade through a small fortune left him by his father. And Justice Hughes is looked to with hope by many citizens nowadays, not because he is a lawyer, nor because he has been Governor of New York, but because he has proved before the public eve that he has political instincts and political knowledge. Statesmanship is a profession which must be learned. It is astonishing to every thoughtful student of American history that our affairs have been managed so well by men chosen to manage them who have had no previous training in statesmanship. As soon as a popular hero appears we propose that he be elected to the Presidency. He may be a lawyer who has sent a notorious murderer to the gallows, or he may be a soldier who has won a little battle in a little war. But the country is growing too old for such childish things. In this critical year it is imperative that the man nominated for the Presidency shall be chosen not because of his success in buying goods for 50 cents and selling them for \$1, nor because of his ability in reducing the fixed charges in the operation of a factory, but because he is a stateaman of the first rank, with a broad grasp on the history of his wn country and an intelligent comprehension of the great world problems in the solution of which this nation must participate in the near future.

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SOMEWHERE IN MEXICO

There seems to be some doubt of the sanity of Ernest Schiller, the German "pirate" who seized a British steamship in New York waters a few days ago. If the British had caught him, after seizing a ship anywhere near England, they would not have waited to find out whether he was sane or not.

Berlin has grown confident that the conference at Paris resulted in a new strategic move - invasion of Germany via Holland. After the peaceful and wholly justifiable "progress" of the Germanic armies through Holland we shall expect not a word of protest if this turns out to be true. The only question is, How will the Allies manage to muzzle their publicists?

The House of Representatives has done the expected thing in approving the appropriation of \$2,165,000 for the Delaware River improvement. The deepening of the channel is part of the work of preparedness on which there should be no delay. It is also part of the work of commercial development without which it will be difficult to raise money for the greater work of national defense which It is hoped Congress will undertake before adjournment.

Chicage is learning that it pays to cry over spilt milk. The farmers in the surrounding country refuse to send dairy products to the distributers at the present price and are wasting milk to teach the companies a lesson. It is to all intents a strike and strike methods are being employed. Meanwhile the only sensible solution of the entire problem has been brought to the attention of the farmers again. There are facilities, easily enlarged, for direct handling. Whether this will pay them in the long run or not, the method should be used to relieve the inordinate distress among children which a milk famine would involve.

After lunching with the Colonel and Mr Boot, Senator Lodge has made a speech in which he urges universal military service and training. There may be military experts who think he goes too far in this, but no expert worth the name will disagree with him when he characterizes the Hay bill as a do-nothing and useless measure. If we are to have a military force worth while it must be under the direct command of the President at all times, whether we be at war or at peace, and it must be a national force free from sectional and political influences. The sooner Congress recognizes these fundamental prinuples the sooner shall we have legislation hat will accomplish something.

The inexpert observer of military affairs Europe may know little of strategy; but he certain logic, and that logic, at present, d him to inquire why nothing is being table of the burning circle of Verdun. a no full answer to the question. In a not fair, for both Ruzzis and Engive, though not so energetically arpected. The Russian advance y charked the struggle of .

THE "TIN LIZZIE" VOTE

presidential nomination. At this writing it looks as if he had carried the whole State. He defeated a mere United States Senator. The exact day on which he will become Chief Magistrate is evidently to be calculated by reference to the speed with which his industry spreads beyond Michigan and its metropolis to other centres of population in the country. Unhappily, though, the tin Lizzie vote must as yet be considered purely personal and complimentary, not to say local. Mr. Ford has not really attained the stature of a national figure; he is still only an international figure. And his one big chance-of getting the entire German-American votewas lost when he did not succeed in making peace in Europe. For, if he had done that at this stage of the war, with Germany still shead in the acquisition of negotiable conquered territory, there is no office in the sift of the followers of the Kaiser in this country that they would not have done their best to bestow on him.

Mrs. Numovus. HO! GRUNTS BEER-MUG. A. G. NO MORE ON CREDIT. C. S. P. Yesterday's answers: William Bryan Theodore Roossvelt Kalaer Wilhelm The Declaration of Independence Shakespeare's Anniversary Presbyterian

POLLYANDROS GROWS UP When I was a kid and went to school I sang the usual sort of drool; And as the moments flitted by, I sang: "Kind words can never dle."

And now since I've become a pote And write sweet thoughts that people quate, I always, always keep in mind That all immortal verse is kind.

Sometimes I make it kind of weepy. Sometimes it's kind of cold and creepy: But be it kind of good, or bad, Whene'er it lands, you bet I'm glad! P. Villain.

SURE! DIDN'T YOU KNOW BUNNY WAS DEAD? ALL the way from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Acomes the statement that John Bunny joined "Barnum and Bailey." What d'ye know about that? Will Lou.

AGE. "And when I'm old," the rich bride sighed, "Oh, will you love me true?" The absent-minded groom replied:

"Oh, yes, indeed, I do." THE KING'S-IN-A-MANNER OF SPEAKIN'-

ENGLISH

"At no time in history has the commodities representing our natural resources been ex-pressed more firmly in terms of dollars and cents than they are now, and, for reasons apparent, will be even more forcibly expressed

during the next five years to come." "Since we have been and are now absorb-ing all of our obligations to pay certain sums at regular intervals to our foreign creditors means that at no distant date we will have few, if any, foreign partners. Then our position is one entirely independent of every other country, not only that we have an abundance f commodities that they eventually must From Stock Broker's Circular Letter. of cost ist have

Sir-What is a noble floor? A large sign on Arch street between 7th & 8th reads:

"FOR RENT THIS NOBLE FLOOR. Inquire Morria & Co.

Worcester's dictionary says noble means exaited in rank. Is it because of the rankness that no one has cared to rent it? Tungsten.

The Mex. Ketl of Fish

On top of Popocatepetl The poor Dove of Peace stopped to setl. "Gosh1" it twittered, "I fear

If I hover too near

Fil be one with those fish in the Ketl.

TIM ISAMINGER, of the North American. was preved at the boner pulled by the telegraph operator with whom he filed his training-camp stuff. "Dash-ding these telegraphers," he said. "Why some of 'em have been sending messages for a quarter of a century and the only thing they can get straight is, Come home at once, Father is doad."

the coarsest "thriller," all are filled with crime piled upon crime. The very existence of the vast majority of movie houses depends solely upon their continual depiction of violent crimes, if

one may judge by their offerings. I believe it to be the consensus of opinion of the majority of thoughtful people that the movie drama, as produced in America at present, is an evil of immense power, which is manufacturing hundreds of young criminals every day. It is impossible that hundreds of thousands of you ople, at the most impressionable periods of eir lives, can view these horrors almost daily without breeding in many of them a familiarity with crimes and the ways of criminals which is dangerous in its possibilities. Instead of trying to cripple the censorship, we should work for a more extended and stricter safe-guarding. The "bad man" is the hero in most movies, notwith standing that the "good man" is supposed to be It is the bad man who absorbs most of the "limelight" and whose deeds are the most excit ing and interesting to the youngsters. And it will be the real bad men who will occupy the same relative positions in the lives of these future citizens unless we put a stop to the "freedom" which is at present enjoyed by the purveyors of this class of entertainment.

Of course, this glorification of the criminal is false as well as vicious. The criminal, the shifty man, the dishonest or dishonorable man, is not the most successful man in real life; might or craft does not, in the end, triumph over right; and the greatest and simplest truth is that honesty is the best policy. Truisms, you say, why spout them? Yes, truisms; but not for most of the boys and girls who frequent the movies They get, and are bound to get, very differen -ideas which will soon make a lot of new jobs for court attendants, police matrons, social workers, evangelists, hospital orderlies and nurses, lawyers, detectives, pawnshop keepers, "crooked" druggists, turnkeys, patrol drivers and constables. Well, as a loyal American and therefore a devotes of America's god, "The Pork Barrel," I suppose I have been all wrong in "knocking" anything that produces a crop of good fat jobs or even lean ones. In Philadel-phia, at any rate, this is certainly unwise DRACO.

Philadelphia, April 1, USES OF MISQUOTATION

To the Editor of Evening Ledger:

Sir-In your article "Censorial Cowardice" you say: "The freedom of the press is a machine of anarchy, a breeder of corruption, a factor in the growing degeneracy of the American people." I agree with you. H. H. (Why misquote? The sentence as it appeared in the EVENING LEDGER was: "Obviously to the censors the freedom of the press is a machine of anarchy, a breeder of corruption, a factor in what they consider the growing degeneracy of the American people."-Editor of the EVENING LEDGER-]

COMPULSORY TRAINING

COMPULSORY TRAINING To the Editor of Evening Ledger. Sin-Whether we shall have preparedness or whether not 1 think has been amply demon-strated within the last three weeks in the ex-pedition which has gone into Mexico. We must admit that the regular army of the United States is a good one, so far as it goes, yet there is ample room for improvement in it when it comes to putting it alongside of the European Powers, such as Germany and France. The United States army is deficient in one of the most vital weapons of present day warfare, a weapon which is deciding the fate of European ind that is heavy field artillery. The war in prove a state of artillery has been heard day and night without a let-up and it seems to my united that is not of weakness which I thisk it necessary to rocitly, and that is the volumes system, which we seem to cling to so in adding voluteers, out with present day warfare, is in rading voluteers, out with the speed to be reading voluteers of the most destructive wapons known to man, with the speed intriced was the to be the set of the most destructive wapons known to man.

weapons known to man, with the most intrica and scientific modes of conducting war, is

portant .- Editor of the Evening LEDGER.]

BOOMS FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Very few men become President without having previously fostered or experienced a "be A boom is essential to the presidential success of anybody but a dark horse. The word "boom," as applied to a political movement, was first used by the editor of a Republican newspan St. Louis, Mo., pending the return of General U. S. Grant from the trip around the world undertaken by him in 1876, immediately following his retirement from the Presidency of the United States. The term was used so persist-ently and so cleverly that it soon began to lodge in popular thought, and to take on the meaning which the editor intended to convey when he declared that the movement looking to a third term for Grant was "booming," or when he employed the invention as a noun and spoke of "the Grant boom."

The idea had come to him from a common expression used by the people along the Missis-sippl River. When that stream was at flood tide and sweeping everything before it, it was said to be "booming." The St. Louis editor aimed to convey the thought that the move-ment for the nomination of Grant for the Presidency in 1880 was like the onward sweep of a great river under such conditions, and therefore a boom. The term soon came into general use, and has been applied in the United States ever since, alike to spontaneous and preconcerted or organized movements looking to the placing of some person in an office of not necessarily, but generally, the Presidency.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

The Philippines are to be given up, set adrift like the infant Moses on the waters until Pharaoh's daughter Nippon adopts the helpless child .- New York Mail.

There is no class of citizens who should be more anxious to have a State police force than those who expect occasionally to be concerned in a law-abiding strike.—Buffalo Express.

No kind of reform work can be merely a pro-fession, and whether it ranks with the professions does not matter so long as it is competence and in the spirit of service. with Springfield Republican.

Just now there is little possibility of any congressional action on the budget plan. But sooner or later Congress must be brought to see the importance to the nation of a business-like administration of its affairs.--Indianapolis News.

We are not really as generous as we think are. As travelers we have corrupted half of Europe with ostentatious tipping, but as peaceful stay at homes we do not give generously enough to relieve actual suffering --- San Francisco Bulletin.

The customs deficit is nothing compared with similar deficits under Republican tariffs, and the argument is rather for 3 further reduction than for a return to the rates which produced larger deficits. Furthermore, the Treasury "sficit is a matter of expenditures rather than deficiency of customs.—New York Times.

THE SEARCH FOR BEAUTY

Night came again, but now I could not sle The owls were watching in the yew; the mice Gnawed at the wainscot; the mid dark was deep, The death-watch knocked the dead man's sume

mons thrice. The cats upon the pointed housetops peered About the chimneys, with lit eyes which saw Things in the darkness moving, which they feared. The midnight filled the quiet house with awe.

So, creeping down the stairs, I drew the bolt And passed into the darkness, and I knew That beauty was brought near by my rewolt Beauty was in the moonlight, in the But more within myself whote your was true Walked and thek house whote was true to be as tread

The Pennsylvania's Bow

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Would you please tell me if the picture of the superdread-nought Pennsylvania that was in the Sunday PUBLIC LEDGER shows the bow or the stern? CHARLES H. MILLAR.

The bow of the vessel is shown.

Election Rivals

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Will you case be so kind as to answer the following: (1) Who were the Republican election rivals of ex-Governor Sulzer, of New York, and Cox, of Ohio, in 1912? (2) What Democrat ran against Governor Beekman, of Rhode Island, in 1914 and Republican against ex-Governor Foss, of Massachusetts, in 1912? (3) What Republican opposed Speaker Clark and Democratic Minority Leader Mann in 1914? (4) Who were the late Mayor Gaynor's election rivals? A VOTER.

(1) Hedges and Brown. (2) Quinn and Walker. (3) Mann is the Republican minority leader, and not a Democrat. He received the Republican vote for Speaker. (4) Bannard, Hearst, Cassidy. Hunter and Manierre.

Origin of All Fools' Day

Editor of "What Do You Know"-You will confer a special favor on an old patron of your paper by giving information as to the origin of All Fools' Day. M. A. K.

Spring equinox, or April "fooling," was done in India a couple of thousand years ago, but Europe did not take it up until about three and a half centuries ago. France was the first country to adopt the present calendar, so that New Year's gifts, which had formerly been made on April 1, in 1564 and thereafter were made on January 1. So it was natural that practical jokers would send bogus gifts on April 1 sense and thereafter areas especially to those persons who had favored changing the calendar.

"The Red Rose of Lancaster"

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Will you kindly answer the following questions: (1) How many miles is it to 69th street from City Hall? (3) Who is the Red Rose of Lancaster? READER.

(1) Four and seven-eighths miles. (2) "The Red Rose of Lancaster" is a jocular title some-times applied to Lieutenant Governor Frank B. fire and the second sec vention which nominated Pennypacker for Governor.

City Tax Rates

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Can you fur-nish me information in your column as to what are the rates of taxos in the different socions of the city and suburbs, including Germantown, Frankford, Tacony, Holmesburg and Torresdale. I understand there's a poor tax attached to each place named. H. K. C.

City and school tax rates for 1916 are given as follows by the Department of Receiver of Taxes: On real estate, horses, mules and cattle (for all wards except the 22d, 23d, 35th, 41st and (for all wards except the 22d, 23d, 36th, 41st and 42d, full city rate, \$1 per \$100 assessment; sub-urban rate, 66 2-3 cents per \$100; farm rate, 50 cents per \$100. For the five wards named above the three rates are 95, 63 1-3 and 4746 cents per \$100. The School District of Philadelphia has fixed the school tax rate for all the wards for 1916 at 50 cents per \$100 assessment. The 22d, 23d, 35th, 41st and \$2d Wards, under act of As-sembly, collect a "poor tax" through their own poor-tax collectors, and for this reason the tax rate is made lower in consideration of the local.taxation.

A Bouquet

A Bouquet Editor of "What Do You Know"—I have been a reader of your EVENING LEDGER since publica-tion began, and I consider the "What Do You Know" column worthy of notice and praise, as there is certainly some valuable information obtained through it. I wish your paper the best of success. M. E. O. Philadelphis, April 4, 1984.

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