

SHY OF FINANCE STUFF "Pastor" Fenner, Recently Sued by Patron, Conducts Harmless Seance

ADVICE IS VERY SIMPLE Lovelorn Lass Told to Change Tactics—Woman With Estate Pleas

'REV.' FENNER AND SPIRIT-WORLD 'LEAK'



Fenner is the pastor of the Psychic Temple, at 1710 North Broad street. He and his wife are accused of fraudulent misrepresentation in the selling of stock in a gold mine. It is alleged he received advices from the spirit world that the mine was rich in ore. The picture above is Fenner's own conception of the manner in which the spirits perch on his shoulder and whisper to him correct information concerning the answers to questions from his flock written on slips of paper and held in his hand. The picture adorns the first page of the Psychic Temple leaflets.

VERY WISE SPIRITS Those in the great beyond who responded to the summons of "Pastor" Fenner at yesterday's seance—"service," to be programmatically correct—seemed to know instinctively that money investments and mining stocks were subjects for the nonce "taboo." It was plain to comprehend that "the spirit world" was entirely cognizant of the fact that the "Pastor" had only recently been made defendant in a suit which two ex-devotees of the Temple are prosecuting in an endeavor to get back the \$1000 that they say the "Pastor" had advised them to allow him, under metaphysical direction, to invest in gold mine stock. With supernatural discretion the spirits "kept off" mining stock and everything remotely pertaining to it.

VISIT TO THE MINT NOW A SERIOUS EVENT

"Welcome" Is Absent From the Doormat and Uncle Sam Withholds Glad Hand

If you want to visit the Mint these days you'd better have your passports vised before you attempt it. Where formerly was suspended a notice on the main entrance door informing the public of the visiting hours, there is now a notice to the effect that no one can be admitted without permission and by a statement of business. At the main entrance three husky guardians greet the visitor. Callers must state their business or give their cards. Another guardian assigns the visitor to a seat in the main entrance lobby. Men pass up and down and in and out by twos, never singly. There is a feeling that getting guns or submachine guns lurk in the supercharged atmosphere of the corridor, but nothing more terrifying than a blue uniform with brass buttons is visible. Then another guardian comes along and escorts the visitor to Director Joyce. And this last guardian accompanies the caller along the corridor to the elevator. And he gets into the elevator and sticks until he sees the stranger ushered into the presence of the Director.

than a blue uniform with brass buttons is visible. Then another guardian comes along and escorts the visitor to Director Joyce. And this last guardian accompanies the caller along the corridor to the elevator. And he gets into the elevator and sticks until he sees the stranger ushered into the presence of the Director. The guardian stands respectfully to one side while the talk with the Director is on. This concluded, he accompanies the caller down in the elevator again. The three huskies at the main entrance open the door and the Mint visitor finds himself out in the open. Nothing happened, but there is a feeling that relations have been severed somewhere, and it is recalled that Uncle Sam has "some" gold in that massive pile of steel and granite with armor-plate vaults away underground at the corner of Sixteenth and Spring Garden streets.

PITTSBURGH FREIGHT TIE-UP Has Worst Congestion in Its History; Food Prices Soaring

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 19.—The Pittsburgh district is facing the worst freight congestion in its history. Industries are hard hit and many manufacturers have been compelled to close their plants. A plan is on foot among the larger concerns to agree to a general shutdown for ten days or two weeks to relieve the situation. The Pennsylvania Railroad and the Pennsylvania Lines West have created a joint commission to handle freight and this body is studying the possibilities for disposing of traffic and accepting only such shipments as are billed to points where it is known they can be handled. Consumers in this district are feeling the pinch in soaring prices. Pittsburgh plants are paying \$7 a ton for coal from West Virginia and are glad to get it. With potatoes at about \$3.50 a bushel, retailers declare they will refuse to handle them after their stocks are exhausted until there is a drop in price.

PHILADELPHIAN OFFERS NONSINKABLE LIFEBOAT

Yves Andre Bouget, of Belmont Avenue, but Born in France, Its Inventor

A photograph illustrating this story appears on the pictorial page. A collapsible nonsinkable steel lifeboat, which can only be capsize with great difficulty, is the invention of Yves Andre Bouget, 1515 Belmont avenue, who recently acquired a patent on his idea. The boat, which, according to the inventor, is different in its entirety from any other boat of its character, does not take up more space when collapsed than an ordinary lifeboat and weighs about one-half as much. He was three years in following out the idea before he finally applied for the patent. Mr. Bouget has a small working model of his boat which fulfills all the things he claims. At present he is building a larger model, with which he will give demonstrations on bodies of water in and around Philadelphia. The body of the boat will hold as many passengers as the ordinary lifeboat. The nonsinkable feature of the boat lies in the construction of the prow and stern, which are built of airtight compartments which telescope when the boat is collapsed. Both ends of the boat taper to a point. A collapsible rod, holds the airtight compartments in place when they are distended. To insure the boat against overturning Mr. Bouget has equipped it with a stabilizing appliance consisting of a hollow shell on each side of the boat, running from the gunwales to the keel. When the boat is in the water its own weight forces water in through the lower ends of the shells, which are open. The air in the shells is expelled through cocks at the upper ends. These are afterward closed. The tendency of a heavy weight to bear down one side of the boat is counteracted on the low side by the resistance of the water already in the shell; on the upper side by the weight of the water which the vacuum prevents from rushing out. Mr. Bouget was born in Brittany, France, and has been in this country four years. He is in the automobile business.

PLAIN DINNER NOW A LUXURY Advance in Cost of Everyday Vegetables More Than Doubled

HOUSEWIFE DISMAYED High Cost of Living Set Forth in Figures

Table showing average retail prices now and three months ago for various vegetables like Potatoes, Onions, Cabbage, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Beans, Turnips.

Recent leaps in the prices of the everyday dinner vegetables—potatoes, onions, cabbage, turnips—have put these necessities on a par with luxuries in the view-point of the average housewife who must make her dollars reach from one payday to another. Coal, flour and sugar have been hitting high marks at various times ever since the European war started, but the prices of vegetables now prevailing are two or three times the ordinary winter price, and at least double the recent high prices of the Civil War period. Within a period of about three months potatoes have gone up approximately 100 per cent in retail price; onions have advanced 250 per cent; string beans, 250 per cent; cabbages, 225 per cent; turnips, 100 per cent. And the worst of the situation is that the prices are not likely to go down again until supplies are relieved by the new crops of next season. According to industry merchants and dealers, the chief cause of the high prices in green winter produce was the frost several weeks ago in Florida, which ruined a large percentage of crops in some sections. The extreme prices in the staples such as potatoes, onions and cabbage are due to poor crops in the North last year. The freight car shortage and the war are also contributing causes, although not to the same extent as in the case of staple foods from the West, dealers say. Potatoes are selling at the car for \$3.50 a bushel, onions at \$12 a hundred pounds.

HIGH COST DUE TO SHORT CROPS "A shortage in the supply of all these vegetables is the reason and cause of the high prices," said one dealer. "We have not had such conditions for many years in so many things at once, and the market is not likely to come down during the winter. It cannot, because there will not be a supply to draw from until the new crops come in next season. The potato crop last fall was short all over the country; in Pennsylvania it was more than one million bushels under the average of other years, and all over the United States the shortage amounted to many million bushels. Onions were affected by too much rain in the early season and too little later on, when they most needed rain. And there have been no imports from foreign growers as in ordinary years. The heavy freeze in Florida early this month killed off millions of dollars' worth of fresh produce for northern shipment. SPECULATORS ALONE PROFIT "The only men who can be making any money out of the situation are speculators and those who had heavy stocks on hand. As for the small middleman and the producer, they are not making anything at all out of the big prices." A great scarcity of flour in the city on account of the railroad traffic congestion is threatening a raise in prices in the near future, according to leading dealers. They say the total amount of flour on hand in Philadelphia does not exceed 60,000 barrels, and the daily receipts from the West do not equal the daily consumption, which is about 6000 barrels a day. The Northwest Miller, a trade journal of the highest authority, says in its current issue: "A veritable flour famine is imminent in the East because of the shortage brought about by the freight tie-up."

The paper goes on to declare that the paramount cause for the bad situation is the lack of common sense on the part of the railroad managements. There is no excuse, it says, except a lack of system in handling freight. The freight tie-up is hitting the local sugar market more than the recent labor troubles, according to sugar company officials. W. H. Hoodless, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, said, "We hope in a few days to receive enough cane from Hawaii from California to keep up our supply of raw sugar. The labor situation is not troubling us at all. We have enough of our old employees and we have new ones hired to work the refinery at top speed." Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION Large Attendance Expected at 39th Annual Meeting in Princeton PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 19.—"Entirement for life" has been adopted as the theme for the thirty-ninth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of New Jersey, which will be held here next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The convention will be the guests of the Philadelphia Society of Princeton University. In addition to delegates from every city, town and rural Y. M. C. A. in New Jersey, many representative pastors, college professors, Sunday school superintendents, teachers of boys' classes, scoutmasters and others in organized and unorganized work among boys and young men are registering for the convention.

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- \$45 Mahogany Inlaid Bookcase. Now \$50.00 \$200 Upholstered Sofa. Now \$129 \$35 Mahogany Single Four-Post Bed. Now \$27 \$65 Colonial Mahogany Dressing Table. Now \$43 \$35 Mahogany Secretary Bookcase. Now \$25 \$35 Mahogany Gate-Leg Table. Now \$25 \$35 Mahogany Spinet Desk. Now \$28 \$35 Mahogany and Tapestry Easy Chair. Now \$25 \$35 Fireside Chair covered in denim. Now \$25 \$65.00 Mahogany Desk. Now \$50.00 \$250.00 Adam Mahogany Bedroom Suite of 9 pcs. Now \$210.00 \$85.00 Adam Mahogany China Cabinet. Now \$60.00 Many smaller novelties in Gift Furniture, Lamps and Shades, Wall Mirrors, etc., are included in the sale. Departments, 3d and 4th floors Curtains and Curtain Materials, Reduced 33-3% from former prices Shown on First Floor, East, and Upholstery Department, Third floor

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