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various grounds, as his taking leave of it—not the manner of the leavetaking, but the fact of the farewells. In view of his pertinacious, Prusian refusal to pay merely outward and conventional respect to the land in which he was a guest by omission of its national anthem from his concert, he had outlived his usefulness.

FINEST BLOOD IN AMERICA It Flowed in the Veins of Jackson and Lincoln—Plan to Educate the "Children of Nature"

By VERNER JONES THE argument as to which section of the country or which particular spot produces the "most typical" American will never be determined to the satisfaction of the general public for the reason that every community feels that it is entitled to the distinction.

Tom Daly's Column THE VILLAGE POET Whenever it's a Saturday upon Election eve, An' lots of folks are saying things that no one can believe, I've simply got to hustle out before my work is through.

I've got to train my eagle eye on every thing that's queer, An' for the things I cannot see I'll use my eagle ear; I'll poke my nose in everything that promises to show The slightest information as to how the fight will go.



MR. WEAVER TELLS OF GANG'S WILES Former Mayor Reviews Incidents of the Revolt of 1905

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Wednesday evening you published an article in which my name was used, and which for the last ten years I have been perfectly satisfied to practice law and, so far as city politics were concerned, to be a "looker-on in Israel."

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. Who is Count von Hertling? 2. Name a Roman general who contested the supremacy of the empire with Julius Caesar.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. The Great Armada of 1588; a thousand ships sent by Philip II of Spain against England, wrecked by Queen Elizabeth's commanders, Lord Howard and Drake, and laid waste.

THE NAKED FACTS

IMPEACHMENT and removal from office are the least of the demands made by Mayor Smith's accusers. The Grand Jury, in recommending his impeachment, is only seconding the motion that was made by all respectable citizens when the use of the police in Fifth Ward politics, or the neglect to use the police to stop an orgy of Fifth Ward political crime—what is the difference?—became an established fact.

THE GERMAN DISASTER

U-BOAT destructiveness has been reduced far below the estimate made several months ago by the most optimistic Allied observers. This is the dominating fact of the present situation. Without considering this fact, the developments of the last few days in Italy and Russia would lead public opinion to a change of unwarranted apprehensions.

THE VARE-SMITH RED HERRING

THE VARE-SMITH Frog Hollow combination, masquerading as Republican, is "pulling the old stuff" in support of its "fifty-fifty" ticket with all the zest of a discovered novelty. Contractor government sets up the fetish of party loyalty and urges danger to the protective tariff and other tenets of Republicanism if the Town Meeting candidates are returned to the "Row" offices and Council chambers.

EX-MAYOR WEAVER ON GANG WILES

FORMER MAYOR JOHN WEAVER gives pointed testimony to the subtleties and trickeries of the Republican organization at bay in his interesting letter, printed in another column, reviewing his conduct of the offices of District Attorney and Mayor. There are so many curious things about the organization that any commentator on its processes and policies is likely to be baffled as to motives and results, and any one even remotely connected with it is likely to be misunderstood in some of his acts.

DOCTOR MUCK QUITS US

DOCTOR MUCK has become Doctor MUCKING, and his conduct in the matter of the red-herring argument is not strong enough this time to perfume sweetly the stench of misadvised contractor-and-bug politics.

PATRIOTIC MINISTERS

The action of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in requesting all ministerial candidates to waive exemption from military service offered them by law as "future ministers of the gospel" is characteristic. As the board adds, the stand "represents the spirit of loyalty on the part of the Presbyterian Church."

Reduced Tax Rate

You then speak of the disappointment of the people during my first two years in the Mayor's office and that it was only in 1905 that the break came and that this was the result of my former urging. Surely the people know that I reduced the tax rate in 1903 from \$1.35 to \$1.50 (and, by the way, there was never any necessity for increasing it, and I said so at the time), which incurred the bitter hostility of all the organization leaders; my breaking the monopoly of the street-paving contractors and reducing the cost of street paving, both of which I did in my first year, which incurred the hostility of John M. Mack and the other leaders; my stopping of supplemental and extensions of contracts made by the city government and established a dictatorship as was done in Pittsburgh some years before. Governor Pennock was not approved it, and it was changed, and changed until he finally signed a bill that took away from the Mayor the power to appoint and dismiss directors, but he insisted on the introduction of a provision that this should not take effect to interfere with the rights of the then existing officials, which saved my opportunity to be re-elected.

Faithful to Reform

Subsequently I came out with a personal endorsement of Edwin S. Stuart for Governor and Samuel P. Hootan for District Attorney. For this, which I believed to be in the interests of good government, I was stigmatized as a traitor, and upon that I was charged with having deserted the cause of reform, that I have deserted it; if always, at all times and consistently, from the time I first entered public office to the present time, my own aim and desire has been to reform, and I shall shake whatever side they happen to be on, and the government, themselves, then I am still an always have been a reformer, and I have taken no interest in politics since I came out of the Mayor's office on the first Monday of April, 1907, except to register and cast my vote, and sometimes to have discussed with my fellow citizens the situation. I have seen many things done in the name of the Republican Organization and in the name of reform, and I see things going on today in both names, and I should like to think that for the interest of the people of Philadelphia, but with my experience I cannot accept this. I think present political strife, and I think it forecast the objects of view, that I only want my purpose to go into that, I do not want to correct misapprehensions on the part of your readers. I am, Sir, yours faithfully, JOHN WEAVER

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YOUR HERO

Some soldier boy in some strange tent, With the candle shadows creeping round, On a crusty cot of crumpled straw, And the dry sand dust drifting down, Where a spyder spun its lazy lair, Whence his head of golden hair, Which, borne on memories' golden wings, Dreams of home and homely things— In the soldier boy you sent away, To the tune of tear drops the other day, And the prayers of your heart's yearning.