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PEACE GARDENS ON THOSE trains that run to the placid suburbs of the Main Line and in the smokers on the Reading seat catalogues are being more generally read nowadays than the covenant of the league of nations.

FERRY DAYS ARE NUMBERED THE ultimate disposition of the German ships may be in doubt, but it is highly likely that the fate of a different fleet was sealed by a measure which Senator Vane introduced into the Legislature yesterday.

Improvements in Philadelphia always go through those afflicting stages. Witness the Parkway. Yet this boulevard is taking satisfactory shape at last and the bridge must follow suit.

POLITICS IN SPRING DO THE cosmic moods precedent to spring affect the sensitive balances of great minds?

THE VETERAN ARMY THE veterans are organizing. With the honorable example of the G. A. R. before them, it was inevitable that America's overseas forces should seek to establish enduring social bonds in memory of freedom's victory.

ROGUES ARE TOLERATED: HONEST MEN ARE TRUSTED THIS is what Cleveland proved by his Work as a Municipal Reform Pioneer

WHEN the importance of what Grover Cleveland did for municipal reform is fully appreciated the anniversary of his birth is likely to be celebrated more widely than is the present custom.

WHAT IS INTOXICATION? MR. ROOT'S advice to his clients in the brewing business—his suggestion that they go on making beer with an alcoholic content slightly less than beer could boast in the old days—brings the whole question of national prohibition to a new phase.

nomination and election as Governor of New York, and the record he made in Albany as Governor led to his nomination and election as President of the United States. And all this happened within three years.

There is wide difference of opinion on the value of his work as President, for in that office he was a Democrat seeking to carry out partisan policies. His honesty and courage are admitted, but the Republicans do not and cannot agree that his Democratic theories were sound or that their application was good for the country.

But as Mayor of Buffalo, the only issue raised was that of honest and faithful execution of a business trust. Mr. Cleveland was one of the greatest modern municipal reformers. He applied in practice the sound theories which the academic reformers had been talking about for years. And he proved that they would work.

So we end as we began by hoping that in time the friends of good city government will gather in every great community on the return of March 18 each year and pay their respects to what this man did in the year that he was allowed to remain in the Mayor's office in Buffalo.

The mere holding up to view of his achievements is a condemnation of the abhorrent practices prevalent in many cities today. Progress has been made since 1882, but we still have so far to go before we reach decent conditions that we should get all the inspiration possible from the pioneer work of such men as Grover Cleveland.

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Plains the people opposed to prohibition are preparing to make a long and picturesque fight around the definition of one word that gives the new law all its strength and all its weakness. That word is "intoxication."

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Before that question is decided it is necessary to define absolute and unmistakable symptoms of intoxication. That is a task that has worried mankind since grape juice first went wrong. Congress and the Legislatures of the various states will have to tackle it now.

Holdings in the interest of international peace, but there is a place suggested by the first syllable of the name of the island which will be allowed to retain its full equipment in order to deal properly with the men who caused the war.

THE mere fact Senator Lodge consents to debate tonight upon a subject about which he feels so strongly is tantamount to agreement in the basic principle of the league of nations.

If in your opinion any impediment exists why the nations of the world should not be joined together in a peaceful league, will you please tell the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER men about it today?

Root beer made after the Elixir recipe will not be entirely "kickless."

The weather man seems to have handed spring a powerful mandate.

The Medill pickle displayed at the dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick seems to have been anything but savory.

At any rate, the lawyer who compared Jeremiah O'Leary to Dreyfus and Joan of Arc was tolerantly unafraid of religious complexities.

And now they are telling us about the styles in men's straw hats, so that we may know what to expect when the sun gets a little higher.

Whatever may be said in the progress of the debate, purists will find some consolation that neither Lodge nor Lowell will murder the king's English in Boston tonight.

If the coal men are, as reported, ready to rescind the spring advance order, merely as the result of a threatened investigation, the effect of a real probe might be even more beneficial.

Not all of us may have remembered that Grover Cleveland was born eighty-two years ago yesterday, yet those who heed his dictum that a "public office is a public trust" keep his memory green.

It begins to look as if the courts would have to decide what an intoxicant is. If they find it as difficult as deciding when a man is intoxicated we are in for a lot of confusing and contradictory rulings.

If it were not necessary for the chief of the Bureau of Housing and Sanitation to qualify by passing a civil service examination, the thirty-one hundred dollar-a-year job would have been filled long ago by a deserving political worker.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Republican and Democratic Disagreements Discussed—Philadelphia Farmers Are Seeking Free Seeds

Washington, D. C., March 19.—What the future may bring forth no one knows. There are certain signs of discord in both the Republican and Democratic parties. It is a part of the general spirit of unrest and uncertainty following the war. Over in the Senate the bees are buzzing around Senators Lodge and Penrose, who are hoping for unity when the time for organization comes.

In the House, the fight against Mann may have left some scars. It is hoped not, but when more than 230 men, many of them influenced by local newspaper sentiment, are looking forward to advancement in public life it is mighty difficult to satisfy them all.

CLARK has been surprised to find opposition in his own party, which his friends suspect is not due so much to his great personality, as the Democratic insurgents allege, as it is intended to be a check to the ex-Speaker's presidential aspirations. It is something of a coincidence that "bad manners" should now be alleged against both Clark and Mann. Everybody concedes the intellectual integrity and the legislative ability of the two men. They are held by their Washington friends to be incorruptible and therefore non persona grata with the lobbyists.

Clark is as warm-hearted as any man in the House and can be brought to tears by a mere reference in kindly terms to members of his family, but his handshake is the blow of a pump handle and his monosyllabic drawl is enough at times to freeze the blood of the warmest hearted committee that ever came to Washington.

Clark is a fighter and has the ear of the country. He quitted the Speaker's chair with the hearty good wishes of Republicans and Democrats alike. If the thirty-odd Democrats who have signed up against his leadership expect to bow him out of the presidential race because he is not particularly "soft" on President Wilson's views on certain public questions they are counting without their host.

Helped follow is W. H. P. McCoy, who helped follow is the young chap in the earlier war stages to get in line for officers' commissions. McCoy is a good mixer and generally finds plenty to do. He is now the Treasury Department's chairman of city activities for the Third Federal Reserve District, which is boosting war-savings stamps.

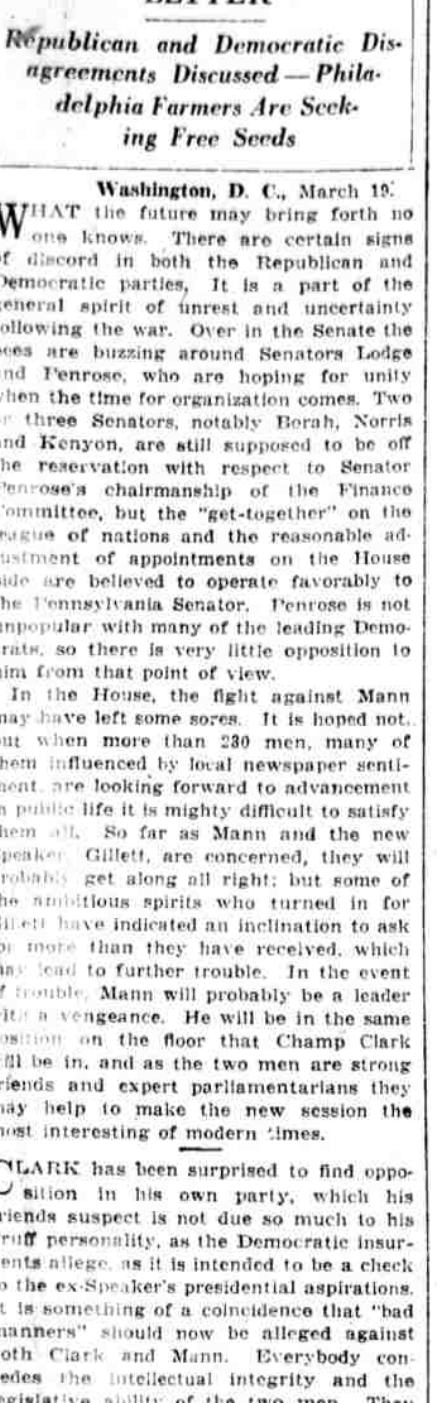
THE usual distribution of congressional seed is a sure harbinger of spring. And strange as it may seem, there are almost as many "garden-sass" growers in Philadelphia as there are in Texas or Oregon. Maybe not so many, but it seems so. One would not ascribe to Harry J. Tappan, of the Republican Alliance and the Third Ward, a special interest in literature on "How to Raise Alfalfa," and yet as a leader with his ear to the ground Trainer can see the poppies rise above the thin crust of earth as quickly as anybody. So can Isaac Heisel, who has a farm out along the Heading road, about which he keeps the Harmer Club posted.

George Pierie used to say that his farm experiments cost him the price of a couple of farms, but even so the "Dorby Ram" must have its grass and garlic to browse upon, and there are numerous farmers in the Twentieth Ward who are beginning to write that the planting season is upon them.

MANY Philadelphia boys are seeking discharge from the army hospital service. Most of their requests have been refused by the officers in command. While the feeling is general that discharges from the army should be hastened, the hospital service seems to be in a class by itself.

The commanding officer at Fort McPherson, Georgia, explaining why the application of a Philadelphia private cannot be graded, says: "As this hospital is full of wounded soldiers from the battlefields of France, many of them bedridden and helpless, it will be impossible to discharge any personnel connected with the hospital without replacement. In this connection your attention is invited to Circular 77, a copy of which is inclosed, which states very positively that men will not be discharged if they disrupt or cripple an existing organization." This is the "other side" of the discharge problem.

OR DO YOU WANT HIM FREE?



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Our Own League of Notions WE DON'T know whether George Harvey is a father-in-law, but we imagine that if he has a daughter and some one wanted to marry her he might reply as follows: "I have been studying the marriage covenant and am convinced that it is a makeshift document. Perhaps it will be amended in time, but the menace will still remain. I will not have my daughter led into a quagmire. I am opposed to the marriage covenant as it stands. I am opposed to it as it may be amended. I am opposed to it in principle. I am opposed to it in theory. I regard this as the most un-American proposal ever submitted to an American father by an American young man."

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by the evidence of experts and other competent witnesses." We foresee an exhilarating career for many of our friends who will immediately apply for positions as "competent witnesses."

Funing and Perfuming A returned Canadian colonel doesn't like the present military governor of Cologne, and declares that he will make him "stink in the nostrils of all honest men."

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SUN OF MARCH

WITH fanfare and with tautivy The chasing winds swept past; The night was wild as night could be, But fell in hush at last. Dawn! And the Sun of March began To pace across the sky; No longer by the shortened span Of wintry days gone by. The journeyer orb was clothed upon With subtle-spun array; It was, of light, the eidolon Amid a doubtful day. Now, like the thinnest wafer shong, Behind a cloud-film gray, And now, it seemed the moon, all wan, In heaven gone astray! But, swimming up the heightened arch, It pierced the veiling mist— Lo, how the Silver Sun of March With silver all things kissed! Silver upon the waking dressed And dipping willow-spray; Old stubble-fields caught silver gleam— Old farm-roofs far away! And there was no obscurest spot But had its magic gleam. \* \* \* The Silver Sun of March—it shot A white ray on my dream! —Edith M. Thomas, in the New York Times.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ 1. What is the shortest route from continent to continent across the Atlantic Ocean? 2. What is General Pershing's middle name? 3. On what date last year did the great German offensive begin? 4. What is the meaning of "cap-a-pie"? 5. What is counterpoint? 6. Who was Rembrandt Peale? 7. Why did a group of nineteenth century French poets describe themselves as Parnassians? 8. What kind of government is a pantisocracy? 9. In what century was the Children's Crusade? 10. What is a cordilla and what is its use?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Vermont was the first state after the original thirteen to be admitted to the Union. 2. Euphuism is the substitution of a mild or vague expression for a harsh or blunt one, as, for instance, "queer" for "mad." Euphuism is an artificial or affected style of writing. 3. The baptismal name of St. Patrick was Suet. 4. Naere is mother-of-pearl. 5. Washington is the "City of Magnificent Distances." 6. The nine Chief Justices of the United States were: Jay, Rutledge, Ellsworth, Marshall, Taney, Chase, Wallis, Fuller and White. 7. An angle is the fire burning on the hearth. 8. Oliver Goldsmith was described by Horace Walpole as "An inspired idiot." 9. King Midas in Greek mythology was endowed with the power of turning everything he touched into gold. 10. A bear is imprisoned under the name Bruin.