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### SWEETENING" SURELY NEEDED

THERE is an undoubted lack of confi dence in the impartiality of the Regisration Commission. Its duty is to secure ac registration of the voters under such ules as will permit every qualified voter o cast his ballot. It should be as free as he courts from partisan bias. It should be as jealous of fraud and favoritism as t is possible for honest men to be.

But in 1916 the commission permitted tself to be used for factional purposes, and its conduct has been condemned both by the Common Pleas Courts and by the This discredited commission will have

harge of the registration of voters for the approaching mayoralty election. The Governor has announced that "there will be a way to sweeten the situation."

It certainly needs sweetening. Just what is to be done has not yet been annced. Two or three proposals are before the Legislature. Each is open to bjections. But it is imperative that nething be done if we are to have an pen and fair registration during which izens will be permitted to qualify as ters because they are citizens and not ause they support one faction or are posed to another faction.

# HATS OFF TO THE AIRMAN!

IE enthusiastic welcome accorded to Cleutenant Commander Read when he aded in the NC-4 at Plymouth and later then he reached London, was just the nd of a tribute which the Englishwere expected to give to a man who as done what he set out to do.

there was nothing grudging or halfrted about it, nor any attempt to elittle the achievement by sneering at precautions taken to insure its suc-

The American Navy Department set to demonstrate that it was possible an airship to fly acrors the ocean. t only one of the three aircraft that rted was able to cover the distance m Trepassey to Horta without dis-or justifies all the precautions that

And the success of one air-

urged a different remedy in 1916 in votand copper fields, opening up a new agriing against the tabling of the Gore resocultural empire and connecting the navigable central waterways of the territory lution forbidding American citizens sea with the southern coast, will be an travel on ships armed against submarine accomplished fact. That the possibilities slaughter. McCumber, Cummins, Gronna, Norris, La Follette, all listed now as inof Alaska will be realized is incontestasurgents, similarly went on record. McCumber may be recalled as the

Americans would do well to refresh their memories concerning what the govon the day Congress voted for war with ernment is doing in the huge northwest-Germany. It stipulated that the United ern region of almost untouched resources. The enterprise is worth a keen tingle States was not to take up arms against of pride. It is of Panama Canal and Hog the imperial government until still another American ship had been sunk by Island caliber. the Hun pirates.

author of a singular resolution, proposed

La Follette and Norris were among the

six senators-three Republicans and

three Democrats-who voted against the

Lenroot was an active supporter of the

McLemore proposed ban against arming

war resolution in the upper house.

# REPUBLICANS MAY NOW HEAR THE TAP OF OPPORTUNITY

Defeat of the Queer Birds of Western Insurgency Permits True Spirit of Liberalizing Progress to Be Heeded

American merchantmen. Senator McCormick, when in the House, TIGHT damp rockets are limply on exwas ardently in favor of disposing of the E hibit in Washington as a result of Hohenzollern menace, but once the war the futile opposition to Senator Penrose's was started his ex cathedra utterances chairmanship of the finance committee. concerning its conduct and prospects read amusingly in the light of subsequent Failure to soar into the lofty altitudes of triumph over the "Old Guard" is dehappenings. Prophecy is a discredited art nowadays, but Mr. McCormiek inisively to be recorded of Messus, Borah, Cummins, Hiram Johnson, Kenyon, Lensisted that his junketing amid European root, Capper, McCormick and McNary. scenes warranted the most solemn regard.

Defective fireworks have also enabled "I am convinced," he declared, at about Francis E. Warren, of Wyoming, authorithe same time that a public statement atively to direct the almost equally imfrom Lloyd George involved the Illinois portant appropriations committee. congressman in a feat of misquotation, If all the advance blazoning of the "that a military decision before 1919 is political pyrotechnic display is to be acimpossible."

epted at its own valuation, the fell A certain catchy brilliancy in the "Old enius of stand-pattism is ence more Guard" opponents is undeniable. The throttling the Republican party. It has magnetism of Borah, the vigor of Cumretreated into its ancient cave, barred mins, prominently displayed in his lowa the door and successfully plugged up all "trust-busting" performances; the perthe chinks whereby the radiant beams of sistence of Norris, as revealed in his anemancipating "insurgency" might enter. tagonism to Cannon autocracy; the Mr. Penrose, Mr. Warren, Mr. Lodge, culture and cleverness of McCormick, the Mr. Knox and their so-called fellow "refrankness of Hiram Johnson, the sinactionaries," if they are melodramatically cerity of Capper-all these are qualities inclined might strike exultant attitudes welcome and stimulating to American in assertion of the victory. These, howstatesmanship. ever, would be merely stage gestures, In several cases, however, florid egoand of that fact nobody is better aware tism is a companion and a weakening than the actors themselves. attribute. The result is a costly bel-

The conventional Republican leadership which has taken the saddle in the Sixty-sixth Congress involves a very familiar combination of experience, ability and cynicism. There can be little question that its appraisement of the situation is wholly unromantic and con-

s unseasoned.

The word is used advisedly and is not

to be invalidated by reference to length

of legislative careers. Some of the most

spectacular figures in American politics

have been spiritually unseasoned from

their debut in Congress until their fare-

well. The gorgeously rhetorical Roscoe

Conkling, able and spirited, but frus-

trated of his most cherished hopes, was

of this type. So, in a sense, was the

Blaine, Burr, Sumher, Seward, Web-

ter, Clay, Calhoun, all at some time were

lassifiable on certain points as party in-

urrectionists. They were at times in-

tensely popular, even adored. Yet vir-

tually none of them, with the possible

exception of Blaine and Seward, is ex-

empt from the charge of having inspired

measures the extreme unwisdom of which

ery and cloquent Douglas.

tains no elements of self-delusion. Too thoroughly schooled in the game are the present winners to imagine that they have crushed progressivism in the party or instituted an effective barrage against sound liberalism and sensible constructive reform. What they have actually done is to

bring down a flock of extremely queer birds Any one who believes that Mr. Penrose

and his associates are arrogating to them elves any accomplishment surpassing that is decidedly defective in the history of "Old Guard" politics.

is now transparently obvious. And in Unfortunately, however, misconception very case the public, with its instinctive of the personnel of the fizzed-out "revolt" troth with security, denied them fulfillpersists in some circles. It excites the ment of their presidential ambitions. fancy to picture a ringing challenge of In the broad sense "seasoning" in poli-"liberals" to a reactionary Gibraltar, and, tics may be indefinable, but it is highly as usual, it is the existence of a partial potent. truth which fortifies the conception.

It is possible therefore to regard the There is no mystery about the principresent complexion of leadership in the ples which govern Senator Peurose. If his methods are frankly-sometimes bru-Republican ranks without the gloom which might under other circumstances taly-"practical," it cannot be said that accompany a scene wherein a movement he ever failed to make them responsive against reactionaries was checked. Wild to authentia political pressure. His tangents have been avoided. What adroitness may be selfish from the party remains to be done is a task of large point of view, but for that particular reaproportions, but one so directly in accord son he is usually keenly cognizant of the tides of popular centiment. A case in with the finest Republican traditions point is the recent absence of unqualified utterance from his lips with reference to the league of nations. His shrewdness is re-enforced with solid legislative ability and an innate aversion to "freak" movements Senator Penrose's colleagues in con trol of the Republican wing of Congress reveal in varying degree points of resemblance. Whether they aim to be so or not, their sensitiveness to the barometer of public common sense is acute. And that explains why, despite the "Old Guard's" record, despite the conviction of many Republican patriots that such leadership cannot justify the high pretensions of a great political party, the nation is rather relieved than otherwise at the course of congressional mastery. Compared with the woolly extravagances of the present insurgents, the standard Republican machinery assumes an aspect of virtue. But the hope that some day its wires will be short-circuited and the current cut off is highly engaging. The Republican party is eminently worthy of a far higher and altogether different kind of leadership. It will come eventually, for the public will, however inchoate it may sometimes appear, is seldom denied ultimate and definite regis tration.

GETTING ACQUAINTED

#### Story of How One Neighborhood House Is Promoting Social Intercourse and Making Everybody Happy

GENIE had just had dinner and was still in evening clothes when he climbed the fence of the playground of the University House and surveyed the scene. Below him on his right a busy matron of seven with a corps of able assistants was removing the debris from the concrete basin which later on will be a wading pool. In front of him half a dozen boys and girls climbed a ladder

and shined a chute with the backs of their little tummies. To the left of him a uni-versity student played baseball with a scrub team that needed scrubbing. It was the ball game that interested Genie. He carefully turned over on his stomach, lowered himself until he hung by his hands, adjusted his bare legs on the sides of a jutting post, eased himself to the ground and took up a position on the field. His pants, which might have been a short divided skirt, flapped in the breeze. His shirt was cut decollete. He had no hat. But his position was professional.

Shoot one dis way !" he demanded. "Greatest kid that ever happened !" said Dana How, service secretary, who secures volunteer workers from among the students of the university for the settlement, "but it is pretty hard to keep him clean." "It happens once in a while." said Miss

Helen 1. Duncan, in charge of the work of the house. "When the boys are taken to the swiniming pool they are scrubbed here under the shower's before they leave the place; then they are scrubbed again before they enter the pool. It has happened to Genie as it has happened to other boys."

TT WAS an off day at the settlement house. Upstairs the girls were having an allgirl dance. The music was provided by a jazz band. Downstairs Jimmie Dougherty was conducting a fife and drum band. In the hall a dozen boys and girls, attracted by the music, swarmed and demanded admis

"Pretty quiet tonight," remarked Miss Duncan, in perfect good faith. "You should be here when there's something going on." She was sitting in the hall taking nickels from the girls as they entered. Well

dressed girls they were, with the prettiness of youth and health. ligerency which imparts the impression One made a point of passing without paythat the brand of statesmanship disclosed ing her nickel.

'Nickel coming." said Miss Duncan. "Ob, well, I'll give you the nickel," said e girl, "but I won't talk to you." But the girl.

she smiled when she said it. "I had to discipline them the other night." explained Miss Duncan. "They ran through the halls and made a noise when I had a speaker here, so I refused to allow them to have their dance. But it's all right now. In marched a crowd to get a drink at the fountain and then they dallied. "Glnd to ee you." said Miss Duncan. "Good-night. Right turn. Quick march. Left, right, left, right."

With sheepish grins they filed out, 'Haven't room for them all every night, so we divide things up."

MR. HOW explained the dividing. One case is illustrative. A gang of boys long ago hung around the house and made things uncomfortable. They might have been driven away. Instead they were invited inside and given a room of their own. It was their clubroom. They furnished it themselves, Once in a while somebody connected with the house or some university student visited them. No attempt was made to run their meetings - but they were subtly directed. That gang is now a pretty fine bunch of boys, There are ever so many such clubs in the settlement house — girls' clubs and hoys' clubs. Some of them are old boys. The Junior Club's membership is composed of men of from twenty-one to thirty-five. Their clubroom is beautifully furnished. A large use holds a fine collection of trophies won in athletic events. These men take pride in he settlement and have a right to that feeling.

One of their number, James Dougherty, gives a lot of his time and a lot of his money to the institution. He is drilling a fife and drum corps of boys and has himself equipped



AND NO TIME TO LOSE



# THE CHAFFING DISH

#### Now Will He Be Good!

over the fact that together they made up a century. Which gives Mr. Wright a par-ticularly good reason for celebrating the centennial of his old friend. ident. In fact, 1 wrote about it to him some weeks ago. ARTHUR A. DEMBITZ.

Amerongen was crowded with excursion-is who desired to obtain a glimpse of e fanous refugee, but he was com-etely hidden by the heavy foliage.—News Wilhelm's beard must have grown rapidly.

At any rate, one place where Woodrow won't say "It is very delightful to be here" will be the Senate chamber on the occasion

the Land for you and me, It's Our Land forever, and America, Saturday was not merely the hundredth the free.

horai -From the Grand Forks Herald.

# IN A HALL BEDROOM

"IN THE long border on the right I shall plant larkspur dirst," thinks.

And then sweet-scented maiden pinks

"The border on the left shall hold Nothing but masses of white phlox, Forget-me-nots shall edge this one, The one across be edged with box.

'The sun-dial in the center stands. And in a strip at either end Shall grow great clumps of columbine.

There is no garden in the world So beautiful as mine." she dreams. Rising, she walks the little space

She gazes through the dingy pane To where the street is noisy still, And tends with pitiable care A tulip on the window sill, -Aline Kilmer, in "Caudles That Burn."

Dear Socrates-1 was particularly inter-sted in your remarks about the position of was twenty-seven, and they used to joke 'not only" in sentences formed by the Pres-

of his next visit.

Literary Notes

when Walt Whitman was seventy-three he

Peonies and chrysanthemums

There morning glories bright shall twine.

To where her narrow window gleams,

ying from Rockaway Beach on f the ocean to Plymouth on the justifies the confidence which Department had in the capabiliflying men and in the qualities irplanes built in America.

# JUNE

is a month famous for its roses rides and its bugs.

roses by scattering pollen cause itive persons to rush the hay fever

June brides are the old original of rose fever.

mong the June bugs may be included belief that if Edwin and Angelina arry in June when the moon is full they are a better chance of happiness than if ney marry in May or July. Now and one of these bugs manages to surthe honeymoon.

his particular June is noteworthy for fact that it is the last time that the will be permitted to get full in conenial company. Next month he'll take souse alone.

June is a warm baby much addicted to ing drinks, which she sucks through raws without regard for the h. c. of l. the luxury tax.

Maybe that is why His Honor the alendar man gave her thirty days.

### **OPENING AN EMPIRE**

DURING the war popular conscious as of the remarkable railway under enstruction by the government in links was naturally feeble. Indeed, it hardly too much to say that in the st, at least, the magnitude and imporof the enterprise was virtually for-Nevertheless, in the vast terriso remote from the terrible scenes d strife the great transportation prise was well under way.

was only in April, 1915, that the nt announced the selection of the ute from Seward, on Resurrection to Fairbanks, far inland on the a river, 471 miles distant. Since addition to the rehabilitation of aska Northern Railroad, 252 miles work has been done on the line amounts of grading in places the rails have not yet been laid. a all the difficulties of the this is a highly creditable record. y of still speedier progress is ly at hand. The present force rkmen is to be doubled in June, appropriation of nearly two avs is included in the general all now before the Senate.

But from the inwardly fervid, but now squelched, anti-Penrose group in Washington party redemption is certainly not obtainable. The disposition of the chairmanships is far, indeed, from ideal, especially in the method used, but of the alternatives it was infinitely the more to be desired. Courageous constructive leadership is

timidated. by no means hopelessly handicapped when it authentically appears in the Republican party. For attestation turn to Necktie Parties the career of Theodore Roosevelt. While it is true that his liberalism was the remp, flax and other products in exchange cause of factional breach, it is equally incontestable that when the gulf was bridged it provided the avenue to his domination of a reunited party. Progressive standards sanely conceived are in no real danger of suppression in Re-Waters publican ranks if the right advocates are

In the current instance the contents of the vial, temporarily balked of its effervescence, are suspiciously seasoned with insoluble political sophistries.

No wonder the emeute which William R. Borah led was stifled at its inception! Time was when the present senator from

manifested. But even the sinful Penrose

may be happily depended upon to cork up

tommynonsense.

that the pressure to undertake it should be vital. The party responsible for such achievements as the overthrow of slavery, the development of American industries, the iberation of Cuba and fair play in the Orient, has a unique record of largevisioned constructive accomplishment.

The opportunities today for new performances of equal caliber are opulent. The life of the party depends upon the authority and leadership in sane liberalism which brings it to the present problems of epochal import. Eccentric nostrums have been rejected

in the verdict against the embryonic uprising of the "irresponsibles." The way is paved for the adoption of authentic emedies, making for the best quality of iberalizing national progress.

The president of the Death Was Austrian republic says Her Choice Austria is doomed to economic death if she

loes not join Germany. But union with Germany has already brought about her moral death. The biggest drama of Wheat! Wheat! the wor'd is now being

Wheat! staged in Kansas and 120,000 "supes" are needed at fifty cents an hour and board. A McCormick Reaper sustains the lead and it is carnestly hoped that the support will be adequate.

The German Govern-Stopping the Watch ment has issued a on the Rhine warning to those who are planning to sepaate the Rhineland from Germany, declaring them guilty of high treason. But those who plan such things are usually not easily in-

Admiral Kolchak has

authorized the expor-tation from Russia of

for British and American cargoes. Perhaps he should have retained the hemp. He may need it for the Bolsheviki. German delegates to Muddying the the Peace Conference

are now busy explaining certain parts of their counter-proposals which are evidently not clear even to themselves. But is clarity their aim?

Brockdorff-Rantzau's Room for Conjecture alleged determination not to sign the treaty may be either an evidence of courage or of He may either be bucking the line cantion. or passing the buck.

Women interviewed by the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER on the "ideal mayor" ex-ercised praiseworthy restraint. Not one of nimum of three years more Idaho sought his country's salvation in ercised praiseworks, townan for the position. I with it, and line, tapping gold, coal the ludicrous failacy of free silver. He I them recommended a woman for the position. I with it,

them with the instruments.

COMETHING is doing every minute -- bas-

S kethall games in the big gynnasium, concerts, theatrical performances, dances and short talks. Everybody interested and everybody paying sufficient to remove the taint of charity.

And, come to think of it, they give as much as they get. It is a double-barreled affair, Mr. How explains. He has ever so many university men working around the settlement, and assuredly the training they are getting pays them for the work they do. There are deutists at work every evening in a well-appointed office. The dispensary is excellent in every particular. There are doctors in plenty who visit in the neighborhood And, best of all, the people in the neigh-

borhood have confidence in the settlement house and the men and women who run it. The house is a place of refuge in all cases of emergency, and the house never fails to heed the call.

THE University House has a branch in I what some thoughtless people call the Devil's Pocket. The Pocket is formed by the walls of the Naval Hospital and consists of half a dozen populous streets. The Pocket House (if we may call it so for the sake of convenience) is a six-room dwelling presided over by Miss Bell.

The strikingly handsome young gentlemen who accompanied Miss Duncan to the Pocket House carried their hats in their hands the greater part of the way. They did this after their elbows grew tired returning greetings to those who knew Miss Duncan. This in cluded every man, woman and child in the dozen streets traversed. And especially the children. They hailed her a block off. The streets resounded with "Ho, there, Miss Duncan !"

"I'd just love to live in the Pocket." confided the lady. "The people haven't been spoiled."

THERE was excitement in the Pocket House. Two pretty little girls were hostesses to a dozen friends. The hostesses helped Miss Bell to cut cake and make lemonade while the guests played a game which consisted in calling a number and spinning a tin plate. I don't know the principles of the game, but there was a lot of shouting and a lot of laughter in it. And all the other children in the neighborhood flocked around the doors and windows and announced that they, the outsiders, were going to have a party next Tuesday. There is a camp connected with the Set-

dement House that I am going to visit some

And, Lord ! but I'd like to have the chiliren love me the way they love Miss Duncan ! DEMOSTHENES McGINNIS.

If Bernstorff approved of the peace treaty Americans would be justified in believing that there was something wrong

birthday of Walt Whitman ; it was also th thirty-second (or thereabouts) birthday of Harrison Hires, one of the favorite poets o our youth. Harrison, we understand, still keeps on writing verses, and we have been hoping that this department would be favored with some of them. If Harrison is going to be selfish and keep to himself what belongs to mankind, it seems a great pity. Con eross, Harrison, with a brisk Hiresian lyric. . . .

Dr. Albert Watson, a Canadian scientist. has edited a book called "The Twentieth Plane." which purports to be a series of interviews with the great ones of the earth who have passed on to "the twentieth The messages were received by, a Toronto business man in a state of trance The twentieth plane, it appears, is lit by "an eternal sky of pink." which we think would become rather tedious; and by the estimony of both Carlyle and Ingersoll there is no smoking done there. Doctor Watson's habit was to ask questions of the Great Spirits, who would answer through "the Instrument," being the Toronto business man aforesaid. Some of the answers must have been disconcerting to the Canadian enthusiast, for instance :

WATSON-Is there a future for Canadian drama'

SHAKESPEARE - You see, I hardly know your plane. Dorothy Wordsworth seems to have been

one of the liveliest of the visiting spirits, and remarked, apropos of Walt Whitman, "Walt is a big explosion yet." We fear that Walt must have prompted her to say this ; it sounds more like him than like Dorothy

. . . We intend to make a stern effort this nonth not to quote Lowell's line about a day in June, thus shattering all precedents in journalism.

#### The Face on the Barroom Floor

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call it God's country. The West Land, the best land, land of fertility. We're proud of all our history, our storied hills and plains. We've old blood, twice told blood, and blue blood in our veins: But we're proudest of the red blood we didn't know we had That flowed for us and died for us, and lives in each brave lad

Of your land and my land and Our Land the Free. The new land, the true land, the land of liberty.

Our Land

Whatever cheery sights you've seen in all this

The best of all the sights I ween, when

round the globe you've whirled. Is that first glimpse of shore line, of sand or

grass or crag. Whatever land that's home land, beneath the

There's lodestone in these rocks of ours-it.

Eager ones from other lands-Lands that

From Continent and Orient, from pole and

From crowded streets and lone retreats, they

And it's their land and Our Land, we

draws from all the earth

come to share Our Land.

gave them birth.

torrid strand.

Oh! It's Home Land, and Hope Land,

great wide world.

starry flag.

But of all the bonny sights I know the best of sights to me Is to see your faces, lads dear, that come from o'er the sea.

And some that never got so far nor had the chance to dare ; We've thought of all of you, my dears, is

many and many a prayer. And you're home again with us again, we're

proud to have you here. Earth give you joys! God keep you, boys! To Our Land you're dear.

> It's Our Land for all of us, United States say we, Then lend a hand to keep Our Land, America, the Free!

# DORA ADELE SHOEMAKER.

**Desk Mottoes** The main difference between people seem to be, that one man can come under obliga tions on which you can rely,-is obligable and another is not .- EMERSON.

The other day we visited the old Poe house on Brandywine street and had a pleasant chat with Mrs. Owens, who lives there, When we were there a year or so ago Mrs. Owens showed us a curious place in the cellar, where the floor had been covered over by some old planking, and at that time we advanced the theory that perhaps Poe had done some sinister digging there of the kind lescribed in "The Black Cat." We urge Mrs. Owens to see what might lie under the boards. And now Mrs. Owens tells us that last Christmas time she kept two dogs tied up in the cellar for some days, and that the dogs were wildly curious about those old boards. They could not be kept away from them and insisted on digging around in that part of the cellar. We still think that perhaps a black cat is interred there. anything happen to Catterina. Poe's famous Spring Garden street cat, that may have suggested the story? SOCRATES.

The "lame duck" on its "last leg" was game to the last.

All that is required of Austria is to understudy Br'er Rabbit and lay low an' say nuffin.

Half a dozen women with pins in their mouths could fix up that charter in next to no time.

England's prospective home supply of oil may take the occasional squeak out of her wheels of industry.

President Wilson has made mistakes, " but his ability to pick out the right moment to speak and the right series of moments in which to remain silent is apparently greater than that of his opponents.

# What Do You Know?

#### QUIZ

- 1. Who is Anna Shaw?
- 2. What is verjuice?
- 3. Where is Ferrol, from which place the NC-4 flew to Plymouth?
- 4. What does the seventeenth amendment to the constitution provide?
- 5. With how many powers was the United States at war during the world confliet?
- 6. What is a pilgarlie?
- 7. Where was Walt Whitman born?
- S. What famous American financier was called the "Co.umodore"?
- 9. What is the capital of Siam?
- 10. What is patchoul.?

Did

### Answers to Saturday's Quiz

- 1. Thomas Nelson Page is American ambassador to Italy.
- 2. The standard railroad gauge is four feet, eight and a half inches.
- 3. "The Great Balloon Hoax" was a fictitious account of a transatlantic aerial voyage, written by Pol, pub-lished in the New York Sun. The narrative was realistic in detail and it succeeded in deceiving the public for several days.
- An irade is a written decree of the sultan of Turkey.
- 5. The English billion is a million millions. In the United States a billion is a thousand millions,
- 6. Woodrow Wilson was born in Staun ton, Virginia.
- 7. The fabled unicorn had a horse's body and a single straight horn.
- 8. The land of Goshen means the land of light or plenty. 9. A skean or skene is a Gaelic dagger,
- used in Ireland and Scotland. 10. The metal cionabar is also called ver-
- milion.

Our friend David Wright tells us that