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WOMEN AND THE MAYORALTY
MRS. JOSEPH P. MUMFORD may not be able to do much for reform in her telephone campaign to rouse feminine interest in the mayoralty fight and increase an independent registration.

MUCK
AMERICAN good nature and the touch of provincialism that is, curiously enough, a distinguishing characteristic of the few who honestly regard themselves as the cultured elect, opened the path of roses over which Dr. Karl Muck strode coldly to fame and money in the United States.

NINE HOURS FOR SLACKERS
THE sole change which the new registration act made in the system whereby the citizen qualifies as a voter reduces to a minimum excuses for the neglect of his duty.

CROWDED SCHOOLS AGAIN
THE lamentable spectacle of a great city with inadequate school-building facilities will be presented on September 8. It is estimated that 23,000 children will be on part time. There are no new structures to relieve the situation.

STAGE WAR NEARS HOME
PHILADELPHIA'S inconspicuousness as a summer "show town" has given a somewhat academic character to our interest in the actors' strike.

how strong the public's regard for the so-called legitimate stage actually is. Theoretically, we ought to be able to exist without the mirror held up to nature. And yet it is denials of luxuries which always seem so particularly painful.

LAFAEAN AND AMBLER
PRODUCTS OF "THE SYSTEM"
The Theory That Public Office Exists for the Benefit of the Office Holders is the Cause of American Government

IT IS not pleasant for self-respecting Pennsylvanians to contemplate the spectacle of the former state banking commissioner and the former state insurance commissioner under arrest, charged with offenses in office.

But why was Daniel F. Lafaean appointed banking commissioner? His entrance into that office was not so many years ago that the history of the appointment is forgotten.

And why was Charles A. Ambler made insurance commissioner? Was it because he knew anything about the insurance business? Of course not.

THE WAY TO MAKE PEACE
SENATOR FALLS' curiosity was so great that he wrote a list of twenty questions about the peace treaty which he asked the President to answer for him.

THE SHAM OF LIFE
Names of dead men still found us of those venerable names whereby emergency voters line up solid for the Vices.

Put on the Creep
—Yes, Put

Revised Version
It is the hope of every politician that government of the officeholder shall not perish from the earth.

Uncle Sam is not disturbed by the declaration of one hundred thousand Mexican railroad men that they are ready to fight if the present international situation results in hostilities.

Twenty-three thousand children in Philadelphia are going to be robbed of their rights when school opens. They will be forced to go on half time during the term because of the lack of school buildings.

The Wildwood baby show but confirmed the belief of most Philadelphians—that among the things the city is "first" in must be included pretty babies.

No, Irene, the proposed federal department of aeronautics will have nothing to do with the regulation of high fliers.

Arvidnik Joseph of Hungary hates to be among the unemployed, and he doesn't care what kind of a job he gets so that he's working.

While the police are driving away street vendors' stands, why not also drive away some of the mendicants?

And always there is hope that while the orators are busy with the high cost of living somebody will find a remedy.

Reservationists are now heading their energies to make an ex-article out of Article X.

All the states having been made, voters will get ready to mark 'em and clean 'em.

attempting to apply business principles to state business. As soon as possible after he was sworn in he removed both Ambler and Lafaean. Their administrations did not measure up to the standard which he had set.

The real issue back of all the other issues before the voters of Philadelphia today is whether they want the city to be governed for the next four years in accordance with the theory that public office exists for the benefit of the office holders.

THE "WHAT'S THE USE?" CROWD
WHEN an otherwise good citizen is urged to vote at the primaries he too often replies with the question, "What's the use? The organization will nominate its candidates and I have no time to waste."

According to the present indications, the next Mayor will be chosen at the primaries on September 16. Unless something unforeseen happens, the man who wins at the primaries will be the man who will win at the November election.

If there is to be improvement in government in Philadelphia it must come about through a contest at the primaries. The "what's the use?" crowd, which is indifferent and assumes responsibility.

To put the case in as extreme a manner as possible, they are like a merchant who stands on the sidewalk curiously watching burglars loot his store, while he says to himself: "What's the use of interfering? It's the business of burglars to rob and it is too much trouble for me to interfere with them in the conduct of their business."

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CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

Gossip About Arthur H. Lea, W. W. Gibbs, Samuel Gilpin, Albert Gaw, C. D. Dyer, Jr., and Others

DAYLIGHT saving was beaten because there are more farmers' votes in Congress than there are votes from the industrial centers. Men working in the mills and in the large cities wanted that extra hour of daylight.

W. W. GIBBS, of the Union League, has more than a passing interest in the International Mercantile Marine proposal to put 1000-foot ships into a four-days' service across the water.

IN BY-GONE days when Henry Clay was the big thing at Beesley's Point, the Peabody Clubhouse, the Bungalow and other points along the New Jersey coast were obliged to stop lively.

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"HIGHER-UPS"



THE CHAFFING DISH

THE theatrical managers will take our advice, they will take it. The position of the actors is the strategic one. For actors can go ahead and act without a manager. But no manager can produce a play without players.

"Very Delightful"
Newton Baker informed the President that the two soldiers he pardoned for sleeping on outpost duty had done unflinching service in the fighting last summer.

To Scroates in August
Hay fever sets one wondering. O Death, about thy famous sting And one concludes that it might be A pleasure to be stung by thee.

A City Notebook
South Street is the last fortress of the watermelon and the witch-doctor. A stroll on that murmuring thoroughfare on a warm evening will convince one that rattlesnake oil is still the most merciful specific for human ailments.

"Address Marries Broker," says a New York headline. That is one ingenious way to get even with the managers. There are very few producers who can fall back on a broker for support.

The great number of people who are found dead in bathrooms pertains to us, there anything fatal to the human race in abolition? There's some joker in the old saw about cleanliness being the threshold of godliness?

At a modest estimate, we have about 100 poems stacked up in front of us, sent in by our gracious and nice-natured clients. These range from the dainty jocosities of Client Helen to the roiling ballades of Client Horace Hook.

And in fact our clients are threatening a strike unless we print more of their contributions. They have already begun to picket our office with talking delegates. But we shall never compromise with violence.

We have taken very sagacious measures. We have retained our friend, Fred W. Bee, as legal counsel, and got him down to the office the other evening to look over our vaults. By his advice we are printing the following, which he thinks the best of our present accumulation:

Arguments in a Wardrobe
"WHAT dress shall I wear?" I sometimes say. And my mother tells me my "blue and gray."

"What 'blue and gray?' I have no gray dress." "Very well, then, we will call it 'Bess'."

So we have a name for all my clothes. And when I say "Green," my mother knows it's the one she thinks is colored Blue—We've agreed to call that "Emmy Lou."

It sounds so funny, when I go 'way To visit sometimes, to hear her say: "Better wear Maria and pack up Jane, And carry Susanna in case of rain!"

So I know exactly what to take And it saves my making any mistake. For it's always safer to have a name When you hear alike but don't see the same. BESSIE GRAHAM'S FRIEND.

Acid Ejaculation
Humanity gets what it wants. It is persevering and stubborn, and prevails in the end.

IMMANENCE
I COME in the little things. I saith the Lord: Not borne on morning wings Of majesty; but I have set my feet Amidst the delicate and bladed wheat That springs triumphant in the furrowed sod.

There do I dwell, in weakness and in power; Not broken or divided, said our God! In your straight garden plot I come to flower:

About your porch my vine, Meek, fruitful, doth entwine; Waits, at the threshold, Love's appointed hour.

I come in the little things. I saith the Lord: Yes, on the glancing wings Of eager birds, the soft and pattering feet Of furrow and gentle beasts, I come to meet Your hard and wayward heart. In brown bright eyes

That peer from out the brake, I stand erect. On every nest Where feathery Patience is content to brood And leaves her pleasure for the high emprise Of motherhood—There does my Godhead rest.

I come in the little things. I saith the Lord: My starry wings I do forsake. Love's highway of humility to take. Meekly I fit my stature to your need In beggar's garb

About your parts I shall not cease to plead— About you, Lord, to speak with man— Till by such art I shall achieve my immemorial plan: Pass the low line of the human heart— Evelyn Underhill, in the London Nation.

What Do You Know?
QUIZ
1. How many states compose the republic of Mexico?
2. What do the English call a ticket office in a railroad station?
3. What is the "Farrington Bible" and why is it so called?
4. What were the two largest cities in France taken by the Germans during the war?
5. Who wrote "The School for Scandal"?
6. Where was the late Oscar Hammerstein born?
7. When is the next United States census to be taken?
8. When was the federal constitution declared to be in effect?
9. Who were the patrons?
10. What is spikenard?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. The repeal of the daylight-saving law was passed three times by the House of Representatives.
2. A prestidigitator is a magician. The word literally means quick finger.
3. Theodore Roosevelt in a speech made in Springfield, Ill., in 1905, started the phrase "square deal" on its career of popularity.
4. A polacre is a three-masted Mediterranean merchant vessel.
5. Shantung is especially sacred to the Chinese because their great philosopher and moralist Confucius was born in that peninsula.
6. Charlotte Amalie is the chief town of the Virgin Islands.
7. A cadi in Mohammedan countries is a civil judge.
8. Dipsomania is a morbid craving for alcohol.
9. The word spully should be pronounced as though spelled "boi."
10. Mercury was the classical messenger of the gods.