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TODAY'S THE DAY

TT IS fair to assume that of the 180,000 assessed voters who failed to register last year a great majority were in favor of good government and opposed to contractor rule. The organization invariably turns out in force to qualify for the ballot right. The slackers are dazed when they learn that they have lost their vote and they whine helplessly about the iniquity of the municipal machine. There is no excuse for such unavailing

lamentations this year. The first registration day is today.

The others are September 2 and 6. The hours are from 7 a. m. until 1

p. m. and from 4 p. m. until 10 p. m. Wide publicity has been given to these facts. The "what's-the-use" citizen may choose to ignore them. Nobody else can ford to do that.

The fate of the November election may very easily turn upon the turnout at the registration places today and the subsequent days next week.

WORK FOR THEM

NO ONE questions the Senate's right to debate the peace treaty and the lengue-of-nations covenant, and to revise until it is weary.

But the senators ought to come down to earth long enough to deal efficiently and, above all, quickly, with the legislation prepared in the House to reduce the price of food and other necessities of life.

After that the Senate may take to the oir again and continue its trial for the altitude record.

A "PHILADELPHIA DEMOCRAT"

WITH astonishing candor Daniel Wade, the "regular" Republican shrievalty candidate, reveals himself as a "Philadelphia Democrat." The public by this time is fully aware of precisely what that term means.

Democrats in the national sense are rare here. According to the prevailing variety savors of the Donnelly-Ryan political huckster type.

By his own admission the contractor's nominee has been registered both as a Democrat and a Republican. This is thoroughly in keeping with the trading proclivities of the local "Democracy," hich has bartered repeatedly with the major machine and whenever profitable played cheerfully into its hands.

Mr. Wade has simply proved that he is neither a regular Republican nor a regular Democrat. In the sphere of discredit the "Philadelphia Democrats." with their fakery and sham principles, are unchallenged.

THE WRONG MAN

AS THE Prince of Wales moves from ovation to ovation on his way to the United States, Secretary Daniels is wafted from crest to crest of ecstatic tumult on his tour of the Hawaiian Isles. Mr. Daniels has the best of it.

As a people the Hawaijans are ardently kind. The secretary of the navy does a sanquet an hour. He is whipped from fete to fete in which fish is eaten anelently out of the hand. Unless he be careful he may be a king before Wales is one. They may put a lei on him, after they rush him to a few more luaus, and make him monarch of a village out of the sheer greatness of their hearts.

When Mr. Daniels last was heard from he was on his way to spend a night at the top of the great volcano, Kilauea, to witness the spectacle of "lava boiling by moonlight." The distinguished American isn't afraid of volcanoes, of course. He been sitting on them for years in perfect peace. But the trip to Kilauen, where the lava boils in the moonlight, vill convince every one that the President at the wrong man to the Pacific islands ith the fleet. Mr. Burleson should have een chosen to watch at the top of Kilaues.

For all we know he might have fullen in!

HOOVER VS. HAPSBURGS

EVERYBODY knows that the Hapsburgs are tainted. But the diplomats, whatever their wisdom, are plainly wary. On the other hand, Herbert C. r is apparently just as vigorous as be embarked upon the monumental k of saving the Belgian nation from on. His ringing lecture to the aris council upon the folly and danger petioning the control of Hungary scion of the discredited royal line directly precipitated the world one of the most dramatic inci-

of the reconstruction period. pily resulted in aweeping the schooph out of power, was con-distore Mr. Hoover's arraign-

diplomacy. If this be true the statesmen are astonishingly indifferent to public opinion. By delaying their ultimatum until after their verbal chastisement, they have permitted the world to believe that Mr. Hoover and not they should be directly thanked for what has happened in Budapest.

But be the inside facts what they may, it is incontestable that Hungary is, for the moment at least, rid of the two greatest perils which menaced it-Bela Kun and his ultra-modern tyranny and the Hapsburgs and their ancient heartless variety. Unless mental sobriety is entirely at a discount in Budapest some mean between the two iniquitous extremes should now speedily be found.

JUDGE PATTERSON'S "KEYNOTE SPEECH"

It Means That He Is Aware That the Organization and Not the Committee of 1000 Claims His Allegiance

JUDGE PATTERSON'S "keynote speech" before his committee of one thousand yesterday afternoon is one of the most significant declarations thus far made in the mayoralty campaign.

It is significant, not for what the judge said, but for what he did not say, and for what can clearly be read between the

The audience before which he was talk-

ing was supposed to be made up of a com-

pany of enthusiastic citizens who had voluntarily formed themselves into a ommittee to bring about his nomination at the primaries and his election at the polls. The sight of such a group of citizens committed to his candidacy ought to have moved him to eloquence. It ought to have stirred him to a restatement of his platform in new language which would have thrilled every one who read That is, if the committee were what it purports to be and if he recognized in frontier. Senor Bonillas, the Mexican it a voluntary uprising of citizens in support of his candidacy. One can easily imagine what Colonel Roosevelt, in whose name the committee has been formed, would have said on such an occasion. He would have sent the committeemen away fired with zeal for a righteous cause and

But both the judge and the committeemen were aware of the emptiness of the occasion. Neither he nor they are counting on success because of their activities. And they both know it. The judge's remarks were amiable platitudes. The consciousness in the back of his mind that the committee is just a stage play prevented him from working up any enthusiasm and made it impossible for him to pay the committee any more significant compliment than to call it "a splendid gathering of representative citizens."

He knew and they knew that he is the candidate of a group of organization politicians who control the party machinery in the city. He knew and they knew that the task of getting out the vote will be done by the organization workers. He knew and they knew that any other committee is as useless as the fifth wheel to a coach. The organization has selected him, the organization will nominate him if possible and the organization will do its best to elect him if he is nominated.

Therein lies the strength and the weakness of his candidacy. The strength is sentiment, they are, though self-deceiv- there because an existing organization ne which always has an advantage over has to be improvised. The weakness is there because in a great crisis an organization which has grown indifferent to public sentiment always assumes that it is invincible and cannot be defeated.

The attitude of "Uncle Dave" Lane is typical of that of the other organization leaders. He can see no impropriety in the visit to Director of Supplies Mac-Laughlin by Senator Vare in the interest of a bidder for hose for the Fire Department. The visit was made. The senator himself admits it. The would-be contractor asked the senator to make the call with him and the senator could see no impropriety in going.

The fact that the senator was one of the influential party leaders, with power to make and unmake the political fortunes of men, did not lead the would-be contractor to hesitate to seek to use such moral pressure as he could muster upon the director of supplies. Indeed, it was because the senator had that power that he asked him to make the call. And Mr. Lane thinks the organization's purity is vindicated because the director of supplies did not give a contract to the man who tried to influence him.

But the citizens who are backing Mr. Moore for the mayoralty are doing so because they are persuaded that this sort of thing has continued long enough in this city. They know that political pressure has been brought to bear in the award of contracts. They know that the party organization which dominates the city is not averse to the use of such political pressure. They know that the enforcement of the terms of contracts with the city is dependent on the judgment of inspectors whose political life is dependent upon their subserviency to the political organization and to the interests of its leaders. That is the way public business is done here. And that is the way Mr. Lane and men like him think it is proper to do public business.

If the voters agree with Mr. Lane and the rest of them they will nominate Judge Patterson. They will not vote for him under the impression that he will introduce a new regime. His remarks the other day that "the politicians have paid no attention to decent public opinion" will be regarded by them as merely the statement of what everybody knows rather than as an intimation that he intends to force the politicians to respect public opinion. One of the politicians has too recently exclaimed "Public sentiment! Bah!" for them to believe that they will change between the election in November and the inauguration of a Mayor in January.

There is not an organization worker from Bustleton to League Island or from the Cobbs creek to the Delaware who would not take the usual attachment the control of Judge Patterson as an indorsement what has

ment of pussyfooting and somnolent been going on for the past four years and as a charter and license to continue the practices of ignoring decent public opinion and running the city primarily for the benefit of the political organization. And the judge himself, when he sits down in the quiet of his library, surrounded with his Dickens manuscripts and the original sketches by Phiz, must also be unable to disabuse himself of the belief that the organization will use him for its purposes or break him if he attempts to re-

A TIP FROM MEXICO

THIRTEEN bandits was a good haul. Among the four killed by the American forces in northern Mexico, one is said to have been Jesus Renteria, principal in the outrage against the two army aviators. If this is true the expedition of our cavalry is swiftly justified. It had the additional merit of waking up the Carranza administration, whose troops are reported to have disposed of nine of the outlaws.

Of the virtue of drastic action in border crises there can now be little doubt. What is needful now is some machinery whereby order along the Rio Grande can be preserved without plunging the country into a panic at the prospect of a war with Mexico, desired by nobody save small cliques of cynical exploiters.

From Mexico City itself comes the suggestion of a practical remedy. This may seem strange, but it would have been still stranger had the vacillating American administration thought of it. Mexican statesmen have been delving into the old treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo which closed our war with the frontier republic in 1848. A clause in that convention urges that future differences between the two signatories "should be settled by the arbitration of commissioners."

Minister of Finance Cabrera has forecast the establishment of a mixed commission to arrange for guarding the ambassador at Washington, is said to have full power to negotiate a treaty definitely and effectively settling the patrol question. Of course, the agreement should have teeth in it. Should the discussed commission plan work out, vigorous American participation could determined to fight for it to the last see to that.

Further floundering with the Mexican problem is intolerable. It is useless to onder why the administration through all these anarchic years seemed to have forgotten about the old treaty of 1848. It is useless to be sensitive because the origins of a solution appear to emanate from the Mexican capital. Any policy is better than no policy at all.

If the alleged movement in Carranza circles is sincere, it is worth considering. Certainly it would be difficult for any course manifesting a purpose to be more costly than the perilous and unintelligent wabbling with which we are sur-

WHO WILL EXPLAIN CHINA?

DEACEABLY, as she always tried to live, China went through the war. The Chinese made their declaration reluctantly and folded their hands to wait. The Allies got many German ships and much Chinese labor.

China saw her chief plunderer, Germany, fall to ruins though she herself hardly lifted a hand in resistance. Now the greatest nations in the world are ranged upon the side of China and the league-of-nations covenant is being delayed in order that she shall receive abso-

Is this because China never tried to harm other peoples or were her statesmen so experienced in wisdom as to know that to be patient is to win?

The Boston Tran-The Tautological script, which ought to know better, speaks Transcript

of the "guilty profiteer." Where can one find an innocent one? The difference between taking a profit and profiteering is not in the amount gained but in the manner in which it is gained. It is conceivable that a man may make a large profit and be free from the charge of profiteering, and that he might "profiteer" and gain but a small amount. The nature of the transaction determines the nomenclature.

In order to combat Wait, for the "the vicious fallacy that labor costs rep-Figures resent the chief item in the increased cost of living" the National Association of Federal Employes is planning a nation-wide investigation; and to that end Congressman Carss, of Minnesota, has introduced a resolution calling upon the Federal Trade Commission for data. If it is fallacy its viciousness must be concededbut, in the meantime, we'll wait for the

Isn't it fair, after A Plant, Certainly you have observed the method by which cold storage houses are being used to juggle prices and bilk the public, to speak of any one of them as an ice plant?

Life for a time was Gastronomic peaches and cream for Strang. Now Fate has given him beans.

Members of the American Chemical So ciety have expressed surprise at the proposal of the War Department to abolish the Chemical War Department. Disap proval, naturally; but why surprise? Hasn't the War Department already practically scrapped the aviation branch of the service?

If it is difference of opinion that makes horse races and no opinion is worth anyis there for the success of the nongambling horse races at Merchantville?

Tombstone marble has increased in price. On the dead, doesn't it look as though the high price of dying is destined to be as serious as the high cost of living? It is said this work may bring forth

But readers have about reached th stage where nothing will surprise them. There are elections and elections, but for real excitement the one in Hog Island for ship sponsor is in a class by itself.

North Penn Bank

Rumania is pleying bad boy and may

Even if we get but helf a league it will be half a league onward.

PHILADELPHIA AS A PORT

Tonnage Greater Than That of Liver pool and in Point of Exports Secand in the United States

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

GEORGE F. SPROULE, secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Navigation,

imparted to me the other day a bit of information that ought to warm the cockles of the hearts of every true blue Philadelphian. Few Americans who have visited Great Britain and come in contact with its im-porting and exporting life, or with its seafaring men, but have been compelled to listen to some remarkable assertions concerning the commerce of those islands.

I have heard the most remarkable declarations as to the tonnage of London, Liverool, and Belfast; how Liverpool, next to London, dwarfed the tonnage of New York. Once on a transatlantic steamer I was forced to maintain silence when a British manufacturer of hardware specialties in-sisted that the maritime trade of the three British cities named above exceeded in tonnage the entire toppage of all the Atlantic ports of the United States.

I had no figures to refute his assertion and

so was compelled to keep my mouth shut. But now along comes George F. Sproule, who is not only secretary, but official statistician, marine historian, a human com pendium of encyclopedic information to the mmissioners of navigation on matters per taining to the port of Philadelphia, who says that in spite of the war our tonnage was 14.840,379 in 1918, or 1,000,000 tons in excess of Liverpool in 1914. As compared port for port in 1914 Philadelphia's tonnage in arrivals and clearances was 19,682,-399 tons as against 13,817,243 for Liverpool. Philadelphia in point of exports is second in the United States.

ANOTHER popular misconception, which students of commercial geography should note, is that New York and London are the largest maritime ports in the world. It is not only untrue, but is surprisingly

intrue. To my astonishment Mr. Sproule conveyed the information that in point of tonnage of vessels arriving and departing, the latest statistics being of 1917, the port of Hongkong, China, led the world.

It beat out New York by the odd figures of 9,000,114 tons.

It is not an unusual thing, Secretary Sproule informs me, for marine statistical sharps to endeavor to fix the standing of port by the value of its imports and ex-It is mere camouflage: vain atports. tempt to boost a fourth or fifth rate city to a higher rank.

It is a clever and misleading stunt pulled off frequently by delegations of "prominent citizens and influential gentlemen' visit Washington on behalf of appropriations for harbor improvements.

There is but one way to judge the importance of a port and that is by the aggregate tonnage of the vessels that come Philadelphia's maritime importance suf-

fered during the war, which was largely due to a falling off in the coast line trade. was because of the great demand for tounage to carry supplies to Europe. But it is coming back all right, all right

WHEN death removed J. Edward Addicks it took out of life at once the most picturesque figure and most unscrupulous politician I ever knew.

Not even the boorish and uncultured Tabor, of Colorado, who, in the vain glory of his wealth and vulgarity, had his \$100 nightshirts on exhibition in a haberdasher' vindow in Washington, could outdo in certain respects this remarkable man.

Yet J. Edward Addicks was neither ig norant nor uncultured. He met great finan ciers and fought them on their own ground. He erected vast financial structures. He was well educated and inherited a good name; was courteous, entertaining, and pos-sessed inherent qualities that, had he been so disposed, would have made him justly popular in the society of his equals.

He was a strange, rare indeed, combination of greed, prodigality, ambition and political daring and unscrupulousness. His twin obsessions were a desire to be ome a multimillionaire and his deter-

mination to reach the United States Senate by hook or crook-principally crook-and they submerged and obliterated every other instinct, feeling or desire of the better kind.

AS I KNOW it now, but unconsciously at the time, I heard from J. Edward Addicks's lips the sentence that marked the turning point-and the downward turning oint-in his spectacular career in Dela

It is unnecessary here to detail his various attempts to climb the height to the United States Senate, only to be beaten back by Anthony Higgins, Judge George Gray, Colonel Henry A. Dupont and later by Richard R. Kenney.

It was in 1890 that Addicks managed to secure what he thought was a majority in the Delaware Legislature. When it came to the point, however, he lacked two votes. Two Republicans held out and the deadlock lasted throughout the session until the day of final adjournment.

For ten years, as a newspaper staff correspondent, I had followed the Delaware situation through all its tortuous ways. It was the final day of the legislative ses-

sion. Senator J. Frank Allee, who had managed the Addicks campaign, had given up hope of electing Addicks, when the morning session of the Legislature adjourned. Senator Allee had invited Mr. Addicks an myself to dinner at his residence, a block or two from the quaint little State House Mrs. Allee and the senator's young son completed the party. In the midst of dinner Mr. Addicks, without any preliminary words, turned to me and said:

"I want you to shake hands with the next United States senator from Delaware," and he laid a hand on Senator Alice's

"What do you mean?" I inquired in astonishment.

"Just what I say," he replied without a smile. "Frank here will be elected United States senator at this afternoon's session." That afternoon State Senator J. Frank Aliee received the vote of the men who would not vote for J. Edward Addicks and was elected United States senator from Dela-

From that day all hope of J. Edward Addicks ever reaching the Senate vanished. It was the turning point in his wonderful

ware.

The New York Tribune points out that the legitimate functions of a cold storage plant are those of a good reservoir that breathes out as it breathes in, in wholesome respiration. True, but most of then nowadays seem to be suffering from hay

The fact that price committees, if formed, would be helpless is perhaps not nearly so sad as it sounds. There is an off chance that price regulation is not the remedy for high prices. We have had the example of wheat. Wonder if the President known the Scotch song which roun, "There's nac habout the House"?

"-OR WRITE YOURSELF DOWN AS A SLACKER!"



THE CHAFFING DISH

On a White Muslin Dress In a Modiste's Window DEMURE white frock which I espy.

What slender damosel will buy And grace it with her loveliness. The bliss of every doting eye?

UPON a dummy figure lie These tender folds, and seem to sigh Some softer bosom to possess, Demure white frock!

I CAN'T resist. The price is high, But my cigars I will deny: I'll get the thing for you, dear Bess, And when you wear it. I'll confess How utterly entrancing I Deem your white frock !

In speaking of the Elwood wreck, you might specify whether you mean Elwood, N. J., or Elwood Strang.

Political Ditty Dear Socrates:

Punch, brothers, punch with care, The candidates of the Messrs. Vare. BEN ZEEN.

Ballade of Discharge OH, I'VE shed me blood in Flanders, an' I've got me share o' scars, An' I seen the bloody campaign at Verdun:

I've give the steel to Dutchies where the shells was thick as stars An' I've froze in trenches underneath the

moon; Yus. I've wore the blinkin' uniform for sev'ral ruddy years
'Cause I'd rather be a 'ero than a clerk; But the bloomin' war is over, an' the 'eart within me fears
That I got to leave the ranks an' go to

OH, I done me bit at Wypers, where the fight was thick as 'ell,
An' I 'ad a part in rescuin' Lorraine;

They shot me in the thigh an' chest an' kicked me till I fell—

But in 'arf-a-month I'm fightin' 'em

again! Sure, I killed me share o' Boches, an' they nicked me two or three; But I didn't mind; a fight I never shirk Now, the bleedin' war is over, an it looks a

Like I'd have to buckle down an' go to work!

L'Envoi

OH, THERE'S no life like the army life! The bleedin' thing is fun! You fight, an' kill, an' mebbe get your own; But just about the time you're gettin' warm —the war is done An' the army leaves you flat an' a'll

Yus, I like to be a sodjer, and a blinkin' 'ero, too.
W'en I'm fightin' in the bloomin' battle's

murk : But in peace the ranks don't want me, so there's nothin' else to do But to get meself a job an' go to work!
Blast the luck! I got to get a job an' go to work!

ROBERT LESLIE BELLEM. We surmise that Elwood Strang is regretting he never learned Grover Bergdoll's secret of keeping out of town so success-

But Mr. Strang, who has a nice sense of the importance of being earnest about other people's money, must find some consolation in the fact that the Moyamensing bread and

beans aren't costing him anything. What are the slick-halved young men who sed to run New York boxoffices doing nowa-ays? No one to sneer at?

think Lentre's againment design withing off the Prizers clauses in Marsia h

been exaggerated. For we have heard of no

but Bergdoll seems quicker than both. Colonel House is said to be coming home on the boat with Viscount Grey. With the world's two silentest statesmen engaged in mutual secrecy, we don't see how the pub-lic is going to benefit by their discretions

unless some one like Ike Marcosson is going

The hand may be quicker than the eye.

to be along to spill the beans. Every time we go down to the shore we wonder why it is that no one has had the bright idea to name a Pullman car "Citron-

Nothing ever seems to us quite so luxurious and heart easing as smoking a pipe while

a dollar and a half to buy, but two dollars and a quarter to have repaired. New of us realized how attractive the ladies' old-fashioned bathing suits were, until

these new-fangled horrors came along.

It seems to us a quaint circumstance that

there is a kind of watch which costs only

Even the most agnostic man has been known to pray, and right fervently, during those tense moments when the baby wakes up at 3 a. m. and utters a few preliminary squeaks while making up its mind whether

to roar or not. Grant Rice says, on our favorite sporting page, that some fellows have "a competitive soul." In the throes of a vital competition, Grant asserts, they rise to heroic achieve-

ment. We would admire the guy with a competitive soul all the more, however, if we did not have a lurking suspicion that the Jersey mosquito can outdo any mere mortal along

We Pout

Dear Old Socrates: I have been reading your column for some time now, and believe me I like it, too, but think there is room for improvement, of sourse, we all find fault with one another's work, it takes all kinds of people to make work, it takes all stands of people to make a world, you know, even as you and I, therefore, let me try to give you some pointers, I think I can do it (this is pay-day, so I think I can do anything). First, you are a column editor and I am an undertaker, so that puts us on an even basis. Now, I should think the name LAFFING DISH would be better than CHAFFING DISH, now really Second (or is this third?) when don't you? you scribble a poem, why, ok why, do you not write something that would be interesting to all—and, something that would make you famous as a column writer the world over?—some sort of a poem that would be most interesting to read? __ ALLA MAZAM

When we called at the State House cellar lately. Martha Washington, the famous Independence Square black cat, was lying placidly on Fred Eckersburg's desk. Martha recently brought in a bird from the top-most boughs of a tree behind the Hall. Her natural instinct would have been to assassinate the unfortunate fowl, but the bird screamed loudly that it was a greatgreat-great-grand-egg of the bird that Ben Franklin missed with his slingshot, and Martha, in her capacity as one of the Colonial Felines, had mercy on it. Eckersburg and George Bloom cherished the bird tenderly, and gave it to one of the guards upstairs who is fond of birds; but as Fred says sadly, "It died on his hands." SOCRATES

If Philadelphia does not become the greatest port in the world in the not distant future it will be only because Philadelphians have neglected their opportunities

The question with the Senate

MID-AUGUST

CPIDERS are spinning their webs, I hear pears falling, Birds are still; yesterday They were singing and calling.

Grapes are swelling now. Globes of silver green, Their leaves lie close, but the sun Slips in between.

There's a blue haze in the air, A butterfly's questing flight . Leads where petunias bloom. Crimson and mauve and white.

Goosenecked popples are dead-

hey have Marigold buds are green-We wait for the yellow flower. The goldfinch sits like a jewel By dried hollyhock seeds;

The wayside is adorned With vivid weeds. The fields are dappled brown, The barns are filled And sweet with hay that spills

August's a quiet time.
Do you hear pears fall? Cicada sings all day And at nightfall

Clover, distilled.

The katydid's sharp cry, Prophetic, calls the hour Of bins for the fruit And death for the flower.

Louise Driscoll, in New York Times. What Do You Know?

QUIZ

1. What is the origin of the term "gay

Lothario''? 2. Where is Silesia?

3. What is a poncho?

4. How long is an ell? 5. What is the meaning of the word intransigeant? What state does Senator Fall represent?

brigands who captured the two American aviators in Mexico? Who is the acting national food administrator during the absence of Her-

7. Who is said to be the leader of the

bert C. Hoover in Europe? Secretary Daniels has been entertained at many "luaus" in Hawaii. What is a "luau"?

10. What are the tallest trees in the world?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz f. Elizabeth is queen of Belgium. She was formerly princess of Bavaria.

2. Under the new German constitution the Reichstag is to sit in Berlin. The word craft, when it means a boat, is unchanged in the plural.

was called the "American Charles Lamb." 4. George William Curtis, the essayist.

 Stradivarius, the celebrated violin maker, lived in Cremona, Italy. The word gaol should be pronounced as if spelled "jail."

7. The decisive victory of Saratoga was won by the Americans over the British on October 7, 1777. 8. Von Bissing was governor of Belgium at the time of the execution of Edith

Cavell. 9. A reliquary is a receptacle for relica. Stonehenge is a celebrated aucient monument on Salisbury Plain, England. It

ment on Salisbury Plain, England. It is supposed to have been a Druid temple. The original plan assems to investigated two conventric circles of hugs operist stones. In the middle there is a great slab cultivithe often. Sevendent plants of the nutes of clean of the nutes of clean [16-18 feet high are standing.