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few real thrills are in order.

ENTER THE LADIES WITH

They Have Much to Learn; Who Hasn't?

The Old-Line Factional Chiefs Cer-

tainly Will Need Tutoring

THE thing is done. Woman suffrage as a

voters yesterday and the Republican city

committee ceased to be a council of mascu-

line absolutism and, contrary to the dark

implications of hard-boiled statesmen who

used to talk of the general franchise as if it were the Day o' Doom, the skies did not

No one had any reason to feel that the

world is done for or that Philadelphia or Pennsylvania or the country will be any

worse off than they were in the old days

that have passed forever. Indeed, when you

read between the lines of the narrative of a

day that will be historic it seems that they

may be even a little better off in the future

in the seat of his authority to bow to Mrs.

Thomson, leader of the Republican women,

suit, elegantly shook hands with the Coun-

tess de Santa Eulalia and respectfully as-

sured Mrs. Yarnall, Mrs. Altemus and their

associates of his desire for their advice and

The expected things happened at the city

committee. The gentlemen were patroniz-

ing. There were times when Mr. Hall was

almost ducal in his bearing. And there

were painful intervals, too. Why, why did

Mr. Hall whisper, as if telling a secret to

these clever and informed women, that "the

Governor of the State has nothing to do

with the city"? And why did Coroner

Knight drift so far in his amiable rumblings

that one woman, who had just returned in

mourning from the French battlefields, arose

with wet eyes to cry out at him from an

angry heart because he repeatedly spoke of

Mrs. Thomson and her aides went effi-

ciently and determinedly about the business

of the Republican women at that session.

It is not clear that they knew exactly what

they wanted-or that they wanted anything

more than concise information explicitly and

frankly given. Democratic women seem to

have been in celipse during the prelimi-

naries of registration day and at the polls.

We should have liked to hear more about

the doings of the League of Women Voters,

who have fought consistently to obtain the

ballot and use it as an instrument of en-

If they were busy they were busy in

silence. There were rumors that a great

many ardent suffragists forgot to give their

names to the assessors. That sort of thing is to be expected. The technique of politics

is not easy even for those who regularly

practice it. The new voters will have to

learn. The old ones will have to learn, too.

very much in the foreground at the city

committee and at the polls yesterday, found

that old timers, like Mr. Hall and Mr.

Knight, were patronizing. Women voters,

like Mrs. Thomson and her associates, were,

in turn, gently amused, as women always

are, though they do not show it, when the

vas lighter than suffragists hoped and ex-

pected. Into that circumstance it is pos-

sible to read an indictment of the feminine

mind if you are willing to forget that the

variably light in these same regions.

registration of men voters is similarly and

Downtown it seems to have been other-

wise. In the wards where Senator Vare is

or used to be-admired and revered

suffrage and registration were matters of

ively interest. A new and considerable

lass of voters was created and in the lan-

guage of politics they will be known as the

Vare Women. They are the wives and sis-

ters and sweethearts of the men who call

the senator chief and John Balzley a friend

and prophet. Lethargy was not general

cherished delusion.

For the Republican women, who were

ightenment and independent thought.

Tom Cunningham, fair to see in a new

Abysses were bridged. Charley Hall rose

split and fall.

co-operation.

politics as a game?

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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR

Things on which the people expect the new he Delaware river bridge, drydock big enough to gaccommodate the largest ships, the rapid transit system. A convention hall. A building for the Free Dibrary. A sufficient for the Free Dibrary. An Art Museum.
Enlargement of the water supply.
Homes to accommodate the population.

THE S-5

In THE rescue of forty-two men and officers from the disabled S-5 there is new glory not only for the navy but for all men who go down to the sea in ships and there learn courage and fortitude and ways in which to fight the eternal elements almost to a stand-

The narrative of a submarine's crew waiting death on the ocean floor without panic or a break in discipline, of an army ship that happened along and knew her business, of a man in a boat who talked coolly by tele phone with sailors caged and apparently omed under 180 feet of running sea, of destroyers that leaped from moorings at League Island and fled away to help at fifty miles an hour, and a vast surgical operation with giant implements done in the ocean's drift, will shine for a long time in naval annals. Landsmen ought to be better for merely reading it. Therein is revealed a feat of co-ordinated energies that has not often been consider n equaled.

A good many men and things may be going rong nowadays. But some of us, at least, are there.

COX'S LATEST FOLLY

THERE is no doubt that farmers should be more fully represented in public effice. Congress and the state legislatures are dominated by lawyers. They would be much more representative if a larger proportion of men engaged in other occupations were elected to membership.

But Governor Cox is going a little too far when he says that if elected he will appoint "dirt farmers" to the Federal Reserve hanking board. He might almost as well talk of appointing "dirt farmers" to the bench of the federal courts.

Banking is a business which requires special training, or special experience. A man who knows nothing about it would be useless on the Federal Reserve board. If he tried to interfere in what was done he would be worse than useless. His influence would be pernicious.

But if the Democratic candidate pursues bis present demagogic course we may soon expect to hear him promising to appoint members of the American Federation of Labor to the district courts on the theory that labor should be represented on the courts which interpret and enforce the laws.

MUST THEY KISS IT GOOD-BY?

THE anthracite operators raised the price of coal on April 1 in anticipation of an nerease in wages under the award of an arbitration commission. They are said to have collected \$40,000,000 in the past five mouths as a result of the sum they added to the price of each ton of coal they have

for the same period. After giving the back pay to the miners the operators will have \$22,000,000 surplus profit taken from the pockets of the consumers.

What are they going to do with it? The consumers would like to have an answer to this question. The commission which made the award announced that the increase in wages ought to be followed by a reduction in the price of coal because it knew that the increase in price made last April was more than double the amount needed to cover the extra puy to the miners. But a reduction in the price of coal dating from September 1 would not return the \$22.

000,000 to the pockets of those who paid it. The probable answer to the question i that the operators will keep the money they have got and add it to their profits for the year. They have done the like in the past, for after the courts decided that the state tax of six cents a ton was illegal, there of the twenty-five cents a ton that had been added to the price to cover the tax. The public has learned to kiss good by to all money paid out for coal. And yet the operators wonder why they are not popular.

WAKE UP, CAMPAIGNERS!

TF the scientists deny, as is their right. Lthat autumn has now begun, it is noue the less a political truth that the summer campaign ended yesterday. In accordance with tradition, a distinct livening up of Republican and Democratic offensives and defensives is now to be expected. Theoretically at least the scurrying for position thich marks the opening stages of the presential battle is over.

Neither candidate, each at the outset in nature of a surprise, is now unknown. has become clear that Mr. Cox's readi as of speech is not backed by any impos ar amount of reflection and that Mr. Hard ng is one of the least bumptious of candilates in the anna's of American politics. But beyond these disclosures, which are vell worth consideration, the general charor of the compaign is either undetermined else its whole complexion is going to be

of a depressing duliness. The cross-firing of the summer was largely uninspiring. The injection during the last days of the moth-eaten "boodle" both parties from fundamentals, decision upon which is of gravest import to the na-With election day only two months off, both parties owe it to their constituents and to their own self-respect to conduct the asht upon vital subjects. Surely there is no lack of them! The

owntown, and there were few women to hold back from the polling places because of disinterestedness or a habit of extravagant reserve. They registered cheerfully or with The wage award calls for only \$18,000,000

The division leader-a friend of Ed or Bill -strolled around to the familiar doorsteps to put the buby on the head and talk of the weather and remember suddenly that registration day had come. He spoke to those who love Ed or Bill. Vare Women didn't say "Don't bother me," or "I haven't time" or "It's too silly."

The thing was done loyally for Ed and Bill and the friends and chieftains of Ed and Bill. In South Philadelphia the spirit of the clan is hard to kill. It has warmed too many dark days for poor people. It has brought help when help was needed. So, n that part of the city, suffrage has created a new class of voters which may prove for aidable in future elections. Mrs. Thomson vill be extremely lucky if she can provide a balance of power in favor of the opposite faction. Shall those of her followers be called Administration Women? It is impossible, of course, to think of a body of feminine voters who might call themselves Penrose Women. Wasn't it Mr. Penrose who, when he was told that suffrage would have to come, said gloomily: denth. But why invite it?

No: there will be no Penrose Women.

These, as the incurable optimists used to say when the war raged, are great times to The sudden improvement of manners in the registration places was in itself almost enough to justify the ratification of the Authory amendment. There was less of the atmosphere of a horse auction about the altars of democracy and less of the lingo of a 3-o'clock-in-the-morning poker game. A great many registrars brushed their hair most carefully yesterday morning and, when you remembered the high cost of living, the number of new suits worn at the polls was truly astounding.

The newspapers told monotonously of this and that officer of elections who "threw away his cigar when he entered the polling Here, indeed, is a flicker from the dawn of a new era. The nature and character of the cigars habitually smoked in polling places are among the great evils of modern times. The odor of election eigars may actually have been a factor in making the duties of citizenship unpopular with men who smoke only tobacco. If it is eliminated the bells should be tolled for the nineteenth

amendment. A vast number of women winced or laughed wildly in astonishment when they were told that they would have to register "around at the corner saloon" or "in Louie's barber shop." They went unbelieving into the murky rooms and emerged

with the light of pain and resolution in their American people, accustomed to regard presidential campaigns as animated, have c right eyes. There will be a housecleaning amid all to demand that the heavy artillery on both the lesser machinery of elections before many sides will blow away the musty drool. A years unless we are mistaken.

It has been due for a hundred years. And it will come.

The newly enfranchised citizens in this **VOTES AND A CHALLENGE** city cannot be blamed for their diffidence and their hesitation. They have entered politics as they might enter a strange and unfriendly house or a country of violent legends—cautiously and with a sense of being out of place. The receptions accorded them at the polls and in the party committees have not been such as to quickly I reality came to Philadelphia with the reassure them. registration of approximately 75,000 new

Women are patient. They have to be. And they have a wisdom of their own and a fighting spirit of which Mr. Hall and Mr. Knight will learn later along. How many of them stayed behind at home, to read of how their sisters fared, before risking the departures and adventures that are distasteful to all normal women? No one knows. But the march has started and the army

Successors to the present lords of the political world will not make women feel strange and uncomfortable by eyeing them as invaders, ignorant of the language and customs of an exclusive world. More than one man discovered a new sort of independence in his wife when he tried to tell her or the registrars what her political beliefs were. And Mr. Hall and Mr. Knight and the rest of the city committeemen must be wondering yet about the directness and skill which characterized the demand of the Republican women for recognition which should have been given them though it was

Woman suffrage in Philadelphia may prove surprising in more ways than one. But one may venture to believe that no one will find it more surprising than the politicians who think they know most about it Where the feminine mind is invoked you never can tell what may happen.

THE LEAGUE'S BEST MOVE

SENATOR HARDING, Governor Cox.

Elihu Root, Herbert Hoover, Senator Johnson, Senator Lodge, ex-President Taft and President Wilson can all afford to subscribe without the least fear of inconsistency to the announced purpose of the League of Nations to publish all the secret treaties to which any member of the international society is a party.

Much as Hiram Johnson, for instance professes to detest the league, it is difficult to conceive what logical argument he can advance against such a wholesale exposure of underhand covenants. As for the friends of the league, whether they are mild or wild reservationists, advocates of many amendments, few amendments or none at all, they will betray their principles by withholding applause for a move promising achievement of outspoken diplomacy.

Furthermore it is significant that this broadside of revelations is not specifically demanded by the league covenant, which prescribes that all treaty engagements entered into after the formation of the society shall be published. The extension of this program to include all past contracts is an epoch-making interpretation of the spirit rather than the letter of the much-discussed document to which forty-two nations have already subscribed.

By all odds, this plan, if faithfully executed, will mark the most signal accomplishment of the league since its formation. The pity of it is that this emphatic tribute to liberalism was not paid long ago.

lord of creation assumes his most ancient attitude and slips joyfully into his most It is somewhat embarrassing to reflect that the policy of disclosing secret treaties They smiled faintly and seemed to realize was inaugurated by the Bolshevists. Subthat you cannot teach an old politician new scription to most of their ideas is revolting to millions of civilized human beings, but the excellence of this procedure is not to be In the fashionable and well-to-do sections denied. of the city the registration of new voters

As a nation outside the league, the United States need not fear the publication of secret dealings with member nations for the very wholesome reason that no such furtive pacts exist. The trenty-making power of the Senate absolutely prevents such transactions, a fact worth remembering in these days when much of the criticism of the upper house can hardly be called restrained. Our skirts are clear. Had Europe's previously been as unspotted in this regard some of the most inflammable causes of wars would have censed to function. As it is, the reform is thoroughly heartening as confirms tion of the professed design of the league to promote international co-operation and o achieve international peace and security.'

It is proof of good faith which some entirely honest critics of the league have sought to silence by their doubts of the whole scheme. If the policy announced from London is scrupulously carried out, it will be the height of misrepresentation to describe the league, despite the need of important repairs, as moribund.

WHO PAYS WIFE'S POLL TAX? DECAUSE of the fraudulent use of poll

tax receipts by repeaters the General Assembly of 1897 made it unlawful for any person to pay the poll tax for another save on the written order of the elector made and signed at least thirty days before the elec-

This law will prevent a husband from paying his wife's poll tax. The Mayor apparently had it in mind when he declined to pay his wife's tax when she registered yesterday. He told her it was her vote and that she must pay the tax. He might have given an object lesson in the operation of the law by telling his wife that he would pay the tax if she would sign an order directing him to do it; but apparently be did not third: this was necessary.

There is nothing in the law, however, which will prevent a husband from giving his wife fifty cents with which to pay the tax, or which will prevent the wife from taking the fifty cents from the household funds to pay it. The law is satisfied so long as the woman voter pays the tax herhelf or authorizes some one else in writing to do it for her.

But she must remember to keep her tax sceipt, so that she can take it to the polls with her on election day as evidence that she is a qualified voter.

No matter what the weather man says the autumn of every presidential campaign year is certain to be moist. Witness the juadrennial supply of mud.

Ignore frontiers, say the continental advisers of the Polish generals now fighting Russia. That, if memory serves, is about what the Bolsheviki have been doing. Senator Harding advocates a real international court. Here's hoping that such a court will be established. It is what the

opponents of war have long been striving

Coroner Knight thinks that the leaders of the Republican women's state committee 'should mind their own business.' Will the coroner please tell them what their

That woman who donned the trouseto register was doing, in fact, only what the ambitious women leaders hope the new voters will do metaphorically when get used to their new powers.

GOLF VS. BASEBALL

Secretary Warner Says There Is a Growing Interest in Golf-Cricket Losing Ground-Former Governor Stuart Tells a Good One on Himself

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN FRANCIS B. WARNER, secretary and treasurer of the Philadelphia Golf Association, is an enthusiast in that sport. He played his first game this year about four weeks ago; which fact requires ex-

Mr. Warner's higher interest takes the shape of working for the other fellows to the sacrifice of his personal inclinations. He attends to the business while the other fellows attend to the balls and brassless and such like matters.

That is why he occupies, and has held, his responsible official position in the Golf Association for years.

Association for years.

As a recognized authority on the subject he assures me that golf as an outdoor recreation is making remarkable strides in popularity. People are taking it up now that never dreamed of doing so before.

Mr. Warner is still further of the opinion that golf is gradually supplanting baseball in the affections of "fans" of mature years. This is particularly true of baseball admirers who have arrived at the sober and gouty years of life, when a cramped seat on the bleachers, or in the grand stand, carries its own penalty of aching bones. its own penalty of aching bones.
"To men who love the out of doors there is

more fun in getting into the open and knock-ing a ball around than there is in sitting in a grand stand watching some one clse pound a baseball over the field," sapiently declares Mr. Warner. "It's a transferred enthusiasm; the fun of

to do something yourself that you have watched and envied some one else

MR. WARNER has been a member of the Philadelphia Cricket Club for years. He reluctantly confesses that cricket is also yielding to the lure of golf among the former devotees of the English national "There's not as much cricket played around Philadelphia as formerly," he asserts, "It is, I think, for the reason that its ad-

mirers are reversing their former attitude and going in for golf."

Mr. Warner's observations may strike a counter-opinion among baseball fans of the younger breed. To them, thousands and tens of thousands, baseball is pre-eminently the sport of all time, golf, football and Olympic games to the contrary notwithstanding. Golf is an individual game, demanding individual effort. It is a sport not neces-sarily dependent upon the co-operation of

others.
Another drawback to the greater popularity of "glorified shinny." as some one has called it, has been the lack of opportunity for the many to indulge in the sport Not every man or woman can join a golf

Now that a public golf course has been opened by the city in Cobbs Creek Park its growth will doubtless be more rapid.

But as for the younger crowd in the matter of baseball? Oh, boy!

FORMER GOVERNOR EDWIN S. STUART belongs to that keenly appreciative class of the genus home that does not scorn to laugh at its own expense. As a target of choice repartee he can ap-reciate the dart and smile at the directness

of its aim. Discussing politics with a friend of Irish lineage recently he remarked on the amateurish qualities of certain political campaign managers, past and present. He had reference to those whose failure to anticipate a crisis, or by crass ignorance

of sound political principles, contribute to the defeat of their candidate.
"Why." said the Governor, "I've known some fellows who had no more idea

to manage a political campaign than I had "Well, Governor," replied his Milesian friend commiseratingly. friend commiseratingly, "that's certainly getting 'em down to a pretty low level."

TF ANY particular citizen of Philadelphia thinks that a new spirit of responsibility and progress is not actuating certain members of City Council he has another and more correct thought due about Three weeks ago Councilman W. W.

Roper, of Germantown, started off with the idea of taking a month's vacation. He was ip in Canada when he learned that a meetsplay of political pyrotechnics and chronatic oratory was scheduled. Councilmen in these days no longer travel

on their nerve and a railroad pass, Legis-lative action has put the kibosh on one, and an awakened sense of public responsibility has lassoed the other. It costs money now for even a council

As a consequence, when Mr. Roper biked back to Philadelphia to do his bit at the recent meeting of Council the trip put a noticeable kink in his bankroll. After the councilmanic fracas on the

Haylett appropriation of \$7500 in e governing body handed Mayor Moore a love tap was over, the gentleman from Ger nantown repacked his pajamas, dusted his brogans and started back to where he had deserted the trail in Canada.

ODD stories crop up in the corridors of City Hall. The latest relates to an unusually efficient technical employe who about twice a year gets into the bail lands or two or three days. (Aldly enough ompanionship with the flowing bowl renders him, for a few days ensuing, resentful rather

him, for a few days chaning, resentful rather than remorseful.

After one of his recent expeditions his kind-hearted chief took him to task and pointed out the folly of his semioccasional variations from the path of rectitude. He instanced the case of men who had risen to high position by sobriety and strict attention to business, among others Mayor Moore and Governor Sproul.

Resentful of the reproof, the erring one.

Resentful of the reproof, the erring one fointing a nervous finger at the other, re-'Now, Joe, I've heard enough of that.

know as much as Hamp Moore or Bill ever did-only I can't just think

Schwab's Philosophy in China

Schwab versus Confucius-the fight is about to start. The largest book order reabout to start. The largest book order received from China by his publisher for several years is for a shipment of Charles M. Schwab's "Succeeding With What You Have," the little book telling something of the steel king's philosophy of life, which is to say his philosophy of work. The letter receivements in the order says. accompanying the order says:
"There is at the present time a great

political and educational awakening of China, evidenced by the students' movement and other signs of the times. We have a large army of young men who have edu-cation enough to fit them for useful and prominent work in the different lines of affairs in this country, but who need to be given an added spur of ambition, the lifting touch of large ideals and especially to be imbued with the quality of steadfastness, perseverance, the power of sustained effort through early discouragement."

Mr. Schwab's "Succeeding With What

You Have' is to help in that achievement. The buyer of this order of books has re-The buyer of the publishers to communicate to Mr. Schwab its request for a special message from him to be delivered to the young nen of China.

In reply to the second request from Washington that the territorial rights of Russia be respected, the Poles say again that strategy must govern their future policy. Strategy in war is like charity in peace. It can cover a multitude of sin

No wonder Cox is getting nervous. It is only two months to election and the Democratic National Committee is not yet organized for conducting the campaign.



scriptions, explanations and arguments. The explanation—called 'exposition' in the textbooks—is one of the most useful forms

textbooks—is one of the most useful forms of oral expression. Many adults are surprised at realizing how difficult it really is to give a clear, concise explanation of some such process as bread-baking, playing tennis or sweeping out a room. The success of this kind of teaching depends largely on the careful grading of difficulties.

"One of the most commencement of min

"One of the most common causes of mis-

understanding and controversy among grown persons is the lack of clearness and pre-

cision in ordinary spoken discourse. We use slovenly speech and ambiguous phrases

and then wonder why our friends so often

take away false impressions of our meanings. One of the most fundamental aims of

the public schools must be the establish-ment of solid habits of clear, concise, force-

"From the point of view of the teach

lish, training in oral English has an im

portance that it would be difficult to over-estimate. The improvement even in the

time that the new course has been in oper-ation in this city has led many teachers of

being put forth in training children to stand

their thoughts in logical order and express

Clear Discourse Important

It is not sufficient to give directions to teachers in this matter since it is so largely

"Philadelphia has been particularly for

tunate in that her teaching body has re-

sponded with enthusiasm and intelligence to the new demands of the curriculum, When we consider that not only the course

in English, but the courses in civics, his tory and physiology have also been com

pletely revised within the last ten years, i

grades who, realizing that these changes are

in the direction of progress, have given hours and hours of their outside time to

prepare themselves to meet the new de

"In a democracy such as ours it is

peculiar importance that the cifizenry should

simply that habit of clear, forceful and per-

"There is no doubt about the fact that many of the evils inherent in democracies in general are the result of the fact that

many of our finest men and women, keen-minded and logical in their thinking, find themselves tongue-tied and impotent in meetings with their fellows.

"Personally, I feel very hopeful when I think of the recent changes in the Philadelphia courses of study. Our new courses need not fear comparison with those of any

ther American city. In fact, copies of

them are being sent for constantly from all

parts of the country to help in the work of

revision going on in other places.
"Of the new kinds of school activities

"Of the new kinds of school activities provided for in these new courses of ours none is more significant or more promising than the work being accomplished in teaching children the art of spoken English."

I SHALL GO BACK

T SHALL go back again to the bleak shore,

In such a way that the extremest band

Shall I return to take you by the hand;

The words that lay a moment on your

A little undersaid and oversung; ut I shall find the sullen rocks and skies

Unchanged from what they were when I

-Edna St. Vincent Millay, in Reedy's

Are one with all that in a moment dies,

love that stood a moment in your eyes,

I shall be gone to what I understand,

And build a little shanty on the sand,

Of brittle seaweed shall escape my door But by a yard or two, and never more

And happier than I ever was before,

was young.

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becomes difficult to give adequate appreciation to the thousands of teachers of the

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belongs to him.

"TO BE A PIRATE KING!"

NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. ARMAND J. GERSON On Teaching Pupils to Talk

REALIZING the growing importance of spoken English in the public schools and its ultinate value in after life, the schools of the city have adopted a course in oral English which has achieved great results and which has been copied extensively by schools all over the country.

The course was put into operation three years ago by a committee of principals and district school superintendents appointed by the superintendent of public schools, of which Dr. Armand J. Gerson, associate superintendent of public schools in charge of elementary schools, was the secretary.

"In the matter of teaching English. aid Doctor Gerson, "the public schools of Philadelphia occupy an enviable position among the school systems of the country. The course of study now in operation ha been in use for about three years, and is meeting with wider and wider approval as time goes on. One of its most important innovations is the emphasis it places on instruction in spoken English as opposed the emphasis given in former days to formal grammar and written composition.

upper grades to comment on the fact that history, geography, civics and even mathe-"It would seem to need no argument matics and spelling seem to move along more smoothly now that a definite effort is prove that from the practical point of view spoken English is of vastly more importance than written language. We all have conon their feet, face their classmates, arrange stant occasion to speak, while but few of us have frequent need to express our thoughts in written form. Speech is man's natural mode of expression, while written discourse at the best is an artificial medium. "All over the country the teaching of oral English is receiving special emphasis Philadelphia course of study, starting out from this indisputable premise, stresses in-struction in proper speech habits from the first grade on through the grammar school. a new field of endeavor. The definite training of teachers in this field becomes

"In fact, spoken English now occupies 60 per cent of the English course. In the early grades the work in oral English is entirely informal. The instruction is built up on the basis of the children's natural. desire to talk about things that happen in their daily lives. The youngsters enter the spirit of their little "conversation "conversation les sons" all unaware of the teacher's ulterior purpose. Gradually this spoutaneous talk is directed into proper channels and the foundation is laid for enduring speech habits. Language games also form an essential part of the work in these low grades Learn to Express Themselves

"The results have been amazing. Small children have begun to tall, about things in which they are interested facing their as sembled classes and have developed dence and originality in expressing them selves, not to note effectiveness to a degree that could not have been foreseen before the course was put into operation. "As they found that they could talk and

express themselves, the idea took hold of them until now many of them who were bashful and diffident readily get to their feet and clearly and vigorously express them

Much of this effect has been gained from the class-criticism plan. As a pupil gets up to discuss a matter before the class the other members are required to criticize English and mode of expression. And they are proving to be very able little critics, too. The speaker himself is asked to criticize his efforts, and in most cases he is the mos severe critic of all. Incidentally they are developing a critical sense which is invaluable.

"Much attention is paid to their diction.

The requirements of the new course call for declamation and pronunciation. Both are taught to be done in a lifelike, informal

way that will make them better understood among those whom they will meet and will quicken their interest in talking well them "All affectation in speech is discouraged broad and Italian vowel 'a,' so muc

taught to pupils in bygone days as part of correct English, has been thrown into the discard, except for the few instances in which it may be legitimately used, for the more lifelike and correct intermediate 'n. "Speech has not only been developed from the standpoint of better expression, but also from the equally important one of appreciation. As the classes progress this idea is carried out further ustil in the higher ele-

mentary grades we have debates between the Simple Explanation Difficult

"In some respects the work with older pupils is more difficult. This is because the pupils is a consciousness has entered. At this point all the teacher's tact and ingenuity are required to keep the work going. The course of study suggests topics that may be used for informal talks, de-

What grinds us most is that the coal operators not only pass the buck to the dearly beloved public, but charge 100 per cent commission for doing it.

New York's new temperance cafes appear to deserve their designation about as well as the familiar Sabbath vaudeville of Manhattan deserves to be called sacred concerts.

SHORT CUTS

Who is getting the money in the coal gouge? That question is going to be pretty general from now on. And it will be about as easy to answer as the classic inquiry relative to the age of Ann.

D'Annunzio seems to be discovering that he has worn out his welcome in Fiume, The treasurer of the De

tional Committee is trying to make William Barnes, of Albany, the villain of the Republican party, but as so many Republicans have accused him of the same crime it will difficult to make a campaign issue ou:

Senator Harding says he believes in team work. Well, he is getting it from the national committee.

The Mayor took an eight-day motor trip for rest and information and says that e obtained both. Lucky man!

The woman who gives her age to the registration clerks can't keep it a secret. The registry lists are open to the public, even to the husbands and to the gossiping neighbors.

The American Bar Association has decided that the League of Nations is a political issue. We'll let it go at that. That man who demanded twenty-five

cents as a reward for stopping a runaway horse overestimated the value of his services. Thanks to Director Furbush, the last remaining pigs within the city limits will soon be taken away. Unfortunately the

director has control only over the fourfooted kind. The work of repaying alleys is soon to begin, but it will be difficult to establish sanitary conditions in the whole city until

the narrow alleys south of Market street are cleaned out and paved in such a way that they can be kept clean. The equal suffrage amendment has not

made citizens of the women, but has merely conferred on them one of the privileges of receive adequate instruction in the art of discourse. By this we do not mean oratory or elecution in the old-fashioned sense, but citizenship. They were already citizens, for the federal constitution dectares that "all persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction there are citizens of the United States and of in the position of leadership which of right the state wherein they reside.

What Do You Know?

What person in modern times fasted forty days and lived?
How many psalms are in the Bible?
What is sesame?
Name three of the world's greatest water-

falls.

5 Who was the author of the "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"?

6. How does Key West get its name? What city is the American headquarters of the game of cricket? Who was Lavoisier?

What architectural style has for its dis-tinguishing feature columns with capi-tals carved in scrolls?

Who was the first American President to

ho was the first An fail of re-election?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

 The total number of members in the House of Representatives is 435.
 Ancient Babylon was located on the River Euphrates.

Euphrates.

3. Massachusetts is the most easterly state from which any American President was ever elected. The two Presidents chosen from this state were John Adams and John Quincy Adams.

4. The names of the Slamese twins were Eng and Chang.

5. George is the real name of "Babe" Ruth.

6. Alabaster is the name of several varieties of carbonate or sulphate of lime.

7. Hera was the wife of Zeus in Greek mythology, corresponding to Juno, the

Hera was the wife of Zeus in Greek mythology, corresponding to Juno, the wife of June, the wife of Jupiter, in Roman mythology. Guinea pig is a misnomer, since Guinea should in this case be Guiana, and the little animal is not a pig at all, but a rodent.

coording to the legend, Rip Van Winkle slept for twenty years in the Catskill mountains in New York state, votive offering is one made in fulfil-ment of a vow or consecrated by a vow-