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U. S. BONDS GO UP

TWO sorts of people fill the world—the wise and the otherwise. And the wise are reading without any astonishment today the sudden rebound of Victory and Liberty Bonds.

The war bonds of the United States are and have been the safest investments in the world. They have always been worth their face value and liberal interest.

MAKING THE CHARTER WORK

IN the fierce white light now beaming about the city charter, some of its especially praiseworthy features are receiving a more conspicuous consideration.

Mr. White, of course, is raising the question of the validity of the alleged contract as being the only question at issue. A contract is a contract, charter or no charter.

Another feature of the charter which appears to have been overlooked is that which is aimed at eradicating the mandamus evil.

MR. WILSON AND MR. COX

IT SEEMS pretty certain now that Mr. Wilson is preparing to go into the arena in behalf of Mr. Cox. The President, according to current intimations from the White House, will resort to the written word, a weapon which he used with extraordinary results in the months immediately preceding the end of the war.

Charley Murphy is a very close friend of Mr. Cox and of the most ardent of Mr. Wilson's enemies. He went fishing on the day when a committee visited the President at Shadow Lawn with the news of the second nomination.

The purposes of the White House in this instance are plain. It is Mr. Wilson's belief, apparently, that by actively supporting Mr. Cox he will aid toward the success of his own plan for a League of Nations and world peace.

that the Nugents and the Murphys of the land are the real power behind the Cox campaign, cannot be said to have learned much about the game in which he has prepared to take a part.

WHAT IS THE RIGHT WAY TO CHOOSE A PRESIDENT?

Some Chronic Critics Are Stirring Again, Unmindful as Ever of the Meaning of a Federal Constitution

CONGRESSMAN CLYDE M. KELLY, of Pittsburgh, has prepared a bill providing for a national primary system to be substituted for the partisan presidential convention machinery.

THE NEW IMMIGRATION

WE ALL know by this time that Millerand and Clemenceau, Foch and Weyrland, Lloyd George and Sir Robert Cecil, Plunkett and his generals and all other exalted folk like the writers of books and the speakers in forums think about the war and its effects on the Europe of today.

In 1870 a plurality of votes cast in the nation went to Mr. Tilden. Mr. Cleveland in 1888 achieved a similarly barren "victory." But failing to secure majorities in the electoral college, these candidates were defeated.

This misinterpretation is fundamentally due to a wrong impression of the basis of the republic and encouraged by a peculiar trend of legislation during the past decade.

How far this nation desires to go in that direction is an interesting question suggested by the Kelly-Johnson ambitions and the re-creation of the oft-discussed program of electing Presidents by popular vote.

It is significant to note that the would-be constitution tinkerers were anticipated by considerably more than a century. Governor Morris stoutly championed the popular vote method.

The same objection does not, of course, apply to proposals to abolish national conventions. These pretentious and, on the whole, effective gatherings function under what may be called the political common law.

With the formation of rival parties was born the system of nomination by congressional caucuses. Their rulings were not seriously questioned until the end of the first quarter of the nineteenth century saw the development of the democratic idea carried far beyond the original notions of the fathers.

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Efforts to correct what were termed its abuses bore particular fruit in the presidential primary systems instituted in all but two states, but in most instances this instrument of direct approach has been futile.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Woman as Elector Will Act as Wife Did When She Took Her First Meal With Your Family

By SARAH D. LOWRIE

WHAT will she do with it? After the election is over, I mean! We all know that until the election the women who are going to use the franchise will work for the election.

LET me relate to you a case in point. A woman in Philadelphia whose word goes with a good many people was asked by one of the numerous child-welfare organizations of the state to use her influence to have the law enforced which forbids employment of children under fourteen and for children under sixteen without a license in street trades.

THE school authorities were even nicer to the inquiring woman and even more painstaking in their efforts to provide for her to talk to still other authorities.

THE parents and stepparents and legal guardians of the children who trade on the street were not ungrateful or patient when the woman looked them up. They were very painful.

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YOU will be interested in the reaction of that woman, but not surprised. She ceased to be a woman without a belief as like a play without a stage. The automaton she has vanquished the big red barn, as the cement bottomed pool has the old swimming pool.

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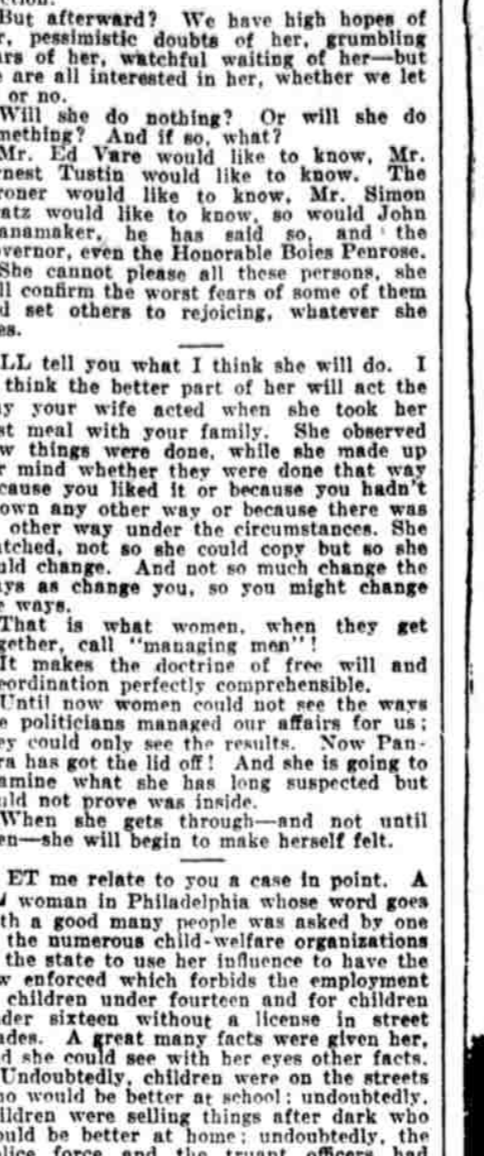
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BREAKING INTO THE BIG LEAGUE

IS HE DOWN? I'LL SAY HE IS. THIRD DOWN AN' FOUR YARDS TO GO. WHY DIDN'T YOU KEEP ON RUNNIN'?



HIS FIRST FOOT BALL SCRIMMAGE (AS IT SEEMED TO HIM) Chapin in St. Louis Democrat

NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. GEORGE H. MEEKER

PHILADELPHIA has the chance of a lifetime to become the medical center of the world and to confer an inestimable boon upon its practitioners and the public.

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SHORT CUTS

New York Lambs are served with a lot of interest these days.

The Albany Legislature is getting all the notoriety of the unrighteous.

The old question, "Why pay rent?" has been changed to "How pay rent?"

Baseball will continue to be a honest game because honesty pays.

The football season began in its usual way—with a hot, muggy Saturday.

With a \$5,000,000 Municipal Court, the populace might well consider itself done Brown.

Now that the joybells have rung out, the women will presumably get down to business.

Among the agencies that are destroying the highways of the country the motortruck has weight.

The Cost of Living will doubtless be just as irritating going down as when it was going up.

Vice President Marshall is probably looking forward to the day when he will emerge from obscurity.

The householder who will have no use for a coal shovel this winter may still keep himself warm with a snow shovel.

With three-pound bronze rosettes falling among pedestrians, the archways of City Hall appear to be good places to avoid.

There'll be no worrying about freight cars when coal is burned at the pit mouth and sends its energy near and far in the form of electricity.

One man who is watching with burning eagerness the preliminary conference at Riga between the Poles and Russians is General Wrangel.

With a passport system making it difficult for Americans to go abroad, it is strange that a somewhat similar system could not be inaugurated to stem the stream of undesirable immigrants to these shores.

The Newport Improvement Society objects to women walking the streets in bathing costume, and not too much of it. It wants the board of aldermen to take action to improve on nature, as it were.

A story comes from Chicago that all the girls are buying boys' shoes and shoe dealers are finding high heels a drug on the market. We'd as lief believe that as that they had quit using powder on their cute little noses.

A San Francisco counterfeiter, ninety years old, confessed that he had passed big money in order to get back to prison, as he was always "well treated there." He is a wise man who knows what he wants and gets it.

Postal delivery of farm products direct from producer to consumer should have its beginning with the individual producer and the individual consumer. Let the housewife pick her farmer and arrange for her weekly or monthly delivery of potatoes, beef, eggs and chickens, and the cost of the middleman will at once be eliminated.

A notebook belonging to George Washington recently unearthed contains Washington's own handwriting, a receipt for the making of small beer. It calls for thirty gallons of the stuff in a cooler. But there is small comfort in small beer nowadays, for the chances are that it would be the brewer who would find himself in the cooler.

Among the maxims to be taken with a grain of salt is that about the good dying young. There would be more truth in the declaration that the good live to a ripe old age, since a man to live long must at least be a clean liver. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic proved it in their session in Indianapolis last week. Old as they are, they keep abreast with the times—by their ritual of "One flag and one country they have added 'one language.'

Manufacturers of high-priced cars, honking in the dark to keep their courage up, say that they will not reduce the cost to the consumer; downtown restaurant proprietors say they are unperturbed by the Carry-Over Lunch movement. "Men come in for lunch," the manager of Stanley's restaurant said, "and talk over their business. They could talk in their offices, but they like to come in here and kill two birds with one stone. What, we wonder, is the bill-of-fare name for the stone?"

Hidden in the Menu From the New York Tribune

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