### EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1920

# THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

### Letters to the Editor

### Inconsistent Buyers and Sellers

o the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger Sir-I am frequently amazed at the very selfash way in which many people look at present conditions. There seems to be a great amount of inconsistency among all sorts of minds. Of late I have had occasion to go house-hunting with various friends, and I have had this strikingly brought to my attention. One of them was machanic We visited a number of new priceds, and I have had this strikingly brought to my attention. One of them was a mechanic, We visited a number of new operations, and he was loud in his denun-clation of the builders at the exorbitant prices that they were asking. As we walked away from one of these newly built houses away from one of there newly built houses he said to me: "Isn't it an outrage to churge 50000 for a small two-story house?" It did seem like a very high price, con-sidering that it could have been purchased half a dozen years ago for about one-half. But then I pointed out to the main that the jumber that had gone into the making of the house had cost more than double what it did six years ago. The land has greatly increased in value. The taxes have vir-tually doubled. The carpenter, instead of working for, we will say, 54 a day, now demands SU, and considerable more for overtime, and much of the work has been done in this way. The paperhanger sets in this way. The paperhanger gets than double, so does the bricklayer.

the plasterer and the plumber. The public taste today differs consider-The public tasts today differs consider-bly from six years ago, for these two-story houses must have inclosed porches, with radiators, and this is a big additional cost. They must also have garages, whether the person purchasing them has an auto-mobile or not, but, naturally, every man who bays nowadays is looking forward to the time when he can afford an automobile, and is preparing himself accordingly. Is there any wonder that the builders are asking large prices? I doubt whether they are getting anything like the large profit they did alx years ago, hor are they making

withing what he demanded from othera-a doubling in price. SAMUEL T PIERCE Thiladelphia, October 24, 1020.
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President Lincoln. In his Gettysburg address, said. "Four score and seven years and reference and seven years and reference to the here been here been the source of heaven. But don't look for a paragen or an angle. If you are so looking, give up the source that can enjoy perfection. JAMES T. LYNN.
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wher to be here dedicated to the unfinished rather to be here dedicated to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedirated to the great task before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vairs that these dead shall not have died in vairs that the dead shall not have dued in vairs that the for free-dom, that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

from the earth." Every porson to became a qualified citizen should be required to have in writing the Declaration of Independence and the Con-atifution's rights of freedom. Naturalized citizens are conducted to answer mustions of little importance, but a native-bern citizen does not need to know arstihuer ballet as these are told to Many are like religious nersons, they follow what their father is: the wire ther the raised to be. I to for the principles of equal pointient freedom and just rights for all the people that a for the principles of equal pointient freedom and just rights for all the people that as the principles of the principles of the people that are to how you do exercise the principles of the people these as to how you do exercise the principles of the people these as to how you do exercise the principles of the principles of the people these as to how you do exercise the principles of the Republican. Democrat. Sciencist, Prohibition Industrialitet Laber or the Single Tax party that sou should encode.

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No sitention will be paid to anony-mous letters. Names and addresses must be signed as an evidence of good faith, although names will not be printed if request is made that they be omitted. The publication of a letter is not to be taken as an indorsement of its views by this paper. Communications will not be re-turned unless accompanied by post-age, nor will manuscript be saved.

up its growing deficit, but enable it to pay a dividend to the stockholders whose money is invested. I come in contact daily with men who travel in other cities, and I have yet to find one who does not state that Philadel-

phia has the best service of any of the large cities.

Trusting that you will give this space in our columns, I am. "FAIR PLAY." our columns, I am. "FAIR PLJ Norristown, Pa., October 25, 1920.

An Answer to "Deceived Youth" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-1 should like to try and comfort Deceived Youth, who thinks that there "Deceived Youth. "Deceived Youth, who thinks that there are extremely few good, modest and pure women in the world at the present day. He is overimpressed by appearances, and ap-parently forms his impressions from our modern, seif-assertive, independent women who make a practice of courting attention. The great majority of women. I honestly believe, are wominily women. Were they part is would depend of the future of the not. I would despair of the future of the

race. "Deceived Youth" laments that in these "Deceived Youth" laments that in these modern days even our good women dress immodestly, dance immodesty and imitate many of men's vices and the like. "Tis true: 'tis pity,

The house purchaser today is paying for his own folly in the way his union has run musician, and when he complained of the big profiteering that he thought he had en-owniard that six years say he was playing an en-which his union now demanded \$50 and \$60 a week. This being the case he was only suffic his not for the SANUEL T PIERCE. Thiladelphia, October 24, 1905

ices.

### The Prohibition Amendment

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger. Sir-Will you please answer the following in your "People's Forum." The date the eighteenth amendment was passed by Con-press, also the number of Republicans and Democratic members of said Congress that passed the amendment. J. P. O'MALLEY.

Philadelphia. October 27, 1920. This amendment, which had received the iogislative ratification of the required two-

and editor, was born at New Rochelle, N. Y. She died in 1912. Chief among her books are "Hours With Gris." "Little Knights and Ladles." "The Little Kingdom of Home." "Little Book of Homespun Verse" and "My Garden of Hearts."

Divisional Insignia To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger; Sir-Did all of the divisions who fought in France adopt their insignia after they reached that country, or were some of them adopted in this country?

Philadelphia, October 27, 1920, So far as we can find only one division left the United States with its members wearing the insignia they had adopted, and that was the Eighty-first (Wildcat) Divi-sion. The rest of the divisional insignias were adopted in France.

To Convert Government Insurance To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: to the Editor of the convert my government nsurance into another kind of policy. Will be necessary for me to take a physical examination? C. E. L.

12. De necessary for his to take a posicil examination? C. E. L. Philadelphia, October 27, 1920. No. Any officer or man who continues to pay his premiums may convert his policy ir-respective of his physical condition and irrespective of the work in which he is engaged at the time of conversion in, or out, of the service. The only physical ex-amination you will ever have to pass in the future is if you should fail to pay your premiums and drop out for a time, it will be necessary to undergo an examination to be reinstated.

### About Colonel McCrae

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: To the Editor of the Lornby rubb Length Sir\_Recently you published Colonel Me-Crac's beautiful poem "In Flanders Fields." but you merely said he was a Canadian of-floer in the world war and gave his name. Can you not give me facts about him? C. L. E.

Philadelphia, October 27, 1920, John McCras, at the time the poem was John McCrae, at the time the Canadian written, was a captain in the Canadian army in Flanders. He was premoted a army in Flanders. He was premoted a licutenant colonel, and died in France of pneumonia. He was a member of the Canadian army medical corps, in charge of Medical Division No. 3 of the Canadian general hospital. He was forty-five years of age at the time of his death and grad-uated at the Toronto University in 1898. He was, for a considerable time, a fec-turer in medicine at McGill University, an assistant physician to the Royal Victoria Hospital. Montreal, and co-suthor with J. G. Adami, of the well-known textbook of patho.cogy. He had become one of the leading medical men of Canada, and at the outbreak of the war volunteered his serva France of the utbreak of the war volunteered his ser

Origin of "Myself-und Gott" To the Editor of the Evening Public Leiger:

Sir-Who is supposed to have written the poem ridiculing the kaiser, which was re-cited by an American naval captain at a banquet in New York and which created so much of a sensation? When was the banquet held? W. L. MCLEAN "E. I. T." asks for a poem containing the line: "There is a wheel in the mill they call self-denial," and a song entitled "Give Me the Wings of Faith."

banquet held? W. L. MCLEAN. Philadelphia. October 27, 1920. This poem is said to have been writ-ten by a British naval officer. It was re-cited by Captain Cophian, one of Dewry's flag officers at the battle of Manila, at a The People's Forum will appear daily in the Evening Public Ledger, and also in the Sunday Public Ledger. Letters discussing timely topics will be printed, as well as requested porms, and questions of general interest will be answered. dinner given by the Union League Clu New York city, on Friday, April 21, 1899.

Poems and Songs Desired

Wants "Wandering Boy" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger, Sir-1 am anxious to secure a poem called "The Wandering Boy." which was written by a convict on the walls of an Ohio peni which was written tentiary and was recited more than fifty

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Long, asks about the poem. "When in future distant years." etc. This was written in a Bible given by my mother to me as a boy. It contains a second stanza as follows: "Lightly thou esteem'st it now, For thy heart is young and wild. And upon thy boyhood's brow Naught but sunny Hope hath smiled: But when dissippointments come. And the world begins to steal All thy spirit's early bloom. Then its value thou wilt feel." I, too, would be giad to know the author. BIDNEY T. JAMES. Philadeiphia, Oct. 26, 1920.

Philadelphia, Oct. 26, 1920. Two Poems Wanted

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-I would very much like to get two poems, one "Beneath the Pines of Maine." and the other "The Marriage Ride." A few

The marriage ride was over. I turned my face aside: The tears I could not hide."

R. J. B. Philadelphia, October 26, 1920.

### A Mother Song

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledorr: Sir-A dear old lady of eighty-three de-sires to see in print the old song. "What is Home Without a Mother?" HAINES. HENRY T. HAINES.

Philadelphia, October 23, 1020. "WHAT IS HOME WITHOUT A MOTHER?"

MOTHER?" What is home without a mother. What are all the joys we meet. Where her loving smile no longer Greets the coming, coming of our feet? The days seem long, the nights are drear, And time rolls slowly on: And, oh, how few are childhood's pleasures When her gentle, gentle care is gone!

Things we prize are first to vanish. Things we price are that to values. Hearts we love to pass away: And how soon e'en in our childhood We behold her turning, turning stay! Her eyes grow dim, her step is slow. Her joys of earth are past; And sometimes ere we learn to know her She has breathed on earth, on earth, her isst

last.

Older hearts may have their sorrows. Griefs that quickly die away: But a mother lost in childhood Grieves the heart, the heart, from day to day.

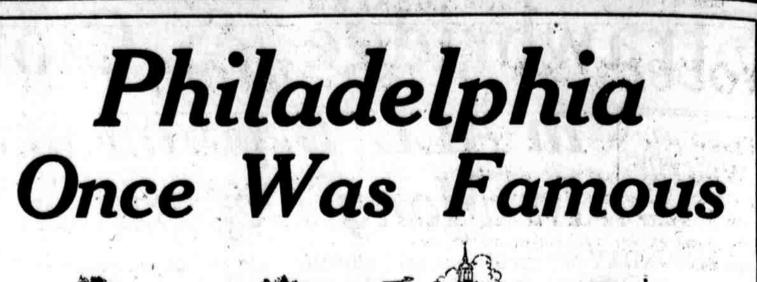
We miss her kind, her willing hand, Her fond and earnest care: oh, how dark is life around us! hat is home without, without her there?

"Miss E. H." asks for the words of a song entitled "Yours Is Not the Only Aching Heart."



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# As Being the CLEANEST CITY in America

ISTORIANS relate that nearly a hundred years ago, the old city was famous, both at home and abroad, as being the cleanest city in America.

> From 1789 to 1826 the city area had been cleaned by contract, but in 1826 the corporation undertook to do its own street cleaning.

> Such excellent results were obtained from municipal operation that Philadelphia's clean streets received world-wide fame.

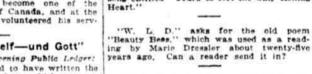
## Do you want Philadelphia to be famous again for its clean streets?

Experience has proved repeatedly that to have clean streets we must clean them ourselves with municipal forces.

### Would you like to hear Philadelphia as well as Washington, D. C., spoken of as a clean city?

Nearly ten years ago Washington substituted municipal street cleaning for contract work. I oday a mention of the





opposing it that you should choose

AMERICAN BORN. Philadelphia, October 24, 1920.

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My Canadian relatives visit the United By Lanatan The The Law shout the States at intervals The Law shout the Rt. Hon. Sir This and His Roval Highness That, and use other lofty terms with which the English poblics are intried. I fail outch the spirit which I know those Canadi relatives as much enjoy. At present I f match the so much colors. At present I feel most happy to think that it is not what we used to be, but what we are today that degunts. W L. B.

Philadelphia, October 24, 1020.

### Defends the P. R. T.

To the Editor of the Formino Public Ledger

To the Editor of the Formino Public Ledger-Bin-The writer read in your columns to-day an article in efformer to the new news n cent fare which the P. H. T. is to put into affect on November 1, which articles was signed "Justice". Does "Justice" feel that his stand in ref-arance to the P. H. T. entities him to the nom de plane he uses, or was it morely used unthinkingly? One who takes the stand he does can hardly be entitled to such a name. I venture to say that "Justice" has had there as that "Justice" has had there as the "Justice" has had there as an article to be the will entitle the we be the managed trolley line. continually rising costs and yet he will willingly throw the best-managed trolley line in the country into bankruptcy rather than give it a small increase in order that it may nor only still further improve the service, but enable it to pay its employes the recent

It enable it to be any solvance. The writer is neither an employe nor a neckholder, but he does feel that in all fair-as in where one the P. R. T. should not all be granted a sufficient increase to make

opposing it. In the House vote of December 17, 141 Democrats 187 Republicans and four Inde-pendents supported prohibition, and sixty-four Democrats, sixty-two Republicans and two independents opposed it.

Is Opposed to League
To the Editor of the Exemung Public Ledger: Number of aliget poverty and statuation. The apparent cause of this directul condi-tion of affairs is the sensit would war, started by the kuller in his competition with England in mething up other parts of the globe to selablish their imperial governments. But the true crues of present old world evil condition is the direct result of thouse wands of years of monarchy, royalty arts tors acaking "America inst", if we sense of egotistical autoracy, which is the senter ing wedge of monarchy. To yailty arts tors a cacking "America inst", if we direct in the senter tons here? If so yoie for C's and Wilson To is cacking "America inst", if we direct in all sufferences and data the first tail sufferences and the first tail sufferences to inste canouffage after the limits of Nations, and the true true world. "He that would be first tions here? If so yoie for C's and Wilson To the sending "America inst". If we do not go into Woody a League of Nations, and the true the world. "He that would be first thimself must etrike the bow". They are unable direct of European direct they and the the first tail and sufference from famine, fload typhone, etc. in all matte quarrels you for fille first thimself must etrike the bow". They are unable direct of European direct they a strange Hellow Willow and the first the bow". They are unable direct of Tamoard' and "Sonates and they a strange Hellow Willow and the first tail and sufference the true from famine, fload typhone, etc. in all arise of the world. "He that would be firse thimself must etrike the bow". They are would be firse of European direct Minnelf will that the bow ". They are the first tail and sufference the true from famine, fload typhone, etc. in all they a Strange History." "A Century of helphone. The secone and the first the bow ". They are the first the bow ". The true first the bow ". The that would be firse the bow ". They are the first OF AMERICA

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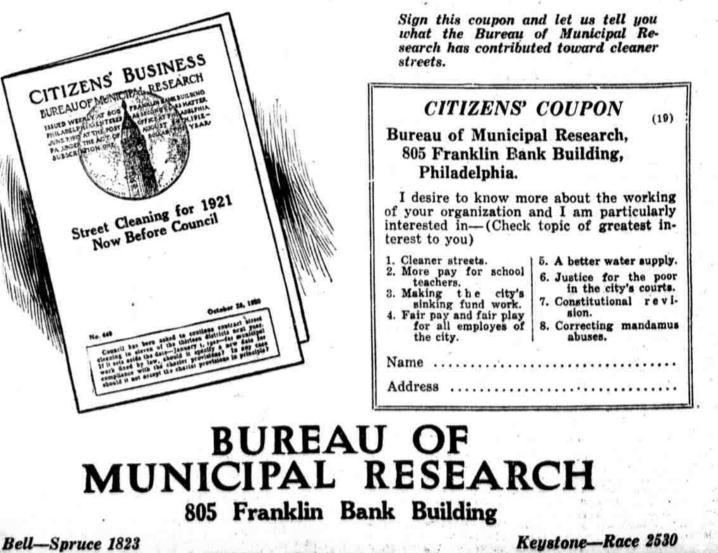
The City Charter requires municipal street cleaning in 1921 unless it is set aside by the vote of eleven councilmen with the approval of the Mayor.

The Administration's plan for next year is to clean TWO out of THIRTEEN districts by municipal forces. Equipment for these districts is now being purchased.

But Philadelphia, though her hands are freed by the new charter, still hesitates to throw over contract street cleaning entirely.

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