## THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

### Letters to the Editor

High Costs, Low Salaries he Editor of the Evening Public Ledger

Mir-I notice in your paper that you give discuss briefly the present high cost of living and the inclination to reduce sales. This, I am sure, is a subject that today is uppermiced to the public mind, for thousands of families in this city are ng themselves what the morrow is going

In spite of the fact that we read in the papers that living expenses are coming down. I am sure those who must pay the prices are not able to discover where this "coming down" is coming in It is not

a new house and am time first proupant, was the only place I could get to which to take my family. The houses are of the character that a few years ago would have sold for \$2500, and now they ask \$5000. To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: but not a \$9000 house. The owner had trouble to sell his houses at the price he saiks and for the reason already stated, and saiks and

close to \$100 and which I had to pay for from my bank account. The firm for whom I work has been compelled, on account of slack business, to lay off a number of their office men and they report that the few remaining, if business does not get better will have to accept smaller salaries.

How are we poor people soing to live through the winter with this condition star-looked and virtually neglected by persons or edited with professional example and good.

to the Federation of Labor to support the Democratic nominees, the League of Nations, the new women element that entered into the contest, prohibition the frish question and a Josen of other equally prominent analysis, not to mention the much-discussed any sympathy never fed and never will feed any body.

MESSENGER

It would seem by the votes cast that all

semething to do with this for though natither of the candidates had expressed himself, it was the general feeling that the anti-pro-hibitionists had more to expect in the way of repealing the law through Mr. Cox and a Democratic Congress than if the Republicans came came into power. It would, therefore, seem that prohibition has come to stay, and it is hardly likely that the present sminding feeling that the Irish-Americans would surport Mr. Cox and the German-Americans feeling that the Irish-Americans would surport Mr. Cox and the German-Americans feeling that the Irish feelow that the Mr. Cox and the German-Americans feeling that the Irish feelow that the Mr. Cox and the German-Americans would surport Mr. Cox and the German-Americans feeling that the Irish feelow that the Mr. Cox and the German-Americans feeling that the Irish feelow that the Would be able to do anything for that result, and they were still sore at the way their delocates to the Paris conference were dispersabled by President Wilson. It then comes down to one ispue that was the cause of the result, and that is Wilson-tem. The public generally have followed the career of the President Wilson, I believe, was very byoular with the people two years and, about the time of the ending of the world war. He deserves full credit to conclude and took an active part against the Mr. And the more than a cannot the public disease turned his head, and the public disease from the popular in the United States, and his memory is perpetuated by many counties. Camperoved of the arbitrary way in which he conducted the national affairs, and they cannot mistakes, and will profit by the Wilson mistakes, and will p

Praises McCain Articles To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger

Se the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Bir—I appreciate the McCain articles very
much and think they meet the approval of
the general public and will surely help to
beest your circulation.

With best wishes and hopes of seeing more
of the same kind of articles.

J A HART.

Philadelphia. November 2, 1920.

Exchange of Infants

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Fo the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—My attention was called to the fact
that recently is person of my acquaintance
who had a baby horn in a hospital was
somewhat apprehensive whether the child in
his possession is actually his own owing to
a considerable mix-up in the ward where the
baby was born. I also learned in the same
conversation that much careicsaness in this
respect is shown and that some hospitals
are very lax in keeping the identity of the
children.

see very lat in sceping the found for this, some remedy should be found for this, sand I think that the safest way would be so have each new-born baby scaled with a band of absolute identification around either the wrist or ankle. This should be done only by the chief physician or his assistant and in the presence of the husband, a relative or a chosen friend of the mather.

This suggestion, of course, will bring forth many objections from narrow-minded people, who will not want babics placed on the same plane as fouthered pets that are eften marked in this fashion, but it seems of me the only safe and practical way.

Debtiadelphis, October 29, 1920.

Philadelphia, October 29, 1920.

How Indians Reached America To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Bir-One of your readers wants to know as to how, when and from what country the mains came to America. He should read "Antiquity of Man." by Charles Lyall "Sistory of Creations." by Ernest Hackel; John Lubbook's "Prehistoric Times. Luddon Lubbook's "Prehistoric Times." Luddon Lubbook's "Evidences as to Man's Husely's "Evidences as to Man's lace in Nature" and "On Our Knowledge of the Causes of the Phanomena of Organic Tature."

rel says: 'Probably America was appled from northeastern Asta by the ribe of Mengais from which the Hyribe and Eakimos had also branched. the first pread in North America.

Letters to the Editor should be as brief and to the point as possible, avoiding anything that would open a denominational or sectarian discus-

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sylices are not able to discover where this "coming down" is coming in It is not approximately at what is now Siberia and Assex of the possible today to rent a house anywhere in a respectable neighborhood for less than from \$50 to \$75. Now the committed anywhere in a liways figured out that no family is justified in waying more than one week's salary amonth for their rent.

I am sure the great unalority of renters are making considerably less than \$200 a month for the great unalority of renters are making considerably less than \$200 a month and very few of the renters are drawing \$500. The only way these resters could reduce this cost is to buy their own homes, but very few of them have found it possible to finance them.

I live in a little street up in Germantown in a new house and am the first occupant.

JAMES T. MUNDT.

Philadelphia, October 31, 1920.

any less, therefore he is renting them at 555 a month.

I receive only a nuclerate salary, and sommercial house as a bookkeeper. I are compelled to pay almost had my salary for rent. The winter is coming and I have had to buy six tons of coal, which cost me close to \$100 and which I had to pay for the workers therein engaged. Buch foods may be exposed to all kind of contamination my bank account. The firm for when therefore he is renting them at man machines in order to replace tissues

Meaning of the Election

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Before the election every one was
trying to figure what was to be the sontimaint of the people, and, believe me, it was
some task, and today, may that it is all over,
we cannot understand what was the reason
that the outcome in our minds was so vague,
since it has been so overwhelming. The
thing we are doing new is to try to arrive
at a meaning of it all. This arems equally
bard to understand.

There were many things that entered into
the contest which we folt were going to affeet the result—Mr. Gempers and his appeal
to the Federation of Labor to support the
to the Federation of Labor to support the Phila delphia, November 2, 1920.

It would seem by the votes hast that all of these elements went to the Lenedt of the Republican party. Labor certainty did not support its federation, and they have discredited Mr. Gempers for trying to draw that have or organization into politics. The League of Nations was evidently a very unpopular sampaign policy, so far as supporting the cort of league that Mr. Cox was advocating. I doubt whether the women element had much effect, for I believe that, while they helped to swell the Republican majorities, yet their vote was so divided that it would not have brought about the result without the ather questions that were under consideration.

Prohibition played a strong part, no doubt, but it helped the Republicans to roll up big majorities, and the women may have had something to do with this, for though neither of the Eucling Men's Places

Taking Men's Places

To the Editor of the Eucling Public Ledger:

Sir—Why do corporations advertise for young women and boys. There are thousands of educated men and young men with broad experience in certical work who are desirous of obtaining positions in offices, but cannot because of this continuous cry for young women and boys. Why displace the man when, with his continuous cry for young women and boys. Why displaces the man when, with his continuous cry for young women and boys. Why displaces the man when, with his continuous cry for young women and boys. Why displaces the man when, with his continuous cry for young women and boys. Why displaces the man when, with his continuous cry for young women and boys. Why displaces the man when, with his continuous cry for young women and boys. Why displaces the man when, with his continuous cry for young women and boys. Why displace the man when, with his continuous cry for young women and boys. Why displace the man when, with his continuous cry for young women and boys. Why displace the man when, with his continuous cry for young women and boys. There are thousands office work? There are thousands of the continuous cry for yo

named, although we cannot give you the

Grant Story Not True

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To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Is it a fact that after General U. S.
Grant left West Point Academy and prior
to the Civil War he was court-martialed
and dismissed from the army on account of
drunkenness? C. L. DAVIDSON.
Philadelphia, October 31, 1920.
Nothing of the kind ever happened. Grant
served in the army from 1848 until 1854.
when he resigned voluntarily and settled in
St. Leuis. He had been promoted three
times, and was a captain when he resigned.
He was married in 1848, five years before
he resigned from the army, and had two be resigned from the army, and had two children. In his autobiography he says: "I saw no chance of supporting my family out of my pay as an army officer. I concluded, therefore, to resign, and in March applied for a leave of absence until the end of July following tenders. ollowing, tendering my resignation to take effect at that time."

the United States federal law to mutilate solder. I think, of the Civil war. I cannot the line any way or otherwise destroy United States currency?

Also please give me your opinion of the following: Miss "A" is walking down the Philadelphia. November 3, 1920.

From his heart came a sob and a mean); I'll tell you the reason—
I know you won't laugh—
I've a little one dying at home."

Also please give me your opinion of the following: Miss "A" is walking down the street near a toll bridge, and when she opened her purse a dollar bill was blown unde the bridge. An elderly man, with much trouble, recovered same. Should the man have been rewarded?

CHARLES T. BRIGGS. Philadelphia, November 2, 1920. It is no crime to mutilate money, unless ou try to pass mutilated as sound money; which is not very easily done. It is, how ever, extravagant to do so maliciously The man should undoubtedly have beer swarded for his trouble.

Why Lobsters Turn Red To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Would it be possible for you to ex-plain to me why lobsters turn red after they are out of the water for a time?

Philadelphia. November 2, 1920.

When a lobster is taken out of the lobster trap with which the fisherman traps him he is green, but when he comes to the table. How are we poor people woins to live through the winter with this condition starding us in the face? It is anything but a bright outlook. Probably one of your kind readers would point out the way for us, for may not know how to committee to the best advantage, although both myself and wife have given the subject long and sirious thought. Our pocketbook made this necessary.

Meaning of the Election

A Question of Tips

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Mich is the most vital division of any that division of any there with this condition at the most vital division of any that the most vital division of any there with this condition across the book and the most vital division of any there with this condition across the book and the most vital division of any there with this condition as a choice morse of food his shell is green, but when he comes to the table as a choice morse of food his shell is green, but when he comes to the table as a choice morse of food his shell is green, but when he comes to the table as a choice morse of food his shell is green, but when he comes to the table as a choice morse of food his shell is green, but when he comes to the table as a choice morse of food his shell is green, but when he comes to the table as a choice morse of food his shell is green, but when he comes to the table as a choice morse of food his shell is green, but when he comes to the table as a choice mor

MacSwiney Queries

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Would you kindly print in the People's Forum the correct pronunciation of the name of the late Terence McSwiney and also the verdict of the coroner at his inquest?

The theatre was full—it was Dork night:
That is, Dorkins was going to appear At night in a favorite comedy part.
For he was comedian here.
Funny? Why, he'd make you laugh
Till the tears ran down your chart. name of the late leveled at his in-also the verdict of the coroner at his in-terest in a second the verdict of the verd

lowing scurvy, which was due to exhaustion from prolonged refusal to take food.

Irish Song Requested To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-I am very anxious to secure an Irish sons which contains the following verse: "There's a wes bit of land far across the

it's a land that are will be dear to me.

It's my dreams by night, and my thoughts by day.

It's a bonnie, bonnie country, so far away."

M. I. O'ROURKE.

Philadelphia, November 1, 1920.

"Conversion of Silas" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-I wish a poem entitled "The Conversion of Silas," of which the following is

second verse: he second verse:
"One day a nephew died and left
An old one-lung machine
A standing out in old \$1's barn.
Si got some gasoline." G. L.
Philadelphia, November 1, 1929.

## A Civil War Song

Mutilating Money, Etc.

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir-Is it or is it not an offense against the United States federal law to mutilate soldier. I think, of the Civil War. I cannot

Patriotic Poem To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir-I will appreciate it if one of your readers will be able to supply the remaining verses of a patriotic poem, which contains these lines:

these lines:

"Lift up your heads, desponding freemen.
Fling to the winds your needless fears;
He who unfurled our glorious banner
Said it should wave a thousand years."

Mrs. L. O. PRINCE,
Philadeiphia, November 2, 1920.

## Three Songs Requested

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Am very anxious to have the words of the following songs: "The Old Armchair."

The theatre was full-it was Dorkins'

Till the tears ran down your cheeks like

is of tipping the to travel in all shine, and still "Swy-ne." the accent on the first syllable and the short sound of the better,"

The reader giving are poorly paid.

I say something we get where quently not even

A character new to himself and the stage
That he'd trod for so many a day.

By eight the theatre was perfectly cramme
All waiting a pleasant surprise,
For they knew they would laugh
Till their sides would ache. Poems and Songs Desired

And they longed for the ourtain to rise.

The play soon began;
Each neck was stretched forth.

And eagerly watched each eye
For Dorkins to make his first "entrance."

And then to give him a cheerful "Hi, hi."

He soon appeared amid loud applause,
But something was wrong you could see

But something was wrong, you could see,
"Demand in playing quite badly tonight,"
The people sald sitting round me.
A hiss? Yes, it was, I saw Dorkins start
As though stung by a serpont's fang;
Then he'd cast a beseeching glance all

And his hoad on his breast would hang. He's drunk, and really I though so myzelf, For to me it was awful at times To see how he'd struggle along with hi

part.
And continually stick to bis lines.
The footlights at last he approached you slow,
slow,
And "Ladies and gentlemen" said.
"If I cannot please you tonight,
The fault's not the heart, but the head.
There's many a night I've made you all

laugh
When I could scarcely well stand. And every effort was pain to me then.
Yes, if I even raised but my hand. ou hiss me tonight
And think that I am drunk

Harris's Most Popular Song To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—For some time my alster and I have
been trying to secure the words of an old
song, entitled "After the Bail," which was
very popular some years ago. The chorus
starts as follows:

"After the ball was over, After the break of dawn-

After the dancers leaving—"
R, and E, H.
Atglen, Pa., October 18, 1920.

"AFTER THE BALL"
By Charles K, Harris
A little maiden climbed an old man's knee
Begged for a story, do, uncle, please,
Why are you single, why live alone, Have you no bables, have you no home! I had a sweetheart long years ago,

know. List to my story, I'll tell it all, I broke her heart, pet, after the ball.

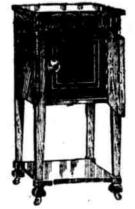
Chorus After the ball was over, after the break of dawn,
After the dancers leaving, after the stars are gone;
Many a heart was sching, if you could read them all,
Many a hope had vanished, after the ball. Bright light were flashing in the grand ballroom.
Softly the music played a sweet tune:
There stood my sweetheart, my love, my

There stood my sweetneart, my love, my own;
Get me some water, leave me alone.
When I returned, pet, there stood a man Kissing my sweetheart, as lovers can;
Down fell the glass, pet, broken, that's all,
Just as my heart did, after the ball.

Long years have passed, child. I have never wed.
True to my last love, though she is dead.
She tried to tell me, tried to explain;
I would not listen, pleading were vain;
One day a letter came from that mate.
He was her brother, so the letter ran;
That's why I'm single, you know it all,
I thought her faithless, after the ball.

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