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away from the east center of the city were chosen. Moreover, there is no reason why the planning of traffic reform facilities should wait upon the completion of the river span.

CITY SOLICITOR SMYTH AND THE LAWLESS JOHN

If the Brooks License Law is to be a Shelter for Criminals It Should Be Repealed

IT ISN'T like a Philadelphia policeman—or any other policeman, for that matter—to bleed or break a leg in passionate efforts to enforce the letter of the Volstead act.

The fact remains that the force as a whole hasn't turned in with any great enthusiasm to help the government's enforcement agents, largely because they have so many other things to keep them busy.

"PATRONAGE DID IT"

COUNCILMAN ROGER sustains the charge made in these columns that the Municipal Court budget of \$1,000,000 was approved in spite of the protest of salaries for numerous men who do no work, through the judicious distribution of patronage by Presiding Judge Brown.

The budget, which was finally approved yesterday afternoon, is in the hands of the Mayor in a day or two. The Mayor knows how the votes were put to prevent any reduction in the sums asked by Judge Brown, and he is aware of the wasteful use of public money by the court.

It is confidently believed that he will use his legal power to veto them altogether or to reduce the Municipal Court items and thus force the members of Council to put themselves on record as supporting him in his fight for economy or as opposing him in the interest of political combinations plotting to wreck his administration.

UN-AMERICANISM REBUKED

SYMPATHY for foreigners seeking the benefits of existence under the government of the United States is unlikely to be extended to the type of representatives of which were dismissed from the Nationalization Court by Judge McWhorter.

These applicants sought exemption from the draft during the war period on the ground that they were citizens or subjects of other countries. Their action is now stamped as sordid and conspicuously selfish, exhibit of a high regard for American citizenship as a means of profit and of escape for it as an inspiration for patriotic service.

Similar cases will probably recur. It is gratifying to feel assured that they will have no standing in court. Such flagrant un-Americanism will not be recognized.

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING

THE budget-makers of the Council have adjusted the tax rate to the city's income and expenditures. Popular indignation has thus been forestalled and it may be added, popular interest has been satisfied.

ART MUSEUM PROGRESS

THE virtual completion of the work of altering the topography of the Spring Garden reservoir hill in order to harmonize it with the comprehensive Parkway plans should be gratifying to the considerable number of Philadelphia art lovers who have been watching what a splendid job has been made.

TRAFFIC LANE NEEDS

IT WAS not entirely inappropriate that the idea of leaving the Pennsylvania end of the Delaware river bridge at Spring Garden street should have been advanced before the Spring Garden Association. The likelihood that meetings of the latter body will be held at Market street, Chestnut street and other thoroughfares will call forth arguments on behalf of adjusting the bridge plans to the course of these arteries is strong.

Nevertheless, there is a feature of Mr. Vauchlain's suggestion which is of more than merely complimentary interest. It is the emphasis on the necessity of a widening of Seventh street between Washington square and Girard avenue in order to accommodate the interstate traffic.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

The Officer That Knows Most About Any Organization is, as a General Rule, Its Treasurer

BY SARAH D. LOWRIE SOME ONE asked me the other day what I thought was the most pivotal position in an organization. I hesitated and said, "That depends on the organization."

I KNEW a board of managers not long ago that was pretty equally divided on a matter of policy about which the organization was practically unanimous. That is, the policy of one-half the executive committee was backed by an almost unanimous general membership.

JOHN RUSKIN'S dictum about "faint pockets" when one handles other people's money is very pertinent to treasurers of any public funds, philanthropic, religious or civic.

HOUSTON'S TAX SUGGESTIONS SECRETARY HOUSTON is right when he says that the present tax situation is the result of the maximum productivity and are rapidly driving the wealthier taxpayers to transfer their investments into the billions of tax-free securities and depriving productive industry of necessary capital.

A TREASURER of one of the church missions denominations here in town sent me a letter to some eight or ten treasurers asking for the yearly reports of their separate accounts, to see if they agreed with the figures in his report.

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known to deal with counterfeiters, it ought to be repealed. After Mr. Smyth's opinion, the State Legislature has nothing to do but provide a state enforcement act similar in all its provisions to the federal law.

The more ardent advocates of the bondary principle, viewing the confusion that is due in part to their own headlong and unreasoning zeal, often console themselves with the thought that, even if whisky has not been wiped out, the lower order of saloon, which presented the worst phase of the traffic, has been eliminated.

That is a wholly wrong assumption. Saloons of the lower order continue to thrive, and all the evils once charged against them flourish and are elaborated under ground. The liquor traffic in its less detectable forms has been eliminated. The worst of it has been forced below the surface and outside regulation.

The continuance of the Brooks license law is necessary to the continuance of this condition. The state says in effect to the saloonkeepers: "You may sell whatever you wish to sell, so long as you can get away with it. We give you a license and partial protection. Pay the required fee and the police will not interfere with your business."

The saloons sell moonshine whisky, doped whisky, imitation whisky and whatever else they can get through underground channels, and they are making more money than they ever made in the days before prohibition.

At the end of a year they disentangle their figures into orderly columns by a process that only they can comprehend. They do the result, under the guidance of some male expert, in figures that they cannot comprehend.

SOME years ago I belonged to an organization which spent more than \$100,000 a year of the public's gifts on the upkeep of a building which had been built in 1880.

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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS! Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

SAMUEL M. VAUCLAIN On Living on \$6.40 a Week

A WORKINGMAN need not hesitate to marry if he is making only \$6.40 a week, but he must first forsake the large city and the many temptations they offer to the pocketbooks of the unwary, and then he must resolve to practice strict economy.

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SHORT CUTS

John Barleycorn is feeling hipped these days. "Chicago Wants a Mint."—Headline. Why doesn't she try a clove?

It must be plum discouraging to a bandit to find his victim armed. "Daifmen's League Votes to Pool Milk."—Headline. Pump out of order?

Santa Claus is about ready to impose a tax that nobody will think of resisting. "Since he is no longer an important Jack 'in the game, rumor has it that HI feels low."

Praise for the President becomes less infrequent now that his enemies fear him not at all. Governor Spraul in "adopting" a child for Christmas Day has set an example others might well follow.

The abolition of joy-riding in city-owned cars might help the municipality to save a little money. A curfew law for crooks and an adequate force of plain-clothes men to enforce it might help to discourage banditry.

Perhaps it is the wish of Representative Upham to carry the prohibition law to that where nobody will be willing to stand for it. "And the first item on my early Christmas shopping list," remarked thoughtful Santa Claus, "must be a bunch of Red Cross stamps."

The mayor and council of Yoncalia, Ore., are all women. They say they are going to clean up the town. They must intend to drive off all the men out.

The wife of the Atlantic City postmaster who routed robbers by throwing a lighted lamp at them disproved the allegation that a woman can't hit when she aims at.

Clara Smith Hanson's desire to be tried by a jury of women shows more confidence in her sex than is warranted. Most women would prefer a jury of men.

No one will grudge the Captain Court-ageness to increase the emoluments of his position may bring them but the feeling persists that Gloucester has lost something of its glamour.

The two New Yorkers found eighty quarts of whisky to Chicago had their suitcases labeled, "New York Hat Co.," probably because the stuff they contained was warranted to go to the head.

Entirely apart from the merits of the taxibus strike, the men who threw acid into the faces of drivers who remained at work are cowardly miscreants who ought to receive the full penalty of the law when they are caught.

There is no ground for the supposition that the "administration" councilmen who voted for the Municipal Court appropriation have any expectation that the Mayor or anyone under any misapprehension as to their reasons for so doing.

We can positively asseverate that Secretary Houston's report will receive all the attention that the report of an outgoing secretary can be expected to receive. We go further, and emphatically declare that it will receive all the attention it deserves.

The police commissioner of New York has been assuring citizens that New York diploma is abroad from attending functions at which liquor is served. Evidently our representatives are to be made to feel the force of the ancient adage (or warning): "Be good and you'll be foregone."

What Do You Know?

1. What is the highest volcano in the world? 2. What is feline? 3. How should it be pronounced? 4. What cabinet office is held by Secretary Houston?

5. What is a gopher? 6. What is the name of the river of India? 7. Through whose death did John Tyler become President of the United States? 8. What is the meaning of the musical term "soliloquy"?

9. What relation was Mary Queen of Scots to Queen Elizabeth? 10. In what country was the metric system of weights and measures first used?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. James is the first name which has preceded most among Presidents of the United States the bearers of it having been Madison, Monroe, Polk, Buchanan and Garfield.

2. The word necessary may be pronounced with accent either on the first or the second syllable. The former is common in England, the latter in the United States.

3. The Soliloquy is the name of the Norwegian Parliament. 4. The word Britain was a complication arising between the United States and Great Britain at the opening of the Civil War. The British steamer "Trent" on which were the Confederate captives, was captured by the United States.

5. The Queen of Scots was the daughter of James VI of Scotland and James II of England. 6. The metric system was first used in France.

7. "During the month of October, 1914, there were at least four thousand men employed here and their average weekly wages were \$7.66, with the high point in that year reaching \$14.64 and the average for the entire year approximately \$11.80. This also shows that many of these men must have lived on sums less than \$6.40.

8. A major damo is the chief official of an Italian or Spanish princely household. 9. Eight planets, including the earth, are in the solar system.

10. The earth is divided into five climate—the North Frigid, the North Temperate, the Torrid, the South Temperate and the South Frigid.

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