# THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

### Letters to the Editor

Our Telerance Not Understood to the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-The writer begs space to say: If your respondent, "Don Sherwood" (letter Febmary 18, 1921), were staying permanently to Philadelphia, he would see far more than "dirty car windows" to cause citigens to be "ashamed" and (some of them)

smisble, more humble, or more indifferent an those of other cities, it is difficult to Three of the worst conditions mffered here are the transit facilities, the me lighting and the streets, which latter are in such a disreputable condition in many urt, holes and inequalities, that house fronts kept free from copious mud plashes. Complaints to the Department of

remot be supplaints to the Department of splashes. Complaints to the Department to the Highways result in no improvement to the Condition, which is one of long standing. Regarding the transit situation, the submissive attitude of the troiley riders under missive attitude of the troiley riders under sisting conditions, particularly in bad existing conditions, particularly in bad spaning the increase in fare and enduring the paying the increase in fare and enduring the same old discomforts of the past, with no some in authority giving the matter a thought. But when on the opening night the persons attending were obliged to wait inneed for their private conveyances to their homes than was comfortable, a large and lead protest was voiced which was immediately heard at City Hall, the result being promptly improved subsequent conditions in somection therewith.

connection therewise.

One wonders if among those temporarily the wonders of the hish rental paid by the P. R. T. to the underlying companies, which is responsible for the conditions suffered by the public.

We were recently informed—through the mawapapers—by one of the councilmen that, ewing to the increases in the taxation of real estate there remains a large surplus in the treasury. We have not, however, been teld that this surplus is to be used in any way to the benefit of the taxpayers to whom it belongs.

Instead we hear that placeholders in City Hall, immediately upon learning of the surplus, crowded around clambring for increases in their pay. Also we learn that council has passed over the Mayor's veto the bill giving \$1,000,000 to the Municipal Court to perpetuate that colossal waste of the inspacers' money. tatpayers' money. of these abuses is not understandable. A. C.

Philadelphia, February 22, 1921.

Money for Sesquicentennial Fair To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Fo the Editor of the Evening you on the 31st uit.,
sith reference to the proposed sesquicensenial fair and a means whereby the \$50.100 requested by Mayor Moore at that time
tould be voted without additional expense
to the municipality. I did not foor do I

its and add that not one two-nundreads
it is the taxpayers witness or care about
it may be well enough for idle tranents to witness, as I judge Mr. Walter
notes is, and call attention to Mardi Gras
it over the world, but evidently he has lost
ght of the fact that every one of the
ard Gras he refers to is held at seasons
and discount in the respective localities menhuman beings can take their children stand around on concrete pavements, pearth, or sit on viewing stands in sum-attire end not in a latitude where the mometer is normally anywhere from to freezing point. Fabrenheit, which

nding contributions of Council (taxpayers' mey) to this parade for five years to p promote a gigantic fair (that may sonce in fifty years), which will do more anent good for the city of Philadelphia he six or eight months it will be held the mummers' parada would in twenty. Anyway, why not try it?—the proof—I venture to say if suspended it will be resumed, at least not in January, it me add that no one would enjoy thing this parada more than my family saif it was held at a season of the that was propitious. As it is now I deconsider myself to be as big a fool delphia, February 17, 1921.

### The Tipstaffs' increase the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger

-A bill has been introduced in the creasing the salary of tipstaffs to for what reason no one but the 10 a. m. and closes at 8 p. m., if

he job has always been looked upon oft snap. Some time since, when seal salaries were increased, they bonus to the tipetaffs of \$300, makeslary \$2500. This was done, no selve dignity to the court at the of the taxpayers. A tipetaff is more or less than a court police and the only difference between them or resular police officer is that the orks seven days of the week out in ds of weather, while the tipetaff form 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., in a comroom, six days in the week. There eason why a tipetaff should receive oney than a police officer, which is a day. Their salaries should be defining lace of being increased, and the hould be stopped at once.

EX.POLICE OFFICER.

Not Favor Capital Punishment would find it rather difficult, i to meet with any considerable reasoning persons who would the death penalty does prevent am nearly seventy-five years old sways been opposed to capital

majority of refined intelligen i women bolieve that slaying human by law has the direct opposite effect a deterrent of murder, in that it tee the orininal passion in the natu-li-disposed class. The gruesome ac-if executions appear to have a devil-

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As for the murderer himself, it seems to

As for the murderer himself, it seems to me the veriest absurdity to suppose that he over gives the slightest thought to punishment he will receive for his crime or about punishment at all. His sole idea is to exterminate the object of his wrath or greed. He is too insanely absorbed in that ambition to think of anything else.

Capital punishment is doomed, and the sooner the barbarous enactment is wiped off our statute books the better it will be for us and for our posterity. Two hundred years ago the taking of human life by law in England was of such common occurrence that it excited no more comment than the death of a pig. Is it not a perfectly reasonable assumption that our posterity will speak of us in similar fashion a good deal loss than two hundred years hence?

W. B. JACOBSON.

Philadelphia, February 20, 1921. Philadelphia, February 20, 1921.

## Making Hoboes Work

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—The daily papers call attention to the fact that so many men are out of employment in Philadelphia. Many of these men, it is true, are victims of circumstances, but, again, there are many who will not work unless they get the highest wages, and others are professional idlers. Let us help the worthy poor to help themselves, but why should we help those who do not want to help themselves? Cannot the city enforce more stringent measures and say to all habitual idlers when they apply to the municipal lodging houses for shelter:

"Either sweep the city streets or go to the Correction"?

I am not in favor of playing these men n competition with regular labor. But hey should be made to clean the streets of the city, remove the snow and do work that other men are now doing who could better serve the city in other capacities. The taxpayers of the city contribute a large sum of Philadelphia, February 20, 1921.

By a Janitor's Wife

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—I have sympathy with the "Waiters Wife." who wrote to the People's Forum of how she struggled to get along and what a metrial job she considered her husband had. Let her cheer up. My husband has tried overy kind of work to make an honest living. and at present holds the meanest position and set present holds the meanest position of all as a janitor. He is an honest, Christian man and tries to do what is right by every one. As you know, a janitor gets a very low salary and has about one dozen hosses who think that it is about for him to even think of sleep. He has people kicking at 10:80 because there is no steam and at

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-While there are problems of the unemployed to be solved, married women," with husbands to support them, are working and earning salaries when they ought to be at home attending to their household duties.

Unless her husband is absolutely unable to support her, the married woman's work is at home. She is out of place in office or factory. I wonder if this type of wage-published in the Thursday's edition of your earner store to the them. I would like to substitute the substitute of the support as a plantage.

Philadelphia, February 17, 1921.

## Questions Answered

No Bonus Bill in Tennessee o the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Will you please tell me, through
your People's Forum column, if the state
of Tencessee has paid, or contemplates paying, a bonus to its ex-service men?
Philadelphia, February 19, 1921.
No bonus bill has passed the Tennessee
Legislature, although such a bill has been
presented.

Presidents and "Alda" To the Ekitor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Kindly state, through the People's
Forum, in rotation, the names, and to which
party they were affiliated, of the Presidents
of the United States, beginning with Wash

Also kindly give pronunciation of the word "Alda" (the opera). Miss S. D. Philadelphia, February 20, 1921. Washington and Adams, Federalists; Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and J. Q. Adams, Republican; Jackson and Van Buren, Democrat; Harrison, Whig: Tyler and Polk, Democrat; Taylor and Fillmore, Whig: Pierce and Buchanan, Democrat; Lincoin, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Republican; Cleveland, Democrat; Benjamin Harrison, Republican; Cleveland, Democrat; McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, Republican; "Alda" is prenounced as if spelled "ah-se-dah."

Submits a Problem To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I submit the following problem, for which there are at least two methods of solving, one of which is comparatively simple. Perhaps your readers can find it.

The product of two numbers is equal to six times their gum, and the sum of their squares is equal to 403. Find the numbers.

J. P. P.

corney to write it, or can one corn will? FREDERICK HENRY.

Philadelphia, February 18, 1921.

A person can write his own will, although it is usually best to have a will written by an attorney in a regular legal form. A brief form of will was printed in the People's Forum of January 25, 1921.

Wants Dedicative Inscriptions To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger Sir—Can any of your readers quote to me some passages for dedicative inscriptions in books presented to friends? I should like to have about six different selections and should be very grateful for any help.

W. L. T.

### Philadelphia, February 17, 1921. Solves Problem

Ing at 10:30 because there is no steam and at 11 p. m. because the water is not hot enough to take a bath, etc. He has the polite bores to deal with and the noisy knockers. Will some experienced janitor inform me if any of them are foolish enough to sit up all hours of the night to keep up hot water and steam?

A JANITOR'S WIFE.

Philadelphia, February 20. 1921.

Married Women and Employment

The segments of these overlapping circles each have 10 feet height, as the two segments logether are 20 feet at the highest point.

Multiply the height 10 feet and divide by the diameter to obtain versine.

Area of this segment's versine .2 (table) equals .11182. This multiplied by square of diameter 2500 equals area of one segment.

As there are two segments lying together from equal size, to obtain the area, multiply

Area required, 559.10 square feet.
F. L. RUMBLE,
Philadelphia, Feb. 9, 1921.

set to freezing point. Fahrennest, which can be easily to a few New Yorkers or Chicagoans who have never spent two weeks at a time here and other transients or highbrows who want roof garden or cabaret excitement, which they can find in this city if they remain long enough to get acquainted. Philatelephia is no more dead than New York or to go to work and earn money when it is

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statements at two different times, when the numbers of his pigs were not equal. If this were the case, then I think my answer is correct, but, on the other hand. If the different references were made almost simultaneously, then it is evident that I have not gone far enough and my solution would not be the one desired. P. F. K.

Bryn Mawr, Pa., February 19, 1921. —

a few weeks ago. Can the author be given, or any other associated verses?

SARAH T. HALE.

Philadelphia, January 31, 1921.

"In the Days of Lafayette

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Six—There is a poem called "In the Days of Lafayette." which I have been auxious to get for some time. I don't know the any

Apply Bonus Commission, Trenton To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—I colleted from the state of New Jorsey during the World War, and as that state has passed a solders' bonus bill would like to know if they have started to pay said bonus and how can I get my bonus?

Philadelphia, February 20, 1921,

Poems and Songs Desired

An Old Song Desired

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To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Can you find any one who will be
willing to send in the words of the song
which contains this verse:
"The tea goes round the room in cups now;
It takes three weeks to get two sups now;
In ancient times when I was little,
The only steam came out of the kettle,
Sing heigh, sing ho! I grieve, I grieve,
For the good old days of Adam and Eve."

Philadelphia, February 8, 1921. Philadelphia, February 8, 1921.

Where Poem is Found Where Poem is Found
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger;
Bir—In reference to the letter from J.
E. Webater, published in the People's Forum
of the Evening Public Linder of February
12, the Kipling poem is entitled "The Winners," and is published in full in "Songs
From Books," by Rudyard Kipling, and is
one of the Doubleday-Page & Co. red leather
chitions of his works.

CHARLES HAZLEHURST.
Cumberland, Md., February 21, 1921.

Lines and Authors Wanted To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger.

Sir—Some of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Some of the readers of your People's
Forum column can, I hope, give the desired
information as to the following quotation:

"A solumn murmur in the soul
Tells of the world to be,
As travelers hear the billows roll
Before they reach the sea."
I heard this verse quoted by a well-known
clergyman in a public discourse about sixty
years ago, and I have kept it in mind ever
since, although I have never been able to

years ago, and I have kept it in mind ever-since, although I have never been able to learn the author or the remainder of the hymn, if it were a hymn, "What God has ordered must be right: Then find in it thine own delight: While here to do His will be mine, And His to 'dx my reeting time."

These lines were feebly repeated by an

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—There is a poem called "In the Days
of Lafayatte," which I have been anxious to
get for some time. I don't knew the suthor, but those are the first two stanzas, I

helieve:
Here in this corner of the steir
A portrait stood of a girl so fair
That one's glances clung to the tovely eyes,
That looked with an innocent surprise,
Cut of the gloomy canvas there.

Cut of the gloom, ah! long ago.
Her sweet face shons, and down the stair.
Siender and graceful, tall and fair.
Grandmamma came with footstep light
To go to the general's ball that night.
That is as much as I remember. Can a
reader send it in or give me any information
as to where I can get it?
M. F. C.
Philadelphia, February 17, 1021.

Wants Author of Poem To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I would appreciate it if any one could
tell me the author of the following beautiful
little poem on death:
What's death? A little broadening of the

ripple
Upon the eternal shore:
A little loosening of the bands that cripple,
This, and nothing more.

What's death? The opening of a perfect flower. No watcher sees

The allent Spirit who at twilight hour The bondman frees.

What's death? God's mercy, strange, un comprehended.
The undiscovered goal;
the Land of Promise

The day-dawn of the soul. Philadelphia, February 17, 1921.

"C. M. L." asks for a recitation. "Tim Finnigan's Wake." and the last verse of "I Had But Fifty Cents." two verses of which were recently printed. J. H. Patterson, Clayton, N. J., asks for poem entitled "I Haven't Got Time."

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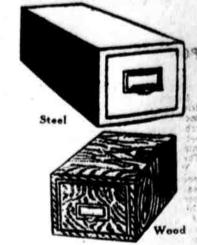
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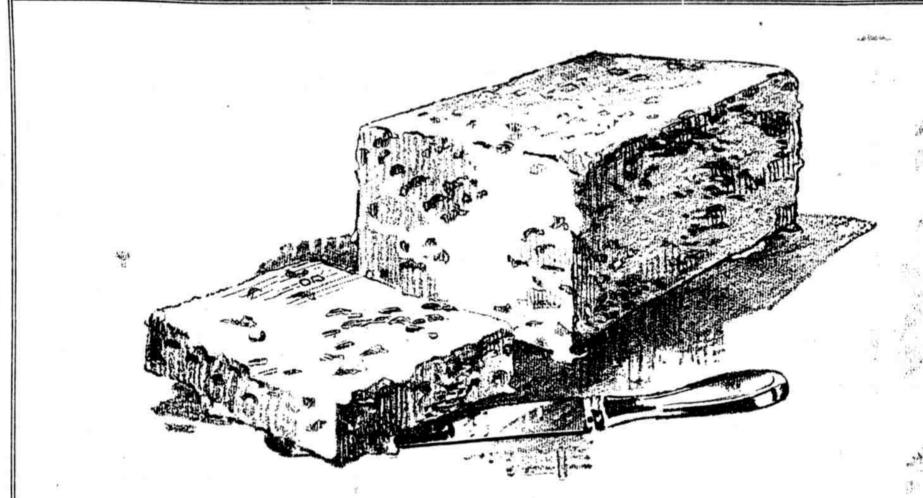
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