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REWARDS FOR UNFITNESS

THE almost simultaneous announcement that Martin G. Brumbaugh and William M. Bunn are candidates for the office of Prothonotary of the Common Pleas and Municipal Courts is a first in local politics.

While it is true that the theory that this post should be reserved for political left-overs is vividly upheld by the situation, the very profusion of unfitness raises some nice points. The two ex-Governors—Mr. Bunn will be remembered for his general administration of the State—furnish an interesting contrast of personalities.

When it comes, however, to seeking the office made vacant by the death of Henry F. Walton they stand on common ground. Knowledge of the law will not embarrass either of these candidates.

A SUMMONS TO GOETHALS
GERMANS who have circulated the tale that the French are maintaining the old battle area in ruins and devastation for political effect will be alarmed to learn that George W. Goethals has been formally invited to survey the stricken regions and to give advice concerning the work of reconstruction.

MR. McADOO'S IMPATIENCE
"DISARMAMENT or bust!" cries William G. McAdoo emphatically, and when he puts the case that way the world bankruptcy seems simple.

IT HAS STRUCK A SNAG
THE plan for a new Department of Public Welfare in the Federal Government has already aroused the opposition of the American Council on Education. The Council is composed of college presidents. It has been meeting in Washington this week.

WHY THIS LONG DELAY?
PHILADELPHIA gets one additional Congressman under the Reapportionment Bill just signed by the Governor.

AN AIR BATTLE
BEFORE the Kwanis Club the other evening Commander A. C. Read, who piloted one of the first trans-Atlantic naval planes, spoke with force of the necessity of a merger of army and navy resources into an independent Air Board at Washington.

other districts fixed in 1921. There is only one other State besides Pennsylvania which allows its redistricting to lag behind the apportionment of new Congressmen.

BLIND AS ALL DESPOTS ARE THE FEUDAL LORDS OF COAL

The Purpose and General Significance of Current "Sis-a-Ton" Propaganda From the Thrones

HITHERTO the theory of Government ownership of utilities has been unceremoniously rejected by public opinion in the United States. Do the men who rule in the coal industry yearn to revive that theory and give it a solid basis, and prove, contrary to the common impression, that it may be accepted for the safety and the well-being of the country?

So extravagant and fantastic was the suggestion of an almost immediate increase of \$3 in the price of anthracite that few people seemed to take it seriously. But it is clear that that prediction, emanating as it did from the headquarters of the producers, was intended merely to be the groundwork of future propaganda of a sort likely to prepare consumers for a bad shock.

ONE BOOK ISN'T ENOUGH
IT IS evident from the complaint made at a convention in Atlantic City that the chorus girl of the story is representative of a large class. It will be recalled that when she was advised to give a book to a friend to whom she wished to make a present she replied: "He already has one."

A LEGAL FRIEND
A LEGAL friend has called my attention to the badge of the Philadelphia lawyer. It is also recalled an incident in the House at Harrisburg years ago. It was during a hearing when a speaker referred to having known the late George McVernon, "carrying a green lawyer's bag."

CIVILIZATION'S SAVIORS
"COME of them," said Director Cortright, talking of policemen who do not patrol buses, "are doing work which I feel it would not be in accord with public good to reveal. There are, for instance, men detailed to the 'radical squad' keeping watch on possible anarchist outbreaks."

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A VERY RARE MINERAL

Found Near Philadelphia—Fourth Specimen Discovered—An Amateur Mineralogist Located It—Valuable Indian Ceremonial Stone—Lawyers' Green Bag

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN
SAMUEL G. GORDON, in charge of the mineralogical section of the Academy of Sciences, has just placed on exhibition a remarkably fine specimen of one of the rarest minerals known.

It was described as a new only eight years ago, having been first discovered in Austria. It is called epidemite. It thus far has been found in but four places, one in Europe and three in this country.

It has been identified near Reading, and at Moores station, N. J., but the finest specimen, the one the Academy is now exhibiting, was found by Montgomery County, within thirty-five miles of Philadelphia.

FREDERICK HILTELBITTEL, an amateur mineralogist, discovered it in the hills south of Green Lane. Not only this rare mineral but four others were discovered that are unique because of the location in which they were found.

There is a romance about these finds that is interesting. All his life Frederick Hiltelbittel has been interested in minerals. He had no opportunity to devote himself to the study of the book lore of the rocks at his finger ends, however.

He recently retired, past sixty years of age, to a life as a mechanic in Wilmington, Del. Now that he has the leisure and despite his age he spends a good part of his time in the hills and among the rocks and quarries in search of these hidden treasures.

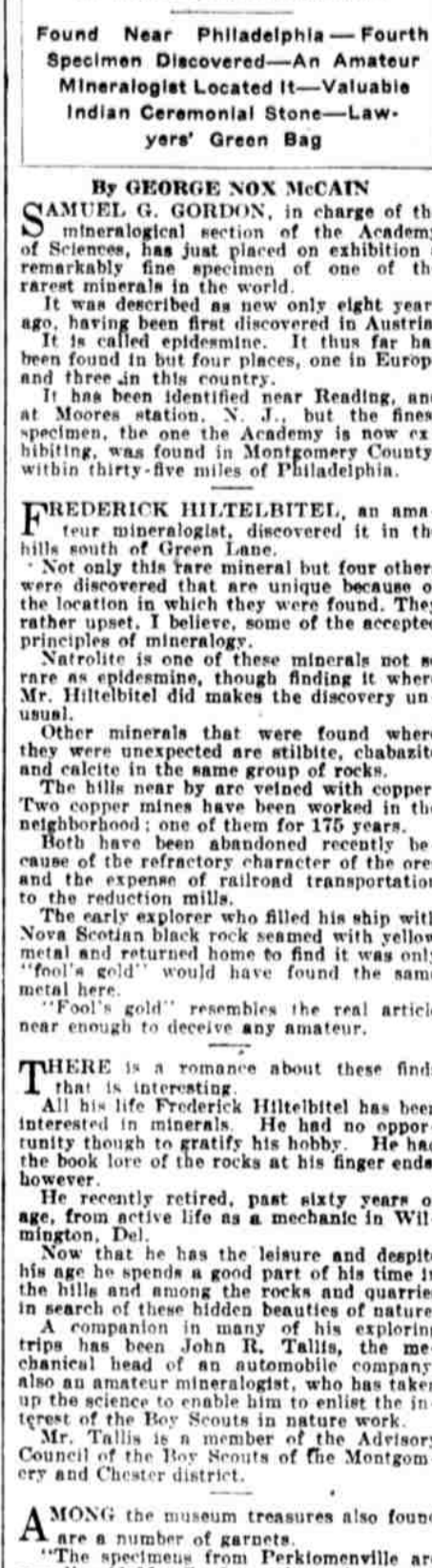
THE rare relic located on the southern side of Spring Mountain is a huge ceremonial stone weighing approximately three tons. How it came to be hidden in the soil has never been determined.

It consists of a basin hollowed out to a depth of eighteen inches with a bowl four feet in diameter. A part of the rock is a seat five feet in height with a stone back.

It is in a perfect state of preservation, symmetrical and well preserved, and a beautiful specimen of Indian work. A peculiarity of this basin is that it has never been known to become dry, although it is only partly shaded by surrounding trees.

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HERE WE ARE AGAIN



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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

FLORENCE WELLSMAN FULTON

On Occupational Therapy
OCCUPATIONAL therapy, the new social service growing out of the war, is becoming a paying profession, with excellent prospects, and it is proving a boon to institutions where difficult convalescence or sub-normal mentality must be included in the problems of doctor and nurse.

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They instantly recognized it as an Indian ceremonial stone used during certain rites by ancient Indians in this country.

From their description the ceremonial must have been akin to the Delphic rites of the ancient Greeks. It was during a hearing when a speaker referred to having known the late George McVernon, "carrying a green lawyer's bag."

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SHORT CUTS

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What Do You Know?

1. What titles did Christopher Columbus win in consequence of his discoveries in the New World?
2. What is a Hippogriff?
3. What was the most political office held by Abraham Lincoln?
4. Who was Josiah Wedgwood?
5. What is a philippic?
6. What is the name of the strait that is the entrance to Puget Sound?
7. Of what country was Queen Victoria's husband a native?
8. What is the native name of the city from which Leghorn takes their name?
9. Who wrote the epic poem "Jerusalem Delivered"?
10. Who founded the sect of Quakers sometimes called Hicksites?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. The broad, flat flippers of whales or seals are called flippers.
2. Churlish originally meant pertaining to a churl. Churl in England composed the lowest class of freemen. Churl was also an old name for man or husband. Later, serfs or bondmen were called churlish, and churlish came to mean boorish.
3. A recrudescence means a breaking out again, especially of an old wound.
4. Geomancy was the name for divination given by a handful of earth thrown down and hence from figures given by dots made at random.
5. Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware.
6. A cavy is an American rodent, found in the mountains of the Andes.
7. A kettledrum sits in a hemisphere of copper or brass.
8. Mithras was an ancient deity comprising the northwest of the Persian or Iranian highland, extending from the Tiber to the River Araxes.
9. The literal sea to the River Araxes.
10. The French railway term for switches is points.