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WEGLEIN AND GAS

COUNCILMAN WEGLEIN'S comments on the situation produced by the Mayor's suggestion that the Council appoint a committee to confer with the City Solicitor, the Gas Commission and the U. G. I. regarding a new lease are far from satisfactory.

DR. BROOME EXPLAINS

SUPERINTENDENT BROOME'S explanation of the new regulations for the appointment and promotion of supervising principals of the schools ought to be reassuring.

CHIEF JUSTICE TAFT

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, who took the oath of office as Chief Justice of the United States yesterday, is the first man who has ever been the head of two of the three great departments of the Government—executive and judicial.

AS TO SAVING YOUR SKIN

COLONEL HARVEY'S remarks that we fought in the World War to save our skins have been repudiated by every representative American who has had occasion to talk on the subject since the remark was made.

AN ANNIVERSARY OF FREEDOM

"MONTH OF Liberty" is a patriotic Latin-American metaphor for July. In cosmic vein our Southern neighbors cite our own birthday of independence...

LOVE A LA GASOLINE

TO KNOW how wicked this world is becoming you have to be a justice of the peace in New Jersey with jurisdiction in areas traversed by the new concrete pike between Camden and Egg Harbor.

honorary member of the University of San Marcos in Lima, the oldest institution of higher learning in the Western world.
Intelligent and appropriate nominations of this character are precisely what is needed to develop that psychological attitude so necessary to the good understanding of the United States and Latin America.

HARDING'S CALL AWAKENS

HOPES OF LASTING PEACE
Already Broadened Scope of the Disarmament Invitation Suggests World Reconstruction on a Major Scale

THE world is ready for a new Peace Conference. It is this heartening fact which stresses the disarmament and convention proposals advanced by the State Department on behalf of President Harding.

The possibilities of this forthright and direct endeavor of the Administration are significantly revealed by the scope of the suggestion. Admirable in theory as was the sentiment against costly and perilous preparations for war as a sequel to the greatest conflict in which humanity has ever engaged, it was evident to all realists that disarmament could not be practically considered apart from the host of delicate problems left unsolved by the first peace convention.

THE EARTH'S ALL RIGHT

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and fined. Hugging in motorists is a dangerous practice and it will have to stop.
Of course, hugging in motorists is a dangerous practice. Fine the huggers and the hugges by all means. But the very rational decision of a typical Jersey justice in this instance goes only to prove that the automobile, marvelous as its development has been, is still an imperfect mechanism.

JERSEY AT BAY

DARK as a summer cloud and quite as suggestive of thunders and lightning is the prospect of ten-cent trolley fares hangs over New Jersey. The new Public Utilities Commission hasn't been able to make much progress against the forces that work in behalf of the trolley corporations.

The Commission denied the right of the Public Service to establish the higher fares, and its ruling was almost immediately nullified by a counter decision of the State Supreme Court.

The new Utilities Commission has the confidence and sympathy of the public. It promptly turned to the Court of Errors and Appeals. Chancellor Walker, who presides over that court during the summer special session, now the question of car-fares is being submerged again in the mire of State politics.

WHAT DESERTER LIST

MAJOR W. G. MURDOCK, who was United States deputy official at Saratoga Springs during the war, is unofficially engaged upon a very meritorious piece of work. He is compiling a list of all the dead, wounded, honorably discharged, enlisted and distinguished names that have been, and are being, listed in Pennsylvania as draft deserters.

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The rank injustice of it all has been that it put the burden of proof that the dead, wounded or gassed hero was not a slacker upon the man whose name had been glorified in the Argonne Forest or on the banks of the Meuse.

It was my fortune, or perhaps misfortune, to be present at a religious gathering recently in which the name of "Tom" Paine was mentioned.

Needless to say it was uttered with derision and scorn as that of the "Arch Infidel" and skeptic of his time.

There was the flaming disposition to inform the denunciator that only within the last ninety days a delegation of Philadelphia's most conservative and unquestionably religious people had visited the site of Paine's home in Burlington County, N. J.

TOM PAINE was one of the original advocates of independence for the American Colonies.

He was a Quaker by birth and training. And here is where the practical presentation of Paine's theories comes in.

Chalk that up on the credit side when you are estimating the value of Tom Paine's services to the struggling Colonies.

He was so persuasive a speaker that he secured loans for the struggling armies of the Colonies from France and Holland that Congress owed him a sum of money; for he had spent every dollar that he possessed in trying to raise cash for the Continental Treasury.

WIDOWS who are not able to devote all their time to self-supporting labor also are included. In many cases they have the help of their children. We also take care of unfortunate cripples. Some of them are in a convalescent condition and some of them are permanently disabled.

Must Furnish Own Funds
As this is purely a proposition of helping themselves, our individuals are given no money except in special cases. We sometimes lend them money, but then only in cases of absolute necessity and when we know they are going to earn and pay it back.

More so, I think, than some of the other State societies in Philadelphia.

JOSEPH M. HUSTON rises to protest. It is a contesting in the struggle for the location, plans, designs and artistic scheming for the sequi-centennial.

The fact that Weston once walked a thousand miles in twenty days, a feat not equaled by any horse ever foaled, does not lessen the honor due Private John McGregor, who tramped from San Antonio, Tex., to Denver, Col., a distance of 1100 miles, in forty days.

"SAIL HO!"



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

JOHN K. SNYDER
On Vacant Lot Cultivation

"GIVING a man or a woman a chance to show their individuality and help themselves is one of the best possible ways of solving people's problems."

Each individual is given a small plot of ground, which for the time being he is to regard as his own. We try to make it an individual proposition and interfere as little as possible.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Dependencies of Great Britain officially styled Dominions are Canada and New Zealand.

Today's Anniversaries
1817—Nathan C. Meeker, founder of the town of Greeley, in Colorado, born at Cleveland, O. Died in Colorado, September 20, 1879.

Today's Birthdays
George Eastman, millionaire inventor recently honored by the Italian Government for his philanthropies, born at Waterville, N. Y., sixty-eight years ago.

Few Failures Reported
"Although we do not permit the shiftless or the irresponsible to put things over on us and punish this kind of action with forfeiture for all time of the garden, we have a very small percentage of failure. Two per cent is about the highest we have ever had."

SHORT CUTS

Belfast, presumably, didn't know a trace when he was declared.

Mr. Harding steps with due deliberation, but, as usual, in the right direction.

The price of paternalism is a Government hand forever in every taxpayer's pocket.

It may comfort you to realize that the present heat wave will only be a memory next Christmas.

Those who officiate at tar-and-feather parties are usually feather-brained moralists at hysterical pitch.

As the press agent sees it, all-but-diminished to press letters into hula-hula dancers is enough seaweed.

And, of course, all diplomats are aware that China must be handled carefully at a disarmament tea party.

An important step toward peace will have been taken when Belfast can say, "Curfew shall not ring tonight."

The world's a cold, unfeeling one. disgruntled fellows say. Don't listen to their ravings, son. They're feeling hot today.

Though the Reparation Commissioners have claimed the American dollar doesn't can't make the American dollar dance, they can't always tell whose toes it will come down upon.

There is every indication that the rest of the Pacific and, of course, as pacific as it is broad.

The favorite epithet of General Dumas is "Hot and Maria." Are we safe in presuming that that of his able lieutenant, Mr. Kilkenny, is "Suffering ends?"

Chief Justice Taft, having realized his ambition in life, will now proceed to be the same scholarly, humorous and kindly gentleman he always has been.

The fact that the customs authorities have claimed been sent by parcel post from the Mediterranean as wild animals may indicate that somebody has been stung.

Book publishers at a Chicago book fair say the best sellers are the Bible and "Mother Goose." An instance of how popular favor runs from the sublime to the ridiculous.

Reading, Pa., has a frog as big as a good-sized chicken. Oh, well! Such things will happen. We have a fortune ordered eggs in a basket served with a chicken as big as a good-sized frog.

We refuse to find fault with the Hartford insurance man who inveigles literally all blondes and girls with bobbed hair. A man is entitled to be as foolish as he darned pleases this hot weather.

It is a safe bet that the first motorist to be arrested in New Jersey for embroiling a girl while she holds the steering wheel will solemnly declare that he was simply giving her a lesson in driving.

The story of the Astrid, which made port twenty-eight days after her crew had patched a hole made by an iceberg, goes to prove that while embroiling brave sea-dogs the great Dane can't be ignored.

One of Supreme Court Justice Taft's first jobs will be to help to devise means for clearing up Federal Court dockets now swamped with prohibition cases. John Barleycorn is a restless guy; he never stays put.

We have no sympathy with the alleged moralists who rail at the poor girls whose meager pittances do not allow them to wear bathing suits of more than one or two cents in job for professionals; but if money talks, those six browns were assuredly vociferous.

When five men, who said they were Philadelphia painters, were arrested in National Park, N. J., for "holding a noisy celebration," it was found that all the money they could muster was six cents.

It is presumed that painting the tower red on cases is a job for professionals; but if money talks, those six browns were assuredly vociferous.