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THE NON-PARTISANSHIP ERROR

CITIZENS who are in the habit of registering as "non-partisans" are usually of the type which rejoices in freedom from selfish political affiliations. In theory this practice may seem praiseworthy. In reality, however, it is a repudiation of obligations which all believers in the democratic system of government should consistently assume.

WHAT RULES WEST VIRGINIA?

IT IS A bad system," observes Governor Morgan, of West Virginia, referring to the existence of a small army of deputy sheriffs maintained by the soft-coal operators, "and it ought to be abolished. But it keeps down taxes."

CURBSTONE LIZARDS

ON ALMOST any fine evening you will find chestnut street Market street distinguished by groups of young men of an obviously subnormal type, who lounge at the curbs in motorcars that must be either begged, borrowed or stolen, matter or taxi invitations to jollies at almost every woman and girl who passes.

MADNESS IN GERMANY

IF THERE is any justification for the charges made by the international press in Berlin that the assassination of Erzberger was procured by the monarchists and Pan-Germans the German Government will have to deal with a new kind of opposition.

years as the result of private political feuds. The Russian nihilists used to resort to murder in their campaign against autocracy. Murder in Russia was a gesture of despair. In Germany where they have a popular government in place of the monarchy the masses are not suppressed. They are represented in the national legislature and their leaders are at the head of the Government.

PUBLIC INTEREST VS. PRIVATE PROFIT

Is the City Government to Be Run for the Benefit of the People or for the Enrichment of the Politicians?

SOPHISTICATED political observers will wonder why at the crisis of a political campaign the friends of Senator Vare should announce that the Senator had decided to abandon the leadership of a faction of his party and be content to take his place as one of the rear leaders.

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THE NAPOLEONIC INVENTION

THE Papal views on disarmament, as expressed in an authorized statement from the Secretariat of State, are concerned specifically with conscription, invidiously described as "Napoleonic invention."

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THE former nation is openly averse to King Constantine's expansionist program and deplores the great loss as a victory of German interest in Greece, which proved so troublesome during the first year of the World War. England, it would appear, is playing a deep and cautious game in the Near East with which Constantinian aspirations toward Constantinople fitly accord.

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By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

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SHORT CUTS

Local politicians appear to be suffering from Penrose fever. At John Bull's dinner table nowadays no India relish is served with his roast beef. Father Penn, it is to be hoped, will today register civic decency in large numbers.

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What a wonderful team Hutch McDevitt and Congressman Herrick would make! This is the season of the year when politicians speak eloquently of decreased taxation.

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Charley Chaplin wants to play "Beau Brummell." This shows his modesty. He might have aspired to "Hamlet." The rosiest promise of peace in Ireland lies in the fact that the people at large are sure they are going to have it.

SHORT CUTS

Pussyfoot Johnson does not believe that the British have trouble enough in India. He has gone there to make it bone dry. Dr. Bernard Dernburg says the German-American peace treaty is virtually a repetition of the Versailles violence. Thanks, murmurs Uncle Sam, for the boost.

SHORT CUTS

The Y. W. C. A. charm school ought to be a success. It will be in the position where when the girls realize that it is not a class in painting. Congressman Herrick is said to be the originator of the Copper-Faced Heredoff. As a self-made man he may be proud of his responsibility for the brazen-faced.

SHORT CUTS

Add Herodias in the Day's News. Mrs. Raymond D. Wetherell, of Pittsburgh, who abandoned a vacation in order to suffer a blood transfusion operation for a woman who was a stranger to her. If we all belonged to a local political organization and took an interest in politics at times other than round about election time we would not have you in the position of waiting to see which candidates the political bosses will allow us to vote for.

SHORT CUTS

Interesting little end of thought for advocates of foreign-language newspapers to chew on. There are a million and half people in the United States who speak Swedish; most of them are omnivorous readers; there is not one Swedish daily newspaper in the country. Senator Penrose says the American farmer is better organized than any other voting group and sees in it a big asset for the political party which looks with favor on the desirability or fairness of its aims. Mr. Penrose is a "practical politician."

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The time for muddling along in West Virginia is past. The rights and wrongs of the industrial situation in Mingo should be investigated, a decision reached and the law enforced. Such investigation should be followed by a word, you'll note, on the desirability or fairness of its aims. Mr. Penrose is a "practical politician." Mrs. Preble, of Marlborough, Seventy-four, shook her head and said, "The modern girl is a brazen jade. With her peck-a-boo waists her stock in trade. With her too-short skirts and her too-short hair. She is bound for perdition, or worse, no there." But Mrs. Peckard, of Brockton, Mass., at eighty-four is a sprightly lass. She thinks short skirts an improvement quite on the skirts that trailed, an awful sight. And the hair that bobbed and the peck-a-boo waist that should be a matter of taste. Are all that they should be, a matter of taste. Who is right? Who is wrong? We tell you: It all depends on the point of view.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. What are haterachans?
2. What is the predominant religion of India?
3. What is an oasel?
4. In what play by Shakespeare does the character of Miranda appear?
5. What does Great Britain so called?
6. What is rodomontade and what is the origin of the word?
7. With what invention is the name of Elias Howe connected?
8. What is the poetic name for a nightingale?
9. What is the regular meeting day of the presidential cabinet?
10. What shrub is the emblem of remembrance?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

- 1. The expression of "Jesse of Sharon" is found in "The Song of Solomon," attributed to King Solomon.
2. The part of the mainland of America discovered by Christopher Columbus are the Caribbean Coast of Central America, the mouth of South America near the mouth of the Orinoco River, and the Gulf of Mexico.
3. Ellis Loring Loring, American Commissioner to negotiate the new peace treaty with Germany for the United States, was born in 1857.
4. Mathias Erzberger, leader of the Centralist or Catholic Party, was a German statesman, who first became internationally prominent in 1917, when as a member of the Reichstag he advocated making peace without annexations. He was one of the German negotiators of the armistice. He was assassinated in August, 1921.
5. Sixteen and one-half feet make a perch.
6. Alonso Cano was a noted Spanish painter, sculptor and architect. His best works are in Granada, where he was born in 1601 and where he died in 1667.
7. The Mississippi River in or near Lake Itasca in Northern Minnesota.
8. The Democratic National Convention of 1920 was held in San Francisco.
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10. Johannesburg is the largest city in South Africa.