## THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

#### Letters to the Editor

#### The Tax Rate

the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger. Sir The property owners of Philadelphia will no doubt be highly gratified at the announcement of Mayor Moore that he wants the expenses of the city government kept has low a cost as possible in order that the tax rate may be decreased next year. This will not only be welcomed by the property owners, but by the renters as well, for it will mean a reduction in rents.

This heavy is a rate and high assessment have worked great hardship upon the personness were realized to the secretary of the

S. O. WAINWRIGHT.

Philadelphia, September 5, 1921.

#### Why High Rents?

If houses can be erected so cheaply that mey "can rent for one-third of present

they "can rent for one-inird of present rentals and still make 20 per cent on the in-vestment." surely here is a wonderful chance to make a profitable investment. Why con-tinue to pay rent when one can build so cheapir? average renter has himself to blame

that he pays renter has himself to blame that he pays rent at all. How many thousands have squandered the price of a home with an automobile or other extravagance, such as extravagant clothing, furniture, amusements or drink, and then whine about the high rent they must pay and ask the Government to save them from the results of their own follow. of their own folly. JACOB JONES. Philadelphia, September 1, 1921.

Compulsory Night School Attendance

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Vice Presidents Who Did Not Serve Sir—Would it not be a wise thing if a law were enacted compelling foreigners who come to this country to learn our language within a reasonable length of time, and, failing to do so that they will be resturned to the country from which they people.

Philadelphia, September 2, 1921.

Letters to the Editor should be as brief and to the point as possible, avoiding anything that would open a denominational or sectarian dis-

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he assurance that the assessment on their reporties will be reduced as soon as city overnment economy can be brought about.

The Russian Jewish people have their night schools, and the children, as well as the elders, easierly grasp the opportunity of diers, their rations "regular" one kilogram the elders, easierly grasp the opportunity of the control of the elders, easierly grasp the opportunity of the control of the elders, easierly grasp the opportunity of the control of the elders, their rations "regular" one kilogram of the elders, their rations "regular," the elders, th

#### Who Pays the Cost?

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Why High Rents?

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger Str.—The minists of West Virginia seem to bave been off on a holiday cartico and taken they sake as large a rental as they rap get, then does it not taking the highest market price for his goods and his services is also a "hog" and a "profiler".

The truth of the matter is that we sail want the highest price we can get for our labor, services, goods and property. If this desire is wrong, then they were cheap tast year because they rap were cheap tast year because the rap was a greater supply than demand, while potatous this season are very dear because the crook short and the supply is not equal to the demand.

Rents are high hecause the demand for houses is greater than the supply. The one and only remedy is to build mare houses, and the average renter, if he has saved as made only remedy is to build mare houses, and the average renter, if he has saved a massociations to build his own home, and if enough genoted the transmission to build his own home, and if enough genoted the transmission to build his own home, and if enough learned and rents will take a tumple.

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#### Questions Answered

#### "Lorna Doone"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir-What is the value of R. D. Hisch
more's "Loran Doone" as a literary work? Philadelphia, September 2, 1921.

Blackmore's "Lorna Doone" stands in the front rank of historical romances in the English language. It would almost certainly to included in any list professing to the the twenty best novels in the English lan-

Philadelphia, September 2, 1921. Most of these immigrants are poor peo. William Rufus King, of Alabama, who le, to be sure, and have to seek employment was elected in 1852, never served, although uring the day for their living, but they can be took the oath of office. After he was

Remington Portable

and efficiency.

#### The Rations Problem

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-A fortress besieged by the enemy has still enough food to last for eight days. If 120 men leave and each remaining receives four-ninths of a kilogram leas per day, the garrison can hold out for sixteen days. If will also have food for the same time if The present tax rate is entirely too high and is unnecessary, if the least economy would be shown. It has been gradually creeping up, and Mayor Moore should so still farther and give the small properly awares the assurance that the assessment on their the assessment on their the assessment on their the assessment on their the assessment of the control of the same time if the control of the control of the control of the same time if the control of the cont

the siders, easerly grasp the opportunity of thus learning our language. Many of the rationalities are not so interested, but they should be forced to become so. It would be to be

#### Women and School Tax

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger; Sir - Will you kindly let me know through the People's Forum if women have to pay school tax in all States? One party said women did not pay school tax in Philadelphia or Wilmington. Who is right?

Philadelphia, August 31, 1921. The same impediments that would make a The same improveds that would inke a ceremonial marriage lilegal would likewise make a common-law marriage lilegal; hence if the man was a married man and his wife was living at the time of the common-law marriage, the marriage was wold, and any children would have no interest in the father's property.

"C. I. E."—The Titanic was sunk on Sunday, April 14, 1912, at about 12 o'clock at night.

"W. L. S."—The fastest railroad train trip on record is said to be 112 is miles per hour for thirty-six hours, made in May, 1883, on the New York Central Railroad.

#### Poems and Songs Desired

We took the keyboard from the Standard

Remington

Sir-I am looking for a poem that contains the following verse:
"A skeleton sat on a moldering tomb;
He laughed with his rusty jaws; From his skull with his bony claws "
GEORGE T ROBINSON Philadelphia, September 3, 1921.

"A Little Dog Angel"

No candidate for the vice presidency received a majority of the electoral vote in 1837, and, according to the terms of the Constitution, the selection fell upon the Senate, which chose Richard Mentor Johnson, of Kentucky.

A little dog angel waits;

With the giver angels he will not play.

But he sits sione at the gate.

For 1 know that my master will come;

says he.

And when he comes he will call for 'And when he comes he will call for me.'

'And when he comes he will call for me.'

GRACE T. GLENN.

Philadelphia. September 4, 1921.

"Fifty Years" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Can any one give me the full poem which this verse is a part: "Fifty years through changing weather Swiftly passed the years away; We have trod life's path together Since our joyous wedding day."
W. I. GRAVES.

#### Philadelphia, September 4, 1921.

"Who Can Tell?" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-I will appreciate it very much if one of your readers can give the complete poem by Saxe Holm which contains the following

Intimate friend of the bobolinks: Loter of daisles, tall and white. Dance with the buttercups at night."

Says Burns Wrote It To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-The author of the lines submitted by S. L. D. in your issue of September 8

There is so much that is good in the worst And so much that is bad in the best of us. That it little behooves any of us

is said to have been Robert Burns in snewer to a personal criticism of one of his habits. Philadelphia, September 3, 1921.

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger. Sir-I hope the People's Forum or on Sir-I hope the People's Forum or one of its readers can locate the noem for me con-taining these verses.

Ah come to me; I want you so.

Why will you make me wat?

The golden sunsets burn and glow;

The (willight moments come and go.

Why do you hesitate?

So very brief youth's season is.

th. wherefore waste a single night? \*

Put up your lips for more to kiss.

Take the first promise of delight.

Philadelphia, September 4, 1921. "To an Old Friend"

To the Editor of the Evering Public Ledger:
Sir-Inclosed find poem requested by Sam-nel T. Faunce in yesterday's Evening Pub-TO AN OLD PRIEND

There are silvering threads in your hair, old There are traces of gray in mine: We've been traveling long from our boyhood

But our heartstrings are still entwined.

to his plantation at Cahawaha, Ala,, on April 18, 1853.

No candidate for the vice presidency received a majority of the electoral vote in the courts of heaven today

A little dog angel waits;

To the Edutor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Will you or one of your many readers old friend.

And the spring time of life is long passed, old friend.

And the autumn is drawing near:

The rease are faded, the golden leaves fail.

But fruit time and harvest are here.

There are deepening lines in your brow, old friend; There's a stoop in your shoulders, too, But the ties that are binding us firmer still I feel in the soul of you.

So onward together we'll journey, old friend.
To the land where all pligrims go.
And be at the end of the roud as we were in the days that we used to know.
FRANK B. WALTON.
Scranton, Pa., September 2, 1921.

#### "Charlie is My Darling"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger;

Sir-Several Scottish poets have rung the
changes on both the air and the words of
"Charlie is My Darling." There are versions by Burns, Hogg. Captain Charlee
Grey and others, but the words most commonly used were written by the Baronese
Nairne. Stanzas from other versions have
often been interspersed with hers, but the
original song is as follows:

Ch. Charlie, and stalling.

Oh. Charile, is my darling.
My darling, my darling.
Oh. Charile is my darling.
The young Chevaller,

'Twas on a Monday morning Right early in the year. When Charlle cam to our town. The young Chevaller.

As he cam marchin' up the stree The pipes played loud and clear.
And a' the folk cam rinnin' out
To meet the Chevaller.

Wil Hieland bonnets on their heads And claymores bright and clear, They cam to fight for Scotland's right And the young Chevaller.

They've left their bonnie Hieland hills, Their wives and bairnies dear.
To draw the sword for Scotland's lord, The young Chevaller,

Oh, there were mony beating hearts And mony a hope and fear: nd mony were the prayers put up For the young Chevaller.

#### "A Handful of Earth"

To the Editor of the Evering Public Ledger Sir—Several days ago a reader supplied you with the words of the song "A Handful of Earth" in response to a request for it. I am sending you another version for R. P. Campbell, of Mount Holly.

A HANDFUL OF EARTH
I am bidding farewell to the land of my birth.

birth.
To warder far over the sea:
I am parting from all I hold dear on this Its breaking my poor heart will be;

But this treasure I'll take, for my dear mother's sake: 'Twill often bring tears to my eyes; 'Tis a hardful of earth from the land of my

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Tis a handful of earth from the land of my From the grave where my dear mother lies.

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Your valleys and streams I will see in my dreams
As bright and as green as of yors.
And when I am dead I hope o'er my head
They will lay this dear treasure I price:
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And when I am dead I hope or my near
They will lay this dear treasure I prize;
Tis a handful of earth from the land of my
birth.

From the grave where my dear mother
lies. JOSEPH P. MANLEY.
Clifton Heights, Pa., August 31, 1921.

Margaret T. Justice dealres a poem
contains the following lines:

"A soul set free came trembling the
the night.
And stood all naked in the Judgment I



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