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THEY PUT YOU TO SLEEP

REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS and Mr. Coles, speaking at the City Club for "party harmony" and unquestioning support of candidates named at the recent primaries, provided a beautiful example of the verbal nastiness employed by those in Philadelphia to maintain majorities of sleep-walkers.

Each intimated that Republicans who do not bow to clan leadership within their party violate a high law of ethics. By that sort of reasoning one would have to believe that a party name is somehow more important than morals—more important than government itself.

KANSAS CITY'S GREAT WEEK

THE population of Kansas City is not doubted this week it will not be for lack of attractions to visitors. The convention of the American Legion meets there. It will be attended by thousands of delegates. But the attraction will be the distinguished guests.

THE VOTING HABIT

THE spirit of Philadelphia's being what it is, is the coming election one week from tomorrow is the dotted-line-sign-her variety. The total vote is likely to be small, but were it large no change in the predicted result would be registered.

AN ISLAND FOR CHARLES

PORTUGAL has been asked to permit the baptism of former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary to a Madeira Islands. The man is in Lisbon, but is in the Danube, but it is desired to put him far enough away from Austria and Hungary to make it impossible for him to cause further trouble.

DISARMAMENT COMPETITION

A circuitous route Japan via Honolulu came to the United States. London has called a disarmament parity for Far Eastern nations in opposition to the Washington conference. With full allowance for all the follies and madneses of the Soviet regime, it remains doubtful whether denunciation of this sort can be called reasonable.

prospect of disarmament in Asia and along the Russian frontiers, to whom save to arch militarists can such a consequence be displeasing? The conferees in Washington are concerned with specific problems, and yet conditions the world over lie beyond their purview.

CITY CHARTER IS A FAILURE BECAUSE IT DIVIDES POWER

Time Has Come to Recognize Its Weakness and Plan for a Commission or a City Manager With Centralized Authority

THE present City Charter of Philadelphia is a failure. Although passed with high hopes after it had been drafted by a committee actuated in the main by progressive and reform impulses, it has proved a dismal experiment that ought to be scrapped as soon as possible.

This error is fundamental, and maddening and busheling are not going to hide the defect. The City Government, unless it is permitted to run on as it is at present, must be clothed with an entirely new garment cut on a radically different pattern before it can function properly to full effectiveness.

The great error of the Charter is the fact that it has not sharply drawn the line of authority between the legislative and the executive branches of the Government. The executive branch can be hamstrung with ease by any maliciously inclined majority in Council. That is the case now.

Since this is the case, the people of Philadelphia had better begin to think about a way out. It is not too soon, although the next session of the Legislature will not begin until January, 1923. We have an idea that by that time the voters will be pretty well wrought up about conditions at City Hall, even though they appear apathetic and politically sluggish now.

The City Government cannot run efficiently on a half-and-half basis. It cannot run efficiently so long as either the executive or the legislative branch can blame the other for failure to accomplish things.

Full responsibility for both legislative and executive acts should be lodged in a compact and centralized body upon which local opinion can be focused. That is the only hope.

Either Council or the Mayor should be allowed to rule and should be held solely responsible; but as it is now, Council is constantly invading the field of administration without permitting the official administrators to produce the best that is in them, and yet without having the authority completely to take over the administrative powers in order to get things done.

the same clash would be likely to arise under new men. So the Charter ought to be scrapped at the earliest moment possible, and a new form devised emphasizing singleness of responsibility. Perhaps then Philadelphia as a city corporation will be able to do things in a big way.

THE THIRD DEGREE

AGAIN, through the case of Floyd Smith, a supposedly innocent man who obtained a reprieve when he was in the very shadow of the death chair at Bellefonte, the Third Degree and its possibilities as a method of law enforcement are brought up in an unpleasant light for general scrutiny.

One of the exasperating things about present-day court processes is the ease with which many men of whose guilt judges, juries and prosecutors are morally certain punishment through a lack of the material evidence sufficient to bring about legal conviction.

It is a fact that innocent men have before now been subjected to the torment of Third Degree examinations. The method used in the case of Floyd Smith is typical. Every vicarious circumstance pointed to his guilt.

There is something peculiarly admirable in the zeal of the lone newspaper man who hangs heaven and earth to save Smith from the chair after he became convinced of the man's innocence. George Wharton Pepper, by offering his services free to a penniless and friendless prisoner, maintained one of the high and fine traditions of the legal profession.

FRANKLIN FIELD OUT OF DATE

POST-WAR reactions stimulating to all branches of sport are not exclusively responsible for the present immense popularity of football. Population growth is another factor, but perhaps the most influential of all.

The would-be case at the University of Pennsylvania did Franklin Field out of date to the extent of public interest in the best-liked of autumn games.

The project is still in the early stages. The erection of new stands, big as they are, the present ones and with a much steeper acclivity, has been considered, and there is also the counter-proposition of an entirely new enterprise upon a new site.

Good Change in weather brings relief to the suffering. The War Department permit the War Relief Commission to sell surplus goods to the American Relief Association to relieve famine victims in the Vojna Valley.

Law's Open Mesh brings cold. And the purchase of surplus goods to the American Relief Association to relieve famine victims in the Vojna Valley.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

The Servant Problem isn't a Problem at All to Ever So Many Happy Employers and Domestic

By SARAH D. LOWRIE

PEOPLE seem so deeny, as a rule, who write or who talk about their domestic servants, and the few persons who are in public print are so dreary about their employees that I've come to the conclusion that only the dissatisfied ones on either side express themselves. Unlike the sun dial, they only mope in cloudy weather.

Not that it is not perfectly easy to leave a house between meals when it is servantless, especially if the children are at school or out, but it is not possible to leave a house in the care of untrustworthy domestics day after day.

I FEEL sort of shame-faced to confess it, and I tap wood as I do say it in so many words, but I have kept house a great many years and under varied and not altogether easy conditions, and I have never struck what is called "the servant problem."

THE word ingratitude that so often plays a part in the reproval of an overpaid maid, I fancy, has proved beyond a vexed situation, because it implies an attitude of mind on the part of the employer.

AGAIN, there is the sensitiveness with regard to honesty, from which it is almost carelessness of the owners or the borrowers among the family is not the invariable first source of suspicion, but the employee's honesty.

Pain and fear make most of us unreasonable even to our nearest friends, and pain and fear can make a cook and chambermaid and butler temporarily unreasonable beings and give them lofty and unruly manners and make leaving their duties in a hunch work containing "a nut of justice in a free land."

REMEMBER a curious instance of gratitude—Mrs. D. died after an agonizing year and a half in the hospital. She had been laid up for many years and had been in the hospital for many months.

The other day I met a smiling nurse wheeling a very elaborate baby carriage. "Whose baby is that, Susan?" I asked, for I had known her and her "family" for years.

"It's my grandchild, Miss," she answered calmly. "Mr. Willie and his wife are up for a visit, and this is their little lamb. Sure, she's mine while she's here, for Mr. Willie was a fine old man when I came into the family."

"NEVER AGAIN! BUT WASN'T IT GREAT, EH?"



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

RAYMOND WALTERS

On the Value of a Community Chorus

THE coming visit of the Bach Choir, of Bethlehem, means something more than a concert of high artistic standards and the more giving of pleasure to the audience, says Raymond Walters, dean of the University of Pennsylvania.

Bach Choir is an Example

The Bach Choir has shown this in the great industrial centers very much as certain large choral organizations in Philadelphia and other large cities have proved that the same qualities may be cultivated successfully in the great commercial centers.

Value in Appreciation

Another element is the fact that the Bach Choir makes for a wider and keener appreciation of the greatest art in music. This has a parallel in everyday life in the attitude of the attendees at a big league baseball game.

A Great Human Organ

He also makes allowances for the character of the building in which the choir is to sing. Observing that the choir of the Seventy-first Regiment in New York, before 1900 persons in the audience, every detail was planned in advance; nothing was left to chance.

SHORT CUTS

This is a great day for nuts. It is a wise municipality that knows when it has outgrown its coat.

Judging by the force with which it hit the ground Penna thought itself mightier than the sword.

One paradox of progress is that condemnation proceedings naturally follow bridge-building proceedings.

So long as it is a running fight the general public does not object to a continuance of the railroad seaport.

History is bunk, says Henry Ford. Every time Henry uses his tongue he accentuates the golden quality of silence.

Blanton has done his bit to prove that "leave to print" is one of the leaves that ought to be permitted to fall by the wayside.

There is still room for debate whether the railroad settlement was due to the workability of the Transportation Act or eventuated despite its weaknesses.

Each, while he remains with us, will not even take a little wine for his stomach's sake, his personal physician says. Uncle Sam appreciates the compliment and displores its necessity.

Not the least impressive of the honors heaped on Foch was the tribute of the strikers who brought the George Washington into port ahead of the Paris so that Pershing might be on hand to welcome the great Frenchman.

Habe Ruth is to appear in vaudeville. He will dance, sing and chatter for a mere \$20,000 for twenty weeks. Better singers, dancers and monologists than Babe, of course, make much more than that. If it were not so it would imply that theatrical managers believe the public is fond of hokum.

What odium attaches to the surtax must be shared by the Democrats, since twenty-four of them voted for Reed's amendment to retain the surtax. It appears that many Congressmen of both parties are not only lacking in a knowledge of economics, but they have also forgotten how to play good politics.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- 1. In what direction does the earth revolve?
2. Who was the first spiritualist?
3. What are the Elean marbles?
4. Who was Ary Scheffer?
5. Who, for twenty years, narrates the adventures of a King of Ethiopia?
6. Distinguish between obelisk and obolus.
7. What is a chamade?
8. What kind of a musical instrument is a diaphone?
9. What are the chief languages of South Africa?
10. What is a paratrooper?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz

- 1. The only President of the United States from Pennsylvania was James Buchanan, who held office from 1857 to 1861, and the only Vice President from Pennsylvania was George M. Dallas, from 1845 to 1849. Both of these officials were Democrats.
2. Obelisk is a large stone monument, usually square at the base and tapering to a point at the top. Obolus is a small coin or token.
3. The President of the United States must be at least thirty-five years old and a native of the United States. Technically, however, a child born to American parents abroad has the same status as a native-born child and hence is eligible to the presidency.
4. The system of standard time was first adopted by the United States in 1883. Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote the last "Elean Venner."
5. Three hundred and sixty degrees make a great circle in angular measure.
6. Bonibus was the legendary founder and first King of Sicily.
7. Saxoboro is the name of a family of brass instruments invented by Adolph Sax, of Brussels, which have been generally adopted for military and other organized bands.
8. A vallyball is a kind of smaller language.
9. Star Chamber session is a term used to describe a trial held in secret and without an adversary and dramatic character. The Star Chamber was an ancient English court exercising wide civil and criminal jurisdiction, which met with the intervention of a jury.