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ANSWER, MR. BEIDELMAN!

I AM looking forward to the time," said Lieutenant Governor Beideman in an address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, "when every community will have a soldiers' memorial in the form of a community center rather than a memorial in the form of a tombstone!"

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JERSEY'S MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

FOR the people of New Jersey the new League of Municipalities, which met yesterday at Newark in a sort of formal convention, has a special and highly significant meaning. It is frankly regarded as a new and informal substitute for an unsatisfactory Legislature. It is an organization frankly formed to protect the masses of the citizens and taxpayers from betrayal by the men they elect to important offices. The League of Municipalities was organized to fight excessive tolls and rising costs of light and power in all the important towns and cities of the State. Lately it has extended its interests and its activity. At Newark the representatives of the League discussed many important matters of legislative policy and, disregarding party lines altogether, acted much like a Third House of the Legislature. Of course, the League has no power to make laws. It may only criticize and recommend. The significant thing, however, is to find that in almost all matters of general interest it differs sharply with the State Legislature, which, in the past, it has charged with being subservient to interests considered dangerous to the public welfare.

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TOO MUCH ORGANIZATION?

THESE are the days of organization. The farmers are now organized with a view to something very much like a restricted monopoly of essential foodstuffs. Coal producers and distributors are organized to maintain high schedules of prices. Labor is organized and is forever at work strengthening its lines of offense and defense. The moving-picture interests, if you believe the charges just made by the police in Los Angeles, are organized to frustrate the work which police departments and courts are established to do. The Ku Klux Klan was organized to be a force superior to these new institutions.

PRUSSIANISM WILL NOT FIT INTO THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

Promotion Should Be Based on Fitness Rather Than on the Stamp Affixed by Any Kind of an Educational Machine

Does any one suppose that respectful attention would be given to a proposition that the Constitution should be so amended as to exclude from the presidency of the United States every one who had not secured a college degree indicating that he had pursued studies in political science? Yet every argument in support of the requirement of a college degree as a necessary preliminary to practice law or to teach school falls in the teeth of the requirement of a college degree for the Presidents.

HE STIRRED THEM UP

SENATOR PEPPER'S Albany speech seems to have disconcerted Democratic Senators in Washington. Senator Pepper would doubtless say that he did not intend to please them, and that it was gratifying to discover that he had not done what he did not intend.

IRELAND'S NEW TROUBLES

IGNORANCE of contemporary affairs in Ireland has been one of the notable faults of modern weaknesses in the United States. So the amateur cynics who used to say that the Irish never could manage a Government of their own have become voluble again with the news of fresh conflicts of armed forces in the border areas between Ulster and the regions of Sinn Fein activity.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Mr. Pinchot Falls a Rod in Pickle for Himself by Failing to Keep an Engagement, but His Substitute, Happily, Knew His Subject

I CAN never make up my mind whether the persons who keep their engagements to speak at public meetings add to their reputations as great siums in their favor or subtract from them. I have seen myself harmed by people who were where you promised to be, but the merit you lose by disappointing your audience is hard to compute; it is so far-reaching a memory that it is not possible for me to analyze a public man who has something to get from the public.

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AN EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES

Teachers Do Great Work
The public school teachers of the city do an enormous amount of charitable work for the children of their schools and their families. I know of instances where families were suffering for food where the teachers contributed of their own money and kept the unfortunate supplied until such time as they could obtain aid from the organizations.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

1. Where and what is Downing street?
2. What is meant by the prayer "Pro Papa?"
3. Who wrote "Enchiridion: The History of New York?"
4. What is the nickname of Pennsylvania?
5. State the difference between a simile and a metaphor.

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

1. In visiting France in her later years, the late Empress Eugenie adopted the name Comtesse de Pierrferonds.
2. The ornithological symbol for happiness is the bluebird.
3. Acedia is sloth and listlessness. It is also a mental disorder marked by apathy and melancholy.
4. Former Senator Fall is now Secretary of the Interior.

FEW AMERICANS APPLY

There is a surprisingly small number of American families which have been unable to provide clothing for their children. By far the largest number are foreign. They are practically no Jewish families which come to us for aid, as their own relief organizations seem to be fully able to take care of their own. This year the largest number have been Italian or Polish.

NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

HENRY J. GIDEON

THE schools of the City of Philadelphia are making a hard fight to keep those of their pupils who are in unfortunate circumstances sufficiently clothed in order that their school attendance may be unimpeded, according to Henry J. Gideon, director of the Bureau of Compulsory Attendance of the Board of Education.

THE RESPONSE GENEROUS

"The requirements among the children of school age have been so great that winter that the charitable organizations have not been able to meet it fully. But in response to the need the people of Philadelphia have fully maintained their reputation for generosity, and while we have not had all the clothing and the shoes which we could use, the reply has been very gratifying.

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SHORT CUTS

Roxborough fair boosters not only know what they want, but how to go after it. The sufferer from hicoughs always wants the query: How do you get that way?

CAT WHISKERS

Cat whiskers dissolved in hydrochloric acid are said to be a cure for asthma. Pick your own wheeze.

KIDNAPING

The kidnaping of Unionists in Belfast proves that life is still worth living for Irishmen who love excitement.

FIGHTING

Fighting Michael Collins, who thinks as well as fights, is now being embarrassed by those who fight without thinking.

FRENCH

The French demand for a clear-cut program for the Geneva Conference has in reason and excuse in the Washington Conference.

NEW YORK

New York, Conn., police carry white night sticks. It is claimed for them they are lighter even though they fall less heavily.

HARRY A. MACKAY

Harry A. Mackay figures that nobody can possibly know quite as well as Harry Mackay what a really fine fellow Harry A. Mackay is.

CHARLES A. SNYDER

With Bernard Shaw, William Jennings Bryan and Dr. John H. Brown in the shade, the shade of Charles Darwin probably wears a sardonic grin.

TO REDUCE THE NAVY

To reduce the navy personnel to a point where the remaining ships will be efficiently manned seems foolhardy; which affords fairly strong reason for extra vigilance. Congress may fall for it.

SECRETARY WEEKS

Secretary Weeks advises against accepting Ford's Muscle Shoals offer without assurance that fertilizer will be manufactured and sold more cheaply than at present. As Henry still has a chance to say whether or not this is agreeable, the proposition is fair enough.

AMERICANS AT THE AMERICAN MUSEUM

Natural History are interested in the "crab" which died, they say, ten million years ago. We know not what valuable knowledge may be derived from the remains, but we do know that a fatality surmise that at least he is sufficiently dead.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

1703—Treaty of Paris, by which France ceded to England all Canada and the French possessions from the Alleghenies to the Mississippi.
1707—Thomas Worthington, United States Senator and Governor of Ohio, born in Jefferson County, Virginia. Died in New York City June 20, 1877.
1808—Russia made a declaration of war against Sweden.
1823—The Royal Asiatic Society was founded in London.
1828—The first school for the blind, the first in the United States.
1860—William E. Burton, famous Canadian, died in New York City. Born in London September 24, 1804.
1864—The Austrians and Prussians occupied North Schleswig.
1920—The former German Crown Prince called to President Wilson an offer to surrender himself for trial in place of the 800 German war criminals.
1922—Thirty lives were lost in a tornado at Gardner, Va.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Sir Robert A. Falconer, president of Toronto University, author and scholar, born at Charlottetown, P. E. I., fifty-five years ago.
Sir Walter Parratt, celebrated organist and composer, born at Iludersfield, England, one year ago.
Holm O. Bursam, United States Senator from New Mexico, born at Fort Dodge, fifty-four years ago.
Dr. William J. Martin, president of Davidson College, born at Columbia, Tenn., fifty-four years ago.
William G. (Billy) Evans, umpire in the American Baseball League, born in Chicago thirty-eight years ago.



ALBANY SPEECH