GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Speaks of Various Doings, of Interesting Weddings Today and of a Luncheon for Miss M. Carey Thomas

TODAY there will be no weddings in Philadelphia society for a change (have you ever seen anything like the number there have been on Saturdays for the last month or so?) Next Saturday there won't be any either, but on Saturday the twentieth! Then Nancy Cope and Pierre Hazard, Bobbie Brockie and Richardson Dilworth, and Nannie Dale and Edward Biddle will all be married.

Nannie Dale's wedding will be half an hour before the other two—they are at 12:30 o'clock—but that won't help much, as she is to be married at Bryn Mawr and the other weddings will be in Germantown. However, I hear that the Hazard-Cope wedding is to be a very small affair, as weddings go, so most of us will have to chose between the two others. Then, at 4 o'clock that same afternoon, Rosalie Volbrath and Martin Buehler will be married at the Volbrath's country place at Penllyn.

Today there will be a wedding in New York with Philadelphia connections. Nina Cowley, the daughter of Mrs. A de Embil, of 1400 Park avenue, and Mr. Cesar Robriquez Morini, of Cuba, will be married at the Hotel Gotham at 4 o'clock. Mrs. R. Alastair McCloud, of 2218 Locust street, is Nina Cowley's sister, and will be her matron of honor and only attendant. In Baltimore there will be the wedding of Helen Whitridge and Albert Cabell Bruce. Catherine Cassard will be one of the bridesmaids.

THIS week-end will be very gay at Princeton. If I am not mistaken, all the clubs are having house-parties, and you know what fun that will be. Lots of girls from Philadelphia went up yesterday and will stay for several days. Mary Carter, the attractive daughter of the Rev. George C. Carter and Mrs. Carter, of the Rectory, Bryn Mawr, is going, and will be at the Cap and Gown Club. Mary is coming out next winter and I know she will have a beautiful time.

Ellen Douglas Lloyd, Ellen McMichael, Banning Grange, Eleanor Dunning and Dorothy Rodgers are some of this year's debs who will be there, and Jane Hepburn, Bonnie Wood, Margaretta Harrison, Marion Wilson and Bess Pearson—who are to be at Cap and Gown, too—are also going. They will have a wonderful time, Princeton is such an attractive place, and the house-parties especially are awfully nice.

Tonight there will be a party here, too, as Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thayer will give a dinner at the Philadelphia Country Club in honor of Polly Thayer and Hoffman Dolan, who will be married on June 17. Speaking of the Dolans reminds me that I saw Mrs. Thomas Dolan (Hoffman's mother) on Chestnut street several days ago. She was looking very well in a stylish dark blue serge dress embroidered in gray, and a stunning red tricorne hat.

FROM what I hear the models at the Fashion Show in connection with the Wynnewood Pony and Dog Show have decided to be useful as well as ornamental—they are all very good-looking girls and will make lovely models—Mary Norris, Mary Glendinning and Mrs. Clayton Strawbridge are among them. Well, it seems that to show off the dresses they display that afternoon they will need a "runway" of some sort, so these resourceful girls have decided to build the runway themselves this afternoon. Armed with all sorts of implements, they are going out to the Billie Clothiers' place at Wynnewood, where the affair is to be, and will do their own carpentering job.

I've been told that Mrs. Neddy Page has issued invitations for a ladies' golf tournament at the Gulph Mills Golf Club on Monday, also in connection with the Wynnewood Pony and Dog Show. Its interesting to notice how many girls are taking up golf these days, and they are awfully good players, too.

TODAY the Bryn Mawr College Alumnae of Easton, Pa., are giving a luncheon at the Bellevue in honor of Miss M. Carey Thomas, president of the college. About 150 alumnae will be there. Miss Thomas, as you know, is retiring as president this year and is going abroad for a time, so the luncheon is in the nature of a farewell. Miss Adelaide Neal is in charge of the affair, and Miss Thomas will be the only speaker.

NANCY WYNNE.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall Rankin, of Deep Run Farm, Penllyn, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Cornelia Shepard Rankin, to Mr. Alfred Reeves Hunter, son of Mrs. Ernest Howard Hunter, of Chestnut Hill.

Miss Aileen Benson of London, England will act as maid of honor at the marriage of Miss Henrietta MacDonald Wilson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Reynolds Wilson of Westwood, Villanova, and Mr. Edward Oram Shakespeare, Jr., son of Mrs. Edward O. Shakespeare, of the Wellington, which will take place at four o'clock on Wednesday, May 31, at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr. The bridesmaids will be Mrs. Frederick H. Lee, Jr., Mrs. Bertram Lippincott, Miss Elizabeth Russell Tucker, Miss Rachel Fitler, Miss Louisa Newkirk and Miss Janet H. Lewis of New York. Little Miss Elisabeth Shirley Fetterolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton H. Fetterolf, of Meadowbrook will be the flower girl. Mrs. Fetterolf is a niece of the bride's mother, Mr. Charles Grenville Wilson, brother of the bride will be the best man and the ushers will include Mr. Harold Webber, Mr. William J. Baird, Jr., Mr. W. Reynolds Wilson, Jr., and Mr. James C. Wilson, 2d, brothers of the bride; Mr. Edward Crosman, Mr. Tristram Colket, 2d, Mr. H. Griffin King of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. Slocum Kingsbury of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Keith, of 226 South Twenty-first street, will entertain at a luncheon today in honor of Judge and Mrs. James P. Gorter, of Baltimore, Md., who are the guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilmer Biddle, at Binderton House, Chestnut Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Duane, of Green Hill Farm, Overbrook, have issued invitations for a dinner on Saturday evening, May 13, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duane. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duane, who have been at 107 South Twenty-second street this winter, have taken a house at Devon for the summer, which they now are occupying. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Duane and their family will sail for Europe early next month, where they will spend the summer travelling.

An interesting debutante of next season will be Miss Betty Hetherington, daughter of Mrs. Seth C. Hetherington, of 2110 Pine street, who will make her debut at a tea at the Ritz-Carlton on Thursday, November 9. A dinner and theatre party for the receiving party will follow.

Mrs. Pope Yeatman, of 1118 Spruce street and Chestnut Hill, will give a luncheon and bridge party at her home in Chestnut Hill on Monday next in honor of Mrs. Rodman Wister, of 1206 Locust street, who will shortly sail for Europe. The guests will include Mrs. Arthur W. Sewall, Mrs. Robert Emott Hare, Mrs. John T. Lewis, Mrs. Joseph Burroughs, Mrs. Edward Brooke, Miss Ida Cushman and Miss Mary Sergeant.

The Musical Club of the Agnes Irwin School will give a concert and dance this evening at the Little Theatre in aid of the building and endowment funds. Miss Barbara L. Clayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clayton, of Berwyn, Haverford, is president of the club. Miss Virginia Norris, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard C. Norris, is the treasurer, and Miss Sarah Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moss, of Sunny Hill, Bala, is the secretary. Miss Clayton and Miss Norris will both make their debut next winter.

Mrs. Rutherford Pearson, of the Bellevue-Stratford, entertained at lunch yesterday and later in her box at the Indoor Horse Show. Among the guests were Mrs. George Willing, Jr., Mrs. Frederick Jordan and Mrs. Walter T. Roach. Mrs. Pearson's brother-in-law, Mr. William T. Wainwright, who was visiting her, has returned to his home in New York.

The guests who will attend the luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton, followed by a circus party, which Miss Fifi Dorrance and Miss Charlotte Dorrance will give on Saturday, May 13, will include Miss Mary Norris, Miss Helen Piersol, Miss Carolyn Plumer, Miss Elizabeth Laselere, Miss Virginia Hillary, Miss Florence Fell, Miss Anita Shields, Miss Anne May Rolin, Miss Anne Humrockhouse, Miss Nina Ball, Miss Willoughby Ellis, Miss Frances McCleary, Miss Grace Norris, Miss Fredericka Lewis, Miss Josephine Seeler, Miss Anne Prichard, Miss Elizabeth Remington, Miss Louise Grayson, Miss Alice Wilson, Miss Molly Lewis, Miss Lorraine Pierce, Miss Anne Piersol, Miss JJosephine Rothermel, Miss Ruth Longnecker, Miss Josephine Henry, Miss Mary Henry, Miss Louise Long, Miss Roselyn Betz, Miss Margaretta Ausbach, Miss Jane Chapman, Miss Carmita Bartlett, Miss Elizabeth Lockridge, Miss Susan Gabrisky, Miss May Therese Groves, Miss Eleanor Piper and Miss Susan Lippincott.

Mrs. Frederick Winslow Taylor and Mrs. Edward Walter Clark will give a garden party and tea at Boxley, the home of Mrs. Clark in Chestnut Hill, on Friday afternoon, May 12, in honor of the members of the Pennsylvania Society of New England Women.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Alexander Chestnutt announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marjorie Chestnutt, and Mr. Edmund. G. S. Flannigan, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Short, of Cresheim and Pelham road, Germantown, will entertain a party on their yacht, Dicksadee, on Decoration Day, Tuesday, May 30.

Invitations have been issued for a party to be given by the members of the Matinee Musical Club on Thursday, May 18, on the roof garden of the Bellevue-Stratford. Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock and will be followed by a card party and a dinner and dance at 9 o'clock. Mrs. George Washington Edmonds, of the Touraine, is chairman of the Dance Committee.

Mrs. Ralph C. Stewart, of Beechmere, South Lansdowne avenue, Lansdowne, will entertain at a small luncheon and bridge party at her home on Friday afternoon, May 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Bair, of Forty-second and Spruce streets, will entertain at a dinner and bridge party at their home on Wednesday evening, May 17. The guests will include the members of their card club.

Lieutenant Commander William Adams Hodgman and Mrs. Hodgman and their children, Miss Anne Thomas Hodgman and Mr. Robert Willis Hodgman, sailed from New York a few days ago. They will travel through England, France and Germany for a year. Lieutenant Commander Hodgman has recently returned from the Philippine Islands, where he was head of the navy yard.

The members of the "1913" June class of the Philadelphia High School for Girls will give their class luncheon and reunion this afternoon at the Ritz-Carlton. Among the guests will be Mrs. C. Lamb Bright, Mrs. Harold B. Schofield, Mrs. Karl Brandt, Miss Rene Merry, Miss Beatrice Heiman, Miss Laura Weiner, Miss Cecilia K. Kenny, Miss Marie V. Daley, Miss Irene E. Krieger, Miss Anne Moore, Miss Anne Graham, Miss B. Wyatt, Mrs. Clara Clements, Miss Dorothy H. Springherst, Mrs. Stanley Byrns, Miss Miriam Clark, Miss Kathryne Pottiger, Mrs. Anna Nickum, Miss Alice Beardood, Mrs. M. Weldon, Miss Edith Ashton, Miss Margaret Neuber, Miss Kathryne Billett, Miss Marjorie Miller, Mrs. Karl Ruggart, Miss Reba Jenson, Mrs. G. Young, Mrs. M. Elnhorn, Miss Kathryn Fischer, Miss Edith Pentland, Mrs. Luganstein, Mrs. Charles Noble, Miss A. D. Stevenson, Miss Laura Winner, Miss Sareta Renton, Miss Ruth Atmore, Mrs. Mary Jane Schofield Smith, Mrs. E. C. Young, Mrs. A. Burgess, Miss Emily Stopper, Miss M. Helen Dill, Mrs. A. Williams, Miss Alice A. Williams, Miss Metla Wittaker, Miss Marion Thomas, Miss Helen Arthur, Mrs. Bessie S. Collard, Mrs. Helen G. Selton, Mrs. L. Wiler, Miss Katherine Barton, Mrs. I. H. Most, Miss Esther Ornstein, Miss Mary E. Anderson, Miss Levina Bass and Anna S. Braden.

The annual Senior Ball of St. Joseph's College will be held this year in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford on Tuesday, May 9. All the boxes have been taken, and there is a patroness list of more than sixty. Among the boxholders are Mrs. M. E. Cummiskey, Mrs. J. L. Durkin, Mrs. A. L. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. E. Moroney, Mrs. D. B. O'Laughlin, Mr. Louis J. Daly, Mr. Murtha P. Quinn, Mr. Harry J. Trainer, Mrs. Jos. C. Trainer and Mrs. P. J. O'Callaghan.

WEST PHILADELPHIA

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Foelker, of 1239 South Fifty-sixth street, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marion Lena Foelker, and Mr. Charles Arthur Bjerklund, also of this city.

Mrs. Nathaniel Parker, of Palmer avenue, Collingswood, N. J., will entertain the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta Psi Sorority at her home this afternoon. The members are Mrs. Harold K. Brown, Miss Helen C. Chatham, Miss Louise Chipman, Mrs. Mortimer Trowgott, Mrs. George Flood, Mrs. Harold Dohner, Mrs. Thomas Frantz, Mrs. Joseph O'Donnell, Mrs. Walter Stuart, Miss Phyllis Sanner, Miss Mildred Pidgeon and Miss Estelia Wood.

Miss Bessie Beck entertained at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Chester M. Grooms, 6144 Ludlow terrace, in honor of Miss Dorothy L. Riddell. The guests were Mrs. John Briel, Mrs. Ellis D. Gilbert, Miss Gertrude Mayhew, Miss Sara Richman, Miss Betty Richman, Miss Gertrude Gormley, Miss Sara Schroyer, Miss Helen Riddell, Miss Grace Riddell and Miss Helen Schoeninger.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA

Mr. Andrew Crosson entertained at an informal party on Wednesday evening at his home, 2234 South Hicks street. Among the guests were Miss Margaret Murphy, Miss L. Caspar, Miss Jean Stone, Miss Mary Duffy, Miss Mary Morton, Mr. James Garahan, Mr. John Daugherty, Mr. Charles Ritter, Mr. Joseph Duane and Mr. Joseph Barr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mang, 3938 North Marshall street, and their daughter will motor to Atlantic City over the week-end.

GERMANTOWN

Miss Nora Elizabeth Waters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Waters, of 186 Queen lane, Germantown, will entertain at a luncheon followed by cards at the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club on May 10, in honor of Miss Kathryn Murphy, whose engagement has been announced to Mr. Frank Morris. Among the guests will be: Miss Marie Huber, Miss Helen McNichol, Miss Agnes McNichol, Miss Beatrice Whelan, Miss Isabel Whelan, Miss Rosemary Murphy, Miss Gertrude Morris, Miss Agnes B. Waters, Miss Elizabeth Goodwin and Mrs. Edward O'Neil.

A minstrel show and dance was given for the benefit of the Gonzaga Orphanage, East Church lane, Germantown, last evening in St. Vincent's Hall, Germantown. The show was produced under the direction of Mr. Paul C. Henderson, assisted by Miss Alice Coyle, Miss Marie Markey, Mr. Hugh Prendergast, Master Vincent Devlin, Mr. Bill Paris, Mr. Harry Schmid, Mr. James E. Snyder, Mr. Charles Rumer and many others.

HOLMESBURG

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Castor of 8204 Frankford avenue, are entertaining as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. David Marr, of Brooklyn N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moore, of Springfield, Mass., are visiting Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Charles Stackhouse, of 3119 Rhawn street.

Miss Alice Satton, of Welsh road, will spend the week end in Atlantic City, as the guest of Miss Marion MacDonald, of South Iowa avenue.

Mr. E. Glenn Haines gave an organ recital on Thursday evening at the Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church in connection with Music Week. He was assisted by Miss Florence Haines, pianist, and Mrs. Charles Gros, soprano soloist.

FRANKFORD

Mrs. William Nicholl, of Griscom and Dyre streets, will entertain at a card party at her home on Saturday afternoon, May 13.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herbert have returned home after spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

WISSINOMING

Dr. and Mrs. E. Stanton Muir, of 6023 Walker street, Wissinoming, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Gertrude B. Muir, and Mr. N. Edwin Lindell, also of Wissinoming, on Saturday evening, April 22. Owing to a death in the Lindell family, the wedding was a quiet one.

YARDLEY

Mrs. William Applegate entertained on Tuesday evening last in honor of Mr. Applegate's birthday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bangham and their daughter, Miss Margaret Bangham; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Voorhees and Mrs. P. W. Applegate, of Trenton; the Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Dennis, of Princeton; Miss Gladys Harper, Mrs. A. Higbee and Miss Alice Marie Ross, of Yardley.

NORRISTOWN

Mr. Thomas W. Garis, of 323 James street, has announced the engagement of his daughter, Miss Esther G. Garis, to Mr. George Clark, of Philadelphia.

Mr. George Steinmetz and daughters, Miss Helen and Miss Julia Steinmetz, of 1310 DeKalb street, have returned from Florida, where they spent the winter.

Miss Edith Earl, of 1325 Linwood avenue, who was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. William Blick, of Pittsburgh, has returned to her home.

DELAWARE COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. William McClenachan, Jr., have returned to Chester from a stay in Norfolk, Va., where they were the guests of friends.

Mrs. William Stafford Parker, who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Bickley, at their home near Wallingford, for a month, will return this week to her home in Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. Louis Ross Little entertained informally at bridge at her home in Media this week. The guests included the members of her bridge club.

June Fete for Orphanage

A June fete will be held on the grounds of St. Vincent's Orphanage, Lansdowne avenue and the Drexel Hill car line, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 8, 9 and 10, for the benefit of the completion of the outdoor playground, started last year for the 500 children of that institution. The fete will be in charge of the ladies' auxiliary of the home, of which Miss Regina G. Kelly is president. Miss Kelly will be assisted by Miss Agnes Kelly, Miss Molly Deaver, Miss May Hughes, Miss Mary Kelly, Mrs. Paul Ludes, Mr. Robert Hackett, Mr. Thomas Farren, Mr. Maxwell Kearney and Mr. Walter Dorsey, chairman of the committee. Mrs. S. J. Quinn will be in charge of the restaurant; Miss Mary McGoldrick, dolls; Miss Mary Burke, cake and candy; Mrs. Paul Ludes, the donation fund, and Miss Eleanor Cochran, the baby show, on Saturday afternoon, June 10.

To Aid at Fair

Photo by Marceau.

MRS. J. CLAYTON STRAWBRIDGE

Of Beacom lane, Merion, who will be one of the models at the Fashion Show in connection with the Wynnewood Pony and Dog Show on May 17

Engaged

Photo by Bachrach

MISS CORNELIA A. S. RANKIN

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall Rankin, of Deep Run Farm, Penllyn, whose engagement is announced today to Mr. Alfred R. Hunter, son of Mrs. Ernest Howard Hunter, of Chestnut Hill

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Colonel Pusey and Senator Eyre

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Colonel Fred Taylor Pusey's name appears on the glass front of his office door in the Widener Building as counsel for the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission. The newspapers refer to him as Deputy Attorney General of Pennsylvania. Does he hold both offices and does he receive remuneration from both of them while directing a political campaign as the adjutant, to all appearances, of T. Lawrence Eyre, at the Alter headquarters in the Bellevue-Stratford?

It is impossible to find Colonel Pusey at his law office at any hour of the day. He is evidently so absorbed in the campaign that he is quoted in an evening paper as predicting that the Alter majority over Pinchot on May 16 will run into six figures.

What happened in Indiana Tuesday last in all probability merely foreshadows what will happen in Pennsylvania next Tuesday week, with greater emphasis. It is not a question of Mr. Alter or Mr. Pinchot individually. It is the long retarded hand of rebuke about ready to fall with a thunderous thwack; and you may rest assured that the thwack will be heard.

Mr. Eyre, who seems to be entirely at the helm at the Bellevue-Stratford headquarters, must realize that there are many of the older voters of his generation in Pennsylvania who recall the plundering of the State revenues in the State Capitol job. One might ponder whether newspaper files of that date had been destroyed that the managers of the Pinchot campaign have made no reference to the Capitol looters and the infamy they brought on the State.

Its only significance in this campaign is the fact that T. Larry Eyre appears to be running the Philadelphia end of it, Colonel F. T. Pusey merely functioning as a handy man at his elbow.

EDWIN P. HENRY.
Philadelphia, May 4, 1922.

Why He Favors Wine and Beer

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—In answer to Mr. Martin L. Foster, whose opportunities for observing the various manifestations of human nature must be sadly limited: Mr. Foster insistently asks "What do we want with beer and wine? What do we want with beer and wine?"

No, sweetheart, the answer is not "Pretzels"; we want only and precisely just what mankind always has wanted ever since the world began. Prohibition has caused millions of people who previously enjoyed beer and wine to turn to whisky. These good folks would naturally welcome the return of beer and wine. Other people who attain only indifferent success with their home-brew and home-made wine are also desirous that the real goods should be brought back to where it belongs.

Still others there be who view with alarm the spectacle of homes turned into breweries and distilleries so that even the young girls and the little children are becoming addicted to the use of strong drink.

That's what prohibition has done for us and still some blind fanatic will stand up and bay at the moon, "What do we want with beer and wine?"

CHARLES DUNCAN.
Philadelphia, April 20, 1922.

The Constitution and the People

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Now that the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States have come to Philadelphia and rededicated the restored edifice at Fifth and Chestnut streets, where under the Constitution were held its first sessions, may we not indulge the hope that that tribunal will, without delay, restore to the people of the United States the government which they ordained and established, and rededicate to liberty the Constitution of the United States?

The structure of the government erected by the Fathers of the Republic in the group of buildings on Chestnut street between Fifth and Sixth, by disuse and abuse has become quite as unrecognizable as were the buildings before their restoration. And now that the buildings have been restored, what could be more appropriate than a restoration of the people's government which those buildings typify?

Although the preamble to the Constitution framed there declares, "We, the people of the United States * * * to secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessings of liberty, do ordain and establish this Constitution," the agencies of government have now declared it to be the law of this land that the people have no direct voice in altering or annulling the powers of the government which they ordained and established.

The sovereign power which the people by the Constitution expressly reserved to themselves has been by the agencies of government transferred from the people to governmental agents. In the several States of the Union the people have been separated from their own Legislatures in the act of ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. They have been told that these Legislatures, which they create by their State Constitutions, do not receive from them the power to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, but that that power is conferred on the Legislatures by the Constitution of the United States. In the act of ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States the Legislatures of the several States are now by the law declared to act under the power of the United States, and the people who created the Legislatures and who ordained and established the Constitution of the United States are told that they are voteless and voiceless in changing the form of the government which they made.

Webster, in his reply to Hayne, said of the Constitution: "It is the people's government—made by the people—responsible to the people." And Lincoln at Gettysburg pleaded for a new birth of freedom that "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Yet under the law as it is now declared by the agencies of government, the Government of the United States is now a government of agencies—made by agencies—responsible to no one.

For when the governmental agents separated the people of the several States from all power over their Legislatures in the act of ratifying an amendment to the Federal Constitution, they separated the people of the United States from the government which they ordained and established. Surely the spirits of the patriot founders of the Republic must have hovered over the gathering in the old Supreme Court building yesterday and caused many a twinge of conscience in the breasts of those there gathered by recalling to their minds the simplicity and purity of the principles of freedom on which they grounded the government. If the restoration and rededication of the old edifice shall lead to a restoration of government to the people and a rededication of the American people and their governmental agencies to the principles of freedom, established by the Declaration of Independence and embodied in the Constitution by the people, it will have indeed been an epoch-making event in the life of the Republic.

R. B.
Philadelphia, May 8, 1922.

Many People Prefer the Old Word

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—One of the "important" things to be taken up at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, which is to assemble in Portland, Ore., next fall, according to a church paper which fell into my hands a few days ago, is a proposal to make a change in the marriage ceremony by substituting the word "follow" for "obey," which is the present form of the bride's promise when she plights her troth with the bridegroom.

Which causes me to wonder whether a good many of the prospective husbands wouldn't prefer the old word, which modern marriages, at least, have proved to be uttered in a Pickwickian sense. There are lots of men anyway who don't want their wives to follow them too closely.

A. CYNICUS.
Philadelphia, May 2, 1922.

Tip to Uncle Bim's Lawyer

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Please print this in the Forum:

To Uncle Bim's Lawyer,
Care Mr. Sydney Smith,
EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER,

Dear Sir—If you are in need of any evidence beyond that which you may have at hand in the defense of your client, you will find on the inside of the back page of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER for April 12, extracts from Mrs. Zander's diary; also in the same location in the issue of the 16th or thereabouts, you will find her own admission of the mistake made; further the evidence of the tradespeople to whom she had promised payment "after the 13th"; and, lastly, but I am quite sure not leastly, the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER readers should be glad to give testimony in behalf of this "perfect lover."

With cordial good wishes for the success of your client, I am

Very truly yours,
A FRIEND OF UNCLE BIM'S.
Philadelphia, May 4, 1922.

Questions Answered

Legislatures and Legislation

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I shall appreciate it very much if you will, through the People's Forum, answer the following questions.

When and where do State Legislatures meet?

How long do they serve?

ELIZABETH KAPLAN.
Philadelphia, May 2, 1922.

Legislatures of the various States vary in the frequency of their regular sittings. Some meet every year; others every two years. In addition, special or extra sessions are sometimes held at the call of the Governor. The State capitals are the places of meeting. The Pennsylvania Legislature's regular sessions are held at Harrisburg, Pa., every alternate year. Terms of service for State lawmakers vary in different States. In Pennsylvania members of the House, or Representatives, are elected every two years, while members of the Senate, or State Senators, hold office four years.

You ask for examples of a State ordinance and of a city ordinance. Probably you mean the form of enactment. In enactment of a "bill" the legislative phrase is "Be it enacted, etc.," while in the passage of an "ordinance" by Council the wording is "Be it ordained," etc. Bills require the approval of the Governor or their passage over his veto to make them laws, while ordinances must have the approval of the Mayor or be passed over his veto to become effective.

Learning Telegraphy

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Where is the main office of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Philadelphia? Do you think it possible for me to learn telegraphy at one of its offices?

J. BRENNAN.
Philadelphia, May 2, 1922.

The Western Union's main office is at Fifteenth and Chestnut streets. Apply there.

The "Hope Diamond"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Will you please tell me the size of the so-called "Hope diamond" and something of its history.

LUCY M. CHARLES.
Frankford, Philadelphia, May 2, 1922.

The blue diamond known as the Hope diamond weighs forty-four and a quarter carats. It is supposed to be part of a stone that once belonged to Louis XIV. of France, which weighed uncut 112½ carats and sixty-seven and a half carats after cutting. The stone was lost in 1792, and came into the market in 1830, when it was bought by Thomas Henry Hope, an English banker, whose daughter married the Duke of Newcastle. The latter's brother, Lord Francis Hope, who married May Yohe, an American vaudeville actress, came into possession of the gem, which soon went into the market again, and in 1909 it was purchased by Mrs. E. E. McLean, of Washington, for $180,000. Legend has been busy with the history of this diamond, and tales of ill luck to the possessor have been eagerly told and retold, but, of course, are without foundation.

Poems and Songs Desired

"Ain't It Fine Today?"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Inclosed please find poem requested by E. Ellen Irwin, of Camden, N. J.

C. V. L.
Philadelphia, May 3, 1922.

TODAY IS YOURS

Sure this world is full of trouble;
I ain't said it ain't.
Lord! I've had enough and double
Reason for complaint.
Rain and storm have come to fret me;
Skies were often gray;
Thorns and brambles have beset me
On the road—but, say,
Ain't it fine today?

What's the use of always weepin',
Makin' troubles last?
What's the use of always keepin'
Thinkin' of the past?
Each must have his tribulation,
Water with his wine.
Life, it ain't no celebration.
Trouble? I've had mine.
But today is fine.

It's today that I'm a-livin',
Not a month ago.
Havin', losin', takin', givin',
As time wills it so.
Yesterday a cloud of sorrow
Fell across my way;
It may rain again tomorrow;
It may rain—but, say,
Ain't it fine today?

Childhood Recollections

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I am anxious to learn the name of the author of the following lines:

As I wander round the homestead,
Many a dear familiar spot,
Brought within my recollections
Scenes seemingly to be forgot.

Here the orchard meadow,
Yonder end the deep old well,
With its old moss-covered bucket,
Sends a thrill no tongue can tell.

Though the house was held by strangers,
All remained the same within,
Just as when a child I wandered
Up and down and out and in.

To the garret dark ascending,
Once a place of childish dread,
Peering through the mucky cobwebs
Lo! I spied my trundle bed.

Quick I drew it from its slumbers,
Covered o'er by dust so long,
Seems to me I hear in fancy
Strains of once familiar song.

Oftimes sung by that dear mother
To me in that trundle bed:
"Hush, my child, lie still and slumber;
Holy angels guard thy head."

As I listen to the music
Carried on in quiet strain,
I am carried back to childhood;
I am now a child again.

'Tis the hour of my retiring
At the dusky eventide;
By my trundle bed I'm kneeling,
As of yore by mother's side.

Hands are on my head so loving
As they were in bygone days,
And in feeble tones I'm trying
To repeat the words she says.

'Tis a prayer in language simple
As a mother's tongue can frame:
"Father, Thou who art in heaven,
Hallowed ever be Thy Name."

As I nestle to my pillow,
With a good-night's kiss I reap,
Scarcely conscious while I whisper:
"Now I lay me down to sleep."

And my soul, through grace, shall
Prays in earnest from yet mind:
"Father, Thou who art in heaven,
Keep, oh, keep my precious child."

But I know I'm only dreaming;
No'er I'll be a child again;
Many years has that dear mother
In the quiet churchyard lain.

But her blessed angel spirit
Hovers daily o'er my head,
Calling me from earth to heaven,
Even from that trundle bed.

I have known this beautiful poem a long time. I have never seen it in print, but learned it from a dear friend who has long ago passed over to the other side. He did not know the author.

I also take this opportunity to thank you for recognizing my last request relative to an article I wrote for your paper some five years ago in relation to the Oxford Trinity churchyard.

The reason I was anxious relative to the matter was the fact of having recently read an article in one of the evening papers claiming that some burying ground in the city was the oldest in Pennsylvania. As I stated in the article referred to, there are headstones in that burying ground dated 1708 and 1709, and on some the dates are entirely obliterated.

DR. J. F. KREWSON.
St. Francis County House.
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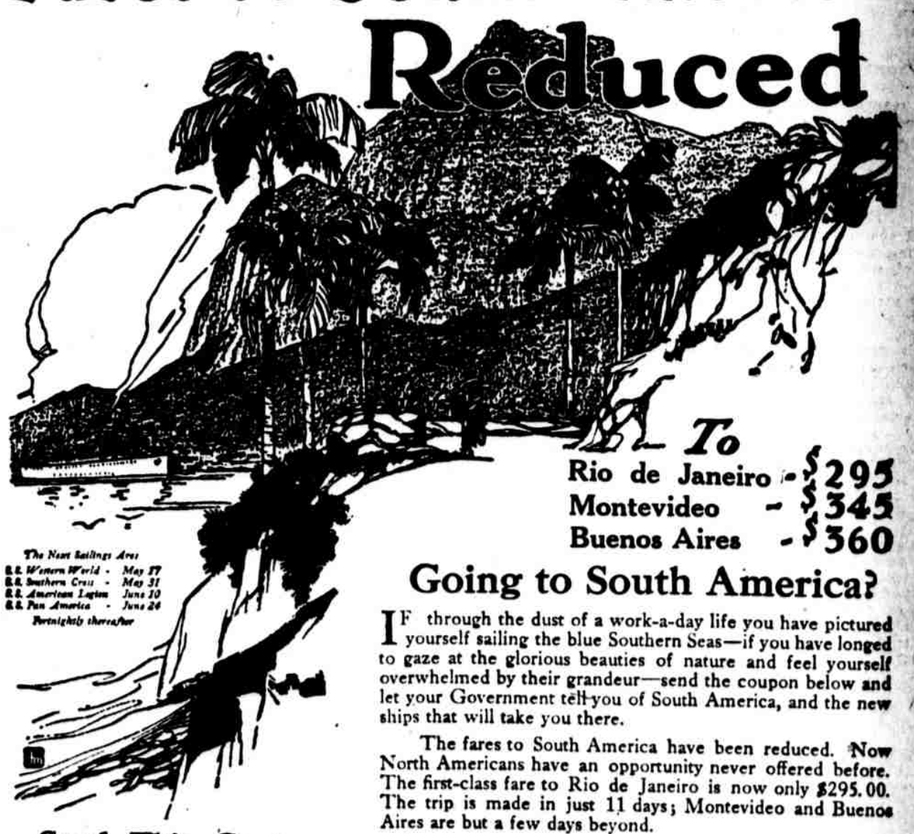

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