THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Declares Prohibition a Success

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—The experience of J. C. Keesberry, as told in his letter, does not correspond with what I observe regarding prohibition. Of the hundreds I come in contact with it is rare that I meet an intoxicated person and formerly I met dozens of them in that condition. Of my acquaintances, those who were hard drinkers still drink but not so much, and those who were moderate drinkers do not bother now to look for it.

There is nothing immoral in drinking so long as one does not endanger the lives of others or become abusive, or a nuisance, but I do think it foolish, and any person is better off without it. Physicians who use liquor can obtain it legitimately. Dr. Keen, who is regarded as at the head of the surgical profession, considers prohibition a great benefit to the public health.

The prohibition amendment was passed by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States, and is a part of the law of the land.* I do not know any respectable person who has a still in his cellar or makes beer in violation of the law. In my judgment the amendment has been a great success and has done what I did not think possible for the public good. The use of alcohol was decreasing anyway, except among the sporting class. Abolishing the free lunch killed the trade. W. A. J.

Philadelphia, May 8, 1922.

Demands Fairness to Negro

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—For 300 years the American Negroes labored ceaselessly, fought unflinchingly and sacrificed heroically to help make this great country what it is today. As slaves for more than 200 years the Negroes have served the whites and as freemen sacrificed thousands to destroy autocracy. This is pure fact.

What is his reward? Lynching, more persecution and more atrocities!

The age of brutal savagery is gone, mob rule can no longer exist. Human beings, irrespective of color, must be saved from the clutches of pitiless mobs. Theodore Roosevelt states: "The man I don't know is the man I don't like." But we do know the Negro, we know that we have brought them over here, we know that we have forced them into slavery. We dare not say we do not know them. Whatever the Negro is the white man has made. The eyes of the whole world are focused on us as the most civilized nation of the world.

Is it humanity to burn Negroes at the stake as just recently occurred on May 6 in Texas. We did not educate the Negroes along the proper lines. The fault is in us, and not in our colored neighbors. Take the outbreak in Tulsa, where thousands of Negroes were driven from their homes. Their sunken eyes told of sleepless nights, their ashen faces bespoke gripping fear. Virgil states: "Tros Tyrriusque mihi nullo discrimine agetur." ("The Trojan and the Tyrian are treated by me without any discrimination.")

As I have stated above, regardless of their color, race or nationalities, let us be human and not beast.

It is not the Negro who should be taught, but the white men in Texas who should be taught the principles of law and order. Murder is murder, whether it is committed day or night. They must be taught that it is cruel, wicked, unlawful to commit such crimes as that of Texas. If a Negro has committed a crime then let the law of the United States take its proper course. Remember, the command from above, "Thou shalt not kill."

ALBERT P. SELTZER.

Philadelphia, May 8, 1922.

Which—Sunshine or Moonshine?

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I was just thinking of an article I read in the Forum the other day headed "Would Restore Wet Days." I think William M. S. must be sick; he seems so worried over buying medicine at $2 or $3 a prescription. I as an abstainer never have given that end of the subject a passing thought. Some people doctor themselves to death with whisky when they might live to a good old age.

He does surely want to restore those lovely wet days, when the little doors did swing and the brass rails shone within. Those delightful days for the many wives to see their drunken halves come home with twisted tongues, staggering steps, reddened eyes and silly grins; in fact, the other fellow whom she never stooped to marry and hardly a resemblance to the fine looking "sport" in her album.

Had those beautiful licensed dens never existed there would be no bootleg stories to harp on.

He says, "Look at the Eighteenth Amendment and see where the United States is going to." I sincerely hope it is going to be so dry that William M. S. will spit cotton and be mighty thankful to get a good drink of cold water. He speaks of Arbuckle having his big times and I will speak of McAlister, Kerr, Death and Campbell all in a bunch, who were sentenced to prison for thirty years for the murder of poor Jennie Patterson under the lovely license law, 4 to 1 in this case. Nuf ced, William, on that.

He also envies the rich man who commits slow suicide and poisons his offspring; but, somehow, I pity the poor rich simpleton and the kids.

Pardon this ridiculous idea, William, but perhaps if a real, earnest, honest man and prohibitionist, whose initials are Gifford Pinchot, is elected Governor of Pennsylvania, sunshine will follow the moonshine. ELLEN E.

Philadelphia, May 8, 1922.

Live in the "Upper Story"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—It was Oliver Wendell Holmes, the "Autocrat," who said that man was an omnibus in which all his ancestors were seated. And the evidence is so abundant on every hand that certain physical characteristics, such as the features and susceptibility to certain diseases, are transmitted from generation to generation, that no one who observes and thinks can deny it. But when it comes to the transmitting of the moral or the intellectual nature, there is a wide variety of opinion.

The statement of the philosopher, Locke, who maintained that at birth the mind was like a sheet of blank paper or a waxen tablet on which anything might be written, is well known. His view was that all knowledge originated in experience. Environment was the great factor. On the other end of the scale we find George Eliot, who enlarges the power of heredity so much that free will and the hope of escaping the fates written in us seem hopeless.

The truth probably lies between the two extremes, but that heredity is a powerful factor, none who know the history of the American Adamses, the French Bourbons and of more than one line of criminals that might be named will deny.

The latest contribution to the discussion is made by Winston Churchill, the American novelist, who has been devoting the last three years to psychological research and has come to the conclusion that man embodies a primitive or animal mind, and, as it were, a superimposed creative mind. If he allows the animal mind to dominate we have the natural results. But man has a choice of living in either mind, creative or primitive. Mr. Churchill believes that giving free scope to the inward creative energy of the universe is the whole secret of living, and that, given that, the conduct will take care of itself. In the conflict between primitive and creative emotions, the latter must dominate. Thus come the artists and the great works of art.

Mr. Churchill points out that the more the will dwells in the primitive instincts, the stronger they become, and the more it dwells in the creative emotions, the more dominant they get to be. After all, what is this but the old religion disguised—or perhaps the marriage of religion and art? Mr. Churchill says:

"As time goes on we shall get more intervals of creative rhythm as our spasmodic primitive emotions cease. When creative emotion comes, it expresses itself in writing or in music, and this is our true self. We hear words breaking on our consciousness like the sea upon the shore and the effect of the rhythm is like music."

So that the first effort of man, when he arises to an understanding of himself, should be to establish his residence in the sunny upper rooms of his nature, not in the basement.

HORATIO SUMMERS.

Trenton, N. J., May 6, 1922.

Wants Vote on Daylight Saving

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—As I have noticed and have heard that the majority of the voting people are against this daylight saving, or "fake time," what they could do is on May 16, primary election day. They should all mark on the bottom of their ballot "Against Daylight Saving," and the judge of the division must count and make a record of them. This should be decided by the voters.

President Harding was right when he said he was opposed to accomplishing daylight saving by turning the hands of clocks and watches; let the business men open their stores one hour earlier. ALBERT J. ARNOLD.

Philadelphia, May 6, 1922.

Questions Answered

Weighing the Baby

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—How soon should a new-born baby show an appreciable gain in weight and what should be the normal increase in weight? M. W. F.

Philadelphia, May 8, 1922.

During the first three months the increase in weight of a normal baby should be about half a pound each week; by the end of the fifth month the baby that has been perfectly well and is being properly nourished should have doubled its birth weight and weigh about fifteen pounds, and at the end of the fifteenth month it should weigh three times its weight at birth. Infants that are very large at birth do not increase so rapidly.

The Ivory Coast

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Will you please tell me where the Ivory Coast is located? H. F. G.

Germantown, May 8, 1922.

The Ivory Coast is a colony in French West Africa, lying between Liberia and the British Gold Coast Colony.

California and Florida

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Is a "cold spell" more likely to occur in California than in Florida? Your answer will decide a dispute between a friend and myself. FLORA McFLIMSY.

Philadelphia, May 8, 1922.

Yes, a "cold snap" is more likely to occur in California than in Florida. The United States Weather Bureau says, however, that both of these States are liable to frosts to more or less extent, depending upon the localities. California extends over a wide territory north and south, with many high mountains, which give to it a variety of climate, rendering a chilly visitation much more likely than in Florida, which is located much farther south and has, all told, a much milder climate.

Andrew Johnson as U. S. Senator

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Was Andrew Johnson elected to the United States Senate after the end of his term as President? DEMOS.

Philadelphia, May 8, 1922.

Yes. Andrew Johnson's service as President ended in 1869, and in 1875 he was elected to the United States Senate as a Democrat after one unsuccessful campaign for the seat and also after failing as an independent candidate for Congress. He was chosen for the Senate by the Tennessee Legislature in January, 1875, and was in his seat during the short session of March, 1875. His triumph was short lived, for he died July 31, 1875, in his sixty-seventh year.

Poems and Songs Desired

"Midnight on the Ocean"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—The "Nonsense Verses" which appeared in the People's Forum not long ago, beginning "'Twas midnight on the ocean," reminded me of lines about a sea experience written in more serious vein, which I inclose and would be glad to see in print.

MRS. W. H. B.

Philadelphia, May 9, 1922.

MIDNIGHT ON THE OCEAN

We were crowded in the cabin;
Not a soul would dare to sleep;
It was midnight on the waters
And a storm was on the deep.

'Tis a fearful thing in winter
To be shattered by the blast
And to hear these rattling trumpets
Thunder: "Cut away the mast!"

So we shuddered there in silence.
For the stoutest held his breath,
While the hungry sea was roaring
And the breakers talked with death.

As thus we sat in darkness,
Each one busy in his prayers,
"We are lost!" the captain shouted
As he staggered down the stairs.

But his little daughter whispered
As she took his icy hand:
"Isn't God upon the ocean
Just the same as on the land?"

Then we kissed the little maiden,
And we spoke in better cheer,
And we anchored safe in harbor
When the morn was shining clear.

"My Trundle Bed"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Recently you printed a beautiful poem called "Childhood Recollections," which I enjoyed reading very much. Will you kindly print the following, the name of which is "My Trundle Bed," an old favorite of mine and probably remembered by some of your readers? MARY G. J.

Philadelphia, May 9, 1922.

MY TRUNDLE BED

As I rummaged through the attic,
Listening to the falling rain,
As it pattered on the shingles
And against the window pane;
Peeping over chests and boxes
Which with dust were thickly spread,
Saw I in the farthest corner
What was once my trundle bed.

So I drew it from the recess.
Where it had remained so long,
Hearing all the while the music
Of my mother's voice in song;
As she sang in sweetest accents
What I since have often read—
"Hush, my dear, lie still and slumber,
Holy angels guard thy bed."

As I listened recollections
That I thought had been forgot
Came with all the gush of memory,
Rushing, thronging to the spot;
And I wandered back to childhood,
To those merry days of yore,
When I knelt beside my mother
By this bed upon the floor.

Then it was with hands so gently
Placed upon my infant head
That she taught my lips to utter
Carefully the words she said.
Never can they be forgotten,
Deep are they in memory riven:
"Hallowed be Thy name, O Father!
Father! Thou who art in heaven."

This she taught me, then she told me
Of its import, great and deep,
After which I learned to utter,
"Now I lay me down to sleep."
Then it was with hands uplifted,
And in accents soft and mild,
That my mother asked "Our Father!
Father! do thou bless my child."

Years have passed and that dear mother
Long has slumbered 'neath the sod;
And I trust her sainted spirit
Revels in the home of God.
But that scene at summer twilight
Never has from memory fled,
And it comes in all its freshness
When I see the trundle bed.

"Mill May"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Days like those we have been enjoying of late remind me of a song I used to sing when I was a boy, which I ask you to print. It is called "Mill May," and was set to a very melodious tune.

JAMES L. FULLER.

Chester, Pa., May 9, 1922.

MILL MAY

The strawberries grow in the mowing, Mill May,
And the bobolink sings on the tree,
On the knolls the red clover is growing, Mill May,
Then come to the meadows with me.

CHO.
Yes, come, the ripe clusters among the thick grass
We'll pick in the mowing, Mill May, Mill May,
And the long afternoon together we'll pass,
When the clover is growing, Mill May, Mill May,
When the clover is growing, Mill May.

Come, come, ere the season is over, Mill May,
To the fields where the strawberries grow;
While the thick growing stems and the clover, Mill May,
Shall meet us wherever we go.

CHO.
The sun slanting under your bonnet, Mill May,
Will soon bring a soft glow to your face,
And your lips—the strawberries leave on it, Mill May,
A tint that the sea-shell would grace.
CHO.

PROBATE McLAUGHLIN WILL

$41,000 Left to Heirs After Several Bequests to Charity

Among the wills admitted to probate today was that of John McLaughlin, 5646 Greenway avenue, who leaves $41,000 to children and grandchildren, after the following bequests: Five hundred dollars each to the Catholic Church of St. Anthony of Padua, Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and Little Sisters of the Poor, Fifty-fourth street and Chester avenue; $300 to St. Joseph's Orphanage, and $200 to the Church of the Most Precious Blood.

Other wills: Theodore A. La Porte, $100,000, in private bequests; James H. Holcomb, 1563 East Montgomery avenue, $20,000; Thomas J. Lawless, 1233 Jackson street, $7112; Anna Wicker, 2015 Livingston street, $5300.

Letters of administration were granted by the Register of Wills today in the estate of Alice D. Craig Hatfield, 1725 Walnut street, who died May 3, to her husband, Major Henry Reed Hatfield; her nephew, D. C. Wright, and her niece, Catharine C. W. Muckle. The estate is valued at $45,000.

Inventories were filed in the personal estates of Charles H. Marshall, $92,542; and Francis J. McGovern, $145,613.81.

The People's Forum will appear daily in the Evening Public Ledger, and also in the Sunday Public Ledger. Letters discussing timely topics will be printed, as well as required poems, and questions of general interest will be answered.

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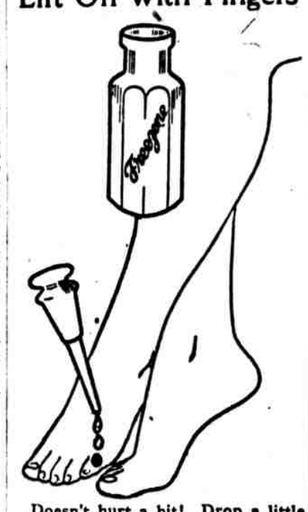

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