THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Radicalism in the School House to the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—The Teachers' Council in New York not long ago adopted a report to the effect that the teaching of radical politics in the public schools should not be permitted. While the vote in favor of the proposition was very large, the opponents appear to have made almost enough noise to offset their lack of

enough noise to offset their lack of numbers.

The idea that persons employed by the State of New York as teachers should be allowed to use their position to promulgate party politics of any kind—least of all revolutionary politics—is so absurd on its face that the mere wish to do this might well be considered evidence of mental incompetency for the teaching profession.

If necessary, this form of mischiefmaking might be corrected by requiring somewhat stricter examination in civil government and political history for those seeking teachers' certificates. Socialism and other radical doctrines usually result from an imperfect knowledge of the principles on which the

of the principles on which the history of the country and the experi-ences of other countries in various forms of social and political organiza-tion. Even the universities often show plorable weakness in this respect. The tendency to substitute the theorising of European philosophers, based

on the monarchical conditions under which they lived, for a knowledge of American principles and experience, and to regard the word of the foreign professor as representative of the higher learning because he is foreign, has been particularly noticeable since the German vogue became fashionable in higher educational circles some forty years age.

vogue became have educators who have as a result we have educators who have murated themselves with Marx. Hegel and others without, apparently, ever having read carefully the Constitution of the United States.

That is one bad habit which the higher institutions should break up in their faculties and thereby pass the influence along to the lower ranks of the teaching profession. The development of radicalism is usually a mere adoption of European ignorance of the political thought and experiences of America, which ever since Revolutionary times have been far ahead of any practical European developments. It finds its best field in imitative rather than original minds.

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It is not creditable to the American educational world. While attempts to fetter the free thought of educators may be objectionable, it could be only a more toward higher standards to require that they, at least, have an adecation for teaching, to whatever lengths they may prefer to go in studying and absorbing the thought of monarchical Europe.

Philadelphia, July 4, 1922.

General Armistead at Gettysburg To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-In reading in today's EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER of Pickett's charge being re-enacted I notice on page 5 the writer states that there was only one general killed during the charge, General Pettigrew. The writer is wrong, as another Confederate general was killed. General Armistead, who in the killed. General Armistead, who in the charge led some of his men inside the Union lines, not far from the stone wall, and fell dead inside the line of the Bloody Angle. There is a marker to show the spot where he fell.

CHAS, P. ARFNER.

Third Brigade, Second Division, Third Army Corps, Hooker's Old Division.

Busingson, N. J. July 1, 1922

Burlington, N. J., July 4, 1922.

City Had First Incinerating Plant To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-At times I see where you have printed in your columns things of local interest which have later become world-

wide in their use and have meant the saving of millions of dollars to the world saving of millions of dollars to the world in the way of economies.

It can be easily proved that the following is one of these, although it is looked upon with little interest, maybe because it was done in Philadelphia; but had it happened in New York or Chicago it would have been broadcast by publication by some great writer.

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In 1870 the undersigned built a small incineration plant on a lot at Fifth and Cumberland streets, with a John Quinn, of the Seventeenth Ward, as superintendent. This was on what was the large dumping ground for city refuse. At this plant was the first effort of salvage of discarded values and the melting of the cans from canned goods, which at the time were not as popular as they are now. At first the lead and tin only were saved. (I still have the first block of lead made.)

But it soon developed into the utili-

But it soon developed into the utilisation of the tin which was used quite
extensively by the trunk manufacturers
and others. It then developed that this
melting produced or saved a very valuable chemical product and a very large
plant, scientifically constructed, was
erected on Grays Ferry road near Thirtieth street, and later the great incluerating plants operated in every large
city were with us, and about 400 people are employed every day in this city
for salvage.

C. JESS YOUNG.

Philadelphia, July 1, 1922.

Economy in Government

the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—I read with much gratification Charles H. Farrell's tribute to General Dawes as Director of the Budget, printed in Thursday's Forum. To General Dawes, in my estimation, is due in large part the redemption of the promise of economy in government made by President Harding at the outset of his Administration. The fiscal year recently ending shows not only a billion and a half dollars less revenue collected than in the previous year, but a surthan in the previous year, but a sur plus of \$335,759,000.

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There is enough credit due this achievement to be divided among the entire Administration, but the country will not forget that it was through Charles G. Dawes and the business-like methods he installed as Budget Director that a great deal of the saving was made possible. His was no easy track, for in cutting down the expenses of the government bureaus he came in conflict with ways and methods which seemed hallowed by tradition to the bureau-crais.

what," they asked, "doesn't this westerner know that it has always cost more to run a government office than a private business?" That feeling perhaps has been one of the reasons for the heavy expenses of government, from the nation down to the school district and township. It is one of the bromides that may safely be expressed in almost any company and escape contradiction. Experience has seemed to indicate its truth, and no doubt the politicians themselves have had their part in spreading the opinion.

Then came Dawes. After having demonstrated how the costs of government could be reduced without stinting any needed activity, he announced a conclusion that is little short of revolutionary. It is this:

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The Government not only can be run as economically as a private business

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but more economically than a private business."

This statement requires amplification, of course, but once the public can dispel that peculiar disrespect for government which regards it as necessarily wasteful, some remarkable chaptes in the conduct of public affairs may be expected.

WARREN L. PHILLIPS.

Trenton, N. J., July 5, 1922.

Song "My Old New Hampehire Home."

Camden, N. J. June 29, 1922.

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Questions Answered

Adult Male Population of U. S. o the Ed tor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—What was the total of men twenty one years old and older in the continenta United States under the census of 1920. INQUIRER.

Philadelphia, July 1, 1922. The total number of men twenty-one years and over in continental United States comprised 28,442,400 whites. 2,792,006 Negroes. 61,229 Indians, 46,979 Chinese. 54,411 Japanese and 7345 of other races. Filipinos. Hindus, Hawailans, Malays, etc., an aggregate of 31,414,370.

Washington's Farewell Address

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir-Might I ask you to print the passage from George Washington's "Farewell Address" relating to foreign entanglements.
AMERICAN BOY.
Philadelphia, July 4, 1922.
The passage, or passages, on the subject would occupy more space than the People's Forum has at its command. The full text of the Farewell Address can be found in any public library. any public library.

"I Confess"

To the Editor of the Eucaing Public Ledger: Sir—Answering "Blue Eyes." with reference to "I Confess." this is a magazine running contest stories. Its address is Room 1513, 46 West Twenty-fourth street, New York. The editor is Elizabeth Sharp.

Philadelphia, June 30, 1922.

Poems and Songs

"My Old New Hampshire Home" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Being a daily reader of your People's Forum, and as I enjoy reading the old familiar songs, here is my chance to return a kind favor to the one that wants the old

Par away on the hills of old New Hamp-shore
Many years ago we parted, Ruth and I; sloaming
It was there I kissed my love a sad She coung to me and trembled when I kissed And pleadingly she begged of me to stay. We parted and I left her broken-hearted In the old New Hampshire village far

Now the sunshine lingers there.

And the roses bloom so fair.

In the wildwood where together roam.

In the village churchyard near

Sleeps the one I love so dear.
On the hills of my old New Hampshire In my dreams by the stream last night I wandered.

And I thought my love was standing by my Once again then I told her that I loved

Once again I asked of her to And as I stooped to kiss her I awakened:
I called her, but she was not there to hear;
My heart lies buried with her 'neath the In the old New Hampshire village far

Supplies Desired Song

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—In a recent edition of your paper you
printed the "Song of the Thrush." I used
to know that song years ago, but had forgot
it. I am glad to get it again from your
valuable paper. I also see that you will
publish "The Bells Were Ringing the Old
year Out and the New Year In." That song
is called "The Miner's Dream of Home." As
I happen to know that song. I take the liberty of sending you a type copy for you to
publish for Mr. Green and your worthy
readers of the Evening Public Lenger.

AN EVEN'ING PUBLIC LEDGER READER. THE MINER'S DREAM OF HOME

It is ten weary years since I left England's shore
shore
In a far-distant country to roam;
How I long to return to my old native land.
To my friends and the old folks at home.

I have a rendezvous with Death
And apple blossoms fill the air.
I have a rendezvous with Death

Last night as I slumbered I had a strange dream.
One that seemed to bring distant friends dreamt of old England, the land of my

I saw the old homestead and faces I loved,
I saw England's valleys and della,
And I listened with Joy as I did when To the sound of the old village bells: The log was burning brightly,
'Twas a night that should banish all sin.
For the bells were ringing
The old year out and the new year in.

As the Joyous bells rang swift I wended my way
To the cot where I lived when a boy;
I looked in the window, yes, there by furred cheeks

As I gazed on my mother so dear.

For I knew in my heart she was raising
a prayer

For the boy whom she dreamt was not

Can a Reader Supply This? Can a Reader Supply Inia?

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir--Will some kind reader furnish the
song in which these lines appear:

"I served seven years in the prison.

Seven more years, I had to serve.

For knocking down a man in a rally
And for stealing his gold watch and chain."

JOE RULLICANO.

Deliadalphia June 28, 1922.

Philadelphia, June 28, 1922.

"A Rendezvous With Death" "A Rendezvous With Death"
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir-I am very desirous of obtaining the
poem entitled "I Have a Rendezvous With
Death" and one of which I cannot tell the
name but is about Herger von Klotven, a doctor and lawyer, and the devil. They play
cards for his soul and his estate, and the
widow and doctor are left without anything.
Will you be kind enough to publish these
two poems in your Public's Forum of next
Bunday? Thank you
HERMAN T. HENRY.
Mifflintown, Pa., June 28, 1922.

Mifflintown, Pa., June 26, 1922.
Perhaps a reader can furnish the second of the poems named above. Alan Seeger's great war poem follows: A RENDEZVOUS WITH DEATH

When spring brings back blue days and fair.

It may be he shall take my hand And lead me into his dark land And close my eyes and quench my breath:

It may be I shall pass him still.

I have a rendezvous with Death On some scarred slope of battered hill. When spring comes round again this year And the first meadow flowers appear.

God knows 'twere better to be deep Pillowed in silk and scented down, Where love throbs out in blissful sleep. Pulse nigh to pulse, and breath to breath. But I've a rendezvous with Death At midnight in some flaming town; When spring trips north again this year. And I to my pledged word am true. I shall not fall the rendezvous.

Aleck the Barber -By J. P. McEVOY

I shop today," said Aleck the Barber, as he sat down at the supper table and helped himself to the meat. "He called himself a gentleman of the old school and he numbled to himself through his whiskers about how impolite people of today was. Sounded like static to me, but I let him rave a while until I called him.

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I. "Look in the elevators. Don't they take their hats off to the women in them? Course they don't take their hats off to the women that operates elevators, but that's different. Any dumbbell could see the difference, but the principle was the same and anybody could see that, too. That's logical, says I. And that stopped him dead.

"When I start a thing I usually finish it." And Aleck nodded to himself with pardonable pride.

"I'm glad to hear it." replied his wife, a curious light in her eyes. "Because the man was around for his inor comes to sit down at it? (Bring me another spoon on your way back,

AND this fells says, yes they do artificial. And I says of course it is. All politeness is artificial. If people acted natural there wouldn't be no politeness. You have to teach to children, don't you? That proves it ain't natural. And then take relatives. They're natural, ain't they? Are they polite? Not unless they want somep'n. Folks is just like nations, with their diplomacy stuff. What is that but a lot of fake politeness? England or France or Germany wants a loan and France or Germany wants a loan and they start acting polite. They send a lot of polite gentlemen of the old school as you call 'em over on a commission or somep'n and they're polite until they get what they want. Gen-tlemen of the old school! Gentlemen the old apple sauce, that's what they are. I don't believe in being an American, nolite. I believe in being an American. Look a hundred per cent American.

wife, a curious light in her eyes. "Because the man was around for his installment on the phonograph today and he said if you didn't keep up your payments he'd take it away. That's logical, too," said his wife

Aleck the barber said nothing.

SETS GOVERNOR'S DAYS

Edwards to Receive on Fridays at Sea Girt

Trenton, July 7 .- Governor Edwards today announced a list of special days beginning Friday, July 14, and ending Friday, September 1, on which he will hold public receptions at Camp Edwards, Sea Girt, during the annual en-campment of the New Jersey National

The camp will be formally opened to-morrow when the 113th Infantry from Northern New Jersey will arrive. The Governor will be at Sea Girt every Fri-day, which has been designated as Governor's Day, during the period of the encampment to receive the residents of the various counties whose men are in

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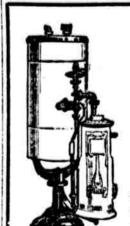
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