

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor should be brief and to the point as possible. Avoiding anything that would be a denominational or sectarian discussion.

"Murderous Incendiaries"
In the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Referring to the timely and vigorous editorial appearing in your issue of October 6, under the heading "Murderous Incendiaries," write to assure you that the fire insurance companies, through the organization known as the National Board of Fire Underwriters, have been for more than a year past cooperating with the Fire Marshal's office in the investigation of the numerous incendiary origin, which have occurred in this city.

In these investigations, there have been facts developed which indicate clearly the guilty parties, but in a great number of cases these facts did not appear to the authorities as conclusive legal evidence, and consequently no arrests were made.

The insurance companies recognize the serious and alarming conditions caused by what is known as firebugs, and are and will be exceedingly anxious to secure the co-operation of the authorities, commercial interests and the public generally in their efforts to break it up, and will welcome the valuable assistance that can be given by the press.

JOHN B. MORTON,
President National Board of Fire Underwriters,
Philadelphia, October 7, 1922.

Andy Gump Sweeping Philadelphia
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Already the movement is sweeping Philadelphia. Andy Gump is a tramp in Congress. Those behind the movement are urging their friends to write his name on the ballot at the election in November. Hundreds of buttons have already been sent and thousands more are being ordered.

J. C. HARRIS,
Fox Chase, October 5, 1922.

"The Hobo-Labor College"
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—In the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER of Thursday, October 5, there appeared under the caption "Hobo-Labor College" an article calling attention to the "Hobo-Labor College," 132 Ridge avenue.

This little write-up of your paper, though not written as kindly in tone, nevertheless embodies several inaccuracies to which we desire to direct your attention and that of the many thousands who read your wonderful newspaper.

Knowing the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER to be a representative and influential journal in our city, standing for a square deal in every respect, we are certain your good faith in charge will find space for this brief letter in your columns, so that any little wrong impressions which may have been created by your article about the Hobo-Labor College may, so far as possible, be straightened out.

In the sub-headline of the article in question states: "It has campus, one man faculty and every other feature of a college." This statement is a trifle off in the strict truth. In fact, we have here a multi-man faculty and studentship. Every trade, occupation and employment finds representation in our college.

Professors of plumbing, sign painting and shoemaking are as common about here as butchers in Springfield. Professors of law, medicine, dentistry, building and darning are as close second. Last, but not least, Prof. of the Pick and Shovel and Dr. of Housework. Tell form a part of our organization.

We do lack in our curriculum, however, a place for what is called "commercial education," being more concerned in expounding the principles of democracy, justice and brotherhood than those of dollar grabbing.

Moreover, the diplomas of graduation and degrees of honor are not bestowed in our college, but rather appear as the marks of useful labor on the calloused hands and knotted muscles of our members.

We are, candidly speaking, not very favorable to the institutions which make indistinguishable the faculties from the student body, all of whom are represented as sitting around on chairs in deep meditation.

Why should we not have just such democracy in our working class colleges? Have you forgotten that the recent very bloody and very terrible war in which so many fine young American heroes were killed, maimed, blinded, and fought to the death for the sake of democracy? Isn't Philadelphia a part of the world and isn't the Hobo-Labor College a part of Philadelphia?

We are all-fashioned enough to believe that democracy means democracy, just as aristocracy means aristocracy, and that aristocracy and that an attempt to mix the two results in a most grotesque, abortive caricature.

Some very good historians tell us our splendid Lincoln when President of the United States used to sit around on chairs decked out in his apartment with several hanging down, severely distinguishable from the common laborers employed about the White House.

Also the twenty-fourth verse (Mark) tells us of a very famous "Sermon on the Mount" in which Jesus gave the following information that "no man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other or else he will love the one and hate the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." We do hope the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger is not in business to serve two masters, the Hobo-Labor College and the White House.

Again, Broderick Editor, to call a line from the streets of the pick and shovel wouldn't it be possible to find other places in town where men, more conspicuous for the size of their "heads" than for the number of their brains, are engaged in the pursuit of knowledge and the attainment of wisdom?

Just as the plant world—the people of America have been shut out of the ownership and enjoyment of land and industry by the growth in our country of a horrible social cancer, so the colleges and universities are shut in the faces of the sons and daughters of the common people. The man with the hoe and hammer is not wanted in the halls of the colleges and universities, where the offspring of the rich, profiteers are monarchs of all they survey.

For this reason little groups of workingmen and women are striving to build here and there in different cities little summer of the splendid light of knowledge and the attainment of wisdom.

This briefly you have the origin of the Hobo-Labor College. You are dead wrong in declaring the college at 132 Ridge avenue has no sippy yell, no marching song, no every tongue.

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CAMPBELL—1128 W. Wyoming ave., Oct. 9, 1922. RUTH C. daughter of Austin H. and Julia M. Campbell, aged 14. Burial services at 2 P. M. at the funeral home of Mrs. J. H. G. at 10th and Broad st. Interment Mount Hope cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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VALENTINE—1000 W. 10th St., Oct. 9, 1922. JOHN VALENTINE, son of the late John and Mary Valentine, aged 35. Burial services at 10 A. M. at the funeral home of Mrs. J. H. G. at 10th and Broad st. Interment Mount Hope cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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ROBERTSON—1000 W. 10th St., Oct. 9, 1922. ROBERTSON, son of the late John and Mary Robertson, aged 35. Burial services at 10 A. M. at the funeral home of Mrs. J. H. G. at 10th and Broad st. Interment Mount Hope cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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