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# Welsh Journalists And the New Laureate.

Lord Lytton's Trip Through the Land of Song. Prominent Welshmen in the City of London.

Recently, at a meeting of the King's | Lewis Morris, for instance, is a thous Cross Literary society, the Rev. Dr. | and times his superior. Owen Evans presiding, Mr. Llewelyn

Williams, in the course of an address "National Awakening in Wales in

Relation to the Welsh Language," said that Weishmen owed a double duty to the language of the land in which they were born. They heard in the first place that they should have a literature all their own, a literature which in the words of Dean Vaughan, "would be unapproacable save through their During the last dozen language." years Welshmen had done much toward the realization of Dean Vaughan's ideal Daniel Owen and Owen Edwards, Moelwyn and Elfed, Principal Rhys and Gwenogfryn Evans and Morris Jones, each in his different department, had been doing great and lasting work, and it could be said with truth that at no previous period of its history had the Weish language displayed a more vigorous vitality The volume of their literature still remained small as compared with English literature. But true literature was a fertilizing germ and should not be judged by bulk but

by quality. Still much remained to be done. There were a thousand parish councils in Wales, and each had the years of age. power to establish a free library where

choice selection of Welsh books might be kept. Yet he was afraid that there were not a dozen parishes in Wales where these nowers were utilized. Take again the question of teaching Welsh in elementary schools. Mr Ackland had given the power to managers of schools, who were popularly elected, to teach Welsh as a class subject. Nevertheless, in the most influential portions of Wales the use of Welsh was tabooed in schools. Intermediate schools had been recently estblished in Wales but even in so Welsh a county as Carmarthen he was informed that Welsh did not find a place in their curriculum. In some places indeed the governing body had been mad enough to doom the schools to certain failure by appointing monoglot Englishmen as head teachers, men who, whatever their proper qualifications might be, lacked the essential qualification of a knowl- He graduated with high honors and afedge of the language and circumstances of Welsh life. But Welshmen had not only to maintain Welsh as a literary organ and an educational medium, they must insist on the recognition in all appointments in Wales. Some vain and foolish persons had raised an alarm that this was "Wales for the Welsh." It was nothing of the sort. It was true, "Wales for the Welsh speaking." but it was something more. It was "Wales for the bl-linguist, for the competent." For, if he might quote Dean Vaughan once mare, "the one hope of Wales at present, her one hope of still his easy style and graceful learning, or of influence, or of usefulness is that at least she is bi-lingual." Mr. Williams' address was well received | Carmarthenshire. by the audience, among whom were Mr. Lloyd George, M. P., and one or two other politicians, Sir Charles Gavan has accepted an invitation to dine with the London Cymru Fydd society at a dinner which it is proposed to

sir William Thomas Lewis The above is a picture of the recently appointed Welsh baronet, one of the

most illustrious engineers living. He is a native of Merthyr Tydvil, and is 58

> The Rev. Owen James, D. D. The Cardiff Times has the following to say of the Rev. Owen James, D. D., formerly pastor of the Scranton Street Baptist church, of this city. "It has now transpired that the eminent American divine whose name is assoclated with the principalship of the Aberystwith-Haverfordwest Baptist college is the Rev. Owen James, M. A., D. D., who was recently elected president of the Roger Williams' seminary in the United States." The eminen divine is the son-in-law of Mr. Daniel J. Evans, the venerable Welsh historian and poet of the West Side, who had much to do with the moulding of Mr. James' brilliant career as a scholar. Mr. James came to this country twenty-six years ago and entered Bucknell college. His career here was remarkable for his great aptitude as a student. terwards for a number of years studied theology. Subsequently he became pastor of a Baptist church at Washington, D. C. at the time when the immortal Garfield was assassinated, with whom he was personally acquainted and with many other illustrious statesmen. He delighted greatly in frequenting the senate chamber and the chamber of the house of representatives. To hear him speak of the oratorical powers of the giant Conkling and the brilliant Blaine was a great pleasure. While Mr. James cannot be considered an orator himself, phrascology is very pleasing. He is about fifty years of age and a native of Home Cymry Fydd.

The West Side is going to have a Cymru Fydd society. Twenty prominent Welshmen are at the head of it hold on St. David's day. This society, the head office which is located in Lonand have been granted a charter from although it bears the same name, does don. The laws of the main society are

The hattle of Agincourt was an occasion on which the Weish particularly signal-ized themselves and the armortal endiges friend and admirer. of each county, and the order in which

they stood is graphically portrayed in the following fines: Pembroke, a boat wherein a lady stood, Rowing herself within a quiet bay; Those men of South Wales of the mixed bloods Had of the Weish the leading of the way.

Carmarthen in her colors bore a rood. Wherein an old man lean'd himself to stay: At a star pointing; which of great re-Was skilful Merlin, namer of that town. Glamorgan men, a castle great and high. From which, out of the battlement above, A flame shot up itself into the sky. The men of Monmouth (for the ancient

love. To that dear country, neighboring them so h'gh).

Next after them in equipage that move Three crowns imperial, which supported were With three arm'd arms, in their proud ensign bear. The men of Breeknock brought a warlike

Upon whose top there sat a watchful cock: Radnor, a mountain of a high ascent,

Thereon a shepherd keep up of n s nock; As Cardigan, the next to them that went, 'ame with a mermaid sitting on a rock: And Melrionyth bears (as these had done) Three dancing goats against the rising sun. Those of Montgomery bear a prancing steed: Denbigh, a Neptune with his three fork'd mace; Flintshire, a work-mald in her summer weed, With sheaf and sickle. With a warlike

Those of Caernarfon (not the least in Whither the swan on the still lake to

fought.

face) Three golden eagles in their ensign brought, Under which oft brave Owen Gwyneth

北 田 井 Notes. Mr. David Jenkins, Mus. Bac., berystwith, is now engaged in setting the words to music

They do things gracefully in Bangor. North Wales. An alderman, Jones by name, of course, has been presented with a silver cradle, a daughter having been born during his mayorality.

One of the handsomest chapels in London is that at New Barnet, where the Rev. J. Alfred Davies (son of Dr. Thomas Davies, of Siloah Chapel, Lianelly, officiates, It will cost about \$75,000 to build

The present palace of the Bishop of t. David's at Abergwill is a mansion in the Elizabethan style, which was im-proved by Archbishop Laud when he was Bishop of St. David's 1621, who also consecrated the chapel attached to it.

Lady Llanover has endowed two Calvinistic Methodist chapels at Aberearn and Lianover, both of which belong to the Monmouthshire Monthly meeting. One of the conditions of the endowment is that Welsh is the only language in which the gospel is to be preached.

A full account of the Treorcky choir's visit to Windsor castle, together with some racy anectodes of the doings of the boys while in London, written by Morien, has been printed in pamphlet form, and officially published by the choir as a souvenir of the event which made the choir internationally famous.

Liew Liwyfo, the veteran poet, vo-calist eisteddfod adjudicator, novelist, journalist, and wit, contributes a series of articles to the "Fwyell," the monthly magazine edited by the Rev. John Evans, Eglwysbach, Liew's contributions are reminiscent, and are headed "Round About-Crosswise and Otherwise."

by Mr. Gladstone." And more than one portrait hangs on the wall bearing the great statesman's signature and a few kindly words of greeting to his humble

A prominsing young man is Mr. Hugh Hughes, the manager of the Transvaal Gold Exploration and Land company. He is a native of Lianrug, Canarvon, and his father, Mr. R. W. Hughes, is manager of a led and silver mines in Huelva, Spain. Mr. Hugh Hughes has just written to the Rev. J. Eiddon Jones pastor of his native village, in reference to the rumors that reached him that there was a general desire on the part of the young men in the district to emi-grate to the African gold fields. Mr. Hughes states that he would certainly not advise any young man to leave his native land, especially at the present time, for Africa, unless they have employment already found for them at their journey's end, or unless they are prepared to be idle for a month or two searching for work. Let young Weishmen take this warning, as Mr. Hughes states that there are several of their fellow-countrymen in Africa, who. after leaving good employment among the hills of their native land, now are in the midst of a terrible struggle for life, owing to the cheapness of native labor in the goldfields.

Mr. Morris Lewis, of Swansea, has returned to his favorite task of transtreaty lating verse. This time he has rendered a sweet little rhyme of "Ceiriog" into melodious English, which he calls "The Maid of the Valley." The two verses run thus wise: The Maid of the Valley has set all aright, Filled is my heart with a new-born delight:

sheep on the hillside are fairer to The

speed, Though marching last in the main army's The woodland is greener, brighter each

flow'r. Life altogether is not as before: My heart is a-singing from morning to

night. The Maid of the Valley has set all aright.

She to the valley has given a glow. Gayer the laugh of the rivulet's flow; Softer the breezes which comes from the West. Loveliness truly doth everywhere rest:

Brighter the Muse is than ever before, Sweetened my thought to its inmost core; My heart that was heavy brims with

delight. The Maid of the Valley hath set all aright.

# BATTLE OF THE BACTERIA. Investigations Prove That It Is Danger

ous to Life. Professor Lankester has again been dallying with the festive bacteria of cholera and typhus, which take up their abode in our drinking waters, says London Invention. But a short time since. Professor Lankester came out with the blood-curdling and ghastly warning in regard to filters in which he threw on the screen of the public cognizance all sorts of horible wriggling and pernicious bacteria and bacilli, which almost tempted us to forswear our teetotal proclivities and declare that we never drink another drop of would water so long as we lived. In fact, we had become convinced by reading Professor Lankester's investigations that it was absolutely dangerous to live at all. Now, the enthusiastic bacteriologist has sprung another mine on the

open-eved public. His investigations into the private life of microbes induce him to believe that they can live and flourish for a time in pure distilled water, but that if those of the cholera and typhoid persuasion be turned loose into ordinary drinking water, they are promptly set upon and worried to death and total extinction by the ordinary



London presents the bewildering ano- | sewage is conveyed to Earking and maly of a municipality within a mu-Crossness, where the solid matters are nicipality, each with peculiar powers precipitated, the fluid draining into the though one is an administrative and the rivers, while the sludge, about 2,000,000 other a nonadministrative government. tons annually, is carried far out to sea When one speaks of the City of London in vessels constructed especially for that reference is to that district lying east of purpose. The condition of the river Temple Bar (now removed, but marked has, by this method, been so greatly by a monument) and anciently within | improved that lish are caught its enthe walls. But London is an administire length. Under a recent parliamentrative county, comprising an area of tary act enlarging the powers of the council there is now a technical edu-121 square miles, including but not govcation beard, composed of twenty counerning the city. This is almost incomcillors and fifteen representatives of prehensible to an American familiar only with the municipal systems of his other bodies or interests, which has own country. But the London of charge of all the duties created by the technical instruction acts. The council Saxon times was an independent state, and even William the Conqueror only provides for its expenditures in two gained possession of the city through a ways-by issue of stock and by rate. with its citizens, and subse-The total rating for the year '95-'96 is 15

quently granted them a charter which pence to the pound for the whole counrestored to them the privilege they possessed in the time of Edward the Confessor. The citizens have been ever jealous of their ancient rights and have preserved their independence in spite of the fact that London has many times multiplied itself; and through their refusal to surrender this now ridiculous distinction we have the fantastic anomaly of an "independent" city within a city upon which it really is in many ways dependent.

## The Lord Mayor.

The city has its lord mayor and board of alderman. Formerly, that is to say before the charter granted by King John in 1214, there was no limit upon the tenure of office by the mayor (then styled bailiff); but that charter required the annual election of a mayor, though in early times the same person pendent institution, over which the could be re-elected (Whittington was county council exercises no control. fourteen times chosen). The aldermen and is wholly removed from the interwere elected annually until 1394, when ference of politics. The office is at New Scotland Yard. There is a coma charter from Richard II. directed that they be chosen for life-a rule which missioner (Colonel Sir Edward Ridley remains in force to the present day. Colbourne Bradford, K. C. B., K. C. S. The city also chooses its own sheriffs, L), at a salary of \$10,500 a year; and there being two sheriffs and two underthere are three assistant commissionsheriffs. Moreover, if you please, these ers, at a salary of \$6,500 each; numersheriffs, each, like the lord mayor, has ous clerks, a surgeon-in-chief, solicithis especial chaplain. The salary of ors, chief constables and department the lord mayor is \$50,000. The city has superintendents. The force numbers its own police force, with a commis-95 inspectors, 1,869 sergeants and 12,sioner at a salary of \$7,500, an assistant 785 constables (policemen). The hourly commissioner at a salary of \$3,750, and street life of London-the busiest city men, including officers, inspectors and n the world—is a perpetual testimonial constables, to the number of 925. Anto the superb and unparalleled excelcient ceremonies are to a large extent lence of this corps and its system of preserved, even the office of swordadministration. The London policebearer to the lord mayor being conman is unarmed; he carries neither club nor "billy," and you never hear tinued at an annual salary of \$2,500. The administration of justice (criminal) his voice bellowing orders for remoncost something over \$45,000 last year, strances: he is quiet, courteous, calm, while the expenses of the magistracy indemonstrative: but the lifting of his and police exceeded \$210,000. The city hand will bring to an instant halt the looks after its own sanitation, paving, traffic of the busiest thoroughfare. And etc., so that it manages easily enough by that lifted hand is explained how it to have annual expenditures in the is possible to conduct in the narrow, neighborhood of \$3,500,000. winding crowded streets of London the

#### An Administrative County.

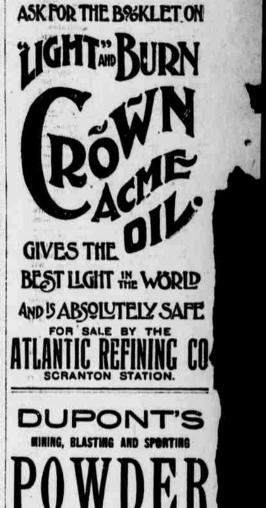
incessant vast counter-current of traftic and travel without confusion, with-London, as discriminated from the out waste of time and with scarcely city of London, is described as "an adever an accident. The London police ministrative county," and embraces, seem to represent the highest degree to as I have said, 121 square miles. It is which efficiency may attain in that digoverned by a county council that conrection. Whatever they are required sists of a chairman (vice chairman, to do they do thoroughly and with military precision. I haven't space to deputy chairman), nineteen aldermen and 118 councillors, a total uf 138. Its describe the styleet-cleaning system. officers include the clerk (salary of It is enough to say a corps of scaven-\$5,000), comptroller (\$4,000), statistical officer (\$3,500), engineer (\$10,000), architect (\$7.500), solicitor (\$6,000), assistant solicitor (\$5,000) chief of fire brigade. medical officer and assistants, chemist, valuer, parliamentary agent, etc. It has no authority over the police. The councillors, who hold office for three years, are elected by the ratepayers (only taxpayers or householders enjoy the rights of suffrage); the councillors then elect the nineteen aldermen, whose term of office is for six years. The present system of government, you know, succeeded the Metropolitan board, which went out of existence in 1889, the first meeting of the London county council being held March 21 of that year, Lord Rosebery president, Sir John Lubbock was his successor, and Sir Arthur Arnold now holds the position, having been elected March 12 last. The county council meets once a week in Spring Gardens, just off Trafalgar square, and a very dignified body It is, quite as grave, solemn and reverend as the house of commons, and by no means less respectable. A stranger indeed, might think it the more selfrespecting and imposing body. The council may, and generally does, delegate any or all its powers (with the exception of raising money by loan or rate) to its committees, of which ther are twenty-two. The finance committee has statutory powers, and as the council is the chief money-raising power of all the metropolitan authorities the duties are of the greatest responsibility. For example, it has to deal with a gross debt of \$175,000,000, a sinking fund of \$75,000,000, and an annual maintenance income of \$15,000,000. The powers, duties and liabilities of the council have to do with the sanctioning of new sewers constructed by vestries; with main drainage; parks and open spaces; the fire brigade; Thames em bankments, etc.; bridges over the Thames (outside the city); all street improvements, new streets, etc.; maintaining subways under the streets for gas and water mains, etc.; supervision of buildings of all sorts; infant life protection; tramways; granting licenses for music and dancing (including the city); asylums for the pauper Insane; reformatory and industrial county buildings; coroners; schools; highways: licensing playhouses belimits of the lord chamberyond the lain's authority; common lodginghouses; slaughter-houses and cowtechnical education; actions houses; bills in parliament: registraat law: tion of electors; suppression of nuis-

COLDS Curious Sayings. Trolley Pills, said a gentleman calling fee ".7." because they knock out the Grip. Heventy-Meaven, lisped a child saking for Sevency seven. Children all like the pleasant pellots; they prevent Colds running into Croup and Bronchitin Singers' Ruin, or loss of voice, cancels the engagement and stops the flow of gold; vide, Sibyl Sanderson. """ prevents the loss of both singers' and cler, ymen's voices and restores them when list. Broken Bone or D. ngue Fever, is the Bortherners term for La Grippe. "??" dissipates the Fover and cures the Orio. Gripper, to seize, is the Russian idea of Grip. "77" loosens its hold.

They Say, that "77' stops the cough, cures the Cold, prevents Pneumonia. They Say, that "..." breaks up a cold that "hangs on;" and it does.

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try, though that includes a tu-penny which the dwellers in the city have not to pay. But equalize taxation the coun cil is authorized to levy a healf-yearly rate of 3 pence in the pound to make an "equallization fund," which will be dis tributed on the basis of population. It should be said that the London county

council (like the alderman of the city) is composed of men of character and personal worth, it being no mean distinction to be a member of that body. which inceludes earls, lords, baronets, knights, queen's coupneels, M. P.s., doctors, clergymen, etc., and is anything but a political job machine. It is, per-

haps, the finest and ablest municipal administrative body in the world-and it can accunt for its income. Functions of the Police.

The metropolitan police is an inde-

not appear to belong to the Cymru Fydd organization. Seeing that some of its members purported to be delegates at the convention where that organization was established, it would be interesting to know when and where the society and the organization parted company.

#### The New Poot Lourence.

The selection of Mr. Austin as the successor of Tennyson in the poet laureatship meets with a chorus of disapproval from the vernacular press of Wales. 'The "Genedi" quotes Dr. Robertson Nicol to show that the new laureate "never wrote a line-not a single line-that can be termed true poetry. but, "the office having been wedded to a party so unpoetical as the Conservatives, what else was to be expected? His greatest friends," the Goleund belleves, "can scarcely assert that Mr. Austin can be compared to his predecessors Tennyson and Words-worth, but, doubtless, the pres-cut government felt that there was no one more fit to be selected out of the ranks of their supporters. If the appointment is given as the recognition for; service to a political party. Mr. Austin has thoroughly deserved it for his pen has been kept busy in the interest of Conservatism for many years." The writer does not think the selection will occasion any disappointment to Wales, for it was known that there ¢as no hope that the Tory minister would recognize the claims of Sir Lewis Morris. The Tarian, while acknowledging that it would not be correct to say that no one previously knew of Mr. Austin's existence, agrees that he has not attained any eminence. Compared to Tennyson he is but a pigmy, nor will he hold comparison with many of the poets now living. "We believe," says the same paper, "that it is not national partisanship that leads us to believe that he is not to be compared with Sir Lewis Morris. Why did not our fellow countryman receive the appointment? Is it the fact that he is a Welshman, in blood and in sympathy, that blocked the way?, We cannot answer, but we helieve that Sir Lewis Morris has been badly treated and that one who is infinitely inferior has been promoted over his head. It is very certain that the Weish nation will feel it has received a blow, and that one of her most gifted sons has been snubbed." "None are more surprised at the appointment." says the Banner, "than those who are true poets. We could easily name half a dozen who stand infinitely above Mr Austin in the world of poetry. Sir

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emphatic that no person is eligible to membership unless he is well grounded in the rudiments of the Welsh language and is able to read it and write it. It is simply a society organized for the maintenance of the Welsh language and their first banquet will be held on St. David's day in this city. None but full-fiedged members will banquet and all speeches, songs, toasts, etc., will be in the vernacular.

> Bwyta fu o ffrwyth y pren, Nos a dydd yn Eden wen: Pren gwybodaeth da a drwg. Heb fod dan y dwyfol wg

## Lord Lyttleton and Wales.

Lord Lyttleton in his "Letters from Wales" remarks that "when I first passed some of the Welsh hills and heard the harp and the beautiful peasants accompanying it with their melodious voices, I could not help indulging in the idea that I had descend ed the Alps and was enjoying the harmonious pleasures of the Italian paradise."

Popular Superstitions.

In giving a portion of a pig's "fry" to a neighbor, which is a most common custom among the Weish, the plate it is sent on should be returned unwashed. If it is washed the bacon will not cure. Putting a loaf of bread on the table the wrong side up is a sign that the devil is in he house. If a stocking is worn wrong side ou

without knowing it for a whole day it is

a sign of good luck. If stockings are hung crossways at the foot of the bed with a pin stuck in them t keeps off the nightmare. When brewing the old people used to

throw into the liquor a few red-hot coals to keep off the witches. If a swarm of bees settles on the dead bough of a tree it is a sign that soon there will be a death in the family to which the bees belong. To prevent an evil spirit entering your

bedroom, place your shoes heel and toe at the foot of the stairs before going to When folks' ears tickle, it is a sign that

lies are being told about them; when it is their nose, it is a sign they will be vexed; when the right eye, it is a sign of good luck; or the ball of the hand, it is a sign that somebody will soon give them ome money.

Folks cannot die, it is said, if they lie n a bed that hath pigeons' feathers in it. If a einder, called a "coffin," flies out of the fire, the person it alights nearest to will die first It is unlucky to see a single crow in

the morning when starting for a long Journey; to see two black crows is a sign journey; to any of a lucky day. Dwy fran ddu, ita i mi.

It will gratify Judge Gwilym Williams to hear of Morien's discovery that Miskin means Maesgwyn, or Holy Place. Providence had evidently an-ticipated the delirious delight this information would give the judge, and arranged that the average of human happiness would be maintained by making him sit in county courts.

This is the jubilee year of the Cambrian Archaelogical Association. The gathering spot is to be Aberystwith, where the first meeting was recently held. A few of the original members are still alive, but the mass are simply memories. The Bishop of St. David's and Mr. G. T. Clark, of Talygarn, may named amongst the few surviving old members.

correspondent of the "Cerddor points out that the Llandudno Eistedd-fod promises to afford materials for an interesting musical comparison. On the one hand the committee have awarded a prize of two hundred and fifty dollars for the best cantata to Dr. Roland Rogers, and on the other hand they have commissioned Dr. Joseph Parry to write a cantata for the occa sion. On the top of this, a Liverpool paper asks, "Will competition or com-

nission produce the better results." There are three warriors of the nam

of Mabon mentioned in the early Welsh poems, one of whom is stated in the "Book of Tallesin" to have made a raid on the district of Dunbarton, on the Clyde, in the end of the sixth century, Clyde, in the end of the sixth century, and to have perished afterwards at "A battle on this side of Llacher, \*\*\* on the fair portion of Reidiol." Lacher and Reidol seem to be identical with the modern Lochar and Ruthvell, both within a few miles of the Lachmaben Stone.

A new composition by Dr. Joseph Parry is likely to attract attention in South Wales. The doctor was commis sioned sometime ago to compose an anthem in memory of the late Idris Williams, Brynglas, Porth. The com-Williams, Brynglas, Porth. The com-position is now ready, and was sub-mitted to a number of well-known mus-iclans at the close of the South Wales Musician society held at Pontypridd recently. It comprises a soprano solo, a duet for a tenor and bass, and a funeral hymr, which is likely to become recent and the source bars. very popular, the whole being brought to a fitting climax with the victorious

hallelujah of a resurrection. England's Grand Old Man has sup plied an old man in North Wales with timber from his Hawarden estate felled by his own hands for the purpose of making little ornaments. The peasant patriarch's parlor is decked with ever

so many pretty things. Walking sticks, work boxes, picture frames, bracelets, lockets, paper knives are there in abundance. All made of "wood sent me

bacteria, harmless to human life, that abound there. So deadly are these harmless bacteria to Messrs, Cholera and Typhold, that even if ordinary water be distilled and filtered to ex clude the common microbes, it is still so unhealthy for the breeds above mentioned that they imediately succumb if they are placed in it.

The conclusion the professor arrives at, therefore, is that even Thames water is actualy safer to drink, though it may be fairly stiff with microbes, than pure drinking or lake water, in which, of course, the typhoid germ can flourish in al its deadly vigor. We are a little curious to see what result bacteriologists will arrive at next, and are very much inclined to the belief that the consensus of opinion will be to go back to our good old methods, and eat and drink as we have been accustomed to for so many generations, without an

"arriere pensee" as to what particular forms of microscopic life it may contain.

### WANTED TO BORROW HIM.

Queer Request Two Women Made of a Philadelphian and Ronson Therefore. From the Philadelphia Record.

A genial Philadelphian, who for obvious reasons does not care to have his name printed on this occasion, secured a parlor car seat on an express train for Reading a few days ago, and as he was about to pass through the gates was surprised to hear himself accosted in feminine tones with the somewhat startling question: "Please, mister.could I borrow you for a while?" Looking around he found two buxom women, who hastily and hesitatingly explained that they were riding on a pass made out in the name of a gentleman and his wife, and, as the gentleman was not present, they wanted the genial-looking citizen to place his bought ticket at the disposal of one lady and take the other one under his wing, while he personated the absent owner of the pass. "Which is my wife?" he inquired

with an inward qualm, lest his own absent better half should hear the story. "You can take your choice, sir," said

the lady in search of an escort, and he promptly did so by tucking the arm of the youngest fair one under his own and leading her into the car. The couple proved to be right jolly traveling companions and the citizen's only regret in the transaction was due to a fear that the story might leak out and get home ahead of him. But it didn't.

ances, and the thousand and one things that concern the community life. In such cases, too, as the construction of the Thames traffic tunnel at Blackwall the work is done directly under the council.

#### Powers of the Conneil.

The council is authorized to buy tramways, etc., and only last year completed its first purchase-four and onehalf miles of way-which it leased at a good rental to the company from which the line was bought. The works department carries out its work of building, sewer construction, paving, etc., without the intervention of contractors, and the scheme is greatly approved. I have not seen any defective pavements in all London. Breaks in the pavement are promptly repaired, and there is no permitting a bad place to grow worse through neglect. One early morning at Hampstead in the summer I saw an officer standing beside a comparatively triffing place in the road made by the wash of a heavy rainstorm. An hour later when I returned the vestrymen had completely repaired the damage. That is characteristic of street-repairing operations. London'

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epers is constantly ployed, and it is marvelous that the streets are kept so clean in spite of the HENRY BELIN, Jr. rodigious teaming.

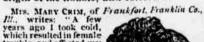
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