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LETTER OF CHRIST?

We find it impossible, at present, to comply with the requests of many of our readers who want us to publish a copy of what is alleged to be a letter written by Christ and first published in 1891. We have it on authority of a prominent priest of the Roman Catholic church, that no one need fear any misfortune or bad luck by failing to comply with the directions as to its publication and ownership, issued by the circulators of this pseudo-epistle.

GOVERNOR TENER COMMENDED.

Governor Tener's attitude on good roads and taxation was heartily commended by the State Board of Agriculture in the following resolution:

> **"We heartily endorse the sentiments expressed by Governor John K. Tener before this body, namely, that roads should connect with county seats and run at right angles instead of parallel with the railroads; that the State should have some well devised system of road building; and that all revenues should be used to relieve local taxation."**

Governor Tener is measuring up to, and exceeding the anticipations of his warmest admirers. His system of "cross-county" roads, will, if carried out into successful completion, mark one of the greatest advances in shire road improvement to be found in any one of the Commonwealths of the United States.

"FRONT."

When the immortal Bard of Avon wrote "Costly thy raiment as thy purse can buy," he was but putting in different form a world-wide truth. The necessity of presenting as good an appearance as possible was never so important as to-day. What with the insane competition in all occupations, the criminal overcrowding of professions, and the universal ambition "to beat out the other fellow," the well-dressed man or woman stands the best show in this little farce we call "life." We may not know where we come from, —there are at least three well-defined theories on this subject—we are not sure even where we are going to —but of one thing we are certain— and that is, that we are here, and that in order to remain on this mundane sphere, in order to earn our bread and butter, in order to feed, clothe and educate those dependent upon us, we must put on "front." It's the great American game, this game of "bluff," you know. The biggest "bluffer" is the man who gets along fastest in his line of business. And after all is said, pro and con, "bluff" is simply another name for confidence, confidence in one's ability to do the day's work and do it well. "Faint heart never won fair lady," and timidity and bashfulness never pushed anyone to the front.

Costly let thy clothes be as thy purse can afford. The world at large has no other means of judging you than by your outward appearance. You like those about you to be always well-dressed, and very likely your employer and associates and friends will not object to your sprucing up to the extent and beyond, of your means.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

News And Views Of Legislative Life At The Capital City.

N. E. HAUSE.

Special to THE CITIZEN.

Bills For $7,000,000.

Harrisburg, Pa., January 28.—This week marked a fairly good beginning in the introduction of bills into the Legislative bodies, particularly those providing for the appropriation of money. With an eye to the main chance, a number of members have endeavored to gain some advantage by putting in early the bills calling for appropriations to hospitals, homes, etc., but to no avail. All such bills go to the committee on appropriations, whose chairman, Dr. Woodward, of Allegheny, will see that none are given any undue advantage. Further, the probabilities are that the bills for the support of the state government, the schools, the judiciary, the purely state institutions and appropriations of state-wide interest will be taken care of first. Then a calculation will be made to ascertain what amount of probable revenue is available for semi-state institutions and other objects needing assistance, and a pro-rata division will be made. Governor Tener will not be likely to meet the difficulty that puzzled his predecessor in this regard if this plan is carried out, and this is proper. The Legislature should take the responsibility which properly belongs to it, and appropriate no more money than the income of the state and the funds on hand will justify. So far the bills introduced call for the payment of something over seven million dollars.

Farmers' Week At The Capital.

The farmers had their innings this week there being no less than four exhibitions of a purely agricultural nature to instruct and enlighten them. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the lot was the exhibit of apples, which was exceedingly creditable and a surprise to many people. The time at which this was held prevented some sections of the state from joining, but the southern tier showed what could be done in growing fruit of a most attractive appearance. To Adams county was given the blue ribbon with Perry county second. One useful purpose served by these shows was the stirring up of enthusiasm at a time when the Legislature could take notice, and it is more than likely that a law will be passed at this session providing for the establishment of a State fair, to be held annually at Harrisburg. The project is under way.

Wright Is Right!

State Treasurer Wright issued an order this week that is bound to cause some stir in the state. It is to the effect that from and after the first of February, all payments made to the Treasury on account of taxes, fines, penalties, etc., must be by certified check, bank draft, money order or cash. The reason for this order is found in the fact that certain checks received by the State Treasurer and by him placed in the general fund, have been returned by the banks on which they were drawn, marked "No funds" or protested. This is not only annoying, but interferes with the correct bookkeeping, for the general fund is ahead of the cash account by these amounts. To correct this the order has been made. For a few months the postage bill at the Treasury will be higher than usual and blessings on his head will be less numerous than curses. The many will suffer for the shortcomings of the few.

Governor Wilson Victorious.

Senator Smith of New Jersey seems to have come out second best in his fight with Governor Wilson over the Senatorial toga. It would not be a surprise if the next Democartic Presidential ticket were to read: For President, Judson Harmon of Ohio; for Vice President, Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, and wouldn't Ohio be a battle-ground royal? Unless Republicans get together, stand-patters, conservatives and progressives, forgetting minor differences, and face the common foe, they will lose out in the next Presidential campaign. Governors Harmon and Wilson are clean, strong and popular as the last eection showed.

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.

The Barnard statues are slowly getting into place, but at the rate they have been moved so far, it will be April before they are in place. By common consent the central figure in the group has been named Adam and Eve, his helpmate, has taken her place by his side during the past week. The artist is now abroad but is expected to return when the groups are ready to turn over to the state.

Judge Searle's Impartial Charge.

Judge Searle's charge to the jury in the Lord case impresses one as being an absolutely fair and impartial presentation of the whole matter, and forms one more proof of the fact that Governor Stuart made no mistake when he appointed him as President Judge for Wayne county. To see that justice is done, that the accused is not deprived of any rights allowed by aw, to hold evenly and firmly the scales of justice and to convince and satisfy the people that their rights and liberties are conserved, require that the Judge shall not only be well learned in the law, but possess and retain the confidence of the people in his integrity and desire to do right. Judge Searle is meeting the expectations of his friends.

BE NEIGHBORLY!

Don't Quarrel Over "The Next Door Fruit Tree."

The next door fruit tree, growing so near the line that laden branches extend over the fence, has proved a source of untold spankings to the small boy, quarrels between otherwise good neighbors and even resort to the police courts. One is inclined to suspect that the original apple tree of trouble hung over a neighbor's fence.

The cause of friction is, of course, the question of the ownership of or at least the right to take and use the fruit on the too widely spread branches. Generally this fruit is claimed by the person whose property is thus invaded, but if he asserts this claim to the point of gathering the fruit without permission he may feel the iron hand of the law, says Harper's Weekly. If he objects to the presence of the branches which extend over his property the owner of the tree must remove them. But if the owner of the tree applies for the fruit or asks permission to enter and take it the owner of the land over which the branches extend cannot refuse permission for entry for this purpose. If he refuses either to hand over the fruit or to allow the owner of the tree to enter and take it, then the owner of the tree may enter without permission, but he must use no force nor commit any damage in so entering.

Certainly the most neighborly thing to do would be to divide that fruit.

—Miss Kathryn Briggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Briggs, of Tenth street, has been appointed day superintendent of Christ Hospital, Jersey City.

The men of Seelyville will give their regular annual oyster supper at the Seelyville Chapel on Thursday, February 9, 1911.

NECROLOGY.

Funeral Of Mrs. Avery.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Otis Avery were held Friday afternoon from her daughter's residence, 609 Park street, at 3 p. m., Rev. W. H. Swift, D. D., officiating. The funeral party left Saturday for Newdorp, Staten Island, where interment was made in the Moravian cemetery.

Death Of Mrs. John Metzger.

Mrs. Lottie M. (Eliot), wife of John Metzger, died Sunday morning at 2 o'clock at her home, 108 Sixth street, the immediate cause of her death being pneumonia which set in after an operation performed to relieve internal hemorrhages.

Mrs. Metzger was born June 12, 1873, and consequently was only 38 years, 7 months and 17 days of age, when she died. She is survived by her father, who resides at Cherry Ridge, a brother, David Eliot, Cherry Ridge; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Tolley, Honesdale, and Mrs. John Vonear, Hoadleys; her husband, and two children, Adelaide, aged 14, and Grace, aged 5. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from her late home, Rev. W. H. Swift, D. D., officiating. Interment was made in the German Lutheran cemetery.

Death of Mrs. David Patterson.

(Commmunicated.)

Ellen Utt, wife of David Patterson, died after a few days' illness at her home near Centerville school house, Salem township, where she had resided for nearly half a century. She was born August 5, 1839, and died Wednesday evening, January 18, 1911. She was married in 1858, and is survived by her husband and the following children: William, David and Mrs. Minnie Surplice, Scranton, Theodore, George and Horton, in some western state; Ardeen, Lake Ariel; Mrs. Elizabeth Schultz, Chicago, and Ella, at home; also by one brother, Theodore Utt, and a sister, Mrs. Eliza Bidwell, Dunmore, and one sister in Wilkes-Barre; and twenty grandchildren. She was possessed of a most gentle and loving disposition and will be greatly missed in the home and community where she had lived so many years and especially by her aged husband and daughter, Ella, who was her constant nurse in her last sickness. The funeral took place at her late home on Monday, January 23, Rev. W. B. Signor, Bethany, a former pastor of the deceased, officiated, assisted by H. W. Perkiss, Lakeville. The Arlington choir rendered some fine selections. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Six grand-children acted as flower bearers. Interment was made in the Salem cemetery, beside the remains of two sons and a daughter, Robert, Joseph and Margaret, all of who died several years ago. Among the many friends and relatives who attended the funeral were Mrs. Holland, Scranton, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Murphy, Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Webster, Sterling, Charles Utt, Lakeville, and Miss Clara Bidwell, Dunmore.

Pistol Toting Must Go.

From every part of the country come reports of crimes that seem to be the direct outgrowth of the pistol toting habit. That is, they are of such character in execution that it is probable they would not have occurred but for the fact that the murderers were armed at the particular moment when the homicidal idea came to them. Almost every State in the Union stands in need of a stricter and more strictly enforced law against carrying concealed weapons. West Virginia two years ago enacted a law that provides a compulsory jail sentence for the man convicted of making a walking arsenal of himself. Six months in jail is the minimum penalty, and the enforcement of the law has made the gun-carrying habit much less popular than formerly. A number of homicides have taken place in this city during the past month that would almost certainly not have been committed but for the too handy pistol. The pistol-toting habit must be broken up. It is a cowardly habit at best, and has no proper place in a civilized community. We are all too ready to think of Texas and other of the Western states as the home of the six-shooter, the habitation of the pistol toter, and yet two Texas boys who were arrested in New York city the other day for carrying concealed weapons testified upon their trial that they bought their guns in New York and that it would have been impossible for them to procure them at home. Pistol toting is going out of style in Texas and the other States considered wild and woolly, but it still stays with us in the East, esteemed among certain classes as one of the reigning styles of personal adornment. It must go.—Baltimore Sun.

Agricultural Week At Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Pa., January 28.—This is a great week for Agriculture, Horticultural, and allied interests at Harrisburg. Many agricultural societies in session here, including the State Board of Agriculture, The State Horticultural Association, The Pennsylvania Livestock Breeders' Association, and The Pennsylvania Dairy Union. This is the week of the Annual Meeting of such organizations, and the associations are continuing three times per day from Tuesday forenoon to Friday forenoon inclusive. Not only are there papers and discussions on important subjects by experts and practical men, but there is, also, an exhibition of Pennsylvania products that has never before been equalled in this state. The horticultural exhibit alone is a revelation to the grower and lover of good fruits. It would scarcely be believed that Pennsylvania is able to produce apples of such wonderful beauty and perfection as are there seen.

The interest in fruit production has been greatly stimulated by the work of Professor Surface, state zoologist, and his inspectors and demonstrators. The demonstration method has proven, in the different counties of this state, that all that is necessary for the production of fine fruits in very profitable quantity is to use modern methods in the care of the trees and the control of pests. Many of the finest apples shown at Harrisburg this week are from the demonstration orchards, or from orchards that have been conducted during recent years on the methods directed from the office of the Economic Zoologist. The value of the Lime-sulphur Solution as a spray for the deadly San Jose scale and other insects and fungous diseases is fully shown by the excellent fruits. For the first time cash prizes, as well as other numerous prizes of considerable value, are awarded, and the interest in the fruit exhibit is greatly stimulated.

NEW YORK LETTER.

Life In The Metropolis As Seen By THE CITIZEN'S Special Correspondent.

The Streets of Gotham.

Sunday, we awaken to a new world. Silently during the early morning hours the beautiful snow had fallen and mercifully covered the filth of the city and for a few short hours, while the busy throng slept, the city was clean to look upon, but like a big per cent. of its inhabitants it was only on the surface. We read a great deal about the expense of keeping the streets of New York clean. Judging from appearances of all streets, at all different times of day or night, they never are clean. They are torn up the year around and the walks blocked.

New Yorkers Superstitious.

By the way, did you ever watch a lot of people when a ladder was in their pathway? One day I was down in the Whitehall building, which is one of the many high business buildings, and in going through the corridor to the elevator, one had to pass under a ladder. The old superstition came to me, and I dodged around. The men all smiled but I noticed they all followed suit.

G. A. R. Posts Meet.

Last Sunday evening all the G. A. R. Posts of the city met at the Metropolitan Temple to commemorate several events which happened just before the opening of the Civil war. One of the events which the Rev. Dr. Hill mentioned was the celebrated message which was sent, "If any man attempt to pull down the flag, shoot him." Dr. Hill, a staunch patriot, and a decided non-believer in Socialism, said, "It should be true to-day," for he believed more men were trying to haul down the flag to-day than in those dark days, and men of a different class. He further remarked that patriotism was of the soil, Christianity of the soul, and the man that didn't have the former was not usually much benefit in the church.

Socialists Strong.

Socialism is strong here as was made plain Monday when David Graham Phillips, formerly one of the editors of the New York World, and author of several very popular novels, was shot seven times in front of the Princeton Club in broad daylight by a crank by the name of Goldberg, who, after he had done his cowardly deed, put a bullet through his own head. We wouldn't say brain, because he shouldn't be credited with having one.

Sunday Theatres Crowded.

"We often hear the remark: "I like to live in New York because the people are so cultivated, so culturned." Perhaps they are, but the majority are so "cultivated" that their Sunday evenings are spent at a vaudeville show. In Hamerstein's, on Sunday evenings, are more people than you could find in ten or more city churches if their congregations were combined.

Furnished Room Houses.

Wonder if anyone who reads THE CITIZEN has ever thought of coming to New York and running a "furnished room house"; if so, think twice. In the first place rents are extremely high, and must in part be paid in advance; then the heating, lighting, water and laundry bills would make a country person dizzy. Your expense goes on the year around, while at times your rooms may be empty. Your roomers may break or steal your furniture as in a case which I recently heard of. A French Madame, connected with one of the swellest Fifth Avenue stores, vacated her room. After she had gone, the landlady went to the room and found a marble top table in smithereens, and the marble wash bowl in like condition, also all handles gone from dresser; but the bird had flown and there you are. In a few days the landlady was requested to give her a reference. A German Baron (in his own mind) was another. He saw millions everywhere but he had to wait until he heard from his sister, the Baroness on the other side before he could tip the postman Christmas, and he hasn't heard yet. New Year's eve one man came home from his office to go to Philadelphia to see his wife. When he went to his room behold his suit case with a suit of clothes and a fur coat had disappeared. These are just a few things one who runs a furnished room house has to contend with.

We know a young lady who came home from work last week and found all her clothing thrown on the floor, no carpet, no bed, and after eight o'clock it was up to her to find an expressman and a room.

This Imperfect World.

If there is anything this great and free country suffers from it is too few laws regulating the personal habits and tastes of its men, women and children. It will never be set right until the state asserts stricter control of the private affairs of its citizens. Fortunately an earnest class of progressive thinkers is everywhere at work striving to coerce individual conscience, to dictate how the individual woman shall and shall not dress, to decree how the individual man shall and shall not eat and drink, and to decide for him how the individual worker shall earn his living on week-days and take his pleasure on holidays.

In Massachusetts a solicitous legislator proposes to define what shall be the legal length of a woman's skirt. In Indiana another desires to lay down the legal principle that one man shall be permitted to buy only lemonade when his next-door neighbor takes beer. In Missouri a third seeks to prescribe in what terms of speech and what tone of voice a ticket agent shall reply to a traveler asking for information. Within the next few weeks every Legislature in session between the Atlantic and the Pacific will probably have similar experiences with the unquenchable passion for reforming somebody else's conduct.

This world is still far from perfect. People are what they are, parts of an unregenerate race given to wanting their own way in spite of the unceasing efforts of meddlesome busybodies. But the restless who plan to govern everybody's personal conduct by fussy laws must not despair. If everybody complied with all their notions their occupation would be gone, and in their pursuit of happiness there would be nothing left for them to do but to pick a perfectly proper, prudent and temperate world to pieces again.—New York World.

Proposed Automobile Tax Increase.

Local automobile owners view with disapproval the proposition of Senator McNichol to introduce into the legislature a bill placing a tax of $100 a year on all automobiles in Pennsylvania. The tax at present depends upon the horse-power of the machine, and is either $5, $10 or $15.

The owners of autos think this is sufficient tax and while they are not making any objection to the present law they most decidedly object to $100 tax laws, particularly when Senator McNichol's plan will not place any portion of this $100 in a fund for either building or maintaining good roads.

The automobile clubs throughout the state are lining up to fight the measure should Senator McNichol carry out his plan and introduce the bill. The State Motor Federation is also in the field as an opponent to any bill which will increase automobile licenses.

—Rev. A. L. Whittaker delivered an eloquent sermon on "Have You Thought About It?" Sunday evening before the Knights of St. Paul.