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Mayor Lashes Gangsters

The Mayor's message is a record of constructive achievement. It reveals him as the same old "War Horse of Reform," a man shot through and through with sincerity of purpose and determination.

Money and a Champion for Transit

MR. CONNELLY, chairman of the Finance Committee of Councils, speaking with great earnestness, told yesterday how anxious he was to further the plans for rapid transit and how glad he would be if the initial appropriation could be made one or two millions of dollars instead of half a million.

Within Hearing of the School Bell

THIS is the month when school begins. The public statement that the "biggarliness and indolence" of farmers stand in the way of the centralization of rural schools is a reminder that the institution known as "the little red schoolhouse" has not yet been extinguished.

Expose the Last Pretense

WHAT virtue Republican leadership saves in Washington is against Penroseism. Borah, Clapp, Cummins and men of their type make no secret of their opposition. They are close to national sentiment; they cause the verdict of 1914 if Penroseism is indorsed by Pennsylvania.

the only strength left in his candidacy, except that which comes from the Organization, and this, of itself, would be insufficient to bring him success.

Fished for a Minnow: Caught a Whale

THE attempt to picture Doctor Brumbaugh as a creature of the plunder-loving organization would be more likely to succeed had not the candidate demonstrated his independence and his abhorrence of a bit on dozens of different occasions.

Do Not Trust Him

LAURENCE STIERNE wrote "Tristram Shandy." He also wrote some sermons. In one of them, the 27th, he said: TRUST THAT MAN IN NOTHING WHO HAS NOT A CONSCIENCE IN EVERYTHING.

A Victim History Will Celebrate

BELGIUM has been badly treated; there is no doubt of that. It was her misfortune to lie between two giants who spent their nights and days making ready for battle.

Compensation Should Be Quick

FURTHER years ago a railroad brakeman in this city was injured in the discharge of his duties. He lost his right arm and his right leg as a result. He sued for compensation and a jury gave him an award of \$15,000.

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CUROSITY SHOP

The well-known phrase, "Who struck Billy Patterson?" is said to have originated 40 years ago in a medical college in the Middle West.

PASSED BY THE CENSOR

PRINCE is dead. He had a home of which any gentleman would have been proud, but he was a dog of wandering habits.

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fundamental of all wars. No one should be so ignorant for public favor wants the truth of telling his countrymen that they are wrong and that the foreigner is right. It is an unpopular sentiment. The few men who bravely assume it deserve encouragement. So great is the disfavor engendered in taking the other nation's case, like that of Spain in 1898 or Mexico in 1848, that nobody is likely to be so naively very strongly convinced that duty leaves him no other alternative.

VIEW OF READERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

Contributions That Reflect Public Opinion on Subjects Important to City, State and Nation.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—As a citizen of Pennsylvania, although absent in the South for several weeks, I am interested in the progress of affairs at home.

After pointing out the demoralization which attempted prohibition would work in Philadelphia, and that there is less drunkenness in New Orleans, with a liquor license to every 250 people, than in Philadelphia, where there is one to every 750, and that in five weeks there is a score of drunken men in the Southern city. As for Portland, Me., where prohibition prevails, it is notorious for drunkenness.

My experience teaches me that the advocates of local option and prohibition are sadly mistaken, and yet I recognize and would, if possible, eradicate the excesses and evils associated with the reckless sale of alcoholic liquors. GEORGE MULLEN, New Orleans, September 10, 1914.

ANTI-TYPHOID VACCINE

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The experience of the American army in the practically total abolition of typhoid fever among our soldiers by the use of the anti-typhoid vaccine finds a striking confirmation in the British army in India.

It was a rather ambitious name with which to start an organization of half a dozen enthusiasts. It also seemed equally ambitious for them to adopt a costume for the purpose, but they did.

And it all came to pass just because Titian Peale felt a tightening of the chest after his return from the Rocky Mountains on Long's expedition, and felt the need of exercise before breakfast.

Titian Peale was the fourth son of the first great American portrait painter, Charles Willson Peale, and although himself not draughtsman and a naturalist, he was not generally regarded as a painter, yet, of course, he could paint.

Peale accompanied Long's expedition in the early part of the last century to explore the Rocky Mountains in our then recently taken Louisiana territory. He died in 1855 at the age of 58 years, but some years before his death he gave the history of the formation of the Bowmen to Mr. Davidson.

I need not quote him further than to give his explanation of the genesis of the archers here, and the introduction of archery into this country.

"In 1828," he wrote, "after returning from Long's expedition to the Rocky Mountains and feeling the want of outdoor exercise and disliking billiards, tennis, etc., a few friends joined in choosing archery before breakfast and a walk in the country."

The friends who became the first members and founders of the United Bowmen were Franklin Peale, Titian Peale, Dr. Robert E. Griffith, Samuel P. Griffith, Jr., Jacob G. Morris and Thomas Sully. It appears that Sully, who at that time was almost at his height as a painter, did not take a very active part. He did take the walks in the country, for the country was much nearer the center of the city than it is today.

This will be better understood when I tell you that the Bowmen held their first tournaments, if they may be so-called, at Bush Hill, where they set up their butts. Bush Hill was close to the city hospital, and the archers may be said to have congregated for their sport in the neighborhood of 20th street and Fairmount avenue. There is not much to suggest open country in that neighborhood now. But this was in 1828, when Peale had his Bowmen organized.

I should mention that they did not hold tournaments under that name, but had their "field days." The costume, as can be seen by Sully's picture of the field day uniform, was rather prepossessing, but looked a great deal like a boy's suit of the period that had reached full growth.

This uniform consisted of a light sporting cap of black bombazine, an iron gray jacket bound with black braid, and white pantaloons. Thus were the United Bowmen attired on field days and prize days, as they called the days when the archers shot for prizes.

You can imagine that this was a rather exclusive circle. Only friends of the founders were likely to apply for admission, and while the number was gradually increased, at no time did it contain more than 25 members.

In 1858 they changed their uniform again. This time they abandoned all suggestion of boyhood in the design. The new costume consisted of a single-breasted frock coat with standing collar of drap'dete, Lincoln green in color, evidently in honor of the great archer, Robin Hood, and this coat was trimmed with gold lace, so you see they must have made a very pretty picture when they were all out on a field day at Bush Hill.

An arrow worked in gold adorned the collar of the coat, and a straw hat covered with green cloth, turned up saucily at one side "with three ostrich feathers couchant" formed a fitting capital to a noble figure. The remainder of the costume included white pantaloons, guard and belt of black leather and a gold buckle.

The rapid extension of the city caused the club to change its grounds every few years. They at one time rented a farm at Fountain Green, at another they had grounds at Nicotian, and finally at Camas's woods. Dr. William Camas was the last member admitted, and he was elected in 1856. About the time of the Civil War the Bowmen virtually ceased to exist, but their example encouraged archery in this country, and it has been carried on here and there until the present day, although we have heard little about it.

But this is not the only sport that Philadelphia was the first to foster. That sounds like a promise, and perhaps it is. GRANVILLE

A New Internationalism

From the Boston Herald. The most overrated virtue in the world is patriotism. It can be developed to excess.

There is a higher loyalty than that to the people of one's own land, and that is loyalty to all mankind. We owe something, in peace and in war, to the spirit of a broad humanity, and to those forces and influences which make for a better understanding of the other fellow, and a clearer perception of his rights and feelings and interests.

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