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The anti-moralists win their victories at the registration booths. They maintain their ascendancy, when they do maintain it, through the failure of good citizens to qualify as voters.

What Villa Has Learned From Europe
GENERAL VILLA'S demand that no man in military service be a candidate for the Presidency of Mexico shows almost state-of-the-art qualities in the ex-outlaw and his "dile."

Railroad Prosperity Via Economy
COUPLED with the welcome news that the Pennsylvania and the Reading railroads will not increase their passenger rates, as at first announced, is a significant reason in the August report of the former railroad.

What America Escaped
ON THE 19th day of the Battle of the Marne the losses had been so tremendous, Paris heard, that the War Office feared to announce them.

Labor Making Itself Responsible
STRIKES and wars are on a par as means of settling conflicts. Sometimes they are necessary, yet always wasteful, and the result is only embitterment and mutual dissatisfaction.

More Land for Settlement
FROM time to time more or less earnest efforts have been made to revise the public-land laws so as to bring them into conformity with new conditions.

ment of our agricultural resources; and it is very plain that when the land barons have secured to themselves the present and potential profits from non-agricultural resources, like timber, oil, ores and waterpower, they will dispose of large tracts to settlers at prices which may or may not be reasonable.

Penrose on Penroseism

THE Penrose reply to Roosevelt's denunciation is as delicious an example of humbuggery as has appeared in American political literature in years.

Philadelphia the "Bookies' Paradise
ONCE upon a time it was "Take in your washing, the actors are coming to town." Just now it is the "bookies" that ateat the civic lines.

Reasonableness of Facts
THE ruling class of Germany, which has always been quoting Scripture for its purpose, is justifying its policy of imperialism in the name of "culture and civilization."

Hail, Gentle Humor!
HAIL the books! Gentle Parnassus opens its groves, and all the springs gush forth with a new literary output.

Preparation and Crisis
CHARACTER cannot be transferred from one person to another. It is not a coat to be changed at will, but a moral creation.

Counting on Father
She—I'm afraid your papa will miss me when we are married, poor father going away?—Boston Transcript.

Curiosity Shop
The Red Cross was originated in 1842 by Henry Dunant, a Swiss. In the year mentioned he visited the principal European cities in behalf of his plan, and in 1863 the first Red Cross organization was effected in Geneva.

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PASSED BY THE CENSOR

EVERY city, town and village in this wide land of ours has its so-called characters, and Philadelphia is no exception. Every evening, rain or shine, a well-dressed man may be seen, sometimes at Tenth and Market streets, other times at Arch and Broad, his eyes closed, walking slowly to and fro, declaiming God's word in stentorian tones.

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DONE IN PHILADELPHIA

WITH the exit of the News-Post the other day, Philadelphia, for the third time in less than a year, stood dry-eyed at the bier of an evening newspaper. For the Item and the Evening Times had at decent intervals preceded the News-Post into oblivion.

Those who knew the Item only in its last stages of debility can have no adequate idea of the immense success that paper once had here. It was started by Colonel Thomas Fitzgerald in 1847 as a weekly. It was a lively sheet, and as the Colonel took a deep interest in literature, art and music, the Item stood for something.

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Views of Readers on Timely Topics

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

More War Talk
We are looking at this war as Americans; it is a formative period of our nationality. We do not want to be Russian-Americans or French or Italian, German or English, therefore anything which tends to excite and keep alive race antagonisms is a crime against our nationality.

Penrose and Liquor
On the last page of today's Evening Ledger I note attacks on Penrose aimed in the direction of the barroom. Roosevelt lined up crooked politics with liquor support, as your enterprising photographer shows the Senator's face prominently displayed.

Complaints of Motormen
I desire to call your attention to the flagrant disregard of "safety first" principles on the part of motormen on our streets. Time and again I have noticed their hands off starters and brakes.

Searching for the Bureau
Can any reader tell me when it was that Philadelphia adopted its present habit of describing the custodian of our peace as "The Bureau of Police" and in general of substituting "bureau" for "department"?

Out for the Floor-Walker
Why worry over the shoddy attention of the floor-walkers? Have you ever tried to find out anything from one of these morose and abstract gentlemen?

The Three Twins
From the Savannah Morning News. Three of a kind—George, Fred Williams, Sir Lionel Carlen and A. Rusten Bay.

National Point of View
Motorists have good reason to revile against the proposal of Congress to include in its war revenue act a tax of 25 cents per horsepower on motor vehicles.

The Idealist
Thousands of young men and young women are forced to give up school or college before the completion of their courses. It is safe to say that only a small percentage of these plan out a course of self-education and adhere to it.