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an aim could be devised that the public return for free speech, now proposed. There is no more precious American liberty than this for which Joseph Pels always fought.

Bad Because It's So Good

THE Mayor need not expect that Councils will "relax in the idea that this is a bad Administration." Councils know that it is a good Administration. That is why Councils, through its unofficial publicity agent, makes such a stupendous effort to arouse the contrary impression.

But the Mayor need not worry. His Administration has been so notable an achievement that it has focused on this city the eyes of the municipalities of the country.

Drugs and Death

"WINE is a mocker; strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." If the Biblical writer who penned those words had known of the frightful ravages caused by drugs he would have added: "Drugs are death; and whosoever is mastered by them is insane."

No one knows this better than the practicing physician. So deeply has the medical profession grown to feel on the subject that the Philadelphia County Medical Society is drafting a bill for the next Legislature to restrict the sale of habit-forming drugs.

Harvard's Long-lost Playmates

BY THE time Harvard got ready to drop Dartmouth and ease up on its playing schedule it had learned its lesson. Penn supplied the text: Don't drop a team after it has beaten you two years running.

Today Harvard will doubtless recall these things. For it will see the two husky discards joined in combat. And a combat it should be! Nobody but Harvard seems to be the loser; and even the Cambridge college may well rejoice in having saved its scalp.

Watchdogs of Our Riches

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S idea of an adequate navy was a fleet of two of small coastal craft to be used in the defense of our littoral. The nation paid dearly for his attitude in the War of 1812.

"Know-Your-City-Better"

A GOOD show and a political demonstration in one—that is the "Know-Your-City-Better" exhibition in the City Hall pavilion. The little building is an ocular demonstration of what the Blankenburg administration is trying to do for Philadelphia.

Practical Gratitude

BELGIUM'S needs are more exigent than imagination has dared to picture. Wealthy Belgians have just subscribed \$3,000,000, which the Relief Committee must use for the transportation and distribution of supplies sent from America.

Child Labor Means National Suicide

CHILD LABOR is a prodigal and senseless waste of national resources. No defense of it can ever be valid. To work is the duty of adults; to learn and to play are the inalienable rights of childhood.

Fels Sanctuary of Free Speech

JOSEPH PELS' life meant anything, it meant a free expression of the thoughts for human liberty. He thought to himself that by the single fact others have gained the same end by different means.

CAPITAL GOSSIP A. Mitchell Palmer Will Be Appointed a Judge if Vacancy Occurs. Report That He Would Be Attorney General Untrue—Prediction as to a Future Collection in the National Museum.

IT CAN be said with authority that A. Mitchell Palmer is very dear to the heart of the President and will be conserved by the Administration. When Mr. McReynolds was appointed Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court to succeed Justice Lurton and Mr. Gregory was appointed to succeed Mr. McReynolds as Attorney General, it was said at once that Mr. Gregory had been appointed with the understanding that he would resign the office in order to make a place for Mr. Palmer in case he should be defeated in his race for United States Senator from Pennsylvania.

IT WAS said yesterday by authority that the President fully appreciates the sacrifice made by Mr. Palmer in his race for Senator in Pennsylvania; that he does not think that the man who led so forlorn a hope should be overlooked in the distribution of high places not in the nature of reward, but as a recognition of merit, and that he will take the first opportunity to express in a signal way his sense of what the public owes to men who are ready to sacrifice themselves for the public good.

IT WAS said at the time Mr. Wilson was organizing his Cabinet that Mr. Palmer would have been quite willing to accept the office of Attorney General and by many of the rapid-fire guessers he was slated for that office. The President is said to have offered him instead the position of Secretary of War and that he declined to take the job because he was a Quaker and fighting was not in his line.

Curiosity Shop

"Going on a bender" was an old slang phrase to signify the alcoholic state of the bender. How it originated is not known, but Penn's Monthly of August, 1854, dignified the phrase with this little verse:

I met her at the Chinese room; She wore a wreath of roses, She walked in beauty like the night, Her breath was like sweet posies.

HUM OF HUMAN CITIES

A few years ago the short-lived Socialist administration of Milwaukee tried the experiment of municipal dance halls. So far as can now be ascertained, they accomplished what they were meant to do, they supplied a place of amusement entirely clear of any sinister moral influence.

CRISES IN GREAT LIVES

The battle of Waterloo is a succession of crises; it was the turning point in the lives of Napoleon, of Ney, of Wellington and of the countries they represented. Wellington's crisis came at the battle of Waterloo, the day of Hougoumont. The Allies had already been pushed back at Quatre Bras. Their position at La Haye Sainte was captured. Napoleon realized that if he could once pivot his army on the hill occupied by the Hougoumont castle, he could turn his left and attack Wellington's right flank.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

A big Chicago merchant, commenting on the business situation, remarks that "The trouble lies in the frame of mind of the large financial interests who sit on their money bags and about panic. There is less, and that, however, as business developments give the lie to forecasts of disaster.—Tacoma Tribune.

Still to be Feared

The graving fur is that, when Uncle Joe Cannon, Mr. McKinley and Nick Longworth join Senator Penrose in public life and assume general charge of our liberties, it will develop that their experience in the outer darkness hasn't chastened 'em any more than a rabbit.

Fate of the Moose

It was clear months ago that if reaction came, the new Progressive party would suffer severely. For the Progressive party, to a degree, was the culmination political expression of the radical movement which had been forcing recognition of its claims by all parties for a dozen years. Reactionism was the express force under

SCRAPPLE Complicated

A little group of his friends was gathered silently in the ante-room. Two nurses stood at the surgeon was at work. There was no sound his side of him. There was no sound his side of him. There was no sound his side of him. There was no sound his side of him.

Views 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 an American whose ancestors have been in this country since a fairly early part of the last century, which ancestry happened to be German Jewish, and as one whose nearest approach to any religion is that of the Jew,

WORK AND WORRY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—In a recent issue of the address on the necessity of "health protection" for the workers, he implies that the means to that end is a six-hour day. Of course, labor would be together, but together it wouldn't be all more efficacious. It isn't work that erases, except in the very rare cases, where there is really too much of it, or in cases where the nature of the toll exacted is such that it is not worth the while to work.

MORE HARM THAN GOOD

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—People who rule are almost always idealistic in their conceptions of things economic. The reason for it is because their idealism is not practical enough; using the pen to show how to do things, while others use muscle and grain to actually do things. Statesmen undertake to figure out a paper plan which cannot be done in practice, and in consequence government laws or policies hurt more than they help industry.

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