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DUMPCART POLITICS AND FILTHY STREETS

THERE is nothing unusual in the condition of the streets. They are normally filthy. For years, save in the brief Blankenburg Administration, the accumulations of the winter have been allowed to remain on the highways because the contractors were hoping that the spring rains would wash them away and do the work for which they were paid.

This unsatisfactory state of affairs will continue, however, so long as the present system remains unchanged. The chief street-cleaning contractors are the chief political leaders of the city. The chief of the department in control of street cleaning and his subordinates owe their jobs to these political contractors.

There is no remedy save in the abolition of the contract system of street cleaning. Carting the filth from the highways is as much a municipal function as supplying water to the householders.

Under the Philadelphia system the man who makes good will lose his job. Under the system of municipal control the man who does not make good becomes the center of a storm which forces him out of office.

There is no doubt that the system of municipal control, even with many drawbacks, is far superior to contractor control. It has worked successfully in New York. Commissioner Edwards over there showed what could be done when a determined man set at the task.

It is not a valid argument against municipal street cleaning to say that the politicians would control the appointment of the chief of the department and the hundreds of laborers under him. We cannot yet prevent the trail of the political serpent from leaving its slime on municipal affairs.

Would you call the political tumbler in the Midwest's country—that sort of disreputable that has ensued upon the proposal for the invasion of Siberia—Japandomian?

WHEN a majority of the New Jersey Methodist Church Conference at Atlantic City rejected some of the newer textbooks of the denomination a day or so ago because of a stratum of modernism which was denounced as German propaganda, the ministers were not running so far off in criticism as some advanced persons might be disposed to believe.

Have you had a little burglar in your home? After all, what is a "two-thirds rule" among Gang Councilmen? A hint to the Bolsheviks: little brown men'll get 'em if they don't watch out!

Just naturally food profiteers will cease from profiteering if they have to close up shop. Revocation of license is the most effective way of dealing with these unconscionable gentry.

GOV. PENNYPACKER PUZZLED BY T. R.

Doesn't Know Whether Colonel Is a "Richard Coeur de Lion or a Mahomet," Former Executive Wrote

PENNYPACKER AUTOBIOGRAPHY—No. 98 Copyright, 1918, by Public Ledger Company. In the spring of 1906 a large delegation of State Senators and Representatives, on behalf of the State, went with me to Washington to invite the President to deliver the oration at the dedication of the State Capitol the ensuing autumn.

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In a preceding chapter I have given my letters to President George F. Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, and to John Mitchell, head of the labor organization, my proclamation to the people of the State, and have narrated the steps taken which led to the settlement of the coal strike by the authorities of Pennsylvania. I had, however, touched Mr. Roosevelt in his most sensitive nerve and I have always felt that he did not forgive me.

On the 4th of October, 1906, I rode through the streets of Harrisburg with him in a barouche in which was also the Mayor of that city. He was on his feet nearly the whole time, almost throwing himself out of the carriage in energetic recognition of the vociferous shouts and cheers of the crowd.

Well, I wish you both good health and happiness, prosperity and long life. From your old friend, JOHN L. STALLMAN, No. 704 Hancock street.

Between times, when they're "at liberty," they rest their stockinged feet upon the same kitchen table, or fender, or porch-rail—wherever Mrs. Fox permits such things.

He had promised to speak in York and was hurried away to the train shouting and gesticulating. I have not seen him since.

His Attitude Changes I began with much admiration for him and at the close of his administration it does not meet the approval of my judgment. There has been too much commotion and too little result.

election of his successor. I do not like publicly attacking the meat trade and at the same time permitting it to use benzoate of soda. I cannot reconcile seal for civil service reform with putting a doctor chum at the head of the army and turning out a worthy incumbent in order to find a place for his private secretary as Collector of the Port of New York.

THE OLDEST TEAM IN MINSTRELSY And Their Chief Joy—The Last Letter Written by John L. This New York Sun's "box-poppers" do not know what I mean—have been endeavoring to lay a monument to the names of the oldest minstrels of the country, as a mark of respect and through these many correspondents may be presumed to have said the last word, they haven't at all.

WHAT REDMOND DID FOR IRELAND The Dead Statesman Deserves the Gratitude of His Countrymen for His Loyal Service To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—When Ireland recovers her normal self she will deal kindly with the memory of John E. Redmond. She will forget the politician and recall the man. She will recollect the unimpeachable position in which the great leader was placed and learn to regard his mistakes as the ordinary accidents of his greatness.

NICKNAMES FOR PAPER CURRENCY Now that paper money is a permanent part of our pocket currency, we await the suitable nickname for the notes which is sure to come, says the London Chronicle. If we follow the precedent set across the Atlantic in 1862, when "greenbacks" first made their appearance, we might be satisfied with "yellowbacks," with reference to the very admirable lithograph of the palace which adorns the reverse of the new notes.

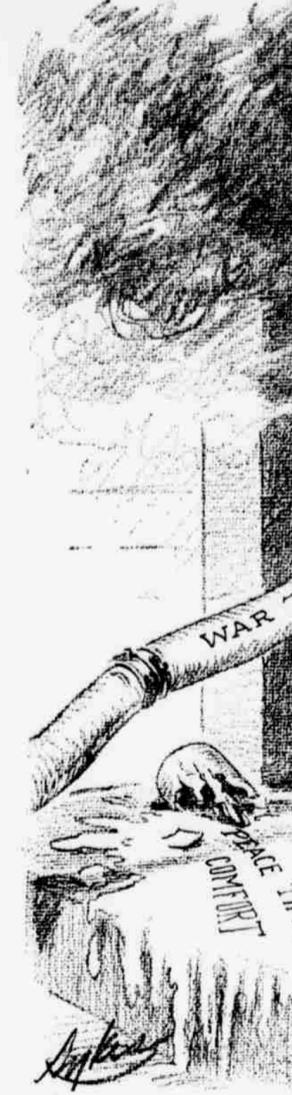
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RUSSIAN CLAIRVOYANCE Ilodor, the "Mad Monk" of Russia, is order to give his impression of the atmosphere in which he was born, tells in the story of his life the following anecdote of his grandmother, who in her old age reached such a physical and spiritual condition that she became clairvoyant.

GRIFTER FOR PHILATELISTS No fewer than thirty-seven new spaces are pre-empted for stamp-albums of coming years already as a result of the status of the United States as a belligerent Power. Most of the stamps have been made necessary by the war-tax legislation enacted by Congress.

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LITTLE BUT LOUD



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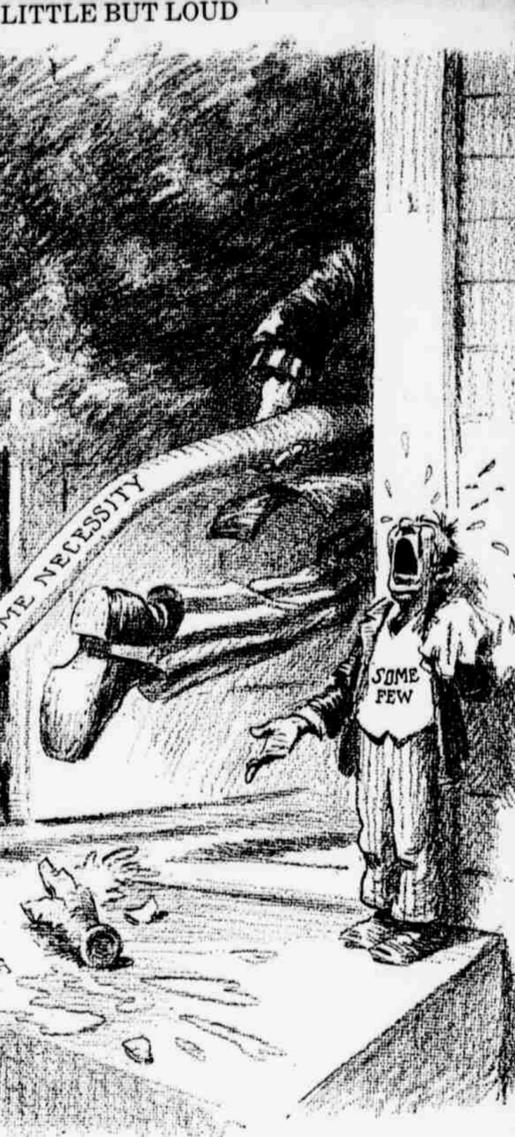
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