THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor should be as brief and to the point as possible, avoiding anything that would open a denominational, or sectarian discussion.

No attention will be paid to anonymous letters. Names and addresses must be signed as an evidence of good faith, although names will not be printed if request is made that they be omitted.

The publication of a letter is not to be taken as an indorsement of its views by this paper.

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Economy in River Boats

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Being a daily reader of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER and knowing that you are a booster of the city of Philadelphia, I wish to call your attention to a large item that would save the people of Philadelphia the vast sum of $1,000,000. If not more. All that can be done by selling the policemen's King, Ashbridge and Bleyburn or moving them over to the Department of Docks and Ferries, to be used in Wharves, mud scows, or, if sold, take the money and install fire pumps and tower on the ice breaker John Weaver, which would make her one of the largest and best fire-fighting boats in the world, and it would make Philadelphia the best-protected harbor in the world—the Weaver is in the Delaware and the Stokley in the Schuylkill River. The Weaver is a powerful boat and has lots of room for fire pumps. She is lying idle six months out of twelve. So instead of spending $200,000 for new boats, fix up the three lowboats and keep them working all the year around.

Mr. Editor, you get my idea of the money-saver, and, knowing that, you can boost it in your paper and get the people interested. I would like to see you start the ball rolling in a boosting newspaper fashion. Thanking you for the kind service I get from your paper, I am, J. A. WARD.

Pennsgrove, N. J. August 7, 1921.

Loves This Republic

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I have been a constant reader of your paper and have closely followed the letters in the People's Forum since this department was originated. Therefore, I take this opportunity to express my exception to a letter of the 14th ult. entitled "Question Answers Question," signed "John Bull." and I would like to say to J. Murphy, that it does not take a man with a lawyer's ability to read between the lines of this letter to find where his sympathy lies. Before proceeding with my remarks I wish to inform him that my mother was born in Washington, D. C., the home of the Constitution of the United States.

After reading between the lines of his letter I notice he makes mention of some hyphenated Americans, but he does not say a thing about the English-American hyphen. He says we are endeavoring to abolish the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and replace the same with the song "America." In some of the New England States they have already taken action by abolishing the singing of the last stanza of the "Star Spangled Banner," which was written by Francis Scott Key while a prisoner on an English battleship during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, and at which time the English also drove out President Madison and burned the White House and Capitol.

Another excerpt of J. Murphy's letter forces me to believe that he is not very well posted on national politics when he states that President Harding ignored the Irish-Americans at the general election when it was the German-Americans, Italian-Americans and the Irish-Americans who elected him. As one who has read both the histories of England and the United States and the great deeds of our John Adams, and as one who has been versed on Edmond Burke and William Pitt, members of the British Parliament, and as one who frequently visits the Congressional Library in Washington, D. C., I wish to tell you, John Murphy, that the more I interpret the Constitution of ours, the more I am led to believe that Ireland, Scotland and Wales should have their independence.

So, therefore, I say to you, read up your Federal Constitution and stand for what it stands for. If you are an Irishman, don't be a traitor to the cause; or if you are an Englishman, get Americanized. Learn to love this Republic of ours and don't show any sympathy to any autocratic form of government, and always bear in mind that Americans not interested in the affairs of Europe never write hyphenated letters upholding any foreign question. Your propaganda has come too late; the eyes of the world have been opened to Ireland's cause for freedom and are anxiously awaiting to hear their liberty bell ring out their independence. If you would like to hear more from me on the subject, give me your right name and address and I will debate with you in a peaceful manner.

JAMES A. RODGERS.

Philadelphia, August 4, 1921.

Need Experienced Organizers

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—About three weeks ago, I read in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER a very interesting article on the contemplated United Charities drive by the gentleman who is going to direct the same in Philadelphia. I do not recall his name at this instant. In his article he stated that the staff of workers would be composed solely of volunteers.

Gentlemen of the Philadelphia Welfare Federation, take the advice of one who has seen four federation and numerous other campaigns fail owing to a lack of experienced, well-paid campaign managers and organizers. Only because the men on these various committees (myself included) were went to "economize."

I am particularly anxious to see Philadelphia go over the top, although I am not a native of your wonderful city. I am just one of the vast army of contributors who believe federated charities is the solution to a great problem. HOWARD W. WHEATLEY.

Detroit, Mich., August 5, 1921.

The Creation of Things

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—With your kind permission I would gladly answer Mr. Simpson's questions re Nietzsche, etc. He looks upon Nietzsche as a great scientist. Nietzsche was a great moralist. Nietzsche was mainly concerned with righteousness—correct conduct, not correct physical relations of things, which is science. Only rational inquiry will give an approximation to reality. One may "think" or imagine almost anything, but before accepting it as "belief" Mr. Simpson must set it up again and again and endeavor to knock it down. If it persists in standing up in spite of all he can do, then he may accept it as a reasonable inference, which is as far as any belief should go.

"There must be a Creator" can be knocked down with four words—Who created the Creator? If you say that the Creator is self-existent, that is the same as saying "the universe is self-existent," which is a correct statement.

There are no "mysteries of life." Life is a reality—self-existent. Human life is a development from other forms of life. Life is transmitted—never created. Human life or organic life is simply the sum of the activities of all the molecules composing the body. When these molecules fail below that particular stage of activity, the resultant condition is called "death." There is no "mystery," nor is there any "oblivion." There can be no "oblivion." "Celestial systems" have always existed. They change, but never cease to exist. They are continually changing their form, and it is as utterly impossible to put them out of existence as it is to put them into existence.

The "origin of life" is a poor statement. Life always existed. Organic life is a mere matter of temperation. All is from one principle. That spirit or inherent power exists in everything, and is called God.

D. M. THOMSON.

Fox Chase, Philadelphia, July 26, 1921.

Proud of Prohibition's Work

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—In answer to a letter in the People's Forum regarding the wets' parade several weeks ago, I would like to say the gentleman that seemed so peeved as to the size of New York's wet parade made a statement that whole families have become drinkers since the lid was clamped on. This may be true in a very few instances, as any intelligent thinker can see. Why should a man or woman, who refused drink before the eighteenth amendment, when drink could be obtained on every street corner, go to the trouble of breaking the law and avoiding the authorities to secure the same now?

On the other hand, how many thousands of drinkers have pulled themselves from the gutter and made men of themselves since prohibition came into effect. I cannot speak of the large city, but from the small towns I am acquainted with I know dozens of men who before were drunkards and since prohibition have pulled themselves together and now, instead of being a public nuisance, are a benefit to the community in which they live. If this so true in some places, I am inclined to think it would be the case in others.

I wish to state positively that I have seen fewer drunken men since the fateful July 1 that this writer refers to. As to the 180 drunks arrested in twenty-four hours in a certain section of Philadelphia, I feel confident a comparison of records in the same section and same date previous to the fateful July 1 will show a decided difference in favor of prohibition. Unfortunately, my acquaintance among the "hypocrites," as this contributor calls drys, is not as broad as his, but the ones I know are upright, honest, Christian men and women.

Some of the readers of this interesting column will side with me when I say the evidence cited about the W. C. T. U. president drinking whisky is the exception rather than the rule. Why should this writer use the deaths from alcohol, etc., as an illustration when there is no comparison when we consider the men that filled drunkards' graves before July 1?

What else can any one expect than sickness and death when they drink wood alcohol and hair tonic? Some wets tell us when men who have been heavy drinkers are deprived of their drink, they must have a substitute, but I have known habitual drunkards who have reformed.

Why should our Government not pass laws like this? If a lifesaver rescues a drowning person or a fireman snatches some one from a fiery death, they are considered heroes. But when men pass one of the best laws our country ever had, to help rescue the perishing, "especially the wives and children and including the drunkards themselves," instead of praise, no phrases are too bitter to hurl at their heads. Instead of criticism and sarcastic remarks we should admire men like "Grape Juice Bryan, Prentice, Kennard and others too numerous to mention, who are not afraid to come out of the mob and stand for the right as they see it.

I wonder how many women and children thank God for men like these. I heartily agree with this writer when he says the good Book is good enough for him. Perhaps he has read "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise; for at last it stingeth like a serpent or biteth like an adder." Will close by saying I would sooner be a hallelujah shouter than knock and criticise the noblest work any one can engage in, that of reform. READER.

Philadelphia, August 2, 1921.

Questions Answered

Ox Roast on the Delaware

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I have heard my father tell of an ox roast on the Delaware that he attended when he was a boy. In what year was this held? H. L. R.

Philadelphia, July 28, 1921.

You no doubt refer to the ox roast held during the severe winter of 1856. The river had been frozen solid from bank to bank from early in January. So thick was the ice that crowds of people took part in sleighing parties and other sports. More than 20,000 persons are said to have participated in sports on the river January 26, on which day an ox roast was held. A sad accident occurred on this day, when Mrs. Peter Albright and her daughter were drowned by going through an air hole.

"My War Creed"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—During the recent World War I saw printed in one of the Philadelphia papers a selection entitled "My War Creed." I think it was written by a man named Towne. Can you reprint it or tell me where I can secure it? D. L. McCOY.

Philadelphia, August 8, 1921.

The creed you desire was written by Charles Wayland Towne, and was first printed in the paper Trench and Camp, issued by the soldiers of Camp Hancock. It was as follows:

MY WAR CREED

I believe in the United States of America and in the Americans, my compatriots.

I believe in her ideals, her institutions and her destiny.

Founded on equality, liberty and tolerance, America must endure, eternal among the nations.

But America is threatened. The world wars. God's footstool trembles. 'Neath the bludgeon of the beast, nations reel and freedom swooons.

Therefore, strong in the faith, I pledge the defense of liberty everywhere and in the preservation of America, her special temple—and mine.

And I dedicate without reserve, I surrender without conditions, my heart, my hand and all I possess to my country, that America and the world freedom may beat down Germany and the world lust.

For if you and I fall, the beast shall surely triumph. He shall burn his brand upon us. Every brow shall bear the name of serf. And freedom, made in the image of the Creator, shall perish forever from the earth.

Atlantic Coast Tides

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Please inform me to what height the tides rise on the Atlantic Coast. Also explain the cause of the tides.

J. C. GEDDES.

Philadelphia, August 8, 1921.

The rise of the tide along our coast is as follows: Boston, 8 to 11 feet; Newport, R. I., 3½ to 4½ feet; Sandy Hook, 4½ to 5½ feet; Delaware Breakwater, 3 2-3 to 5 1-3 feet, and Old Point Comfort, Va., 1½ to 3 feet.

The ebb and flow of tidal waves depend upon the moon to a great extent. Twice every day we have the tides, twelve hours apart, and the flow and ebb are merely examples of the attraction of gravitation, which is exercised on all bodies, whether liquid or solid. The sun also aids in the effect, but as the moon is so much nearer the earth her influence is considered to be greater. The tides are highest at the equator and lowest at the poles.

Statue of "Little Nell"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Whose statue is in the public square at Forty-third street and Chester avenue, West Philadelphia? G. T. H.

Philadelphia, August 8, 1921.

It is the statue of Little Nell, one of the characters in Charles Dickens' "Old Curiosity Shop."

"Good Wine Needs No Bush"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Please explain to me the meaning of the expression, "Good wine needs no bush." F. F. R.

Philadelphia, August 2, 1921.

The bush formerly hung out at the doors of taverns was always ivy, probably in allusion to Bacchus, to whom the ivy bush was sacred. The old poets and dramatists have many allusions to the custom of hanging out a bush as: "Things of greatest profit are set forth with least price. When the wine is neat there needeth no ivie bush," and again:

"I hang no ivie out to sell my wine,
The nectar of good wits will sell itselfe."

The proverb means that when the wine sold was good no bush or other sign was necessary.

"E. L. M."—Write to the Federal Civil Service examiners, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. W. O. Loring—The Russian ex-Czar Nicholas II, the Czarina and their children were murdered by the Bolsheviists in July, 1918. Nicholas was born May 18, 1868. Former Emperor William was born January 27, 1859.

"A. P. O."—Otis Skinner, the actor, was born June 28, 1858, at Cambridge, Mass.

"C. C. T."—Rudyard Kipling may be addressed at Batesman's Burwash, Sussex, England.

Poems and Songs Desired

Wants Poem—Reads Forum

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Kindly print in the People's Forum a request for the poem that begins:

"My friend, you sign yourself, but did you think
Of what such friendship means to me?
Tell me, who needs a true and faithful friend
More than the weary river needs the sea."

I am always interested in your People's Forum. I am a busy woman and do not have time to read the newspaper as I should like to read it, but I always read that one column at least, as I get a great deal of information reading the discussions carefully. MRS. W. C. R.

Philadelphia, August 7, 1921.

"The Mad Mayde's Song"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Does any reader recall "The Mad Mayde's Song"? One stanza is:

"Goode morrow, sir, to you.
Goode morrow to my owne torste haire,
All dabbled in the deaw."

The spelling made an impression on me when I read the verses, and I wondered why "deaw." G. L. T.

Philadelphia, August 8, 1921.

Who Is the Author?

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Please publish lines below with inquiry as to authorship:

"Oh, where is Diana's temple? Where the shout
Of many people, like a deep-voiced sea—
Great is th' Ephesian goddess? Scan the dust
That gathers at thy feet, and point me out
One glitt'ring particle of those vast domes,
Or richer columns, gift of throned kings,
Where is the altar at whose shrine all Asia
Worship'd, for that idol's praise that fell
from Jupiter?
Thou cans't not tell. World, do thy wonders pass
Away so soon? G. Z. C.

Philadelphia, August 2, 1921.

"The Feast of Belshazzar"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I notice that a reader asks for the poem, "Belshazzar's Feast." I inclose a poem which may be the one desired.

M. D. REED.

Hagerstown, Md., August 7, 1921.

"THE FEAST OF BELSHAZZAR"

Belshazzar, King of Babylon,
Dined with his lords all told;
And filled with wine o'erflowing,
Were the goblets of pure gold.
That were brought from out Judea,
From God's temples, fine and old.

At the height of all their revelry,
'Midst dance, and jest, and song,
A hand came forth against the wall,
And slowly moved along.
They paused, and trembled as they gazed,
Each filled with a sense of wrong.

The King offered royal robes and gold
To any one there who would read;
But the words appeared in a language
And strange,
And his order they could not heed.
Then the captives were brought, and there
was one
Who read what the Lord decreed.

Scarce had the fearful message been told,
When the armies of God rushed in.
Then quickly the revel and laughter
Were changed to an awful din.
Belshazzar was weighed and found wanting,
He had wasted his life in sin.

The monarch was killed, and his kingdom
Then passed forever away.
The Medes and the Persians divided
The land where he once held sway.
Strong though the nation, it can't endure,
If too far from God it will stray.

"Little Brown Cot on the Hill"

To the Editor of the Public Ledger:

Sir—I will appreciate it very much if you will print in your "Public's Forum" Sunday the words of the old song "The Little Brown Cot on the Hill." MARY T. PRICE.

Philadelphia, August 8, 1921.

THE LITTLE BROWN COT ON THE HILL

I remember the little brown cot on the hill,
Where I lived in the sweet long ago;
And the musical sound of the murmuring rill,
That beside the brown cot used to flow.
Though others may linger in the place it might
appear,
That could wake in their bosom a thrill;
Yet there's nothing on earth to my heart
that's so dear,
As the little brown cot on the hill.

CHORUS

It was lonely and old, and in Winter was
drear,
And the winds could assail it at will;
Yet there's nothing on earth to my heart
quite so dear,
As the little brown cot on the hill.

Long ago in the little brown cot I was born,
And there passed my boyhood away;
On the porch I would sit from the first flush
of morn,
Till the close of the long summer's day.
Or I'd play in the cool, shady woods that
were near,
And my laugh would be merry and shrill,
Till fatigued I'd return to my mother so
dear,
In the little brown cot on the hill.

It is years since I parted from my friends
at its door
And left them to wander away,
And I sigh when I think that I'll see them no
more,
For they sleep in the churchyard today.
Yet although in this world I'll not meet them
again,
I can cherish these memories still,
And affection forever with me will remain,
For the little brown cot on the hill.

"C. C. J." asks if any reader can tell him where the line occurs: "Sculptors of life are we, with our lives uncarved before us."

"S. L. E." would like to get the remainder of the poem of which this verse is a part:

"Down in the silent water,
A thousand fathoms low,
A ship lies perishing,
Which foundered long ago."

"G. B."—We cannot print the poem containing

"Bobolink, bobolink,
Spink, Spank, Spink,"

on account of its length.

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ATKINS—Aug. 11, 1921, CORA WALTER, wife of Alfred C. Atkins. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral, from residence of her son-in-law, Ellwood Watson, Lansdowne, Pa., Fri., 1:30 P. M., and at residence of her sister, Mrs. John K. Raudenbush, 230 Cumberland st., Lebanon, Sat., 1 P. M. (daylight-saving time). Int. Lebanon Cem.

AZONE—Died, on August 12, 1921, ELIZABETH C. AZONE (nee Blanc), wife of George Azone, aged 43 years. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, on Monday, at 2 P. M., residence, 517 Duncannon st., Int. North Cedar Hill Cem. Friends may call Sunday eve.

BARNARD, On Aug. 11, 1921, WILLIAM C., husband of Josephine B. Barnard, aged 56. Relatives and friends, also Clifton Heights Veterans' Assn. and Clifton Heights Fire Protective Assn., No. 1, are invited to funeral services, Sun., 2 P. M., at 545 Harper ave., Clifton Heights. Int. private. Fernwood Cem. Friends call Sat., 8 to 10 P. M.

BOND—Aug. 11, WILLIAM J., husband of Augusta Bond, aged 85. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral, Mon., 2 P. M., at his late residence, 46 N. Frazier st. Int. private. Friends may call Sun., 7 to 9 P. M.

BRINTON—At his daughter's residence, Hatboro, Pa., on Aug. 12, 1921, JESSE H. BRINTON, aged 87 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services, on Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock (daylight-saving time), at his late residence, 928 S. 58th st., Apt. B. Further services and interment at Fretwell Friends' Meeting, at 2 P. M., Monday. Conveyances will meet train at Coatesville, Pa., 1:30 P. M. (standard time).

BRISBANE—Aug. 11, at Ocean City, N. J., CATHERINE L., beloved wife of John F. Brisbane. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services, Fri., 2 P. M., at her late residence, 1951 N. 13th st. Int. private.

BROOKS—On Aug. 11, 1921, JO