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NOW FOR THE FAIR DIRECTOR

THE election of John Frederick Lewis as president of the Board of Directors of the Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition Association is a commendable step in reorganization.

It is explained, however, that this choice is apart from the search for a director general of the fair, one chief commissioner, as he will probably be called.

WOMEN IN THE LEGISLATURE

MRS. SPEISER, Mrs. de Young and Mrs. Pitts, nominated to the State Legislature from the First, Seventeenth and Twenty-first Districts respectively.

DIER'S BETRAYAL OF TRUST

THERE was never a better illustration of the fact that the most honest and good faith than that contained in the disclosures of the methods of E. D. Dier & Co.

A SQUARE IN GALA GARB

INSTANT with local flavor and now fortified by the weight of custom is the annual flower market to be held tomorrow in Rittenhouse Square.

UNMATCHED PARTY LOYALTY

AFFIRMATION of the old Jacksonian belief that a dead Democrat is better than a living Republican is contained in the following interesting passages from the

nomination in the Second District for the State Senate of James H. McGraw, who on Primary Day was not alive to acknowledge the honor.

Not even the tomb has terrors for fearless Democrats. All things considered, this enthusiasm for the mortuary aspects of politics is not surprising as emanating from spokesmen of the national minority party.

THE END OF BOSS RULE IN PENNSYLVANIA

The Voters Have Taken Affairs Into Their Own Hands and Ordered a Housecleaning

GIFFORD PINCHOT's nomination is a victory of the Republicans of Pennsylvania over a disrupted and discredited political machine.

The voters have been patient and long suffering, but it was evident that they were only waiting for an opportunity to assert themselves.

They showed their temper in the presidential election of 1912, when they polled 444,000 votes for Theodore Roosevelt against the candidate nominated by the head of the Pennsylvania machine in conjunction with the bosses of other State machines.

But the machine did not profit by the lesson. Its leaders in this State got together on the night before the last day for filing nomination petitions and selected George E. Alter as their candidate and foisted him upon the voters.

Gifford Pinchot had been in the running for weeks. He was openly asked to become a candidate by a large group of representative men and women and he had consented.

He assumed that the purpose of the primary elections was to give the Republican voters an opportunity to decide for themselves who their candidate was to be.

The machine leaders acted as though they assumed that the only function of the primary was to ratify the choice of the machine.

The result has proved that Mr. Pinchot was right and that the machine leaders were wrong.

It also proved that, when an alternative between machine rule and the rule of a majority of the people is clearly offered, the people choose the right thing.

The issue was so clearly drawn that there could be no mistaking it. This newspaper began to call attention to it more than two years ago. It was the first newspaper in the Commonwealth to call attention to the Capitol Hill combination which had begun to threaten the solidarity of the State organization.

This combination was made to protect the interests of various men who feared disclosures on the pretense that it was to protect the Republican organization.

Then came the disclosure of the Beideman check of \$50,000 paid to the Lieutenant Governor by Charles A. Snyder as Auditor General in disregard of the law, and the publication of Snyder's statement that if he had it to do over again he would have given Beideman \$10,000.

Then there was the disclosure of the Brindle defalcation of \$8,000 and its booting by Snyder, who said that half a million dollars had been taken from the State Treasury and put back again without any loss to the State.

And there was also the creation by the Legislature of the office of Deputy State Treasurer for Kephart, the retiring treasurer, who was forbidden by law to succeed himself.

The intelligent voters said to themselves that if Kephart had to be taken care of and kept in the Treasurer's office, it was time that something was done to clean house in Harrisburg.

passenger liners after the Presidents of the United States it was regarded as fitting to transform the Leviathan, now undergoing reconditioning, into the President Harding.

But Mr. Harding, who alone under the delicate conditions was entitled to act first, had admirably realized the historic possibilities. In a fateful request, with which the Shipping Board has promptly complied, he has outlined the appealing reasons for the retention of a significant name.

One of the handsome "State" class of Shipping Board vessels now becomes the President Harding, while the second largest of the world's ships, the former Vaterland, displays the colors of the United States so valourously now. No happier solution of a problem in the amenities could have been devised.

THE BOSSES GO DOWN AND OUT

OF THE VARE machine in Philadelphia there are left only mourners and refugees embittered to the bone. The so-called Capital Hill organization is a shabby ruin.

No election ever held in Pennsylvania more significant than this Republican primary, and none revealed more vividly the almost pitiful limitations and the intellectual helplessness of the average boss. For it is fair to believe that Vere, Leslie, Eyre, Baker, Sprout, Beideman, Snyder, Kephart and all the other members of the organization's general staff were really astounded by their defeat. Such men have no faith in the voting public, and public opinion, as it is generally understood, has no place in their estimates.

The cumulative disgust of years found expression in the anti-Vare and anti-Leslie vote at the primary. And we know now that there is a limit to the toleration of the laziest-minded voter, a limit that the gangs in this State ventured long ago to pass. For the vote on Tuesday was dispassionate. There was no flaming campaign slogan, no novel issue, no effort to stampede the voters by the mere force of a dynamic personality or an emotional battery.

The vote for Pinchot, cast as it was without the aid of an experienced working organization, was a voluntary offering. It was in reality an expression of free opinion. It was not bought or herded. That is why the result of the Pennsylvania primary must seem as significant to the bosses in Maine and Texas as it does to the bosses here.

How much of the political inspiration of the moment is due to women is not yet clear. But it is to the credit of the women voters in Pennsylvania that they were the first to crystallize Pinchot sentiment, the first to make open war upon leaders in their own party whom they distrusted, and the first to make "Principle First" the rallying cry of the campaign.

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THE HORSE CAR MAGNATES

Mitten's Predecessors Were an Interesting Lot—They Were Originally Butchers, Grocers and Dunkard Preachers—And Mostly They Wore Full Beards

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
THOMAS E. MITTEN's program for city ownership of all surface, subway and elevated transit tracks marks a great advance in street railway operation, whether or not anything comes of it.

THE Collets, father and son, are still remembered by the older residents of Chestnut street in West Philadelphia.

ALEXANDER MACK FOX was the man who as president of the Second and Third Street Passenger Railway Company brought it to its highest efficiency as a horse car road.

HENRY GEIGER was another of these bewhiskered street car presidents. His was a straight chin whisker.

E. LAWRENCE FELL
PROBABLY the greatest single thing that has happened in Philadelphia, has accomplished in the wiping out of the so-called "phantom" vote, according to E. Lawrence Fell, chairman of the Registration Commission for the City of Philadelphia.

WOMEN A GREAT HELP
The Registration Commissioners have found since the granting of the franchise to women, that they are a great help in registration, and we have appointed a large number of them as registrars in the various voting divisions.

CITIZENS AND THEIR RIGHTS
It has been our experience, although I am sorry to say it, that the citizen who is most conscious of his rights as an elector is frequently the least likely to exercise them.

PETER A. B. WIDENER was the best known of all the earlier street railway magnates in Philadelphia.

WIDENER'S SUCCESSORS
Widener's successors were the shrewdest political manipulators in the interest of their projects that Philadelphia in perhaps ever saw.

CHANGES IN ACT SUGGESTED
The registration law in Pennsylvania has corrected a lot of crying evils, but there are a few things which our experience as Commissioners has shown us might still be improved.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
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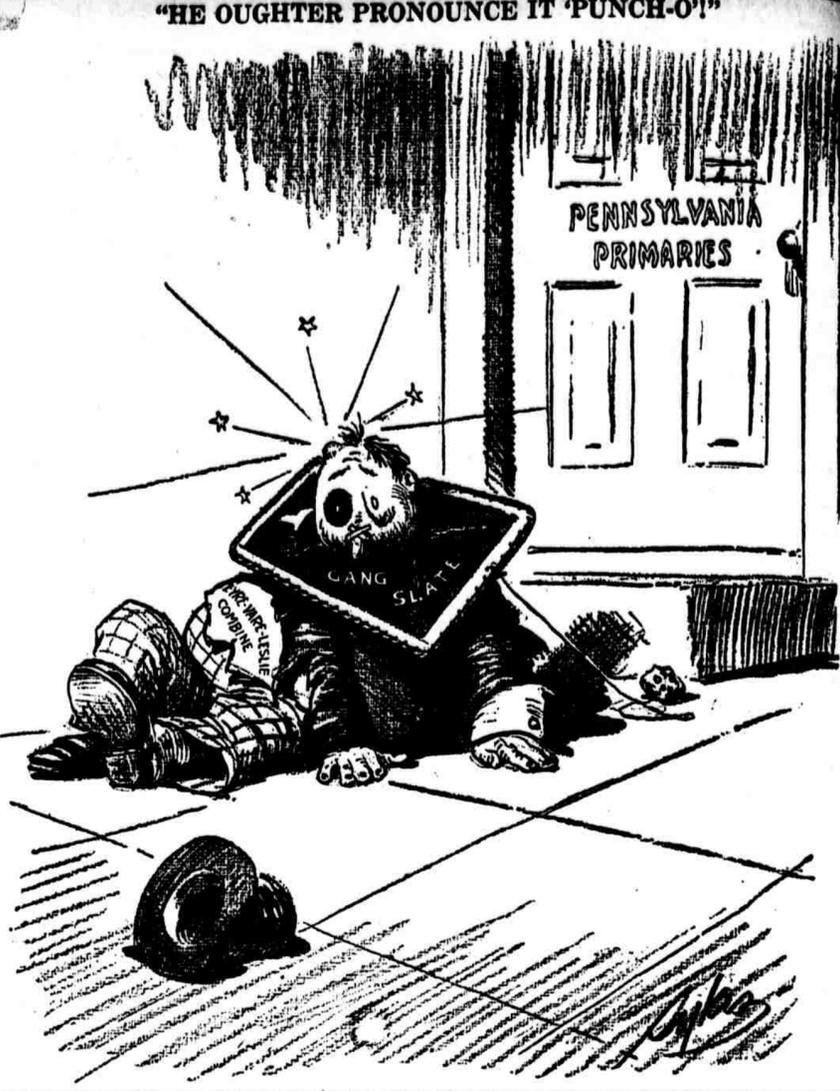
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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

City Hall before the commission for registration. In the voting divisions the elector is known to the commission and to others in the division, so that the matter of identification is certain, but under the present act an elector can come in without having filed any petition or having given any notice of his application prior to his appearance before the commission, and this has led to some serious errors.

After the election a ringing speech is subject to repeal. Tomorrow Rittenhouse Square will see it with flowers. Criticism at last got under the hide of tariff tinkers.

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SHORT CUTS

Now pants the Kephart. Larry is now taking the air. Baker knew when his cake was dough. Chirrup! Tree toads are back on the job. 'Tis a red darnation Snyder's wearing now. Gee whiz! Another check for Beideman! After the clinch, oh, 'twas all right for Pinchot. After election a ringing speech is subject to repeal. Tomorrow Rittenhouse Square will see it with flowers. Criticism at last got under the hide of tariff tinkers. McComber claims his bill contains more shekels than hides. Pinchot presented Sprout with a Delaware peach: or was it a prune? Only momentarily was our attention diverted from the marble tournament. The bosses now may hide their diminished heads with their diminished votes. That was some jamboree on Tuesday, judging by the length of the hangover. Interest in the Democratic nomination dwindles with the result of the primaries. After the tiff his upper lip's stiff. You might as well call him now Governor Gifford. Pennsylvania Democrats are optimistic. They say the real battle is yet to be fought. "Pinchot Carries Bucks by 4000." Which is a whole lot better than passing them. Oregon has had an earthquake, but California is merely an unconfirmed rumor. Uncle Sam has apparently made up his mind not to attend any Old Home Day celebrations. Not being able to get what he wants David George begins to show a willingness to take what he can get. What Lady Astor doesn't give a tuppence for is any effort to curb the free and unlimited coinage of phrases. When the nations of the Old World come to some agreement Uncle Sam will probably be willing to ratify it. Congressman Robertson says the devil invented the primary. That explains the amount of hell raised in it. One way to stabilize European currency would be to drop a bunch of money wrenches into the printing press. Careful paragraphers will find no unusual significance in the fact that Stillman's yacht Modesty has had her name changed. For a time the contractors were inclined to put on a little dog. But Vere and oh, Vere has that little doggone dog gone? We look in vain for the remark of some woman leader that without the speech did work of the men at the polls the result would have been different. Spring forest fires in New Jersey did damage to the amount of \$500,000. So much smoke properly applied might have killed off all the mosquitoes. L. G. Nutt has been appointed Assistant Federal Prohibition Director for the State of Illinois. There seems to be opportunity here for a wise crack. The German Government has just made a payment of 50,000,000 gold marks to the Allies. Thus the Allies have a valuable asset to a scrap of paper.