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ANOTHER MYSTERY LETTER

W HARRY BAKER may really be at a loss to explain the internal significance of the letter written to a person of his name and job by William C. McConnell, former Prohibition Director in this State.

But the question today is whether a man so lacking in imaginative perception can be either useful or ornamental as head of the State Republican Committee.

A PROSPECTIVE MUSICAL BOON

THE project of giving orchestral concerts in the Park this summer is so obviously in accord with the sincerity of popular interest in music that it is not surprising that Councilman Bommer's admirable proposal is fast assuming practical form.

WINGS IN THE NIGHT

IN PARIS and London they are gratified and a little excited because a passenger airplane flew at night across the English Channel, guided from take-off to landing by specially devised signal lights along the route of the flight.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF SUGAR

NO TWO families have been more closely identified with the sugar industry in the United States than the Havemeyers and Oxnards. There is curious interest, therefore, in the death of a prominent member of each family on the same day this week.

END OF A FARCE

THE ratification by the City Council of the appointment of Thomas F. Armstrong as Police Commissioner has attracted the attention of newspaper editors and other group of men in the world to make airplanes and all the minor devices of aerial navigation available for the greater convenience and comfort of folk who fly safely upon the ground.

had been found guilty of a technical offense in an anti-trust prosecution and had been fined by the Court. The judge had pointed out to him that he might claim immunity, but as he had been connected with the combination he refused to take advantage of the opportunity and elected to stand or fall with his associates.

ARE MOTOR DRIVERS PEOPLE? ARE THEY REALLY RECKLESS?

The Negligence of Public Authorities is a First Cause of Many Traffic Accidents
ON MONDAY, as usual, the newspapers of the country will print on their front pages what has come to be called "The Week-End Toll of Automobile Accidents."

Like the women who led the early fight for the vote, the drivers of automobiles have a right to insist that they are people and not aliens to the common order of society.

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MODERN POLITICS TAME

The Presiding Officer of the Pennsylvania Senate Once Ran for His Life—The Story of General Harry White—A State Historian Needed

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

THERE is a great piece of work awaiting some trained mind and inspired brain. The history of Pennsylvania remains to be written. Not the history of our times, but a history that will embrace every important fact, from the first settlement in its wilderness by the Swedes in 1638—and even beyond that—down to the very day of its publication.

It would have to be, necessarily, more than a history. It would be an encyclopedia. Its volume should not be limited. No historical document, no map, no biography, no description, nothing that could lend authenticity or add to its interest should be omitted.

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A Federal Court has sustained the contention of the Government that outa boards are sporting goods. Is the honorable court trying to make game of the spirits? If Sherman said what he is alleged to have said about war he couldn't possibly have been referring to what it would do to the Sherman law and yet—and yet— By and by it will sink into the inner consciousness of the gang that when Pinchot orders to drop a bomb he'll be able to drop it without a preliminary oration.

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One thing that never fails to arouse enthusiasm for the Fair in any group of citizens is the likelihood that boys' slides of the Schuylkill will be cleared up and beautified. It took more than a plumber to stop that talk, announced the Conscientious One. What he asked, we asked innocently. To which he answered idiotically, "Belleguarded Belleguarded." I have a scheme for raising the money for the soldiers' bonus, said Demosthenes McGinnis, quite as good as any yet suggested. It is to borrow the money from the Moscow mint.

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The determination of Mr. Hays to give moving-picture patrons something finer and better must not be construed as an attack on General Hokeim. That justly popular producer will continue to delight his thousands. The Hotel Association of New York, alleging the liquor traffic in restaurants has increased under the Volstead act, has asked President Harding to make New York really dry. One wonders if this is simple faith or sardonic humor. That chess game by wireless between London and New York is going to be terrific hot on traffic cops; for, of course, it will mean that excited throngs will pack themselves around bulletin boards everywhere until all hours of the night.

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Matter of Procedure. Now if some distinguished private citizen of Italy had been elected to this country, might he have said all that Ambassador Vitti could have wished him to say concerning the tariff and there would have been no international complications. What ensnared Ambassador to his country and to this country in which he sojourns are his reticence. He should see to it that he has a proxy for his obligations.

NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

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