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THINK IT OVER

(Anon)
 "Oh, why should the spirit of mortal
 be proud?
 Like a fast-fluttering meteor, a fast
 flying cloud,
 A flash of the lightning, a break of
 the wave,
 He passes from life to his rest in the
 grave."

We now have petty and petty-
 coat juries.

Germany, at least, never had
 better inducements to save for a
 rainy day.

The consumer is beginning to
 feel that he is the retail dealer's
 meat.

There are more than enough
 men in Europe ready to raise a
 disturbance but less than enough
 to raise crops.

Brighter days for Austria are
 predicted—on the ground, doubt-
 less, that any change must be for
 the better.

A good punishment for auto-
 mobile thieves would be to make
 them spend the rest of their lives
 pumping up tires.

Dr. Frank Crane wants school
 children taught to govern them-
 selves. But isn't there too much
 of that kind of government now?

Prof. Einstein admits that he
 cannot measure the universe, but
 he should not despair. Many
 others are in the same unfortu-
 nate situation.

**"HARVEY ORDERED TO
 SHOW TEETH"**

The above caption appeared
 in a recent article in referring to
 the attitude of America with re-
 spect to the questions involved in
 the Upper Silesia controversy.

It is very gratifying to see this
 government taking a positive atti-
 tude with respect to all world
 questions, so that its own people
 and the world may know where
 they stand. The administration
 at first looked as if it did not
 know just where it was headed,
 but it seems now to have gained
 its sea-legs and knows definitely
 where it is going. That is the
 attitude which appeals to the
 American people, for Uncle Sam
 has the reputation of doing things
 and making things happen when
 he takes hold, and we want to
 see that reputation maintained
 throughout the world.

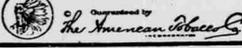
**ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES TO
 COMMISSION**

A new set of commissioners
 and a new mayor will assume
 office June first. While we have
 no particular criticism to make
 of the old board, we would like

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 you can roll
 50 good
 cigarettes for
 10 Cts from
 one bag of**



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to make some suggestions to the
 new.

We believe it would be a good
 idea if a specific duty were as-
 signed to each commissioner, and
 his assignment made known to
 the public. We would suggest
 a Commissioner on Finance, one
 on Streets, one on Public Works
 (Lights and Water) with the
 fourth member as Clerk, and the
 Mayor with supervision over the
 whole.

If these specific duties were
 put under the supervision of one
 particular commissioner, then
 the public would know whom to
 call upon when they were inter-
 ested in any particular matter.
 We believe it would avoid a great
 deal of confusion, insure greater
 efficiency, and give better ser-
 vice to the public. At the same
 time the responsibility for neg-
 lect, or lack of service, could be
 placed by the Mayor and the
 public. The public has a right to
 know who is responsible for cer-
 tain things, and they have a right
 to expect service.

We said we had no specific
 criticism to make of the old
 board. We retract that state-
 ment. We have a direct criti-
 cism to make, and that is the
 shameful neglect of the streets,
 through lack of running a drag
 over them and permitting deep,
 and at times, almost impassible
 holes to develop. If the town
 would only purchase a good large
 pair of mules, a wagon, and ca-
 pable man to do the work, and
 tinuous work on the streets, and
 cleaning up the town, we would
 present a very different appear-
 ance, and have streets mainte-
 nanced the year around in a fairly
 good condition, considering the
 character of the soil. We pass
 this suggestion on to the new
 board.

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To The Editor:

The question of leaving a grass
 plot through the business section
 of the town when these blocks are paved,
 was brought up in a meeting of the
 Board of Trade as stated in Wednes-
 day's Commonwealth.

The vote stood five for grass and
 four against grass, and really these
 five are the only ones up to this writ-
 ing that I have been able to find who
 really wants grass, and one of these
 has since expressed himself as doubting
 the wisdom of such needless de-
 coration.

At least five and four cannot decide
 this question satisfactorily for all the
 people.

We are blessed with a wide nice
 street capable of taking care of the
 traffic if it is not mutilated with
 flower gardens and beauty spots to
 the absolute destruction of all traffic
 convenience and the best interest of
 the business public.

To leave this grass garden which
 really means no grass garden at all,
 will eliminate all parking of cars on
 Main street and this would choke up
 the narrow side streets so that pas-
 sage on them would be impossible, be-
 sides the inconvenience of parking
 cars so far from the business houses.

If cars are allowed to park on Main
 street every time one backs out for
 starting, the narrow paved space will
 be blocked and naturally many wrecks
 will be the result.

One garage man said today it would
 be the best thing ever happened for
 the automobile repair shop.

It would be impossible to keep grass
 on these plots in the business section
 as walking people would cross right
 over them, the inevitable result would
 be unpaved streaks of dirt and mud
 in the middle of the street with a pro-
 nounced feature of inconvenience to
 every one.

We have tried this center row stuff,
 and most of us know what a nuisance
 it was, tending as it did to isolate one
 side from the other and causing a
 world of trouble for the traffic and
 business interests generally.

Other towns are handicapped by
 narrow streets, lets not throw away
 our advantage in this.

Flower gardens in the business sec-
 tion of a town is like stalling a cow
 in a parlor or a bright red neck tie on
 a working man wearing overalls. It
 may do for dreaming and highly tun-
 ed imaginations, but it will not work
 in practice.

Give traffic elbow room and allow
 our business interests to enjoy a
 broad nice street with no hinderances
 nor impediments in the center.

Some are of the opinion that these
 vacant spots in the street will save
 us money. This is not true, for curb-
 ing and the additional work around
 them will cost about as much as to
 pave all over.

We do not want any vacant plotting
 in the center of the street nor any
 other plotting about the street plot-
 ting. We first want a plain roomy
 business street with all the advantages
 unrestricted.

Now don't leave this for "George
 to do it," but get busy yourself and
 make a racket that can't be overlook-
 ed nor quited until we get this thorn
 out of our thumb.

If you believe like I do, tell the
 town officials at once before it is too
 late.

PELL BYRD.

Editor Commonwealth:

In reply to your Editorial of yester-
 day's issue entitled, "The Duty of
 one property owner to another," we
 wish to take issue with you on some
 of the statements made therein.

When we opened business last Nov-
 ember. We opened without fear or
 favor, but we also opened with a de-
 sire to deal fair and square with our
 fellow-man and our competitors as well.

We also opened business with a sin-
 cere intention of paying all just de-
 mands that might be made upon us
 from time to time for the good of our
 town and its inmates.

In reply to your statement: "We
 are reliably informed by the secretary
 of the Merchant's association that on-
 ly one property owner or store pro-
 prietor on the block in which the fire
 started last night contributes to the
 salary of the night watchman," we
 wish to say that although we are not
 members of the Merchants Associa-
 tion, we are, and have always been,
 willing to contribute to this good
 cause and the only reason that we
 have not contributed before is because
 of the fact that the Secretary has
 never called upon us for a contribu-
 tion.

We feel that it is a shame and that
 it is a reflection upon our town that
 our night watchman receives such an
 unreasonably small salary for his ser-
 vices, and we wish to take this op-
 portunity of calling to the minds of
 the people of our town that "The
 laborer is worthy of his hire," and
 we personally feel that our night
 watchman should receive a much lar-
 ger salary for his services in safe-
 guarding our property while we sleep.
 Now, as to contributing to this
 cause we, (And we feel sure that the
 others on this block) are always ready
 to give our "Pro rata" if the Secre-
 tary of the Merchant's Association
 will only call upon us for it.

As to it being a "Shame and a
 great injustice" to other property
 owners for any one of them to refuse
 or neglect to pay their part towards
 this expense, we wish to say that we
 feel that this statement is in itself
 unfair, inasmuch as it was plainly
 stated that only one man on this block
 contributed to this cause, and that this
 matter should have been investigated,
 and the reason for our not contribu-
 ting learned before this editorial was
 printed.

We again want to assure you, (And
 through the columns of your paper to
 assure the public) that we possess our
 part of "Public spirit," and it is for
 this reason that we are replying to you.
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