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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way"

### An Opportunity

No candidate ever had a better opportunity to impress the electorate with his freedom from any obligations to either Boss Coffin or Coffinism than comes to Mr. Glassbrenner at the present time.

Next week speakers will go out in his behalf to urge the voters to support himself and the Republican ticket.

They will, undoubtedly, deny that the present ticket has any contacts whatever with Coffin. They will repudiate the statute of limitations. They will explain Duvall and the Four Horsemen as unfortunate results of the primary system.

A touch of sincerity can be added if the candidate and his spokesmen will call attention to the evil influence of Coffinism in the public schools, the waste of funds which brings worry to the Chamber of Commerce

and causes to the taxpayers' associations which are trying to find some relief from the peculiar evasions of the law concerning the letting of contracts.

They can plead for the defeat of Coffin's entries into the race for the school board. They can urge the voters to support the fine set of candidates supported by the citizens committee.

If every Republican orator would tell the people the plain facts about the effects of Coffinism in the public schools they would not only perform a magnificent public service but would probably secure for their other statements much more confidence and credence than if they remain silent upon this most important public issue.

Candidate Sullivan announced in his platform that he would do all in his power to prevent partisan politics from entering the school system. He is on record.

The saving of the schools from Coffin's malignant touch and taint is the major necessity of the hour. It is even more important than the outcome of the race for mayor, for the evil effects of machine control of the public schools will have its mark upon the generations of school children intrusted to its care for training and guidance.

And while the orators are at it, they could also disown any alliance with the movement which destroyed the city manager form of government.

The citizen in whose name the suit was brought is now a candidate for the council. He did not employ or pay the attorney who brought the suit. He has not revealed the source of support in that movement which blasted the hopes of so many fine citizens. The orators might insist that he reveal the inspiration for his attack upon the law and the names of the men who paid his attorney before they urge his election.

The people want to get rid of Coffinism. The candidates who are now disowning Coffin have such a simple way of impressing the public with their sincerity.

If they have no connection with Coffinism, why not strike at Coffinism where it is brazen, braggart and bold?

They would, at least have the satisfaction of having helped to save the public schools system from its present dilemma.

### Evidence and Guilt

The cornerstone of the theory of criminal law is that guilt shall be determined exclusively by the law and the evidence.

Yet anyone who has followed the actual administration of criminal justice must realize that social pressure in any community is often a more powerful factor in the outcome than the facts.

If the more influential elements want a conviction, they are likely to get it, even though the facts warrant an acquittal. The cases of Mooney and Billings and of Sacco and Vanzetti are an eloquent testimonial to this.

The Barkoski case now in western Pennsylvania is an illustration of the picture reversed. Here there is a vast mass of incontestable evidence to the effect that one John Barkoski, a Polish peasant and miner, was tortured to death by three coal and iron policemen. But the dominant powers in the Pittsburgh district desired an acquittal. They got what they wanted.

After the verdict, the trial judge dismissed the jury from further service with the comment that: "The jury was not competent and did not have sufficient moral stamina." He declared further that he never was surprised more in his life than he was by the nature of the verdict.

Social pressure in western Pennsylvania apparently affected parties to the trial other than the jury. The police were defended by one of the most distinguished and influential attorneys in the state, while the prosecution was left to the least experienced member of the district attorney's office.

Another hearing now is to be held. The case is of vital importance. For involved in it is the question of whether juristic methods of the medieval inquisition and the industrial policies of early nineteenth century England shall prevail in our land in 1928.

### Word War Pensions

The American Legion, at its convention in Louisville, took what may prove to be the most important action in its history.

This was the passage of a resolution calling upon congress to provide "compensation" for wives and children of deceased or incapacitated veterans of the World war, whether or not the cause was traceable to military service. Under existing law, compensation

## M. E. Tracy

SAYS:

Chances are That But for Religious Zeal and Love of Gold, Columbus Would Have Found No Backing.

IT was 437 years ago that Columbus made his memorable discovery. The world has changed tremendously since that time. One wonders if it will change as much during the next 437 years.

The clothes Columbus wore were made from cloth woven by hand. The sword at his side was forged by hand, the planking of his ship was sawed by hand, and the bread he ate was made of grain ground by hand.

There was no tea, coffee, sugar, or potatoes on his table, no after dinner cigar with which to while away the monotony of a sea voyage, or latest novel.

We like to think that it was a purely scientific expedition. That a humble man with a big idea was wholly responsible and that material interests played no part.

The chances are, however, that but for religious zeal and love of gold, Columbus would have failed to get the necessary backing.

Whether religious zeal has subsided, the love of gold has not.

The love of gold still is strong enough to make such hard-headed men as General Von Ludendorff fall for the cheap tricks of alchemy.

### Gold Out of Lead

OVER in Germany, a plumber causes great commotion by pretending he can change lead into gold at the ratio of sixteen to one.

Why should a man with such a secret need any backing, and why couldn't those from whom he sought it see the fake?

God only knows, but since the day of Dr. Dee and Cagliostro, people unable to subordinate their greed to common sense have fallen for the rot.

So we find this plumber, Tausend, getting real money from generals, merchants and bankers.

Even the cold-blooded Von Ludendorff signs up, though not until he is promised 75 per cent of the profits to use for "patriotic purposes."

Von Ludendorff and his gullible associates are mulcted, of course, and the plumber lands in jail.

Still, there are those who look upon him as a martyr, a scientist pilloried by the "system," a victim of class rule.

Plumber Shows 'Em

THE plumber rises nobly to the occasion. He is not trying to put anything over on anyone. He merely has discovered a great principle, and is more than willing to publish the formula.

Not only that, but he is ready to give a public demonstration, with experts looking on and safe-guarded by all the precautions that can be devised.

What could be fairer, and why should the law turn thumbs down on such an obviously honest crook?

Public sentiment is outraged. The situation does not call for mercy, but merely justice.

Authorities have no choice in the matter, especially in a nation saved for democracy, along with the rest of the world.

They yield to public demand, call in the experts, devise the necessary precautions, and tell Plumber Tausend to do his work.

Plumber Tausend provides himself with lead and other necessary ingredients, lights the fire and heats the kettle, while sharp-eyed prison officials, hard-boiled chemists, be-whiskered savants and newspapermen look on.

At the conclusion of the experiment, he produces one-tenth of a gram of pure gold, extracted, as he claims, from 1.67 grams of lead.

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Cigaret Does It

THEN comes the denouement. Among the onlookers is Plumber Tausend's partner, equipped with a package of cigarettes, which he casually passes the former at some time during the experiment.

It is all so natural you understand—a plumber taking a pull at a cigarette, while he cogitates over the problems of his job.

And what if Plumber Tausend drops a little of the ash in his kettle now and then, and what if the ash contains a little gold?

Who, then, can blame folks for being unable to realize that gold would cease to be precious the moment it was made from lead.

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## The Prodigal Son and the Fatted Calf



DAILY HEALTH SERVICE

## Chemical Reactions Index to Health

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN

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WHEN an individual is at complete muscular rest, certain chemical and physical reactions are going on nevertheless in his body. To obtain some measure of the activity of the body under these circumstances, methods have been devised for measuring what is called the "basal metabolism."

The person fasts for fourteen to eighteen hours and rests for at least thirty minutes before testing. It is also best, if possible, to have a calm attitude toward the test and people who are likely to be nervous should have the method explained to them before they are submitted to the test.

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