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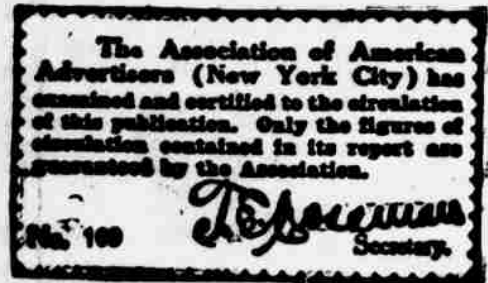
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FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

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Must Not Be in Excess of 400
Words. The Identity of All Con-
tributors Must Be Known to the
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the Order Received.

The Palladium:

A construction that was never in-
tended has been placed upon my letter
announcing my candidacy for council-
man-at-large wherein I said "I would
exercise vigilance in guarding against
possible leakage of public funds."

I have been asked by members of
both parties, if I meant by that portion
of my letter, to imply dishonesty on
the part of the present or past admin-
istrations?

I wish to say, in fairness to all par-
ties that no such an inference was in-
tended. What I had in mind at the
time of writing was the fact that in
1902, while we were enjoying unprece-
dented prosperity, when money, meta-
phorically speaking, was on its knees
begging a market, we sold \$144,000 of
bonds to secure money to install our
light plant, and sold them at par for a
period of 25 years at 4 per cent inter-
est.

In 1904, when the panic of 1907 had
already cast its shadow before it, we
sold \$20,000 worth of bonds, receiving
therefor \$225,000 premium, in spite of
the fact that they were sold for a term
of ten years only, and drawing but 3 1/2
per cent interest.

If the same business judgment had
been exercised in selling the \$144,000
as was used in selling the \$20,000, what
would have been the result.

The city would have been saved in
interest alone, \$18,000 and \$3,937.50
premium, showing a total leakage of
\$21,937.50, without a shadow of evi-
dence of dishonesty.

No, I do not charge dishonesty, but
I do say it shows a reckless disregard
of the value of public funds and if
elected to the council I intend to see to
it that all bonds are duly advertised,
sold to the highest bidder, regardless
of local banking institutions. Yours
truly, ALFRED BAVIS.
411 North Thirteenth street.

TWINKLES

The Sad and Splendid.
(New York Sun)
Solomon was in despair.
"My wives gave me 700 samples to
match on my way downtown this
morning," he cried.
Herewith he became color blind.

The New Spelling.
(Smart Set.)
"Spell 'Innocence,'" the teacher
said.
"I-G-N-O-R-A-N-C-E," spelled the
boy.
"Correct," the teacher answered.
"For we are told that sin came into
the world through knowledge."

More Human Nature.
(Chicago News)
Said each north pole discoverer
To the other in the game:
"It's you for the Ananias Club
And me for the Hall of Fame."

Out of His Line.
(Chicago Tribune.)
Western Relative—Well, Wendell,
what was the score today?
Little Boston Boy—Really, I do not
know. Is it not your opinion, Uncle
William, that the theism of Clement
and Athanasius furnishes a much
more tenable basis for a rational the-
ory of creation than is afforded by
that of Augustine?

How He Knew.
"Why is it," asked the blind man of
his neighbor, "that the women with the
sweetest voices are always ugly?"
"How do you know they are ugly?"
quizzed the neighbor.
"My wife describes them to me."—
New York Press.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

Saturday, Oct. 2—Loyal Chapter No.
80, O. E. S., stated meeting.

THE AVERAGE MAN.

This is in praise of the average inconspicuous citizen.
Yesterday afternoon a man who was raising funds for the Fall Festi-
val went across the river to see what the people over there thought about
it. His story, when he came back tallied exactly with the stories of the
men who had gone to the South, the East and the North for the same
purpose.

And this is his story:
"I went to the small groceries and other places in West Richmond. I
told them plainly that I knew that during the days of the Fall Festival I
was perfectly sure that their receipts would be smaller. Indeed I told
them that in all probability they would close their places of business and
come over to see the shows."

"But I said, after all this isn't a money making affair. This isn't a
thing that you can put down on your ledger. It is just for the good of the
town. Now, beyond the fact that we need all the money we can get that
is all. Give what you feel you can give and no more."

"And do you know, without an exception they all contributed. They
said that they did not expect anything definite except that they would
share in the common good, and they were glad to give something for the
town and the country around it. They had fine spirit."

"Oh yes, I said without an exception. That's not exactly true. The
man who did the biggest business that I saw didn't contribute then. He
refused. But he sent in his check with a bully letter this morning."

And this is the sort of thing that makes you proud of the average
and inconspicuous citizen who is doing what he can for Richmond—
wherever you find him.

WHY NOT?

The Associated Charities have an announcement in this issue which
we commend to our readers. If there were any doubt about the effective-
ness of the organization it would be different. But with winter and all
the Wolf family coming; with the nights growing colder and the pay en-
velope no larger—

Does anything more need to be said.
There are some things which ought not be forgotten.

Items Gathered in From Far and Near

Will Death Do Us Part.
Detroit Free Press—"Uncle Joe"
Cannon shows no reluctance in admit-
ting that when he was young he "also
thought it took a long time for the old
devils to die out." It sounds as
though he meant to hang on to the
job.

Chance to Break the Solid South.
Baltimore News.—The president is
a success at opening irrigation sys-
tems in the West. If he can just open
a couple in the arid South he will be
elected president for life.

Might Do It in Private.
Philadelphia Inquirer.—We heartily
commend President Taft's decision
not to bathe in public, but are not op-
posed to him keeping himself clean
by the ordinary methods.

Horse of Another Color.
St. Paul Pioneer Press.—President
Taft indorsed Senator Aldrich in
Iowa. Now will he show his recip-
rocity and courage by indorsing Senator
Cummins in Rhode Island?

Mild and Gentle as Ever.
Houston Post.—Former Vice Presi-
dent Fairbanks has reached the Phil-
ippines, but so far he has killed noth-

ing nor called anybody a liar.

Like Being a Bad Actor.
Milwaukee Sentinel.—We gather
that Mr. LaFollette means to continue
to exercise his right to remain in his
party and act against it.

But Peary's Was.
Pittsburg Gazette-Times.—But why
should Cook sue Peary? His reputa-
tion hasn't been damaged a bit.

CHANGES NAME.
Did you ever notice when a girl
gave up the hope of changing her last
name, she always commences to spell
her given name differently. Nearly
all of them have changed from the old
way of washing and now use rub-a-lac
and their husbands are glad of it. It
makes Monday washday a dream in-
stead of a nightmare. Why not try
it? It is cheap.

The hollyhock resembles a tall, mod-
est maiden. The air of aloofness and
aristocratic sufficiency veils beauty
and charm. Friends have told me of
fragrant hollyhocks, but I have yet to
meet one, while knowing full well that
with a generous supply of honey and
nectar there should be perfume hidden
deep in the heart of the flower.—Chi-
cago Post.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

T. A. Edison, Wizard of Electricity



Statement by Richmond City Band

To the Citizens of Richmond:

In reply to the Fall Festival Commit-
tee's card, which appeared in the local
papers, we wish to state a few facts
concerning the band question, with
which the committee has had such a
"terrible tussle."

The article would have the public be-
lieve the local bands are "holdup men."
The final proposition which the Rich-
mond City band submitted to the exe-
cutive committee, was to furnish 25 mu-
sicians to play three days (all day) and
three evenings, for \$250.00 and contrib-
ute \$25.00 to the festival fund, leaving
\$225.00 to be divided among twenty-
five men, or \$9.00 per man each day.

Smittie, of Cincinnati, will furnish
36 men for \$936.00 or \$8.33 per day, for
each man. Does that look as if we
were unreasonable?

The committee is unfair if it expects
men to play for less money than they
can make at their daily vocation.

Any musical organization to meet
with any degree of success needs en-

couragement and support. The Rich-
mond City Band has been thoroughly
organized for three years and has regu-
lar weekly rehearsals throughout the
year.

We are all grateful to the public who
have given us at least some support
and encouragement for the great sac-
rifice of time and money to equip the
band. After all the ado the commit-
tee has made over the band question,
don't you think it would have been a
better plan to have accepted a proposition
which was before the committee,
to engage the Newsboys' band of In-
dianapolis, Cambridge City band, Con-
nersville band, New Castle band,
Greenville, O., band and the Richmond
City band, the combination of which
would have saved the committee over
\$100.00 from the amount paid Smittie?

The bringing of all these bands
here would also bring many to the city
who would otherwise not attend the
festival. All members of the Rich-
mond City band reside in Richmond

She doesn't
Worry
about
Cooking



The Mother's Oats
Free Fireless Cooker is doing her
work. And much better than she
could do it.

Suppose she falls asleep. When her husband
comes home and wakens her, all she will have to
do is to go to the Fireless Cooker and take out
the perfectly cooked and steaming hot dinner
that will be all ready. Nothing that's put in the
Mother's Oats Fireless Cooker can burn or boil over.
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It's especially planned to prepare that ideal food—

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the stomach.

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Steel Cut Oatmeal, Mother's Old Fashioned Graham Flour, you can
get a Mother's Oats Fireless Cooker free with coupons. Ask your grocer.

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and are tax payers and consequently
all are for Richmond.

The course the festival committee
has taken is a poor way to "Boost
Richmond." Don't you think so?

Signed
ALBERT FOSTER President.
CHAS. F. WEISBROD Secretary.
FRANK HARTZLER, Manager.

At Tourcoing France, five couples of
working people celebrated their golden
wedding the other day. Great festi-
vities were provided for the occasion
by the municipal authorities.

PALLADIUM WANT ADS. PAY.

PRICE IS ADVANCED

(American News Service)
Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 30.—The Amer-
ican Sheet & Tinplate company has
advanced the price of steel sheets and
tin plate two dollars per ton and it
is believed the independent manufac-
turers will immediately make a simi-
lar advance. The boom in steel trade
and building operations is given as
the reason for the advance but it also
indicates a cessation of price cutting.

Bumbaugh Dirigible Balloon, Daily Feature of the Festival

