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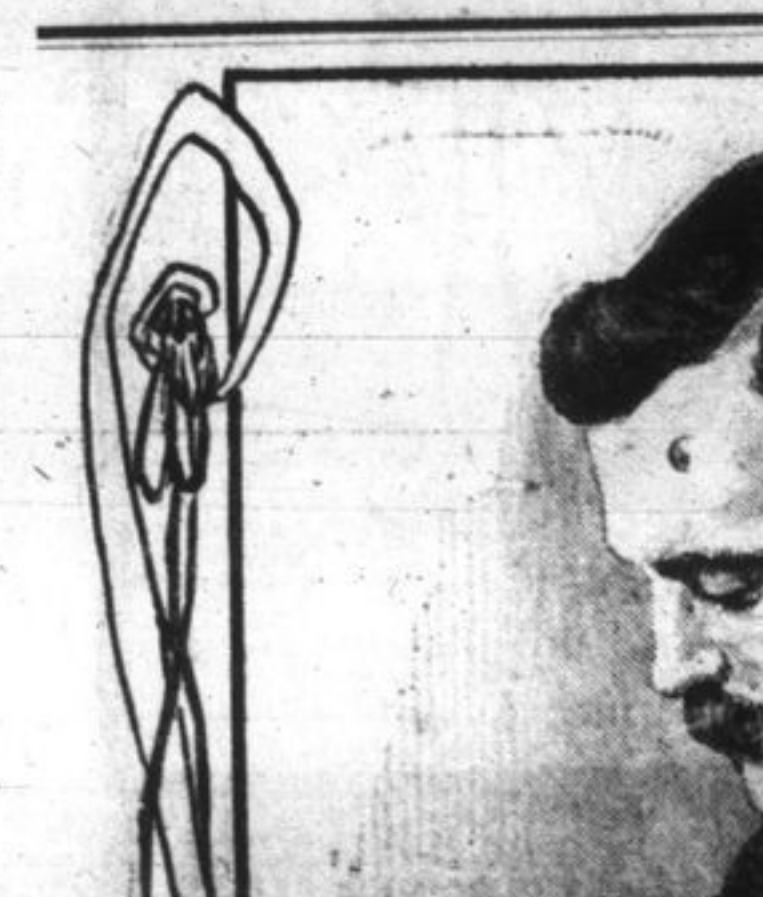
John Weaver Who Refuses to be Bound by Political Ties--A Rare Character.

The recent outbreak of popular indignation in Philadelphia was inspired by one of the most far reaching attempts to profit at the expense of the tax-paying population of the Quaker City ever recorded.

His father wanted him to remain in Devonshire and perpetuate the family avocation of market gardening. John expressed a desire to seek fortune elsewhere, but his father saw no good out of Devonshire.

Briefly stated, the facts are as follows: The United Gas Improvement company holds a thirty-year lease of the Philadelphia gas works. According to the agreement, this lease may be terminated by the city in 1907, but it involves the payment of \$20,000,000.

Although he was penniless, he was by no means destitute, and he was not at all dismayed when he passed to take stock of his most available assets. He was honest and willing, and he knew it. He had a clean, truthful face and the bearing of a gentleman, and he probably knew that also.



JOHN WEAVER, MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA.

municipal authorities made a new lease with the United Gas Improvement company to run seventy-five years. The consideration named is \$25,000,000, to be paid in three years.

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The chief executive of Philadelphia is to-day one of the most picturesque and interesting personalities in American politics. He enjoys the distinction of being the first English born citizen to be elected to the mayoralty of a great American city.

These are only a few of the reforms he has instituted. Most important of all, he has maintained his lofty position of political independence to the extent of standing out resolutely against the very men who supported him. Devoted Baptist that he is, he has been equally firm against the importunities of the clergymen who have asked him from time to time to move some official who showed signs of being antagonistic to reform.

DEAF JESS CANNOT BE CURED

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by medicines which reach the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a running sound of the ear, which is not dangerous, unless perfect hearing is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out, this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever.

Threats of impeachment and even impeachment itself have no effect on John Weaver. Cries of "Resign!" fall equally impotent. From his sanctum at the city hall he solemnly rebuffs the complaints of clergymen, the criticisms of praying laymen and the admonitions of the Law and Order Society and then--does as it pleases the impression that he is unusually frank. He never assumes a dogmatic attitude. No one has ever heard him indulge in satire, and he is never separated from his good manners.

ated from his good manners. He does not seem to be either a fine scholar or a subtle humorist. He has a good business head, a square jaw, a combative chin and a pair of shrewd, but kindly eyes. He most of all impresses one with the idea that he would be a valuable friend.

The first definite personal charge against Mr. Weaver to be made public was the fact that he was a naturalized Englishman. This has been over and its discovery threw his political supporters into consternation. At a hastily called meeting it was first proposed that he should withdraw.

True to his word, Mr. Weaver appeared in public, and his plain, brief talks met with instant appreciation. So widely had the leaders miscalculated the effect of racial prejudice on his chances, that he secured the support of 70,000 votes of the very element his English antecedents were expected to antagonize.

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WAS WITHOUT FOOD

ESCAPED LUNATIC ROAMED FOR FIFTEEN DAYS.

Young Woman, Under Delusion She Has No Stomach, is Arrested and Committed as a Vagrant.

London, Aug. 4.--For fifteen days a young woman named Armstrong, the daughter of a well known Manchester resident, roamed about the highlands of the Tat and Siddell district, between Macclesfield and Buxton, without any food whatever. Nothing but water passed her lips.

Her peregrinations were confined to the night time, the days being spent in hiding. Miss Armstrong feared discovery and incarceration in Macclesfield asylum, from which she escaped.

She took all precautions to evade arrest, including the assumption of a disguise, and when at last she was found asleep at the side of a brook by a policeman last Saturday and looked up as a vagrant she gave a false name and address and refused without demur a sentence of seven days' imprisonment. She evidently knew that if she remained out of the hands of the asylum authorities for fourteen days the original committal order would have expired.

Among the many local people who took an interest in the case was the Vicar of Bursfield, and he formed the opinion that the alleged tramp and Miss Armstrong were one and the same person. The young woman's father, accordingly visited Strangeway Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday morning, and found this assumption correct. Although thinner, Miss Armstrong was not seriously harmed by her voluntary starvation.

She will remain at the jail until Saturday, when she will be removed to her home.

If You Would Be Popular. Be helpful. Be sociable. Be unselfish. Be generous. Be a good listener. Never worry or whine. Study the art of pleasing. Be frank, open and truthful. Always be ready to lend a hand. Be kind and polite to everybody. Be self-reliant, but not conceited. Never monopolize the conversation. Take a genuine interest in other people. Always look on the bright side of things. Take pains to remember names and faces. Never criticize or say unkind things of others. Look for the good in others, not for their faults. Cultivate health and thus radiate strength and courage to others. Forgive and forget injuries but never forget benefactors. Rejoice as genuinely in another's success as in your own. Always be considerate of the rights and feelings of others. Have a good time, but never let fun degenerate into license. Learn to control yourself under the most trying circumstances. Have a kind word and a cheerful, encouraging smile for everyone. Be respectful to women and chivalrous in your attitude toward them. Meet trouble like a man and cheerfully endure what you can't resist. Believe in the brotherhood of man and recognize no class distinction.

Prof. Smythe's Queer Hens. Boston Herald. Prof. Smythe has a grape vineyard of which he takes great care. Every fall the boys, whenever they get a chance, steal a few bunches of grapes. One morning the professor was surprised to find the vines almost bare. Calling his wife, he said: "Mary what has become of the grapes?" "I suppose the hens picked them off," was her reply. "Hens! Hens! Some two-legged hens," said her husband, angrily, to which she calmly replied: "Phil, dear, did you ever see any other kind?" "Only pure fruit syrups used at Wale's soda fountain."

Kansas City has had to limit the size of billboards. The big ones catch too many citizens under them when the wind blows them down.

The Kremlin Fortress and Palace at Moscow. According to a report from St. Petersburg the Czar contemplates restoring the Russian capital to Moscow, the ancient seat of government. It is said that he intends to go there, probably for safety's sake. The Kremlin fortress is absolutely impregnable to any assault the revolutionists would be able to direct against it.

Well and favorably known, the world over. Abbey's Effervescent Salt. Every second, of every minute, of every hour, of every day, of every year--someone is taking Abbey's Effervescent Salt. It is used wherever civilization has penetrated. The march of progress and good health is under the banner of Abbey's Effervescent Salt. At all Druggists. 25c. and 60c. a bottle.

Canada Flakes. Toasted Wheat--Ready to Eat. Canada Flakes requires no cooking. It has a rich delicate flavor, imparted by special processes involving the use of malt and maple syrup. Just add cream or milk and serve. CANADA FLAKES comes in the big 1 1/2 package--nearly 1-3 larger than any other and better. A fine white metal teaspoon in every package.

CRAMPS CURED. I was troubled with Cramps for a long time, and had several doctors attend me, but their medicine did not seem to do me any good. I got three bottles of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, and it cured me. WEAK BOWELS CURED. After a severe attack of Typhoid Fever my bowels were left in a very weak condition, and I could get nothing to do me any good until I commenced taking Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. I take a great deal of pleasure in recommending it to all sufferers from bowel complaint. SUMMER COMPLAINT CURED. I take pleasure in recommending Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. Last summer I had a severe attack of Summer Complaint, and one bottle cured me. DYSENTERY CURED. I was very bad with Dysentery and used Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, and it completely cured me. We keep it constantly on hand, and could not get along without it. It has saved a lot of doctor bills. Refuse Substitutes.--Price 35c.--They're Dangerous. DIARRHOEA AND CRAMPS. I take pleasure in telling you what Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry has done for me. I was taken with Diarrhoea and severe Cramps in the Stomach. I secured a bottle of your medicine and had only taken a few doses when my trouble disappeared. BABIES TEETHING. Ever since my mother first knew of the wonderful curative qualities of Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry, it has always been kept in the house. She says that it always acts like magic, and especially when given to teething babies.

REFRIGERATORS. Until August 5th we will offer the balance of our Refrigerators at the following prices, viz.: 1 regular \$8.50, now \$7.00. 1 regular 9.50, now 7.50. 1 regular 10.50, now 8.00. 1 regular 14.00, now 11.00. 1 regular 16.00, now 13.00. 1 regular 26.00, now 22.00. These are all first class refrigerators. ELLIOTT BROS. 77 Princess Street.

AW'S. Clothing. Have been complaining. Waist Departments. seem to be running a faster. Perhaps it's the extremely attractive. OVERS. will be found variety and needs of every plain and fancy design. 10c., 25c., 35c., 45c., 50c., \$1.25, 1.35, 1.49, but we are anxious to represent. KIRTS. lace and embroidery from 75c. up to \$1.25, 1.49, 99c., \$1.75. DOWNS. \$4. with 20 at. These garments are undertrimmed, but just the test of the laundry. Corsets. are going away and have a pair of really we would suggest styles of the. ch Model. \$3 a pair. As an particular Corset of Toronto's leader exactly 50c a pair we are asking and on occasion Kingston paid for the privilege from home. \$1, 1.25, 1.50, \$1, 1.25, 1.50, 2, 50c., 75c., \$1. \$1.25, for summer. AW & SON. Save yourself. Worry and trouble by starting on your journey with the proper baggage. TRUNK! We have a splendid and cheap Trunks, and SHOE STORE.