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cal science have been both remarkable and important, and this statement, therefore, carries the weight of authority. Doctor Mayo gives no assurance of any specific for the cure of cancer, and says that the disease must be taken in hand courageously in its early stages.

Liquor Corruptionists Fear Brumbaugh THE rum-sellers are getting uneasy. They have been investigating Doctor Brumbaugh's record, and a cold shiver has run down their backs as a result.

Their Hands in the Till THERE are ten dual officeholders in Select Council. They receive in aggregate salaries the sum of \$29,500 annually.

Norris' Resolution Merely a Beginning MR. LORIMER went jubilantly to Washington. He was somewhat sadder when he returned to Illinois.

War's Blind Passion THE war that began in a high spirit is fast reaching the gutter. In the first days of conflict the poets and public men of the Allies spoke bitterly of the militarism that they believed had plunged Europe into the depths.

Ready to Smite Penrose THE registration figures show that Pennsylvania is overwhelmingly Republican. With a nominee other than Mr. Penrose for the Senate, the party would sweep to victory, sure and complete.

Destiny at the End of the Mall WITH nothing better in sight except adjournment, Washington is worrying itself over Champ Clark and 1916. President Wilson's mild reproof of eager New Jersey set the ball rolling.

Neither Children Nor Gods NEWS from Washington that President Wilson and Colonel Harvey have composed their differences is at least welcome. Not that the public has been worrying over the quarrel; it is simply interested in the outcome.

Good Counsel With Hopeful Tidings CANCER is a deadlier scourge than was a fact to which attention was recently called by the EVENING LEDGER, but there is a hopeful suggestion in the declaration of Dr. W. J. Mayo that the disease in certain circumstances is curable.

PHILADELPHIA'S INTERESTS NEGLECTED BY SENATOR PENROSE

Federal Buildings Here Ignored, While National Government Lavished Millions on Chicago and New York—A Comparison of Appropriations.

PHILADELPHIA is the one large city of the nation which has been neglected by the Federal Government so far as the erection of public buildings is concerned. The records tell the story more clearly and more vividly than any mere statement of the case can do.

For the past sixteen years—or since the Hon. Hoies Penrose took his seat in the Senate—Philadelphia has been granted the magnificent sum of \$82,000 by Congress for the construction of Federal buildings.

This is scarcely one-fourth of the money granted to Chicago in the same period for the erection of one building.

In 1900 an appropriation of \$351,000 was given to New York in the corresponding period for many great construction projects. The figures plainly show that the interests of Philadelphia in the annual formulation of the Congressional Public Buildings bill have been systematically overlooked.

Here is the record during Senator Penrose's service in the Senate: In 1900 an appropriation of \$351,000 was given to New York in the corresponding period for many great construction projects.

Repairs to the Mint and a number of minor projects caused an appropriation of \$95,000 in 1906.

In 1907 further repairs to the Mint cost the Federal Government \$85,000. The following year (1908) construction of an immigrant station at Philadelphia, at a cost of \$250,000, was authorized.

An appropriation of \$25,000 for repairs to the Postoffice was authorized in 1910. In 1911 the Federal Government appropriated \$105,000 for the construction of a pier at the immigrant station.

This is a complete statement of Philadelphia's share of the annual appropriation for public buildings for a period of sixteen years. It is not very impressive, in comparison with the sums given to New York and Chicago for public improvements.

For instance, New York, during the sixteen-year period, has received from the United States \$11,160,000 for the construction of Federal buildings. Chicago has received \$4,133,000 in the same time.

New York has built a magnificent new Custom House at a cost of several million dollars, a new Postoffice which ranks as one of the finest in the world, a new barge and assay office and a marine hospital during this time.

Ever since 1858, at intervals of two or three years, there has been an agitation by the citizens of this city for improved Federal buildings. Delegations frequently sought Senator Penrose in his office and urged him to use his influence in this direction, but beyond passive promises to take the matter up he gave these requests no attention.

He was appealed to for the new Mint for this city in 1900, but the building was obtained largely through the efforts of ex-Congressman McAleer. In 1902 the senior Senator ignored the request looking toward the making of structural changes in the Mint.

Through the efforts of other representatives bills are now being considered for the erection of a new custom house, the enlargement of the present postoffice and the acquisition of a site for a new postoffice. The present Congress has also appropriated money for shipways at the League Island Navy Yard.

The following list gives a comparison of appropriations for Federal buildings in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago since 1900:

Table with columns for City (New York, Phila., Chicago) and Year (1900-1914). Rows list various building projects and their costs.

ICE is attracting the attention of municipal authorities again. With Cleveland, it is the question of cold storage. The city is entering on the second year of an experiment in refrigeration plant, located in the new market building.

It has been difficult to make the women realize that the plant is especially designed to handle the citizens' small retail business as well as the general refrigeration of the market.

MEANTIME the plaint for municipal ice arises from Hartford, Conn., voiced by the Hartford Post. It is the same argument that Mayor Lund, of Schenectady, put forward: If the city can get water in pipes, why not in chunks? If pure, cheap water is a social necessity, why not pure, cheap ice? The Hartford Post says editorially: "We would like to hear one good reason why Hartford should not get the ice from its reservoirs and sell it to the people of the city."

THE COMING MAN A man cries out in the wilderness. And he has a terrible thing to tell. He cries aloud to age and wrack. His words are hot with the stings of truth and as fierce as the bite of hell.

THE IDEALIST When the league's mightiest batman steps to the plate the onlooking crowd expects the ball to be pitched and to fall. And sometimes he continues to fall most steadily and persistently.

THE BABBLING FOOL Nature is a huge mistake. Take the seasons as a sample of her work. In winter we are too cold; in summer too warm.

consolidation of the industry in big corporations.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

More than 35,000 American refugees and only 2,000 immigrants arrived at the port of New York in September, a state of affairs probably without a parallel in the history of the port.

Views of Readers ON TIMELY TOPICS Contributions That Reflect Public Opinion on Subjects Important to City, State and Nation.

LET EUROPE SUFFER THE MAXIMUM To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Pending the time that the Lord will take to answer the devout and sincere prayers offered in this country for the cessation of the war.

PROHIBITION IN MAINE To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I read in one of the monthly magazines recently a reference to Maine as "drunken Maine, with its thousands of juvenile and female common drunkards."

FINDS EVENING LEDGER INTERESTING To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I read with great interest your story about Miss Craven, the teacher who saved Philadelphia for 43 years.

THE HANDS OF ESAU To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—If the succeeding articles in the series you began today, "The Hands of Esau," fulfill the promise of the first one, the series will be one of the most remarkable of its kind ever published in America.

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IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR Quite So "Young Whitcombs should get on in the world. He's a plunger and a dipster."

Suppressing the Press Dignity at the Municipal Court is thicker than armor plate on a dreadnought. The other day a reporter called up one of the judges to learn the salary paid a probation officer.

Muzzle Wanted There was a young lady from Russia Who was a perpetual gussia; She habbled in glee And her friends were at sea For they couldn't decide how to hussia.

His Love The weekly meeting of the Married Ladies' Society for the Better Control and Guidance of Husbands had just been called to order by the president.

Afflicted The sailor on the yacht was sad; Likewise immersed in gloom, Because his hearing was so bad, He could not hear the boom.

Quit So "That Indian machinist has quite a lot of clever inventions to his credit."

The Stumbling Block "If only grandfather had been more generous," she murmured, "I would say yes."

Verse and Worse From the way the poets are lamenting it should be known hereafter as the Cathedral of Rhymes.

Another English Joke A British nobleman had marital designs upon a certain heiress, but he was cautious. So he seized an opportunity to question her maid.

Still Useful We know where grandma's shawl has gone; It lined us with surprise. To see it out on Chestnut street Made into Persian ties.

That Is Not Included Even the man who has declared a private moratorium has no objection to paying his respects.

Again the Professor "What was that terrible noise last evening?" inquired a student. "That abominable professor again," replied the landlady wearily; "he found a paragraph upside down in the newspaper and tried to stand upon his head to read it."

Anti-Penrose Prospects From the New York Evening Post. If a man in a purple robe did not divide between Palmer and Pinchot the votes of a non-Republican Senator from Pennsylvania would be bright.

Flood Time in Salt River From the Chicago Tribune. One of the tributaries of Salt River is the prairie that flows from the rock basal.