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LET NO MAN BE DECEIVED

LET NO man be deceived by the insidious argument that a vote against Penroseism is a vote against Republicanism.

A verdict against Penroseism will mean to the nation what it will mean to every Pennsylvanian—a reassertion of fundamental principles, which must first be vindicated before it is possible to determine the ordinary routine of governmental procedure.

It is a fortunate thing that Republicans are able now to vote for their political and moral principles at the same time. It is a fortunate thing that they can elect a real Republican while they are utterly repudiating a Republican masquerader.

Every Republican votes tomorrow for or against a Republican President in 1917. Every vote for Penrose fattens the Democratic chances of victory in 1916; each vote against him will bring measurably nearer a revision of the tariff.

Roosevelt Voiced the Nation

IF ANY one imagines that Penrose and the Penrose vocalists would devote every speech in the last days of the campaign to refuting Roosevelt if Roosevelt had done them no harm, he does not understand politics.

No man knows the United States in all its ramifications more intimately than Roosevelt, and whether men always agree with him or not they know that he has the power of interpreting the thought of the mass of the people with remarkable precision.

Vote for the Loan

VOTE for the loan. It carries a provision for sufficient funds to begin preliminary work on the new subway-elevated system.

Pennsylvania on Trial

IT IS settled that Penrose is guilty or he would have taken the only effective way of rebutting the charges.

Keep the Cotton Industry at Home

A VICTIM of its own economic crime, this country is now asked to save the cotton planters from the predicament in which they find themselves.

The Vares Bridled

IN 1911, when Mr. Penrose was betraying the Vares secrets to the enemies of the Vares and turning daylight on the nefarious practices of himself and other politicians who controlled City Hall.

Splitting

THE only thing I don't like about this "amazing" Penrose idea is the trouble of splitting my ticket.

Styles in War

THESE are styles even in warfare. And they run to smaller matters than the present popularity of submarines and dissemination of farts, foaming or otherwise.

tering blade, last token of the romance of war, only insignia of the gallant officer, is doomed. Waving it in battle is nothing more than a signal to the enemy for extermination.

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That candidate is A. Mitchell Palmer. He will be killed by whisky Democrats.

Two Good Congressmen

AGAINST Congressman Michael Donohoe, who in a remarkable spirit of nonpartisan-ship has served this city well, the Organization has nominated Peter E. Costello.

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THE HANDS OF ESAU Philadelphia as the Victim of a Brace-game—With the Cards Stacked, Contractors Take What Profit They Please—Interesting Facts That Reveal the Immensity of the Spoils Taken from Taxpayers.

The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

A perfect form of government requires so many ingredients so good in their several kinds and so much wisdom in using them, that for some thousands of years men have dreamed of reducing their schemes to perfection.

Better government in Philadelphia is being slowly strangled. The Blankenburg administration of a few city offices expressed better government just as completely as an anti-Tammany Administration does in New York.

EVER heard of the brace-game? It is gambling with all chance for the other fellow to win snuffed out. There is nothing meaner in life. It has a variable facade. We find it in loaded dice, the false appraisal of real estate, marked cards, the salted mine, the crooked roulette wheel, the bribed jockey who pulls his mount, the phoney diamond, the fake prospectus, the padding of the income account in the annual report of a private corporation—one might say an indefinitely.

Preconcerted action in a scheme to swindle or cheat with the principals masked, and behind legal bulwarks, are the chief essentials of a brace-game.

When the political leaders of a community are also contractors looking for public work, they are conducting a brace-game against the taxpayers.

Among 332 different items in the specifications for the further improvement of League Island Park we find this joker: "For additional excavation (without classification) or filling, including all sheathing, shoring and other appurtenances when ordered, for the sum of 42 cents per cubic yard."

It worked as follows: What layman would have known that a place to dump dirt in South Philadelphia was the crying need of private contractors?

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coming out and he wanted to know if I would take the contract.

Q. Did Mrs. McNichol ever pay any money under this agreement? A. No.

Q. Did you make up the estimates and bids for these filtration contracts? A. No, that work was done mostly by Philip H. Johnson, the engineer I employed.

Oh! Yes, now we see it all. Philip H. Johnson is the great humanitarian architect, brother-in-law of the late "Iszy" Durham. He had his finger in the filtration, too. Take a peep at him there. He is certainly versatile. He filters our water and he builds all our hospitals.

Probably the biggest private contract J. P. McNichol has handled was the building of the Market street subway.

In conclusion: United States Senator Boies Penrose was not a candidate for re-election in 1911. It appears that he was muck-raking about that time, for he said:

"The so-called contractor leadership of the local Republican Organization has for several years been on the subject of criticism and reproach throughout the State, any CANDIDACY WHICH RELIES ON CORRUPTION, FRAUD, COERCION OF OFFICEHOLDERS IS CONFESSEDLY WEAK AND UNWORTHY OF SUPPORT."

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

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Colonel Peter Horry in his "Life of Francis Marion" relates an incident in which the raven-black locks of a British officer became snow-white in something less than 24 hours.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Some writers in your paper column discuss the personal qualities of political candidates as though such a topic was of vital interest.

NEWS ACCORDING TO IMPORTANCE To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The Woman Suffrage party of Philadelphia extends to you sincere thanks for the excellent publicity you gave the organization work of last week.

DEMANDS RAPID TRANSIT To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—You are going to give us rapid transit in the northern part of the city.

A DAILY RIDER To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I must extend my thanks to the Evening Ledger for the stand it has taken for better transit conditions in Frankford.

CURIOSITY SHOP "Framnian mixture" was a name formerly applied to any intoxicating drink.

The Babbling Fool WHAT SHE SAYS I can't stand cleverer girls; they give me a headache.

WHAT SHE MEANS They make me feel a fool, that's what! Trying to look soulful. How I hate soulful people.

Stupid, old-fashioned things. Does he think I'm a child? Pretty good for a month, but that kitchen!

And if I wouldn't let you sit on my chair, you'd better treat me smart!

But that's no excuse for you to do it like I!

Smart!

Smart!

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SCRAPPLE

Our Own G. K. Chesterton on the War I was counting the buttons on my great-coat yesterday when I thought about the war. I hope no one will be quite foolish enough, not even if it be George Bernard Shaw, who is certainly not a fool, because he is a mad-man, to think that there is no connection between buttons and the war.

Birds of Passage Bruce Ismay Apton Lauder

War News of Society Cable dispatch says that they are fighting at Neuport. Must be the charge of the 409.

Speechless With Pain? The Leesburg, Indiana, Journal asserts that a family there was made seriously ill by "pantomime poisoning."

Ballad of Baseball (After Master Francois Villon) Tell me now, in what hidden place is Minner Brown, the ancient foeman? Where is Chesbro, ho whose paces kept in rank the batting bowmen?

Hidden now the one-time face, Tannehill, Young, the ancient clan. Gone and faded—his old-time places taken by many a swifter man.

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