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A Modern Aladdin's Lamp

ELSEWHERE in the EVENING LEDGER are published pictures which offer convincing testimony of the value of rapid transit. Where in West Philadelphia ten years ago there were a few cheap houses of wood, there are today splendid rows of modern buildings.

Organization: Wise and Otherwise

FOR Senator Crow or any other Penrose Republican to tell the Commonwealth that what Pennsylvania needs is more organization is to play to a credulity that does not exist.

More History-making in Philadelphia

THE calendar confirms the right of Philadelphia to the title of "convention city." Meeting here this week are the American Federation of Labor, the Investment Bankers' Association of America and the members of the Conference of Mayors.

"Rudy," Immortal Fire Horse

BUCEPHALUS, get over! Pegasus and Bucephalus, pull your heads out of the cat-trough of reputation. Here comes old Rudy, fire horse.

Professor Bryan's Patent Plowshare

PROFESSOR BRYAN, of the Chautauque circuit, has at last avenged himself on old Cincinnati. When a war came along, the Roman deserted the plow and pitched right in.

Patent Medicine Saves No Doctor's Bills

PATENT medicines are the toll imposed upon the credulity of ignorance by agents in quickness. The advertising of the medicine and vendors proves conclusively that the business is based upon the real or imaginary ill of the buyer.

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First of a Charitable Caravan

THE Thelma, loaded to capacity with material evidence of the love and charity of Philadelphia, sets to sea today. Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, all alike have contributed, and the gifts of mercy will be distributed to Protestant and Catholic, Gentile and Jew.

Trying to Fool Isaac

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SCRAPPLE

War According to Gulliver

He asked me what were the usual causes or motives that made one country go to war with another. I answered they were innumerable, but I should only mention a few of the chief. Sometimes the ambitions of princes, who never think they have land or people enough to govern; sometimes the corruption of Ministers, who engage their master in a war in order to stifle or divert the clamour of the subjects against their evil administration.

Views of Readers

Contributions That Reflect Public Opinion on Subjects Important to City, State and Nation.

The Fatal Lack

The paper was a wondrous one; it bristled with the news. That came from every part of every nation; it did not stoop to crooked ads, nor those of hope and booze.

Uncocious Humor

Sleeping Cars. "I was in a sleeping car when I made known my name to the porter. He said, 'Artistic haircutting. Painless dentistry. Refined vaudeville.'"

On the Job

A locomotive had just struck an automobile, and the injured were lying among the debris along the tracks. "Has the insurance man been here yet?" asked a stranger, breathing a sigh of relief. "No," answered the cop bluntly. "Fine," continued the stranger. "If there's no objection I'll just lie down with the rest of the injured."

Wants the City to Do It

"Sir—Union Traction stockholders," you say, "are something to the citizens of Philadelphia. They are a work for the city. I would like to see them spend anything to give us better service. Anyway, why pay a private corporation 7.5 per cent. when the city can borrow money at four per cent. Why not let the city own the cars?"

Stand by the Mayor

"Sir—There is a great lack of local patriotism in Philadelphia and I cannot understand why some people are so ready to criticize Mayor Blackwelder. Rather, I did not understand it until I read the Hands of Esau. The EVENING LEDGER deserves big credit for giving us such a treat, and our Councilmen should be glad to see the Mayor give him yet. He says he is going to stand by the Mayor now. We hope so, for if he don't we will get a new Councilman sure." HENRY T. BANNARD.

England's Creditors

England is in a grateful mood toward the statesmen who put the country in a condition to meet the war. Lord Haldane reorganized the army. Sir Edward Grey directed British diplomacy in the traditions of Lord Salisbury. Lloyd George provided the financial structure needed to sustain the foreign and domestic policies of the British Empire. Lord Hardinge won the love of India. Lord Salisbury made the Japanese alliance possible by steering a cautious course in China. Frederick Herbert Henry Asquith has steered the boat in the Irish crisis and William Redmond and Sir Edward Carson contributed to the patriotic concert at the time of the Boer war.

National Point of View

The reason for the satisfaction in financial circles over the elections last week is to be found in the fact that the party which has been sufficient to check the radical tendencies of the party which still controls all branches of the Government. It is a deduction from election returns that is well founded—Springfield Republican.

From the Cub's Notebook

Utter lack of a sense of humor frequently results in turning an ordinary joke into a good one on the reviewer. Recently a hotel reporter covering his rounds overheard a conversation between two elated Republicans that ran something like this: "Did you hear what the Republicans are going to do?" "No." "They're going to invite the Progressive party to this city and give him a dinner."