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FORMER MAYOR BLANKENBURG'S CAREER FROM POOR BOY TO RULER OF GREAT CITY

Blankenburg Americanism Keep a cool head! Keep your powder dry! Stand by the President!

FORMER MAYOR'S CAREER

Blankenburg was the first re or Philadelphia has had sinc t charter went into effect i ghties. He was elected it sightles. He was elected Mayor amber, 1011, over George H. Earle erm of four years. He has been escribed by the trile expression Ind War Horse of Reform." and brase described his great public es better than any other cou-on of words in the English lan-

outset of his administration he outinet of his automical Council, in by the Organization doministed fehol and the Vares. Many of mineridations to improve the tax-ratem were ignored by Councils, aggressive advocate of good gov-t was able, despite the Organiza-position, to eliminate the police emen from politics and place the of contracts upon an honest a system employed successfully system employed successful Organization to retain them

of the greatest public improve-ndertaken by a Mayor of Phila-vere begun by Mayor Blanken-These are the improvement of hilddelphia as a railroad center, filling of the grade crossings and ding of municipal plans in con-with the Belt Line. This project at \$20,000,000, of which the city 06,000,000 and the balance will ed by the railroads.

Grade Crossings to Go

single act would insure the burg administration a perma-ace among the administrations for great public progress. All de crossings in South Philade-to be abolished under the plan, i Line is to be extended and onen gateway for all steam open gateway for

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF BLANKENBURG ADMINISTRATION

Established a regular budget system for all departments Established a system of specifications for receiving and awarding hids hich made collusion between officials and contractors impossible, and ured city full value for every dollar expended.

Forced increase in interest payment by banks on city deposits.

Secured power to award contracts before selling bonds necessary b heir carrying out, thus saving large interest charges. Made important progress with packway work.

Development begun of Southern Boulevard, Lengue Island Park, North at Boulevard, Cobb's Creek Park.

Divel Chestnut and South street with wood blocks.

fliminated grade-crossings in South Philadelphia and Northeast Philahis, by agreements now becoming effective.

Widened Delaware avenue.

Completed Dock-street pier, Southwark piers

Commenced building Moyamensing piers. New sedimentation basin, Torresdale, planned.

New water-plus system laid in West Philadelphia and South Philade

Pipes for subway in center of citl resocated

Sulway work bagan New housing code and reform in treatment of congested district

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Bulkheaded Schuytkill River.

Extended Cobb's Creek Park and carlous other open spaces

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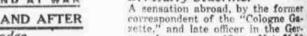
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