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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA
Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention:
The Delaware river bridge.
A drydock big enough to accommodate the largest ships.

MORE GUFF FROM GAFFEY
IN HIS eagerness to serve the Vaux, Councilman Gaffney is taking the surest course to blast the reputation he made as chairman of the finance committee in the old Councils as a believer in fair play and complete candor.

AN ARCHITECT'S "INHERITANCE"
DEFINITION of the official standing of Philip H. Johnson has been less clear than the fact this "city architect," who was a brother-in-law of the late Israel Durham, has been the traditional recipient of 5 per cent commissions.

WHY NOT PALMER'S RECORD
AMONG yesterday's astonishing headlines was one written to inform the world that Attorney General Palmer will run for the presidency "on Wilson's record."

MOTORS AND TROLLEYS
SOONER or later there will have to be a new definition of the rights of motor vehicles as common carriers.

advent of the trolleys. The automobile interfered seriously with the business of horse breeding. Electric lights at first looked dangerous to those who were interested in gas plants.

COMPLETING THE CIRCLE IN "TRUST BUSTING"
The Corporations and the Public Meet Once More With a New Conception of Mutual Obligations

"TRUST busting" is to be conducted in the future in a different way if the Supreme Court decision in the United States Steel Corporation case means anything.

NEW BATTLESHIP PLANS
THOSE good people who insist that America should have no hand in the affairs of Europe may perceive in the navy's plans for 44,000-ton battleships some of the first new fruits of the policy of isolation which they deem best for the country.

Charles M. Schwab, although a business competitor, did more than all the lawyers for the defense in securing the decision vindicating the Steel Corporation.

The case against the corporation rested on the charge that it was a conspiracy in restraint of trade. The suit was begun in 1911 before the Bethlehem Steel Company had expanded to its present size.

The facts in the steel business were against the contention of the government. Every one outside of the Supreme Court knew it, and the court, taking cognizance of these facts and bowing to the undoubted sentiment of the people, has acquitted the Steel Corporation.

But there are larger questions involved in this decision than the guilt or innocence of the United States Steel Corporation.

There were men who insisted that a corporation which did 60 per cent of the business in its line should be treated as prima facie guilty of crime.

But a little saving common sense prevented us from going very far in this direction. It was only necessary to ask how it was possible for a corporation doing 50 per cent of the business in its line could be innocent while a corporation doing one-tenth of 1 per cent more business could be guilty in order to make the whole theory of basing guilt on percentages appear ridiculous.

The Sherman anti-trust law was passed in the period when the popular view was that all combinations of corporations were made to gouge the public.

Neither the railroads nor the other public utility corporation would willingly go back to the time when there was no national Interstate Commerce Commission and no state public utility commissions.

For example, the modern and enlightened attitude of the corporations toward public regulation is disclosed in the advertisements of the United Gas Improvement Company, printed in this newspaper, in which attention was called to the policy of public utility commissions which prevents ruinous competition in fields already well served by the existing corporations.

In a quarter of a century we have completed the circle and the corporations and the people meet today at the point where they parted about a generation ago, but with a new appreciation of the rights and the obligations of each.

These enormously efficient and expensive fighting machines are to the new era of military development what the first shy blossoms are to an approaching spring.

England already has a superdreadnought of 43,000 tons. That vessel is approximately 10,000 tons heavier than the largest fighting ship in the United States navy.

Japan is building a number of vessels after the new British pattern. What the constructors in these two countries are planning in the background cannot be told.

There is sound business and financial sense in the suggestion of Governor Edwards that a proposal be submitted to the people to issue \$28,000,000 worth of bonds for New Jersey's share of the cost of a bridge over the Delaware and a tunnel under the Hudson.

There are grim things in hospital practice—one of them was hinted at in the heavy barred and locked doors of the two drug wards, but it was hopeful to see that few indeed of the lines of beds are now tenanted and that in the men's drug ward one patient was sitting calmly reading the window.

There was another smiling, dark-haired young patient in the same long room. He was sitting up in a wheel-chair weaving raffia. His basket work, which looked very neat and promising, and Johnnie's rug are part of the result of the activity of the division of occupational therapy which is being so much to relieve the tedium of long illness by teaching patients suitable forms of quiet craft work that may add to their future usefulness and give them employment for their many idle hours.

WE PASSED out into the Blockley streets again through the kitchen, where all the patients' food is prepared and then transported in heat-retaining boxes, to the various sections of the plant. Dinner was now out in the wards, but so perfect was the domestic economy here that not a soul was in sight; all the great pots and utensils were shining and back in place, and there was not one spot or speck on all the long stretches of the kitchen floor.

THE research laboratories are to be installed in a fine new building which has every possible resource for pathologic and bacteriological investigation. Their completion will mark a new and highly important step in the advancement of medical and surgical research for the city of Philadelphia.

BUT the most cheerful spot in all Blockley was the one that explains in a large measure the fine spirit of the place is the nurses' home and training school. This building is really a modern woman's hotel, with a comfortable home-like atmosphere, a library of modern books, a nurses' swimming pool and on the top floor a large, inviting, blue-curtained dining room—Delft blue, my guide insisted—anyhow very festive and appetizing and imparting to the room more of the genial air of a roof garden than of an institution dining hall.

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TRAVELS IN PHILADELPHIA

In the City Called Blockley BEHIND the bleak walls of the Philadelphia Hospital, down Thirty-fourth street, is a little world with humors, tragedies and traditions all its own.

A very pleasant and well-informed young lady, in the blue, red-lined shawl of a resident nurse, undertook to pilot me through the mazes of the plant. A long walk we had of it, for there are wide stretches of asphalt street out along the tree line, brick pathways and inside the buildings, miles of floors that gleam in a sheen of golden brown far off into the distance.

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HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

IBANEZ'S Cave-Man Stuff Contained More Than He Meant And, Anyhow, American Women May Have Fooled Him

BLASCO IBANEZ has been blurring out some Dextrix Fairfax information to the men of Philadelphia.

As a writer of fiction, and a famous one, he is a sort of confessor of the sex.

American women in Paris have revealed their souls to him.

They are tired of worshipful American men.

They would like for a change to be "dominated."

They desire from their lovers and husbands a little "cave-man stuff."

But does the American woman tell the truth in Paris, even when sitting in a full-length portrait in the next book of so distinguished a novelist as Senor Ibanez?

Does she want to be painted, warts and all, like Cromwell?

Or does she want to pose her prettiest and show a soul that will make good reading in the coming fiction?

AND even if she is not thinking of a comment on "the American woman" in an international novel by the master, isn't she aware that in Paris at least the American husband is a bit provincial?

A European capital is a great place to make you feel countrified.

The American husband over there has a sense that he owes her an apology.

He is a little deprecatory of the "American woman," just as Senor Ibanez reports the American woman to be of her husband.

To prove himself above narrow prejudices, he tells more than one Parisienne that the women home are a little dull, with their coldness, their Puritanism, their "looking at one as if they are at."

Before you begin to "treat 'em rough," following this distinguished advice, it will be well to discount a little what American women, self-conscious in the least provincial capital of the world, tell to a distinguished European novelist who may be about to write a great romance portraying the American woman.

BUT why should Senor Ibanez commend her to the cave man?

That is very well in an advice-to-lovers column, but a father confessor of the sex, as every great writer of fiction should be, should know better.

Was the cave man the dominant male? Back in his time, or not far from it, occurred the "matriarchal age" of the human race, when women dominated in the home as the female bees do in a hive.

The cave man was doubtless a fine hairy brute, but the cave woman was a fit mate for him, capable of giving back as good as she got.

Probably there was more equality between the sexes in the cave age than at any time since.

That was the early youth of the race, and in early youth the sexes are equal.

Boys are not conscious that girls are, as Meredith called them, "precious fragilities."

Neither are the girls at that age.

That consciousness is a refinement of later years.

The cave man, when he went out to persuade the cave woman to wed, doubtless did not think of her as a precious fragility.

And neither she was.

WE ARE nearer the cave-man stage in America than are Senor Ibanez's compatriots in Europe.

Ibanez seems to recognize that, in spite of his advice.

In conditions under which American men live and labor," he said, "are almost the same as those that prevailed in the prehistoric era. The man went out to chase the bear and other animals for food, while the woman stayed at home minding the kitchen and the children."

We are a youthful people, and one of the reasons why the Spanish novelist finds our

"AIN'T IT A GR-R-RAND AN' GLORIOUS FEELIN'!"



LONELINESS

O LONELINESS! Oh, what are thou? Canst thou hope to exist Before the charm of heaven's brow Of warm-rose amethyst, Or near the gurgling, mirror brooks That sing sweet lullabies To stonies snug-harbored in their nooks Brightened by sun-kissed skies?

O Loneliness! How vain for thee To dwell by songbird dale, That echoes all its melody O'er sea and mount and vale, Or 'side the soothing, flute-toned breeze That constant plays that all The leaves, a-nestling 'pon the trees, Dance to its madrigal!