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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA Things which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention on: The Delaware river bridge, A drydock big enough to accommodate the largest ships, Development of the rapid transit system, A convention hall, A building for the Free Library, An Art Museum, Enlargement of the water supply, Homes to accommodate the population.

THE BELT LINE DEADLOCK The ethics of the old financial quarrel between the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroads, which has long restricted the proper use of the Belt Line, is not of primary concern to the public.

GOVERNOR NORRIS THE promotion of George W. Norris, executive officer of the national Farm Loan Commission, to the governorship of the Federal Reserve Bank in this city will give general satisfaction.

PARKING GRAFT REDRESS TALES of the sharper's old game of selling the postoffice to guileless strangers may be apocryphal. In the field of extravagant outrage such a swindle meets its match in the rentals for city streets for cab-stand purposes and, judging from the warning of the Public Service Commission, the subject cannot be so easily dismissed as a mere facetious myth.

COMPETITION IN MUSIC VERY few blessings are unmixed. Theoretically, the flourishing state of music in America should be cause for congratulation, and yet it is precisely this increase of a singular vigor which is at the root of a singular situation confronting the Philadelphia Orchestra.

ingly asserts itself. There are, it seems, hardly enough musicians to go round. Three important orchestras in New York demand full ranks. Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago vie with one another in their siren cries for the best performers at seductive wages.

CENSUS REPORTS SUGGEST A GLANCE AT THE FUTURE The Expansive Energies of the City Would Do Wonders if Properly Directed

CENSUS estimates which indicate the swift and steady growth of Philadelphia have an interest that is not by any means exclusive to the city itself. It is for everybody who lives within a twenty-mile radius, for communities like Camden, Woodbury, Riverton, Chester and Wilmington, that the new figures carry a real meaning.

The Camden bridge will carry the life and the impulses of this community far over into New Jersey. The trend of industrial development southward along the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware will bring new communities into being between this city and Chester.

Any new community is in one way like an army. Its first dependence is on lines of communication. Land values, general prosperity and the social and business life of new suburban communities will depend to a great degree upon the manner in which such communities are planned in advance.

American cities are forever being torn down and rebuilt. The expense of correcting past mistakes in building is enormous and constant, especially in the East. It represents the price that must be paid for a lack of simple foresight.

Some years ago by an act of the Pennsylvania Legislature a metropolitan planning commission was formed to deal with problems and opportunities of suburban development which are brought clearly into the foreground once again by the census estimates.

ONLY THREE LEFT THE funeral of former Governor William A. Stone yesterday reminds one that there are only three men still living who have held the office.

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SENATOR EDGE'S LOGIC The blend of demagogic and Byzantine tactics which have held up the sale of the former German liners by the shipping board is refreshingly countered by a resolution of Walter E. Edge, which crisply summarizes public sentiment on this needlessly complicated subject.

If such a commission were actively functioning now, one of its first efforts might be to divert some of the vast appropriations already made for road construction in this state for the improvement and extension of motor highways between this city and strategic points within what is usually called the metropolitan area—that is, between the city proper and important communities or the

sites of prospective communities within a twenty-five-mile radius. Good, wide motor highways have become almost as important as street railway service as a building stimulus in suburban regions.

THE theory upon which metropolitan planning commissions are formed is not new or untried. In Detroit, for example, the city government has a right under its charter to give practical aid and encouragement in the construction of street railway lines anywhere within ten miles of the city limits, and it may actually acquire land for public use anywhere within three miles of the city limits.

MARKET PRICE FOR BRAINS IT ought not to be necessary for school teachers to be spending their time and energy in a campaign for an increase in their pay to meet the increased cost of living.

THE increase would be made as a matter of course if the salary schedules were fixed on sound principles. The Board of Public Education pays the market price for coal and for textbooks without question, but it has not yet made any adequate adjustment of the salary schedule to meet the market price for brains.

Such slight increases as have been made here have been more than absorbed by the increased cost of living, and the teachers are receiving a sum the purchasing power of which is much less than it was five years ago.

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of such principles was planned has not been forthcoming. It is good news that the Department of Justice is preparing to enter a motion for the dissolution of the injunction restraining the board from selling the thirty steamships. The United States has gone out of the railroad business. Why should retirement from paternalistic control of the merchant marine appear so shocking?

WHO IS HE? A CANDIDATE for the United States Senate is advertising for a stenographer capable of securing the signatures of the "better class of voters" to nominating petitions in ten counties, and able also to organize meetings.

The man cannot be Senator Penrose, for his nominating petitions are already in the hands of the agents of the Republican organization in the various counties. Mr. Penrose does not have to hire a secretary to do this sort of work. And he has a secretary already. Can it be Martin Brumbaugh or Gifford Pinchot or Eugene Bonniwell? Time alone can tell.

SANITY IN FRANCE THE swift collapse of the French railway strike hardly squares with the tinder-box conception of continental Europe. M. Millerand is true, did in a monetary way flourish the word "freedom."

In France the arbitration system has been materially strengthened by these last developments. This movement, which is the only remedy in sight for labor disputes, appears to be easily beating bolshevism in girdling the globe.

Concerning the Beautiful Snow removal this winter has cost Philadelphia \$150,000 and New York \$3,000,000. In New York, moreover, there are a thousand miles of streets in the suburbs still unprepared. It is an immense sum of money, but to put the whole amount down as dead loss is to find fault with Nature.

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HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

President Lowell's Efforts to Make Harvard Safe for Democracy Strike Snag. Housemaids in Italy Make Demands

PRESIDENT WILSON, who tried to make the world safe for democracy, had before tried to make the university of which he was president safe for democracy.

THE first step at Harvard has been for the university to purchase the "Gold Coast," the famous group of luxurious dormitories, privately owned, and housing the richer students.

STILL the surplus woman problem remains, and two weeks' sea baths and two cigarettes a day does not solve it. England is approaching it by shipping her surplus women to her colonies, and there are 1,800,000 of them.

WHEN a college is big these groups tend to become big and the divisions in university life deep. Mr. Lowell would cure them by cutting across their lines and setting up artificial divisions of his own.

Colony Morden has given the politicians an awful jolt by serving as chief of the Bureau of Street Cleaning without pay until he completes his work with the quarter-master's department. It is against pretty nearly all municipal precedent.

Another blizzard threatens, according to the weatherman. This bliz biz grows monotonous.

DEARHEART

DEARHEART, if I had known I'd get her some day as my wife, O Sweet! Before the glance of whose pure eyes Each thought that is ignoble flies. As darkness from the morning's feet, I'd not feel now so like a cheat.

THE newspapers of the country continue to note the fact that Ibanex had to come to Philadelphia before he said anything to make people sit up and take notice.

There is indication that being bottled pleases Bergdoll as little as being on draft, so to speak.

It all depends on the point of view. The service that to the P. R. T. seems O. K. to the navy yard men seems a k. o.

Necessity nowadays is methering a number of economic compromises in Europe.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. What was the population of the United States according to the census of 1910? 2. Who was the last king of Portugal? 3. What common nut belongs to the rose family? 4. What is a ropewalk? 5. Which gives low notes on an organ, low pipes or short? 6. What is the correct pronunciation of the word metallurgist? 7. Where is the city of Agra? 8. To what royal house did the second wife of Napoleon Bonaparte belong? 9. Who wrote the "Moonlight Sonata"? 10. Name a leading general of the Polish army who participated in the world war.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Jules Jusserand is the present French ambassador to the United States. 2. Bamboo is the tallest of the grasses. 3. The song "Home, Sweet Home," occurs in the opera, "Clari, the Maid of Milan." 4. Dry air is heavier than wet air. 5. The tobacco blossom is pinkish white. 6. The Edict of Nantes, issued by Henry IV, in 1598, guaranteed freedom of religious worship to the French Protestants. It was revoked by Louis XIV in 1685. 7. Justices of the United States Supreme Court are appointed for life. 8. Charleston is the capital of West Virginia. 9. Wheat is an antique word for pimple. It is also a mine, especially a Cornish tin mine. 10. Duluth was once described in Congress as the "Zenith City of the United States."