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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA
Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention:

LIFE IN HOG ISLAND STILL
WHATEVER the eventual fate of Hog Island, dullness at the man-moth yard is unlikely to set in for a considerable period.

THE PASTORIUS MONUMENT
WORD that the carvings which will complete the Pastorius monument in Fernon Park, Germantown, are almost finished receives a vase subject on which definite action will soon have to be taken.

COMING HOME
THE bodies of 353 soldiers who died abroad arrived in New York yesterday. They are the first of the tens of thousands that are to be brought home for their final rest.

CITY OFFICES ON A PIER
THE rebuilding of the Chestnut street pier in such a way as to provide for offices of the Department of Welfare, Parks and Recreation, as well as for the enlargement of the recreation space, should command itself to Congress.

OSCAR'S FIRE LACKING
THE mystery in which the sale of the Metropolitan Opera House was involved was short-lived for Fred C. Nixon-Nirdlinger is now announced as the purchaser.

He seemed to be once protagonist and accuser. He succeeded in so exciting Philadelphia over his project here that the public was actually persuaded into believing that all other subjects were subsidiary to grand opera. The frenzy of that opening night in 1909, when, after five months of feverish endeavor, his dream officially materialized, is historic.

HOOPER OR HI JOHNSON OR A NEW PARTY SPLIT?

California's Senator is Becoming More Than a Large Thorn in the G. O. P. Side
REPEATEDLY on this page it has been suggested that victory is ready-made this year for the Republican party. In a word of light would have difficulty in achieving the presidency by way of the Democratic ticket.

Victory is ready-made for the Republican party. But it is not ready-made for warring factions of the party which may emerge from the Chicago convention if Senator Johnson continues to make inroads into the regular camp.

Harding is the ideal presidential candidate. The McKinley sort—a polished, gentlemanly, middle-aged man, who is expected to follow an honorable course without doing needless harm to the elders and deacons of the party.

There is a large vote influenced by German sentiment and by the feeling that the conventional honor to General Wood and the favorite sons, but Johnson has shown now that he cannot be laughed out of the campaign or snubbed into oblivion.

There are rifts in the Republican party already, and if Mr. Johnson goes into the Chicago convention with big delegation as the candidate of the party his reputation may be followed by a split.

There remains Hoover. The elders and deacons will be wise in their day and generation if they turn to Hoover before it is too late. A split or even serious discussions in the Republican party may insure the Democrats to a real effort. Harding was dependent on a party which was not prepared to win against an easy field.

The Wood-Johnson vote was profoundly significant. More important still was the insistence with which the voters of Philadelphia in the various states tried to overcome "regular" interference and express their desire for Hoover. In Cincinnati, for example, the votes were diverted from Harding to Johnson and Hoover surprised the politicians. Their names are to be written on the ballots.

THE GOWNSMAN

Yet there were 8733 voters in Cincinnati who took the trouble to express preference for Hoover in voting. The Hoover boom was the result of spontaneous impulse. It grew of itself. Intelligent opinion the decision has been overwhelmingly for Hoover.

Hoover appeared to be in all respects the ideal candidate for any party looking to win the presidency. His boom has not been handled in the usual political way. It is not too late to revive it. The voters of the country who have shown a disposition to stampede to Johnson were probably ready to stampede in even greater numbers to Hoover.

TAXATION FUTILITIES

ON THE same day that Congress was seriously discussing a proposal to levy a tax of 80 per cent on war profits, the president of the United States Chamber of Commerce was saying in Atlantic City that under the congressional policy of attempting to collect taxes almost exclusively from the well-to-do and the rich, credit had become unduly restricted and extravagance had been encouraged.

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THE Turkish proposition makes an independent state of Armenia and leaves Syria under the suzerainty of Turkey. It does not wholly straighten out. But it does not wholly straighten out. But it does not wholly straighten out.

Incidentally, the new movement, or fall, is a little hard on the man who has been wearing overalls for years as a matter of necessity and now finds the price boosted sky-high.

Our Yank. Fan concludes that Practical Politics is sometimes as exciting as a baseball game—and all-out as important. Faith without works will not do. It is not enough to have a good idea. It is not enough to have a good idea. It is not enough to have a good idea.

SOVIET EDUCATION

IT IS credibly reported that one of the prophets of what is somewhat humorously called "the new education" recently complained disgustedly that there are even yet some schools in which they are teaching literature, which, he affected to think, consisted wholly in more or less exact information as to the number of the wives of Milton or the symptoms of the venereal disease.

THE new education" has passed beyond the antiquated idea of giving every man and woman an equal chance to learn, let him take it or leave it as he will. The new idea is to level opportunities so that no man shall have any chance which is raised above that which everybody would be likely to take.

THERE seems some confusion, even among those who more or less habitually think, on the relations of the two ideas, democracy and education. Democracy has this in common with its sister charity, that it has been, time out of mind, in the hands of the ignorant.

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JUST WHEN CONCENTRATION IS ESSENTIAL



HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

COMMON misfortune may do more to bring about mutual sympathy and understanding and lasting peace in Europe than all of President Wilson's efforts at getting a League of Nations.

IT WILL take ten years to liquidate the war, perhaps more. The least important part of this liquidation is the mountain of paper debts that must be paid.

IN ENGLAND there is a movement for women confessors in the church for women communicants. The church law is against it, but it is argued that women will confess more freely to women priests than to men priests.

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Signor Nitti Gives Indication That Common Misfortune May Save Europe

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