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

TRAFFIC REMEDIES The objections which have been raised against relieving trolley congestion by diverting some of the cars out of Filbert street west of Broad are not entirely convincing...

TEMPLE'S NEW CHAPTER THE services which Temple University has rendered Philadelphia...

MEN AND MONEY WORK and good health, said Uncle Joe Cannon on his eighty-fourth birthday...

IT SUITS WILSON'S PLANS WHEN the House of Representatives passed the resolution for a separate peace with Germany...

A CRY FOR THE ATTAINABLE THERE are few if any of the irresolute opponents of the peace treaty who are opposed to the principle of an international court of arbitration...

A judicial body instituted to consider and settle disputes between the nations. Article XIV of the League of Nations covenant begins as follows: "The council shall formulate and submit to the members of the league for adoption plans for the establishment of a permanent court of international justice..."

THE constitution of this court is to be prepared this summer. Elhu Root is soon to sail for London to serve in an advisory capacity when the plans are drawn.

What, therefore, are Mr. Knox and his political colleagues talking about when they suggest a permanent court as a substitute for the League of Nations? Have they failed to read the covenant or merely failed to analyze its contents truthfully?

As the date for the primaries approaches the Republican voters of Pennsylvania may be pardoned if they begin to be curious about how their delegates to the Chicago convention are to vote.

There have been primaries in other states at which the voters expressed their preference for Wood, or Johnson, or Harding, or Lowden, or Hoover, or Poindexter. And in states in which there was no provision for expressing presidential preferences they have voted for delegates who had pledged themselves to attempt to bring about the nomination of one candidate or another.

The program at present seems to be to elect the delegates uncommitted to any one, and then for the state leaders to issue orders how they shall vote when the leaders discover how the state delegation can be swung with most advantage to themselves.

As there has been no audible demand for anything else, it must be assumed that this sort of thing is the sort of thing that the Republican voters like. Yet some of them are really curious to know how the delegation will be swung in Chicago.

The neglect to make arrangements to sound the preferences of the voters is not due to any defect in the law. The prescribed form of the primary ballot provides for the appearance on it of names of candidates for the presidential nomination and for the pledge of delegates to support or to oppose the popular choice of the party for President.

The supporters of the candidates in other states will get what comfort they may from such preference as is expressed by the self-assertive citizens of this state who are not content with political management in the private rooms of any leader.

In the meantime, the leaders are talking about candidates. Senator Penrose, in what he has called a "casual remark," has suggested Senator Knox as the man who should be nominated. And Senator Knox, when he read the "casual remark," smiled a knowing smile and kept mum.

Mr. Knox has a candidate of his own. Who he is was revealed by Clinton W. Gilbert, the usually well-informed newspaper correspondent of the "Public Ledger." Mr. Knox is not Harding or Hoover, or Wood, or Poindexter. His candidate, surprising as it may seem, is Hiram Johnson, anti-corporation shouter and the man who is doing his best to Bryanize the Republican party.

Now if Penrose is for Knox and Knox is for Johnson, one immediately begins to wonder whether Penrose is not for Johnson and is planning to back a man who stands for everything that he has opposed in the past. If it can be assumed that Penrose can learn by experience, it could be argued with considerable plausibility that he is for Johnson. In 1912 he and the other Old Guard leaders prevented the nomination of Roosevelt, and Roosevelt carried Pennsylvania by an overwhelming vote. And Johnson was on the ticket with Roosevelt.

We remarked some time ago that events might shape themselves so that the most important question before the Chicago convention would be whether it would profit by the lesson of 1912. They are now so shaped themselves that the Old Guard has forgiven Johnson for uniting with Roosevelt in defeating a Republican President for reelection in 1912 and for preventing the election of a Republican in 1916. Johnson is a regular now, and Senator Knox, one of the Old Guard's most loyal members, is for him for the presidency.

machine. The Old Guard is accepting him because it thinks it may need him in its business. If he had no machine he would be still among the most irregular of the bolters of 1912.

Mr. Hoover, who is a better Republican than Mr. Johnson ever was, is irregular because he has no political machine. He is merely a capable man whom a lot of other men who do not work with the political machines think ought to be nominated. These men have votes, but the political machines are in the habit of dealing with anything but other political machines, equipped with coupling devices so that they may be used as trailers in a long train propelled under the direction of those who sit in the cab of the locomotive and have their hands on the levers.

As to the outcome, we shall see what we shall see. The attention of the Republicans, even though many of them express their preference for a President a week from tomorrow, will have to wait until the state machine decides what to do before they discover whom they must support in November. For that they say next week will not be likely to have any effect upon the thinking of the state leaders.

NO WHITEWASH! OF MORE importance than the details of the bribery plot which is said to have grown in the City Council out of the bill to grant a special trolley franchise on a part of the Roosevelt boulevard is the question of the integrity of the new Council itself.

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PINCH BILLS AND PRANKS

A Bill That Had "Millions in It." Nicknames of Legislators. Some Practical Jokes

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN THE connection with the present councilmanic investigation in this city recalls that this is a term or legislative colloquialism peculiar to Pennsylvania, or rather to Harrisburg.

It is introduced in good faith, but designed to "pinch" the individuals or interests affected and cause them to seek the quashing of the measure for a financial consideration.

At the session of 1893 a member from Allegheny county, serving his first term as councilman, presented a bill for the purpose of amending the law of "pinch-bill" methods, presented a legitimate bill affecting the liquor interests with which he was connected.

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George McGowan, of the Second district of Philadelphia, who served during the two sessions of '85 and '87 was in his day the best and most carefully dressed man in the assembly.

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BACK AGAIN AT THE OLD STAND



HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU? English Disinclination to Offend America Results in Interesting Reactions

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AMERICANS know it, and most American demonstrations on the subject of Ireland have to do with Ireland, but with the Irish vote.

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