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Public Ledger, independence Square, if the railroad corporations hastily lay

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### A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA

Things on which the people expect administration to con rate its attention:

The Delaware river bridge. A drydock big enough to accommo A drydock big enough to accommo-date the largest ships. Development of the rapid transit sys-

tem. A convention hall. A building for the Free Library. An Art Museum. Enlargement of the water supply. Homes to accommodate the popula-tion.

VOTE AT TODAY'S PRIMARY EVERY Republican who has the inbis party at heart will go to the polls yours is gifted with superbuman out to representative Republicans in that ever engineered a crooked deal and strength or divine wisdom. He isn't. He an attempt to discover the sentiment of then squealed on his pals. today and register a vote in support of strength or divine wisdom. He isn't, He Mayor Moore and the policies for which has only the two great virtues of pahe stands. Today's primary is fully an important cause he is the embodiment of the little-

as was the one last year in which the understood, unappreciated, but stpeople of Philadelphia asserted their prenally important Average Guy. desire for a democratized city governby contractors, for contractors."

If a large majority is registered election of ward committees opposed to what is regarded as higher knowledge. it, it will put it practically out of exthat every Republican go to the polls today and reiterate the emphatic proentire nation.

TT IS up to the voters today to see that the laws prohibiting the interference of police and other officeholders in Mr. Stone and other leaders of the rall paign inspired by higher motives than

a quart of string beans and a quarter of a peck of potatoes. There is unutilized land enough Philadelphia to produce vegetables enough for the summer use of half of its population. But it produces nothing evitable when enormous bodies of mat now but tax bills, or backaches for the in course of readjustment after pro-found dislocation and disturbance. householder who runs the lawn mower

over it on Saturday afternoons. NO END OF TROUBLE FOR

EVERYBODY'S UNCLE SAM

arrived at in the railway world for the

SOMEWHERE on a high hill, if the hero-worshipers have any better congressmen. They will be the decisions of the average citizen interpreted through his government to assure a continuance of railway service, a fair deal for railway labor and the safety of the nation's industrial life. Your uncle has no reason to worry He has been in far worse fixes and never failed to come out right side up. | find.

He is wise enough to know that such the world as Sam, has become the greatest pinchhitter of history. arced of unions or the greed of the It will be no new experience for him corporations, They began in Belgium. As patiently as we met the other re-sponsibilities of war we shall have to a new assortment of troubles on his doorstep. He is used to bearing other meet the complications that are war's

nothing else.

the party

erations today.

THE G. O. P. PLATFORM

these things. We are feeling and wit-

nessing the grinding friction that is in-

ter of opinion and of human energy are

people's troubles. He has been doing consequences. little else for five years. The proud old nations of Europe drifted and gambled and rioted and be watched. didn't hesitate to lift disdainful eye-Chief among them are the men who

All rights of republication of special brows at the plain ways of your uncle. When they came to the inevitable smash they begged him for help and

guidance. Even then they often were unkindly critical of his good works. But fixed peace is a weakness of visionathey shipped their troubles to him f. o. b .- France, Britain, Italy, Belgium, Armenia, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, the

Rhine and points cast. Little bewildered nations clung about his knees like children, and he gave them so much food that he didn't have enough left for himself. In return they, too, gave him their troubles and, occasionally, a suspicious stare.

and who had to remain the one steady - have reached the stage where the things ing force in a general upheaval, the for which the party stands must be troubles of a national railway system put in words and written down on . would seem relatively light. The rail- paper. way people yearned to be free. Now,

apparently, they yearn to be controlled another while. One might suppose that this uncle of

tience and humor, which are his be

It is by the average man that the ment, for today the coup de grace may problems of government and railways own platform after considering the mulbe given to "government of contractors, will be settled in the end. The average man has humanity, patient humor and common sense-virtues that can some against the contractor machine by the times be lost in the acquirement of the unofficial group of "prominent men

istence as a menace to good government. There is in Washington no special in Philadelphia for many years at least. talent for the operation of rallway lines. Therefore, it is of the first importance. The rail system was hadly manded during the war. It couldn't be helped, The corporation managers and the tial campaigns are frequently fought on derstood his point of view, test of a year ago against the kind of labor leaders have been variously and covernment that for years made Phila pieturesquely accused and indicted. The delphia a byword and a bissing to the simple fact is that they, like almost ing hope in the minds of a good many every one else, have been caught and self-respecting Republicans that the temporarily overwheimed in the back- platform adopted in Chicago this year

wash of war and driven in a tide of un-EVERY VOTER A DETECTIVE regulated economic forces that was lib. tion of platitudes and i, congeries of straints of war discipline were lifted on every controverted question. These from a world totally changed. Mr. Lee,

any custry.

The laws were passed for their pro-tection, in order that there might be unlocated units must and unable to the second unable to the second the second the second the second the second unable to the second the

### fusion in the transportation system t THE GRAFT THAT FAILED bolshevists. No one who doesn't look through smoked glasses will do any of

Local Rumors Start Reminiscences of Pittsburgh Councils in "the Good Old Days"

There are good intentions in Wash-DRESENT charges of councilmanic ington and among the men who run crookedness awaken memories of a the railroads, and the agitation of the notable "shake-up" in Pittsburgh. With the memory comes the reflection unions for wages more adequate to their essential needs ought to be easily un-derstood. But whatever decisions are scandal some faithless watchdog of the derstood. But whatever decisions are

city treasury steers his bark to Safety's time being will not be the decisions of Isle and gives the sunp away. technical experts or labor leaders or In the first decade of the present ceptury there was considerable rottennes in Pittsburgh councils. Firms that did business with the city and banks that beld city deposits paid for the privilege. Council had its paymaster and he had his go-between. The graft was worked in a businesslike way and seemed perfeetly safe. Every good citizen suspected what was going on. Proof was hard to

Things were so easy that some of trouble as he has to contend with on the councilmen grew careless. On one the railroads did not begin with the organization one Solon was so has that be allowed himself to be caught with the goods on him. Reformers were hopeful about that

They hoped he would talk.

An uneasy conscience sometimes seeks peace by spilling the beans. But he spilled no beans. He went to Your uncle, however, has some wild dvisers at Washington who ought to advisers at Washington who ought to silence.

knowing that the country now is paying in a hundred strange ways for the war S Earnest Citizens got together and in Europe, insist that similar wars cannot be avoided and that the hope of a fixed peace is a weakness of visiona-to do it. With their financial backing. he framed up a scheme that sounded like a dime novel-but brought home the The simple fact is that the whole bacon world is now paying terribly for the

He hired a "sleuth as was a errors of men who were practical-and sleuth This individual hired a room in a

local hotel and fitted it with peepholes and hidden stenographers. Then he let the fact be known that he was a big THE efforts of Chairman Hays, of business man, wished to start a plant I the Republican national committee, in Pittsburgh, and there were one or To a man who has been accustomed to draft a party platform in advance of two ordinances he wished to have to shouldering the troubles of a world the meeting of the national convention passed.

And the councilmanic "paymaster," one Johnny Kline, called on him.

N<sup>OW</sup> Captain Johnny Kline, of the excursion steamer Katic Stockdale, His subcommittee of 171, which repwas as full of vim as Captain Kettle. resents a much larger committee, meets as big as a minute and had a smile like in Washington today to consider the Sunny Jim.

replies to a long list of questions sent He was the best-tempered little guy

the party. It has not yet been disclosed whether the resulting document is to be made whether the first ward was his friend.

Why not? Johnny was square, acpublic before the platform committee of ording to his lights. the convention is appointed. The plat-As a grafter he was simply getting form committee is likely to draft its

titude of suggestions that will be before. e other guys to it. it-suggestions made by the powerful And when he went to the pen at last leaders of the party rather than by went cheerfully, and was still smiling

ien he came out. "The pen's no place for a decent in." he told the writer. "A man's got and women representing all shades of Republicanism" which starts its delibto keep to himself to keep straight. But was glad the place is on the river Although platforms are usually forgotten within twenty four hours after time it passed. The boys saw to that, bank. I heard the old boat whistle every Of course the boys would. They un issues which the platform writers have

iguored, there is nevertheless a linger-BUT this is getting abcad of the story. Johnny called on the "business man" and said he could fix things up for him, for a consideration: and told how; and bubbled and bubbled and will be something more than a collecbabbled. There was no unseemly retierated at the instant when the re- Delphie utterances squinting both ways cence about Johnuy. And all the time he

talked the stenographers were busy. Moreover, Johany was perfectly willing to bring the other councilmen and introduce them. Johuny was satisfied that this was one of the best geese he had ever plucked. Easy picking, easy



SOME amazing facts about conditions in the public schools of the state have been laid have by Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, state superintendent of public instruction, in a statement which he made at the request of the commission on constitutional amendment and re-

**Qualification Standards Vary** 

Equipment Affects Efficiency

efficiency of

in Massachusetts. The commission made request for information in the following resolution : "Resolved, That the superintendent in this state who are authorized to issue of public instruction be respectfully re-quested, for the information of this tendents are not governed by any state commission and to assist in the per-formance of its duties, to advise it upon the following questions:

upon the following questions: "First. Are the facilities for the education of the children resident in any part of this commonwealth insuf-ficient to give such education to all such children desiring and entitled by law to treeeve the same? If so, where does such insufficiency exist and what offi-tions of the teachers giving such in-

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

date the negro voter spinet was smaller than a harpsi-

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islands? How old is the present pope? How many inches make a meter? On what year did the Romans base their chronology? How long do horses live? What wedding anniversary is sup-posed to be celebrated with rubles? Name four important British gen-erals in the Revolutionary War.

Czar Nicholas II of Russia wag de-throned in March, 1917. The object of the Ku Klux Klan, or-ganized by the whites in the South during the "carpet-bagging" period after the Civil War, was to intimi-date the market.

Census. David Garrick, the celebrated Eng-lish actor, lived in the eighteenth

The Admirable Crichton was Jam-s Crichton, a famous Scotch scholar. He was killed in a brawi in Mantua, Italy, in 1585, The pampas are large treeless plains in South America south of the

entury. The Admirable Crichton"

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on constitutional amendment and revision.



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## Rail Unions and Corporations, Like the Nations of Europe, Unload on His Doorstep

desires. Every voter consequently is a detective today commissioned to get evidence of attempted or successful violations of the law. If they all do their duty there will be sufficient evidence against every officeholder who may seek to buildoze and browbeat the voters, as well as against every other political worker who violates the law.

The Mayor's warning to city cutployes, however, ought to be sufficient clears cannot be found and the imindication of a determination to have patience and suspicious which employes an honest election to deter those inclined to crookedness from yielding to not make the problem of reconstruction the inclination

## THE MENACE OF THE FLY

WITH the approach of warm weather ous housefly enters upon his annual career of destruction, and the recent press on individuals. The full excen-warning issued by the Board of Health tives would probably welcome an intershould be carefully read and locded by 1 val in which they might get second wind every one.

These instructions relate principally to the necessity of keying all food a vacuum that absorbed the energy, the covered and thus protected against the money and the materials necessary for germ carrying propensities of the fly. The manner in which the public can What remained of these essentials has best co-operate is by refusing to purchase any foodstuffs not on protected. Once merchants, and especially street venders, learn that they are unable to sell goods which are exposed to conta-

protected amounts to-they will speedly take the necessary steps to make their wares safe If ever there was a preventable evil.

it is the fly. When the first campaign better able to bring about pence and scainst like cavages was begun ..... nine or ten years ago, the samitary dangers of the fly were but little under stood, but in the time since clansed the public has been educated to a keen centization of them. Like every other movement for the public weal, the remedy lies in the hands of the proute then selves, A public which would recall in horror at the proposition to allow man-cating tiger at large accepts with equanimity a menace to life to noo times as deadly.

### PEACE GARDENS

THE habit of planting war gardens to the best part of a year for the Railway increase the supply of food seems Labor Board and the various regional likely to persist. We are to have peace boards to get the clear focus on the gardens now. Members of the Chestnut whole question of railway operation Hill Business Men's Association are which was sought and provided for in about to plant 400 gardens in which the Esch-Cummins law they will raise vegetables for family use, and they will maintain a model

School.

If the custom of raising vegetables ations on almost every important line at home can be re-established thousands and had the effect of greatly reducof families can live better and mere ing available rolling stock. There has economically.

There was a time when every man away from railroad employment. Rewith a little land around his house duced forces in the maintenance of way raised his own vegetables and kept a departments have slowed down the rail few chickens, which supplied him with service on many highly important lines. eggs, while they were fed chiefly with It begins to appear that the rail manscraps from the table. In the remote agers were unprepared for the confusion country districts this custom has sur- that ensued when they took the roads vived, but in the larger villages and in over from the government. They appear the suburban districts and in the parts of the city where people live in detached houses on large lots it was aban- trying to deal in a constructive spirit. doned years ago, because it was much more convenient to telephone to the managers and the unions or, like Mr. tore for a dozen eggs, a head of lettuce, Palmer, to attribute the present con-

ing the simple truth. They do not al-HIGHT

If it were otherwise the corporations would not again be looking to the shelter of government direction.

weasel words, as Roosevelt called phrases which sucked the blood from The money that is necessary to put every multy expression, will disgust the roads on a basis of peace and effithe self-respecting voters. A positive, definite, understandable pronouncement ought to be framed, but present indifeel as the consequence of hardship do entions point to a two-faced plank intended to please every one. The party

that such ability will have

Republicans would like to see the cam

What does one do when he gets his leaders are at work on such a plank were busy; and the accused, hiding back to the wall like Sir Douglas Haig; and baye considered several drafts, but leaders are at work on such a plank He rings up your unde, He lets Sam that satisfies them. They are also seeking to draft other

The callway managers have their the ubiquitous and highly danger- backs to the wall because high costs press much or little in the hope that they can quite as heavily on corporations as they succeed in holding in line voters of the greatest possible diversity of view. or quibbling by any party organization

for another try at their terrific task. that seeks the support of thinking men. Teerific their job really is. Europe was candidate is ability to solve the probcallcoad prosperity in the United States. lens of underproduction and inadequate transportation; but it is not on the had to be spread out rather thin for the time being. Nobody is satisfied. And weight either at Chicago or San Franeveryholy is willing to scramble

It has been supposed that the new gion-for this is what leaving them on Railway Labor Board, now beginning denied the representation they have had in the past, the vote in the Twen-rieth ward today will be watched with the first of its important hearings at Chicago, would be able to find an easy interest. and quick way out of confusion for the

call lines. But the railway board is no efficiency on the railroads than a carpenter would be to build a house with out famber.

Refore increases sought by the m can be ordered Congress and the Interstate Commerce Commission must tell us where the money is to come from. Additional revenues unist come out of the land, out of industry, and in the end out of the labor of the average citizen. And merely to increase rates endlessly after s to run the risk of putting too heavy



mendment

marted. a burden on the producing agencies and to tenve the industrial and commercial

life of the country in danger of slow trangulation. Moreover, it will require

use, and they will maintain a model Mennwhile the roads are under-garden on the grounds of the Met'lellan manned and overloaded. The early

"outlas" strikes hit the shop organizbeen a slow but steady drift of men

to have underrated the force of economic trends with which they have been It is fashionable to blame the rail

Very.

who have definite opinions on the rela-Some of the councilmen were wary ways remember that their basses are have with the rest of the world and on for honesty and respectability, men of

the duty of this country to follow culture some of them The dramatic finale of this first act through to the end the task which it came with the flashlight photographing of one of these "birds" accepting a roll shouldered when it took up arms in ; 1917. A platform plank filled with of bills from the "business man

> THE next act began with the serving of warrants.

> There were some admittedly honest men in council. It took less time to mention these than to run off the list of those mentioned in the warrants.

For the next couple of days detectives were busy; and the accused, hiding they have not yet produced anything into the magistrate's office on the second floor of the public safety building and hustled for bondsmen over the telemaintenance and operation of such sys-tem of schools. planks on vital issues which may mean phone. Difficulty in getting bail made some of them positively sick, But Captain Kline had no difficulty.

Then came days full of rumors of this that councilman "coming across," But this is not a year for straddling and the rumors were more or less confirmed when warrants were served on one or two local bankers on charges of The first need of a presidential

Conjectures were rife concerning the identity of the informer. Which of the councilmen had gotten cold feet thinking of the lockstep? Which thrifty individ-ual was looking for a windfall now that untoward circumstance had upset the applecart of the ungodly? Somehow it surprised a lot of people when it was found that Johnny Kline

With horses, dogs and dead men had given the snap away.

made a good job of it.

Under the able direction and manage-ent of William Blakeby, district at-Volstead act hope deferred maketh John Barleycorn heartsick. The Su torney, the little captain unfolded a wonderful story. preme Court has receased without deciding the validity of the prohibition

He had an uncanny memory dreu nimes, dates and details. Cross-examination didn't worry him in the least. No amount of abuse could rob him of good-tempered smile.

He showed no embarrassment at any time for the simple reason that he felt The writer has listened to many in-

formers in court, but never one that logers. aroused less antipathy than this one. "Are you with me?" was a cant brase with him and he'd spring it on

According to the records of the Anti-Saloon Lengue, prohibition has a depressing effect on the jail pusiness, OF COURSE there were convictions They came with sickening regular

Here and there are men who tieve the making of a political bed in cvitably means a shakedown.

If Mr. Baird sticks around a bit he may learn something concerning Cam-den maladministration. /

Ever so many voters will today register their bates rather than their convictions.

Political Davids are not having uch luck these days against reform

A pussyfoot candidate forever on ce invites brickbats.

Carranza may now expect to have his whiskers trimmed.

Soviet Offensive .- Headline,

agency is responsible for such destruction fnult? Is the Law Neglected?

'The whole general equipment of a Second Are the provisions of law viding for compulsory education of school affects vitally the children in this commonwealth neg-lected, ignored or violated in any part thereof? If so, where does such dework of such school. Such equipment is generally dependent upon the financial ability of the district to supply thereof? If so, where does such de fault occur and what official agency i it. In some districts, therefore, build ings have been creeted which contain responsible therefor?'

modern improvements and up-to-date Dr. William Draper Lewis, secretary f the revision containsion, received is made for the proper development and the following reply from Doctor Fine- | care of the health of all children, for the undernourished and the tubercular chil.

"Pursuant to constitutional mandate, dren and for the backward and physi The General Assembly has enacted laws cally handleapped children. In other providing for the maintenance and districts of less financial ability all chiloperation of a state system of public dren are often crowded into improperly schools. Public laws 300, approved May without other adequate accommoda 18, 1911, and acts amendatory thereto withou are the laws which now regulate the tions.

"From the short period of time which IN HER GREATEST SCREEN SUCCESS "POLLYANNA"

been given notice that the

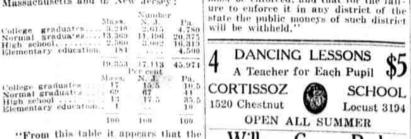
antenance and operation of a schools. Call for 140-Day Term "Under the provisions of these laws is obligatory upon each school disdations provided through many t to maintain a term of school for school buildings and their equipment triet to maintain a term of school for, school billings and their equipment, at least twenty-eight weeks, or 140 days. In five-eighths of the school dis-triets of the state school is maintained for this minimum period only. It is the practice, however, in school districts which include the cities and in certain which include the cities and in certain the state school furposes there exists great in-muny districts of the state and a fail-which include the cities and in certain the state in the efficient instruction which the children are en titled to receive.

which include the cities and in certain other districts, to maintain school for, forty weeks, or 260 days. Boards of directors in school districts of the fourth class possessed, until the cur-rent year, the legal authority to excuse children from the operations of the compulsory attendance has for 30 per cost of the time school is in session. Claims Law Is Not Enforced "The compulsory education law is not generally enforced throughout the rural regions of the state, and it is not TT MUST be confessed that Johnny The right of such excuses is now properly enforced in many of the cities limited to children who have attained the age of twelve years. local school boards. The law authorizes

the payment of \$2 per day to attend "The directors of many districts have and officers, and suitable attendance officers cannot be employed at this comxercised this authority, and in such districts the period of time which chil-dren have attended school is only pensation. Members of school board-fail to enforce the law in many intwenty weeks, or 100 days. The period of instruction which children reserve, stances because of the ill-feeling which therefore, ranging from 100 days in certain districts to twice that amount, their action in enforcing the statute would produce in the community which they live. 1 am informed that in many sections of the state justices or 200 days, in other districts and not exceeding 140 days in five-eighths of of the peace have shown sympathy with the districts of the state, results not only in great inequality of school priviparents who violated the law and that onvictions for such violations but in weakening the efficiency of been difficult. the state system as a whole.

Qualifications of Teachers

has been established in the State De-partment of Public Instruction for the "In the following table the qualifier proper enforcement of the compulsory tions of the teachers chaployed in the schools of Pennsylvania are compared reation law, and boards of directors with those of the teachers employed Massachusetts and in New Jersey ; must be enforced, and that for the fail-



percentage of teachers employed in the schools of Pennsylvania who have re-Willow Grove Park ceived either college or normal school training is considerably less than the percentage of teachers employed in either Massachusetts or New Jersey who have received such training. It who appears that the percentage of teachers possessing the limited training of a high school education with no professional training who are employed in the schools of this state is more than

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OANCING PRIVATE LESSONS DAILY twice the percentage of teachers having such qualifications who are employed in either Massachusetts on New Jersey. "It further appears that 4500, or 10 TROCADERO THE AVIATOR GIBLS

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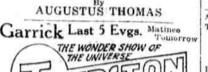


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And then followed one of the most tragic and pathetic scenes over with nessed in a court of law. One after an-other men of substance and standing in community appeared before the judge, confessed their shortcomings and threw themselves upon the mercy of the College graduates Normal graduates High school ducation.

court. But-well, it's an old story now, and those who sinned have paid the penalty in sorrow and shame

As a general rule the friends of a candidate who hasn't any enemies don't think it worth while to go to the polls.

If Burlington county, N. J., could count Japanese beetles her population sould get a big boost. count

What "Johnuy" McLean seems determined to do is to make Dave Lane a last year's bird's Nestor. •

Contractor government should re-ceive auother swift kick today.

newspapermen he knew were immbast-ing him daily. And invariably they'd grin back at him and say: "Sure, Every new plan for the raising of money for the soldiers' bonus further is the difficulties of the situation Johnny !