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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 dredging big enough to accommodate the largest ships.

COLORS

MOST of the bands in the memorial processions of yesterday played the familiar marching tunes in the familiar manner. But there was one fragment of a colored regiment that breezed along to different measures.

MR. JOHNSON SPEAKS

SENATOR JOHNSON, the first and only one of the "big" candidates to speak in this city during the campaign for Governor, contributed nothing of new to the knowledge which the people have of his influence at Chicago and at Trenton.

A VALUABLE LESSON

THE NOTEBOOK chapter in the Fifth ward case, the most notorious of the many political scandals of Philadelphia, will close next Saturday when four of the convicted public officers will be released from the West Chester prison.

sentiment can be either ignored or arrogantly flouted by the political bosses

It was an expensive lesson, for it was learned only at the cost of a human life. The average political worker of the type employed for such work as the Fifth ward case revealed fears nothing so much as the law when he knows that that law will be sternly and honestly administered.

MOORE VS. MITTEN IN RAPID TRANSIT

The Mayor Must Begin to Fight for the People if Their Rights Are to Be Protected

THE management of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company seems to have decided that there shall be no betterment of transportation facilities save on its own terms.

Every time a plan has been proposed by the city or by other business organizations that company has been found blocking the way.

And the plans that the company proposes have been framed so as to protect not only the capital invested in it, but in the underlying companies also, with the least possible thought for the interests of the public.

The petition of Thomas E. Mitten to the Public Service Commission for the abolition of all free transfers and for the extension of the three-cent exchange ticket is based on the desire of the P. R. T. to increase its revenues at the expense of the people.

So long as these conditions prevail it will be impossible to solve the rapid transit problem with fairness to the traveling public. If the old companies could be liquidated and their property purchased at a fair valuation and turned over to a new corporation we could not only abolish the three-cent exchange ticket, but could have free transfers all over the city on a five-cent fare.

But Mr. Mitten is not trying at the present time to change these conditions. Instead he is exerting himself to the utmost to bolster up a company which is struggling with a task that no one ever expected it could handle.

The original capitalization has been made good in hard cash and, contrary to all expectations, dividends have been earned for the last year. He is now looking for a new investment of \$30,000,000 additional capital invested in rapid transit while the rental on the high water underlying companies has been paid.

Mr. Mitten will not look after the interests of the city. He is not hired to do that. If he makes any concessions they will be forced from him by the Mayor and his associates in the City Hall.

He is asking for higher fares so that he may continue to earn dividends, and he has graciously said that those who do not wish to pay the higher fare may walk. But the rest of us should not forget that he wants those higher fares to be paid by the people.

Under the circumstances it will be difficult to find any disinterested person favorable to an increase in fares unless it is accompanied by the guarantee of great improvement in the service.

MUSIC FOR THE MASSES

Philadelphia Fortunate in Possession of Organizations Which Enable Poor to Receive Instruction

THE twelfth public concert of the Symphony Club, which was given at the Forrest Theatre last Sunday evening, brings again to public attention the very admirable work being done by that organization, which was organized some years ago by Edwin A. Fleisher and is entirely sustained by him.

But, in addition to the Symphony Club, Philadelphia is singularly fortunate in having several other organizations where the youthful mind which craves musical expression is not in a financial position to pay for its artistic instruction of the best kind, either for a nominal sum or absolutely free.

THE importance of receiving correct elementary training in music can hardly be appreciated by those not practical musicians. The old idea was that anything was good enough for the beginner and that later a teacher of higher grade would be sent to add what were termed the "finishing touches," but this fallacy has now happily gone out of existence.

It is in this that the value of the Settlement Music School, to mention only two of Philadelphia's institutions of this character, lies. Neither pretends to turn out Kreislers, Bachmanns, or Mendels, but they do give the elementary training upon which the finishing teacher may build a superstructure which is limited only by the talent of the student.

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Both of these reasons are removed by Mr. Fleisher's organization. The music he has provided, and the membership of the orchestra maintained by the club provides the players.

So rapidly has the club increased in membership since its organization that it has now a complete orchestra, with all the instruments, and the other a string orchestra only, for the purpose of studying the literature for that class of musical body, a literature fairly voluminous, excellent in quality and, generally speaking, well within the technical abilities of the average amateur.

THE purpose of the orchestra is to give the public the opportunity to use Mr. Fleisher's own words, "to see art forth as finished artistic performance," and yet a surprisingly good grade of playing is done at them.

In addition to this, there are classes in vocal putting in theory and general very promising talents in both lines have been discovered and fostered.

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GIVE IT TIME



What Do You Know?

- QUIZ
1. When was the last President furnished by New England?
2. What was "Abe" a matter of feeling, not of years?
3. What are equinyma?
4. Is the word "acoustics" singular or plural?
5. What are the largest lakes within the boundaries of New York state?
6. What was the Hemicycle of Herosus?
7. Who was the first chaplain of the United States Congress?
8. When was Carranza elected president of Mexico?
9. What is meant by "The Bull of Bashan"?
10. When was Albert Sydney Barlow appointed postmaster general?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. No United States senator holding office has ever been elected President.
2. Homophony means words that differ in spelling but are alike in sound.
3. The poet Longfellow first spoke of Florence Nightingale as the "Lady of the Lamp."
4. The Morris Dancers were usually May Day revelers. The Morris dance is an old English dance of Moorish origin.
5. An amper is a unit of electric current.
6. It got its name from Andre Marie Ampere, French electrician, whose dates are 1775-1836.
7. Washington Irving in "The Creole Village" first used the phrase, "No Almightly Dollar."
8. Anacreon was a Greek lyric poet, born 520 B. C.
9. The first authentic record of a sun-dog is found in Isaiah xxxviii verse 8.
10. "Fanny Adams" or just "Fanny" is the name given to preserved beef.

IN THE GHETTO

WALK with me at night
Into the East Side
And see
The wretched kind
You know
Alert, pervasive, aggressive—
These I do not exhibit.
I want to show
The people, in theory and general very promising talents in both lines have been discovered and fostered.

SEE WORLD CREDIT DATA BUREAU NEAR

Philadelphians Cheer Address by President of American Association at Shore

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Atlantic City, June 1.—Prospects are bright for the creation of an international system of credit information exchange in connection with the organization of an international chamber of commerce in Paris this month.

Philadelphians led the cheering when Mr. Burnett said the membership of the national body had reached 53,000 and paid a stirring tribute to a little band of pilgrim credit men who laid the foundations of the organization in Toledo twenty-five years ago.

The speaker strongly urged the employing of one or more field men to carry the gospel of credit education to the retail merchants of the country.

He proposed through a commission plan dealing with the necessity of proper records, a simple but effective system of accounting, the necessity of fire insurance and the proper protection of insurance policies to insulate in the minds of small dealers the necessity of consistent buying, prompt payment of obligations and short-time credits.

J. H. Trzgoz, secretary-treasurer, in his report said the investigation and prosecution department of the national body had performed rare service in ferreting out commercial crime and in bringing punishment to offenders, proving its preventive as well as coactive value.

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MARSAL PRAISES U. S. NEWSPAPERS

By the Associated Press Paris, June 1.—Tribute was paid, not only to American soldiers and sailors, but also to American newspapers, bankers, merchants and farmers by Frederick Francois-Marsal, minister of finance, at a dinner he gave to a group of American writers here last night.

"Marshal Petain, the illustrious chief of the French army," he said, "expressed yesterday at the moving ceremony at Surcouf Cemetery all the pride and joy he felt in being able to address a brotherly greeting and voice the gratitude of his comrades to those of your soldiers who rest in soil doubly sacred to us.

"Your newspapers, the members of that admirable American press which is exercising a steadily growing influence in world opinion, brought us priceless help by their unswerving devotion, their knowledge of men and their moral credit. Let me thank you from my heart for this pondered, fruitful and irrefragable action.

"It was the American press which gave confidence, not only to the bankers of Wall street, Chicago, San Francisco and Boston, but to country banks, to business men, to the workers in factory and mine and to the agriculturists of those rich and industrial states which each played such a considerable part in the great struggle."

SLAVS SEEK BRITISH TRADE

Permission Granted Soviet Government to Open London Office

London, June 1.—(By A. P.)—As the first result of yesterday's meeting of Gregory Krassin, Russian Bolshevik minister of trade and commerce, with French and British cabinet members, the British cabinet, the soviet government, the Evening Standard says, has granted permission to open immediately a central trading office in London.

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