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monwealth, both for what it is today and for what it has achieved in the 100 years of its incorporated life.

RAINBOW CHASING NOW THE UNIVERSAL CRAZE

Because Everybody is Doing It, Mr. Patten Has Worned of a Very Likable World

EVER since men developed a conscience they have known the mood in which the world seems merely a good place to get out of.

Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention: The Delaware river bridge, A drydock big enough to accommodate the largest ships.

THE LICENSE MUDDLE

IT IS not likely that Judge Breyer's ruling that no malt liquors may be sold without a license will be enforced rigidly until its validity has been passed upon by a higher court.

Now if the court is going to insist that no malt beverage may be sold without a license, the question at once arises, why did it not so insist before the sale of intoxicating beverages was prohibited?

THE MEANEST CROOK

THE meanest crook of them all has unquestionably come to light in the man who took \$12,000 in "ransom" money from the distracted father of little Blakely Coughlin.

A DISAPPEARING BUGABOO

FOR years the Japanophobes have been telling us that if we went to war with Japan, Great Britain, under the terms of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, would be compelled to go to the assistance of Japan.

BRISTOL'S BICENTENARY

IT IS peculiarly fitting that the census figures of the town of Bristol, showing a gain of 11 per cent, should have been made public from Washington on the eve of the 200th anniversary of the founding of that municipality.

general disordered chase for the rainbow's end—which is not to be found. It is by experience that mankind learns all things worth while, and experience is a politely conventional term for pain and disillusionment.

SIDELIGHT VIEWS

Odd Phases of the Republican Convention—The Women From Kansas and Some Other Women—Uses of the Coliseum

There will be an end of the economic jazz of political futilities and international bedeviling. But it is not brought about by angry or discontented gentlemen who retire to seclusion with the announcement that they are done with the world.

LABOR AND STATE SOCIALISM

THOSE believers in state socialism who are planning to ask the Democratic national convention to demand the government ownership of railroads will not fail to get the attention of the delegates to the action of the convention of the American Federation of Labor.

AN OLD HARP

THE harp is built of cassin and cord; and in its strings lie ancient melodies. Forgotten tunes of wiseful ancestors, thin, quivering sonatas, that afford small savor in their piping minor.

ORATORY IS NOT DEAD

TO THOSE who say that congressional oratory is not what it once was, we commend the tribute of Representative King, of Illinois, to Frank Mondell, the Republican floor leader.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

1. What man is known as "The Strong Man of Poland"? 2. What year of the independence of the United States is this? 3. When did the "flower land" first appear?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

1. Jack London was in his forty-first year when he died November 22, 1916. 2. The first attorney general of the United States was Edmund Randolph, of Virginia, who entered the cabinet in 1789.

Three parties blow off steam, but turn no wheels. Herbert Hoover is in a position to consider the saddest words of tongue or pen.

SHORT CUTS

It would appear that the French Lick conference is mapping out a Salt River itinerary. One joyous thing about the coming presidential election is that it will bring us another postmaster general.

Members of the Straphangers' League are growing so fat that you know they'll be demanding seats. A competent corps of "knee-him-whens" will now conspire to give Senator Harding the requisite publicity.

The law ought to have some extra penalties for the skunk who would swindle the sorrowing parents of a kidnapped child. "The Butterfly and the Rob" suggests comedy rather than a crook melodrama, but for the Penn Bank principals it is tragedy.

In view of the fact that the peace treaty has not yet been ratified, it is a view of the fact that we are going to elect in November? One thing Harding campaigners will have to fight against is the proneness in some quarters to damn the candidate with faint praise.

One can readily understand why the P. R. T. objects to the motorbus. Sooner or later the motorbus may do away with all trolleys. One great job Senator Harding has before him is to prove to the disaffected and disappointed that everything is for the best in this best of all possible worlds.

Bergdoll is now reported in the Adirondacks. It must be admitted that the neighborhood has there inducements for a summer vacation than Leavenworth, Kan. Apart from the fact that it is a fact, it is a fact that Johnson and the other bitter-enders, Mr. Taft demonstrated that the Republican platform is all right.

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The denial by the French foreign office of the rumor that Ambassador Jusserand is to be withdrawn from Washington confirms the opinion that the French are a wise as well as a brave people. "He who steals my jewels steals trash," says Caruso, "but he who robs me of the contents of my wine cellar takes that from me which, under existing conditions, is exceedingly difficult if not impossible to replace."

A dispatch from Reading tells of a bundle containing \$370 being kicked around on the state highway for several hours before the owner, a Philadelphia contractor, could be located. The men who kicked it are now probably kicking themselves. The New York American condemns the Republican platform because it contains 6306 words and the platform of the Committee of Forty-eight because it contains only 145. If this be merit, here is a platform that surpasses all other: "Be good and you'll be happy."

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HARDING AND COOLIDGE AND WHAT THEY STAND FOR

Mr. Taft Sees in the Senator an Answer to Wilsonian Autocracy, With Both Candidates Standing for Americanism vs. Radicalism

The following illuminating comment on the Republican nominees by William Howard Taft is taken from a copyrighted editorial in this morning's Public Ledger.

THE nomination of Senator Harding at Chicago was a happy outcome of a doubtful and difficult situation. Men who knew General Wood and Governor Lowden knew that the charge that they contained in any way the improper use of money in their campaigns was wholly unwarranted.

Mr. Harding was nominated by the delegates of the convention as the best man to be taken in the interests of the party, in view of all the circumstances. The convention was not a boss-ridden convention. There were those who attempted to make it so, but they failed.

Senator Harding is a modest man. He did not seek the presidential nomination. He was content to be senator. He indicated a desire not to enter the race, but his Ohio associates and others who deplored General Wood's securing the prize by default urged him to enter the lists.

Mr. Wilson's methods and his results are "in the last analysis," as Mr. Cannon would say, responsible for Mr. Harding's nomination. Mr. Wilson's autocratic rule of his party and the country, his exclusive reliance to consult or to be informed, his intense personal and party partisanship in the presence of a national exigency that should have compelled him to open his arms and to take to his aid Republicans, his ungrateful and unjust depreciation of the patriotism of Republicans who, forgetting party, held during the war—all these things turned the Republican delegates by contrast toward a regular Republican who knows enough to know that he does not know everything, who respects the opinions of others and does not make up his mind in absence of needed consultation, who is so constituted that arbitrary methods are impossible with him and who believes that the machinery of government cannot fulfill its purpose unless the various organs and agencies properly defer to one another by reasonable consideration of differences and by concession.

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