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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 dredge big enough to accommodate the largest ships, Development of the rapid transit system.

LYRIC NOTE FROM JERSEY - Men and women and governments are blundering into trouble. Politicians rave. Society and civilization pile up their errors and continue, for some reason or other, only by strife.

UNSENSATIONAL WEATHER - The current hot "spell" has naturally provoked comment, or conversation, or language. Nevertheless, criticism of the heat and its accompaniments, appears to be more plentiful than something of the old angry bitterness.

COSTLY CREDENTIALS - PROTESTS of the increase in the price of passports from \$2 to \$10 will hardly assume the aspect of convincing protest.

OLD LESSONS REPEATED - THE war which Poland began against Soviet Russia and pressed with fury and determination for many months is approaching the inevitable end.

THE GREAT UNBOSSED - "YOU tell them to do one thing," moaned a San Francisco delegate from the alfalfa country, "and they do it. If they say 'yes' they mean 'no,' and if they say 'no' you don't know what they mean. Do they? Search me! But they won't obey orders and they won't stay hitched!"

THE MOUSETRAP THEORY IS FATAL TO EXPANSION - The Port Will Not Grow Unless We Go After Business With a Determination to Get It - OPTIMISTS might say that the visit of the committee of the Southwestern Millers' League to this city illustrates the truth of the famous saying about the man who invents a mousetrap and the path which the world will make to his door.

THE VISITING BUSINESS MEN MUST HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF COMPANIES WHO DO NOT BELONG TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ALLOCATION OF MORE SHIPS TO THIS PORT, for the development of the Belt Line Railroad and for the perfection of port facilities, besides the head of the transportation bureau of the Chamber of Commerce and the head of the chamber of commerce.

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COL. JIM GUFFEY WAITS - News of Palmer's Waterloo Will Be Sweet Music to His Ears. Last of a Sturdy Old Breed of Democrats - By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

It will be the sweetest music that "Colonel Jim" has heard for many a long day. For it was Mitchell Palmer, Vance McCormick and the others of the upstart brood of younger Democrats who drugged Colonel Guffey from the seat of power, threw him out into the dust of the political highway and then proceeded to tear down the throne and hurl it after him.

COLONEL GUFFEY is today approaching eighty-two years of age. His ancestors lived in Westmoreland county since 1738. There are three of the Guffey brothers, of whom Colonel Jim is the sole survivor.

THE GUFFEYS have been Democrats from far back. They were, as a family, leaders in Westmoreland county when it was known far and wide as "The Democratic Star of the West." But their state when the civil war of Westmoreland began to multiply and the tariff became the predominant issue.

A STORY that was long current about Sheriff Guffey occurred during one of these recurrent labor uprisings. He was a big, broad-shouldered man with a friendly, unassuming expression.

WILLIAM J. BRENNEN was and still is another political factor of western Pennsylvania known to the cohorts of the entire state. It was Bredden's first step as a struggling young lawyer when he made his first stab at politics.

FRANCE REMEMBERS - Tales that the vexatious traditional enmity of the French for the United States are not substantiated by the interest in our coming Independence Day now being manifested in Paris.

VICTOR PIOLLETT, of Bradford county, was for thirty years prior to his death the most striking personality in the Democratic ranks in Pennsylvania.

DEUCE TAKE IT - Reports from the international tour which draw together the great republics of respectively the old and the new worlds. We can and should reciprocate by honoring Bastille Day on the 14th of the current month.

IF we are to expand as we should we must stop waiting for the world to wear a beaten path to our water front, and then smooth it up ourselves and then put up guide-posts pointing the direction in which the searcher must go and then go out and start business in this direction.

SHORT CUTS - What all the Palmer boom seems to be innation. They still spell "rest" with a "w" in the Balkans. Tammany continues to give respectability to its opponents.

Some of the Price's eulogies had all the earmarks of first-class obituaries. Anyhow, Council has done its best to bring about a safe and sane Fourth.

In the matter of wind and water supply, Old Prob has nothing on Bill Bryan. Short-haul transit patrons have indefinitely postponed daily constitutional.

A notable anniversary occurred yesterday without any noteworthy celebration. In the event of a deadlock in San Francisco, will another keynote be necessary?

It is now in Senator Harding's power to take the League of Nations out of politics. Beer and light wine advocates are optimists. They hope to take the pot with treys up.

We have it on no doubted authority that the San Francisco air is like wine with a nutty flavor. Administration leaders insist that the name of the Murphy-Bryan wet-and-dry coalition is Mud.

Woman's place in politics has at last been settled. It is on a man's shoulder to lead the cheers. There might be fewer crimes if more men realized that their loved ones were to be the principal sufferers.

Sentiment has to be organized to be effective. If it is sufficiently effective it is called a steam roller. Sooner or later some realization that agreements are not scraps of paper. The P. R. T. is not seeking a Marine.

The holl carriers are now on strike. And we had always supposed that it was the food on the top platform who did all the work. The zone system of mail service is a great promoter of sectionalism and a great promoter of sectionalism and a great promoter of sectionalism.

STAR FISH OF TIN HORNS KILLS CONVENTION ORATORY - The Anecdote Is No More, Fervid Gestures Are Passe, as Audience Listens to Cold, Metallic Drone of Sound Amplifiers - By CLINTON W. GILBERT

San Francisco, July 2.—What has become of the story, the little apocryphal anecdote that American orators always used to tell when they made a speech? Is the story going the way of the flowery language with which speakers used to sprinkle their addresses?

There are so many inferior candidates to choose from that Republican hopes rise at the chance that the Democrats will pick one of them. Far be it from us to deny that the public welfare demands that the Department of Charities chauffeur shall wear leather puttees, but why the choice collar, director?

Do you suppose that Dr. Burris Jenkins's speech explaining that he would not make a speech nominating Mr. McAdoo and would therefore nominate him, anyhow, was an appeal for the Irish vote? No, we suppose not. The airship built by the Germans to bombard New York has been turned over to the British in accordance with the terms of the peace treaty.

Have speakers got as self-conscious about stories as they have about the purple patches of oratory? Do they ask themselves painfully, Is this story old? And then refrain from telling it through fear? Old-fashioned speakers like Chauncey M. Depew, who addressed the Chicago convention, tell stories. Vice President Marshall, who hasn't addressed this gathering, always tells stories.

Had all these picked proposers of candidates here made nomination a serious business. They recited the achievements of their heroes as if they were reading an extract from Who's Who. They told how their candidates, if nominated would carry their party to victory. They were stiff, dull, conventional and never the speaker's own.

THE most successful of the women speakers acted their parts to a certain extent, though it is difficult to act when you must stand in one spot all the time for fear the tin boxes of the amplifier which catch up the voices and carry it to the big house over the speaker's head and thus shoot it to the remotest parts of the hall shall not get the sounds properly.

Oratory has been killed by self-consciousness. We are ashamed of eloquence for fear it may be false eloquence, spread-angled. Fourth of July stuff, and now we seem to have got ashamed of the story or anecdote which tried to place the speaker before the audience for effect before the speaker's head and thus shoot it to the remotest parts of the hall shall not get the sounds properly.

Public Wants Drama - In a big crowd a speaker is rather dead than heard. A big crowd has drama in its consciousness rather than anything else. It goes to the convention to see the show; besides, no people were ever more occupied with drama than the American people. It is a movie-going people. It demands and receives drama in its press, personalities, incidents, side-shows rather than serious discussion such as is found in European journals.



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CHOICE OF PROVOST LIKELY IN THE FALL

Alumni Committee Considering Many Candidates for Permanent Penn Head

The task of selecting a provost for the University of Pennsylvania will continue for the rest of the summer, with alumni representatives and trustees meeting in frequent conference. This is indicated in a statement issued today by Judge J. Whitaker Thompson, United States District Court, who is chairman of the subcommittee of the 100 alumni of the University named last winter to aid in choosing a suitable man for provost.

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in the latter part of September or early October, and unless a special board meeting is called by successful a Doctor Smith can be named before fall. To Discuss Candidates - Meanwhile the subcommittee will continue to discuss candidates and their merits, and will welcome all suggestions. They will be referred to the trustees. The committee met last Monday night at the Philadelphia Club. Among those present were five of the seven trustees who are members of the subcommittee. Action taken at this meeting and future plans for selecting a provost were announced by Judge Thompson in the following statement: "The committee of one hundred and the subcommittee upon the selection of our provost are pleased to report to you the fact that the authority and responsibility for the selection of a provost rests entirely with the trustees, and it has been the desire of the committee only to be of assistance in obtaining information, or in making suggestions reflecting so far as possible the views of the alumni which might be helpful to the trustees, and under all circumstances to do nothing to embarrass them in their important work. Hold Frequent Meetings - "The subcommittee has held frequent meetings since the time of its appointment and has endeavored to obtain the best information available to place at the disposal of the trustees. The trustees have welcomed such suggestions and information as we have been able to give in the most courteous and friendly spirit. During the last week, at their invitation, a conference was had between a committee of the trustees and our subcommittee at which the situation was fully discussed and the opinions of the trustees were given the most respectful consideration. I am not at liberty to discuss what took place at the conference, but feel that every alumnus should know that, while the nature of the situation is of such a nature that publicity would only embarrass the trustees and render the work of our committee ineffective, we feel highly gratified by the cordial relations existing and have full confidence that the trustees will work out a result most satisfactory to all concerned."