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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR THE DELAWARE CANALS
Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention:

NEWS BY AIR
Marine cables, the telephone and, finally, wireless were devised and perfected to meet the demand for better means of communication between places and men...

A FEASIBLE BONUS PLAN
Wishes is contained in the latest communication of the citizens' committee to the Board of Education.

DRAMA AND SUCH
IN THE past the Drama League of Philadelphia has done much to encourage better plays and to better appreciation of the art which is intended to reflect the inner meaning of life as it is lived.

WHY THE LEAGUE IS DOUBTED
The belief entertained when the League covenant was framed, that Germany would be keenly desirous of joining the association of nations, is not sustained in two significant pronouncements from Berlin.

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HARRISBURG CONTROLS THE LOCAL TAX RATE
So Long as the Legislature Interferes With Philadelphia's Expenditures the City Government Will Be Powerless to Make a Budget

MAYOR MOORE'S protest against the intervention of the Legislature in the affairs of the city will be just so much wasted breath unless he seeks to have control over local affairs restored to the local authorities.

He said that the irritation of the citizens at an increase in the taxes is justified, especially when "the taxes are raised not because of the city's needs, but because of the state's legislative action."

This system has made it virtually impossible for the Mayor and Council to arrange a budget which shall cover all the expenditures for the year.

The efficacy of this remedy in the most flagrant cases is doubtful for the reason that the fiction of a county government is maintained. Certain institutions are nominally a part of that county government.

Take the Municipal Court, for example. This is specifically a court of the county of Philadelphia, and the county commissioners "or other proper county officers" are directed by law to provide for the cost of its maintenance.

The law creating the Municipal Court wrote a blank check for it and permitted the president judge to fill it in for an unlimited sum.

In the first place, it directs the county commissioners to provide proper accommodations for holding court "at such times and places" as the court may decide. It is argued that this provision is broad enough for the court to select the site and decide the character of the courthouse in which it is to sit.

Plans for an elaborate palace of justice have already been drawn and the Council has passed an ordinance containing a provision for a bond issue of \$1,000,000 for preliminary work on a new courthouse.

The law further empowers the president judge of the court to appoint such tipstaves and officers and employes as are reasonably necessary, subject only to the check of the agreement with the other judges as to how many are necessary.

It originally provided that the president judge should also appoint a chief probation officer and such assistants as the other judges thought necessary.

Under this grant of power there are said to be hundreds of men and women on the payroll of the court and the court itself is costing \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 a year.

It will be impossible for the Mayor and the Council to control local taxation for local purposes so long as the obsolete county government is preserved and so long as the Legislature sees fit to grant to county officers the power to spend money without the supervision of the authorities who have to raise it.

The abuse of power in the Municipal Court is fast becoming scandalous. Its president judge is a ward boss, and it is suspected that he has used his appointing power to strengthen his political friends.

If the Legislature refrains from coming to the relief of the taxpayers this winter in the way suggested by the Mayor it will not be because such relief is not imperatively needed.

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Operating according to original designs, the most ambitious peace machinery ever devised should be so impressive that even from the selfish standpoint the necessity of contributing to it should be obvious.

THE fiction that distinctively local issues must necessarily be viewed from national party angles has long been helpful to the unsavory cause of machine politics.

The Vares, for instance, date on the idea, have cultivated and smoothed very well made the most of it as a dust-throwing instrument.

The common-sense analysis of the situation that has arisen in connection with the vacancy recently created in the Council through the death of William E. Finley is therefore decidedly in order.

The antidote to such nonsense, both now and on similar occasions, is fusion of opposing political forces without regard for national party alignments.

Judging by the last presidential election here, when the Democrats polled 11,784 votes to 23,788 for the machine opposition, there are chances of success in the new combination with the Moore men.

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AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT
Going to Church in a Theatre—Ethical Culture and Felix Adler

By SARAH D. LOWRIE
MY FELLOW CRAFTSMAN, William Shepherd's, pointed article in the August Harper's—"What is the Matter With the Church?" or words to that effect—led to some rather candid admissions, as well as truculent contradictions in "religious circles."

There are a dozen real reasons—sufficient reasons that is—why one does not go. One is lazy, bored, annoyed, has another engagement in a tired, golf, week-end, journey, offended, mad, forgetful, oblivious, out of the habit, etc., etc.

Those groups of serious-minded mortals that satisfy their religious interests by forming cults, and who meet at appointed times and with an expurgated ritual of recitation, and who organize their benevolent and corporate community action under some name that is their creed and confession of faith in telegraphic code, they are many and various.

It is hard for less scrupulous outsiders—mere lookers-on—to understand. I go occasionally, for instance, to "look on" at the Ethical Culture. I went the last time Felix Adler was in town to listen and to observe.

There were little men who came in late and sat on bigish seats on a platform; there was paid music provided, there was a reading of some poetry and some prose, and the Moore supporters have wisely embraced a promising opportunity in the endorsement of the same candidate, James (a h. r., running in the First Councilmanic district.

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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!
Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. R. TAIT MCKENZIE
On Physical Education
UNIVERSAL participation in competitive sports by the entire student body of American colleges will never be realized, in the opinion of Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, head of athletics at the University of Pennsylvania, because of the peculiar psychology of certain men against athletic competition.

According to Doctor McKenzie, class work in gymnasiums will continue to be necessary as the American colleges progress further and further on the road to the ideal method of physical education.

"It is needless to say," he declared, "that the fact is becoming more and more recognized that a college man must be an all-around man, and that his physical and mental equipment. A great many of the men who go to college are ignorant physically and have to be taught a number of things which are given a directed course to teach them things athletic, in their logical, regular progression. In addition, all men, including both those who have had athletic training and those who have not, must be taught enough exercise to keep them in good physical health."

"If they have that health they should be encouraged to go into games, but they should not be forced to do so."

Had to Excuse Many
"At the University of Pennsylvania last year we had 4300 men who took part in the physical education. Of this number, 400 had some illness or defect making it necessary to excuse them either entirely or in part from the regular class and field work. About half of the remainder took class work in a gymnasium for body building. The other half were candidates for one or another of the nineteen sports recognized at Pennsylvania.

There were a great many men who went out for track sports who may never become team members. The same applies, of course, to football or swimming or rowing. Yet if they like the sport and are properly directed the exercise will be good for them. It is true that if a man learns the strokes and can be taught how to take care of himself in the water he has gained what should be part of the equipment of every well-educated man."

Instead of anything like this, I have a system which I call the "prescription method." At the beginning of every year we have a complete physical examination of the entire freshman class. If a man appears more than twice in a poor state of health and with a body run down, I do not allow him to take the regular gymnasium work or to enter into any one of the nineteen sports. If he did so the result might be decidedly injurious to him.

Instead, a partial course is prepared which may include the ordinary setting-up exercises with the class, but none of the more violent forms of exercise. He continues this method for a term and then reports to me again, so that I can see what progress he has made. It may be that after one or two terms, or at any rate before he graduates, he can safely take part in any form of athletics he desires.

Have Compulsory Physical Work
"I believe that Pennsylvania's system of physical education is as good as can be obtained. We have had in practice here for nearly twenty years what Harvard introduced last year after much debate, that is, compulsory exercises for students. The number of years in which such exercise is required and the exact form of it is supposed to take different for different colleges, but is 90 per cent of the colleges on the Carnegie Foundation have some sort of compulsory physical education rule.

Last year, for the first time, we were able to introduce at Pennsylvania a more complete system of crediting them for their participation in sports. For example, Lawson Robertson, the track coach, now has rolls just as the gymnasium instructors have rolls, on which he keeps a record of the different men's work. When they first come out to him, he finds out what they have done along certain lines and makes them pass a preliminary test.

"Then he tells them the mark or record which they must achieve before the end of the year. This was determined by taking the average of a thousand students in the particular branch in question, whether it be shot-putting, running or high jumping. "The men then practice three times a week in order to achieve the desired mark. For the first time we have been able, because of this system, to introduce regular marks in different sports instead of giving a straight passing mark to every student. A man who makes the varsity team in football now receives a D, or distinguished grade for his work, just as he would receive a similar mark for excellent work in English or Latin. "And we are keeping our squads together throughout the year instead of cutting them off as soon as the varsity team is chosen. Last year we had 400 men in swimming and 150 men in football up to the end of the season. This year we will be able to keep 300 football players through to the finish. "We will be able to do this better when the playing fields which we are building along the Schuylkill river by the South street bridge are completed, so that we can take the pressure of Franklin Field. The result will be to give every man an added incentive and a fairer chance in all branches of sport without weakening to the least degree the strength of the various teams."

SHORT CUTS
P. R. T. believes in direct action.
Even the panhandler finds this bracing weather.
"B" stands for Burlinson, Baker and Blundering.

Interesting old gentleman, Uncle Joe Cannon. No smooth-bore, anyhow.
We have not yet reached the absurdity of calling woman's the silent vote.

"Another break in sugar." First thing you know the "ump will be pulverized.
The baseball scandal at least deserved that. Comiskey is a fine old sport.

"Write it 'Cox the unbeatable.'" says Marse Henry. Does he mean hard boiled?
Deflation of the currency does not appear as yet to have hit the bandit business.

The candidate who prepares for a whirlwind finish is liable to find himself up in the air.
The milk retailer hasn't the excuse of getting rid of old stock before reducing prices.

Russian peasants seem about ready to kick the Bolsheviks in the empty bread basket.
Here and there are milkmen who are eligible to membership in a waterways convention.

Any fan will admit that the greatest event in the world happened in Brooklyn yesterday.
Despite all his bluster, the unregistered citizen doubtless feels just a little ashamed of himself.

W. Murray Crane was the latest to give point to the saying that the Old Guard die but never surrender.
Baseball enthusiasm yesterday proved that the game can emerge from the clouds that have temporarily obscured it.

One cannot have everything in this world—else one might expect to see Babe Ruth knock a homer in a world series.
A perfect transit system has a direct bearing on the housing situation. Philadelphia's outlying districts are not yet haltingly tapped.

Apparently everybody is satisfied that everybody knows how everybody is going to vote; yet nobody can tell that somebody may upset calculations.
The pleasant things that have been said of Murray Crane prompt the thought that even Lodee could get a kind word from the Democratic press—by dying.

A dispatch from Hartford, Conn., lets forth that Babe Ruth devoured eleven lemons. "To return to our mittens," remarked Babe, and every one was a homer.
Just how the increase of the assessed valuation of real estate in New York and Philadelphia is due to natural development and how much to the decreased value of the dollar only time can determine, and the demonstration is bound to be a painful one.

As Hans Christian Andersen might have said: "One could well have guessed from the earnestness with which suffragists worked through the years that something important was happening in the political pond; but registration days proved a mere adventure that nothing was happening."

E. V. Lucas in the Outlook says he thinks American men are more alike than Englishmen are, and that frequently he has been about to accost strangers whom he had thought he had recently been introduced to, discovering just in time that they were merely doubles. 'Tis at once an amusing truth and a natural error. An American might easily have the same aspect and manner as another. Familiarity breeds error. An expert conman may grow to know every critter on the range. But of course Mr. Lucas may be right at that.