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A FOUR YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA
Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention:

HARMONY VS. THE CHARTER
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It is quite within the power of the Council to submit each item in a major loan separately, and the next time decision on the raising of funds is sought in an election public pressure should be exerted to bring about the necessary reform.

STILL HUNTING MICE INSTEAD OF ELEPHANTS
The Mayor's Desire That More Thought Be Given to a Constructive Program Will Be Gratified When He Leads the Way

MAXOR MOORE did well to remind the members of the Real Estate Board that the constructive work of the city administration deserves more attention than the political disputes about the selection of men to assist in doing the work or than the factional quarrels among the political leaders.

Many thoughtful persons have played with the theory that the break-down of municipal government in America has been due to the failure of the municipal officials to grasp the idea that they were elected primarily as business executives to manage the affairs of a great enterprise.

The dividends are paid in the form of well-paved and clean streets, sewers where they are needed, an adequate water supply, public buildings suitable for the accommodation of the public offices, a school system with school houses large enough for all the children and adequately paid teachers enough to take care of all the classes, a police and fire-fighting force well equipped and well disciplined devoting itself solely to the service of the public, playgrounds in the congested districts and new streets laid out in the growing sections and in the older districts where experience shows that new outlets must be provided for traffic.

The payment of dividends of this kind is the real business of a city government. It is theoretically possible to get the people to devote so much thought to these matters that there will be little attention left for the fight of the politicians for the spoils of office.

Many persons would like to have this theory experimented with so that they might know whether it would work out in practice in the United States. They know that it works pretty well in some European cities, and they are confident that what Europe can do well America can do better.

So they are encouraged by the spectacle of the Mayor of Philadelphia facing the business side of the city government in the presence of a company of business men.

Mr. Moore told the business men that in the last ten months eighty city blocks have been graded, fifty-seven blocks have been paved, forty-eight blocks have been repaved, five miles of country roads have been improved, nearly four miles of branch sewers have been laid, and more than a mile of main sewers has been built.

This is the first time that this information has been assembled for the information of the people who pay for the services. If similar information is made public periodically the people will know more than they have known in the past about the kind of a business administration they are getting.

The Mayor indicated some of the other enterprises on which he is engaged. The city is preparing to improve the port facilities by building new piers. It is carrying on the work on the Art Museum, and it is expected that magnificent structure will be in shape to house the art collections of the city within three years. It is making good progress toward the building of the Delaware river bridge. It is arranging to build new firehouses and to buy new fire-fighting equipment. It is getting plans under way for an extension of the water supply and for building more sewers and opening and paving more streets, and doing much other important work.

Money cannot be got for carrying on this work without the exercise of the greatest financial wisdom, backed by a determination to prevent the waste of public funds either by the payment of salaries to superfluous employees or by extravagant payments for work done.

thing that needs to be done with no greater delay than the successful prosecution of the work requires. But because our government is tied up with a political machine and because it is believed that it must be used to keep that machine in running order no one has a free hand in the City Hall. And no one can have a free hand so long as the system is allowed to continue.

By GEORGE NOX MCNEIL
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ENORMOUS losses are incurred every year by the railroad systems of the East that operate through mining regions, where the water supply is contaminated by drainage from coal mines.

It is for this reason that state authorities are being urged by the Pennsylvania to cooperate with it in protecting the water supply of the country generally in Pennsylvania and the middle western states.

Incidentally, it is also a benefit to the population at large.

THE magnificent steamship Old North State, the latest product of Delaware river shipyards, had her trial trip this week. She is already under charter and loading for her maiden voyage.

When the Delaware shipyards, not so long ago, were smashing out a record unparalleled in the history of the world, of one ship every twenty-four hours, there was little time or tendency to celebrate the construction of a vessel.

American ships are sailing every sea today. They are found in every port of the world, and they are carrying on the vast majority of the commerce between the ports of the world.

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Each new generation is the greatest asset of any land. We cannot be content to allow the youth of America to grow in many instances like the weeds of the field.

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PENNSY'S WATER SUPPLY
Pure Water Indispensable to the Railroad's Operation—The Old North State's Trial Trip—Our Ships on Every Sea

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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. RUSSELL H. CONWELL
On Our Reawakening Conscience
THE time is coming very soon—in fact, the tide has already begun to turn—when the conscience and moral fiber of the country will again reassert itself.

Very Lovely
WOULDN'T it be lovely if the rain came down? Till the water was quite high over all the town?

Deception Was Everywhere
In the markets the dealers placed a few good apples or tomatoes on top of their piles and filled in with inferior products.

What Do You Know?
QUIZ
1. How long did battles in the Spanish-American war continue?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Peter the Great, emperor of Russia, worked as a shipwright in Saardam in 1672-1673.

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SHORT CUTS

We'd brag a little about the weather if we were dead sure it wouldn't change before we go to press.
The extra two cents for carfare will probably put money in the pockets of the shoe repairers.
New York is still saving daylight; but visitors will be glad to know she continues to waste daylight.