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Member of the Associated Press... A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA... Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention:

NO TIME FOR VARE HARMONY... IT IS not surprising that Chairman Watson, head of the Vare-controlled Republican city committee, is appealing for harmony.

WHAT THE CITY DID... IN A city so overwhelmingly Republican as Philadelphia the chances of surprise in a national election are not numerous.

ASSESSMENT RESPONSIBILITY... THE revision upward is inevitably an unpopular procedure with those persons whose purses increased demands are made.

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AN OZARK ATTACK ON RASCALY PROFITERS... THE man who peddles "booz" is no low-down fellow. He is a scoundrel, a scoundrel in the scale of respectability that is low.

oppress the very sources of taxation themselves. What is needed in Philadelphia is not so much a change of the reassessment principle as that of the utmost care and fair play in its application.

PRETTY GOOD NEWS FROM THE ONCE SOLID SOUTH

National Advancement and Better Citizenship Oppose Sectional and Class Interests Everywhere... THE rigid and unyielding line that divided the solid South from the North in almost every national election never was a reassuring thing to see on the political maps in the cold gray dawn of the morning after.

For that reason, if for no other, Republican majorities in Oklahoma and Tennessee are good omens. There are northern states that appear to have inherited a Republican state of mind.

It is often said that the voting South was solidly Democratic because the negro population, that is dominant in some areas, leans consistently to the opposing party. That is in a sense true.

When any political party can be assured of the unquestioning loyalty of great masses and sections it will not greatly trouble to be progressive and it need have little fear of enlightened criticism.

Sectionalism anywhere in the United States indicates merely that we are a nation still without a perfected philosophy of domestic government and one that is still suffering some of the pangs of growth.

Mr. Gompers, for example, tried to mobilize and segregate the labor vote for Mr. Cox. He did not succeed any better than other labor leaders have succeeded in the past.

The labor vote was not delivered. If the Plumb Plan League made any drive for power at the polls it failed. The railroad owners should have delivered large majorities to Mr. Cox if the calculations of the more headlong labor leaders did not miscarry.

A new sort of sectionalism has of late been apparent in the Northwest, where the Nonpartisan League established itself and sought converts to the most anti-social sort of socialism.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Debtors That Women Owed Miss Mary Coles May Be Paid to Others, Which is Something That Would Have Pleased Her

By SARAH D. LOWRIE... WHEN a woman like Miss Mary Coles closes her account with the great bank of the world and those who owe her long-standing debts go to her funeral reflecting raptly on what that woman who never paid to her in person either by word or deed, a good many of us have to come squarely up against the fact that those who owe the most to seldom do get paid in person.

FOR twenty-five years she had a very great influence on a certain type of young girl and young married women of this city. It was not because she was particularly modern or flexible or even tactful in her stand with them.

MR. BRYAN, HOUSE AND TAFT AGREE... MR. BRYAN evidently #1's in the result of the election so justification for his opposition to the President's plan for a solemn referendum set forth at Jackson Day dinner in Washington last winter.

Colonel E. M. House apparently agrees with Mr. Bryan. In his illuminating discussion of the result, written for the Public Ledger yesterday, he has made the assertion of more than half of the Republican leaders during the campaign that the League of Nations "would be safer in the keeping of the Republican party than in that of the Democratic party."

A VERY fine, high sense she practiced what she insisted upon as essential, never more than when she was blind and deaf and nearly in critical financial straits.

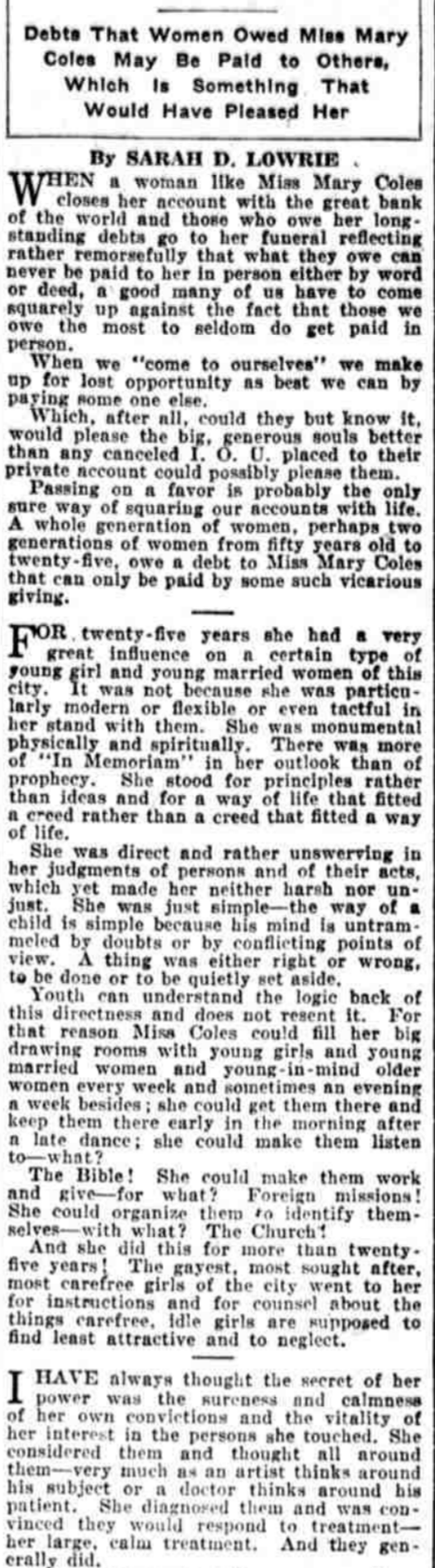
A LITTLE over a year ago I went to her by appointment to consult her about something we were both interested in—a proposed club for undergraduate nurses—and she said to me, apropos of her physical condition, that she wondered what she was meant to learn by the experience.

FOR THE GIRL SCOUTS... IT is seldom that any organization is positively embarrassed by its popularity. That such a society is well worth extricating from its predicament must be generally admitted.

There are, of course, many other solid arguments which need not be reiterated. Every one knows that the Girl Scout ideals are high, practical and constructive.

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IT NEVER RAINS BUT IT POURS



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

SIMON GRATZ... On the New Tax Assessments... MARKET values of real estate, which have more increased greatly in most sections of the city in the last year, furnished the measuring rod for 1921 assessments, according to Simon Gratz, president of the Board of Revision of Taxes.

Many Properties Sold... "So many properties have changed hands within the last year that it is not difficult to ascertain the market value. Naturally, if a house in a row of similar houses sold for \$5,000, it was logical that the other houses were worth \$5,000, and the assessors went on that basis."

Where Rehan Played... TIME big steam shovel gouged a mighty hole in the faded wall, and in one huge bite ripped paper, bricks and plaster from their places.

What Do You Know? QUIZ... 1. What is an enclave? 2. Who was Sir Richard Burton? 3. What was the origin of the royal house which formerly ruled in Brazil?

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SHORT CUTS

Sugar is uncontrolled; let joy be uncontrolled. The nation shouted and the echoes still resound. Youth and cosmetics are uncanny running mates. We await a motion for the South to make it unanimous. What some public men need is an editor with a blue pencil. The fates looked after Pommer by electing him in Apple Week. The country just now is chock-full of amateur cabinet makers. The heart that Bryan buried in the grave still knoweth bitterness. "Wilson's Cabinet Dazed."—Headline. Condition evidently unchanged. It would appear that Mr. Gompers wasn't able to deliver the goods. There are times when Bryan would rather be truthful than diplomatic. The I-told-you-so orator will now proceed to spend his breath on the football field. Now that the election is over, Senator Harding continues to win friends among the Democrats because of his modesty and good taste. Extravagance is the indulgence by others in luxuries for which we have no particular fondness. Governor Smith, of New York, was the one Democratic figure that loomed large despite defeat. A man has learned wisdom when he at last realizes he isn't as important to others as he is to himself. Listeners may not hear any good of themselves, but they're not giving themselves away while they listen. It isn't youth, but the pharmacist, that nowadays recognizes rosy cheeks and a white nose as proprietary articles. We may, if we will, still dominate the world, say Colonel Hens, and there is no reason in the world why such great expectations should not be realized. It is very evidently the opinion of Mr. Taft that those who see in the election results a slip at the League of Nations are suffering from mental astigmatism. That young man of Norristown who traveled from Australia to vote and is now going back again is at once an example and a reproach to those who failed to register. A local poultry expert, a night worker, has been given two years in prison for annexing eighteen chickens. This is his third term, and once he was filled with birdshot by an angry farmer. But Art is exacting and the artist must be prepared to pay his penalties. California by approving a law depriving Japanese of the right to purchase or lease land in the state has been told by the Kipling's lines that "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet"; but the declaration of the New York World that the state has thereby virtually voted in favor of war with Japan is far-fetched. We resurrect the story of the man who ordered ham and eggs and then asked to have the eggs eliminated, being regally told that the eggs would have to be fried as they had done lost their eliminator, merely to point out that something of the kind must have happened in the White House when the covenant was returned to have Article X eliminated; but after March 4 the President will be willing to use the Senate eliminator. Commonplace job that of a cop. Take the case of Michael Newell, patrolman. He saw a thug hold up a citizen with a gun fourteen inches long. All the policeman had to do was to tap the bandit on the knuckles and make him drop the gun. So he did it and pinched the highwayman. And he did it but the deduction of the New York World was to attend the hearing and then go home. Heigho! Don't some people have a say?

estimate should be placed upon the property. Mayor Moore, at a conference several months ago with City Controller Hadley and Mr. Gratz, indicated his approval of increased valuations on real estate if they were warranted, stating that he did not think the tax rate should be raised, but that the city's impaired finances might be met by higher assessments. Asked if the increased assessments for 1921 were the result of the administration's policy, Mr. Gratz replied: "The assessors could not possibly have failed to note the rising market values of properties. The increased assessment for 1921 has not been forced beyond that warranted in previous years. It is a known fact that the assessors rarely if ever assess a property at its full value. Eight or ten years ago Market street stores and buildings along the Delaware river and Seventh street were commanding low prices. The assessment then was in response to the prevailing value. Today these properties are selling at fancy figures and the assessed values are accordingly higher. Other Values Down "On the other hand, properties in the old residential section along Walnut, Locust, Spruce and Pine streets, from Broad street west to the river, are depreciating in value, and naturally there cannot be increased assessment here. "Some of the large central department stores and buildings also have been taxed to the limit of their assessed value, and there will be no increase for them in 1921. "On the whole, the assessors were careful and thorough in their work. Their valuations in most instances will be found warranted. The board of revision will give due consideration to all appeals."