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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA
Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention:
1. The Delaware bridge.
2. The rapid transit system.
3. The water supply.
4. The population.

PENNY WISDOM
Delaware bridge commission it seemed shocking that the engineers appointed to make preliminary surveys in this city and Camden should include in their budget \$100,000 for the purchase and maintenance of an automobile.

PASQUALE, A "LIFER"
A dangerous, low cunning and baffling moral incapability, becomes a life prisoner in the Eastern Penitentiary.

CUSTOM AND CONVENIENCE
The ingrained local custom of crowding the south side of Chestnut street has sometimes been compared to insectivorous metropolitan habits elsewhere.

CENTRALIZING CHARITY
The centralization of the charitable and social welfare activities of Philadelphia has happily passed beyond the theoretical stage.

PETER PAN AT TRENTON
DEMOCRATS of various sorts, good and bad, of the left wing and the right, have been doing fine and awful things for many years in New Jersey.

rather than the difference between party and party. For that reason Mayor Harry Runyon, of Warren county, who will be the only Democrat in the State Assembly, has opportunities greater in many ways than those that might fall to the member of a majority.

FAIR PLAY FOR THE PEOPLE AS WELL AS FOR THE U. G. I.
Contract Rights of Gas Consumers Are as Sacred as the Rights of Gas Producers

THE predicament in which the United Gas Improvement Company finds itself in this city is similar to that in which every other producer of a commodity sold at a fixed price has become involved through the increase in the cost of labor and raw materials.

Now let us consider for a moment the lease, the terms of which Mr. Bodine wishes to have modified. The lease was entered into in 1897 for a period of thirty years.

THE early years of the contract it was possible to manufacture gas for about five cents a thousand feet. This left fifty cents to the company to pay overhead expenses and dividends.

These figures represent the earnings of the company not in Philadelphia alone, but in all the forty cities in which it is engaged in business.

When the gas corporation's profits are threatened the president of that corporation has no hesitation in suggesting a modification of the terms of a contract with the people.

THE state of Pennsylvania has occasionally considered adopting a more compact and equitable method in making its appropriations for charities.

justify the demand of Mr. Bodine. The case should not be prejudged. In that event and in the event of the city's going to the relief of the company, not because it must, but because it desires to be fair, it should be definitely arranged that not a single dollar of the extra money turned over to the company should go to the shareholders.

"—BUT ONCE A YEAR!"
WHERE there is a great deal of smoke there must be fire. And where floods of color are spilled and bells are persistently rung and echoing legends fill the air to attest that there is a world of fairy and that the wise are always and inevitably gentle; where a continuing song in praise of kindness seems to be justified and extended by corroborative human experience.

THE very colors of Christmas as they are revealed in the books, in the uniforms of the soldiers and through the symbols of the season are as bright and as life itself can be at bottom. They are as stimulating to weary eyes as a trip to a far country.

THE descendants of the Brent family, who still hold part of the original estate in St. Mary's county, Maryland, were, to judge by the one I know, for suffrage as late as 1849, a desultory conversation appended.

AND Maryland is not the only place that runs true to form—the form of another century—in spite of outward changes. I was in Saybrook, Conn., last week over a night in the inn there and during the course of a desultory conversation appended.

IMMIGRATION RESPONSIBILITIES
A PARISIAN sharper has disposed of a batch of 250 bogus steamship tickets to unfortunate immigrants, who are now stranded on the docks at Cherbourg.

SOMETIMES modern inventions and old customs meet pleasantly, however, and are both the better for the change.

Has Educational Value
"Another great feature of jury work is its actual educational value. Every phase of life passes before the eyes of the juror as he sits in the courtroom.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

Mr. Bok, the Academy Foyer, an Ancient Mirror Frame and an Old-Time Pageant Prompt Some Interesting Speculations

YOU may have a constructive mind—which is the mind of the builder or the engineer or the inventor—and yet not have a reconstructive mind—which is the art of the historiographer or the archeologist or the collector.

I TRIED to make it come back by walking up Chestnut street past Independence Hall and then over to about street past the old theatre and so on to Broad, looking now and then at houses that had still an air of "has been" about them—but it was no use!

AT LEAST that is what I felt as I walked home to dinner that evening. When I got Broad and Walnut streets I thought nothing seemed so great as an Irish great-great uncle of mine had paused about there on his walk up from Chester, where he had landed, to inquire the way from a man digging in the field how far he was still from the town of Philadelphia.

THE story is of the first woman lawyer and suffragist in the colonies. Strangely enough, she came from Maryland. Or rather, she lived in Maryland. She came with her father and sister and their servants from England in the days of Lord Baltimore.

ALL Want to Serve, But—
"Many of these reluctant jurymen get suggestions from their physicians, and the prevailing sentiment of one and all is, 'I only wish I could serve.'"

What Do You Know?
1. Into what three ages are prehistoric times divided?
2. What is the longest range of mountains in the world?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz
1. Dolichocephalic means members of the race in the world's longest range of mountains.



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

WOMEN called for jury duty will not be inclined to shirk this most important civic responsibility as a great many men seem to do, according to Judge Norris Stanley Barratt, of Common Pleas Court No. 2.

WOMEN Mean Changes
"The entrance of women into this field of jury service may mean all sorts of changes and new standards. I firmly believe, however, that women will carry out their work here as they have always succeeded in doing elsewhere."

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SHORT CUTS

As a repudiator, Germany still holds first place.
The news from Greece was read with avid interest in Doorn.
The Mayor apparently doesn't care how blue blue-law advocates feel.