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

SILENT BROWN
I AM not talking politics today," said Judge Brown, when he was asked to discuss Mayor Moore's courageous fight on his \$1,000,000 payroll and the whole general scheme of political finance that has been developed in the Municipal Court.

BONUS "AFFLUENCE"
IMPLIED in the report that the women school teachers have no intention of buying clothing with their \$200 bonuses is a hint that the temptations of luxury are renounced.

ORCHESTRAL LEADERSHIP
THE artistic standing of the Philadelphia Orchestra is so authentic that the rapidity with which this eminence was gained is sometimes unconsidered.

SEEING BY THE PAPERS
JUDGE HORACE STERN said far more than the most enthusiastic journalist would ever think of saying when he told the Council of Jewish Women that a woman's failure to read the daily newspapers ought to be regarded as a just cause for her divorce.

A BLOWOUT IN JERSEY
IT WILL be charged against Governor Ed-wards, of New Jersey, who is a Democrat, that political motives alone prompted him to fire the whole Public Utility Commission of the state suddenly and with less ceremony than ever before attended the fall of an administrative body in this or an adjacent world.

adopting the only course of action by which the state and its people could be relieved for a time at least from the influence of powerful groups that have insistently mixed politics with business or business with politics.

The charge most frequently made against the board which the governor has just ousted was that it was too friendly to the Public Service Corporation. The Public Service Corporation is a combination of all the large companies that provide light, heat, power and street railway service to the various communities of the state.

LET COUNCIL LOOK AT THE KIND OF FOLK WHO PAY TAXES
Then It Will Decide That It is a Crime to Be Careless With the Money Entrusted to It

BEFORE the City Council votes on the budget for next year its members should visit the office of the receiver of taxes and look at the people who call there to pay out of their pockets the money which is to be spent for the support of the government.

THE MARINES IN HAITI
EVERY now and then Americans with a complacent sense of their own superiority as civilizationers are shocked and oppressed by some sudden evidence which shows us to be in many ways not greatly different from other white men who make homes about the burdens they bear in the far places of the earth.

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that there is no co-ordination among the bureaus dealing with the streets. The Bureau of Surveys and the Highway Bureau are in the Department of Public Works, but they act independently. The Electrical Bureau is in the Department of Public Safety and it, like other bureaus, goes about its work in supreme indifference to every other bureau.

The public money will be wasted so long as this condition prevails. And not only will the money be wasted, but the public will be put to great inconvenience, as has happened in the northern part of the city this year while the improvements in York road and North Broad street have been under way.

The Mayor understands the situation. He appreciates the need of economy. His subordinates are willing to economize if they can be shown how to do it. But they do not need to be shown. They are men of ability who, if they were spending their own money, would be as careful of it as the most expert business man.

Some of them may be afraid of the political effect of economy, or they may be afraid of the discharge of some of their duties. But the most powerful group of dismissed employees could do would be enough to counteract the effect upon the great mass of the people of such a conduct of the public business as would make an increase of the tax rate unnecessary, and if the tax rate should be reduced no disgruntled politician who should denounce the city would get a single glint of applause in any gathering of impartial citizens.

The era of high costs is coming to an end. Prices are coming down. The cost of government must come down with them. But if Council consents to a budget so large that it will make an increase in the tax rate necessary it will check the movement now begun, and its first effect will be to give the landlords an excuse for still further increases.

The mood of discouragement will recur again with General Barnett's account of the ruthless slaughter of natives by contingents of United States marines in Haiti.

The marines have an almost spotless record. They are great soldiers, and great soldiers know how to be chitrous. In China, in Cuba and elsewhere the marines were known as the cleanest of fighters. Some things have gone wrong with them in Haiti, and what it was every one will suspect who has any knowledge of life as it is lived in places where civilized men pioneer against the forces of the wilderness.

Put a white man among savages, keep him there for years, cut him off from all the forces that make for civilized restraint, compel him to defend his life amid unfamiliar perils, and in the course of time he will inevitably revert to some of his ancient instincts. He will be a half-savage.

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We have proved the possibility of listening over the telephone, dictating to our stenographer, glancing over our morning mail, and at the same golden moment discussing the price of shoes with a casual happen-in.

THE women are now aware that their husbands are more than likely comparing the salaries of their collars with the other women's husbands. But the men are not so sure they know what their wives are "in to" where women most do congregate, viz., at committee meetings, business luncheons, "green" and "blue" committees.

Yet it is perfectly obvious that if men are consistently men, whether they are "down town" or oversleeping Sunday morning, women are also consistently women wherever they occupy themselves.

Their conversation at board meetings—especially executive meetings—is just as discursive as their early morning musings, and a great deal goes on that does not get on their minutes, just as a great deal gets on their minutes that does not get on theirs.

The minutes represent the secretary's idea of what they meant to decide. She takes the will for the deed, and they take her will for their decision. Meanwhile, they have exchanged ideas on many agreeable topics, and there have been very amusing asides that go the rounds, sub rosa, after the day's work is done.

I WAS secretary pro tem, the other day for a very important meeting which really did determine the outline of the winter's work for a big and useful organization.

What went on the minutes legitimately would cover about six lines of this column; that did not go down on the minutes would overrun this column. It was all of it worth while and far more interesting than comparing the sizes of our collars or the prices of shoes.

The chairman of the news committee said she had to get home early because the day being Michaelmas the family and some friends were to convene and solemnly eat a "green goose." If you ate a goose preferably a "green goose" (whatever colors it was not stated) you had luck for the year.

That is, when a baby was one year old you put the book in the corner of the room, the dollar in another and the cake in a third.

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Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. DANIEL M. HOYT,
On Work of the Drama League

THE general public's belief that all forms of drama leagues are highly captious, highbrow and overdone to preach is unfortunate, in the opinion of Dr. Daniel M. Hoyt, a prominent member of the Drama League of Philadelphia and head of that organization's "play-going committee."

Dr. Hoyt, who is a surgeon by vocation, has his love and appreciation of what is good in American drama as an avocation. He has some timely thoughts on tendencies in our stage of today as well as an explanation of just what the Drama League does in its dramatic criticism.

"We are always asking the eternal question, 'What is a good play?' but no one seems to know the answer to the riddle," declared Dr. Hoyt, "because the play that appears to be good may prove an absolute failure when produced on the stage. An example of this is the famous \$10,000 prize play, 'Children of Earth,' by Mary Brewster, which was a committee of the most competent judges of the drama that could be found as the best play submitted to them out of many hundreds, but which nevertheless played for only one week in New York and then was withdrawn entirely."

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