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TOWN NOTES

William Donnelly, druggist at McCoy's drug store, is convalescent from a protracted illness.

Joseph Cavanaugh has removed his blacksmith shop to his old stand at Washington and Forrest streets.

The Aleut Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Brehm next Tuesday evening.

Thomas Smith has exceeded his previous record in ducks killed on the dam this season.

To-night is the last of the services incident to the week of prayer at the Baptist Church. There has been a good meeting each night, and the attendance has steadily grown.

Milk dealers who come to town daily report the roads in very bad condition owing to the mild weather. It is also said that the high temperature is detrimental to the growing wheat.

The funeral of Catharine M. Williams, who died on Monday, will occur this afternoon from the home of her son-in-law, Harry L. Fulmer, 336 Spring Mill avenue. Interment at Norris City Cemetery. Deceased was 70 years of age and the widow of John M. Williams.

In preparing coal for use in a boiler it has been proved by experiment that the quantity of extremely fine dust through a 100-mesh screen is almost three times as much in unwashed as with the washed coal. This fact is of much importance, as the presence of fine dust has a great influence on the burning of the fuel.

Mr. J. V. Stewart, Past President of Corps 123, installed the following officers on Saturday night last in the post room, to serve for the ensuing year: President, Esther Smith; Senior Vice President, Helen McClain; Junior Vice President, Susanna Rancier; Secretary, Emma Stewart; Treasurer, Lizzie Johnson; Chaplain, Rebecca Pittman; Conductor, Stella M. McCord; Assistant Conductor, Emma Hardstaff; Guard, Julia A. Himes; Color Bearer, Martha Lowery; Nora Richter, Jeannette Cassell, Louisa Heinenfinger. After installation a collation was served in the dining room of the hall.

It may not be fashionable to go about in rainy weather, but it is, nevertheless, often necessary, and in every outfit there should be one costume that is suitable for inclement weather. An old cloth suit is generally relegated to this sort of wear; but frequently the only suit that is old enough for the purpose is too elaborate to be appropriate. The simpler the rainy day suit the better, and there must be no plaits or trimmings to be ruined by the dampness. The skirt should be some inches shorter than the regular walking skirt and should be sufficiently full to be becoming, but, as just stated, must have no plaits which would require the skirt to be pressed after each outing. A plain tailor-made jacket of three-quarter length is the smarter, and the sleeves must be long.

To feed and fatten fowls by machinery is the purpose of an invention lately introduced into this country by an enterprising Englishman. The Technical World has an article by Franklin Horton descriptive of it. "Fattening poultry by machinery," he says, "is a new industry in the United States, but already several hundred persons are engaged in it and more than \$900,000 has been invested in fattening plants. The system is called 'cramming.' It was originated in France, where the growers of poultry still make a practice of taking small funnels with rubber mouths, filling them with semi-liquid food, and forcing the wet meal down the fowl's throat after inserting the tube in its beak. The fat capons and other poultry of France won an enviable place, and the process was transplanted to England." Now that it practiced in America, plain old farm fed chickens, even incubator-hatched, special-housed varieties, will have to step backward and down before the chicken that eats by machinery. What will the mind and appetite of man next suggest?

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G. Washington Hummel, of First avenue, is ill with hicoughs.

The Conshohocken Saving Fund will issue a new series of stock on Tuesday evening, March 5th.

Mrs. McSloy has rented from Ignace Kline, the store and dwelling on Fayette street, near Hector, formerly occupied by John Long as an oyster house. She expects to remove there in a few days. Louis O'Brien intends to apply to the courts for a wholesale liquor license for the store now occupied by Mrs. McSloy.

John West Jones, a son of William H. W. Jones of this borough, and a former resident here, and Miss Blanche Carley, of Philadelphia, were married in the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral in Cincinnati, O., on Monday, December 31st, by the Dean of the Cathedral, Rev. Mr. Matthews of half-past four o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Jones is in business in Cincinnati and is prospering. He has the well wishes of a host of friends in this borough.

Robert Morrison, a Pennsylvania passenger brakeman of Norristown, was thrown in alighting from the express shortly after nine o'clock yesterday morning at the local station. With three fellow railroaders Mr. Morrison jumped from the train which, since the anti-speed edict of Council slackens its pace through the borough. Morrison's pace through the borough, his feet all right, but his legs got entangled with his long overcoat and he was pitched forward, and besides bruises and lacerations, had his gloves and clothing torn.

The meeting of Town Council on Wednesday evening was mainly devoted to thrashing out the railroad speed ordinance, and what should or should not be done with the railroads.

A long meeting of the Council was held in executive session. On resuming the regular meeting of Council, the Railroad Committee was directed to meet the superintendents of the two railroads and try and arrange a compromise, so that the trains could run at a reasonable speed through the town and that watchmen should be given at night and all trains stop at the Conshohocken stations.

The Police Committee was directed to investigate the workings of the ordinary licensing shows in this borough, and if the committee thought it necessary to offer a new ordinance governing such licensing.

Mrs. Mary Bowman, wife of Peter Bowman, of North Elm street, who disappeared from her home several days ago, is now acting as housekeeper for Edward McGovern, a former boarder at the Bowman home, and now a resident of Birdsboro. This information has been conveyed to the husband, who befriended and extended hospitality to the other man in the case.

When McGovern was discharged from the Norristown Hospital, several months ago, being under treatment for his sensational suicidal attempt, he secured employment at the Fort Washington Iron Works where Mr. Bowman holds a responsible position.

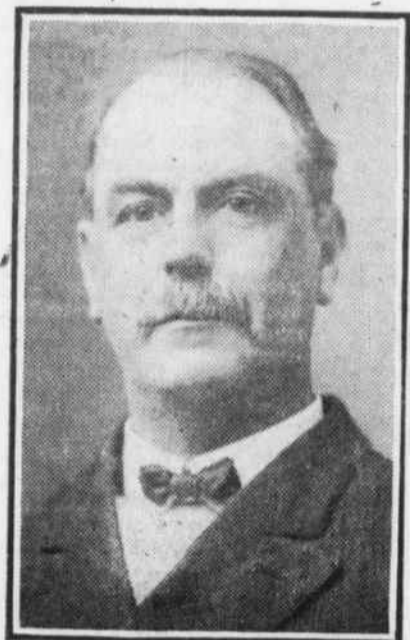
Owing to McGovern's previous conduct at his own home, he being the father of seven children, he claimed that he was not welcomed, and Bowman, out of charity to the man whom he viewed as a victim of circumstance, took him to his own home on North Elm street, presided over by a general wife in the person of Mary, a member of the Smallwood family.

On more than one occasion, McGovern, after a time, found himself indisposed and took a "day off" from his work, but Mr. Bowman did not suspect that his wife's friendliness for his guest was other than her cordiality.

Not until he came home several days ago, and found his wife and the man he harbored absent, together with their effects, and a note from her, did Bowman realize the seriousness of the affair.

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IS BLOOMHALL BURGESS?



BURGESS F. J. BLOOMHALL

COUNCILMAN MILES STEMPLE ASKS THE QUESTION AT THE MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL AND SOLICITOR CLARK WILL ANSWER IT.

At the meeting of Town Council on Wednesday evening Councilman Stemple sprang a sensation when he questioned the act of Frederick J. Bloomhall to act as Burgess.

During a discussion of the necessity of amending the license regulating the licensing of shows in the borough, one of the members said that Burgess Bloomhall had inspected the hall used by the picture show at Fayette and Elm street.

Mr. Stemple jumped to his feet and asked the chairman "Is Mr. Bloomhall Burgess? The law prohibits one man holding two offices in a borough which pays a salary. Mr. Bloomhall draws a salary as Burgess and also as assessor. A number of people have complained to me that he is not legally the Burgess as he is in office as assessor before he was elected Burgess. I would like the question answered."

There was very little discussion regarding the question. Mr. Little moved that the Borough Solicitor answer it and give council a written opinion at the next meeting.

A representative of the Recorder spoke to Burgess Bloomhall about the

action of Town Council. He said: "I am not assessor. That office came vacant about on September 1st. The office of assessor is not a borough office; it is a county office and therefore does not come within the terms of the law.

Anyway, when I was elected Burgess I offered to resign to the County Commissioners, but they would not let me. I was told that the office would become vacant in a few months and it was not worth while to resign. Also I was familiar with the work of assessing properties, and as the triennial assessment was coming on and as there were already two new men on the board of assessors in Conshohocken, who were not familiar with the work, the County Commissioners wanted me to stay on the Board so as to hold the board with my knowledge gained during the nine years I have been assessor.

President Ross, of Town Council, when spoken to about the results should the Borough Solicitor declare that Mr. Bloomhall was not legally Burgess, said that he did not think the borough bonds recently issued would be declared illegal. Nor would any of the ordinances which were signed by Mr. Bloomhall be affected. He thought if a test case were made that the Courts would uphold the legality of the bonds and also of the ordinances.

Early Beds.

The beds of the ancients were piles of skins. The first beds resembling those used in modern times were made of rushes and later of straw. The use of feathers in making beds has been attributed to the Romans, and Elagabalus (Heliogabalus) is said to have used an air cushion for a pillow in 218. Air beds were frequently used during the sixteenth century. Feather beds were largely used during the reign of Henry VIII. of England.

Pleasant.

"Oh, George, I'm so glad you've come!" exclaimed the girl. "Father is so excited and disturbed. Do go in and calm him."

"Very well," replied George, "what's the matter with him?"

"Why—er—I just told him you wanted to marry me."

To willful men the injuries that they themselves procure must be their schooling.—Shakespeare.

Saving comes too late when you get to the bottom.—Seneca.

We live by reposing trust in each other.—Pliny.

A niggardly rich man does not own his estate; his estate owns him.—Bion.

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Just the One For Him.

Howell—I proposed to a girl last night and was rejected. Powell—You ought to try her again. A girl as sensible as that would make you a good wife.—New York Press.

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"LOVE OF A BONNET"

The following will be the program for the play to be given this evening in the Parish House of Calvary Church by the Girls' Friendly Society:

Mrs. Clipper, a widow.
Miss Mildred Earl Kunt, her daughter.
Miss Mary Law Aunt Jemima Hopkins, a little inquisitive.
Miss Florence Cox Mrs. Hortensia Fastone, very fashionable.
Miss Bessie Jones Dora, her daughter.
Miss Edith Haley Katy Doolan, an Irish girl.

Scene—A room in Mrs. Clipper's house.

"Not a man in the House."
Mrs. Marian Bings, who has had a cruel husband, and after his death declares that no man shall enter her home.
Miss Carrie Baldwin Miss Lucy Ridd, her timid maiden sister.
Miss Fannie Campbell Aunt Belinda, an old-fashioned, elderly lady, who sympathizes with the young.
Miss Linda Benz a servant, who has a gentleman cousin whom she greatly admires.

Scene—Mrs. Bings' sitting room.

J. W. SHEPP

J. W. Shepp, of the Gobe Bible Publishing House, 723 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, died suddenly Wednesday at the Mountain Sunset House, Wernersville, where he had lived several months for his health. Mr. Shepp and his younger brother, Colonel D. S. Shepp, started life peddling Bibles through Berks County, of which they were natives. They obtained fortunes and subsequently built many trolley lines in the Schuylkill Valley, of which the local trolley line was one. Colonel Shepp was a member of Governor Pennypacker's staff.

THE PENN CLUB BANQUET

The seventeenth annual banquet of the Penn Club was held last evening in the Club rooms. The following was the menu:

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Oyster Cocktails
Celery
Chicken atties
Roast Turkey
French Peas
Ice Cream
Coffee
Topaz Sherry
Olives
Sauterne
Cranberry Sauce
French Potato Rolls
Asparagus
Champagne
Fancy Cakes
Cigars

The following toasts were responded to. Mr. John Tracy, toastmaster: "Our Country," Judge J. B. Holland "The Ladies," Mr. Joseph C. Jones "The Burgess and Council," F. J. Bloomhall "Our Club," Mr. Frederic Clark "What is a man?"

Mr. Grant McGlathery, President of the club are: George Tracey, Vice President, F. J. Bloomhall, Secretary, A. A. Lindsay, Treasurer, T. F. McCoy.

SPRING MILL

Mr. William Montooth is confined to his home with illness.
Mr. Clement Chad is confined to his home by an attack of the grip.
Mr. P. Harkins became the owner of a unique quilt made in 1841 by L. Metz.

Mr. Jenkins Murphy has left for an extended stay with his brother in Trenton.

Mr. Anthony Sharff, Sr., has again resumed work in his pottery after a long illness.

Mrs. Thomas Ramsey, Jr., and children visited her brother-in-law, in Roxborough, yesterday.

The Phosphate works are very busy at present getting their spring stock in shape for the market.

P. Harkins and William Reilly will leave on an extended trip to the Cowlands of Virginia on a hunting expedition.

The meeting of the first Baptist Church held Wednesday night was well attended. Officers of the church and Sunday-school were elected. The names will appear in a later issue.

To the Recorder:

The statement that appeared in Tuesday's issue of the Recorder, concerning a race between D. K. Lentz and P. Z. Regan, is incorrect and without foundation.

D. K. LENTZ.

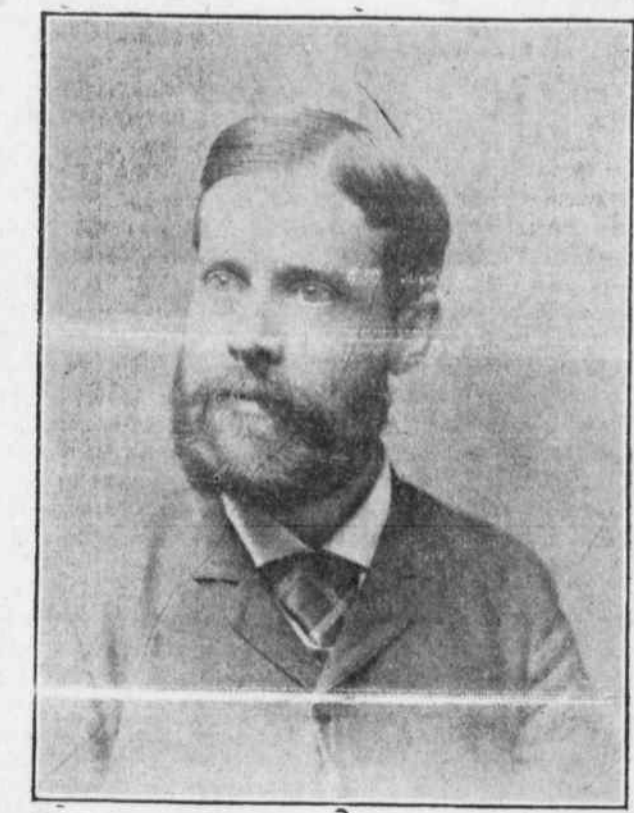
HURLED THROUGH SPACE

Joseph Samarilla, an Italian, employed with a construction company that is erecting a building at the Ivy Rock steel plant, met with injuries at that place Tuesday that will likely cause his death.

The man was near an electric crane that was lifting a heavy piece of iron. In an unguarded moment his right hand was caught and he was hurled through space some distance. When he fell to earth he struck several iron girders with a dull thud. The man's unconscious form was hurried to the hospital at Norristown where every effort is being made to save his life.

It was found that Joseph's hand was so badly mangled that the amputation of several fingers was necessary. In addition his collar bone was fractured, an arm was dislocated and the man was badly bruised and injured about the body. It is feared that he is suffering from internal injuries. His condition at the hospital is precarious.

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A. A. LINDSAY
Who has been secretary of the Penn Club since its organization.

THE FREE LIBRARY

The committee, appointed at the public meeting held in the interest of a free public library, are completing arrangements for a second public meeting at a nearly date. It is expected that two representatives of the State Library Commission will be present. It has seemed worth while to the committee to wait for the assistance of these two representatives, both of whom are experts in library organization and management. Due notice of the meeting will be given and it is hoped that the many people who have already expressed an interest in the organization will attend.

NEWBOLD GIVES MORE TO ABINGTON LIBRARY

The Abington Library Association, organized in 1893, more than 103 years ago, with more than 10,000 volumes on the shelves, and officered and directed by the most prominent men and women in the Old York Road section, held the annual meeting at Jenkintown and Clement B. Newbold, the Philadelphia banker, president of the association, who had made an offer of a gift of \$10,000 to the association, following compliance with certain requirements, announced a change of the plan so as to permit of the association becoming the recipient at a much earlier date, and raised the amount of the gift from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

The officers elected for 1907 are: President, Clement B. Newbold; secretary, Charles Mather; treasurer, Theodore B. Culver; Board of Directors: Rev. Roberts Coles, Mrs. Daniel S. Merritt, Mrs. Emma W. Gaskill, Mrs. Marry E. DePuy, John W. Ridpath, Walter E. Hering, Theodore B. Culver, Mrs. Gideon Stoddard, Miss Mary W. Lippincott, Mrs. Anna H. Griscom, Miss Helen E. Williams; librarian, Miss Florence M. Ridpath; Book Committee, Miss Helen E. Williams, Mrs. Harry E. DePuy, Mrs. Daniel S. Merritt, Mrs. John S. Newbold, Jr., Mrs. Beauvean Borie, Jr., Dr. Sumner H. Cross, John W. Ridpath, Rev. Roberts Coles, Miss McMullen, Mrs. Gideon Stoddard, Mrs. Emma W. Gaskill; Library and Reading Room Committee, Miss Mary W. Lippincott, Miss Helen E. Williams, Miss Susan Ridgeway; Finance Committee, Walter E. Hering, William W. Frazier, Clement B. Newbold, Rev. Roberts Coles, Theodore B. Culver, John W. Pepper and Mrs. Anna H. Griscom.

Isaac Mather, who celebrated his 100 birthday last October, is the oldest member of the Abington Library Association.

THE ARISTOCRACY OF BOOKS

"A good book is the precious life of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life." The number of the good books constitutes a wonderful storehouse of treasure; it is the real aristocracy of the world. In the living society of any particular day there is elbowing and jostling, cringing and meanness, and in the collection of people there are the unworthy and unfit. But "this eternal court" of good books is always open, and in that society may be found "the mighty of every place and time."

"A book's a book, although there's nothing in't." Such seems to be the value put upon print in an undiscriminating era. More men, women and children read books to-day than ever before in the world's history; and many of them read a prodigious deal of printed matter, but it is chiefly sad stuff. The educated, well-read man of twenty years ago seems to be disappearing, and the few survivors find a strange desolation in the haunts of men. A score of years ago educated men read Carlyle, Macaulay; they knew their Boswell and Burke; they followed Matthew Arnold with keen interest; they rejoiced in the possession of the works of that doughty champion of free government—Daniel Webster; they read Ruskin and Mill, and recognized in Cardinal Newman the exquisite model of academic purity, the modern master of prose the exemplar of the scholar and gentleman.

Speak to an ordinary group of educated men now of these authors, and it appears that they are but names. Shakespeare and Milton "have gone out of style," and a reference to them is not readily apprehended; Dryden and Pope are myths; Goldsmith and Addison are only thin ghosts; the philosophers are unknown; history is voted dull; the great novelists have been thrust aside, and the conversation is directed toward the possibilities of certain mining stocks or to the chances of certain railroad securities.

Ruskin has a word to say of the duty and of the reader: "This court of the past differs from a living aristocracy in this—it is open to labor and to merit, but to nothing else. No wealth will bribe, no name overawe, no artifice deceive, no guardian of those Elysian gates, in the deep sense no vile or vulgar

person ever enters there. At the portieres of that silent Faubourg St. Germain there is but brief question; 'Do you deserve to enter? Pass. Do you ask to be the companion of nobles? Make yourself noble and you shall be. Do you long for the conversation of the wise? Learn to understand it, and you shall hear it. But on no other terms? No, if you will not rise to us, we cannot stoop to you.'

Men are just as intelligent now as they ever were, but the modern generation is suffering acutely from a "disipated attention." The results were recently strikingly illustrated in the persons of two brothers. The one, upon leaving college, embarked upon business in Philadelphia. He played a little tennis, dabbled in amateur photography, read the usual new novels, turned over his share of the magazines, went to the theatre as often as the average young man, dipped into the usual social diversions, and thus his leisure was pretty well taken up. The other brother went West to look after some timber interests. He was in a remote spot, and was "deprived of all the advantages of a civilized life." He had a number of good books with him, and these he read and re-read and mastered. When he returned to the East and civilization, lo! he was the civilized man with a well-stored mind, practiced in independent thinking. It was evident that he had parleyed with wisdom; that he had a grasp of general principles, and that altogether the results of his ten years' diversions had been the maturing of his mind and judgment. The other brother, of equal natural ability, was not a cultivated man; he had frittered his time away and knew nothing at all.

One of the curious incidents of the current news—the immediate contemporary history—was the ripple of excitement, international and domestic, occasioned within the past ten days by the report that a Japanese anarchist newspaper in San Francisco was advocating the summary suppression of all governments and rulers, including Japan's own Mikado. The Government is said to have investigated the matter; there was an echo of the news in Japan and in Europe, and the world was agog. Upon inquiry it appeared that the propagator of the dire opinion was a wretched little Japanese bellboy or sub-seuilion of some sort.

The incident is of value in so far as it illustrates a general symptom and tendency of the day—the readiness with which the world concerns itself with myriads of trivialities and magnifies them by heeding them. If the fly in Esop's fable—the fly that sat on the axle of the chariot and exclaimed, "What a dust I do raise!"—were to make the boast now, the egotism would not be wholly unfounded. The particular buzzing, however, which is the most annoying to serious-minded people who estimate cause and effect is that made by the avalanche of the trivial, stale, flat, unprofitable reading that engages the attention of so many millions of real human beings who not only count in the census, but—so great are their numbers—must count very heavily in determining the moral character and mental vigor of the next generation.

What an incredibly great stir the foolish, insipid, mischievous, common books cause in the world to-day, and how pathetic and lamentable must be the effects on a people and a nation of "the misuse of books, the debilitating waste of brain in aimless, promiscuous, vapid reading, or even, it may be, in the poisonous inhalation of mere literary garbage and bad men's worst thoughts."

LOCAL ITEMS

Thieves ransacked Herman Metzler's home, at Royersford, and stole money and clothing.

Improvements costing \$5000 will be made to the Burdan creamery, in Pottstown, where in the busy summer months from 6000 to 8000 quarts of ice cream and 5000 "dew-drops" and 4500 pound of butter are made daily.

The net profits of the Warwick Iron and Steel Company, of Pottstown, for last year will be \$275,000, and the president, E. S. Cook, intimates that with the extensive improvements contemplated, and under a continuance of present business prosperity, a larger dividend for the stockholders is in sight.

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CARP FISHING NOW A BIG LOCAL INDUSTRY

According to George D. Shannon, State Fish Warden in Philadelphia, the sales of carp in that city during the year 1906 aggregated only \$8000 less than the sales of shad, herring and fresh-water fish caught in the Delaware river and sold in the Philadelphia markets. There were 8,136,375 pounds of carp, realizing \$203,371, sold in Philadelphia during the year, which was greatly in excess of all previous years.

An average of 40,000 pounds of carp are consumed weekly in Philadelphia, one-third of the fish being alive when sold, and the other two-thirds being brought into the market dead. For the last two weeks in November live carp sold wholesale at from 13 to 14 cents, and dead stock was quoted at from 9 to 10 cents a pound. The retail price for live fish was from 16 to 18 cents a pound. Dead fish from 10 to 14 cents a pound. Thus, a live carp of three pounds and over sold during the last week in November at a higher price than shad usually sell during the open season.

The bulk of the live carp are taken from the Delaware river and contiguous waters, and are caught by means of hauling seines, fyke nets, dip nets and stake or parallel nets. The carp market of Philadelphia appears to be controlled, Shannon says, by a company which has ponds in which carp bought at low figures are held for a rising market. As many as 90,000 pounds of carp have been in these ponds at one time.

In his report of the shad and herring industry Warden Shannon confines himself entirely to the business as conducted in Philadelphia, which amounted to \$211,400, and to the catch of the Pennsylvania nets, which amounted to \$34,613. Thirty thousand one hundred and fifteen shad were caught by Pennsylvania nets, and fish were sold at an average of 45 cents each. There is invested in boats and nets by Pennsylvania fishermen \$12,865, and the total number of men employed was 179.

Shannon concludes his report by declaring that the carp dealers in Philadelphia are clamorous for a law to protect the carp. The dealers demand a closed season and a minimum size of fish which may legally be caught. They say that owing to the fact that there is no protection the fish are rapidly decreasing in number.

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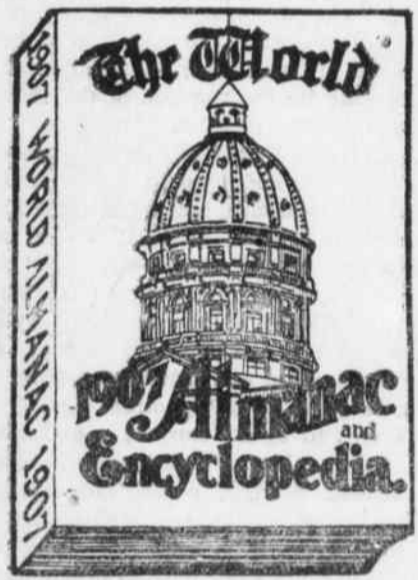
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NORRISTOWN

Application was made in court at Norristown Monday for a charter for the Lansdale Athletic Association, an organization composed of the most prominent business and professional men of that borough, the incorporators being William D. Heebner, W. H. Godschall, A. R. Pince, H. L. Longaker, J. F. Rosenberger and others.

The organization is a stock concern, and the demand for shares already insures its success for the financial point of view. The object is the promotion of all kinds of sports—baseball, football and basketball in particular.

Jacob K. Leidy, of Upper Providence township, was elected steward of the Montgomery County Almshouse at a meeting of the Poor Directors Monday afternoon. The vacancy was caused by the death of J. Frank Voorhees. There were twenty applicants for the position.

Dr. M. Y. Weber, of Evansburg, was elected resident physician.

Hotel Finley, Norristown, has been sold by William A. Finley to John L. Burket. The price was not made public, but it is understood that it will exceed \$35,000. Mr. Burket will take possession on February 1st. Mr. Finley has conducted the hotel for the past fifteen years and during that time has made many improvements. During the past ten years Mr. Burket has conducted the Veranda House and also the Hotel Hartranft.

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COUNTY TAX INCREASED

At a meeting of the County Commissioners held at their office in the court house Wednesday morning the county tax rate was advanced to three mills. The increase of one mill was due to the following reasons: The gradual increase of the expenses of holding the courts of the county; the expense of the construction of State roads throughout the county, which this year means an expenditure of \$250,000; the cost of repairs to turnpike roads that have been freed, about 60 miles in this county; the sinking fund, interest and State tax amount to \$46,277; the gradual increase in labor, material and all items that must be paid by the county, and the increased amount paid to assessors of townships of the first class as provided under the act of 1905. This increase in 1906 amounted to \$5400.

The assessments for purposes of taxation amount this year to \$102,585,517.

The old court janitors, transcribers, watchmen for county bridges were all re-appointed.

SECURED POSITIONS

George W. Smith, Christmas, Carbon County, bookkeeper, with Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co., Philadelphia.

Joseph Mininger, Hatfield, stenographer and typewriter, with Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co., Phila.

Mae X. Nugent, Conshohocken, stenographer and typewriter, with Barrett Linderman & Co., Philadelphia.

William P. Reed, Kulpville, stenographer, typewriter and assistant bookkeeper, with Morse, Williams & Co., Philadelphia.

Joseph E. Reagan, Roxborough, Philadelphia, bookkeeper, with Otis Elevator Co., Philadelphia.

William L. Rothermel, Maxatawney, Berks County, bookkeeper, with New-Ann, Knight Hardware Co., Philadelphia.

John H. Fahning, Palmyra, Lebanon County, bookkeeper, with Berwin-White Coal Co., Johnstown, Pa.

The above positions were secured through the Employment Department of the Schiesser College of Business, located at Broad and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia.

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I. J.'s RULES

One of the numerous friends of Rural Carrier I. J. Moyer has formulated the following rules, which he is thinking of having distributed along the route of No. 1:

"1. Do not stamp letters, especially in winter, as the carrier has taken off his mittens and will spend some time anyway in looking for pennies.

"2. Avoid placing the correct change in the box, as the carrier always carries a national bank in his vest pocket.

"3. If you desire a two-cent stamp a postal card, or three stamped envelopes, do not write your needs on a slip of paper and thus annoy the carrier. Just drop a half dollar in the box the carrier is a mind reader and will know what you want.

"4. We must earnestly advise buying postals one at a time, requesting the carrier to wait while you write—it is so pleasant when the thermometer is about zero. It is also restful to the horse.

"5. Please attach your mail box to a tree or the fence, as these serve to guide the carrier in storms and deep snow.

"6. Report the carrier every time you are not otherwise occupied. It will make him alert and happy.

"7. In telephoning to a carrier to bring out a couple of plow points and a twenty-five-pound sack of flour, just drop a couple of apples in the box—not a dime, mind—as apples help to make a horse's hair look slick and shiny. Never, under any circumstances, place a spare rib in the box, as the only record of a rural carrier eating meat was made five years ago, when a farmer who had slaughtered twenty fine pigs gave a carrier a liver for his Thanksgiving dinner."

RURAL DELIVERY MAIL BOXES

The Talisman says: The post office which was once the head centre of all urban business is rapidly becoming a has been so far as influence on business is concerned. Free delivery in the cities both great and small has done away with the necessity of going to the post office for the mail. And the rural free delivery has done away entirely with many small post offices. But this, instead of hurting the country village, has a decided tendency the other way. The telephone the trolley line, automobiles, good roads together with a daily mail has brought the country and town into such close relations that the town is bound to be the gainer both socially and in a business way.

The rural delivery system is spreading as rapidly as the department can find means and men to take care of increased responsibilities. Everything is keeping pace with the improvement of country life except the good roads movement. For some unexplainable reason we find whole communities opposing any movement for road betterment—because they are afraid of extra taxation. They do not seem to understand that for every dollar paid out in taxes for legitimate road improvement ten will come back in increased values of farms and reduced cost of marketing farm produce.

But all this is another story—the story of goods roads and their influence on the farmer and the country merchant. The rural free delivery is the text. The rural mail carrier is the missionary. To those who used to sit in darkness for a week, and sometimes in the busy season, too, he now brings the gospel of the doings of the world at least once a day. Notwithstanding the fact that his coming is looked forward to with as much interest as was the coming of a Mississippi River steamer in ante bellum days the people have done little to receive him and his messages. The rural mail box is not a thing of beauty.

The government has been most generous in the matter of mail carrying and delivery. In return for the vast sums expended in the rural mail delivery and as an appreciation of the benefit received the patrons of the service are asked to do only two things; first to secure and erect for themselves suitable weather proof boxes for the receiving of mail at the nearest point on the route; and second to maintain roads over which rural routes are laid out in condition to be traveled with facility and safety in all seasons of the year.

In the rural delivery service the delivery to and collection of mail from the patrons along the route is the principal object. Besides this the rural delivery service affords the patrons all the facilities of the post office, stamps, stamped envelopes, stamped paper and postal cards, the registry of mail and issuance of money orders.

When rural service was first introduced as an experiment and up to August 1, 1901, there was no requirement as to the kind of boxes to be used for the reception of mail on rural routes, but patrons could and did erect any kind of receptacle for the purpose that

suit their fancies—and those included every conceivable kind—cigar and cracker boxes, oil and powder cans, old bootlegs, tiling and shingles nailed together, affording no protection from the weather and a unsightly as they were inappropriate. As a result of this condition the department was constantly receiving complaints of losses of or damage to mail, necessitating investigations involving both time and expense. There were also complaints from the owners of property in front of whose premises such receptacles had been erected by others, that they were a disgrace to the community and to the service, accompanied by demands for their removal.

These complaints become so numerous that the Postmaster General, with a view of obtaining the adoption of a standard that would enable patrons to provide themselves with boxes that were weather proof and fit receptacles for mail, and at the same time would be in keeping with the ideals contemplated for the service appointed a committee, composed of postal officials, to examine and report upon boxes submitted to it. The committee selected fourteen boxes from the number submitted, and these were approved by department order of March 26, 1901, and it was required that in all rural delivery service established on and after August 1, 1901, only these boxes should be erected and used.

It having developed that the order of March 28, 1901, gave the manufacturers of the fourteen approved boxes an advantage in the business of supplying boxes, another order was issued by the Postmaster General, dated July 9, 1902, patrons must provide themselves with and erect boxes conforming to the specification therein set forth and approved by the Postmaster General, as provided in the order. By the terms of this order any person or firm could obtain the approval and manufacture boxes, provided they conformed to the specifications and requirements.

Since the promulgation of this order 199 individuals and firms have qualified as the manufacturers of 299 different styles of approved boxes, varying in price from 50 cents to \$4 each, the average price being about \$1.

Since its promulgation on July 9, 1902, the department has been steadily enforcing the order and eliminating all non-approved rural mail boxes, whether erected before or after October 1, 1902, the date the order became effective, and out of the thousands of boxes condemned complaints have been received from not more than one-tenth of 1 per cent. of the patrons affected.

The department has left the placing of the boxes entirely to the caprice of life patrons. In this matter a little advice would be in order. Every mail box can be placed on a neat post and made an adornment instead of an eyesore by the roadside.

TAKES A DOSE OF POISON

"Well, boys, my friend, Jack Oberholtzer, went on a long voyage, and I intend to follow," said James C. Fort, 23 years old, to a number of acquaintances while standing in the barroom at the Hotel Windsor, Norristown.

Fort then drank a quantity of laudanum, and a few minutes later was taken ill. He was hurried to the hospital, and his life was saved by the use of a stomach pump. Fort was a neighbor of Oberholtzer. The latter committed suicide last week by shooting himself in the head.

SLAYER FLEES TO ITALY

It developed at the Coroner's investigation of the murder of Melvin Mick Wednesday at Norristown that the alleged murderer, James Forto, had been arrested the day after Mick's stabbing, but was allowed to go on his own recognizance by Burgess Roberts. He immediately fled to Italy.

Warren Supplee, labor boss at the Haines, Jones & Cadbury plumbing supply works, declared that Forto had a quarrel with Mick and stabbed him.

TRUE HEART DISEASE IS A RARE THING

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NORRISTOWN LETTER

A BUDGET OF INTERESTING GOS-SIP PENNED BY OUR CORRESPONDENT AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

Norristown, Jan. 8, 1907.

An important measure regulating the members of council in the boroughs of Pennsylvania and the length of the term for which they shall serve has been prepared and will be introduced in the legislature. For some time great complaint has been made in the larger boroughs of the Commonwealth about the number of councilmen. In Norristown the number is thirty, three for each of the ten wards. Some of the larger boroughs of the state have even a larger number of councilmen. It has been found by experience, that since the election of councilmen by wards was authorized and the number increased the towns do not get as good a class of men to serve in this capacity as they did when the body was smaller and its members elected on a general ticket.

The purpose of the new legislation is to fix a uniform number of members of borough councils, a uniform length of term and a uniform system of selection at large. The following is the full text of the proposed law:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives that hereafter the council of each and every borough now incorporated or that shall hereafter be incorporated, shall consist of seven members who shall be voted for and elected by the voters thereof at large and shall serve for a term of three years.

Section 2. That the first election for borough officers held after the passage of this act, in all boroughs in which the number of members of council is less than seven a sufficient number of members of council to serve for three years shall be elected to bring the total number up to seven and annually thereafter as many members of council, either two or three, shall be elected for a term of three years as shall be necessary to maintain the total number at seven.

Section 3. That in all boroughs in which the number of members of council is more than seven at the first election for borough officers held after the passage of this act, there shall be elected two members of council to serve for one year, two members to serve for two years and three members to serve for three years, and annually thereafter there shall be elected for a term of three years as members of council either two of three as may be necessary to maintain the total number at seven.

Section 4. That in all boroughs in which the number of members of council is more than seven the term of each and every member of council shall expire on the first Monday of March next, ensuing the first election for borough officers held after the passage of this act.

If this bill be passed in the early part of this session of the legislature there will only be seven members of the Conshohocken Borough Council after the first Monday of next March. These seven would be elected in February, two for a term of one year, two for two years, and three for three years.

Those who favor the new law claim that such letter men could be induced to serve in councils if they were elected on a general ticket, and that it would be impossible for men to be elected whose only object was to look after the interests of some public service corporation or a firm of contractors. The friends of this measure believe that it can be enacted into a law at an early date as the citizens of many of the large boroughs of the state have been sounded on the subject and are favorable to the proposed change.

While the reasons given for the innovation are not complimentary to the upright class of persons serving in the boroughs of this county, still all places will be benefited by the change. D. J. M.

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A. C. Warren, 2403 Columbia avenue, Philadelphia, for 14 years was afflicted with a torturing humor of the scalp. Ashamed to uncover in other's presence. Was entirely cured by Dr. Taylor's Remedy. For sale by Thomas F. McCoy and J. M. McCoy and all other first-class druggists.

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FRAUD ORDERS.

Through a painstaking Post Office Department, a careful and paternal Government has been doing what it could to save its wards from swindlers by refusing to deliver mail matter to persons believed to be frauds. There are many fraudulent devices for getting dollars from the unwary, and we are not sure that the Post office Department has injured any deserving person by its fraud orders. In one case at least the department refused to act where it would seem as if action might have been excusable. Somebody in one of the Southern States advertised "absent treatment," which consisted of thinking very hard for fifteen minutes on the problem presented by the clients; and these were so numerous that there were evidently not enough quarter hours to go around. The postal authorities, however, refused to interfere.

But it must be admitted that the practice of putting secret agents upon a man's business, announcing him to be a fraud and cutting off his supply of letters without putting him on trial, and wholly outside of the machinery of the criminal law, does seem to be foreign to our established system of justice and quite unlike the processes to which District Attorneys have to resort. Congressman Crumpacker, of Indiana, denounced the fraud order system as a "collateral and incidental exercise of the police power for the regulation of the morals of the people of the country." He complained that the policy had not been confined to "institutions and practices which were essentially fraudulent or which were bad, such as green-goods concerns, lotteries, fly-by-night institutions, and get-rich-quick establishments, but this order power has extended and ramified till it includes almost every class of business in the United States." Whereupon the House by a large majority passed a bill prohibiting the fraud order system and leaving frauds to the criminal courts.

We are not sure that Mr. Crumpacker's attack was entirely justified, but the multiplication of administrative tribunals, which are not Courts, has been proceeding at a great rate of late years. It is the subject of an illuminating study in The Political Science Quarterly for December, and it is about time that the ancient right of every man to have his day in Court, and not merely before an administrative officer, were recalled.

POLITICAL

The Democratic County Committee met in Norristown Tuesday and elected the following officers: County Chairman, Harvey Christmas, of Linfield; vice chairman, Thomas V. Smith; treasurer, Harvey Christmas; secretaries, Dr. J. J. Kane, O. L. Evans, John Golden; additional member of State Committee, Chas. D. McAvoy.

PHILADELPHIA THEATRES

The sale of seats for the presentation of "David Harum" at Blaney's Arch Street Theatre, which begins next Monday afternoon, promises to break many local records. This deduction is drawn from the number of inquiries which have been made regarding the play. It would seem as if every one who had read Westcott's book had decided to see the play taken from between its covers. Consequently the interest taken in the coming of this play is out of the ordinary. The comedy is said to be one of the greatest successes now before the public. Since its production it has been praised as the best dramatization made in years and it uncovered in a marvelously faithful way all of the principal scenes, incidents and characters of the book. One of its scenes is described as being excruciatingly funny. It shows the sanctimonious Deacon Perkins behind the balky horse he bought from Harum during a heavy downpour of rain, the horse balking in front of Harum's bank. The company to be seen in the comedy is one of much all around cleverness. Harry Brown, the famous comic opera comedian, who has long since achieved fame in legitimate comedy, will appear here as "David Harum."

If you have an item of news, social or personal, send it to The Recorder.

Angoria Tams for girls 50c. to \$1. Also college hats 75c. at Tracey's the hatter, Norristown.

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BYE-THE-WAY

It would be hard, we think, to exaggerate the importance of the Southern Railway's action in lengthening the running time of its trains. This very courageous action was prompted, it might almost be said, to have been made possible, by the death of President Spencer, since that lamentable event emphasized as perhaps nothing else would, the urgent necessity for a reform of certain railway evils of long growth—evils that no road could even admit the existence of without at the same time confessing that they were the results of mistakes in judgment of a kind that no railway management liked to acknowledge.

For years past there has been a public demand for faster and ever faster trains, and this demand has been met by all the lines. Some of them, those with the best tracks and the resources for buying the best equipment, have met it by really giving a few remarkably fast "fliers" and by a general shortening of the running time of all their passenger trains. Other roads, less rich or confronted by greater physical difficulties, have felt compelled to do the same thing, in part really, but in much greater part only on their time tables. Hence has it come about that the trains of many roads are always late, while there is none whose trains are anything like always on time, even when they do not have an excuse for delay that the weather conditions have been exceptionally bad or that some unavoidable accident has occurred.

The worst result of this has been a wholly unnecessary addition to the dangers of travel, for, as we said the other day, in almost every case of collision between trains, it will be found on ultimate analysis that one or both trains were late, and that a misunderstanding of orders given in consequence, or a failure to give the orders demanded by the lateness, was the cause, or one of the causes, of the accident. Another result has been the wasting of almost incalculable time in waiting for trains at railway stations. We do not pretend to know how much of this there has been, but all of us do some traveling by rail and many of us do much, and the total waste thus caused must be enormous, whether measured by hours or by dollars. The loss is of more than time or of money, for there is immense wear and tear of temper, which means the useless expenditure of nervous energy, a form of capital at least as valuable as any other.

What the Southern has done many other roads, especially in the West and South, should do. We would all be safer as well as happier and richer if the relation between trains and time tables all over the country were much closer than it is or for a long time has been.

A Sure Way.

First Author—Oh, the unutterable monotony of existence! I am thoroughly disgusted with it all. Would that I might completely disappear for awhile. Second Author—Then why don't you marry a famous woman?—Judge.

Her Mourning.

Maud—Why is that lady over the way always in black? Is she mourning for any one?—Bess—Yes, a husband. Maud—I didn't know she'd been married. Bess—No, but she's mourning for a husband all the same.

Of Course.

Professor in little distracted—I'm glad to see you. How's your wife?—"I regret it, professor, but I'm not married."—"Ah, yes. Then of course your wife's still single!"—Fleegside Blatter.

DEATHS.

MELLON—On January 9, 1907, Mary wife of John Mellon, Sr. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock from the residence of her son, John Mellon, Jr., 199 W. Sixth Avenue, High Mass of Requiem in St. Matthew's Church at nine o'clock. Interment in St. Matthew's New Cemetery.

WILLIAMS—Died on the 7th inst., Catherine, M., wife of the late John M. Williams, aged 70 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral on Friday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, from her son-in-law's residence, Harry L. Fulmer, 336 Spring Hill Avenue, Conshohocken, Pa. Interment at Norristown City Cemetery.

GHOST STORIES.

Some weird stories of ghosts of today in the great city of New York. Why we grow old before our time, with stories of certain kind of animals who live one hundred and twenty-five years or more, and how we can do it.

These and many other features of unusual interest in the "Magazine" of next Sunday's New York World.

BOUGHT BIG SAFES.

The Way Jay Gould Brought an Express Company to Terms.

Recall the early days in the express business, an officer of one of the largest companies told this story of Jay Gould: "Gould and Fisk then had hold of the Erie," he said, "and the United States Express company had all the express business on the road. The contract was about to expire, and Gould wanted an arrangement more profitable to the Erie.

"The Erie's doing all the work and you're making all the money," Gould said to the express people. You ought to do some of the work and give the railroad a chance at the money." "The express company officials demurred. Their profit, they insisted, was no more than they were entitled to, and they refused to shade the contract a penny. Gould insisted on a decrease, but they remained obdurate and eventually let the Erie president understand—that he very well knew—that no other company would compete against the United States for the Erie business. All the companies at that time were in an agreement to maintain rates.

"All right," said Gould at the conclusion of the interview, "you've no objection, I guess, to my going into the express business for myself. It looks better than railroading."

"The express people replied that Gould could organize all the companies he wanted to. They thought it was all bluff, but things that came to their attention soon weakened their faith in this idea. Gould was going around among his associates talking up an express company scheme, officials of other roads were told that a new company would be in the field to bid for their business, and the papers began to talk about the new Gould express company. "The express officials, however, saw none of Gould's money going into the enterprise and stood pat. Presently it was reported that he had bought twenty-four big express safes. Was this talk or was it business? The express men asked themselves. They set to work investigating, and they discovered that the report was true. Gould had actually bought and paid for the safes—safes cost money in those days, too—and he was negotiating for all the other equipment required.

"Now, thoroughly convinced of Gould's sincerity, the express company came to terms. Gould got the best contract from a railroad standpoint that had been known up to that time. The clause in the contract that the United States Express company considered most valuable to itself was one stipulating the abandonment of Gould's express plans.

"It was all a bluff on Gould's part except buying the safes. For that matter the purchase was, of course, part of the bluff, but Gould had actually bought and paid for them unconditionally. Nevertheless he lost nothing on the deal, for as soon as friendly relations were established with the express officials he persuaded them they could use the safes in their business and sold them at a little better than cost."—Washington Post.

Precedence in New York Society.

A philanthropic society of New York recently arranged a benefit performance in one of the theaters. A large number of prominent women were to act as patronesses. When the time came to have the announcement cards engraved the president of the society was in a quandary. In what order should he arrange the names? He had never given the matter of social precedence a thought. He referred his troubles to one of the women, and she said decisively:

"They must be arranged alphabetically or you will be in hot water at once."

"But some of these ladies are wives of scientific men who are world renowned and some are simply rich. Some are wives of army and navy officers."

"It makes no difference. In New York society the order of precedence is alphabetical, and there is no other rule."—New York Sun.

Generous to the Church.

Lady Dorothy Nevill in her reminiscences tells this story of George Payne, who dropped his worldly means in the quicksands of the turf, but was always unruined and pleasant in conversation: "Are you not coming to church, Mr. Payne?" was on one occasion the stern intonation of his hostess, a very great lady, who descended upon him in all the severity of her Sabbath panoply. "No, duchess, I am not," he replied, making swiftly for the door; but, pausing as by a polite afterthought previous to his exit, he exclaimed, with magnificent emphasis, "not that I see any harm in it."

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AWAY FROM HOME TO WED

A wedding of more than local interest was that Wednesday of Miss Viola A. Missetter and William F. Lamb, which took place at the home of Frederick Bauer, a piano manufacturer at Brooklyn. Both are well-known Pottstown people, and they took with them to perform the ceremony Rev. J. J. Kline, of Pottstown, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nyman, who acted as best man and matron of honor respectively.

The bride is one of the heirs to a large fortune left by her deceased aunt, Mrs. James W. Ward, whose late husband was a well-known circus performer, and who resided in Philadelphia, where he swelled his wealth by fortunate real estate and stock investments.

The bride was the divorced wife of Clarence Robbins, a Philadelphia druggist, who, after the death of Miss Missetter's rich aunt, went to Pottstown, and is now employed in a local drug store. He made repeated efforts to restore himself in the affections of his former wife and is said to have enlisted the influence of prominent church people to try and break off the attachment between her and Mr. Lamb, a piano and music dealer. Fearing harm to her little daughter, Virginia Robbins, the mother, kept from school and employed a private tutor at home. These measures prevented Robbins from seeing or talking with his child.

Arrangements for the wedding were quietly planned, and to guard against possible scenes they were carried out at the home of Mr. Bauer. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb arrived home at midnight and were driven to the bride's magnificent home, a legacy from Mrs. Ward. Mr. Lamb is prominent in church and musical circles and his wife is a member of the Missetter family that has been prominently identified with this town's growth since its earliest history.

Winter caps in all styles, 50c. to \$5, would make nice presents for man or boy. Tracey's, the hatter, Norristown.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that after January 28, 1907, FIVE PER CENT. WILL BE ADDED ON ALL uncollected taxes.

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AN ORDINANCE

Accepting as a public street that portion of Poplar street between the Schuylkill River and Washington street.

WHEREAS the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly, approved May 15, A. D. 1850, to lay out streets and roads in the borough of Conshohocken, in their report laid out a street to be called Poplar street, described in part as follows:

"The middle line thereof, beginning at a stake on the Northern side of the River Schuylkill at low water mark thereof, thence over Schuylkill Canal and lands of the Schuylkill Navigation Company and over lands of Isaac Jones, Senr., north eight degrees four minutes West eight hundred and eighty feet to the Southern line of a street laid out along the Southern side of Philadelphia, Germantown and Norristown Railroad."

AND WHEREAS on June 15th, A. D. 1901, the Alan Wood Iron and Steel Company, the Conshohocken Gas Light Company and the Schuylkill Navigation Company and others presented a petition to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Montgomery, praying for the vacation of the above-mentioned part of Poplar street.

AND WHEREAS in an agreement executed by and between the parties above mentioned, bearing date the 17th day of June, A. D. 1901, it was set forth that the Alan Wood Iron and Steel Company proposed to construct an additional plant upon that portion of the street which they desired to have vacated and that the vacation of said portion of the street had been agreed to by the Burgess and Council of Conshohocken solely because of the benefits arising to the Borough by reason of the first part agreed that in the event of the vacation of said street and the said Alan Wood Iron and Steel Company not utilizing the street in the construction and operation of an additional plant within a period of five years from the 12th day of June, A. D. 1901, then in such cases they, the parties of the first part would, at the request of the said The Burgess and Council of Conshohocken, execute a deed of Conveyance re-dedicating to public use all that portion of Poplar street vacated.

AND WHEREAS the said portion of Poplar street was vacated with the consent of the Burgess and Council of Conshohocken; and the period of five years from the 12th day of June, 1901, having elapsed and the said additional plant not having been erected on the said street, the said Alan Wood Iron and Steel Company, the Conshohocken Gas Light Company and the Schuylkill Navigation Company, in fulfillment of said agreement, by their indenture bearing date the 27th day of November, A. D. 1906, and recorded in the office for recording deeds at Norristown in deed book No. _____, page _____ have granted the said portion of Poplar street to the Burgess and Council of Conshohocken as and for a public street or highway. NOW THEREFORE.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Town Council of Conshohocken and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same that the above described portion of Poplar street, to wit, that part lying between low water mark of the Schuylkill River and the southerly side of Washington street, is hereby accepted as a public street and the Street Committee is hereby directed to assume control over the same.

Enacted at the Council Chamber this ninth day of January, A. D. 1907.

DAVID H. ROSS, President of Town Council. Attest: H. B. HEYWOOD, Borough Secretary.

Approved this 10th day of January, A. D. 1907.

F. J. BLOOMHALL, Burgess.

GOSSIP FROM THE WEST SIDE

Grip is prevalent among the residents of the borough.

Howard Longacre succeeds Thomas McGivena as assistant at Ried's tonorial emporium.

Nearly all the stores of the town have introduced trading stamps during the past week.

The streets throughout the borough are in a very bad condition caused by the recent heavy rains and warm weather.

The funeral of Sarah wife of J. Fred Beaumont, who died suddenly of paralysis, took place from her husband's residence on Spring Garden Street, on Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended. The interment was in the Gulf Cemetery.

FAVORS WOMAN POSTMASTER

A committee of Ardmore citizens went to Washington yesterday to protest against the appointment of Benjamin F. Hevener, a district committee man in Ardmore to the postmastership of that town. They will ask for the appointment of Mrs. M. L. Ensign. They regard Hevener's nomination by President Roosevelt as a move dictated by politics and are indignant because a petition that had been circulated in favor of Mrs. Ensign containing three times as many names as the petition for Hevener's nomination. As soon as the nomination was heard of protest was sent to Representative Wanger signed by fifty prominent business men. It is upon Mr. Wanger's invitation that the delegation will go to Washington.

Several citizens say that if this delegation fails to obtain the rescinding of the nomination they will withdraw their patronage from the Ardmore postoffice, transferring it to Haverford or Wynnewood and forcing the Ardmore office down to the third class.

The proposed nomination of Mrs. Ensign is the outgrowth of a movement which began when George H. Reitenbaugh was removed from the office a month ago. Mrs. Ensign was the choice of all the reformers, each one of whom was confident of obtaining the position for her.

CAUGHT WITH BOOTY

James Bundy, colored, aged 40 years, who has been employed as a driver by Dr. W. Miller, of King of Prussia, for the past few years, was arrested Tuesday evening by Reading Railway Officers Foran and O'Donnell, on the charge of having been implicated in numerous thefts that have occurred in that vicinity during the past few months.

If the allegations that have already been made are true Bundy is guilty of wholesale robbery. In the past few months the hotel at King of Prussia has been entered and considerable plunder stolen, numerous hen houses have been depleted of their contents, the Reading Railway depot was broken open and the general store was the scene of a midnight visit. Aside from these robberies there have been several others in which Bundy is also alleged to have been implicated.

Bundy's arrest was caused on the road leading from King-of-Prussia to Bridgeport. For several nights past he has been seen carrying bundles out of the Upper Merion village and when he left Tuesday night word was sent to Norristown to the detectives. They met him on the road and placed him under arrest. In the bundle that he carried were a pint of champagne and three quarts of whiskey. The prisoner stated to the officers that he had purchased these articles from another colored man. They were later identified by Fred Focht, proprietor of the hotel, as his property.

After his arrest Bundy's room was searched and several incriminating articles were found. It is alleged that almost every night he has been seen prowling about the neighborhood in King-of-Prussia and that he has been acting suspiciously. Several times he was seen with chickens and once he was seen coming from the King-of-Prussia depot shortly after that place had been entered.

Bundy denied all the charges and said that another colored man was the guilty party. He will be charged with the following robberies: Whiskey and wine from the hotel; a number of chickens from James D. Burke, 5 turkeys from Harry Brown and a clock from Harry Gerke. In addition the job at the railway depot will also likely be fastened upon him.

The defendant was arraigned before Magistrate O. F. Lenhardt, of Norristown, who committed him to jail in default of \$1000 bail for a further hearing on January 16.



ROBERT F. LAMPKIN

Mr. Lampkin is one of West Conshohocken's best known residents. He is one of the crack shots of the county and has won a number of handsome trophies which he prizes very highly.

FOX TANTALIZED RADNOR HUNTSMEN

About twenty-five members of the Radnor Club enjoyed a fine day's hunting yesterday when they picked up a fox right at the kennels, near Bryn Mawr, and chased him for over fifteen miles, almost to Paoli. There he finally took to cover, and the hounds were called off and the hunters returned to the clubhouse at Bryn Mawr.

Starting from the clubhouse at 10.30 under the leadership of M. F. H. John R. Valentine, the hunters had scarcely become settled in their saddles when the pack scented a fox. Some time was consumed in locating him, and when finally he set off at top speed, it required the finest kind of riding to keep within striking distance of him.

He was an old hand at the game, and the way he doubled on his tracks and rased all the sly tricks of his kind in his endeavors to outwit the pack, only succeeded in adding greater excitement to the run, for the Radnor pack, famed for its careful training, was not to be slighted easily. Although frequently Sir Reynard lost the hounds for a few moments, they were always able to find him again in the end, so that he decided to put his liberty at stake in a test of speed and with a sudden dash made off across country at a high rate.

The day was ideal, for with a clear, bright sun shining, and a bracing wind the hunters were in fine fettle, and the riders urged them to do their utmost. And so they ran over hill and dale for almost fifteen miles, until when Paoli had almost been reached the fox decided he had enough, and, badly winded, he crept into a kindly shelter, from which Mr. Valentine refused to allow him to be dislodged.

Among those who rode were Miss Sinnickson, Miss Riley, John B. Valentine, Alfred A. Devereux, A. J. A. Devereux, Charles Wheeler, C. R. Snowden, Horace Binney Hare, Paul Renckler Mills, Samuel Reeves, William Reeves, J. Knight, Alexander Brown, H. Yale Dolan, H. P. Hatfield, William W. Kerr, Samuel Chew, Harry D. Harrison, H. D. Butcher, Henry Bratley, George Gabortes, Arthur Spencer, David A. Sharp and H. M. Fisk.

LOWER MERION

Attended by many well-known business and professional men the funeral services of Rodman B. Ellison, who died suddenly at his Bryn Mawr home, were held Monday afternoon at Linden Shade Farm. Interment was made at the graveyard of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, of which Mr. Ellison was a member. There were no honorary pallbearers. Following the services at Linden Shade Farm a short service was held in the Church of the Redeemer by the Rev. James Houghton, rector of the church.

As the richest, most populous and aristocratic township in America Lower Merion does not lean so heavily to race suicide as some other territories of its class.

Last year its birth rate exceeded its deaths by 22. There were 290 babies born and 298 persons died in 1906.

While the official returns of the triennial assessment are not yet complete there are enough figures to show that the valuation of real estate in Lower Merion township, Montgomery County, will overrun \$15,000,000, an increase of \$3,000,000 as compared with last year. The increase largely represents improvements made along the main line.

BERRY-WHITE MARRIAGE

The marriage of Mr. Edward Berry, son of Miss Ida White, was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Berry, Gulf Mills, on Wednesday evening, Rev. E. E. Hoffman, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of West Conshohocken, officiating.

The groom is the son of Mr. George W. Berry, and is now engaged in the blacksmithing business at Ambler, where he has been for nearly a year.

The bride is a resident of Haddonfield, N. J.

The ceremony which took place at 8 o'clock, was witnessed by about twenty-five relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride and groom were unattended. The bride was gowned in white silk, and carried a bunch of carnations. At the consummation of the nuptials, Mr. and Mrs. Berry received the congratulations of all present.

George Benz, of Conshohocken, was the caterer, and the refreshments were served in his usual fine style.

The bride and groom were the recipients of many presents, useful and costly, including silverware, glassware, fancy rugs, lamps, carving set, linen, etc.

When the time came for the newly wedded couple to depart they found the cab in which they were to make the journey to Ambler had been gayly decorated for the occasion. They received a shower of rice and "shower" of many old shoes, etc., on their departure.

They went direct to their new home at Ambler, which had been furnished throughout, and ready for occupancy.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Berry, Gulf Mills; Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and family, Miss Elsie Berry, Mr. Joseph Garnett, West Conshohocken; Mrs. Edward Berry, Mr. George Fee, Mr. Elmer White, Haddonfield, N. J.; Mr. Daniel Kinzie, Mrs. Isabella Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meyers, Miss Mattie Meyers, Mr. Elias Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. George Gosse, Mr. Patrick McGuire, Gulf Mills; Mr. Elmer Dedoff, Ambler; Miss Ella Deuner, Mrs. Maggie McDermott and daughter, Marie, Norristown.

MERION CRICKET CLUB MEMBERS GIVE DANCE

In the casino of the Merion Cricket Club at Haverford Wednesday night was held the first committee dance of the new year, and also the first entertainment given at the club since the death of its president, A. J. Cassatt, during the latter part of December.

The dance was in charge of the following whip acted as the committee: Francis D. Godly, Samuel F. Gummere, Edward H. LeBoutillier, Lothrop Lee, Michael H. March, Emmett R. Tatnall, Robert L. Wood and Edward Y. Townsend, chairman.

The patronesses were as follows: Mrs. Frederick L. Bally, Mrs. James Boyd, Mrs. Edgar C. Felton, Mrs. Philip L. Godley, Mrs. Francis B. Gummere, Mrs. Henry S. Kerbaugh, Mrs. Edward LeBoutillier, Mrs. Edward C. Lee, Mrs. Herman A. Lewis, Mrs. Victor C. Mather, Mrs. Richard G. Park, Mrs. William R. Philler, Mrs. John Kulon-Miller, Mrs. Edward R. Sharwood, Mrs. W. Hinckle Smith, Mrs. James N. Stetson, Mrs. Henry Tatnall, Mrs. William T. Tiers, Jr., Mrs. Henry T. Townsend, Mrs. John W. Townsend, Mrs. Joseph B. Townsend, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. R. Francis Wood.

The fifth and last of the series will be held on the evening of January 23, at 8 o'clock.

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GULF MILLS

Mrs. James Lightfoot, of Mechanicsville, is recovering from an illness which confined her to her home for a week.

The School Board of Upper Merion township have been making repairs about the ground and exterior of the Swedeland schools.

Jennis Donovan, one of the oldest residents of this locality, and employed on the Garrett property in Lower Merion for many years, is among the sick.

As heavy teams have been making large ruts on the hill near the Bird-in-Hand Hotel, which was recently covered with crushed stone, the Commissioners of Upper Merion township adopted a plan to obviate the cause, and have placed large boulders along the side of the road.

Mrs. Zinders Nuss, of Merchantville, N. J., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Pope of Gulf Mills. The young people were surprised by receiving through Mrs. Nuss, a host of presents including silver, china and oil paintings from the residents of that vicinity where both young folks were prominent in social circles. Mrs. Pope was formerly Miss Mary Reynolds, being a resident of that place where she won a host of friends. They also have their wishes for a long and happy wedded life. Mrs. Nuss returned to her home with a determination for Mrs. Pope to visit her old friend next week, where a number of jollifications are being prepared in her honor.

KILLED AT SWEDELAND

Mike Catromoska, a foreigner, employed at the Hecksher furnace, at Swedeland, met instant death at that plant shortly before daybreak Tuesday morning, when a car, carrying a load of iron, passed over his body.

The foreigner was employed at the furnace as a ladle cleaner. In this occupation he was given a rest of fully half an hour between casts. Tuesday morning he and a companion finished the cast and they went to a small platform for the purpose of taking a nap. When Mike's companion awoke he was missing.

Mike had evidently rolled from the platform upon the racks and when the heavy car containing a quantity of iron came along it run over his body mangling it frightfully. Death was without doubt instantaneous.

Coroner King was notified and he is conducting an investigation.

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Harry Miller entertained a number of young men at his home on Saturday evening.

A pleasant surprise was given J. M. Baker at his home at Barren Hill on Friday evening.

The spring election will take place in the various township districts on Tuesday, February 19th.

Thomas Coulston, who has been under the doctor's care for a week, is now able to be about and resume his duties.

The falling and exploding of a ball lamp in the home of Fred Holman caused quite an excitement but no damages were done.

A surprise party was tendered to Charles Tomlinson, at his home on the Ridge pike, a short distance below Harmonville, on Wednesday evening. The affair proved quite a success and Mr. Charles also proved himself a splendid host. The evening was spent in playing various games suitable for the occasion. Instrumental and vocal selections were rendered by many of the guests. At a late hour they were all taken to the dining room where a sumptuous repast was served, after all had satisfied their wants, and the time of night was getting late, they all extended him many returns of the day. Among the guests that were present were the following: Misses Mae Supplee, Addie White, Irene White, Bessie Hughes, Martha Morgan, Mammie Weeks, Letitia Nell, Annie Dull, Edith Tomlinson, Hannah Tomlinson, Lizzie Tomlinson, Maud Rodenbaugh, Edna Hall; Alfred Campbell, Hugh Cunningham, William Hughes, Samuel Staley, Evan Maxwell, George Hipple, Charles Weeks, J. Kline Hiltner, Richard Ewing, Ellwood Steinhower, Harry Topley, and Orlengo Tomlinson.

SIX MILLION FOR ROADS

State Highway Commissioner Hunter wants the Legislature to appropriate \$6,000,000 for the improvement of the roads in Pennsylvania during the next two years. This sum with the \$3,000,000 available out of the fund of \$6,500,000 appropriated by the Legislature of 1903, would give the department a fund of \$4,500,000 annually the next two years.

"With \$9,000,000 for two years we could build from 900 to 1000 miles a year of scientific road in Pennsylvania said Commissioner Hunter yesterday in discussing his plans for new legislation. "Many of the counties have already been allotted their share of the present fund, and unless the Legislature makes an additional appropriation we cannot continue the work in these counties."

"Certain legislators and other advocates of the 'good roads' movement have suggested that the Legislature appropriate more than \$6,000,000 for the next two years, but I do not agree with them. It would be simply impossible for this department to expend judiciously more than \$4,500,000 or \$5,000,000 a year for road-building in this State."

Although the State Highway Department was reorganized and the force enlarged by the last Legislature, Commissioner Hunter said that the demand for State-aid roads has become so general that the present office force is inadequate, and that the present Legislature should give the commissioner authority to employ additional help.

He also suggests that the Legislature pass an act authorizing the organization of road supervisors in every county in the State. These supervisors are virtually assistants to the Highway Department, and Commissioner Hunter believes they should work in harmony with the department. His plan is that they shall meet once a year, or oftener, at the county seat of the various counties, just as the School Directors hold an annual meeting, and that the supervisors be paid for attending these meetings.

"The Legislature should also pass a bill authorizing the Highway Commissioner to plant trees along the roads built by this department," continued Mr. Hunter. "A bill should also be passed providing that townships where the work tax has been abolished shall be allowed 50 instead of 15 per cent. on the amount of their cash tax for the improvement of the dirt roads, of which there are about 100,000 miles in Pennsylvania."

The department is kept busy keeping up with the demand for automobile licenses. There have been issued this year 4962, licenses from the automobile division. The total number of licenses issued last year was 14,082. The law requires every auto operator to take out an annual license at a cost of \$3. The money is applied to the maintenance of the division and the improvement of the public highways.

ORELAND'S PROSPECTS

It is currently reported that Oreland is on the verge of industrial development and re-awakening. This news is all the more gratifying because of the fact that some years ago, when the hosiery mill of the Sassman brothers was in full and successful operation, the village was a busy and thriving one, with a constantly increasing population and plenty of indications that the industrial progress would be steady and regular. But in one single night all this was changed. The hosiery mill caught fire and was totally destroyed, and with it passed, for a time at least, Oreland's golden prospects of growth and increased wealth. Although there were rumors just after the blaze that the industry would be re-established, the fact remains that no successful attempts to this end were ever carried through, and the place gradually became a country village, with no growth, no industries to stimulate business and every inclination on the part of the property owners at large and the people to try by concentrated effort to remedy this condition. The progressive spirit of Oreland as a whole appeared to have been blighted by the consuming effects of the blaze which removed its one industry.

However, the horizon was not without one ray of hope. Mr. William P. Albrecht, one of the board of commissioners of Springfield township, who resides at Oreland, has been indefatigable in his efforts to re-establish the industrial prosperity of the place. Although compelled to work almost alone, he has, in his efforts, been most persistent and untiring, and has himself invested thousands of dollars in new buildings and other improvements and extended financial aid and counsel in all ways tending to revive the village. As a large property owner and as controlling valuable sites in close proximity to railroads, he has encouraged manufacturing interests to consider the proposition of locating at Oreland, and has even approached more than a score of well-known and reputable firms with a plan of establishing plants in or near the village. Up to the present time his efforts have been fruitless so far as actually securing factories there is concerned, but the many facilities of the place have been presented to many companies and individuals, who are awake to the needs of their business, and the opportunities to be secured at Oreland.

The estate of Mr. Albrecht's deceased father is now about being settled up, and it is resumed the completion of this legal procedure will fix the ownership of certain properties at Oreland and place such in the hands of interests as anxious for Oreland's industrial welfare as Mr. Albrecht has proved himself to be. It is now reported that if everything turns out as satisfactorily, as there is every indication of its doing, these interests will work in complete harmony for Oreland's industrial development and if in the spring there are still no industries desirous of removing to the village and availing themselves of the financial and geographical opportunities to be secured, some building of importance will probably be inaugurated by this interest on its own accord, and it is even reported that among these contemplated structures is a factory building, which on completion will be rented or leased on very favorable terms to a promising industry.

BIRDS THE FARMERS' FRIENDS

Agriculturists of Montgomery and Chester Counties in attendance at the Farmers' Institute, at King-of-Prussia, adopted resolutions favoring the reappointment by Governor-elect Stuart of A. L. Martin as Director of Farmers' Institutes, and also calling upon the Legislature to increase the good roads appropriation \$6,000,000.

Professor Cook, of the National Agricultural Department, declared that of the 300 different kinds of birds in Pennsylvania but three are the farmers' foes, English sparrow leading. He held that while the robin is looked upon as a destroyer of early fruit, his diet is but one pound of fruit to nine pounds of insects.

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RAILROAD GRAFT

The New York World is publishing a series of articles exposing what is claimed to be "graft" in the Pennsylvania Railroad. The following is one of local interest:

The American Railway Supply Company, of No. 24 Park place, New York, is one of the concerns which, it is claimed, has virtually a monopoly of furnishing certain supplies to the Pennsylvania road, notwithstanding that all contracts of the kind are supposed to be open to competitive bidding and go to the lowest bidder. This concern furnishes the caps used by the great army of uniformed employees of the Pennsylvania road; the badges, ticket punches, brass baggage checks etc.

It is declared that the exceptional advantages of this company in the matter of contracts is due to the fact that among its stockholders are officers of the Pennsylvania road. When information on this point was sought at the offices of the company The World reporter was told that instructions had been received from the Pennsylvania road's officers in Philadelphia that nothing should be divulged.

In the same offices occupied by the American Railway Supply Company is published the Official Railway Guide. The secretary of this guide company is Max Riebenack, who is also controller of the Pennsylvania road. The president of both companies is W. H. Woolverton. The vice-president of the guide company is Stephen Greene, who is the favorite printing contractor of the Pennsylvania road.

The Pennsylvania road buys several hundred copies of the guide. The subscription price is \$8 a year. Firms which deal in railway supplies and equipment of all sorts advertise in the publication extensively.

One of the advertisers is the Pennsylvania Standard Rubber Paint Company, a concern which gets much business from the Pennsylvania road. The paint which it manufactures was invented by an employee in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and it is admitted that this company uses this paint on its new steel cars. When a World reporter visited the office of the company in its factory at Jasphe and Willard streets, Philadelphia, the superintendent in charge refused all information as to the stockholders.

"I have been warned from the Broad street station not to say anything to The World," said the man; "you can't learn here who the president or officers are. It is a Delaware corporation. I will admit that we supply paint to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for its freight cars, and that there is no competition. Not another word I will say."

Among the concerns with which the Pennsylvania Railroad deals exclusively, or as nearly exclusively as it can, are the following, in all which the high officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad are said to be interested as stockholders: Westinghouse Air-Break Company, Union Switch and Signal Company, United States Metallic Packing Company, American Guard Rail Fastener Company, and a number of great corporations, like the Cambria and Pennsylvania Steel Companies, as well as the American Pipe Manufacturing Company and the company controlling the Pintsch light.

For a long while the Pennsylvania road's favorite contractors for crushed stone for ballasting the tracks were John T. Dyer and his associates, incorporated as the John T. Dyer Quarry Company in 1900. The concern handles slag from the Bridesboro furnaces and rock from the region about Philadelphia as well as Pennypack and Hornellsville.

One of the stockholders in this concern is Frank T. Gucker, son of Thomas Gucker, who from 1883 to his death, a year ago, was superintendent of the Philadelphia division of the road. Up to within a few months ago young Mr. Gucker, who was one of the incorporators of the contracting concern, was treasurer of the company. He is now a director.

John P. Levan has the distinction of having been the first man apprenticed to a trade in the Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and has the further distinction of having retired upon a pension last January, at the end of fifty-five years' service, a millionaire. Throughout his long service he had exceptional advantages. He rose from apprentice in the Altoona car shops, in 1851, to be foreman, and then general foreman of the company's car shops in Altoona.

With Andrew Kipple, foreman of the freight-car shop, he enjoyed for many years a monopoly of selling for kindling the tailings from the wood-working mill of the car shops and the wood salvaged from worn-out cars. Six wagons were kept going, and Levan and Kipple paid the railroad 50 cents a load, selling the wood at from \$1 to \$2. With the retirement of Levan and Kipple, last year, this was discontinued.

Mr. Levan, who invested in real estate and good securities years ago,

became president of the Second National Bank of Altoona, of which institution he is still the head. He is also the president of the Altoona Iron Foundry Company, which for many years has enjoyed a practical monopoly of buying the scrap from the Altoona yards of the Pennsylvania railroad.

The scrap was sent to the Altoona furnaces and made into car construction steel, which was sold back to the railroad company and went into its new cars. Thus, Mr. Levan profited by all that he touched. He sold tailings of wood from the wood-working mill, old wood from the cars, got the scrap iron for his foundry and sold the product back to the railroad company, and then in his capacity as general foreman of the car shops used his foundry company's iron and steel to make new cars.

The rise of H. S. Kerbaugh, from the moment of his connection with former Chief Engineer W. H. Brown and the Cassatts, has been phenomenal. He was a \$15-a-week-clerk for P. McManus, a contractor, not so many years ago. He attracted the attention of Chief Engineer W. H. Brown and formed a copartnership in 1901 with Frank Brown, son of the chief engineer, who became treasurer of J. S. Kerbaugh, Limited.

Almost immediately big contracts fell to Kerbaugh. If he entered into competition he won against a dozen or more competitors with ease. It was noticed that he had a sort of prescience knowing just where the engineers would modify their plans so as to allow a low bidder to reap a rich harvest.

In one case Kerbaugh won three contracts aggregating \$1,250,000 from forty-two competitors. His figures were so much under those of the other contractors that they marvelled. It was ascertained that Mr. Kerbaugh believed that Chief Engineer Shand would change the specifications which called for constructing a foundation in a quagmire so as to permit it to be constructed in dry ground upon rock bottom. Having perfect faith in his mind-reading ability, Mr. Kerbaugh bid at seemingly ruinous figures. His faith was rewarded. Mr. Shand changed the specification after the bids had been awarded.

So great was the success of Mr. Kerbaugh and so many were the contracts awarded him upon the 10, 15 and 20 per cent. above cost basis that other contractors complained that there was no competition. Then the Columbia Contracting Company was organized in 1902, with H. S. Kerbaugh, President; John Lloyd, partner of Cassatt & Co., Treasurer; Frank Brown, Vice President, and A. P. Reed, Manager.

The two concerns "competed" against one another, but had the same offices and officials. The contracts were so many and so rich that Kerbaugh rapidly became a millionaire. He entered Philadelphia society under the patronage of the late Mr. Cassatt, and purchased the renowned Red Rose Inn, in the suburbs of Philadelphia which was sold to Mr. Kerbaugh by Anthony J. Drexel for \$200,000.

Lately nearly all of the contracts which the H. S. Kerbaugh Company and the Columbia Contracting Company have had have been given without risk, the railroad furnishing the capital and Mr. Kerbaugh merely sending in the pay-rolls, getting 10, 15 or 20 per cent. above the amount paid for labor and material for his profit.

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A half dozen theatrical managers, headed by Samuel S. Nixon and representing the theatrical syndicate, have just completed the purchase of the Reis circuit of theatres, regarded as one of the most valuable circuits in the States of Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio. Half a million dollars is said to have been paid for the Pennsylvania rights alone. The towns on the circuit in this State besides Norristown include Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Reading, Carbonale, Shenandoah, Sharon and Pittston. The New York towns include Syracuse, Jamestown, Olean, Cornell, Elmira, Troy and Albany. Those in Ohio include Canton, Akron, Youngstown, East Liverpool and Delair.

The circuit is about twelve years old. It was built up by Moses Reis, now a well-known theatrical manager in New York. Through it he has practically controlled the theatrical business in the cities of secondary importance in the States named, and the acquisition of it by the Theatrical Syndicate will strengthen that body considerably. Richard Mansfield, Viola Allen, May Irwin, Ethel Barrymore and stars of equal importance have played over it, and will continue to do so without change in the methods of management. The circuit has been operated hitherto under separate charters granted the separate theatres. A charter for the circuit will be applied for in Harrisburg.

Those who acted with Mr. Nixon in taking the circuit over were Frederick G. Nixon Nirdlinger, Louis E. Wood, J. Fred Zimmerman and Klaw & Erlanger.

The transfer of the Norristown Opera House to the new management will be welcome news to local theatre-goers as they look forward to the presentation here of all the Nixon-Zimmerman and Klaw & Erlanger attractions these being among the best on the stage to-day.

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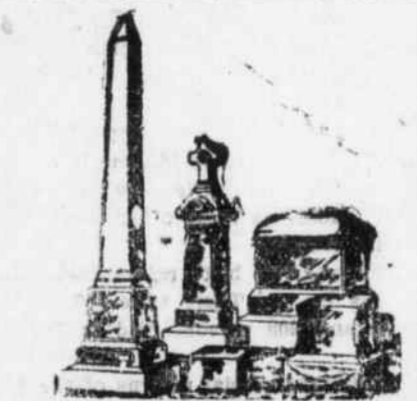
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THE YEAR'S IMMIGRATION A RECORD BREAKER

The fiscal year ended June 30, 1906, produced a record eclipsing all former immigration figures, according to the report of Commissioner Frank P. Sargent. During the period named the population of the United States increased by the admission of 1,109,735 immigrants aliens and 65,618 non-immigrant aliens entered at its ports, making the total admissions 1,166,353. The year's increase was 106, 538. During 1905 11,480 aliens were rejected and during 1906 12,432. There were admitted 746,463 males and 336,272 females. The report refers to what the Commissioner believes to have been extensive schemes to secure foreign labor, which are now being investigated. The evidence is already at hand, the report says, to show that some individual or corporation is engaged in importing numbers of Japanese laborers to work on the railroads of the Northwest.

These Japanese come to Hawaii detailed to hotels kept by labor agents, and claim that they are merely seeking labor that may be secured in the islands. They are admitted to the islands, and after remaining a few days or weeks they ship for mainland ports. The influx in this way at San Francisco has been 1,000 to 3,000 monthly. The physical and mental qualities of the immigrants for the year is said to be below that of former years. The Commissioner urges that a curb be put on agents who seek to increase immigration in order to secure passengers. Appropriations aggregating \$380,000 for improvements at Ellis Island are recommended.

Complete registration of all Chinese in the United States again is recommended. Any Chinese labor found in the United States a year after the registration act who has not a residence certificate, and found to have been unlawfully admitted, should, the report says, be deported. The report notes that the greatest immigration is from Southern Europe.

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James VanHorn, cashier of the Hatboro National Bank, died at his home on Byberry avenue, Hatboro, Tuesday afternoon, aged 69 years, at 2.20 o'clock, just twenty minutes after he had been re-elected a director of the bank at the annual meeting of the stockholders.

Mr. VanHorn had been in a weak condition physically for several months, but was in attendance at the bank until Monday a week, when he was taken home in a carriage. The immediate cause of his death was bronchial trouble.

James VanHorn was a son of Isaac VanHorn, and was born in Northampton township. He served as deputy to his father when the latter was Prothonotary, and later was Deputy Internal Revenue Collector under Wilson Cowell, Joseph Bransley and Mahlon Yardley. When that office was abolished he took a position as general superintendent of the mines and store of a mining company at Mahoning, which he relinquished upon his election as cashier of the Hatboro National Bank in September, 1876. Since that time he devoted his life to the work of the institution, which was in bad condition when he took hold of it, and brought it to a position that is recognized as being one of the strongest in eastern Pennsylvania. He was the backbone of the bank, and practically dominated its policy, his judgment being relied upon by the directors and their faith was fully justified. He was a strong man in the community, a man with a high type of character, whose word could always be depended upon. He virtually held at various times every public office in the borough, and at his death was both treasurer and superintendent of the Hatboro Warmminster Turnpike Company, director of the Union Library and the Loller Academy, and a prominent member of the Abington Presbyterian church.

He married Miss Rebecca Cowell, a daughter of the late Wilson Cowell, formerly proprietor of the Cowell House, Doylestown, who survives him with one daughter, Mrs. Ella V. H. Detwiler, of Hatboro. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Slack, widow of the late Captain A. A. Slack, of Northampton, and one brother, Thomas, who resides in the West. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence on Byberry avenue.

LESSIGS WIN BANK CONTEST

The contest at the election for board of directors of the Citizens' National Bank at Pottstown Tuesday resulted in a decisive victory for the sons of the late George B. Lessig, the wealthy ironmaster, who was president of the institution for many years and was the main factor in its development.

Peter L. Egoif succeeded him, and when the board organizes either Joshua B. Lessig, Jr., or Cashier Henry Latshaw will be chosen president. Both Mr. Egoif and R. M. Root were defeated for re-election to the board, the new members being Horace Storb, Thomas Searles and Furman Kepler. The board was increased from nine to ten.

TUNNEL TO BE ABANDONED

The Black Rock tunnel on the Reading Railway in use for nearly seventy years will be abandoned within a short time if the present plans of the engineering department are carried out. Engineers have been making surveys in the neighborhood of the tunnel and along the Schuylkill River for several months but not until recently did the purpose of their surveys become known. In the coming spring it is thought the work of extending the Reading's main line further along the Schuylkill through Scape Level and along the breast of Black Rock Dam will be begun. It is proposed to bridge the Schuylkill probably one half mile or more from the present bridge at the northern mouth of the tunnel. After crossing the river, the new route strikes boldly across country to meet the present main line above the big curve which begins immediately north of the tunnel bridge. In this way the tunnel will be avoided and the roadway will be straightened out considerably. It will be possible to make better time and the tunnel will be removed.

The Black Rock tunnel was built in 1838 and is over nineteen hundred feet long.

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WINTER REPAYS OUR DEBTS TO SPRING

N. Y. American.
 Now the robin redbreast sings. As through Central Parks he wings; The singing brooklets rill from mountain side and hill; The farmer ploughs his land, Although a trifle lame, It's warm to beat the band, And we know that Spring has come.

Crowding the season? Not a bit of it. The poet who sent in this delightful inscription verse yesterday knew what he was talking about. It fairly rustles with seasonable facts. He nailed the psychological moment before the whistles got through blowing.

Whether or not Spring is here, it is true that springlike weather has been prevailing all along the Atlantic coast since the birth of the New Year and has set Winter and all his well-regulated plans on behalf of the Coal Trust by the ears. Everything is anachronistic. Mosquitoes are hatching out in Long Island; the pretty young women at Asbury Park are enjoying surf bathing; snakes (real) are playing tricks on the dislodged passengers of the water wagon, and chickens are starving because the grain thrown to them sprouts before they can pick it from the ground. (Vide Long Island correspondent.)

There must be some explanation. There are several. Captain Chaplin, on the good ships Shimosa, arrived Wednesday from Asiatic ports. "The ocean is boiling," said the captain. That's the reason the weather is so warm. For the first time in thirty years I was unable to tell when we left the Gulf Stream. The water outside of the Gulf Stream is warmer than in the charted course of the stream. Within a hundred miles of Sandy Hook I found the temperature of the ocean to be 62 degrees, where at this time of the year it ought to be at freezing point. Any one of my crew might have gone swimming. Yes, sir, the ocean is boiling and that's the reason we found Summer instead of Winter when he arrived here.

The Weather Bureau sharp says that the Pacific Ocean is responsible for the warm weather, as it has been sending warm blankets of storm from the Southwest to head off cold waves from the frozen North. These storms have met and overcome every venturesome cold wave that was billed through from the North Pole to the United States.

Others declare that the course of the Gulf Stream is changing, and there are almost as many explanations for the warm spell as explainers.

The Weather Bureau records show that the average temperature for this month has been 47 degrees, or 17 degrees above the normal.

James J. Smith, Shelton and Myrtle avenues, Jamaica, Long Island, is responsible for the statement that a new crop of mosquitoes has been hatched on his place. He says he is a light sleeper, and was kept awake all Monday night fighting the insects. He declares he killed one with a baseball bat, and has the bat to show to any one who doubts the statement.

"Wheat thrown to chickens for feed a week ago," says the Long Island correspondent, "has sprouted and is now three inches high. The hen, that inscrutable bird that goes on a strike every winter when the price of eggs is high, has been heard cackling, and some have been fooled by the warm weather into the belief that they want to raise a brood of chickens. Buds are to be seen on many trees and shrubs."

The Asbury Park correspondent writes:

"Presently both girls appeared on the porch clad in their summer bathing suits and a march to the bathing grounds adjacent to the beach casino was taken up, the two venturesome nymphs of the surf leading the procession. Both plunged into the lazily rolling billows and for fully twenty minutes disported themselves amid the breakers with the same gayety and matter-of-fact air as would characterize the act in midsummer."

Two young women were Miss Leah Tenbroeck, daughter of the late Mayor Tenbroeck, of Asbury Park, and Mrs. Sanford, the wife of C. Foster Sanford, football coach of Yale and Columbia.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Weather warm, Sultry in neighborhood of White House.

Atlantic City, Jan. 8.—Peek-a-boo.

Manila, Jan. 8.—Weather refuses to follow the flag. Islands in the grip of the worst cold wave in history. Much suffering among the natives.

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IMPROVE THE CANALS

The increasing congestion of railroad traffic and the consequent delays in the delivery of freight, have given rise to movements throughout the country not only for improvement of the waterways, but also for legislation looking to the establishing of reciprocal demurrage charges as a matter of business equity.

In a pamphlet on the subject issued by the merchants of Richmond, T. Peyton Giles, the compiler, declares that as compared with the average rate of travel of freight cars on the railroads throughout the Southern States canal boats are much faster.

Taking Richmond as the centre, Mr. Peyton gives the average time for freight between it and forty cities within radii extending from 73 to 1243 miles. He then compares the rate of travel of freight cars in the South to-day with that of canal packets and stage coaches as follows:

Railroad freight cars, average miles covered each twenty-four hours, 61.61 or each hour 2.57.

Canal packets drawn by horses when in use never make less per day than 120 miles, or five miles per hour.

Stages drawn by horses make each twenty-four hours 144 miles, or per hour six miles.

Compared with the actual freight conditions, Mr. Peyton declares the railway companies' working timetable gives the average rate of movement of interstate freight trains in the South as 18.23 miles an hour and 437.52 miles each twenty-four hours.

As an offset to losses entailed by unreasonable delays in deliveries, reciprocal demurrage in the matter of railroad freight is sought by Philadelphia's manufacturing and commercial interests. These interests declare that it is manifestly unfair that they should be charged a fixed amount per day for cars held beyond the limit of "free time" allowed by the railroads for loading and unloading, while shippers are without redress for constantly increasing delays in delivery.

With a view to establishing a working basis for such reciprocal demurrage, the Merchants and Travelers Association is now engaged in preparing a freight time schedule between Philadelphia and the principal cities in the Eastern, Southern, Middle and Western States. To that end Secretary W. C. Summerfield is negotiating with the several railroads for preliminary schedules, each road being requested to fix the time freight should be delivered. To such schedule the Merchants and Travelers' Association suggests that the time therein given for the transit of freight between given points shall be added 50 per cent., and that for delays beyond such extended time, under legislation enacted for that purpose, shippers shall deduct from their freight bills a stated amount of demurrage.

Expressing the firm conviction that pending improvement of the country's waterways generally, which he believed to be the only solution of the railroad freight congestion problem, Frederick G. Elliott, general manager of John Lucas & Co., said yesterday that reciprocal demurrage for delays seemed inevitable. He added:

"The growth of the business of the country has been far in excess of the provisions that the railroad companies have been able to make to serve their patrons. Many remedies have been suggested, but there is not one that would permit of securing immediate cessation of the trouble.

"The latest suggestion, that the country's waterways should be re-utilized and enlarged, seems to provide the most reasonable and most economical solution, but that, of course, would be a question of time and possibly a very long time.

"So far as Philadelphia is concerned it is gratifying to note the increased interest being taken in the matter by the steamship companies and the efforts that are making to improve their fast freight service between this and other ports on the Eastern seaboard. The great advantage of water shipment is the greater certainty as to the time that will be consumed in transit to the point of delivery. The opposition to such a movement, as well as to the improvements of the waterways so frequently met with in the past from the railroad interests, may be eliminated, as they have found that obstructions thereto only increase their inability to care for the normal growth of the traffic of the country."

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Some weird stories of ghosts of today in the great city of New York. Why we grow old before our time, with stories of certain kind of animals who live one hundred and twenty-five years or more, and how we can do it.

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BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES
 These are the services for Sunday: You are cordially invited.
 To the Bible School at 9.15 in the morning.
 To the morning gathering for Public Worship. The pastor will deliver a sermon entitled: "The Spiritual Evolution of Martha of Bethany."
 To the Evening Worship at 7.30 p. m. The Pastor will deliver a sermon on "The Brave Deed of the Men of Jabesh-Gilead."
 To the mid-week service for prayer and conference on the Christian Life on Wednesday evening next.
 "Come thou with us; we will do thee good."

GULF CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 At the Gulf Christian Church next Sunday:
 Sabbath School at 9.30.
 Preaching at 10.45. Rev. E. R. Clemens will preach at the morning service.
 C. E. Society at 7 p. m. Leader, Mrs. A. I. Supplee. The Pastor will preach at 7.30. Subject, "Seeking The Life More Abundant."
 Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.45.

SPRING MILL BAPTIST CHURCH
 Morning service, 10.45 a. m. Subject, "The Need of a Revival."
 Sabbath School 2.30 p. m., which service we are pleased to state is growing in numbers and in interest.
 Evening service, 7.30 p. m., preceded by a short song service. C. Fredwill Hewitt, the Oregon Evangelist, will have charge of this service.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 The pastor will preach Sabbath morning on the text: "To be Spiritually Minded is Life;" and in the evening on "Man Formed to exercise Dominion."
 Sabbath School at 9.15 a. m.
 Y. P. S. C. E., 6.45 p. m.
 At the men's meeting last Sabbath a number of men agreed to form a Men's Society especially to work for men; and adjourned to meet for organization and plans at two o'clock Sabbath afternoon, 20th inst.
 More than two-thirds of the money for the new Presbyterian Steam Boiler Fund has been secured. One hundred and thirty dollars is still needed.

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BASKET BALL

MANAYUNK THE WHOLE SHOW
 IN THE PHILADELPHIA LEAGUE AS WAS SHOWN AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA.

That Manayunk is running the Philadelphia Basket Ball League was plainly shown at last night's meeting at the Bingham House, Philadelphia. The meeting was called at the instance of the North Phillies management owing to Manager McHale playing the Cavanaugh's on Monday night after both having been disqualified during the previous game played by Manayunk. The League sustained the playing of these two players and awarded Manayunk the victory.

Another point gained by Manager McHale and one that implicates the Conshohocken team is the unfairness being shown in the game between the locals and Manayunk which was thrown out by the League on account of a protest registered by McHale. The protest was made on the grounds of the rough playing of Conshohocken in which the Manayunk players were injured. Manayunk had not their full quota of time-outs during the half and Captain Herron ordered the game to go on after Krueger was injured. Manayunk forfeited the game by leaving the floor and then protested it which was thrown out by the League and ordered to be played over. Manager Courduff consented and was willing to play off the game. McHale after having the game thrown out refused to play it unless he should receive 35 per cent of the gate receipts. This Manager Courduff refused to grant with the result that the game has not been played. McHale has also refused to appear in this borough for another scheduled game until the game thrown out has been played. At the meeting last evening the matter was adjusted by Manager Courduff granting the Indians a stipulated guarantee. This action was directly contrary to the convictions of Manager Courduff. As the League threw out the game it was up to them to force McHale to play it off at the regular \$10 guarantee fixed by the League or award the game to Conshohocken. The contest is not an exhibition game but a scheduled game and will be counted as such, will be contested as such and the guarantee should be the same as in any other League game. On what grounds should Conshohocken raise the guarantee fee? Manayunk may be accompanied by a large crowd of rooters and again they may not. Even if they are the local management will not realize the money that McHale received from Conshohocken rooters on Christmas afternoon when the local team was the attraction at the City on the Hill, and at which game the price of admission was 25, 35 and 50 cents. Why did not Manager Courduff stand out for more of a guarantee? Why did he not forfeit the game by not appearing. Would the Manayunk management been as well off financially? Where or where does the Manayunk sporting blood flow. Its course is not through the veins of their basket ball team. The idea of raising the guarantee for that thrown out game is preposterous. It is a great risk on the part of Manager Courduff for if the weather should happen to be so unfavorable that the turn out of the fans would be very small he would have to go into his own pocket to make up the extra amount.

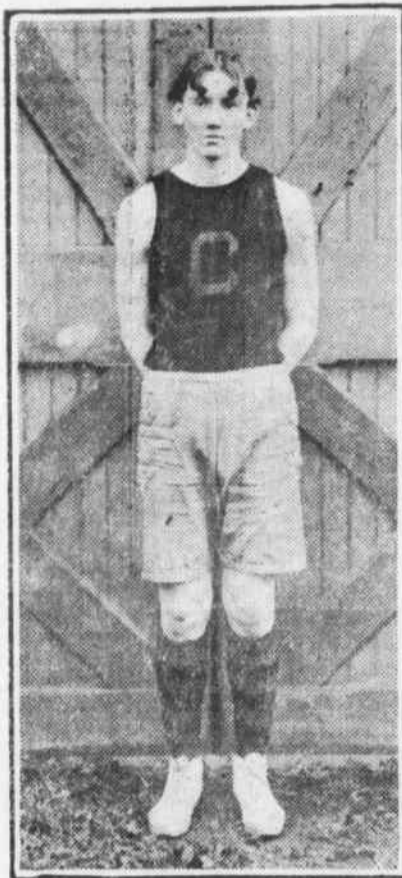
Manager Courduff should have point blank refused to raise the guarantee, insisted on Manayunk playing off the game and the League should have set the date, sustained the Conshohocken Manager and awarded him the game by forfeit if McHale and his team failed to appear.

At Conshohocken To-morrow evening Conshohocken vs. St. Simeon. It will be a battle between the first two teams in the race for the pennant. Manayunk lost an other game on Wednesday evening through rough-house tactics.

When Manayunk plays here on Saturday of next week it will be a game where no favors will be asked and may the best team win.

Some of the fans are suggesting "Bill" Lukens as a centreman. He seems to be well qualified for the position.

This evening the local team will play at Musical Fund Hall, Philadelphia, when they will line up against the De Neri Champions. This will be the first appearance of Conshohocken at Manager Dudley's New Arena and it is safe to say that a tremendous crowd of rooters will be present to witness the game between the present and coming champions. De Neri has been playing in their last year's form during the past few weeks and with all of their men in the pink of condition will go into the game with the determination of coming out victorious as



BILL LUKENS

His friends believe that Lukens would make one of the best centre men in the League if played at that position. He has a long reach, is a good jumper and plays his opponent all the time. In addition to these qualities he has a good eye for the basket at long range.

Manager Dudley is still hopeful of beating out the local team in the race. Conshohocken is still fighting hard for the pennant and will not ease up a single bit in their playing until they are sure of landing first honors in the race.

St. Simeon is waiting to take advantage of the slightest slump in the local's playing and in order to increase the lead over Manager Fidler's Saints will go into the game to-night determined to beat the champions. The local team will be accompanied by a large crowd of rooters.

To-morrow evening the attraction at the local auditorium will be St. Simeon and that a great contest will be the outcome gets without saying. The Saints are now only a few games behind the locals and are playing in the best form ever displayed by a St. Simeon team and they will come to town after a full week's lay-off from the schedule prepared to give the hardest battle possible. Conshohocken will be called upon to play a hard game to-night but are confident of widening the gap that is separating them from St. Simeon when these two teams meet in the local arena to-morrow evening. Dick Cole, who has been out of the game for several weeks, will be in the line-up of the Saints. The visitors will also be accompanied by a large crowd of rooters, who will see that the good work of the Saints is properly cheered. Without a doubt this game will be one of the best seen in this borough this season.

With both the local team and St. Simeon team cut from the schedule thus far this week the relative standing of the first two teams in the race have not been changed. The Indians started the week by winning from the North Phillies at Stratton Hall on Monday evening, but were defeated in a hard game on their own floor on Wednesday evening by East Falls, who, by the way, are playing in true championship style at the present time.

The surprise of the scoring in the League this week was the sensational game played by Carr, of Manayunk, who broke into the playing on Monday evening by dropping seven field goals at Stratton Hall in the game against North Phillies, and again on Wednesday evening Caldwell, of East Falls, succeeded in caging the ball seven times from the field at Masonic Hall, Manayunk. Carr did not tally a single point. The heavy scoring of these two players were instrumental in winning the games for their respective teams. Jack Reynolds seems to have taken a new lease on life and has been doing great work since joining the Indians.

ROBBED BY FOOTPADS

Harry L. Bateman, of Norristown, was waylaid by two footpads last night, assaulted and robbed. He man shoved a revolver in his face, while the other caught him by the arm.

Bateman showed fight, but he was struck over the head with a blackjack and left unconscious on the ground. He was found later and taken home. His injuries are of a serious nature.

MONEY FOR ASYLUM

The State Board of Charities recommends that \$3,604,382 be appropriated to State Institutions for the two years beginning June 1, 1907, and that the fund for the maintenance and clothing of the indigent insane of Pennsylvania be increased to \$2,500,000.

At the last session the Legislature appropriated \$2,226,475 for the charitable institutions and about \$2,000,000 for the care of the insane.

Should the increase for the insane be allowed, it will wipe out the deficiency of \$100,000 in the fund for the last two years and relieve the management of the various State insane hospitals of the financial stringency caused by the increased cost of living, and help.

The board also recommends that liberal appropriations be made to the State insane hospitals for additional buildings to relieve the overcrowding at these institutions, and that prompt measures be taken to provide means for the separate care of mild cases.

An appropriation of \$326,000 is recommended for the Norristown State Insane Hospital. Of this \$60,000 is to be applied for the erection of the convalescent building for men \$50,000 for assembly and amusement hall, \$100,000 for two ward buildings, \$30,000 for the purchase of additional land, \$10,000 for changes in the sewage system and \$30,000 for additional dining-room facilities.

The management asked for \$417,000, of which \$75,000 was to be used for building for men nurses. The board recommends that instead of a building costing \$100,000, be erected, and that all the ward buildings be so constructed or changed that the men nurses can be accommodated therein.



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