



BOYS PLAYING BALL IN OLD GRAVEYARD SHOCK DOWNTOWN

Tombstones Used as Bases. "Ghouls" Battle on Scene Which Witnessed Last Burial in 1890.

A graveyard that neighborhood children use as a playground, where tombstones are bases for the "graveyard nine," is a sight which has shocked those who walk or live along Passyunk avenue near 21st street.

The last funeral there was in 1890, but it might have been 40 years ago, to judge from the ruin that covers the tract.

Weeds grown waist high and small trees and underbrush that have sprung up in the 25 years' desolation hide the white tombstones so closely that a casual glance over the torn iron fence would cause the uninitiated observer to mistake the place for a large and unusually unkempt vacant lot.

But a look inside shows white stones through the trees and all that is left of one carefully tended plot, now hummocked and weeded and guarded by strands of rusty iron chains, strung from pillars which stand anyway but upright.

CHAPEL A RUINOUS PILE. Two weather-worn posts with drooping eaves stand at the entrance on Passyunk avenue. Back of them in the thick of the weeds is a stately ruin that looks more like an old Spanish mission in southern California than anything extant today.

This was the old receiving chapel, where funerals brought up with the bodies and ministers said the last services. It was built in 1848, a fact gleaned by industriously rubbing a conglomerate set in the side. Then the chapel may have been a fine monument. Its bricks were covered thick with brown plaster and there was stained glass in its narrow windows.

But today the plaster has chipped off in great patches and the windows are crumbling with their colored glass and sashes on the ground.

Back through the central arch of the receiving chapel and over the weeds growing you see more tombstones through the trees.

"GHOULS" PLAY BASEBALL. Walk through it and come to the baseball diamond marked out by tombstones, the scene of struggles of the "graveyard nine." Rivals call its members "The Ghouls," but the team plays after school each day, running undisturbed and agile over a diamond that is the home of a game and sliding to second base where lies a couple who died in March of '97.

"The Ghouls" is the most popular organization in the cemetery, because none of the other diamonds there is so southern than one tombstone piece, "The Ghouls" diamond has one for each base and home-plate, with several thrown in out in right field. Besides that, there is even a grand stand made of overturned headstones and corner posts, much valued by spectators when "The Ghouls" have a close game on.

There is a wide clearing where the covered diamond was cut out, and the field slopes away to the east and down to the other diamonds. All over the fields are dotted with overturned tombstones and small monuments, the most sought by the children, though when they are many and the sun is bright the ruined chapel in the underbrush and trees is a popular resort.

In two or three days being back if you ask them to look inside the chapel.

AFRAID OF GHOSTS. "Dere's ghosts 'round here," one explained, standing dubiously in the tall grass with his foot on the tombstone. "I wouldn't go in, Jimmy," he advised. But Jimmy went in through a trapdoor in the side and returned later, dust covered, with the story of what he saw in the chapel. "The 'caves' were once vaults in the chapel, now half-undrained and crumbling at its foundations.

After school the whole place swarms with children. Boys play ball and a few of the harder state games in the ruined chapel.

After 5 o'clock neighborhood people come into the graveyard and sit on grave-stones under the trees. There are "Nocturnal" whose ancestors are scattered about the yard, and who swap yarns about ghosts and the legends that grow there, and "Bill Fraley lived here for 15 years," said one man from his place on a reclining headstone. The Fraley home was in a house built against the chapel, but Bill couldn't last. "He went off '91, died last year and we always wondered how he hung on so long.

The old cemetery is still owned by the Philadelphia Cemetery Company, but it is said the city may take it over for a playground. As it is now the neighboring families use it as a park.

At dark groups of children leave the scene, and at night the park that would have many a step is deserted.

NEW INSTRUCTORS AT U. OF P. Replace Professors Cret and Arnal. Serving in French Army.

Paul A. Davis, M. Edgar V. Seiler and John V. Van Pelt have been named by the Architectural Department of the University of Pennsylvania to carry on the work of Professors Cret and Arnal, who are serving in the French army. Each of the new professors was trained in the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris. Mr. Davis underlined, who was Professor Cret's partner, Mr. Seiler underlined, and Mr. Van Pelt underlined the instruction of Doulfard and Talley.

With these men in charge, the Architectural Department feel confident that they can carry on Professor Cret's work in design.

DONATION DAY FOR HOME Presbyterians of the City Contribute Lavishly in Gifts.

Donation day is being observed at the Presbyterian Home for Aged People and Men, at 4th and Locust, and members of Presbyterian churches in Philadelphia are responding with gifts of all kinds. In many cases the churches have committees in charge receiving and distributing the gifts to the institution, and members have been contributing freely with articles that are of service in the home. Throughout the afternoon many at lunch at the institution.

HEEDLESS YOUTH PLAYS WHERE TEARS ONCE FELL



HEAD STONES SERVES AS SECOND BAG.

INVESTIGATION OF OIL TRUST URGED BY SENATE

New Federal Trade Commission Will Probably Conduct Probe.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The task of investigating the Standard Oil Company probably will be one of the first duties of the Federal Trade Commission. A resolution introduced today by Senator Gore orders the investigation as soon as the President names the members of the new commission.

The resolution calls for a thorough investigation by the newly authorized commission into the relations existing between the Standard Oil Company and all the branches or companies into which it was dissolved after the decree of the Supreme Court; the efforts of the company and its branches to control prices of crude oil and refined products, and the capitalization and dividends of the Standard Oil Company and its branches and companies as compared to the capital and dividends of other companies in the same industry.

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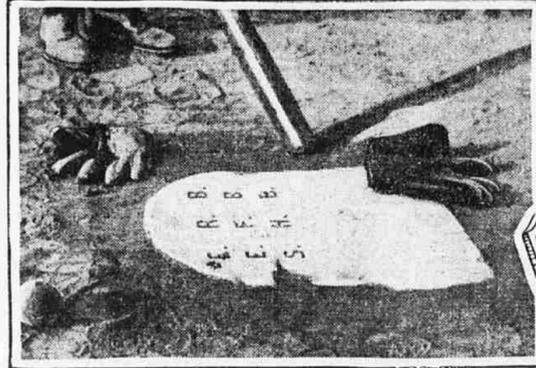
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A FALLEN TOMBSTONE THE ROME PLATE

WEST PHILADELPHIA BEARDS WORRY OWNERS AND OTHERS

Unshaven Denizens of That Section Almost Unrecognizable Also.

The careless and the thoughtless men and the unshaven denizens of that section of West Philadelphia are a source of worry to their neighbors and to the owners of the property.

Some of the men who use this station every morning look like Spitz terriers, or whatever kind of a terrier it is that wears fuzzy whiskers. You'd never believe West Philadelphia depended so much on its barbers.

It makes me sick. "My best friends look hideous," he said. "I can't recognize more than one man out of ten because of a two days' growth of beard. Everybody seems to read a shave this morning just because the barbers of West Philadelphia quit working now at 8 o'clock p. m."

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GRAVEYARD CLUB EVEN HAS A FLASCOT



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Philadelphia's first patrol wagon driver died today. He was Alexander J. Boyd, of 521 South Water street, and death was due to cancer. Boyd drove the original patrol wagon attached to the Third Police District, at Third and De Lancey streets, for years.

He was appointed to the force April 22, 1884, and made a regular on January 1 of the next year. Late in 1884 the city acquired its first patrol wagon, and the Mayor William B. Smith appointed Boyd as the driver.

Coincidentally with the receipt at City Hall of news that Boyd was dead, ex-Mayor Smith walked into the office of the superintendent of Police today. His appointment of Boyd was mentioned to him and he declared that he recalled the experience distinctly.

"That first patrol wagon did wonderful work," said Mr. Smith. "It was badly needed. I will remember the occasion when I named Boyd as the driver, and he gave faithful service in that position."

Convention of State Society Assembles at Wernersville. Philadelphia homeopathic doctors are in Wernersville today for the opening of the 51st annual convention of the Homeopathic Medical Society of Pennsylvania. The sessions will close on Saturday.

There were addresses by Dr. Leon T. Ahrhart, of Philadelphia, president of the society, and others. The convention heard papers from the Bureau of Sanitary Science, and the problems of mental defects were discussed.

RED CROSS FUND GROWS The Philadelphia Red Cross fund is steadily increasing. The total amount was announced this afternoon by Francis B. Reeves, treasurer, to be \$741. A donation of \$50 was given by the Gibson Distillery Company, while gifts of \$50 have been donated by Charles S. Taylor, Arcade Building; Mrs. S. R. Smith, Bar Harbor, Me.; the Bailey Banks & Biddle Company and Bloch & Co.

HIT BY TRAIN, JUST BRUISED Instead of Mangled Body, Crew Finds Man Brushing Himself. As he was crossing the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad near West Fair station this morning, Thomas Kershaw, an employee of the Bureau of Water, was struck by a southbound train. His only injuries were cuts and bruises, and he was able to get up and brush himself.

The train stopped and the crew ran back, expecting to find a mangled body. Kershaw was on his feet and brushing himself off. He was taken to the Womans' Homeopathic Hospital.

TRANSFER FATHER MAGNIN Becomes Rector of St. Francis' Catholic Church at Frackville. The Rev. Francis P. Magnin has been chosen rector of St. Francis' Catholic Church at Frackville, Pa., to succeed the Rev. Thomas J. Barton, who became rector of the church of the Annunciation last week. He goes to Frackville from the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Third and Red streets, where he has labored for two years, following 15 years work in the diocese of Texas.

The Rev. Father Magnin was born in St. Terence parish, Philadelphia, 42 years ago, and is one of the most popular young priests in the city. He will assume his duties in Frackville next week.

HARVEST TIME A long wish of artificial wheat that served as a trimming on the sweet girl's hat was placed horizontally so that it came at a resting place with the end resting in his right ear. After the bus had traveled some distance the man was seen to remove from his pocket a large jackknife, which he proceeded to strip on the palm of a horny hand.

Exactly the girl inquired: "Why are you doing that?" "If them oats sits in my ears again," the man ejaculated, "there's going to be a harvest."—Tit-Bits.

FRIEND PROMISES TO DISPROVE CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Wife and Neighbors Stand by Man Accused of Misappropriating Building Society Funds.

Urged by his newly wedded wife to go forth and prove his innocence, Frank A. Friend, of 4835 York road, Logan, a real estate operator, now under \$10,000 bail, on the charge of misappropriation of \$7000 from two building loan associations, left his home early this morning, declaring that he would prove he was not guilty.

When Friend walked out of the vestibule of his home he was accompanied by his wife. She is a comely young woman. She appeared to be worried. Her arms rested on the arm of her husband, who was doing his best to calm her.

On the verandas of nearby houses sat women and men who are friends of Friend. Many of them turned their faces away when they saw the scene.

"My arrest is all a mistake and I feel confident that everything will turn out all right," said Friend as he waved a farewell to his wife.

Weeping and on the verge of collapse, Mrs. Friend entered her home. Later she went away to the home of relatives.

DIVORCE COST \$10,000. After Friend's arrest on last Friday he told Detectives McGinn and Walters that he had been recently divorced and that the suit had cost him \$10,000. That Friend had married again was known only to a few intimate friends and relatives. He was married on May 20 and was home from his honeymoon only a few weeks when he was arrested.

Friend has been living at the York road address only a short time. He is 32 years old and bears an excellent reputation among his neighbors.

Believing in his innocence many of his friends and neighbors, who are influential residents in the Logan section, today rallied to his aid. The bail for \$10,000 was arranged by two neighbors.

"We have faith in Mr. Friend and if the bail had been \$20,000 instead of \$10,000, we would have brought forth that sum if we had had the wife of one of the bondsmen.

Many shareholders in the Creston Building Loan Association and the Old Hickory Building Loan Association, which concerns Friend acted as an agent, today made inquiries for him at his office at North street and Allegheny avenue. Those who were offered assurance that everything would turn out for the best.

MISAPPROPRIATION CHARGED. In the affidavit sworn to by the State Banking Examiners, Friend is charged with misappropriating \$200 of the funds of the Old Hickory Building Loan Association and \$100 from the Creston Building Loan Association.

Friend, it is charged, while acting as an agent for the building loan associations retained money for his use which was given to him with which to invest in mortgages.

When arraigned last Wednesday before Magistrate Renshaw he waived a hearing. Within a short time after his bail had been fixed by friends he was released.

It was learned today that Friend was married for about 10 years to his first wife. They separated, it is said, because of religious differences.

Since his arrest Friend has sold his touring car, which cost him about \$100, for \$100.

At his arrest Friend, according to the State Banking Examiners, told them that he had made good on a shortage of \$600 from the funds of another building and loan association.

"I was sure Mr. Friend will see me back and show that he deserves my respect," said one of his neighbors today.

WILLIE'S COME-DOWN Little Willie, after flattening his nose against the outside of the baker's window for about half an hour, at last entered with a most evident manly air.

"I want to know," he said in a determined yet hopeful voice, "how much those wedding cakes are?"

"Well," he murmured, in a resigned voice, "I've had one of those one-cent gingerbread rabbits."—Baltimore American.

THE WEATHER Official Forecast For eastern Pennsylvania, Sept. 24. For eastern Pennsylvania: Showers and somewhat cooler tonight; Friday partly cloudy; moderate variable winds.

For New Jersey: Unsettled and cooler tonight and Friday; probably showers tonight.

The western coast area spread over northern California, New York and New England during the last 24 hours, but is just beginning to be felt in Philadelphia this morning. The temperature continues to decrease slowly in the Ohio Valley, and the narrow water belt east of the north Atlantic coast will be moderately cold during the next 24 hours. Showers are a wide belt extending from eastern Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, spreading eastward across the mountains in some places. The rain area covered Pennsylvania last night except a few of the southeastern counties.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin Observations made at 8 a. m., Eastern time.

Station. S. W. Wind. Fall. Wind. S. W. Wind. Atlantic City. 72. 20. S. W. 4. Clear. Philadelphia. 70. 15. S. W. 4. Clear. Harrisburg. 68. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. Baltimore. 66. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. Washington. 64. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. New York. 62. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. Boston. 60. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. Portland. 58. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. New Orleans. 56. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. St. Louis. 54. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. Memphis. 52. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. Mobile. 50. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. Savannah. 48. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. Tampa. 46. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. Miami. 44. 10. S. W. 4. Clear. Key West. 42. 10. S. W. 4. Clear.

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