

VICTORIES FOR CITY SCORED IN THE YEAR BY ADMINISTRATION

Review of Successful Efforts Shows Record of Consistent Efficiency and Progress During 1914.

The third year of the Blankenburg administration has been one of consistent efficiency, economy and progress.

Mayor Blankenburg's persistent and finally successful effort to obtain the passage of the \$11,300,000 municipal loan for the beginning of work on high-speed transit lines, elimination of railroad grade crossings and for other civic betterments is one of the chief accomplishments of his administration in 1914.

Leaders of the Organization in Council abandoned their attitude of obstruction to the loan only after an aroused public opinion backed the Mayor in his demands for better transit facilities and other improvements that the measure would insulate.

Economies have been effected in the principal operations of the city during the year by the Mayor's insistence on the strict adherence to the law that money shall be actually borrowed for loans authorized only after contracts under those loans have been begun.

The Mayor has named a committee of city officials to draft an amendment to be introduced at the next session of the Legislature for the merging of more than \$8,000,000 of loan funds now idle in the City Treasury.

BOND SALES PROVE INTEGRITY. The financial integrity of the city was reflected during the year in the sales of municipal bonds.

At the last meeting of Councils the measure was passed that will increase the interest rate on city funds on deposit in banks from 2 to 2 1/2 per cent.

At the suggestion of Mayor Blankenburg a conference of American Mayors was held in Philadelphia and there was established a definite policy for mutually helpful relations between municipalities and the public utilities corporations that furnish light, power and transportation.

Progress has been made in the widening of Delaware avenue between Vine street and Fairmount avenue and between South and Christian streets.

Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, has lodged complaint against the rates, organization and service of the Philadelphia Electric Company before the State Public Service Commission and, aided by Councils, in endeavoring to obtain lower rates for the city as well as for private companies.

A revenue was obtained by the city this year for the first time by the sale of waste collected by the street cleaning contractors. The contract for the sale of waste in 1915 will net the city \$6000.

Two contracts for construction work in the Highway Bureau were for completion of the west side of League Island Park, \$100,000, and for construction of the central driveway of the Northeast Boulevard from Broad street to Second street, and the side driveways from Broad street to Rhawn street, \$283,000.

Holmesburg. About 300 men have been moved from overcrowded Blockley to the west of the new institution.

The first definite plan for a reconstruction of the antiquated Philadelphia General Hospital have been evolved during the year by Dr. H. H. Harris, Director of the Health Department.

Director Leeb, in the Department of Supplies, has continued to effect economies in the purchase of material for the city by open competition and non-specified articles.

Director Porter, of the Department of Public Safety, has added motor equipment to the Fire Bureau to a reasonable extent considering the lack of adequate appropriation by Councils.

Condemnation of much of the present equipment as obsolete by the National Fire Underwriters has impelled Councils to include in the budget for 1915 an appropriation for fire hose amounting to \$15,000.

This is the first year Councils have seen fit to make an appropriation of that size for the beginning of the succeeding year.

Only Five Fugitives Wanted for Capital Crimes in 1914. Homicides and Accidental Deaths.

The "Murder Squad" in the Detective Bureau investigated 63 murder cases during 1914, as compared with 73 in 1913.

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State Leads in Building Associations, with \$233,564,445 Invested. Pennsylvania leads all the States in the number of building and loan associations, according to statistics in the annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency.

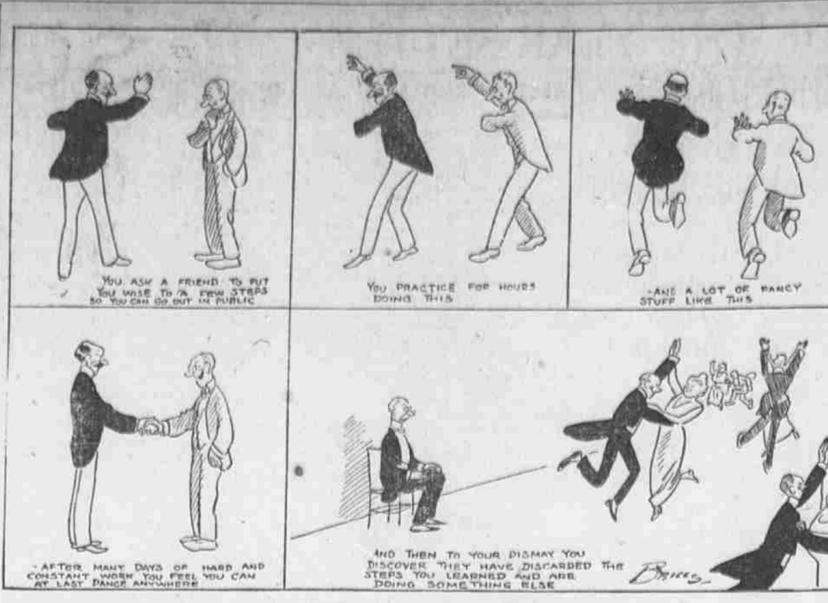
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WILMINGTON REPUBLICANS ANGRY AT SAULSBURY

Removal of Marshal Starts Talk of Repraisal on Democrats.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 29.—United States Senator Willard Saulsbury, having had United States Marshal George L. Townsend removed from office before his term had expired, in order to give a place to a Democrat, and Martin F. Farry having been named for the position, Republican politicians in Wilmington are demanding that the various city departments drop all of the Democrats now employed and that their places be given to Republicans.

Many Democrats believe Saulsbury's action will react on their party. If the Republican city administration should oust all Democrats now holding municipal posts a large number would be thrown out of employment.

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Infant Upsets Coffee; in Hospital. Hot coffee spilling from an overturned coffee-pot seriously burned 19-month-old Charles Nezzardo, 350 East Penn street, Germantown, this morning.

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MOTORISTS CHARGE EXTORTION IN TOLLS ON ROADS OF STATE

Petition Will Be Presented to Public Service Commission to Have Uniform Rate Ordered.

The State Public Service Commission will be asked to eliminate "hold-up" charges on the principal toll roads of Pennsylvania and to establish a uniform rate of toll for all toll roads and privately owned highways in the Commonwealth.

The automobile clubs of Delaware and Lancaster Counties will present a petition within the next month.

Automobilists from all parts of the State have been invited to attend a meeting in Lancaster on January 13.

The Columbia bridge is on the direct road from Philadelphia to Harrisburg and is extensively used by automobilists.

This is discrimination against Philadelphia automobilists, who use the Lancaster pike more than persons from any other Eastern county and in extortion," said Joseph H. Weeks, chairman of the Roads Committee of the Pennsylvania Motor Federation, today.

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OBITUARIES

MRS. L. H. M. HARRISON. Mrs. Letitia H. M. Harrison, stepmother of C. C. Harrison, former provost of the University of Pennsylvania, now a member of the Franklin Sugar Refining Company, and a sister of the late Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, died yesterday at her home, Glenwood, Schoolhouse lane, Germantown, following a protracted illness.

THOMAS LYNCH. GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.—Thomas Lynch, president of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, died yesterday at his home here after a week's illness from peritonitis. An operation was performed in a vain effort to save his life.

JOHN J. DEVLIN. John J. Devlin, a builder for many years, is dead at his home at Wyalusing avenue and Fallon street, following an illness of six months' duration.

JOSEPH BAKER. Joseph Baker, who was identified with Schofield Mason & Co., rug manufacturer, for 50 years, as superintendent of the Fairhill streets, died yesterday afternoon.

CAPTAIN W. S. SIMMONS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The death of Senior Captain Wentworth S. Simmons, of Massachusetts, at Newburgh, N. C., on Christmas, was announced today by the revenue cutter service.

VERNON L. DAVEY. NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 30.—Vernon L. Davey, former Superintendent of Schools in East Orange, died today at his home, 2718 North 5th street, after a brief illness.

SOCIAL WORKERS TO TESTIFY. U. S. Committee Summons Authorities on Conditions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—National authorities on industrial and social conditions have been summoned to appear before the National Industrial Relations Committee in a hearing in New York January 5.

BRIG. GEN. R. H. HALL. CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Brigadier General Robert Henry Hall, U. S. A., retired, died here yesterday in his 77th year.

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