

WOMEN TO HAVE OWN ASSESSORS

Low Number of Female Voters Listed Expected to Bring Another Innovation

LEADER DIVIDES BLAME

Women will elect assessors of their own sex next year, as the result of the tabulation of only 251,467 women on the assessors' lists.

This is the belief of leaders of the newly enfranchised citizens. Mrs. Harriet L. Hubbs, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters, says she has no doubt many women failed to be listed by the male assessors.

"The assessors certainly failed in many instances to do their work properly," said Mrs. Hubbs. "While I blame them, I do not overlook the fact that many of our women displayed little or no inclination to have their names listed. They showed no persistence whatever and if the assessor didn't call on them they let it go at that and failed to seek him out at his home or the polling place."

Would Have Insisted "I know what I would have done if I had found the assessor's home closed. I would have gone out and tracked him down."

A assessed number 452,642, making a grand total for men and women of 704,109. With six divisions not heard from the official figures on the September, 1920, assessors' lists are:

Table with 4 columns: Ward, Men, Women, Total. Lists data for various wards from 1st to 22nd.

Where to Obtain Petitions Women who have not been assessed may obtain the necessary petitions at the headquarters of the Republican women's state committee, 506 South Broad street; the Republican Alliance, 1430 South Penn square; and the Republican city committee, northeast corner of Eleventh and Chestnut streets.

Judge Ferguson, of Common Pleas Court No. 3, will sit Friday to act on the petition for a rule on the assessors to show cause why the petitioners have not been assessed.

Where no cause is shown the county commissioners will certify the names to the registrars, and voters so certified may register September 14 or October 2.

The registration commissioners have received numerous complaints from women who have not been assessed. One complainant said it was not convenient for her to go to her door when the assessor called.

The commissioners said excuses of that nature will not be accepted, but in instances where the assessor failed to make his rounds or where the women voters were away from home when he called the explanation, it was said, will be satisfactory.

With twenty-five of the 1386 divisions still missing, official registration figures announced today show that 113,825 women, men and women were enrolled September 2, the first of the three fall registration days. Daniel McKendry, chief clerk to the board of registration commissioners, estimates the first day's total at 115,000.

Deaths of a Day

Mrs. Robert R. Dearden Mrs. Ella Chapin Dearden, wife of Robert R. Dearden, a former member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, died early yesterday at her home, the Frontenac Apartments, Broad and Oxford streets, after a brief illness. She was in her seventy-fifth year.

Mrs. Dearden, who was a native of Massachusetts, was a member of a New England family which traced its ancestry to Colonial times. Three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Dearden celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Robert R. Dearden, Jr., and Edward Chapin Dearden, who is in Europe, and seven grandchildren.

Jeremiah D. McFerran Jeremiah D. McFerran, sixty-six years old, of 2719 North Fifty-third street, known to the trade as "dean drug salesman," died suddenly on Friday at his home. He had been suffering from heart trouble for some time.

Dr. Edwin F. O'Day Dover, Del., Sept. 8.—Dr. Edwin Francis O'Day, fifty-four years old, for more than fifteen years a practicing physician of Dover, a former member of the Delaware Legislature, died here yesterday. He leaves a widow and daughter.

THE END OF A PERFECT SUMMER



This scene, which the photographer snapped this morning, was duplicated in thousands of Philadelphia homes today when the young hopefuls started off, willingly or not, to school. Little Gladys did not seem a bit sad as she received a good-bye kiss from her mother, Mrs. Joseph Sperry, at the door of their home, 1621 St. Paul street. Gladys is a student at the Edward T. Steel School, Sixteenth and Cayuga streets, Nicetown.

SCHOOLS REOPEN; 250,000 STUDENTS

1920 Vacation Over as Children Take Up Their Books

20,000 ON PART TIME

At 9 o'clock this morning public school bells sounded the death knell of the 1920 vacation for more than 250,000 pupils in Philadelphia.

Fortified in their hour of sorrow by a "breaky for recess," boys and girls in all parts of the city trudged off to school for another ten months' study. Approximately 20,000 of the pupils will be on part time; that is, they must get their education in one long daily session instead of the regular two short sessions.

This method will be pursued where the school accommodations are too crowded. The registration this year is expected to show approximately 15,000 new scholars.

The three largest high schools in the city have new principals today. Dr. William F. Gray assumed charge of the William Penn High School; Dr. John L. Haney, of Central High School, and Dr. George F. Stradling, of Northeast High School.

Yesterday was registration day in the public schools for new pupils, and although there were no figures available last night, reports from a few of the schools showed that in some of the districts it was unusually heavy.

The actual registration, however, is no real gauge of the number of new children, for eventually to attend city schools, Dr. Oliver P. Coraman, associate superintendent, explained that many parents neglected to register their children in advance.

"It seems to make little difference how much we advertise the matter," he said, "the parents wait until the schools actually open before bringing their children for classification. Our real registration will probably not be more than 5000 during these few days, while we receive many more new pupils throughout the year."

The schools will meet in single session until September 15, when the regular morning and afternoon sessions will be resumed.

GLOUCESTER SLATES PICKED

This is the last day for filing petitions for municipal offices in New Jersey, and the city clerks will keep open until midnight tonight. Gloucester City at 8:05 Lincoln drive, after a sinking spell last night.

Miss Lippincott was stricken with the disease, twenty-seven days ago, at the dinner table, and has been unconscious most of the time since. Her physicians, Dr. Swithin Chandler and Dr. Joseph Ullom, of Germantown, say that she will be in danger for at least the next three weeks.

Miss Lippincott is paralyzed on the right side. Occasionally one of her eyelids flickers open, but the physicians do not believe she is able to see. She cannot speak at all.

In combating the disease the physicians strive mainly to keep up the body's strength and let nature effect the cure. It has been difficult to get Miss Lippincott to take sufficient nourishment.

They Like Wedding Bells Better Than School Bells

The answer to "Why teachers leave school?" often is the same as the answer to "Why girls leave home," according to Dr. George Wheeler, associate superintendent of schools.

Doctor Wheeler asked a young high school teacher who resigned if she was leaving to better herself. "No, just to get married," she replied.

Another school official gave the information that thirty of the sixty elementary school teachers who quit "resigned for marriage and other positions."

VARES PICK DAVIS FOR COUNCIL SEAT

Former Police Captain Reported Slated for Triple Indorsement by Organization

ALLIANCE FOR SCANLON

The Vares choice for councilman to succeed the late William E. Finley, representative from the first district, apparently has settled on Harry C. Davis, who was assistant director of public safety during the Smith administration.

Reports from authoritative sources today indicated that Davis will be named by the ward committee in the First, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-ninth and Forty-eighth wards, four of the areas comprised in the first district.

The Republican city committee will meet Monday at Eleventh and Chestnut streets to settle the question. A successor to Finley as executive director of the city committee also may be agreed upon.

The Vares organization is said to plan a triple indorsement for Davis, who was at one time a captain of police. City committee members from the four of the five wards concerned, it is said, will nominate Davis Monday. This action will be ratified at a meeting of the full committee later in the day.

Ward Committees to Act The next step will be taken at meetings Monday night of at least four of the five ward committees when Davis will be nominated by the division representatives.

One objector to this plan is Joseph C. Traister, Alliance leader of the Twenty-sixth ward, who introduced Congressman Vares in that ballwick. Traister and other Alliance leaders are said to be supporting John P. Scanlon, Alliance leader of the Thirty-sixth ward.

Senator Vares today took a fling at Alliance leaders who threaten court action to compel a popular primary in order to have the candidate "hand-picked" by the ward leaders.

"There has been a lot of childish talk as to how the vacancy caused by the death of Councilman Finley shall be filled, some of it even before he was buried," the senator said. "No one need have any concern. After proper notice is shown the former councilman the matter will be taken up and settled strictly within accordance with the law, the only way it can be settled and in an orderly way."

Charles J. Pommer, court stipstaf and city committee member from the First ward, was the first to be mentioned in connection with the Council vacancy. Leopold C. Glass, counsel for the Republican city committee, also was mentioned, but Glass is a nominee for the State Legislature. Possibility of his withdrawal as a candidate for the assembly is said to be extremely remote.

Mayor Moore will be the principal speaker at a "rejuvenation rally" tonight of the Young Republicans, at 217 South Broad street. W. W. Moran, president of the organization, has invited members and leaders of the Republican women's committee of Pennsylvania to attend the rally. To this end he called on Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton, state chairman, and Mrs. Walter S. Thomson, county chairman, yesterday and discussed plans of co-operating with the women's organization.

The invitation committee of the Harding-Coolidge campaign committee will meet today in the office of the organizer, George W. Coles, chairman of the Town Meeting party. Plans for the formation of the general committee will be made.



ALFRED S. GIBSON Old-time Dumont minstrel, who died suddenly of heart disease

STRIKE KEEPS KIN AWAY

Relatives Cannot Reach Man Dying in Hospital Here His skull fractured when his automobile overturned, a North Front street merchant is dying in St. Mary's Hospital, with relatives unable to reach him because of a railroad strike.

The man is Leon Radulwiz, 1734 North Front street. His machine overturned at Oxford street and Girard avenue yesterday. At the hospital this morning it was said he may die at any time.

Police who tried to get in touch with his brother, living at Mazpath, Long Island, were informed the town was tied up by a transportation strike and the brother could not get here.

Miss Jane Connor, thirty-four years old, of 652 E. Thayer street, was killed, and Miss Margaret Walsh, sixty years old, of 1911 East Silver street, was seriously injured when struck by an automobile yesterday while crossing Somerset street at Kensington avenue.

Harry Craven, thirty-seven years old, 2715 North Orkney street, was driving the car which struck the two women. He hurried Miss Connor to the Episcopal Hospital, where she died, and a passerby took Miss Walsh to the same hospital, where it was said she is suffering from a probable fracture of the skull and shock. Craven was arrested and held for a hearing this morning.

FIREMAN HURT AT BLAZE

Ladderman Cut by Glass Attempting to Warn Sleepers in House A ladderman of Fire Truck No. 2 was injured this morning at a fire at 117 North Franklin street. The blaze was caused by the upsetting of a pot of pitch on the roof.

The building is a three-story, brick rooming house and at the time of the fire there were several negroes asleep on the top floor. In his attempt to warn these men and effect their rescue, Ladderman W. Paxson received cuts on his hand from a broken pane of glass in the front window.

Richard Griffin, the owner of the house, has not made any estimate of the damage done by the fire, which was confined to the third floor.

DUMONT COMEDIAN FOUND DEAD IN BED

"Alf" Gibson, Blackface Minstrel, Succumbs to Heart Disease

LONG FAVORITE IN CITY

Another minstrel man of the old school, whose jests and mimicry were the delight of thousands, is dead.

The attacks at Dumont's Theatre, Ninth and Arch streets, waited for several hours yesterday for Alfred S. Gibson to appear for rehearsal. Finally they went to 1521 Mount Vernon street, where he had room. They found him dead in bed, apparently of heart disease.

"Alf" Gibson, as he was known to the theatrical profession, was one of the last of the diminishing ranks of burned cork entertainers who once enjoyed such a vogue. He was an intimate of Low Dockstader, Frank Dumont, Lew Simmons and other old-time minstrel men.

Gibson was sixty-four years old and was married, but had no children. He who was at their home in Linwood, N. J., came to Philadelphia last night.

He was introduced to Philadelphia audiences in the old Eleventh Street Opera House, which ten years ago was demolished to make way for a restaurant.

When Dumont opened his minstrel on Arch street, Gibson was one of the most popular comedians in the show. Later he became associated with John Murphy's minstrel on the Steel Pier in Atlantic City, where he helped make thousands laugh every night for twelve years.

He returned to Philadelphia and remained with Dumont until the latter died. He then joined the Emmett Welch minstrel, who still play in the old Du-mont Theatre.

POST THANKS SEA HEROES

Belknap Legionaries Praise Rescuers of Crew of S-5 The Joseph Fausett Belknap Post, No. 195, American Legion, at its regular monthly meeting in its new home, 1226 South Broad street, last night unanimously adopted a resolution thanking members of the crew of the steamship General Goethals and Alanthus for their daring work in the rescue of the imprisoned crew of S-5.

The members mentioned specifically in the resolution were Captain E. O. Swinson, Chief Engineer W. F. Grace, and Assistant Engineer R. A. MacWilliams, of the General Goethals, and Captain E. C. Johnson, of the Alanthus.

Several members of the post have been on practice cruises during the last week, and were aboard the cruisers which sped to the submarine, thus being able to give first-hand information of the rescue.

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Sudden Cases of Colds Develop in National Park Court Secretary worthy citizens of National Park developed severe cases of old-fashioned stomach ache or symptoms of advanced colds today a few minutes after Recorder Jacob Bentz had consumed two pints and two half-pints of good whisky from William Lally, who gave an address in Sears street, Philadelphia.

Lally was arrested by Special Officer Isaiah Tyson on the lawn of the National Park public school.

"Are you one of those prohibitionists guys?" he asked the recorder when brought into that official's court.

"No," replied the recorder, "but just the same, I'm going to take that whisky away from you and nne you \$7.75."

Recorder Bentz showed surprising little sympathy for the ills of his fellow men as represented by the spectators in the courtroom.

BODY IS IDENTIFIED

Man Thought Victim of Auto Accident on Street The body of the man found early Monday morning at Eighty-second street and Island road has been identified as that of James Sam. Identification was made by means of a pay envelope found in his pocket. The body's address is unknown. The body is still in the morgue.

Sam died as the result of a fractured skull, a broken arm and a broken leg. Police of the Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue station house believe the man was struck by an automobile.

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