

PLANS POST OF CITY FORESTER

City Commission Advances Ordinance Creating New Position at \$1,000 a Year

PLACE MAY GO TO M'FARLAND

Agreement Adopted for Taking Over Land on West Side of North Front Street—Harrisburg to Pay Part of Paving Assessment

The office of City Forester, a position through which it is intended to regulate the planting, trimming and care of shade trees in the city, will be created by an ordinance introduced by Commissioner Taylor at the regular meeting of the City Commissioners this afternoon passes finally. The Commission passed the bill on first reading and it will come up for second reading and final passage one week from to-day. This official will have practically the same duties as would a Tree Commissioner.

Park Commissioner Taylor this afternoon said he is not yet in a position to say who will be suggested to the Commission for appointment to the new post, although the name of J. Horace McFarland already has been mentioned in connection with the office. The salary of the Forester, the ordinance provides, shall not exceed \$1,000, and Commissioner Taylor said it is the plan to pay that amount.

The new official will have no titled assistants. The men who will have to do with the planting and caring of trees will be taken from the corps of park department employees. The Commissioners to-day settled finally the question of taking over the ground, between the western curb of North Front street and the low water mark of the Susquehanna river, from Kalker street to Maclay. Deeds to be given for the ground by the ten or twelve property owners will be accepted by the city through the City Solicitor in return for which the city will satisfy liens entered against that real estate to cover the cost of paving the west side of Front street between Kalker and Maclay.

This plan was one of three suggested by City Solicitor Seitz and was recommended by the legal adviser at the conference with the Commissioners to-day in view of its being the best plan for obtaining the ground speedily and at the cheapest cost.

The Commissioners, in a communication from the Chamber of Commerce, were asked to attend a "Conference on Foreign Trade," to be held in Falmouth hall "next" Tuesday. The conference is being held to-day although the Commissioners, excepting the Mayor who was scheduled to make an address at the conference at 2:30 o'clock, understood it was to be held one week from this date. The letter was received after Tuesday's meeting of the Commissioners and did not get before them officially until to-day.

COURT HOUSE

TO BUILD GOLF CLUB HOUSE

Park Commissioner Taylor Plans to Erect Building in Reservoir Park A golf club house, 60 feet long and 30 feet wide, will be erected in Reservoir Park early next spring, under the plans of M. Harvey Taylor, Commissioner of Park, announced to-day. Warren H. Manning, the landscape architect of the park department, on a brief visit here yesterday selected the site, a spot on the wooded slope immediately back of the Elk monument.

Mr. Manning also inspected the river front improvement work as well as the work incident to the proposed new Reservoir Park entrance. Specifications for the new club house will be drawn up at once and advertisements sent out for bids. While the contract may be let this year, actual work on the building may not be begun before early spring.

Two Damage Suits

A claim for \$2,000 damages is made in a suit filed to-day by Robert Rosenberg, counsel for John P. Forsythe, against Edward J. Weiss. While in the defendant's employ a bar fell on Forsythe's foot. Another damage suit filed to-day was a \$1,000 claim made by Robert Hughes against John and Thomas C. Black. A stone fell on Hughes, while he was in the employ of the defendants, he alleges.

Verdict for Defense

A verdict in favor of the defense this morning was returned by a jury in the ejectment suit of Isaac D. Wey against Alfred F. Hanna. The action involved a strip of ground situated in and adjacent to the borough of Lykens this county. The principals in the suit both claimed to have title to the real estate. At a former trial the court directed the jury to render a verdict in favor of the defense. The Supreme Court then granted Wey West's appeal for a rehearing, setting forth that certain questions of fact should have been left to the jury to decide.

Nothing For Argument

Argument in the city's tax suit against the Smith-Premier Typewriter Company, this morning was continued to the December argument court. City Solicitor Seitz complained that the defendant's "answer" in the case, is not specific, and did not raise legal questions upon which the argument could be centered.

Typhoid Fever Fatal

Steve Danich, 1221 South Ninth street, died at the Harrisburg Hospital at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon of typhoid fever. He was admitted yesterday afternoon in the last stages of the disease.

CAPITOL HILL

RATES ARE REASONABLE, SAYS THE COMMISSION

Even Though Lewistown Pays More Than Huntingdon for the Same Service, It Cannot Complain About Charges for Mifflin County Town

The Public Service Commission has found that the rates of the Pennsylvania Central Light and Power Company in the borough of Lewistown, are just and reasonable and the complaint filed by J. Price Werts, of Lewistown, has been dismissed.

The Commission does not consider it fair to order the reduction of a rate which is shown to be reasonable on account of a fact that in another community the company is furnishing current at a price below the cost thereof. This comment is occasioned by the fact that a less rate is charged in Huntingdon than in Lewistown.

The Commission has issued an order that the Erie Railroad Company must improve its passenger and freight service to and from Kennard Station, Mercer county. The complaint was filed by E. Callahan, C. B. Freedland and J. M. Little representing the people of Kennard and was occasioned by the fact that the railroad company had discontinued the operation of passenger trains 219 and 220 between Greenville and Meadville.

Close to a Million

Close to a million dollars was taken into the State Treasury yesterday from tax sources, the figures totaling \$936,456.87, while payments were \$423,171.95. This rate the receipts for the year will be very close to those of last year, when they totaled \$35,000,000.

Harrisburg Paid

The Harrisburg school district has received its share of the year's school appropriation, amounting to \$46,888. The warrant was issued by the Department of Education and cashed at the State Treasury.

Complain of the Bell

The Marion Rural Line Company, represented by John P. Stieckel, H. A. Sellers and others, who have constructed a telephone line from their residences in Antrim and Guilford townships, Franklin county, to the exchange of the Bell, located in Greencastle, complain to the Public Service Commission that since July 1 of this year the Bell has refused to furnish exchange service because the rural line has connections with the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company. The complainants say that there is nothing in the contract between their line and the Bell which prohibits the use of the switches to connect their telephone to the lines of the Cumberland Valley as well as to those of the Bell.

More Prosecutions

Pure Food Commissioner Foust to-day ordered the prosecution of sixteen illegal milk vendors in Allegheny county, in Antrim and Guilford townships, in Philadelphia, and one rotten peach seller in Chester.

State Chemists Meet

Dr. William Frear, State College; Charles H. Lawall, Philadelphia; James A. Evans, Erie; Dr. F. T. Ashman, Pittsburgh; and Carl T. Schoen, Scranton, chemists in the service of the State Pure Food division, met Commissioner Foust to-day to take up a number of matters in connection with the cold storage of eggs in order to secure uniformity in the enforcement of the law.

May Keep Out Breeders

Secretary Kalfbus, of the State Game Commission, is to have a conference with the State Veterinarians in order to ascertain whether the quarantine against the foot and mouth disease will prevent the bringing to the State of deer and elk. Dr. Kalfbus had arranged for the bringing of several hundred animals into the State for breeding purposes, and thinks that by a system of rigid inspection there will be no difficulty. At present deer and elk cannot be shipped until a permit has been secured from the Veterinary Board.

Chemist Cochran's Son Dead

The funeral of the son of C. R. Cochran, chemist for the Pure Food Department, took place in West Chester yesterday. The young man, who was but 20 years old, was attacked with typhoid fever at Lehigh University at the beginning of the term and lingered until Saturday. Commissioner Foust attended the funeral.

Pay Day on the Hill

This was pay day on Capitol Hill, and monthly checks were being distributed all over the big building.

Chief Garvin Here

Thomas H. Garvin, chief clerk of the House of Representatives, was at the Capitol to-day looking after the preparations for the meeting of the Legislature in January.

Road Contract Awarded

Twenty-six contractors bid on one state-aid contract for a highway in Butler county to-day. The contract was awarded by State Highway Commissioner Bigelow to O'Brien Brothers, of Avoca, Luzerne county. They bid \$85,702.61, but when checked it was found that the bid should be \$85,474.61. A feature of the bidding was that one firm from Ohio, one from New York and one from West Virginia sought the opportunity to construct highways in Pennsylvania. The highway, which is to be constructed of brick block, is one running from the southern borough line of Butler in a southerly direction through Butler, Summit and Jefferson townships to a point in the road near the Mecklin school house in Jefferson township, a distance of nearly four miles.

Discuss Closing Shops Sunday

The local branch of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union will hold a meeting to-night to discuss ways and means of helping in the campaign against open barber shops on Sunday. It has been reported that one union shop runs on Sunday and this will be taken up at this meeting.

Artistic Printing at Star-Independent.

CLEVER TEAM TOPS THE NEW BILL AT ORPHEUM

Morrissey and Hackett Provide Good Entertainment at Vaudeville House—Other Attractions of Merit on the Program

It is not very often that a "man and girl team" tops a vaudeville bill at the Orpheum, but Morrissey and Hackett, a clever pair of performers, head the show there this week and they deserve the headline position. They do none of the accepted things that a "man and girl team" usually does. Their offering is rather a "take-off" on "poor old vaudeville."

They have an unusually funny moving picture scene, the film being used in connection with the act, a part of the acting in front of the camera having been done by the pair. It is a well-arranged number, the orchestrations fitting well in every part. The man is a clever mimic and the girl is sprightly and attractive.

A long, thin person, in "The Piano Movers" has a very funny dance, but he uses it in the same act he has appeared in here before. That, however, detracts little from his entertainment.

A clever pair of girls are the Brunelle sisters, who, with Stevens, do a travesty called "Ye Olden Days and Present Ways." The entire bill has merit.

PASSENGER RATE INCREASE

Pennsylvania Public Service Commission May Set Date Late To-day to Hear Protests

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—The Pennsylvania Public Service Commission probably will announce late to-day a date for its hearing of the protests against the railroads increasing passenger rates.

A mass meeting called to protest against the increase in rates was held in one of the theatres this afternoon. Almost every business and Civic Association in this city and suburb, along with country clubs, churches, private schools and Commuters' Associations from this State and New Jersey were represented.

Personally invited to be present or send a representative to explain the railroad's side of the controversy, Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, refused to attend or to send any of his subordinates. In his letter of declination Mr. Rea declared that as the question of the proposed increase had been put up to the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania and New Jersey and the Interstate Commerce Commission, he could see no reason for sending a representative.

Theodore Voorhees, president of the Reading, merely acknowledged receipt of the invitation sent him. The Baltimore and Ohio telegraphed at the last moment that its invitation had not been received until late yesterday and that it was unlikely that the road would be represented at the meeting.

PLANS TO HEAR COMMUTERS

Service Commission Will Listen to Protests on Higher Passenger Rates

The Public Service Commission, taking cognizance of the many complaints received from commuters and others regarding the proposed increased passenger rates to go into effect on the Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio and Philadelphia and Reading and other railroads on December 15, will probably hold a meeting this week to hear complaints personally.

A conference was held yesterday in Philadelphia between Edwin M. Abbott, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Commuters' Association, and William W. Trinkle, counsel for the Commission. Mr. Trinkle assured Mr. Abbott the Commission would act at once and for convenience sake would sit in Philadelphia. The petition sent to the Commission by the commuters' association says that the new rates are unreasonable and unjust.

Commissioners Pennypacker and Johnson met with Counsel Trinkle and Chief Wilson, of the Bureau of Rates and Tariffs, this morning in Philadelphia to decide upon the best course to be pursued to ensure prompt action on the question of the proposed increases of rates, in accordance with the provisions of the public service law.

5TH TIME ESCAPES GALLOWS

Massa Gains Another Respite While Pardon Board Considers Case

Five times has the day been set for the execution of Malena Massa, a Schuylkill county murderer. His case is now before the Board of Pardons, and may be disposed of at the December meeting.

Massa killed his wife's paramour. The man was remonstrating with his wife and endeavoring to get her to consent to go West to get away from the influence of her lover, when the latter entered the room and took her away from her husband. This so enraged the husband that he killed the paramour.

Massa was found guilty of murder in May, 1913, and in June sentenced to be hanged. His case was taken before the Board of Pardons and commutation of the death sentence was refused, when an application was made for a rehearing. Last March Massa's hanging was fixed for May 26, and a rehearing was allowed by the Board of Pardons. A respite was given until June 25. In June another respite was given until September 24, and in September another respite was given until December 2. Meantime the Board of Pardons has held the man's case under advisement.

To-day for the fifth time Governor Tener gave him another respite until January 5, 1915. For a year and a half Massa has been in the shadow of the gallows.

Hear Beedy and Camella To-day

James Beedy and Toney Camella, who were arrested on a charge of felonious entry and larceny by City Detective Ibach yesterday afternoon when they were discharged by Mayor Royal on a disorderly practice charge, were given another hearing in police court late this afternoon. Both were wearing sweaters, according to the police, that were taken from the stable of E. J. Kline, South River street.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

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to "the region of high political idiosyncrasy." Statements to-day by the War Office at Berlin, Paris and Petrograd, the continental centers of official information concerning the war, left generally in doubt the outcome of the fighting in the east which unofficial reports say has resulted in a Russian victory. The Russian War Office makes an indefinite statement that the Germans have retreated, and gives no indication of the extent of the movement. The German version is that the fighting is still in progress and that the decision is yet to be reached. It is said semi-officially in Berlin that no doubt is entertained there as to an eventual German victory, but that the arrival of Russian reinforcements has postponed it.

In Belgium and France both the French and German statements say the fighting lags. There is continued activity in the Argonne region, where, according to the French War Office, the allies have made progress. The bombardment of Belgian coast towns by British warships has been resumed, it is said in Berlin, causing a number of casualties among the inhabitants but inflicting only slight injury to the German troops.

The German official press bureau in Berlin denies the British statement that a German submarine has been sunk off the coast of Scotland by a British patrolling vessel. The American consulate at Warsaw has been damaged by a bomb dropped from a German airship. Ambassador Marjate at Petrograd reported to the State Department at Washington that several persons in the street were killed and that windows of the consulate were broken, although no one in the building was injured.

Return Judges of This District Find A. S. Kreider Won by 10,060

Frank A. Smith, of this city; John F. Ehrgood, of Lebanon, and A. S. Middleton, of Boiling Springs, election return judges appointed to certify the official vote cast for the Congressional candidates in the Eighteenth Congressional district of this county, in Lebanon and Cumberland, met in the office of Prothonotary Henry P. Holler at noon to-day.

Each judge had a certificate of the official vote in his county, the vote was compiled and a return made to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The return shows Aaron S. Kreider was re-elected with a plurality of 10,060.

HEARING FOR NEW HAVEN DIRECTORS

New York, Nov. 24.—Federal Judge Sessions to-day set next Monday as the time for argument on the motion to dismiss the indictments against William Rockefeller and four of the twenty men indicted with him on charges of having violated the criminal law in connection with their duties as directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange to Open

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Betty—By telephone.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Mr. Wilgus tried to kiss me last evening.

"How dared he?"

"He didn't. I dared him."—Pittsburgh Press.

Willie—Paw, what is an impossibility?

Paw—Anything a woman can't do with a hairpin, my son.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Mrs. Bacon—Don't you like to see a man pay his wife homage?

Mrs. Egbert—Yes, either that or alimony.—Yonkers Statesman.

"They are going to put your resolution on the table."

"I'm not surprised. I expected it to be dashed."—Baltimore American.

"If I were she I wouldn't laugh so much with such poor teeth."

"Yes, but look at her gorgeous dimples."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Biggins tells me he has the smartest boy he ever saw."

"And he tells me he is a firm believer in heredity."—Washington Star.

"He wants a place where he won't have anything to do."

"Then why doesn't he enlist in the Swiss navy?"—Baltimore American.

"What is your favorite musical instrument?" asked the old fogey.

"The cash register," replied the grouch.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat oneself.

HOSPITAL WANTS TURKEYS

Only One Had Been Received by Early Afternoon of "Donation Day"—Other Gifts Received

The collection of the Thanksgiving Day donations for the Harrisburg Hospital started this morning and at 2 o'clock this afternoon there seemed every reason to believe that in spite of the many contributions made by Harrisburg to the Belgian relief and other European war funds, the response from this city and vicinity has been fully as generous as last year.

Early this morning the horse-drawn vehicles and automobiles lent by many of the merchants of Harrisburg started collecting the "donation bags" which were distributed a few days ago, and by early afternoon they had gathered in between 300 and 400 bags and several hundred glasses of jellies and jars of preserves. By that time only one turkey had been received, although five or six more were promised. Many more could be used.

Although several checks have been received for which the hospital authorities are thankful, they say that much more money is needed.

The members of the Woman's Aid Society, headed by Mrs. Henry McCormick, were at the hospital all day and will be there throughout to-morrow receiving and separating the donations so as to be able to tell just what has been given. All of the potatoes, apples, beets, pears and the like are placed in separate barrels while the breakfast foods, jellies, preserves, flour and things of that kind are arranged on the shelves of the store rooms of the hospital. The vehicles will continue gathering donations to-morrow.

COMPILE THE CONGRESS VOTE

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HARRISBURG, PA.

VARE TO HELP BRUMBAUGH PLAN ROT FIGHT TO RETAIN HOUCK

Leader Who Has Been at Odds With Penrose Favors Carrying Out All Platform Pledges

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—With William H. Wilson, of this city, expected to announce his candidacy within the next few days, organization leaders anticipate a lively skirmish for the support of Penrose in the contest for the Speakership of the next State House of Representatives. Wilson is the favorite of the Vares for the place, but it is generally conceded that Senator Penrose will determine the nomination of the Republican caucus.

Senator Penrose is said to have no particular interest in the contest further than the assurance that the interests of the organization will be protected, and is said to be willing to accept either Wilson, Baldwin, Haggood or Ehrhardt.

Congressman William S. Vare in an address at the Old Guard dinner of the Young Republicans last night predicted that the next Legislature would be inclined to progressive legislation.

"I believe that every pledge made in our State platform ought to be carried out," he declared. "As far as I am concerned, I shall endeavor to assist in seeing that the pledges made to the people are carried out to the letter."

Congressman Vare attributed Brumbaugh's victory to his strength among the independent voters and to what he termed "the mistakes" of the Wilson administration.

KEEPER'S HAT IN THE RING

Another Democrat Announces Himself in County Commissioners Race

The scramble for the County Commissionerships is growing, Charles S. Keefer, of Upper Paxton township, having announced himself to-day as a candidate for the nomination on the Democratic ticket.

On last Saturday the Star-Independent announced that Harry C. Wells, the present Sheriff; Samuel Taylor, at present Jury Commissioner, and Albert Gardner, Ninth ward, all of this city; Bartram C. Shelley, Steelton, and Dr. D. W. Shaffner, Enhaut, all would be candidates on the Democratic ticket.

Keefer is a former Harrisburg policeman. His announcement was made in a letter to the Star-Independent, as follows: "Editor, the Star-Independent, Harrisburg, Pa.:

"Dear Sir:—Being a reader of your paper, I noticed you published a list of the candidates for the different county offices. I respectfully submit my name for County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket.

"Your respectfully, Charles S. Keefer. Millersburg, Pa., R. No. 2, Nov. 23, 1914.

Upper Paxton township." Several aspirants also have come out for the Republican nomination for County Commissioner.

Mr. Stroh Appointed Receiver

In connection with the handling of the Pennsylvania property of the Pleasantville Water Company, Pleasantville, N. J., a concern now in the hands of a New Jersey receiver, the Dauphin county court has appointed Charles C. Stroh, a Harrisburg attorney, as ancillary receiver of the concern. Books and papers, the property of the water company, which it is said are now in the possession of Pennsylvania water companies, are what Mr. Stroh seeks to obtain.

At Church of the Brethren

At the Church of the Brethren on Hummel street Thanksgiving services will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The Rev. A. M. Hollinger will be in charge.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Three rabbit hounds, from 14 to 19 months old; just starting; from 14 to 19 inches tall; colors black, white, tan and orange; or will exchange on poultry or what have you. Address P. O. Box N, Fleetwood, Pa.

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