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FINES TO BE REDUCED

Board of Health Revising Code.
Cleaning Up Progressing Finely.

The fortnightly meeting of Penns Grove Board of Health was held last Friday night. Edward S. Harris, president. The others present were H. L. Blohm, secretary, S. G. Hurff and W. A. Summerill.

D. C. Bowen, state inspector, was present and expressed an opinion that little had been done and Penns Grove was in about as bad a sanitary condition as formerly.

The scavenger, Oliver Cuff, was present and S. J. Hurff read his report which showed that during the past two months he had cleaned out more than 200 toilets that needed it most and had hauled 158 two-horse wagon loads of garbage and rubbish. That is more than was reported done during the year 1915.

Considering that he was the first man who has continued on the job more than a month, that he lives below Salem and the bad roads, President Harris expressed an opinion that the Board had made much progress and deserved some credit, even though others did not wish to concede it.

It is true the present Board has not legally (?) robbed citizens of \$500 in fines for alleged offenses which injured no one, more cleaning up has been done under the democratic moral suasion of members of the Board than was done under the imperial ukases of a \$1500 inspector.

W. A. Summerill introduced a "Sanitary Code" to take the place of the present one. The changes are in the fines, which are made as low as \$2 and \$5 with a maximum of \$25, \$50 and \$100. The present code made the fines arbitrarily \$25, \$50 and \$100 for alleged offenses which have proved to be injurious only in the minds of former members of the local and State Board of Health. The code was read twice and will come up for final passage at the meeting next Friday night, the 17th, when citizens are invited to appear and state their approval or objections.

State Inspector Bowen questioned the right of publishing the notice in the Penns Grove Record because Mr. Summerill is a member of the Board of Health, because there is a law, common or statute which forbids in certain cases men employing themselves in a public capacity. An answer was that if such was done by votes of other members of the Board where is the criminality?

LAW OF PUBLICATION
The law for the local boards of health says:

"12. That the said local boards of health have power to pass, alter or amend ordinances, but such ordinance shall have three readings before its final passage and at least one week shall intervene between the second and third readings of said ordinance and a notice stating the title of said ordinance and the date when it passed its second reading SHALL be published at least one week prior to its final passage in at least one newspaper published in the borough. If any newspaper is published therein."

The statute law of 1909, chapter 67, to regulate the price for official advertising says: "The price to be paid for publishing official advertising in any newspaper, except in cities or counties of the first and second class SHALL be at the rate of five cents per nonpareil (or 6 point) line for each insertion."

The purpose of changing the fines in the Sanitary Code is not to give Mr. Summerill a job of printing but to make the fines conform to the state law of 1893 which fixes the minimum at \$2 and the maximum at \$100, thus giving the Justice or Judge power to discriminate as to the badness of the offenses and the disposition of the persons to create a better sanitary condition on their premises.

If any personal or political friend (?) of the publisher of the Penns Grove Record wishes to object to W. A. Summerill receiving legal pay from the Board of Health for publishing the Sanitary Code, reducing the fines or alleged offenders against sanitary premises now is the time to enter objections before the Board of Health. Our purpose in becoming a member of the Board of Health was not to make conditions such to get a job of advertising, but to reduce and hinder the legalized robbery of citizens for something that had not caused injury nor illness to anyone, but was only in the minds of members of the State Board of Health, obsessed with ideas which are not facts in Penns Grove. If any other citizen will take the position and protect the citizens against imperial robbers they may have it.

ORIGIN OF EXHIBITANT FINES

When Penns Grove had an epidemic of a disease declared to be atypical of smallpox, after the manner of smallpox in a benign form there was no local ordinance to regulate such. The local Board of Health did the compulsory work thought necessary and made the ordinance later on March 3, 1911. The ordinance and the arbitrary, and exhibitant fines were made at the instigation of D. C. Bowen, state inspector. In 1893, eleven years previous the State Legislature passed a law, prescribing that local boards of health may make penalties not to exceed \$100 nor less than \$2. Salem, Woodbury nor Atlantic City do not have arbitrary fines as high as the present code of Penns Grove which is to be repealed by the code to be finally passed next Friday night.

Our idea for the correction of an alleged evil is to not run a local nor state board of health as a den of public thieves where people have not caused injury to others, but it is "only alleged that such may do so. Where men make big money by the infraction of a law a big fine is advisable.

THE CAUSES OF WAR

Bryan Says It Is Because of The Wrong Philosophy That Might Make Right

A month ago William J. Bryan was sitting peacefully in his home in Miami, Fla., while those eggs which had been laid in his locks, by cartoonists, hatched out peace doves. Bryan is now on a speech-making tour over the United States, preaching like John the Baptist in a wilderness of war thought. He spoke last Monday night in the Tabernacle in Wilmington. He said in part:

"The war now in Europe is the biggest in the world's history. No nation admits they started it or wanted it. It was started because the leaders believe in their wrong philosophy that force make right. When people apply the same moral principles now observed by individuals and the same state laws to international codes there will be no wars. Peace treaties were made with thirty-three nations while he was Secretary of State before this war started.

Thou shalt not covet,
Thou shalt not steal,
Thou shalt not kill

and the Sermon on the Mount are not observed in international law as in state laws. Take the profits out of the manufacture of war munitions there will cease to be a propaganda advocating preparedness which leads to war. Those who plan wars do not do the fighting, which is done by the young men who are poor.

A century ago the code of honor was that a man must accept a challenge to a duel. Now a man would not be called honorable to accept a challenge. A man is not allowed to be prepared by carrying weapons. When one man shoot another with a revolver he is prepared and declares it was in self defense.

The preparedness which the army and navy boards plan would cost the taxpayers more than all the farmers' profits on their crops. Besides they want the farmers to stop work to drill for war. He would put those in the army and navy to work to produce something useful. A hundred roads twelve miles apart could be built from ocean to ocean with less money than the 'war at any cost' advocates want spent for preparedness.

"There never was a time when there was less danger to this country than now. And if they go on killing men at the rate they are now doing it, there will be no danger whatever in the near future simply because of depopulation. If the dogs of war must fight, let them fight in Europe and for God's sake let us keep hydrophobia out of the United States. Even if it were possible for one side to annihilate the other, it would be a crime against civilization for the other to do it. Even if as a result one emerges as the master, it will not make the world more bright. Permanent peace cannot be brought from war. The countries of Europe had prepared for war and none for peace. Even if you want war, all you have to do is to work the country up to a fighting pitch and keep it there. I say to you frankly that if the people of these United States really want war, I shall be the last one to protest but I believe that the question of war or peace should be referred to a referendum vote of the people who will have to do the fighting and I want the woman to vote on this question as well as the men. I want the woman to vote on all questions, but especially on that of peace or war since the woman at home in case of war must suffer a hundred times worse than the fighting men in the field. But also I would that those who vote for war should go on the firing line as the first line and the others afterward. Those who have voted in opposition to war could form a tremendous reserve which could do after the vote for war—had settled it. I would put the jingo editors of the United States in the first line, in order that they might have the glory of dying before anyone else and get the news while it is fresh.

"It is the part of wisdom to postpone final settlement of existing questions until after the war is over. If we have to have war, I prefer to have it after the present European war is settled. God forbid that ever this country should be entangled in war and permit an American army or navy to come under the command of the crowned heads of any European nation.

"We cannot become a belligerent nation and still retain our status as a neutral one. The world looks to us for mediation in the present war when the time for mediation comes, and if we permitted ourselves to become embroiled in it, we would be compelled to turn over to others the grandest opportunity when the time comes to play the part of friends and lift the entire world out of war. And all that is necessary for us to do is to lift the code of morals which we apply to individuals and make it apply to nations.

BRYAN'S MISSION
William J. Bryan's mission is not that of a time-serving politician who cares only for the honors and emoluments of high office. He is an educator and agitator on the vanguard of world wide Christian civilization. A teacher of the people all over the world to deal justly, walk humbly and love mercy; that the peculiar policies and principles exercised by the people in the United States should be made world wide.

Watch Child For Worms
Worms sap child's strength, rob child of food and make child fretful, irritated, nervous. Watch stool and at first sign or suspicion of worms give one-half to one lozenge Kickapoo Worm Killer, a candy worm-remover. Gives immediate results. Is laxative. Paralyzes and removes the worms, improves digestion and general health of child. Continue giving Kickapoo Worm Killer until all signs of worms are gone. 25c. at your Druggist. adv.

Must Retain Riparian Rights

The Ends of Main Street and Maple Avenue Belong To The People

Having scotched the water snake and being necessarily detained from a special meeting of the Mayor and Council on Tuesday evening, we discovered on Wednesday while nosing for news, that wharf rats had invaded the Borough over night and had devoured the Mayor and Council, but had not eaten irreparable holes in the Borough ship of state, because the meeting was a special one, not called for the purpose of giving away the people's riparian rights to the foot of Main street which gives free access to the Delaware river.

The Council discussed and partly decided that \$21,200 would be needed to run the Borough this year, not including \$25,000 which will be needed for schools, but the most important proposition passed upon was an ordinance purporting to give away the riparian rights to the Penns Grove Pier Company, now owned by the Wilmington and Penns Grove Ferry Company who are Horace Wilson and son, Joseph Wilson, of Wilmington.

No one can blame them for getting all they can for nothing, but why should the Mayor and Council give away a valuable riparian right which belongs to all the people to a corporation which may sell out to another corporation and bottle up Penns Grove citizens forever.

Capt. Wilson says he needs this riparian right in order that he may extend the wharf 350 feet further out so the Wilson line boats which ply between Wilmington and Philadelphia may land there. He may extend the wharf the present width, but not widen to infringe on the riparian rights not heretofore used above and below.

All corporations are seeking valuable rights along the river front. The duPont Company wanted all from Carney to Thompson Point. But they did not get all asked for neither should Capt. Wilson without giving the people some privileges and insuring privileges enjoyed since the first wharf at the foot of Main street was erected in 1829.

Delaware may claim to high water mark on the Jersey shore, according to grants made in 1662 by King Charles II, and according to maps showing such, but New Jersey has claimed and exercised the riparian rights and the fishing rights and should hold on to them.

In 1855 Charles Elkinton and others applied to the Legislature and got a charter for a public wharf at the foot of Main street. Their corporation is known as the Penns Grove Pier Company, a public service corporation organized to erect a public wharf at which boats may land by paying public wharfage, fishing boats as well as other boats. Mr. Elkinton being the principal stock holder thought he had a right to erect a building on the foot of Main street and have a fence there also. Our older citizens remember the old Fishermen's Pride restaurant which had to be moved in 1872 at the suit of the Township Committee, the prime mover being William Summerill. William Curriden was the road overseer who executed the law.

George H. Elkinton who owned a majority of the stock of the Penns Grove Pier Company sold it to John Doyle, owner of the Major Reynolds. He sold it to the Reading Railroad party of whom Capt. Horace Wilson bought it. The Wilmington and Penns Grove Ferry Company is a separate corporation.

When the Mayor and Council give away the Borough's riparian right Capt. Wilson will not have to maintain a public service corporation wharf. They may surrender their charter and have a private wharf, put up a gate and make citizens of Penns Grove pay 15 cents or more a sniff for a breeze off the Delaware river. He may sell out the wharf and steamboat lines to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. They can afford to pay an immense price to prohibit water competition. The round-trip between Penns Grove and Philadelphia has been increased from seventy-five cents to \$1.40 in the past fifteen years.

The thing to do is for the Mayor and Council to take out that riparian right and lease it for fifty years, the same as they grant a franchise to a gas, water or trolley company for the use of the streets. The people should have the right insured to walk out on the wharf at all times. All boats have a right to land at this public wharf by paying wharfage. This should be maintained. For a nominal lease for fifty years the Penns Grove Pier Company should maintain a public waiting room, and public toilet. A roof may be put on and commodious space made for citizens to sit at any time even though they may not desire to take passage on a steamer owned by the same persons who own the wharf under the name of a different corporation.

The only public access the people of Penns Grove have to the Delaware river is at the foot of Main street and at the foot of Maple avenue at the Cove. These rights must and shall be maintained against all persons or corporations asking for a free gift.

Men are elected to be Councilmen to look after and protect the general public interest like as it were their own and not give the people's rights and privileges away for fawning flattery nor personal favors.

When men talk one way on the street and vote another in giving the people's rights and privileges away, it makes people think of Bret Harte's heathen Chinese, who was known for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain.

The public rights of the people of Penns Grove to free access to the Delaware river at the foot of Main street and Maple avenue must and shall be maintained.

Dangers Of Draft
Drafts feel best when we are hot and perspiring, just when they are most dangerous and the result is Neuralgia, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles or sometimes an attack of Rheumatism. In such cases apply Sloan's Liniment. It stimulates circulation to the sore and painful part. The blood flows freely and in a short time the stiffness and pain leaves. Those suffering from Neuralgia or Neuragic Headache will find one or two applications of Sloan's Liniment will give grateful relief. The agonizing pain gives way to a tingling sensation of comfort and warmth and quiet rest and sleep is possible. Good for Neuritis too. Price 25c. at your Druggist.

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Personal Mention Social Notes

The Whereabouts And Doings Of Good People You Know.

Miss Jennie Allen was entertained over Sunday by her friend, Miss Mae Cunard, at Pedricktown.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sparks, of Trenton, have been spending a few days with relatives in Penns Grove.

Miss Adeline S. Leap has been spending a few days with her daughter, Miss Ralph Smith in Philadelphia.

Miss Rena M. Newlin has returned to Notre Dame Academy after being home on a three weeks vacation.

Mrs. Harry B. Peterson and son Harry Jr., were over Sunday visitors with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. S. M. Denny.

George H. Elkinton, Esq., has been appointed Borough Recorder to fill the vacancy caused by James E. Smalley's death.

Miss F. de Seeley, of West Chester, Normal School, has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Seeley.

Dr. Clinton Stranglin, Mattawan, spent over Tuesday with his uncle Ezekiel Borden. He was on his way home after spending three weeks at Pinehurst, N. J.

William Taylor has resigned the position of ticket agent at the railroad station and accepted a clerkship in the Penns Grove National Bank. W. H. Leroy, of Newfield, succeeds Mr. Taylor at the railroad station.

Mrs. Rebecca Hughes accompanied by her grand daughters left Sunday for Camden after spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. H. Platt, Mrs. Louis M. Miller, of Philadelphia, also returned home Sunday after being a two-day guest of Mr. and Mrs. Platt.

Edward Clamptz, of Pennsville, when about to get into his buggy at the Powder works last Saturday was thrown down by the horse starting. His head hit a post. He was seriously hurt so that several stitches were taken. The horse ran to the home of its former owner in Engle town before being caught.

MARRIED

PEDRICK—HUSTED
Warren H. Pedrick, son of Emmet Pedrick, and Miss Clara Husted, daughter of Frank Husted, were married Wednesday evening, March 8th, 1916, at the home of the bride's parents at Riverview, by Rev. W. A. Boyd.

OBITUARY
B. FRANKLIN BODINE
died in Washington D. C., March 1, 1916, aged 49 years. He had been ailing for two years and was taken to the hospital four days previous for an operation from which he never recovered. He was the son of Eliza and the late Jesse F. Bodine, of Penns Grove, formerly of Salem. He was named after the printer's patron saint, Benjamin Franklin, and followed the same trade and learned the printing art in the Sunbeam office, in Salem. For several years he worked for the North American. During the past fifteen years he held a responsible position in the Government printing office at Washington.

He made annual visits to his parents and brother, Albert F. Bodine in Penns Grove.

The burial was in Salem last Saturday with the Masonic ceremony. He was a member of the Elks, a leader in Kallipolis Grotto Band, Washington, also a member of Typographical Union No. 2 of Philadelphia. He leaves a widow but no children.

SYLVAN ENGLISH
son of Jeremiah English, at Pennsville, died Monday, March 6, 1916, aged 21 years after an attack of meningitis. The burial was in Emmanuel Cemetery, Penns Grove, on Thursday. Some believed he contracted the disease by chewing smokeless powder. It has a sweet taste.

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DUPONT DOINGS

What The Powder Officials and Work men Are Thinking About.

Three train crews which shifted freight cars in the powder plant inclosure were laid off last week.

About 400 carpenters have been laid off. Some because the work on buildings in the powder plant is finished, some because all the rubberoid apartment houses for families to live in are nearing completion, others because lumber and other supplies are short.

The urgent rush orders for powder are over, but then men employed are very busy. War orders booked by the duPont Powder Company have reached an aggregate of \$400,000,000, it is understood. Much of this enormous business was filled in the fiscal year ending December 31, 1915, and was the potent factor in the production of the \$37,840,758 of net profits which the company reported for last year. Prior to the present war the duPont Company's net profit has formed about 2 per cent. of gross.

The highest price at which powder sold before the war was 66 cents per pound, but it is understood that last year the company delivered its product under its war contracts for prices running between \$1 and \$1.25 per pound. On the other hand the price of the ingredients of powder has advanced. The company has announced that it will expand the duPont fabrikoid plant at Newburg, N. Y., one of its subsidiaries. Fabrikoid is made from cotton fiber. It is not only being used as a substitute for leather, but also felt in hats.

The sales department of the duPont Fabrikoid Co. intends to test the artistic millinery ability of its women employees and the women members of its employees' families. Incidentally it will learn how Fabrikoid, one of the most important of the great powder plant's by-products, looks decorating a fair head and illustrate another of the many uses of the product. Cash prizes will be given for the most stylish designed hats made of fabrikoid.

Burglars Make Small Raids

About 2.15 Wednesday morning the large plate glass window in front of Penns Grove Bargain store at Main and Franklin Streets was broken. The burglar stole some jewelry.

At 3.45 the large plate glass window in front of Harrison's hardware store on South Broad Street was broken. Two revolvers, two flash lights and hair clippers were stolen. About \$15 will about cover the loss. Valuable tools were not disturbed.

M. E. Conference Next Week

Sunday will be the last of the conference year in the M. E. Churches. The pastors will go to Asbury Park to attend the annual Conference which will begin on Wednesday and continue a week.

Rev. Edward Mount who has been pastor of St. Pauls M. E. Church for two years will go to another charge at his own request. Rev. W. A. Boyd expects to be returned to Emmanuel Church. Both have had very successful pastorates during the past year, both spiritually and financially.

Rural Route Changed

William C. Brigham, mail inspector from Trenton, was in Penns Grove last Saturday, adjusting the carrying of mail from Penns Grove station to the new Carney Point Post Office, at the duPont Villages, two miles below Penns Grove.

John B. Layton the rural mail carrier, who has been put back on the route, will continue on the route which will be changed. He will come up the road from Churchtown to the lane leading to Fenton Beach. Those residing on the Beach may have boxes at the end of the lane on the road. He will then return to the forked road below Penns Neck Canal and take the road to Wright School House, thence to Georgetown crossroad, to Bevis corner and down the Sharpstown road to Penns Grove. This will accommodate farmers who were not formerly on the route.

All persons who reside between the Cove school house and Fenton lane are expected to get their mail at Carney Point Post Office. Those who desire their Penns Grove Record changed to the new post office may notify us.

Stephens Is Coming

Rev. H. L. Stephens, who has conducted a revival with great success at Woodbury, the past three weeks is expected to begin service in Penns Grove Tabernacle the first week in April. All the Churches are concentrating their minds on the good message to be received.

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STATE CAPITOL NEWS

What The State Officials Are Doing. What The Political Leader Are Talking About.

Trenton, March 8.—Campaign matters are now moving along at a rapid rate and with the adjournment of the Legislature in about three weeks the political leaders will throw their forces into battle with all the vim at their command. In addition to a wide open throttle and increased speed in the Legislature this week, there were several notable political events that featured the doings at the State Capitol and the campaign. Among these were the meeting of the Democratic State Committee, the dollar dinner of the Mercer County Republicans with state and national party leaders present and the dinner to Naval Officer H. Otto Wittmann in Newark by Democrats from all sections of the State. The Republican (last had as one of its star features an ovation to State Senator Walter E. Edge, of Atlantic City, that materially helped his boom for the nomination for Governor. The Democratic dinner was planned by the Democrats in the Legislature who are for Wittmann and so, of course, there was nothing to it but a big "hurrah for Wittmann."

State political leaders now regard it as almost certain that Edge and Wittmann will be the rival candidates for Governor. In the Democratic camp everybody seems to be getting on the Wittmann band wagon, while there are various signs that Senator Edge will command most of the Republican support outside of Essex county. Edge and Wittmann have had by far the most mention this week as the respective standard bearers.

As far as the Democrats are concerned, it now seems as though Wittmann will have no opposition, or at least if he does it will not be worth considering. With all the big state leaders coming out for him, it is a foregone conclusion that any other candidate who enters the gubernatorial primary will be unable to defeat the former Mayor of Jersey City. Senator Hennessy, of Bergen County, is a Democratic candidate for Governor, but the impression prevails quite generally that he will not make much show against Wittmann. As he stands for local option not only on the liquor question, but all municipal matters, including the operation of public utilities by the municipality, and likewise for single tax and other similar propositions, he is not considered likely to win votes outside of those who hold to those ideas.

Some time ago Secretary of State Martin announced himself a candidate for the nomination for Governor. During the past week or two there have been rumors that he might withdraw. When asked about the matter today, he said he might have an important announcement in connection with his campaign in a short time. He refused to state whether or not it would be notice of his withdrawal.

The dinner to Wittmann in Newark last evening was really the firing of the first gun in his campaign to capture the Governorship. Mr. Wittmann in his speech outlined his campaign issues, and as might be expected, attacked the Republican Legislature. James Kerney, the Trenton newspaper man, was toastmaster. Dudley Field Malone, Collector of the Port of New York, spoke on national issues. James R. Nugent, the Essex leader; Prosecutor Martin P. Devlin, of Mercer; Senator Ackerson and Assemblyman Geran, of Monmouth, the respective legislative leaders for the Democrats, and others also spoke.

Former United States Senator Theodore Burton, of Ohio, one of the leading candidates for the Republican nomination for President, was the principal speaker at the dinner of the Mercer County Republicans, and discussed the national issues from the Republican standpoint. Senator Edge spoke more on state issues.

"Some of us," said Senator Edge, "have been on the firing line in New Jersey for the past few years, endeavoring to bring some order out of a disastrous financial situation. We have endeavored to introduce business principles into state government and cut out needless extravagance, centralize responsibility and consolidate departments in the interests of economy and efficiency. We have been insisting on service along this line, and the people of New Jersey have apparently approved, because in the past two years they have given us increased majorities in the Legislature.

"We realize that New Jersey will be one of the main points of attack in this campaign and we can assure you that we are well organized and eager for the fray."

The reception to Senator Edge included the singing of several songs composed for the occasion, one of which went as follows:

"Where the ocean surf is pounding,
On the old Atlantic Coast,
Lives a man whose name they're sounding
As New Jersey's proudest boast.
From the hills of far-off Sussex
Down to Cape May by the sea,
They want Walter Edge for Governor
Of Jer-se-see!"

Governor Fielder, United States Senators Martine and Hughes and State Treasurer Edward E. Crosscup were suggested as the "Big Four" delegates-at-large to the Democratic National Convention in St. Louis, by the Democratic State Committee at its meeting here this week. The four alternates named were State Charities and Corrections Commissioner Richard Stockton, of Trenton; former Senator Johnston Cornish, of Warren; former State Railroad Director Robert D. Foote, of Morris, and Judge Clarence L. Cole, of Atlantic City.

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