

With the inclusion of a dozen additional counties and townships in Pennsylvania in the quarantine section set up against infestation by the corn borer, bringing the total area under quarantine up to more than 1,500 square miles, Dr. W. H. Larrimer, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, outlined a half million dollar program by which the department hopes to check further ravages of the pest. Dr. Larrimer is chief of the cereal

and forage insect division of investigation and is an entomologist of note. The department will spend \$485,-000 during the fiscal year which commenced July 1, under an appropriation voted at the last session of congress. A permanent staff of 25 or 30 experts is maintained at control work, and between 200 and 300 men are employed in the infested areas under the direc-tion of experts to forward "clean up" activities in driving out the pest.

"The federal government is receiving unstinted co-operation from the States in checking an infestation which has reached alarming proportions and which will take toll of untold millions of dollars' worth of crops unless it is halted," Dr. Larrimer said. "Not only Pennsylvania and other

States which are actually in the infested area but States which are in the path of the invader and which are taking preventative measures to prevent its spread have either made appropriations to aid in the work or have placed their state agricultural staffs at work co-operating in a concerted national program against the corn borer.

"We now have under federal quarantine something in excess of an area of 1,500 square miles, including counties in six States.

"Pennsylvania has thirteen counties, Maine one, Rhode Island one, New York sixteen, Ohio fourteen and Michigan twelve counties under quarantine.

"It is our aim to prevent duplication of the conditions in Canada which have resulted in a total commercial loss of crops in an area of more than 400 square miles laid waste by the corn borer.

"This pest was first observed in virulent form in Massachusetts and Ontario, Canada, in 1917, and it is the accepted theory that it was brought over in shipments of broom corn from Hungary in 1909 and 1910.

The corn borer gained a foot hold in Massachusetts and has spread gradually around the Great Lakes basin, leaving an area of more or less intensive infestation in its wake. These States raise a great deal of corn but it is our hope that we can check the infestation before it reaches the great corn growing States like Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska.

"Scouts are maintained in the field aroughout this season of the year

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS Old Hawaiian Custom of Birth Celebration In years gone by the Hawaiians, a primitive, nature-loving people, made gods of mountains, trees and stores. The "alli" or chiefs associated the

birth of a child with a specific tree. A tamarind or a koa tree was planted at the time a chief's child was born. and grew to maturity with the child. On certain occasions the first fruits of a young tree, coconut palm by preference, were plucked by a son of the "alti."

When an heir was born to the "alif" the ceremonial drum was beaten at the temple and a sacred hula performed. One of these ceremonial drums, taken from a temple on Diamond head, in Honolulu, is of koa wood (mahogany) and nearly four feet high. Its ends are covered with sharkskin and the sides decorater with human teeth.

As the great drum booms out its message that a son has been born to the "alii," the people gather to offer sacrifices and propitiate the gods. A feast is given by the chief and the secred hula-hula is performed. This sacred hula is more a historic pantomime than a mere dance, and is as different from the hula-hula of today as a symphony orchestra is from a jazz band.

# Twice Escaped Death

# Plans Carefully Laid

Sorcerers in Papua, or New Guinea, eldom attempt to employ their "puripuri," as native magic is termed, against white men, but twice one Mira-Oa did seek to avenge a fancied wrong by bringing about the death of Merlin Moore Taylor, the writer relates ip "The Heart of Black Papua."

The first attempt was frustrated when a native discovered that a coconut handed the white man contained minute slivers of bamboo in the nut's milk. If swallowed, these bits of fiber would penetrate the delicate tissues of the vital organs, causing inflammation and eventually death.

Later Taylor narrowly escaped leath from a snake which charged toward him while he was walking along a narrow path. The sorcerer had captured the poisonous reptile, tied a noose of pliant vine back of its head, and placed it in a pot over a fire with a handkerchief owned by Taylor. Tortured by the heat, the snake assoclated the scent of the handkerchief with its torture, and when released sought to attack the person whose scent was similar to that of the handkerchlef.

The witch doctor then became resigned and disappeared into the jungle until the white man had departed.

## On the Trolley Car

On board the trolley car which plies between the Sixty-ninth street terminal and Easton a man and wife were earnest conversation. The man in had been speaking in subdued tones when his wife burst out with: "She wasn't. She wasn't to blame. If there's any blame to be fixed it belongs to the husband. I think she was entirely justified. Any woman in her place would have done the same. I don't care if the meals were late. She loved him and that made it all right." No, gentle reader, this isn't he sort of marital difficulty you suspect. The husband of the woman who spoke the foregoing, exclaimed: 'But any woman that wastes all afternoon on a Pekingese is a good-fornothing bum, and any man who stands for such nonsense, deserves to get indigestion."-Philadelphia Record.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COM-MONWEALTH, FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY THE GENERAL AS-SEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY OBDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITU-TION.

No. 1-A.

TION.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four of the Constitution of the Comonweatlh of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That section four of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows:

Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, revel inva-sions, supprss insurrection, detend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed in the aggre-gate, at any one time, one million dollars; Provided, however, That the General As-sembly, irrespective of any debt, may au-thorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuild-ing the highways of the Commonwealth; Provided further, however, That the Gen-eral Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of thirty-live millions of dol-lars for the payment of compensation to certain persons from this State who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the World War between the sixth day of April, one thous-and nine hundred and seventeen and the eleventh day of November, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1-A. CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth

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#### No. 2-A. A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred and fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in ac-cordance with the eighteenth article there-of.

That section four of article nine is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State except to supply casual deficiencies of revenues, repel in-vasions, suppress insurrection, defend the State in way on to now existing dott and vasions, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed in the aggre-gate, at any one time, one million dollars; Provided, however, That the General As-sembly, irrespective of any debt, may au-thorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred and fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Com-monwealth. monwealth.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2-A. CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 3-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto an ad-ditional continue. ditional section.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-

the enlargement of existing State build-ings and State Institutions. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 5-A. CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

> No. 6-A. A JOINT RESOLUTION

A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to article three of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania

ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article three of: That article three be amended by adding thereto the following: Section 35. The General Assembly may by general law make appropriations of money for assistance to aged indigent res-idents of the Commonwealth. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 6-A. CLYDE L. KING

CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

### No. 7-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to article nine, section eight of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the fol-lowing amendment to the Constitution of the Comonwealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance

the authority of the same, That the fol-lowing amendment to the Constitution of the Comonwealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof: That article nine, section eight of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 8. The debt of any city, bor-ough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, ex-cept as provided herein and in section fif-teen of thi: article, shall never ex-ceed seven (7) per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable prop-erty therein, and the debt of any county except as provided in section fifteen of this article shall never exceed ten (10) per centum upon the assessed val-ue of the taxable realty therein; but the debt of the City of Philadelphia may be increased in such amount that the total city debt of said city shall not exceed four-teen (14) per centum upon the assessed val-ue of the taxable realty therein; nor shall any such county, municipality, or dis-trict incur any new debt or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two (2) per centum upon such assessed valua-tion of taxable property in the case of cother municipalities or districts, without the consent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law; but the city of Philadel-phia may incur any debt or increase its indebtedness to an amount not exceeding three per centum of the valuation of tax-abe realty in said city without the con-sent of the electors. In ascertaining the borrowing capacity of the City of Philad-phia may incur any debt or increase is indebtedness to an amount not exceeding three per centum of the valuation of tax-abe realty in said city without the con-sent of the electors. In ascertaining the borrowing capacity of the city of Phila-delphia at any time, there shall be deduct-ed from such debt so much of the debt of said city as shall have been incurred or is about to be incurred and the proceeds thereof expended or cility therefor to the extent that such pub-lic improvement or public utility or part thereof, whether separately or in connec-tion with any other public improvement or public utility or part thereof, may yield or may reasonably be expected to yield revenue in excess of operating expenses for or towards the payment of the inter-est and sinking-fund charges thereon. The method of determining such amount so to be deducted shall be prescribed by the General Assembly.

be deducted shall be prescribed by the General Assembly. In incurring indebtedness for any pur-pose the City of Philadelphia may issue its obligations maturing not later than fifty (50) years from the date thereof with pro-vision for a sinking-fund sufficient to re-tire said obligations at maturity; the pay-ment to such sinking-fund to be in equal in model and a prother periodical in-

of: Section 4. The General Assembly is hereby authorized to provide for the con-solidation of the county, poor districts, cities, boroughs and townships of the coun-ty of Allegheny, and the offices thereof, in-to a consolidated city and county, with the constitutional and legal capacity of a mu-nicipal corporation, to be known as the City of Pittsburgh, and to provide for a charter for its government. The said char-ter shall be submitted to the electors of said county, at a special election to be pro-vided for therein. If the majority of the electors voting thereon, in the county as a whole, and at least two-thirds of all the electors voting thereon in each of a ma-iority of this specifies. whole, and at least two-thirds of all the electors voting thereon in each of a ma-jority of the cities, boroughs and town-ships thereof, vote in the afirmative, the act shall take effect for the whole county. If rejected, the said charter may be resub-mitted to the electors in original, new or modified form, at any subsequent election until adopted. It shall be competent, subject to the po-lice power of the State, for the Legisla-ture to provide in said charter: I. For the exercise, by the consolidated city, of all the powers and duties vested in the county of Allegheny, and the poor districts thereof, and such other powers as appropriate to a municipality as may be specified therein, except such powers as are specifically reserved by this section to the municipal divisions herein provided for.

piers or quays, highways, tunnels or un derground or overhead streets unless at a public election held therefor a majority of the electors voting thereon shall consent thereto. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 9-A.

CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth

#### No. 10-A RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to the Constitu-tion of Pennsylvania. Be it resolved that the folowing amend-ment to the Constitution of the Common-wealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the ighteenth article thereof. That article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding thereto the following section sixteen: Section 16. The debt of any city of the second class shall never exceed ten per contum upon the assessed value of the tax-able property therein, nor shall any such city of the second class incur any new debt or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such as-sessed valuation of property without the provided by law. A true Constant Resolution No. 10-A. CLYDE L, KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

### No. 1-1926. A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article eight

Froposing an amendment to article eight, section seven, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of the Common-wealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed, in accordance with the

ment to the Constitution of the Common-weakh of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof: That section seven, of article eight, is hereby amended to read as folows: Section 7. All laws regulating the hold-ing of elections by the citizens, or for the registration of electors, shall be uniform throughout the State, except that laws reg-ulating and requiring the registration of electors may be enacted to apply to cities only, provided that such laws be uniform for cities of the same class, and except further, that the General Assembly shall, by general law, permit the use of voting machines, or other mechanical devices for registering or recording and computing the vote, at all elections or primaries, in any county, city, borough or township of the Commonwealth, at the option of the electors of such county, city, borough or township, without being obliged to require the use of such voting machines or me-chanical devices in any other county, city, borough or township, under such regula-tions with reference thereto as the Gener-al Assembly may from time to time pre-scribe. The General Assembly may, from time to time, prescribe the number and du-ties of election officers in any political sub-division of the Commonwealth in which voting machines or other mechanical dev-vices authorized by this section may be used. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1—

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1-1926.

# CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth

# No. 2-1926. A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article fifteen, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by adding thereto a new section to be known as section four thereof thereof.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in ac-cordance with the eighteenth article there-of. of:

fited thereby, and, for this purpose, real estate so charged shall be classified as ur-ban, suburban and rural, and assessments made in accordance with such classifications

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tions.
7. For the creation, by the board of commissioners, of districts for the purpose of regulating the location, height, area, bulk and use of buildings and premises.
8. For the creation, by the board of commissioners, of special districts for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining, operating or contracting for, any puble property, work, improvement, utility or service, not for the exclusive benefit of any one municipal division, and for the payment of the costs and maintenance of such property, work, improvement, utility or service, there may be special taxes levied throughout such special districts respectively, separate and apart from the general city tax.
Trovided, however, that it is the intent of this section that substantial powers be reserved to the cities, boroughs and townships, as municipal divisions of the consolidated city, under their present names and forms of government, subject to the laws provided for government of municipal divisions of the consolidated divy and may be divided into two or more municipal divisions of the consolidated divy may be designated by a term other than divisions and townships, as municipal divising the charter, and with their present boundaries, provided that the city of Pittsburgh may be designated by a term other than divisions at any general or special election, be united to form a single municipal division.
The said municipal divisions shall haro accounting the consent of an agore.

The said municipal divisions shall have and continue to possess the following pow-ers: 1. The constitutional and legal capacity of municipal corporations, except as lim-ities in the charter. 2. The power to lay and collect taxes and to incur indebtedness, subject to the intrations which are or may be imposed by law upon cities, boroughs or townships of corresponding classification, for the purpose of carrying out any lawful pow-er of said divisions. 3. The power to acquire, own, construct, maintain, operate or contract for all kinds of public property, works, improvements, utilities or services, which shall be within the municipal division, and principally for the use and benefit of the inhabitants thereof, provded this power shall not be taken to include the construction and minitenance of through-traffic streets and bridges, tunnels, subways and appurte-nances thereof, nor main or trunk lines for sewer, power and water service, run-ning through more than one municipal di-vision, and designated as such by the board of commissioners. 4. The power to maintain a local police force, and local fire department, with the necessary buildings, appurtenances and equipment therefor, which may be supple-mental to the police force and fire depart-ment of the consolidated city. 5. The power to establish a limitation of indebtedness for the consolidated city and the municipal divisions thereof, pro-vided that the total of the indebtedness of the consolidated city and the municipal di-visions thereof shall not, in the aggregate, exceed the limits of the total indebtedness allowed by the Constitution to the county and to the separate municipalities. 6. All other powers not specifically granted by the charter to the consolidated city; Provided, however, That a munici-pal division may surrender, by majority vote of the electors voting thereon at any general or special election, any of its pow-ers to the consolidated city, subject to the acceptance thereof by the board of com-missioners. The said charter may b

acceptance thereof by the board of com-missioners. The said charter may be amended by the Legislature, subject to ratification by a majority of the electors of the consolidat-ed city voting thereon at any general or special election; Provided, That no amend-ment reducing the powers of municipal di-visions shall be effective unless ratified by a majority of the electors voting thereon in each of a majority of said divisions. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2— 1926. CLYDE L. KING

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and it has been ascertained that the infestation is spreading through northern Ohio as far west as the Indiana line. It is only another step until the pest will turn up in Illinois and it is our object to stop it where it now stands and to eradicate it in the infested area.

"We find that long distance spread is due largely to the carrying of corn from one section to another by automobile tourists, as well as by rail shipments.

"In addition to enforcing quarantine regulations, we hope to carry on a general campaign of education among the people of the grain growing sections which will remove the menace to farm prosperity and the general well being of the country which has been thrust upon us by the corn borer."

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is conducting a rigid quarantine on all corn brought into the State from New York, with an effort to eradicate the corn borer that seems to be prevalent in New York State. Officers in charge of the quarantine are stationed on all main highways in Pennsylvania where such highways cross the New York state line.

### Boston had the First Fire Engine in America.

The first fire engine introduced into America was received at Boston from England about 247 years ago. It was a strong cistern of oak plac-

ed on wheels, furnished with pumps, air chambers and a suction pipe of strong leather. In case the suction could not be used the water was supplied to the container by buckets passed from hand to hand.

It required three men to work the pump and direct the nozzle. Few improvements were made in the methods of fighting fire until the middle of the last century, when steam fire engines were introduced, the first successful one being used in Cincinnati in 1853, and in a few years most of the larger cities had one or more of these.

It was about this time that the present department system of fire fighting was introduced. But there when his little cousin, Betty, need be no doubt that the Boston along and asked him the time. small boys of 1679 took as much delight in running after the engine as does his modern successor-only of course, he did not have to run so fast -nor so far.

Cincinnati seems to have led in the organization of paid departments, as in 1858 that city had 100 firemen on its payrolls, who each received a salary of \$60 per month.

# 1,000,000 Prints Recorded.

More than 1,000,000 fingerprints, or nearly one per cent. of the nation's population, are on record in the fed- Hendred's timepiece had recently to eral bureau of identification at Washington.

-One of the easiest ways to stif- clock will need further expert attenfen a horse is to compel him to stand tion until the year 2326. on a plank floor when not at work.

## Cause of "Cold" Mystery

In spite of all attempts to determine the specific cause of the common cold, the cause remains unknown. A cold, as the doctors explain it, is a catarrhal inflammation of the lining of the nose, mouth and throat. It is held by some to be due to infection with some peculiar germ which as yet has not been found. Some think that this micro-organism is so small that it cannot be detected even by the most delicate instrument. At various times various bacteria have been thought to be the cause of colds, but no definite organism has yet been chosen to bear the blame. Medical authorities generally are not quite agreed as to the bacterial origin of the disease. Evidence is still being collected

By Inches

and weighed.-Kansas City Times.

When Bobbie was six, he was given real watch, which, regardless of

quality or accuracy, had a loud tick. Naturally the little fellow was very proud, and he would stroll up and down the street, stopping every moment or two to draw the timepiece from his pocket and regard it gravely.

Every passer-by smiled at Bobby's performance, but the climax came when his little cousin, Betty, tripped

Bobby regarded his watch perplexedly for a moment, and then replied with dignity, "Two inches to four!"

### Historic Timekeeper

Four hundred years ago a church clock was made, at Wantage (the birthplace of King Alfred the Great); in England, and placed in the church tower of East Hendred. It played every three hours the "Angel's Hymn," and went on ticking out the time for 100 years, thus placing all grandfather's clocks in the shade. East be stopped for repairs. When these have been satisfactorily completed it

is not anticipated that the church

monwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in ac-cordance with the eighteenth article there-

That article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding thereto the following new section:

new section: Section 16. The General Assembly may authorize the City of Pittsburgh to levy special assessments against both abutting and non-abutting property, peculiarly benefited, for the payment of any public improvement whatsoever; to lay out and build as additional public improvements, for the payment of which properties pe-culiarly benefited shall be liable to spe-cial assessments, rapid transit railway sys. cial assessments, rapid transit railway sys-tems, drainage and sewerage systems, flood protective works, wharves, piers and quays, highway tunnels and bridges, and quays, highway tunnels and bridges, and underground and overhead streets, supple-menting original streets or street systems; to levy general and special taxes and spe-cial assessments therefor either before or after the laying out and construction thereof; and to provide that all special taxes and special assessments so levied whether payable presently when so levied or in installments over a period of years shall be credits or offsets to indebtedness incurred for such purposes in calculating the debt of such city; to provide for the use and operation of any rapid transit sys-tem by private corporations organized for that purpose. No law passed in pursuance hereof shall authorize the construction of any rapid transit railway system, flood hereof shall authorize the construction of any rapid transit railway system, flood protective works, wharves, piers or quays, highway tunnels or underground or over-head streets, unless at a public election held therefor a majority of the electors voting thereon shall consent thereto. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 3-A.

CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 4-A. A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto a section.

section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in ac-cordance with the eighteenth article there-of:

That article nine be amended by adding thereto the following section:

Section 19. In addition to the purpo Section 19. In addition to the purposes stated in article nine, section four, of this Constitution, the State may be authorized to issue bonds to the amount of fifty mil-lions of dollars (\$50,000,000) for the ac-quisition of lands and buildings and the construction and improvement of state-owned buildings and the equipment there-of for the care and maintenance of penal offenders, delinquents, mental defectives, epileptics, and persons mentally diseased. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4-A. CLYDE L. KING.

CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

### No. 5-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto a sec-

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in ac-cordance with the eighteenth article there-of:

That article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby amended by adding thereto the fol-lowing section:

lowing section: Section 1. That the State may be au-thorized by law to create debt and to is-sue bonds not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred millions of dollars, for the construction of office buildings in and a Memorial Bridge in and adjacent to the Capital Park; for the acquisition of lands and the construction thereon of State buildings and State Institutions; and for

ment to such sinking-fund to be in equal or graded, annual, or other periodical in-stallments. Where any indebtedness shall be or shall have been incurred by said City of Philadelphia for the purpose of the construction or improvements of public works or utilities of any character from which income or revenue is to be derived by said city, or for the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of wharves or docks owned or to be owned by said city, such obligations may be in an amount sufficient to provide for and may include the amount of the interest and sinking-fund charges accruing and and sinking-fund charges accruing and whch may accrue thereon throughout the period of construction and until the expi-ration of one year after the completion of the work for which said indebtedness shall have been incurred, and said city shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking-fund charges as re-quired by section ten, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania until the expiration of said period of one year after the completion of said work. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 7-A.

CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 8-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto sec-tion One B tion One B.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General As-sembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of the Common-wealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended by ad-ding thereto section 1 B, which reads as ding thereto section 1 B, which reads as follows: Section 1 B. Taxation laws may grant

exemptions or rebates to residents, or es-tates of residents, of other States which grant similar exemptions or rebates to residents, or estates of residents, of Penn-

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 8-A. CLYDE L. KING, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

#### No. 9-A. A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto an additional socition additional section.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Com-monwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in ac-cordance with the eighteenth article there-

That article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding thereto the following new section:

amended by adding thereto the following new section: Section 16. The General Assembly may authorize the County of Allegheny to levy special assessments against both abutting and non-abutting property peculiarly ben-efitted for the payment of any public im-provement whatsoever; to lay out and build as additional public improvements, for the payment of which properties pe-culiarly benefited shall be liable to special assessments, rapid transit railway sys-tems, drainage and sewerage systems, flood protective works, wharves, piers and quays, highways, tunnels and bridges, and underground and overhead streets supple-menting original streets or street systems; to levy general and special taxes and spe-cial assessments therefor, either before or after the laying out and construction thereof; and to provide that all special taxes and special construction thereof; and to presently when so levied whether payable presently when so levied or in installments over a period of years shall be credits or offsets to indebtedness incurred for such purposes in calculating the debt of such county; and to provide for the use and operation of any rapid transit system by private corporations or-ganized for that purpose. No law passed

for. 2. for. 2. For the election by the people of the consolidated city, of a board of commis-sioners, the number to be fixed by the charter, in lieu of present county commis-sioners, in which board shall be vested all the commissioners.

charter, in lieu of present county commissioners, in which board shall be vested all the powers of the consolidated city and county, except as otherwise provided in the charter.
3. For the organization of a government for the consolidated city and county, and for the election or appointment of the constitutional and other necessary officers thereof, and for their powers and duties.
4. For the organization of all courts, other than those of record, in the consolidated city, and for the procedure thereof, and for the appointment of judges and officers thereof, which courts shall exercise the jurisdiction, powers and duties of the peace, and such other powers as may be conferred by law.
5. For the transfer to the consolidated city of the property and indebtedness of the poord istricts thereof, and of such property and indebtedness of the county of Allegheny, and the powers and duties of said consolidated city, and to provide for an equitable adjustment and payment of such indebtedness, and for this purpose, any taxation therein shall be uniform the meaning and intervisions of this Constitution.
6. For the assessment of property for tion.

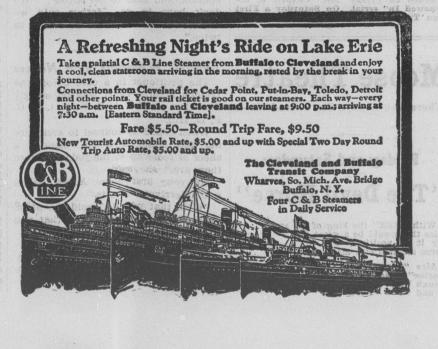
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