A MENDMENT TO THE CONSTITU-TION PROPOSED TO THE CITI-TION PROPOSED TO THE CITI-ZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENN-SYLVANIA, PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COM-MONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITU-TION.

A JOINT STELL A JOINT SECURITION Proposing amendments to the Constitu-tion of the Commonwealth of Pennsyl-vanla so as to consolidate the courts of common pleas of Philadelphia and Alle-gheny counties, and to give the General Assembly power to establish a separate court in Philadelphia county, with crim-linal and miscellaneous lows.

gheny counties, and to give the General Assembly power to establish a separate court in Philadelphia county, with crim-inal and miscellaneous jurisdiction. Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, That the following amend-ments to the Constitution of Pennsylva-nia be, and the same are hereby, pro-posed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:-

ction six of article five be amendbe an exciting out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following: Section 6. In the counties of Philadel-phia and Allegheny all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the several numbered courts of common pleas, shall be vested in one court of common pleas in each of said counties, composed of all the judges in commission in said courts. Such jurisdiction and powers shall ex-tend to all proceedings at law and in equity which shall have been instituted in the several numbered courts, and shall be subject to such changes as may be In the several humbered courts, and shall be subject to such changes as may be made by law, and subject to change of venue as provided by law. The president judge of each of the said courts shall be selected as provided by law. The number of judges in each of said courts may be, by law, increased from time to time. This amendment shall take effect on the first Monday of January succeeding its addre Monday of January succeeding its adop-

tion. Section 2. That article five, section eight, be amended by making an addition thereto so that the same shall read as

Section 8. The said courts in the coun-ties of Philadelphia and Allegheny re-spectively shall, from time to time, in turn, detail one or more of their judges to hold the courts of oyer and terminer and the courts of quarter sessions of the peace of said counties, in such manner as may be directed by law: Provided, That in the county of Philadelphia the General Assembly shall have power to establish a separate court, consisting of not more than four judges, which shall have ex-clusive jurisdiction in criminal cases and in such other matters as may be provid-ed by law. Section 8. The said courts in the counby law.

# A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1. ROBERT MCAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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TION. NUMBER TWO. A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to the Consti-tution of the Commonwealth, allowing counties, citles, boroughs, townships, school districts, to increase their incorporated districts, to increase their indebtedness. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That section eight, article nine, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, read-ing es follows:-

met, That section eight, article nine, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, read-ing as follows:--"Socion 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated dis-trict, except as herein provided, shall nev-er exceed seven per centum upon the as-sensed value of the taxable property Unerein; nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valu-ation of property, without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election, in such manner as shall be provided by law; but any city, the debt of which now exceeds seven per centum of such as-sessed valuation, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per cen-tum, in the aggregate, at any one time, upon such valuation," be amended, in ac-cordance with the provisions of the eight-eenth article of said Constitution, so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:--

as follows:--Section, when amended, shall read as follows:--Section 8. The debt of any county, city. borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated dis-trict, except as herein provided, shall nev-er exceed ten per centum upon the as-sessed value of the taxable property therein; nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt or in-crease its indebtedness to an amount ex-ceeding two per centum upon such as-sessed valuation of property without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election, in such manner as shall be pro-vided by law. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2

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the Senate, before their final adjourn-ment, a proper person to fill sail vacancy; but in any such case of vacancy, in an elective office, a person shall be chosen to said office at the next general election, unless the vacancy shall happen within three calendar months immediately pre-ceding such election, in which case the election for said office shall be held at the second succeeding general election. In ction for said office shall be held at the sond succeeding general election. In ting on executive nominations the Sen-shall sit with open doors, and, in con-ming or rejecting the nominations of a Governor, the vote shall be taken by as and mays, and shall be entered on a fournal, 's o as to read as follows:-Ie shall nominate and, by and with the vice and consent of two-thirds of an a members of the Senate, appoint a creary of the Commonwealth and an theorem General during pleasure, a Suthe members of the Senate, eppoint a Secretary of the Commonwealth and an Allocave General during pleasure, a Su-permisendent of Public Instruction for four years, and such other officers of the Commonwealth as he is or may be cu-thorized by the Constitution or by law to appoint; be shall have power to fill all vacancies that may happen, in offices to which he may appoint, during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of their next session; he shall have power to fill any vacancy that may happen, during the recess of the Senate, in the office of Audi-tor General, State Treasurer, Secretary of Internal Affairs or Superintendent of Public Instruction, in a judicial office, or in any other elective office which he is or may be authorized to fill; if the vacancy shall happen during the session of the Senate, he Governor shall nominate to the Senate, before their final adjourn-ment, a proper person to fill said va-cancy; but in any such case of vacancy, in an elective office on the next election day appropriate to such office, according to the provisions of this Constitution, unchosen to said office on the next election day appropriate to such office, according to the provisions of this Constitution, un-less the vacancy shall happen within two calendar months immediately preceding such election day, in which case the elec-tion for said office shall be held on the second succeeding election day appro-priate to such office. In acting on ex-ecutive nominations the Senate shall sit with open doors, and, in confirming or rejecting the nominations of the Gov-ernor, the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays, and shall be entered on the journal.

and hitys, and shall be entered on the fournal. Amendment Twc-To Article Four, Sec-tion Twenty-one of article four, which reads as follows:--"The term of the Secretary of Internal Affairs shall be four years; of the Audi-tor General three years; and of the State Treasurer two years. These officers shall be chosen by the qualified electors of the State at general elections. No person elected to the office of Auditor General or State Treasurer shall be capable of holding the same office for two consecu-tive terms," so as to read:--The terms of the Secretary of Internal

elected to the office of Auditor General or State Treasurer shall be capable of holding the same office for two consecu-tive terms," so as to read:--The terms of the Secretary of Internal Affairs, the Auditor General, and the State Treasurer shall each be four years; and they shall be chosen by the qualified electors of the State at general elections; but a State Treasurer, elected in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine, shall serve for three years; and his suc-cessors shall be elected at the general election in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and in every fourth year thereafter. No person elected to the office of Auditor General or State Treas-urer shall be capable of holding the same office for two consecutive terms. Amendment Three-To Article Five, Sec-tion Eleven. Section 4. Amend section eleven of ar-ticle five, which reads as follows:-"Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, fustices of the peace or aldermen shall be elected in the several wards, districts, boroughs and townships at the time of the election of constables, by the qualified electors thereof, in such manner as shall be directed by law, 'and shall be commissioned by the Governor for a term\_of five years. No township, ward, district or borough shall elect more than two justices of the peace or alder-men without the consent of a majority of the qualified electors within such township, ward or district for one year next preceding his election. In cities con-taining over fifty thousand inhabitants, not more than one alderman shall be elected in each ward or district," so as to read:-Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, justices of the peace or al-dermen shall be elected in the several wards, districts, boroughs or township, by the qualified electors thereof, at the shall have resided within the township, ward or borough shall elect more than two justices of the peace or al-dermen shall be clected in the several wards, district for one year next pre-ceding his election. In cities contain

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Section 7. Amend section three, Section 7. Amend section three of arti-cle eight, which reads as follows:-"All elections for city, ward, borough and township officers, for regular terms of service, shall be held on the third Tuesday of February." so as to be third All index. All jud; State at lar; general or m

municipal election day; namely, the Tues-day next following the first Manday of November in each odd-numbered year, but the General Assembly may by law fix a different day, two-thirds of all the members of each House consenting there-to: Provided, That such election shall al-ways be held in an odd-numbered year.

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Section S. Amend section fourteen of article eight, which reads as follows:"District election boards shall consist of a judge and two inspectors, who shall be chosen annually by the eltizens. Each electog shall have the right to vote for the judge and one inspector, and each inspector shall appoint one clerk. The first election board for any new district shall be selected, and vacancies in election boards filled, as shall be privileged from arrest upon days of election, and while engaged in making up and transmitting returns, except upon warrant of a court of record or judge thereof, for an election fraud, for felony, or for wanton breach of the peace. In cities they may claim exemption from jury duty during their terms of service," so as to read:-District election bards shall boards shall consist of a judge and two inspectors, who shall be chosen blennially, by the citizens at the municipal election; but the General Assembly may require said boards to be appointed in such manner as it may by law

chosen blennially, by the citizens at the municipal election; but the General As-sembly may require said boards to be ap-pointed in such manner as it may by law provide. Laws regulating the appoint-ment of said boards may be enacted to apply to cities only: Provided, That such laws be uniform for cities of the same class. Each elector shall have the right to vote for the judge and one inspector, and each inspector shall appoint one clerk. The first election board for any new district shall be selected, and vacan-cies in election boards filled, as shall be provided by law. Election officers shall be privileged from arrest upon days of election, and while engaged in making up and transmitting returns, except upon warrant of a court of record, or judge thereof, for an election fraud, for felony, or for wanton breach of the peace. In cities they may claim exemption from jury duty during their terms of service. Amendment Eight – To Article Twelve,

Jury duty during their terms of service. Amendment Eight – To Article Twelve, Section One. Section One, Amend section one, article twelve, which reads as follows:--"All officers, whose selection is not pro-vided for in this Constitution, shall be elected or appointed as may be directed by law," so as to read:--All officers, whose selection is not pro-vided for in this Constitution, shall be elected or appointed as may be directed by law," so as to read:--All officers, whose selection is not pro-vided for in this Constitution, shall be elected or appointed as may be directed by law," so do a selection of State officers shall be held on a general election day, and elections of local officers shall be held on a municipal election day, ex-cept when, in either case, special elec-tions may be required to fill unexpired terms. terms

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Section 10. Amend section two of article fourteen, which reads as follows:-"County officers shall be elected at the general elections and shall hold their offices for the term of three years, beginning on the first Monday of January mext after their election, and until their successors shall be duly qualified; all via cancies not otherwise, provided for, shall be filled in such manner as may be provided by law," so as to read:-County officers shall be elected at the municipal elections and shall hold their offices for the term of four years, beginning on the first Monday of January mext after their election, and until their successors shall be duly qualified; all via ancies not otherwise, provided by law."
Amendment Ten-To Article Fourteen. Section 10. Amend section seven. article fourteen, which reads as follows:-"Three county commissioners and three county auditors shall be elected in each county where such officers are chosen, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-live and every third year thereafter; and in the election of sald officers shall be elected; and they for on more than two persons, and the three persons having the highest number of votes shall be elected; any casual vacancy in the office of county commissioner or county who shall have voted for the proper county who shall be alector of the proper county who shall be alected in each county where such was not and three county anditors shall be elected in the proper count who shall have voted for the proper county who shall have voted for the commissioner or anditor whose place is to be filled," so as to read:-Three county commissioners and three county where such officers are chosen, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven and every fourth year thereafter; and in the elector of the proper county who shall be elected in each county where such

eleven and every fourth year thereafter; and in the election of said officers each qualified elector shall vote for no more than two persons, and the three persons having the highest number of votes shall be elected; any casual vacancy in the office of county commissioner or county auditor shall be filled, by the court of common pleas of the county in which such vacancy shall occur, by the ap-pointment of an elector of the proper county who shall have voted for the commissioner or auditor whose place is to be filled. commissioner or auditor whose place is to be filled. <sup>a</sup> Schedulo for the Amendments. Section 12. That no inconvenience may arise from the changes in the Constitu-tion of the Commonwealth, and in order to carry the same into complete opera-tion, it is hereby declared, that— In the case of officers elected by the people, all terms of office fixed by act of Assembly at an odd number of years shall each be length on the Legislature may change the length of the term, provided the terms for which such officers are elected shall always be for an even number of years. The above extension of official terms shall not affect officers elected at the gen-eral election of one thousand nine hun-dred and eight; nor any city, ward, bor-ough, township, or election division offi-cers, whose terms of office, under exist-ing law, end in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. In the year one factang in he hundred to be filled. Ing law, end in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. In the year one thousand nine hundred and ten the municipal election shall be held on the third Tuesday of Fobruary, as heretofore; but all officers chosen at that election to an office the regular term of which is two years, and also all elec-tion officers and assessors chosen at that election, shall serve until the first Mon-day of December in the year one thou-sand nine hundred and eleven. All offi-cers chosen at that election to offices the term of which is now four years, or is made four years by the operation of these amendments or this schedule, shall serve until the first Monday of December in the year one thousand ning hundred and thirteen. All justices of the beace, mag-latrates, and aldermen, shows an that election, shall serve undi the first Mon-day of December in the year one thoufirst Monday of November in each ever

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THE BUCKBOARD.

Invented In the Year 1820 by a Penn-

sylvania Doctor. Though the name "buckboard" is ap-piled to thousands of carriages, few people know how the word came to be used.

Back around 1820, says the American Vehicle, in explaining it, when the transportation of goods, wares and merchandise was almost entirely by wagon, a Dr. Buck, who for many years afterward was the military storekeeper at Washington, was in charge of military stores en route to army posts in the southwest.

In east Tennessee much difficulty was experienced by reason of the rough roads, and here were frequent mishaps, mostly from the wagons overturning.

Dr. Buck overhauled the outfit, and, abandoning the wagon bodies, long boards were set directly on the axles or hung below, and the stores were loaded in such a manner that there were no further delays from breakdowns, and the stores safely reached their destinations. In special emer-gency, too, the load could be shifted

gency, too, the load could be shifted or taken off in a hurry. The idea was probably not new, but Dr. Buck's example was followed, especially when roads were rough, and soon much hauling was done by the use of wheels, axles and boards only. Now we have the buckboard, both in carriage and automobile forms, conforming closely to the original idea, though few suspect the source of it .-San Francisco Chronicle

### HAD BEEN IN JAIL.

Yet It Did Not Prejudice His Standing as a Witness. An important case was being tried

before the criminal court of the District of Columbia. An old negro was in the witness box. The district attor

commenced: "What is your name?"

"John Williams, sah." "Are you the John Williams who was sent to the Albany penitentiary for larceny?"

"No, sah—not this John." "Are you the John Williams who was convicted of arson and sent to the Bal-timore penitentiary?"

"No. sah." "Have you ever been in any peniten-

tiary?" "Yes, sah."

All eyes were now turned upon the witness. The district attorney smiled complacently and resumed:

"How many times have you been in the penitentiary?" "Twice, sah."

"Where?"

"In Baltimore, sah."

"How long were you there the first time?" "About two hours, sah." "How long the second time?" asked

the attorney, rather crestfallen. "An hour, sah. I went there to whitewash a cell that was wanted for a lawyer who had robbed his client."

The attorney sat down amid the laughter of the spectators.

The Effort of His Life a Failure.

W. S. Gilbert had a novel experience before he wrote for the stage, when he was a barrister waiting for his first brief. It was long in coming, and when it did come Mr. Gilbert determinod of



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### Bulletin.

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## FOUNDERS' WEEK, PHILADELPHIA,

From October 4 to 10 Philadelphia will celebrate the 225th Anniversary of the City's founding by a series of remarkable events.

On Monday afternoon 25,000 soldiers, sailors and marines will parade. The Police and Fire Departments will parade on Tuesday afternoon, depicting their development from the early times. Wednesday afternoon will witness one of the greatest industrial parades ever seen in this country. Over 100 floats will ilhe evolution of the City's listrate industries. great river pa geant will be given on Thursday afternoon, in which 500 vessels including United States and foreign warships will participate. Fifteen thousand uniformed Red Men with historical floats will parade in the evening. On Friday the first great historical pageant ever given in America, illustrating by 40 floats and 5000 costumed characters the history of Philadelphia, will be the grand climax of the celebration. The P. O. S. of A. will parade in the evening. Saturday will be devoted to athletics, motor races, and Knights Tem-plar parades. The city will be specially illuminated every night and a musical-historical drama "Philadelphia" will be given every evening on Franklin Field. Special tickets to Philadelphia will be sold October 2 to 10, good to return until October 12, at reduced rates; minimum rate \$1.00. See Ticket Agents. 1185-31-2t.



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his life.

He was intrusted with the prosecution of an old Irish woman for stealing a coat, and when he began the speech that he had prepared and rehearsed so carefully, the old dame at once began to interject: "Oh, ye divil, sit down!" "Sure, now, he's a loier, yer honor!" "Sit down, ye spalpeen!" "He's known to all the provides when any "After each of the second all the perlice, yer honor!" After some minutes of this abuse Gilbert asked the recorder's intervention, but that official was too busy laughing. So the effort of his life was not a success.

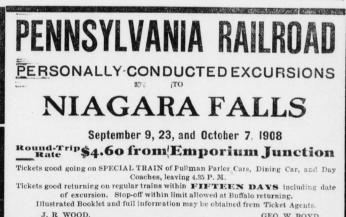
Present Giving Worse Than Tipping. The trend of the times makes itself felt in the matter of presents and present giving. In the days of our grandmothers these tokens of affection were few and far between and were marked by a stern simplicity. But we have changed all that, and the up to date riot of presents means a deadly drain on our bank balances.

The tipping tax is bad enough, but the burden of countless presents can give it points and a beating.-London Tatler.

### In a Bad Way.

"You seem much upset, my good man," remarked the curate, who hap-pened to call when Murkle was laying down the law somewhat emphatically to his family circle.

"Hupset?" bellowed Murkie, "T should think I am hupset! Our blessed kid's just set 'isself on fire, an' blowed if the missus 'ere ain't bin an' put 'im out with my pot o' beer, an' me stony broke too!"-London Answers.



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