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COUNCILS' NEGLECT
MAKES CITY REPAIR
SHOP VALUELESS

Failure to Equip \$125,000
Building Transforms It
Into Storage Place for
Damaged Fire Apparatus.

A water tower, a hook and ladder truck and other pieces of fire apparatus, enough to extinguish a large conflagration, lie dormant and idle in the new \$125,000 municipal repair shops at 11th and Reed streets, because Councils has failed to provide money for machines necessary to repair the Fire Bureau's equipment.

Mayor Blankenburg emphatically called attention of Councils yesterday to the futility of allowing the costly repair shop to remain unequipped at a direct loss of the investment and further loss to the community in unrepairs apparatus that is essential to the public work and protection of the city.

He made a direct appeal to Councils for an appropriation of \$125,000 to purchase new machine tools and other supplies to make the shop the modern and efficient repair centre it was designed to be.

The message was not even read at length to Councils by the clerk, and with customary disregard of the Mayor's requests Councils sent it to committee to be pigeonholed.

Director Porter, of the Department of Public Safety, today denounced the delay as inevitable and one by which Councils were "deliberately jeopardizing lives and property in Philadelphia."

The municipal repair machine shop cost \$125,000. It was built to provide for repairing the city's fire and water apparatus. It is a storehouse instead of sheltering disabled fire engines and authorizing every detail, but a single lack of the equipment it was built to house. The new shop would save Philadelphia thousands of dollars each year, Director Porter says.

REQUESTS IGNORED.

Official notification that money for machinery was needed has previously been sent to John P. Connelly, chairman of the Finance Committee of Councils. He did not answer the letters. Today there is every prospect the building will remain a dusty storehouse.

"The only course by which the building can be put to use is the appointment of a part of the \$100,000 set aside from the loan for the Sinking Fund," Director Porter said today. "Unless the money comes from that source the building will stay idle, useful only as a storehouse, and repairs to fire apparatus will be delayed."

Director Conke expressed contempt when asked what he thought of the delay in equipping the municipal machine shop. "I cannot understand why any one should put up a building without equipping it," he said. "The delay is inexcusable."

SHOP USED FOR STORAGE. Councils quietly appropriated \$100,000 for "mable halls" for the Municipal Court on the city block at 21st and Race streets. It was pointed out, but released \$200,000 to begin improving the city's streets, lines only under fire and converts a modern machine shop into a storehouse by failing to equip it.

The municipal machine shop was completed July 1. Work was begun on it in October a year ago. It was the intention of Director Porter to provide a machine shop to take the place of an antiquated plant at 42nd and Reed streets, which was trying lamely to keep up with the work heaped upon it.

This idea was sufficiently appealing to win an appropriation of \$250,000 from Councils and permission to use another of \$75,000, which had been set aside for a new machine shop at 12th Race street. Efforts to obtain money for equipment failed. They have not even won acknowledgment. Meanwhile disabled fire engines are crowding the floor of the new machine shop, and the obsolete fire machines in the old plant next door struggle to keep up.

IDEAL WORKSHOP. The new building is three stories high. It is built of fireproof gray brick, and engineers who have seen it declare no shop is better planned nor built. Just across the way is Moyamensing Prison. The machine shop towers over it, striking a sharp contrast with the old brick walls and buildings with slits for windows. The machine shop has many windows. It was built to afford workmen all the light possible. "The floors in feet wide and 15 feet high are set along three floors, with only a few feet of brick intervening between them. Inside, the machine shop is empty. Though it has been finished yesterday and workmen were coming any moment to install machinery, the observation may look that way for a year. No workmen will install machinery. Councils failed to provide any."

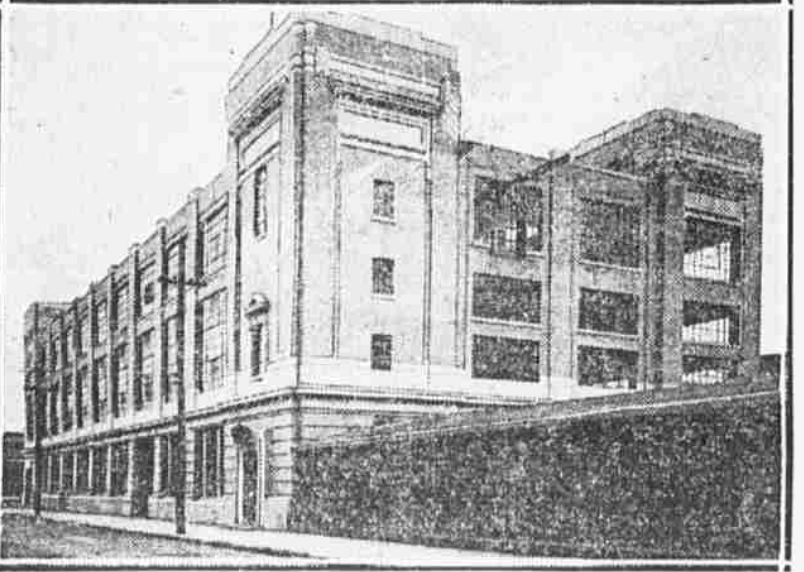
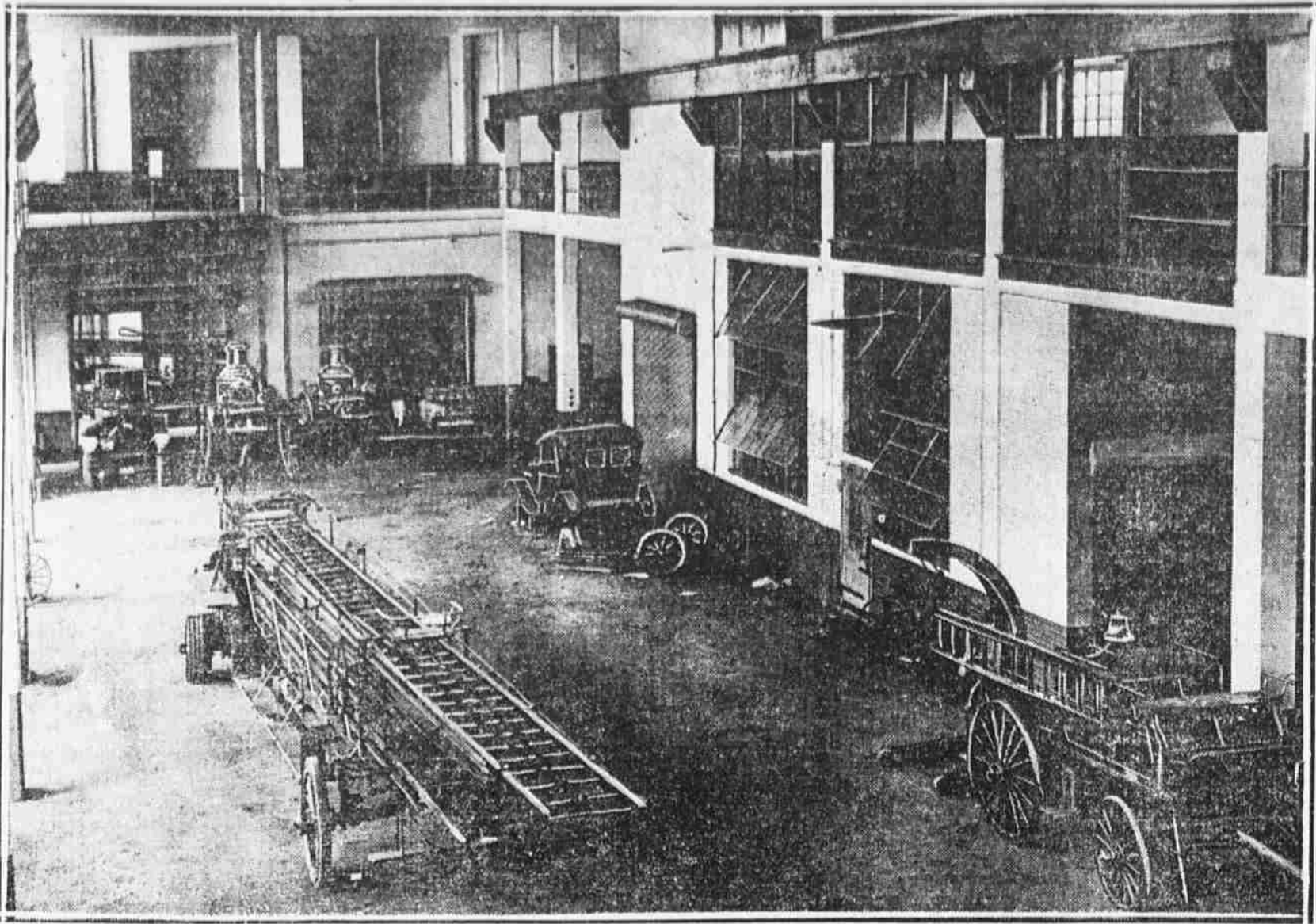
The ceiling is two stories high, as the second floor is a gallery. Along the gallery sides are heavy "I beams" on which every day a traveling crane will run and carry heavy machines across the floor below. The crane is missing now. The elevator shafts are empty. The building itself deserted save for a few workmen busy around a disabled police patrol on the main floor. The great sweep of 200 feet on the third floor is under the level of level boards lead through wide fire doors with steel fire curtains and on to the elevator shaft, innocent even of cables. Steps on the third floor lead to the level of level boards lead through wide fire doors with steel fire curtains and on to the elevator shaft, innocent even of cables. Steps on the third floor lead to the level of level boards lead through wide fire doors with steel fire curtains and on to the elevator shaft, innocent even of cables.

Only the first floor shows signs of life. Fire engines and patrol wagons are scattered all over it, waiting for machinery built to use to finish heaped-up tasks while they gather dust.

Councils' attitude as reflected by officers at City Hall is not encouraging. Arthur Morrow, clerk of the Finance Committee, was asked what had become of the bill to provide money for machinery. "It's still in committee," he said shortly. "It's still in committee." The impression was that it would remain in committee for a long time.

William H. Felton, clerk of Common Council, seemed disposed to regard the matter tolerantly. He was asked what he thought of the chances that Councils would equip the machine shop. "Well," he said, smiling, "I haven't heard much talk about it."

CITY REPAIR SHOP USELESS BECAUSE OF COUNCILS' NEGLECT



BOARD AGAIN CURTAILS
CITY'S FINANCIAL SCOPE

Low Increase in Realty Valuation
Curbs Borrowing Capacity.

The increase of \$2,022,251 in the assessed valuation of Philadelphia's realty for 1913 over 1914, as indicated in the communication to City Controller Walton from the Board of Revision of Taxes, yesterday, is almost identical with the advance in the realty assessment in 1913 over 1912.

Although these last two increases are larger than have been allowed by the ultra-conservative Board of Revision of Tax in a number of years, they are regarded by persons in touch with Philadelphia's realty development as being extremely low.

The approximate \$2,900,000 advance allowed in the assessment figures by the Revision Board gives the city an additional borrowing capacity of about \$3,500,000 on the 7 per cent. basis allowed by law. The increased revenue from taxes is the comparatively small amount of about \$200,000.

The total estimated value of realty subject to taxation next year is declared to be \$1,255,230,495. This year it was \$1,253,208,244.

The estimate for next year is divided into the various classes, as city realty, \$582,111,282; suburban, \$1,672,784; farms, \$29,723,780; personal property, horses and cattle are set at \$1,296,000. This year that assessment stood at \$1,415,000.

Independents regarded the low increase in realty assessment with some uneasiness, particularly the Organization-controlled Board of Revision of Taxes at the beginning of the Reuben administration as an effort to curtail any expansion planned in the municipal departments by the new administration.

Since that time the inconspicuous effect of two Organization forces, apparently pulling against each other, has been manifested by the Organization's "Council" leaders passing the 11 tax rate, regardless of the probable expenses of the city, and the Organization's Board of Revision endeavoring to keep down the realty assessment, from which the revenues of the city are obtained under the low tax rate.

All efforts of Mayor Blankenburg to have modern methods of realty assessment adopted by the Board of Revision of Taxes failed. The last attempt was blocked by the failure of John E. Connelly, Charles Seeger and Harry J. Trainer to sign a report of a committee of citizens for the recommendation of more efficient methods in the assessment of property.

JUDGE KINSEY MUCH BETTER
Has Restful Night After Days of Serious Illness.

Judge Kinsey, of Common Pleas Court No. 1, who has been seriously ill at his home in Bryn Mawr, is much better today. His physicians said that Judge Kinsey passed a restful night. He has been suffering from a nervous breakdown and acute rheumatism in his right shoulder.

THE PROFESSOR AND THE BABY
The learned professor was talking the usual nonsense to the baby.

NEWSPAPER CARRIERS
TO HOLD EXCURSION

Men Who Distribute News Will Devote Day to Pleasure.

The men who bring the news of the world to your door daily, in sunshine or in storm, on Sundays and holidays, when most of the world is at rest, are all members of the United Paper Carriers' Association, which will give its annual excursion tomorrow in conjunction with the Carriers' Athletic Association to Mauch Chunk and the Switch-back.

With their wives, children and friends, the carriers will leave the Reading Terminal at 7:30 a. m. tomorrow and return on a late train at night. There will be about 200 in all, and they intend to forget all about the European war, the high cost of living and other troubles and go back to nature for the day.

The association does not bother about a set program, but the members take care of themselves after the tourists have started. The excursion will, of course, not interfere with the distribution of newspapers, as the members have made arrangements to have the happiness of the world at your door just the same.

Those who wish to join the carriers on their day of fun may obtain tickets from their regular carriers tomorrow morning at the Reading Terminal.

OAK LANE RESIDENTS ASK FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
Committee Named to Present Needs to Board of Education.

Arrangements are being made today for a mass-meeting of Oak Lane citizens to be held in the Oak Lane Branch of the Carnegie Library on Monday evening, October 26, for the purpose of urging the Board of Education to improve sanitary conditions at the Ellwood School.

At a meeting of 200 residents in Oak Lane last night an association was formed to fight for the needed improvements in the school, and a committee, composed of William P. Beazer, president, J. C. Smith and Edwin M. Abbott, an attorney, was delegated to wait on the Board of Education and invite them to the meeting to hear complaints.

Speaking of conditions at the Ellwood School, Edwin M. Abbott, who lives at 610 6th avenue, Oak Lane, said today: "The school is overcrowded. At present there are from 40 to 50 children in a room, or as at 12th and Mifflin streets today in a collision with a motorcar. No one was injured, but traffic was delayed for some time."

CAR AND TRUCK COLLIDE
Trolley Wrecked But No Passengers Are Injured.

A hole was driven into the side of a trolley, or as at 12th and Mifflin streets today in a collision with a motorcar. No one was injured, but traffic was delayed for some time.

OLDRING TO WED;
SAYS HIS ACCUSER
IS NOT HIS WIFE

Athletics' Fielder Springs Surprise by Getting License to Marry Hannah Thomas, of Bridgeton.

Reuben Henry Oldring, the "Rube" Oldring of the Athletics, has obtained a marriage license to wed Hannah H. Thomas, of Bridgeton, N. J.

The license was obtained shortly after the billpayer left the Domestic Relations Court, where he appeared on a charge of desertion and non-support. He said, in obtaining the license, that he had never been married before.

Oldring gave his age as 30 years, saying he was born May 20, 1884. His bride to be was born February 6, 1886, had been married, and divorced June 15, 1908.

When he applied for the license, Oldring presented a note from W. Freeland Kendrick, Receiver of Taxes. It was understood that Magistrate Byron E. Wrigley was to perform the ceremony at his office, 200 Germantown avenue, but the Magistrate said today that they were going to get their belongings.

Oldring was arrested the day before the first world's series game by a woman who said she was his wife. She charged desertion and non-support, and the player was held in jail for the Domestic Relations Court yesterday she did not appear, and the case was continued for two weeks.

PATRONS THREATEN LAUNDRY WITH FLANK MOVEMENT

West Philadelphia Allies Face Police Protecting Chinaman's Place.

Unless an interpreter who can read the Chinese language is found quickly promises to be a trouble in West Philadelphia. The trouble will probably take the form of an attack upon the laundry of the late Hi Lee, 5140 Hunters avenue.

Without the laundry are at least 200 shirts colored and mender this morning there were fully half a hundred patrons, men, women and children, wondering how they were going to get their belongings.

Hi Lee died last week, and it appears that his executors made no provisions for the return of the finished goods. Some of the indignant patrons declared that they would break in and get their apparel, but a very determined policeman, who stands before the door all day, says that they will not get their belongings.

PROMINENT N. J. RESIDENT HIGHLY PRAISES BRUMBAUGH

Says People of His State Need Just Such a Man.

S. P. Leeds, treasurer of the Chalfonte Hotel Company, Atlantic City, has written to Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh expressing his regret that he is not a candidate in New Jersey, in order that the people of that State might have the opportunity to vote for a man of his type.

RAIN GLADDENS FARMERS WHOSE LATE CROPS BENEFIT

Downfall Expected to Continue Tonight and Tomorrow.

Farmers throughout the State are optimistic regarding late crops because of the heavy rain, which began late last night and promises to continue tonight and tomorrow. The Weather Bureau reports there was a heavy rain all through the eastern and middle section of the country. The rainfall here the last 21 hours was .96 of an inch.

The rain brought with it considerable discomfort, and the humidity at 10 o'clock this morning was 100. There was a steady rise in the temperature. At 8 o'clock the thermometer registered 51 degrees and jumped to 62 at 10 o'clock.

Because of the 54 days drought the tide became so low in the Delaware that the salt water from the bay came up further than ever before. For a time manufacturers in Chester feared they would be compelled to close their mills, as the salt water began to have serious effect upon the boilers.

CHILD FEDERATION TAKES CARE OF "CHRISTMAS SHIP"

Receiving Station Will Be the Baby Saving Pavilion at City Hall.

Charitably inclined persons spoke today with elation of the Child Federation, undertaking responsibility to forward to Europe the presents which will be sent on the "Christmas Ship."

The "Christmas Ship" movement is a nation wide. It was originated by a Chicago newspaper woman and rapidly spread to nearly every town in the country. The North American originally accepted the presents, but turned the work over to Edward Bok, president of the Child Federation, yesterday.

Nothing to add identification was found on the body. There was a postcard picture of "Waiver Tower, No. 1," at Newport, N. J., in one of his pockets. He weighed about 160 pounds, had dark brown hair, hazel eyes, an olive complexion, and was fairly well dressed. The body is at Halweg's Morgue, Jenkintown.

BOY FOUND DEAD ON TRACKS

Watchman Discovers Body Now in Jenkintown Morgue.

A watchman on the New York Division of the Reading Railway, found an 18 year old boy lying alongside the tracks at Rydal station, at 3 o'clock this morning. Both legs were cut off, and his head was badly crushed. He died as surgeons at the Abington Memorial Hospital were about to operate on him.

STATIONERS VISIT SEASHORE

Four hundred members of the National Association of Stationers and Manufacturers, who held their convention in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel this week left for Atlantic City early today on a special train.

Arriving in Atlantic City, they paraded the boardwalk in decorated rolling chairs. At noon luncheon was served at the Hotel Rudolf and the convention formally ended. W. G. Strickland was in charge of "Atlantic City Day."

AMERICAN 'TWILIGHT SLEEP' DISCREDITED BY DOCTORS HERE

Elimination of Pain in Childbirth Through the Administration of Laughing Gas Viewed With Suspicion.

Another method of bringing about painless childbirth which is said by some physicians to have all the advantages and none of the disadvantages of the recently exploited German "twilight sleep" is being widely discussed today in Philadelphia's medical circles.

It has been called the American twilight sleep, although its sponsors claim that not sleep, but merely an insensibility to pain is its chief characteristic. This insensibility to pain is accomplished by administering to the mother a mixture of oxygen and nitrous oxide, the latter being familiarly known to the layman as the "laughing gas" of the dentists.

Philadelphia physicians, however, are inclined to look with disfavor upon this or any of the other so-called methods of painless childbirth.

In discussing the matter, Dr. Wilmer Klump, one of the most eminent obstetricians in the city, said:

"In the selection of any method of relieving a woman of the pains of birth, safety first means are the chief consideration. The first question is not how good obstetrical asks himself is not how may this woman have her child with the least pain, but how may she have it with the least danger to herself and the baby."

"Ordinarily when a physician is operating he has only one patient to consider, but when he is attending a birth he always has two and sometimes three, if the case happens to be one of twins. "Scopolamine and narcophine, which have been given such wide publicity by the German obstetricians, are old and were an old story to America when all the recent fuss was made about them. They had been tried in maternity hospitals and found as being impractical."

"Nor is there anything new about the use of nitrous oxide and oxygen. I have used it, and I expect every other physician to do so. What is popularly known as laughing gas, from a statistical standpoint, one of the safest anesthetics employed, and by an admixture of this nitrous oxide with oxygen an insensibility to pain can be brought about, if it is used in the case of childbirth the length of time required for a safe delivery will be greatly increased."

"As yet I do not think a universal painless childbirth is in sight. Nitrous oxide and oxygen might be used with good results in a hospital, but it would be utterly impracticable for the home. There are two tanks, one for the laughing gas and one for the oxygen would be required."

"At the Jefferson Medical College Dr. Edgar E. Hatcher, the assessor, said today show much sympathy for any of these painless methods."

"Ether, chloroform and nitrous oxide are three of the most common forms of anesthetic, and they doubt they have all been used and are being used. Laughing gas is not new to us, but its use in relieving the pains of childbirth would undoubtedly prolong the labor, and, therefore, the danger of hemorrhage to the mother and asphyxia to the child is greatly increased."

"The recent magazine exploitation of the twilight sleep was ridiculous and grotesque. For instance, a picture was shown portraying a mother and two children, the one about 3 years of age, born under the twilight sleep. The latter was more robust and more healthy seemingly than the older child, and the inference was that the twilight sleep was responsible. Utterly ridiculous! All of the odds would have been in favor of the child born in the ordinary way."

"The second child was doubtless a mere innocent victim of the labor and not a product of the twilight sleep. I would kill a healthy baby. You can knock it around, put it out on the window ledge and do most anything with it, and still, if it is smart, it will have such a wide margin of health that it will doubtless survive."

"Any method which needs such bolstering up and such exploitation as the twilight sleep is in the hands of the devil."

At the Jefferson Maternity Hospital the use of laughing gas, nitrous oxide and oxygen to their patients. The Cumberland Street Hospital of Brooklyn, N. Y., is trying it, however, and Dr. Herbert C. Ayer, at a recent meeting of the Homeopathic Medical Society of New York, spoke in favor of it.

G. A. R. MEMBERS FIRE SALUTE OVER FORMER POLICEMAN'S GRAVE

Venerable Grand Army Republic veterans and policemen from several stations attended the funeral of John Scott, 82 years old, burlesque of Frankford police station who was buried at a station in 1906 Kinsey street. It was a Civil War veteran.

Scott was a policeman for 27 years and during his early days helped to drive criminal gangs from Richmond and Frankford. Ashvorth Post, No. 33, attended his funeral in a body and fired a salute over his grave. Interment was in Oakland Cemetery.

HURT HIS SALES

The proverbial hardness of a Negro's head is a favorite subject of jest. In this relation, an Atlanta man tells this story: One afternoon a Negro boy about 15 years old was proceeding with some difficulty along a road leading into the city. His feet were buried up in immense rolls of cloth. His hair, especially that of the top of the head, seemed to be a bit "mussed up."

"What's de matter?" asked a friend. "Muss' foots is soze," explained the boy. "Papa he done hit me on the head wid his ax, an' I was standin' on some cobbles."

G. A. R. VETERANS FACE EJECTION FROM OLD HALL

John F. Reynolds Post, No. 71, Has Met in One Place Since Its Founding, With 400 Members.

Men who defended the Union in the days of '61-'65, members of the General John F. Reynolds Post, No. 71, G. A. R., 67 in number, are up in arms against the report that the hall wherein they have met since the post was organized two score of years ago is to be sold and they are to be dispossessed. The building is at 1225 South Eighth street. Two rooms, a meeting room and library, are occupied by the veterans. An indignation meeting is being planned to protest against the sale.

It is Shannon, 1710 Federal street, is the headquarters of the post, and George W. C. Carteret is the quartermaster. The hall was first leased when the post was composed of 400 members. It was owned by James Ross of South Broad street, shortly after the organization. An attempt to purchase the place was made, but Ross would not sell. He informed the members that they need have no fears of ever being ejected either while he was living or after his death. He died nearly 20 years ago.

Since then the veterans have felt certain they would never have to meet elsewhere. The meeting place became a second home to them. Here they met frequently to fight over again the battles of the Civil War, and from the platform paraded out each Memorial Day with dwindling ranks to decorate the graves of those who had been summoned to answer the last roll call.

The bombshell was dropped in their midst a few days ago when they were asked if they wanted to buy the building, and it was to be sold for the benefit of the Ross heirs. Recognizing the fact that in a few years' time the 67 members will also be among those called across the great divide, the veterans feel they cannot buy it; yet they dread the impending order to move. They are in a quandary, and unless some method is devised to forestall the sale at the forthcoming meeting they feel as though they will be robbed of something as sacred to them as some of the captured battle flags so carefully stored in the meeting place.

WANT ABDUCTOR OF GIRL GIVEN MAXIMUM PENALTY

Department of Justice Here Resents Violation of Mann Act. Agents of the Philadelphia branch of the Department of Justice stated today they will recommend the maximum penalty be imposed upon Joseph Barnasik, 23 years old, convicted yesterday in Trenton, N. J., for violating the Mann white slave act.

Barnasik, according to evidence produced at the trial, abducted Mary Morrison, a servant girl, several months ago. He lured her to this city. After locking her up in a room, he gave her knockout drops. Later he robbed her of \$300. Barnasik was arrested by Special Agent Garberino.

CARMELITE SISTERS HONOR THEIR SAINT'S ANNIVERSARY

Three Hundred Years Since the Befitting of Their Patron. The second day's service in honor of the 300th anniversary of the identification of Saint Teresa was celebrated with solemn High Mass in the little chapel of the Carmelite convent, Oak Lane, this morning. More than 500 persons attended.

Rev. George Hesselbein was the celebrant of this morning's Mass. The celebration, which will continue until sundown tomorrow afternoon, has drawn Catholics from far and near to the convent, many from out of town. The Carmelites form one of the most austere religious orders in the world and usually live in very small communities.

These sisters never go into the outside world and see no one except through a heavy screen. Saint Teresa, whose anniversary they are celebrating, is their patron saint, and for three days, ending with solemn vespers tomorrow, the convent will be open to visitors.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. For eastern Pennsylvania: Rain tonight and probably Saturday; cooler Sunday. For the rest of the country: moderate east winds.

For New Jersey: Unsettled tonight and Saturday, with probably rain; slightly cooler Sunday. The southern disturbance has advanced northward to a position central this morning over southern Illinois, and general clearing is being effected under its influence over nearly all of the eastern part of the Mississippi River. Another low pressure area of moderate intensity is advancing southeastward from the Pacific northwest. There has been general rise in the middle Atlantic states and along the northern borders, readings being somewhat above normal in those districts. In general seasonable temperatures prevail in the central valleys and the southern states.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Observations made at 8 a. m. Eastern time.

Stations	Temp.	Wind	Bar.	Rel. Hum.	Weather
Atlantic City	60	SE 14	30.1	91	Cloudy
Camden	60	SE 14	30.1	91	Cloudy
Boston	62	SE 24	30.2	84	Cloudy
Chicago	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
Columbus	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
Dayton	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
Detroit	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
Indianapolis	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
Kansas City	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
Memphis	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
New York	64	SE 14	30.2	84	Cloudy
Philadelphia	60	SE 14	30.1	91	Cloudy
Pittsburgh	60	SE 14	30.1	91	Cloudy
Portland, Ore.	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
Richmond	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
St. Louis	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
St. Paul	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
San Francisco	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
Seattle	54	SE 12	30.1	78	Cloudy
Tampa	64	SE 14	30.2	84	Cloudy
Washington	64	SE 14	30.2	84	Cloudy
Winnipeg	44	SE 18	30.1	78	Cloudy