

DR. BRUMBAUGH AT SCHOOLS HEAD PUT POLITICIANS TO ROUT

Won Notable Victories Over "Pullbacks," Reactionary Faction That Throttled the Progress of Education.

Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh's record as Superintendent of Schools in this city has been investigated in public affairs, throughout his career as an educator he has opposed the efforts of powerful politicians to arbitrarily rule the affairs of the school system.

After the new school code became effective Doctor Brumbaugh was confronted by a faction of the school board known as the "pullbacks," whose purpose it was to throttle every attempt at the modernization of educational administration.

The reactionary members were led by Simon Gratz, who enjoys unparalleled power in the Board of Revision of Taxes, as well as the Board of Education.

Dr. Brumbaugh was determined that this condition should end and that politicians should be eliminated entirely from the appointment of instructors as well as from the actual government of the schools.

"PULLBACKS" NEW CHANCE. Their opportunity to assert their power arrived when Dr. J. Monroe Willard died. He had been president of the Philadelphia Normal School for many years, and his death left vacant a \$450 position.

Dr. Brumbaugh was supported by thousands of parents as well as powerful educational organizations. But Gratz and his allies were still unwilling to surrender their traditional power to the independent forces in the school board.

When the time arrived to elect him through the "steam roller" tactics. Explaining he had no personal objection to Doctor Gratz, he refused to accept the nomination.

John Wanamaker, then the "holy man" of the board, supported the superintendent throughout. Turning to Henry Edmunds, president of the board and a friend of Gratz, Mr. Wanamaker said: "I would not be surprised if you were in this city at any price under these conditions."

Subsequently, parents' associations resolved to elect Dr. Brumbaugh. Thousands of letters poured into the Superintendent's office commending him for his courageous stand.

Miss Puncture, who was regarded as the logical candidate, because she had filled the office temporarily with complete success. Opponents of the rights of women, however, exerted their influence in every possible way, but she was finally elected.

But Gratz still had a trick to play. It was discovered that the complex rules of the board that although Miss Puncture's responsibilities would be equal to those of her male predecessor, she would be paid \$200 a year, \$200 less than the salary of the man who had held the office before her.

Champions of the principle of "equal pay for equal work" succeeded after a few months' additional battle in raising Miss Puncture's pay to \$200. A new salary schedule was drafted, giving all principals, including Miss Puncture, the same compensation as is given to men.

One of Doctor Brumbaugh's last acts as Superintendent of Schools was to approve the new salary schedule, which was a triumph for the women of the pedagogical profession, undreamed of five years ago.

BRUMM STILL ON TICKET. May Bring Suit to Have His Name Withdrawn. HARRISBURG, Oct. 21.—The efforts of Judge Charles N. Brumm to retire as the Bull Moose candidate for Governor have so far been fruitless. He filed his withdrawal last Monday, but the affidavit was a date late, and as yet it has not been accepted.

SCHOOLGIRLS ON THREE-DAY VISIT TO NATION'S CAPITAL

Seniors of West Philadelphia School Leave for Washington Tomorrow.

All thoughts of class books will be temporarily put aside when 115 seniors of the West Philadelphia School for Girls leave tomorrow morning for a three days' trip to Washington. Accompanied by Principal Parke Schoch and Mrs. Schoch, the girls will leave Broad Street Station by special train at 8:35 a. m.

The trip will stop at the Hotel Gordon, and besides visits to the White House, Mount Vernon, the Congressional Library and many other points of interest, the seniors are anticipating several afternoon and evening on which they will be free to "take in" the theatres and other places of amusement.

Saturday morning the seniors will visit the Washington Monument, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving and the Smithsonian Institute. At noon the girls will visit the White House, and they all hope to have at least a peep at President Wilson.

A special train will leave Union Station in Washington for West Philadelphia at 4:35 o'clock in the afternoon.

The teachers who will assist Mr. and Mrs. Schoch in looking after the students are Miss Jane Allen, Miss Gertrude Bricker, Miss Mabel Cheney, Miss Dorothy Colby, Miss Florence Evans, Miss Margaret Kuller, Miss Margaret McDevier and Miss Esther M. Reinhardt.

The trip will take the place of the class day exercises.

DEMENTED MAN CAUSES PANIC IN CROWDED CAR Attacks Conductor and Is Subdued by Blow From Iron. A passenger whose mind is believed to be unbalanced caused a panic on a crowded trolley car at 31 street and Fairmount avenue this morning when he attacked the conductor and then fought two policemen until he was knocked to the floor with a switch iron.

The man, who said he was Charles Pugh, of Baltimore, was arraigned before Magistrate Hoag and committed to the Philadelphia Hospital for treatment. Pugh, who says he is 33 years old, boarded the trolley at 3d and South streets.

When the car approached Fairmount avenue, Pugh suddenly jumped over the railing behind which stood the conductor, Charles Faber, of 2033 Schiller street, and grasped him by the throat, throwing him to the floor.

Pugh, who stopped the car and rushed to the assistance of Taber, beating of the man with a switch iron. One of the passengers threw open a window and called for assistance. Policemen Davis and Colyn ran from the station house to the car and placed the man under arrest.

The police will attempt to get in touch with Pugh's relatives in Baltimore and notify them of his condition and that he is in the hospital here.

LECTURE ON MAGNETISM Dr. Bauer Will Give Newest Facts Pertaining to Earth's Power.

What will prove one of the most interesting lectures of the winter season will be delivered at the Franklin Institute tonight by L. A. Bauer, Ph. D. D. Sc., on "The Earth, a Great Magnet."

Dr. Bauer is the director of the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism of the Carnegie Institution at Washington. Doctor Bauer will give the chief facts and latest results pertaining to the earth's magnetism, as based largely on the general magnetic survey of the earth.

The work of ascertaining these facts was begun by Doctor Bauer's department in 1901 and is now two-thirds completed. The work and cruises of the magnetic ship "Carnegie" at the international appliances and methods used in the observational work will be described.

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Dr. Bauer will endeavor to show the position of the earth's magnetic field in relation to the earth's rotation and to the earth's magnetism on other mooted questions in terrestrial and cosmical physics. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides.

POLICE VOTE ON INSURANCE Deciding Whether They Shall Continue Association or Join Company.

The Police Beneficial Association is voting today on the question of whether a life insurance company shall insure members of the force for \$2000 on a basis of regular \$10 monthly payments, or the association continue the present system of collecting 50 cents from each member over the death of another, to be turned over to the family of the deceased.

GIFTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SHIP

Heart of Womanhood Beats Warmly to Appeal.



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MAYOR SIGNS ORDINANCE GIVING LABOR MEN \$25,000

Sum Set Aside for American Federation of Labor's Convention Here.

In the presence of a committee from the American Federation of Labor, Mayor Blankenburg today signed the transfer ordinance of Councils that will provide \$25,000 for defraying expenses of the 24th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor to be held in Horticultural Hall beginning November 1.

The men with which the Mayor signed the document was presented to Leonard Kraft, secretary-treasurer of the Building Trades Council.

Other representatives in the committee were: Assistant Director Andrew S. Murphy, of the Department of Supplies, representing the Painters' Union; Joseph Ritchie, president of the Building Trades Council; Harry W. Semp, of the Newspaper Writers' Union; Louis Fischer, of the Ceramic, Mosaic and Encaustic Tile Layers and Helpers' Union; Arthur G. Hawes, business representative of the Building Trades Council, and William Moran, of the Wood Workers and Metal Lathers' Union.

COOKE PLANS TO BREAK SYSTEM OF CONTRACTS

Alters Street Cleaning Specifications, Giving Small Firms Opportunity.

Radical changes in the specifications for cleaning streets and collecting ashes and waste in 1915 have been made by Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, in an effort to give small contractors an opportunity to break the dominant influence of the Vares over those received November 6.

Collection of ashes and household waste will be let under contracts separate from the street cleaning work. Ashes and waste will be collected on different days in the various districts in vehicles specially designed for the purpose.

Contracts for cleaning of country roads will be let in 1915 for the first time. Commenting on the new arrangement, Director Cooke said: "An important feature of the new scheme of bidding will be to reduce the size of the contracts and to make it possible for contractors of limited means to bid.

"We look forward to much keener competition. By separating the collection of ashes from street cleaning, contractors who do not own street-cleaning equipment can bid for the collection of ashes and waste, because all it requires is teams."

BABY BORN ON ARCH ST. CAR Sympathetic Passengers Make Futile Attempt to Find Physician.

While a number of sympathetic passengers rang doorbells and tried every means to find a physician, a baby was born today on an Arch street car. The mother was carried into a laundry at 15th and Arch streets after the babe was born. Two or three women passengers remained with her until an ambulance from the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital arrived.

ST. JOHN'S 100 YEARS OLD Episcopal Church on Brown Street, Below Third, Will Celebrate.

Old St. John's Episcopal Church on Brown street, below 3d, will celebrate its 100th anniversary next month. It is the fifth oldest parish in the diocese of Pennsylvania, having been founded in 1814 as the parish of St. John the Evangelist. The church was founded by the Rev. Dr. William White, the first Bishop of Pennsylvania.

THIEF GIVES HIMSELF UP Conscience Troubles Youth Who Stole Watch and Money.

Because his conscience troubled him after he had stolen a watch and \$4 in cash from Rippen Balne, Front and Cambridge streets, with whom he made his home, Adam Fisher, 19 years old, gave himself up to the police of the Third and De Lancey streets station this morning.

ATTACKS SISTER WITH KNIFE Woman Says Aged Man Wanted Her to Drink Poison.

Oliver Scott, 65 years old, 2615 Aspen street, was arrested after a 15-minute struggle with a policeman, after he is alleged to have attacked his sister with a knife. He was held in \$500 bail for court today by Magistrate Boyle, at the 28th street and Lancaster avenue station.

According to the testimony of Mrs. Mary Reynolds, the prisoner's sister, he came to the Aspen street house with a bottle of poison and told her a doctor had given it to him for stomach trouble. He then tried to get her to drink the stuff, she declared.

When she refused Scott drew a knife, according to Mrs. Reynolds, and chased her into the street. She declared his motive was the belief that if she died he would inherit property worth \$2000, left her by their father, who disinherited Scott.

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BEHRENS OPERA CLUB REVIVES FLOTOW'S MARTHA Cheerful and Amusing Opera Cheerfully Performed.

Friedrich von Flotow's light opera "Martha," almost as precious as a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, was produced at the Academy of Music last night by the Behrens Opera Club, so named to perpetuate the memory and the ideals of Siegfried Behrens. The audience was large and interrupted the performance at almost too frequent intervals with their applause.

Flotow's "Martha" is of that unusual calibre which makes it popular while it is practically unknown. It is the music, which, when heard, is an unalloyed delight, but once heard is never remembered. It is light and graceful, a pleasure to the ear long strained with modern operatic complexities, and is eminently suited to amateur performance. To be successful, the music must be sung with gusto rather than finesse, the singers must act with humorous vigor, the director must lead with spirit.

These were the qualities which made last night's performance so successful. Dr. Thaddeus Rich conducted with a sensible appreciation of the score's deficiencies, making the opera frivolous and frothy, and orchestra, chorus and principal responded precisely to his interpretation. Professional opera singers could not have thrown themselves completely into the thing; they must "save up" The members of the Opera Club did not say. They sang and played each number as if it were the only one in the piece. Each number, therefore, brought its own applause.

Mrs. Jennie Knedler Johnson sang Martha pertly and cheerfully, and being called on to sing "The Last Rose of Summer" brought to that wistful song a freshness of voice if not of interpretation. Mary Josephine Comerford, as the maid, was a special delight, because she was able to inject humor into her voice as well as into her acting, a feat in which the scheduled humorists, Sir Tristan and the Sheriff, did not surpass her. Messrs. George and Edward German, in these parts, were vigorous and content to appear ridiculous as necessarily demanded. Mr. McGlynn was lovable and heroic in accordance with the best traditions of grand opera, and Mr. Wood played Plunkett with more emotion than usually falls to that part.

The chorus, 100 strong, was costumed with remarkable taste and rivalled the famous Hammerstein choruses for beauty and activity. Edward German's "Nell Gwynn" supplied the music for the Maypole dance, done by a ballet of 32, under the direction of C. Elwood Carpenter.

TOURISTS RECEIVING LUGGAGE Custom Examiners Rushed Handling Great Influx From Europe.

Customs examiners are busy looking over the baggage of American tourists who fled from Europe at the outbreak of the war. The influx of luggage is arriving through the port of New York and is being expressed here to the appraiser stores. As most of the tourists made their custom declarations on trunks and boxes which had not arrived, it has been found necessary in nearly all cases to summon owners of the baggage to assist the examiners.

One bill of lading frequently will cover the baggage of several persons, and the employees of the appraiser's stores are confronted by numerous perplexing problems in sorting it. Despite this, the baggage is being handled with amazing rapidity and is passed on so quickly that there has been no delay in sending it to its final destination. This prevents overcrowding at the appraiser's stores.

The Holland-American Line steamship Veendyk, which arrived at New York yesterday, brought 35,000 pieces of baggage free of all charges to the owners. It is expected several thousand pieces of this luggage will be received here within a few days.

WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE In Serious Condition at Hospital, But Has Chance of Recovery.

Mrs. Rose Huran, 25 years old, of 3300 South 12th street, attempted to commit suicide by taking poison early this morning. According to neighbors, the woman had an argument with her husband, following which she attempted to take her life.

Fisher told Magistrate McFarland he had stolen the watch and the money because he had been out of work for a long time and had no money with which to buy food. He said he pawned the watch. He was held under \$500 bail for a further hearing.

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JUVENILE GIFT BEARER HEAVILY LADEN Hundreds of Philadelphians are uniting to play Santa Claus to Europe's war-stricken and orphaned millions.



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DALMORES, TENOR-SOLDIER, WRITES FROM BERTI FIELD

Noted Opera Singer Sends Cheerful Message to Philadelphia Friend. A post card sent from the Allies' front by Charles Dalmore, the opera singer, and now a soldier in the ranks, has been received in Philadelphia by William J. Baird, of 512 Pine street, a personal friend of the tenor.

The singer's message is written in French. On the address side in addition to Mr. Baird's name is a designation that reads "carte postale militaire." Below in very small letters in parenthesis is "Ordered on the 21st of August." Diagonally in one corner, as required by the censor, Dalmore has written his full name and address, "Charles Dalmore, soldier in the 6th Regiment of Territorial Infantry, the 13th Company at Toul."

On the reverse side is this message: "My dear friend—it is now two months since I went to war and I would like to give you some news. We are advancing every day and will be victorious. When I return to America I will tell you all about it and many other things. As soon as the war is over, if I come out of it, I will write you at length. A thousand remembrances to your family and my other friends in dear Philadelphia. How I regret not visiting there this year. (Signed) "Very affectionately yours," "CHARLES DALMORES."

NURSE HELD FOR BABY'S DEATH Annie Smith Must Face Coroner to Explain Mistake.

Annie Smith, a nurse, 46 years old, of 1533 South 9th street, was held without bail by Magistrate Morris today in the police court at 26th and York streets, to await the coroner's verdict in connection with the death of the 3-day-old baby of Mrs. Fannie Medhoff, of 2511 Napa street.

The child was given poison accidentally instead of a rhubarb soothing syrup, yesterday afternoon and died last night in the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital. The arrest was made by Special Policemen Williams and Clett, who investigated the case.

CHRISTMAS SHIP WILL CARRY CARGO OF RELIEF ABROAD

Contributions of Clothing for War Orphans Pouring In. Urchin and Old "Soger" Give Cash.

Resembling a well-stocked dry goods store with its best wares out for holiday display, the Christmas ship pavilion in City Hall courtyard this morning attracted the attention of hundreds of persons to the gifts for orphaned children of the warring nations. Every known article, from a Teddy bear to a warm overcoat, was represented.

Gay decorations, consisting of American flags alternated with the city's blue and gold, gave the place a festive air and the piles upon piles of variegated wearing apparel distributed around the counters added to the color.

No sooner were the doors opened at 8 o'clock than a stream of inquirers flowed in. "In October 23 the last day? My sewing circle can get so much more done if you give us a little more time."

"What do you need the most, underwear or outer garments?" "Can you use clothing that isn't absolutely new, but which is in first-class condition?"

These were but a few of the questions. And the answers were that October 23 must necessarily be the last day upon which contributions will be accepted; that anything in the nature of warm apparel will be welcome, and that only new clothing is wanted.

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"We are going to send at least 100 pieces," said they, "and we want them to be distributed impartially."

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Later on two men coming from Broad Street Station rested their suitcases on the steps, and, going down into their pockets, produced 50 cents between them. Hundreds of letters come in with each mail, most of them containing promises of contributions to be delivered later or queries concerning the best methods of packing. In a grimy epistle delivered at the pavilion this morning a \$1 bill was wrapped in an old piece of paper, which had written on it, "From an old 'soger.'" Thus far \$388 have been received in money contributions.

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SINGS AS SURGEONS OPERATE

Hymn Tunes on Negro Patient's Lips During Ordeal in Hospital. "There's a Land that is Fairer than Day" sang Samuel Coates, a Negro, while surgeons in the Presbyterian Hospital today performed a serious surgical operation on him. He refused to submit to an anesthetic.

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