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DEAD ENGINEER'S BURIAL PLANS RIVAL WEIRDEST FICTION

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Henry Close Ordered Disposition of His Body With Mathematical Preciseness, and Left Money for That Purpose.

A weird tale rivaling the most imaginative productions of a Poe or an Ambroas Hierce came to light today in the making public of the extraordinary preparations for his burial made by Henry Close, enginser and mathematician, who died 10 days ago at his home, 27 North 36th at. Not only did he arrange for his burial on engineering principles, but he also left his entire fortune of nearly \$30,000 for the care of his grave and those of his ancesters, giving most minute instructions for the treatment of the tombs.

Henry Close did not want a cent of money to so to charity or relatives. was a recluse, living alone for many years among his books and mathemati-cal instruments at his home. For several years he was engaged in mysterious mathematical calculations, the nature of which was not revealed until his death. Then it became known that all his engineering knowledge and skill had been applied upon an elaborate plan of burial and care of his body after death.

SOUGHT TO PRESERVE BODY.

The thoroughness which characterized his methods in life when engaged upon difficult engineering feats was evidenced in the detailed directions for the care of his remains, which specified the kind of embalming fluid that was to be used, the manner of caulking his metal casket and thwart our progress. The ordinances pre-the kind of cement that was to be used in pared by the Department of City Transit making the tomb air-tight and water-

Henry Close's practical and mechanical mind could never comprehend the exist-ence of a hereafter, and he denounced the teachings of theologians which pletured a heaven or hell after death, de-claring how, from a mechanical stand-point, they were impossible. He was an ardent admirer of Darwin and Ingersoll, yst, unlike the latter, he did not believe

in cremation, expressing horror at the thought of his body being burned. Of equal dread to him was the idea of his remains being consumed by vermin, and he devoted much time to the study and employment of every agency known to science to insure his body agents such to science to insure his body against such a fats. He was determined that no worms should eat him and that his ashes should remain intact for ages.

About two years ago he had an expensive vault constructed in St. Michael's Cemstery, at Birdsboro, the building of which he superintended himself in order to be sure that that part of his plan would be accurately carried out. The yault was lined with thick walls of brick. through which liquid coment was poured. and a granite slab weighing two tons was placed upon it.

The immense slab, which was prepared in this city, was so unwieldy that upon its arrival in Birdsboro it was found that there was no vehicle in the place strong enough to transport it from the train to the cemetery. It was only after the management of a nearby steel works permit-ted the use of one of its heavy trucks and ted the use of one of its neavy trucks and derricks, engaged in the handling of great castings, that the big stone was placed over the vault. It required 12 mules to draw it over the rough roads. An especially designed casket of bronze also was secured during his lifetime and this after containing his lifetime and

this, after containing the mahogany cas-liet with the remains, was caulied with molten lead. For this work Close engaged the services of the best mechanics in the business, caring nothing for the expense

LAWYER SUPERVISED BURIAL. John B. Rutherford, who has offices in the Stephen Girard Building, was named in the will as the attorney of the estate him as a special compensation for superCABINET STRIKES **BLOW FOR TRANSIT**

Continued from Page One " desphis can have adequate transit facili-ties. The necessary legislation to permit the establishment of these facilities has een passed at Harrisburg.

been passed at Harriaburg. "We are now hearing all kinds of fake rumors against the plan, chief among these being that it will increase taxes. The tax argument is a bugaboo. If the recommended facilities produce no in-crease in the assessed valuation of prop-erty, if they would not save the citizens valuable time. If they do not now more valuable time, if they do not save more than \$500,000 annually on the elimination of exchange tickets, the loss would still be less than that made up by a 15-cent increase in the tax rate. Such a 15-cent increase in the tax rate would pay both the interest and sinking fund charges on the cost and the fixed charges of the system

"However, the fixed charges will be offset by the net earnings, and the sys-tem will save the business people time, which, if turned into dollars and cents, would mean more than \$1,000,000 annually. Beside: fnis, the new plan will save the people \$\$13,000 annually in the aboiltion of exchange tickets.

We are now already far behind many We are now already far behind many smaller municipalities, Boston partic-ularly. We do not want to follow the example of New York city in crowding our citizens into tenements, We want to keep Philadelphia a city of individual homes. At the present time the people must look forward to tenement homes or submit to unreasonable rates and inade quate transit accommodations. "The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Com

pany now has to resort to overlapping routes and to running its cars roundabout ways to make the necessity for the present 8-cent exchange tickets. PROGRESS IS THWARTED.

"We have entered into a fair agreement

with the P. R. T. subject to the approval of the Union Traction Company. This approval has been withheld and efforts are now being made on several sides to and reported in Councils early in January were reported out by the Finance Com-mitte last week in such a form that John G. Johnson has said that they are illegal.

"I now advise you that if this ordinance passes City Councils the increased in-debtedness will not be made for any defiile purpose. "We must defeat that ordinance. If

Councils pass that ordinance I am going forth into every ward in Philadelphia and defeat it at the polls, if such power lies in my hands. "Let us have some workable plan or

let us have nothing. The Finance Com-mittee plan is only a humbug. The odds against me are so strong that I now have to appeal to the people of Philadelphia to help fight for themselves and demand that Councils pass a valid ordinance. "If you are citizens, use your power

You can enforce the passage of such an ordinance as will provide for real rapid transit in Philadelphia. "There is no need at this time to spe-

cify the lines upon which the money ap-propriated must be expended. Should the Public Service Commission not approve any item of the proposed lines, then the entire loan falls useless. Should the Pubhe Service Commission rule that the three-mile extension from Bridge to Rhawn streets is unnecessary, then the loan is useless as the ordinance stands. "If that section needs high-speed lines, it certainly should be surface high-speed

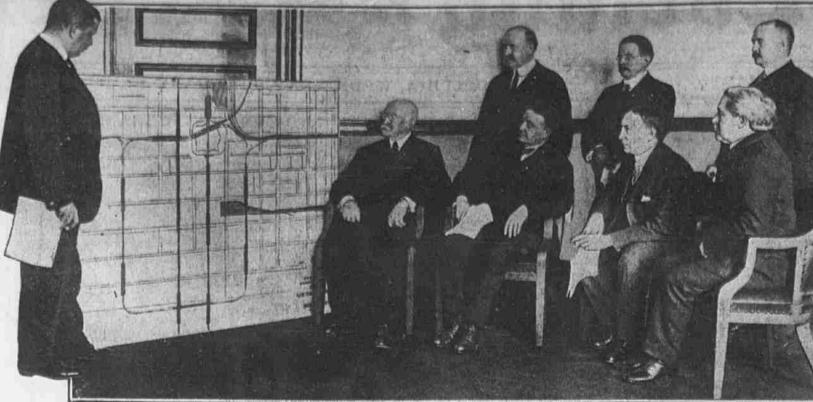
"All I ask of you is that you require your representatives in Councils to proceed along businesslike lines. The Fi-nance Committee ordinance has the ap-pearance of a base subterfuge to thwart eal rapid transit, through legal com-plications tying up the loan and making

the money useless. BOARD QUESTIONS TAYLOR. Director Taylor was then cross-unstioned by the attorney and members f the Board of Directors of the Chamber.

James Collins Jones, attorney for the Chamber, opened the cross-questioning by sking the Director: Where do you propose to spend the \$5,000,000 this year?"

in the will as the attorney of the estate and the sum of \$500 was bequeathed to him as a special compensation for supertaing the burial and seeing that all plans Broad street into two tracks in South is five years old. Broad street, and a physical imposal-bility to discharge at two stations pas-sengers collected at 25 stations. 1 would just as soon have a house without a foundation as a Broad street tube with-out a delivery loop." "What construction would be taken up, en?" continued Mr. Jones. "The Frankford line and the Broad then?" with the burial. The physician, trained street subway would proceed simultaneusly," answered Director Taylor Would the delivery loop cost \$6,000,000 ?" "Yes, and more," said Director Taylor. would take \$9,000,000, but only \$6,000,000 need be put into construction this year." Mr. Jones then asked the Director what he knew of the realty developments that followed the building of the Market street I have seen fields which were selling at \$1000 an acre jump to \$15,000 and \$20,000 an acre," answered Director Taylor.

DIRECTOR TAYLOR OUTLINES HIS TRANSIT PLAN FOR COMMITTEE OF 1000



The picture shows members of the Executive Committee of the Committee of 1000 as they met today in the Transit Director's office. Seated, from left to right, are Ryerson W. Jennings, William Hancock, chairman; Herbert D. Allman, secretary, and George B. Wells. Standing, Stewart A. Jellett, John Walton and N. B. Kelly.

aure the Director they were with him in the fight, tooth and nail. Individuals promised their unawerving support for his

plans until they shall have been consur inted The directors of the United Business Men's Association held a special meet-ing this afternoon at 7:30 o'clock in the Hotel Bingham to decide upon details of the part the association will play in the transit fight. The Transportation Committee, led by Edward B. Martin, chair-man, conferred with the Board of Di-rectors at this time. The membership is nearly 20,000.

BEQUEST OF \$100,000 UPHELD

Samuel M. W. Briggs to Get Large Sum From Smith Estate.

A bequest of \$100,000 to Samuel M. W. Briggs, manager of the Colonnade Hotel, in the will of the late Francis Way Smith was upheld today, when Judge Lamorelle, in the Orphans' Court, dismissed the exceptions to the findings of Judge Dallett that the will should be set aside because the bequest was obtained by coer-

cause the bequest was obtained by coer-cion, fraud and undue influence. The will was contested by Rose Rey-nolds Smith, a cousin, who made the charges against Briggs and John F. Rear-don a confidence of the second se charges against briggs and John F. Kear-don, a confidante of Mr. Smith, who is residuary legatee and executor of the estate, which is valued at \$400,000. In handing down his opinion Judge Lamorelle gave a legal definition of what constitutes "incompetent to make a will." After discussing the eccentricities of Smith, his carriage, behavior and actions,

Judge Lamorelle said: . 'If one's mind and memory are suffi-ciently sound to know and understand the business in which one 's engaged at the time of the execution of a will, that is all that is legally required."

GEORGE F. SWEENEY DEAD

Manager of United States Audit Company Suddenly Stricken.

George F. Sweeney, 45 years old, 5104 Frankford avenue, and for many years general manager of the United States Audit Company, with offices in the Drexel Building, died suddenly late this after-hoon in New York. Mr. Sweeney, according to a dispatch from New York, arrived there this morn-ing for a conference with Palmer & Series, attorneys in that city. While in the law office he died of a hemorrhage. He is survived by a wife and son who

THE PATH OF FLAMES

Brother and Sister, Overcome by Smoke, Carried to Safety at \$20,000 Fire.

Two persons overcome by smoke in their burning home were rescued at 2 o'clock this morning by a waiter who, clad only in his night clothing, climbed over a rear shed and into the building and carried both to the street. Damage estimated at \$20,000 to building, stock and

furniture was caused by the fire. The blaze was in the shoe store of Joseph Elgart, 1617 Frankford avenue. Mr. Elgart has been living with relatives at 104 Parkside avenue and he was not in the house. Three of his children were away, but one son, Samuel, 18 years old, and a daughter. Sophie, 20 years old, were asleep in the third floor.

The girl was aroused first. She ran into her brother's room and called vainly for five minutes trying to arouse him. Finally she dragged him from bed. The two staggered through the thick smoke into the hallway, where they collapsed

just beneath a rear window. Louis Wilson, 1619 Frankford avenue heard the crackle of the flames. He climbed to the rear shed. Dimly through the yellow glare of smoke and flames he saw the figures of the youth and his sister staggering toward the window. When they fell, he climbed into the hall-way and after a hard struggle managed

to lift them out to the shed. A valuable new plano in the second story front room was wrecked by the flames. On top was a piece of music entitled "The Burning of Rome." This was not even singed.

All the furniture was destroyed and the entire stock was damaged. Firemen in socking to get at the heart of the flames threw hundreds of boxes of shoes to the sidewalk. When the fire was extinguished the street was littered with shoes.

MARRIED AT ELKTON

Seven Philadelphia Couples Journey to Maryland Town.



Marine Corps commander, who killed himself with a revolver in his room at the Racquet Club,

CAPTAIN OF MARINES **COMMITS SUICIDE**

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his head. A large calibre automatic service revolver lay at his side, within a few inches of his right hand. The valet notified officials of the club who sent for Doctor Wood. He pro-nounced Captain Harding dead. A half hour earlier the physician had telephoned to the club to ask Captain Harding how he was feeling. At that time the Captain replied that he felt greatly improved. Captain Harding was 42 years old and had been stationed at Washington, D. C. He was an out-of-town member of the Racquet Club, and was a frequent visitor there. Last night he talked to other members and exhibited no symptoms of worry. No one at the club heard the shot that

THUGS BEAT AND ROB YOUNG WOMAN IN DARK

Footpads Follow Kensington Girl, Knock Her Uncon scious - Captured After Long Chase,

A young woman was followed free trolley car, knocked unconscious robbed by two men at Front stress and Lehigh avenue last night. The years woman is Miss Janet Ciciro, of My year sington avenue.

According to Miss Ciciro she was te lowed from a Lehigh avenue car by Jun Holowell, 19 years old, 4400 Adams and Allower, by years old, 4400 Adams are nue, Frankford, and Thomas F. Wana 24 years old, of Renovo, Pa. When is a poorly lighted section of Front size above Lehigh avenue, she was sized the head by Warner, who then search the purse and ran.

her purse and ran. Mrs. Margaret McKnight, of 226 New Howard street, an sunt of Miss Close who accompanied her at the Une of M robbery, screamed for help. Pallesse Sheeron and Koshler, of the Frost and Sheeron and Koshler, of the Frost and screams and gave chase. Seveni den were fired before the two men we captured. captured.

At a hearing today before Marines Glenn both prisoners were held withen ball for court.

Miss Cleiro is still suffering from its blow. Her purse was found on Warne when he was searched at the police su-tion after his arrest.

SON TAKES ACTION TO HALT PROBATE OF MOTHER'S WILL

Caveat Filed by H. A. Ingram to Prevent Distribution of Estate.

Action to prevent the probating of the Action to prevent the probating of the will of Caroline G. Hunsworth, who deal February 3 at 108 South 42d street, leaving a \$28,000 estate, has been taken by her son, Henry A. Ingram. A will made in Mrs. Hunsworth two weeks before by death revoked all her previous wills and directed that her estate be distributed in accordance with the intestate laws. When William H. Ingram, another sa, made application for letters of admin-tration in the estate, for which no arcs-tor was named in the will, he found that a caveat against probating the testaset had been filed by his younger brother Grounds of the contest have not been made public.

made public. William E. Bullus, late of 162 West Penn street, distributed in his will, st. mitted to probate today, an estate st \$11,000 in private bequests. Samuel P. Kelly, 3754 Powelton avenue, left an st-

FRANK MAURAN DIVORCED

paign against the infamous gas steal in 1965, and with them are hundreds more who have taken up arms for the first time to demand their rights as citizens and to serve notice on Councils that a day of Separation Decree From Court.

reckoning has come. With more than a half hundred business organizations and thousands of independent citizens behind him, Director Taylor will open the fight to clear the path for a victory over the tricks, subterfuges and obstacles placed in the way by Councils. On the stage back of the transit director will be 300 of Philadelphia's leaders in business, manufacturing and finance. Realizing that the Academy of Music

TRANSIT REVOLT'S

who began to flock to the Academy were determined to register the strongest pro-

test that a thoroughly aroused body of

citizens could make against politicians who obstruct the attainment of the peo-

The rain interfered with the plans of thousands who had intended to parade from various sections of the city. The principal parade was to have been held by the employes at League Island. The

2000 men who ride on the surface cars to their work at the navy yard every day had intended to march from League

Island to the Academy, as they did on the night of January 14. They abandoned this plan, however,

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ple's rights.

CLIMAX TONIGHT

will not accommodate the throngs who will come from every section of Philadel-phia, overflow meetings are being ar-ranged today so that none will be disappointed. Special speakers will be chosen to address these meetings. The front row of balcony boxes in the

Academy will be reserved until 8 o'clock for members of Select and Common Coun-clis, it was announced by the Committee of One Thousand today. Councilmen will be admitted to the boxes by way of the stage door upon display of their official badges.

Members of the Committee of One Thouand were at work today in every corner of the city awakening the people to the realization that a real crisis in the hiscupied by Director Loeb's Wife Slippery rails were responsible for an ununual collision today, when a Chetter avenue car crashed into an automobile at lith and Chestnut streets with such form unity Significant of grave concern in the minds of the leaders of the fight to deas to send it against another motorear belonging to Mrs. Herman Loeb, wifs of the Director of Supplies. The automobile was badly damaged. The car was coming east on Chesimi street, and when the motorman applied the brakes to avoid a collision with an auto belonging to Walter Smith, of South 18th street, which turned out turned out lith street, the whoels slid along the well tracks. The Smith machine, which con-tained the chauffeur, was knocked ser-eral feet into the Loeb motor. Both cap were badly damaged and traffic was held up for a short time.

They abandoned this plan, however, and prepared to go to the Academy through the rain, as best they could, on the present transit system. Director Norrirs will be the first speaker in the Academy after Director Taylor has opened the meeting. Roland S. Morris, Dr. Philip H. Moore and ex-Judge William W. Porter will follow. In the ranks of the army are hundreds who were leaders in the memorable cam-Reily, and Powerton avenue, left an ex-tate of \$3000 to relatives. Personal property of Matilda H. Heff, man has been appraised at 12,43,55; Sarah Thompson, \$2521.58. who were leaders in the memorable cam-

Prominent Society Man Obtains

A divorce was granted today by Court of Common Pleas No. 3 to Frank Mauran from his wife, Harriet Ames Mauran on the ground of desertion. The Maurant have been living apart for about three years. They are prominent in this coun-try and abroad socially. They have the sons. One is living in Europe with his mother, while another makes his bous with his father at 1712 Walnut strest.

Mr. Mauran's marriage to his wife, who was Miss Harriet F. Ames, of the widdy known Boston family of that name, wa a notable event in society circles. Three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Mauran sepa-ated, the latter going abroad to live Mrs. Mauran was represented by Jus G. Johnson, Charles Biddle was altonat for Mr. Mauran. Both attorneys detinat to discuss the case today. Mr. Mauran is a half-brother of J. Mauran Rhodes of this city and Ardmore.

AUTOS DAMAGED IN COLLISION

were carried out as directed. Mr. Rutherford accompanied the remains to Birdshore and stood by until they were depossted in the vault and the great cover hermetically sealed over them.

Carefully worded instructions had been left by Close for each person connected nurse, housekeeper, undertaker, lawyer, executor of the estate, sexton of the cemetery and a corps of experts, who had been engaged to seal the casket and tomb, were beld to a strict accountability for the performance of their separately allotted duties.

Funds were bequeathed to the cometery and church for the erection of a stone wall facing the road, with suitable en-trances and steps, beautifying the ceme-tery and placing a handsome iron fence, with elaborate gates, around it. More than necessary provision was made for the beautifying and upkeep of the burial plots of Close and his ancestors, and a sum was set aside for the erection of a new chapel in the cemetery.

Two other cemeteries in which relatives and ancestors are buried were remem-bered in the will for substantial amounts, which will insure the beautification and care of their graves forever. Some of the ancestors buried in the cemeteries died more than 100 years ago, and it is wouldful whether the location of their graves

ohly in the case of a remote contingancy, that of his plans miscarrying through the refusal of the trustees of teries to accept the gifts, was an estate to go to charity. The the cemeteries to accept the gifts, was any of the estate to go to charity. The institution which was to be benefited in this event is the Western Home for Poor Children, at 41st and Baring streets.

"Frame-Up," Cries Politician

A "frame-up" to enable politicians to the manner in which Thomas S. Mc- at t Manna, Republican committeeman from are. the flat Ward, characterized the charges of enticing minors brought sgainst Sam-trei C. Kiceley, #2 years old, the present Councils with the recommendation of the

Magistrate Emely, of the Park and Lehigh avenues station, held Kreely in 3000 hall for court this morning, and this sjoursed McKenna to the extent that he openly questioned the Magistrate's judg-ments in helding the man Magistrate's judgment in holding the man. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Traub, of 255 North Camic street, whose il-year-old daughter, Ellen, ac-ensed Ercelsy, testified today.

NAMED BY THE PRESIDENT

Gaurge W. Acklin Gets Collectorship at Pittsburgh.

WABHINGTON, Fab. 34 - President Wil-en today numbrated Goorge W. Acklin, of Minnergh, to be collector of customs at Minnergy, Fa.

an monipated to as colisators of in-I revenue Benjamin P. Davis, of seles, Pa., for the eth district of artysins, and jump P. Haley, of inter the district of Hawaii

SPI-SS HOUND TRAY CALIFORNIA TO THE CALIFORNIA RAPORTIONS VIA CALIFORNIA STRAIN HWY. CALIFORNIA IN THE STRAIN HWY. CALIFORNIA IN THE STRAIN HWY.

DENIES EARLE STATEMENT.

"According to the newspapers, George H. Earle, Jr., has said that the Market street subway does not pay," Mr. Jones continued.

"That statement is not true," said Director Taylor. "I did not hear Mr. Earle make that statement, but I can say that the Market street subway is paying a reasonable return on the invest Walter Wood, chairman of the Trans-

portation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, then asked the Director about the feasibility of extending the delivery loop from 8th street down to 6th street. "It would further the development of 100 acres of realty in this section of the city and would provide a parking place f the cars during the rush hours und Washington Square." suid Mr. Wood. under Director Taylor answered the question

saying: According to statistics compiled by the Lockwood. A "frame-up" to enable politicians to install a "friend" as superintendent of Fotteral Square, 11th and York streets, us the manner in which Thomas S. Mc-install Republican committee and the car barns where the extra men roast me dinner.

Organization-controlled Finance Commit-tee, of which John P. Connelly, McNichol

istrate Haggerty. "I think he must have been in bed." lieutenant, is the chairman, and never had been submitted to City Solicitor Michael J. Ryan for an opinion as to its

legality. Another set of resolutions denouncing the action of the Finance Committee and the hybrid transit plan of the Connelly "joker" ordinance was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Committee of One Thousand. The committee met in the effice of Transit Director Taylor, in the Bourse Building, at 11 o'clock this morning, and immediately set to work on the draft of the resolutions

While the committee was in assalor a dalegation of aroused cilizens from the Fails of Schuyikill called at the office to Secure tranelt plans.

FLOCE TO TAYLOR STANDARD.

PLOCE TO TATLOR STANDARD The executive committee of the Com-mittee of One Thomand Isoludose William Hancook, president; Herbert D. Aliman, socretary: John Walton, treassurer; J. R. W. Hidvan, George B. Wells, Stawart Jellett, Rowann W. Jennings, Theodore J. Jamin and N. R. Kelly. "Treassing the day hardly a moment massed without a new force being lined up for real rapid transit. The thisphone dail is Transit Director Taylor's offices rang planest immediately. Business companies, lines, able to a set upper and powerful anthemas of Specific transit, stilling up to ap-

eording to the police, at Front street and Grand avenue. Elsin was walking along, humming a two when 20-year-old Waiter Cavanaus, of Front and Master street, and ib-year-old John Flynn, of 45 Richmond street, but the Barniner and set home. Elsin or est the harminer and set homes filled but the Bartiner and set homes filled was the best of the three-corner or the ten and him around the the was the best of the three-corner or the ten and him and Cavanaugh to the protocorner and basis at state of himself and for balage the ten take take of himself and for balage but the ten take take of himself and for balage

ELETON, Md., Feb. 24 .- Upon the ar-

SUIT TO BREAK LEES WILL

G. Walter Lees, of Merchantville, was enied permission by Vice Chancellor denied permission Learning, of New Jersey, sitting in the Court of Chancery at Camden today, to alter his affidavits in a suit to break the will of his father, the late H. C. Lees. Mr. Lees left an estate of \$40,000 to his widow for life, to be divided among her children at her death. The plaintiff be-gan suit five years ago. Surrogate Reeves, who admitted the will to probate, has been sustained by the Or-Court and the State Supreme The case has yet to come before Court. the Court of Chancery. Lees said today that if he lost in this court he would take the case to the State Court of Errors and Appeals.

Woman Hangs Herself in Barn

LANCASTER, Ps., Feb. 24.-Mrs. Jere-miah Nitrauer, 45 years old, of Deodate, last night was found by her husband She hanging from a rafter in the barn. I had been melancholy for some time.

tted Lockwood

be a pig roast for the cops.

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rival of the noon train at Elkton sever

Philadelphia couples landed in the town during a heavy downpour of rain, but they lost no time, however, in being conveyed to the County Court office, where they were quickly handed the required permits and later married by local

Alfred W. S. Ritchie and Amelia A. Studler, Walter H. Lappen and Ruth Parry, Lucius P. Young and Margaret A. Everwine, Silas W. Formosa and Mar garet G. Thomas, Charles W. Kelly and Edna Kreither, George T. Kelly and Gertrude R. Volkner, and Cecil V. Woolens and Nellie A. Keilholtz.

Thomas Marple Operated On

Thomas Marple, chief deputy United States marshal, was operated on today for appendicitis at the American Stomach Hospital, 802 North Broad street, was taken ill about a month ago. He Mr. Marple, who is 72 years old, has been in the service 41 years and is a membe of the G. A. R. and of the Fifth Pennsyl vania Cavalry Cameron Dragoons. He lives at 4506 Springfield avenue.

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The police of the 15th and Locust streets station were then sent for. There was no excitement at the club, many of the nembers arriving 10 minutes or so after the shooting apparently hearing nothing about it

After the Coroner's preliminary investigation was made the body was taken away by an undertaker. Officers of the Marine Corps stationed at League Island were notified, and hurried to the club in an automobile. They made arrange-ments for the removal of the body. Captain Harding's home originally was in Madison, III., but for some years he had lived at Washington, D. C. He served with distinction and was

breveted for his courage in the presence of the enemy near Pekin, during the Boxer uprising, on June 23, 1900. He also served one month in Vera Cruz, last year. He was in the Judge Advocate General's office at Washington. Captain Harding entered the service

during the Spanish war. He was captain of Company E, Fifth Illinois Voluntee Infantry, and became first lieutenant July

1. 1309, and later captain in the Marine Corps. He served in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish war. He was born in Madison, III., where his mother resides, in August, 1872.

Until three weeks ago Captain Harding was on leave of absence. He had never given any indications of worry and was onsidered an efficient officer

The suicide today is the third recent ragedy in exclusive Philadelphia clubs ome time ago Charles O. Kruger, former president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, dropped dead of heart disease in the Racquet Club. A few weeks prior to that a business man shot him self to death in a bathroom of the Uni versity Club.

ABE BUZZARD AT LIBERTY: INCENSED AT RELATIVES

Plans to "Get Even" With Those He Blames for Latest Jail Term.

WEST CHESTER, Feb. 24.-Abe Buzsard, aged 75 years, the oldest prisoner in the Chester County Prison and for

years the leader of the notorious Buzzard gang, which committed many depredations in Berks, Lancaster and Chester counties some years ago, was released from his cell here at 7 o'clock this morning and left at once for Reading, his former home, where he expects to be reinstated as a workman of the street cleaning department, with which he was employed prior to bis arrest.

Buzzard was sentenced to serve nine nonths here for stealing chickens from a farmer in the northern section of the years. county and was convicted on the testi-mony of his slieged companion, Harry Graham, but received considerable com-ness. mutation because of his good behavior in griano. Abe says he will "set equare" with relatives whom he charges with having "framed" the charge upon which te was convicted.

Although Ti years old, Bussard is an hearly as must man of 40 years and does not have the appearance of a man of his

Aged Man Struck by Train

POTTRVILLES, Da. Feb. 34-Arthur Biggler, 36 years old, of this city, was fatally injured when hit by a train on the "Calamity" branch of the Peentsylvanis. Builtond this morphon Singler was walking the traine batween Minersville and Potasyllis winn, the atteart traine builted bins 10 Dec.

tory of Philadelphia had come. Every member of this committee is the nucleus of a small body of fighters in his own

lay transit, in the opinion of supporters of the Taylor plan, was the news which became public today that Charles Seger, chairman of the Subcommittee on Finance, had on the eve of the great, town meeting hurriedly left the city for St. Lucie, Fla., where Senator McNichol, far from the battle line, is taking a vacation and holding conferences with Senator Vare and other leaders.

JOHNSON OPINION CHEERED.

Encouraged by the opinion of John G. Johnson yesterday that the Connelly Seger-Costello "joker" ordinance is defect tive and illegal, the army of transit fight ers is confident that victory is assured. Sweeping denunciation of the coterie of political obstructionists in Councils broke forth anew when the trickery who framed the ordinance was exposed by Mr. Johnson.

The following citizens have notified Director Taylor that they will accept ap-pointment to the Committee of 1090: Thousands have made application for tickets to the Academy meeting and it is

expected that the demonstration will sur-pass that of January 14, when the city raised its voice against the delay and in action of Councils. Although Chairman Connelly, of the

Finance Committee, has been besieged with questions as to what the Finance Committee will do to meet the public demand for passage of the Taylor ordinance he has consistently refused to make any comment. Select Councilman Seger, chairman of the Subcommittee on nance, has likewise declined to give any indication of what the people might expect from Councils next Thursday

JOSEPH P. MUMFORD DIES: WAS RETIRED BANKEB

End Comes While Visiting Son-in-Law

at South Bethlehem. Joseph P. Mumford, 78 years old, a for mer vice president of the Bank of the Republic, which liquidated and ceased business eight years ago, died this morning at South Bethlehem, where he was visit-

ing his son-in-law, J. L. Stewart, a professor at Lehigh University. Mr. Mumford and his wife, who was with him when he died, have lived at the Gladstone, 11th and Pine streets, for the past four

After the suspension of the Bank of the Republic Mr. Mumford retired from business, but kept an office in the Brown Building, 4th and Chestnut streets, where he manified his property. In August he became ill and underwent an operation his health seemed so good in December that he and Mrs. Mumford went to spend Christmas at South Bethlehem. There he

suffered a relapse and was unable to reurn home. Mr. Mumford was formarly a member of

Mr. Mumford was formariy a member of the Union League Club, and was asso-claied with the Bociaty for the Prevention of Cristity to Childran. He was an inde-second of the State of the State of the science in 187. The funeral assylces will be held Friday of the funeral assylces will be held Friday as afternoon at the Church of St. Luke and the Bolynesy. Bits extent below Spruce Mrs. Mumford is a member of the New F Contairy and Clubs.

PHILADELPHIAN ACCUSED RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 24.-Suspecta of illegal wireless operations in New Jar-sey, Henry Korab, a young man simm his address as 2150 North 13th street, Fill-

adelphia, and who says he is a grad at of a wireless school at Broad and Cherr streets, that city, is being held by in police here today. Though Kerab booked as a fugitive, the police decise to say where he is wanted. The case was continued until Marri L

Government authorities here refuse is discuss the case.

THE WEATHER **Official** Forecast For eastern Pennsylvania and New Je

ey: Rain and cooler tonight: Thurston partly cloudy and cooler; increasing south winds shifting to west tonight. winds shifting to west tonight. Rain has been "general in the dispri-east of the Mississippi River during " last 24 hours. The centre of the shift has moved slowly northward from in-cago and a secondary centre is apprecia-developing over North Carolina. The temperatures have continued to man the Atlantic States and are is degree a more above the normal this more contral valleys and the upper Line region, but has not reduced the temper-tures to normal conditions generally in region, but has not reduced the te tures to normal conditions general though they have returned to norm

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"You'll have to cook it at the station house," said Wharton. Then he took the pig and the man to the lith and

judgment, two of his teeth became muti-nous and he asked for a dentist. There was none at leisure in the neighbor-hood, however, so Dennis had to bear his pain patiently. When Dennis was brought before Magistrate Glenn he danced with pain. His wife knew that he had suffered with a bad tooth for years, and sympathy rave place to revenge. The pig and the final the first and Pine streets station. Lockwood denied that he stole the pig. but admitted that he might have found it in front of a butcher shop. "I suppose you found it when the butcher wasn't looking." suggested Mag-latrate Magnetty.

a oad tooln for years, and sympathy gave place to revenge. Magistrate Glenn was about to say "Thirty days in the House of Correc-tion," when Mrs. Tracy interceded. "I think he would be a better man," she said, "if he would get that tooth pulled, and I would like to withdraw the charge." He was sent to the House of Correction. The police put the pig on ice, and if its owner ian't found quickly there will charge. Judge looked Dennis over and no-

The "All right," said his Honor, "and if he don't get it pulled out bring him back right away." The couple started out for a daniist. Age is no drawback to John Elsin when

Age is no drawback to John Lisin when it comes to fighting. He is nearly three score and ten, or 67 to be correct. By way of getting up an appetite for break-fast he "licked" two youths who "poked fun at him" and then attacked him, no-cording to the police, at Front street and Girard avenue.

It takes a strong man to steal a tele-graph pole, especially when it's imbedded in the ground. Nevertheless, a strange man was attempting the task at 30th and York streets. With a comewhat rusty asw he was trying to cut off the pole near the ground when Foliceman G'Neill discovered him.

"You couldn't take the pole away even if the company gave it to you," said O'Neill. "The not sayin' suibin', but sawin' wood." replied the man. He readily agreed to go to the lith and Herks structs station and applain. The principer and his come was taking the point dealated that he was taking the point for win a bat. As he insked as If he had been dipping to thesis futo varies colored inquide, he was allowing by Magistrate Monthe. O'Neill,