LOCAL OPTION BILL HAS SLIGHT CHANCE OF PASSAGE THIS SESSION

EDON

Members of General Assembly in Defiant Mood About the Attitude of Governor Brumbaugh on Pending Measure.

HARRISBURG, March 22.-Chances for peal option legislation at this session of the General Assembly apparently "are going glimmering." However much of a shock this statement may be to the satisfactes of the local option cause, it ensus of opinion among ex ced observers of legislative affairs

hat such is the case. ast such is the cuse.
Friends of the local option movement,
to were none too optimistic at the
sents of the Assembly's sessions in
security, found comfort and encouraseinuary, found comfort and encouragement as the session progressed, because of reports of the strength of the temperance sentiment throughout the State. They felt that the "home folks" of each lawmaker would bring such pressure to bear, in the event of a reasonable local option bill being introduced, that many wavering legislators would be forced to vote for the measure. The element of these waverers, together be forced to vite for the measure. The signment of these waverers, together with the support of the out-and-out local cetten legislators, would, they thought, the sufficient to pass a local option bill even through the Senate. About its fate the House of Representatives, they believed, there could be little or no doubt.

GOVERNOR'S FIRM ATTITUDE. What lent strength to their confidence was the firm attitude assumed by Governor Brumbaugh, who most emphatically renewed his campaign pledges of sup-port to the local option program. It was felt that his powerful influence, added to the apparent sweep of public sentiment and the known support among legislators themselves, assured the suc-cess of a local option bill. Various canyasses of the

Various canvasses of the legislative vote were made, and it was confidently asserted that a 'county unit' law could

the meantime the liquor men were In the meantime the liquor men were saying very little, but working diligently to "mend their fences." For publication and in private they declared, when they did talk, entire confidence in their ability to defeat any local option bill. Even in the House, they assert, 140 votes were pledged, publicly or privately, to vote sgainst such a measure. About the Sen-ale they felt even more confident. "Not chance," was their final word when discussing the local option's position in the upper house.

on they cut the estimate of their pledged vote in the House of Represent-atives to ill. a constitutional majority of even, in that body. But while conceding some lesses, the liquor men have more recently become louder in their claims of success in blocking a local option law. Now they openly proclaim that the move-ment is virtually defeated for this session of the Legislature at least.

That their assertion will prove to be

well founded seems entirely probable. Even the power of the Governor to en-ferce his wishes on the lawmakers in

priously questioned. Two views of Governor Brumbaugh's position are freely expressed. One of them position are freely expressed. One of them gives the Governor credit for sincerity; the other puts him in the light of a skilful pe'lician, "keeping in line" with the Republican party leaders, while at the same time appearing to keep faith with the people to whom his public pledges

LEGISLATORS IN DEFIANT MOOD. One of these views, both of them merely surmises, is that Governor Brumbaugh's official acts, as well as his less public relations with legislators, have been so unsatisfactory to the lawmakers that, when the issue is drawn, he will find he can no longer command them; that they will not seek to avoid an open breach with the Executive, but rather court it, in order to "get even" for what they regard as "scores to be settled," by killing one of the Governor's pet measures will be considered and incidentally doing the will of the constitution as they not the constitution, as they not the constitution, as coording to a coordinate coordi leaders, who are as anxious as they, not enly to defeat local option, but also to administer a rebuke to Governor Brumbaugh. In fact, it is generally believed that open defiance of his wishes is to be

The second view of the situation is that The second view of the situation is that the Governor has a "working agreement" with the leaders, whereby he is at liberty to urge the local option program in the open, thereby going as far as he may, legally, to redeem his pledges, while at the same time the Organization laders, having both the desire and the indicate to kill local option, will do so, assuming full responsibility for their acts and relieving the Governor of any odium arising therefrom.

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With this uncertainty about the situation existing, neither side of the local option controversy is remitting any efforts. The quiet work of the liquor lobby goes merrily on and the temperance people of the Commonwealth continue to hurry petitions for a local option law to their representatives in the Assembly.

With both sides expressing the timost

With both sides expressing the utmost confidence, there seems to be little doubt that a bitter fight is in prospect. And it is the attitude of the lawmakers themselves toward Governor Brumbaugh which seems to indicate that the local option program is doomed to failure, un-less the demand of constituents upon their legislative representatives shall become so overwhelming that the law-makers are literally frightened into ac-quiescence with the popular demand. In short, as it now appears, local option is "on the skids," and it is dp to the people themselves to rescue it.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS the Supreme Court today handed down the following decisions:
PER CURIAM:

FER CURIAM:

Harshall Estate. O. C., Camden. Decree aftends at appellant's costs.

Gardner vs. Ives. C. P., Lackawanna. Decree aftends at appellant's costs.

County of Lackawanna vs. Duffy, C. P., Lackawanna. Two cases. Judgment in each as affirmed.

As Cintock. Marshall Construction Company is Easton Trust Company et al. C. P.,

Settampton. Decree affirmed at appellant's costs. Gre vs. Lehigh and Northeast Railway Company. C. P., Northampton. Judgment attended to the state of the state r vs. Lehigh and Northeast Railway vs. City of Pittsburgh et al. Same C. P., Allegheny, Decree affirmed.

Beilichen et al. C. P., Northampton Judg-WHAT'S DOING TONIGHT



DR. SHAW FAILS TO HEAL LOUISIANA SUFFRAGE BREACH

Further Strife in Ranks Stirred Up

by Her Appearance.

NEW ORLEANS, March 22.—The Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, was the guest of the New Era Club here yesterday and the principal speaker at an open-air mass-meeting. Her appearance, under the auspices of the New Era Club has caused a wide breach in the suffrage forces of Louisiana, and the anti-suffrage forces are elated. Women who for years have carried the banner of the suffrage light here remained away from today's meeting. Some time ago the New Era Club invited Doctor Shaw to be its guest. She consented, but when the club arranged for several gatherings in her honor no invitations were extended to the State Woman Suffrage party. This caused resentment against the New Era Club, and the Woman Suffrage party of Louisians late Saturdey issued a statement showing its resentment.

The result of this action was the above

The result of this action was the ab-The result of this action was the absence of the great majority of leading suffragists from Doctor Shaw's meeting. She made an eloquent speech and pre-clicted victory for women in America in a few years. She did not refer to the hitterness aroused by her visit here.

JERSEY OPTION BILL APPARENTLY DOOMED

Indications Point to Its Defeat When It Comes Up for Action Tonight.

TRENTON, March 22. After two conferences on the local option bill-one at Atlantic City and another here-legislative leaders agreed that at least 52 votes would be recorded in the Assembly against the bill, which passed the Senate by one vote. This is two more than necessary to kill it. Those who are reasonably sure to vote against this bill, 17 Republicans and 15 Democrats, are:

Republicans—DeCamp Barradale Barbour

In addition to these, Assemblyman Ber-tram E. Whitman, of Pleasantville, mem-ber from Atlantic County, is more than likely to vote against the bill. Speaker Godfrey, also of Atlantic County, is more likely to vote against the bill than for it If it is necessary for him to cast a vote. Pancoast and Wolverton, Republicans, of Camden County, are not placed, but in-dications point to their both being opposed to the bill.

This shows at least 17 Republicans against the bill and 15 Democrats also

opposed, with possibilities of at least a dozen others of both parties. Although it is the general impression that the bill passed second reading and is not subject to any further amendment, the official minutes, printed copies of which reached the members early Saturday morning last, indicate that the record day morning last, indicate that the record shows the bill still on second reading and a special order of business for 8 o'clock tonight. Speaker Godfrey feels certain that the bill was actually passed on second reading, but in the rush of lesislative business he cannot be certain. The minutes are without any record of the bill passing second reading, and as it now stands unless there has been acceptance. now stands—unless there has been an error of the printer—the bill is unfinished business on second reading and subject to amendment tonight.

ENTRIES ASKED TO LEDGER CHILD WELFARE EXHIBIT

Prizes Will Be Awarded for Photographs of Best Children.

PUBLIC LEDGER Child Welfare Exhibit. They will be judged by a corps of ex-perts and gold medals will be presented to the eight best-looking hables. The

Printic Lenger contest opened today.
When the Temple of Childhood contest
was abandoned, following the failure of
the company promoting it, the Public
Lenger, not wishing thousands of parents to be disappointed, took over the enterprise and catabilished the Child Welfare Exhibit.

All pictures sent to the Public Ledger.

will be exhibited in Philadelphia, and after the awards to the eight successful contestants the entire collection of photographs will be sent to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and there exhibited in the Palace of Education. The prizes awarded here will be eight

gold medals for children who, in the opinion of the Board of Judges, represent best the ideal child of their age. Rib-bons of commendation will also be awarded to those children who show a high atandard. The picture will be examined for beauty, health, character and intelli-

Each photograph must be accompanied by an official entry coupon properly filled out. The name and address and age of each child should be written out on the back of the photograph. The pictures must be unmounted prints, not smaller than 5 by 7 inches or larger than 8 by 10

The contest opened today to all children born since 1908, the year work was begun on the Panarua Canal. Photographs may on the Faharia Canal. Photographs may be sent in either by parents of the child or the photographer who took the picture.

The judges will be five Pennsylvanians who are specialists in child-welfare work.

200 Aliens Become Citizens More than 200 aliens made their final ap-pearance before the Naturalization Court on the fourth floor of the City Hall to-day to be sworn in as citizens of the United States.

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LT. COM, FRANKLIN BRICKER

U. S. NAVAL OFFICER AND 3 MEN DROWN

Lieutenant Commander Bricker Loses Life at Constantinople When Small Boat Upsets.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 21.-While rowing to the United States converted yacht Scorpton in the Bosphorus, Lieutenant Commander William F. Bricker, U. S. N., and three American sailors named Ford, Downel and Leverings, were drowned on Saturday night.

Their boat was swamped by heavy seas thrown up by a south gale. Lieutenant Herbert S. Babbitt, U. S. N., and a fourth sailor, who were in the boat, were saved. Lieutenant Commander Bricker arrived here six days ago to take over command

pressed at the navy yard this morning over the death of Lieutenant-Commander William Franklin Bricker, U. S. N., who lost his life through the capsizing of small host on which he was returning to his command, the Scorpion, a station ship, just off the city of Constantinople. Commander Bricker had dired on shore

with the Secretary of the Embassy, Mr. Hoffman Philip and Captain Strew, and was returning to the Scorpion about II o'clock. A severe wind storm had come up and the captain was anxious about the security of the ship's mooring. Near the ship the small beat foundered, only Lieutenant Babbitt and one man of the party being saved

Captain Bricker's funeral will take place from the Embassy at Constanti-nople on next Tuesday and the body embalmed, held subject to the instructions of his relatives

SOUTH BETHLEHEM IS NOT LEGALLY A CITY

Supreme Court Rules Law Was Violated in Attempt to

decision handed down today by Justice Elkin, of the Supreme Court, in affirming Rev. James Ely, began this morn The the Court of Common Pleas of Northamp- raise the \$1000 necessary for the rental vs. City of South Bethlehem.

South Bethlehem is still a horough, although a special election has been held, in accordance with an act of the Legis-lature, in which a majority of the voters decided to charter the city. The election violates the Constitution, maid Justice El-kin in his decision, inasmuch as the Con-stitution states that the change can be made only in a general election. Until a general, not a special election is held South Bethlehem will remain a borough.

Man Struck by Wagon

Thomas Addley, a huckster of Coates-ville, is in a serious condition in the Hahnemann Hospital as a result of in-juries received when he was struck by a wagon at lith and Market streets at noon today. George Payton, a Negro, 2015 Wharton street, the driver, was arraigned before Magistrate Carson in City

Leo Frank's Case Still Undecided WASHINGTON, March 22.-The Supreme Court of the United States today recessed until April 5 without handing down a decision in the Leo M. Frank murder case

ATLANTIC CITY MAYOR

ATLANTIC CITY, March 22 -An attack on the Administration of Mayor William Riddle, delivered vesterday by the Rev. Henry Merle Mellen from the puipit of the First Presbyterian Church, was the chief topic of conversation in church

Philadelphians visiting here, as well as citizens, heard with surprise the clerzy-man's declaration that recall would be a fitting penalty for the Mayor's utter-

Referring directly to the Mayor's state-nient that "Atlantic City has been re-formed to death and chorus girls and puglists are needed to enliven the town," and his most recent attack upon the Methodist Church of the State at the St.

able folk to make their abode in the city Suppose he had cutraged the finer feel-ings of the decent minded citizens of the

"Suppose in a vain attempt at practical buffounery he had insulted the servants of God in their graves and sneered at worthy clerkymen on sick beds in hospitals. Would not the decent citizens he

preme Court to mandamus the City Clerk to call an election. City Solicitor Schimpf doubts that a recall election is possible under the complicated commis-

Riddle's attack on the Methodist clergy, saying that the illness of two pastors was a direct act of Providence, was a result of the action of the Conference in taking of the action of the Conference in taking him to task for his utterances in regard to chorus girls and pugilists.

A call has been issued for a meeting to discuss the advisability of instituting recall measures at once. The terms of all the commissioners will expire in April, 1918.

MATCHES BURN CHILD

hile playing with matches in her home this morning during the absence of her

The accident occurred after the mother had left the room. It is believed that the child crawled near a gas stove which was

WOMAN FOILS BOMB PLOT

fuse splutter, immediately threw the bomb into the street. It exploded as it struck the stones. Corso, who is a baker, is at a loss to explain the outrage.

To Raise Fund for Garrick Services "A Self-Denial Week" for regular attendants of the Sunday night meetings at the Garrick Theatre, conducted by the ton County in the case of Commonwealth under the auspices of the Lemon Hill

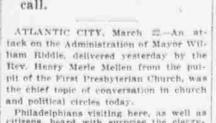




COMPANY Always look for that Name

DENOUNCED BY PASTOR

Rev. H. M. Mellen Appeals From Pulpit for Riddle's Re-



Methodist Church of the State at the St. Patrick's Day celebration, Mr. Meilen, speaking from the text "For as a min nows so shall be reap," said:
"Let us suppose that in the land of I topia there is a city by the sea called Allantis. Suppose that by some freak of human stupidity, that city has made King Twindle the ruler. Suppose the King had invited all manner of questionable folk to make their acode in the city.

atified in bringing his rule to an end?
"A situation like this does exist some here. The very fathers must turn it their graves when such buffeenery is allowed. Our children and our children's children will call us accursed if we do not summarily dethrone King Twiddle with all of his twaddle. This applies to evers King Twiddle who occupies a throne of authority anywhere. A weed by any other name would be just as rank and leathsome.

Attempts were made to recall Mayor Riddle a year ago, but failed through technicalities after an appeal to the Su-

Two-year-old Catherine Roberts, of 4 Sugden's row, Falls of Schuylkill, is in St. Timothy's Hospital, in a serious con-dition, as the result of burns received

lighted, placed a match into the fire, set-ting her clothing ablaze.

Mrs. James Roberts, the child's mother, tried to beat the flames out with her

The bravery of a woman foiled a bomb plot in the downtown section. An attempt to blow up the home of Salvadore Corso, 1/21 South Franklin street, was frustrated by Mrs. Pauline Segal, a neighbor Mrs. Segal was awaiting her husband's return from work when she saw two men pass the house. As they reached Corso's home, one of them placed a bomb on the doorstep. Mrs. Segal, seeing the

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MAN "WITH A PUNCH" William L. McGhee, of 3309 Arch street, was the only one of 32 ap-plicants to pass the examination for a special inspectorship in the Department of Public Works, to which place Director Cooke advertised extensively.

FULL CREW LAW CALLED HARMFUL TO PUBLIC

Arguments Submitted to New Jersey Legislators by Railroad and Business Men.

TRENTON, N. J., March 22-Arguments showing how the full-crew law works to the burt of the public at large were made today by expert railroad operating men and representatives of business interests before the Joint Commitof the New Jersey Legislature. Trunks containing all sorts of exhibits trunks carried into the State House contained petitions bearing 58,811 names of residents of New Jersey who were opposed to the full-crew law.

C. H. Stein, superintendent of the Central Division of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, was the first witness. He testified that the introduc tion of the full-crew law forced his company to place on various trains men whose services failed to benefit the railroad or he traveling public.

It was contended by Mr. Stein that the

employment of the extra men in accord ance with the full-crew law could have avoided an accident

Among the organizations which, accord ing to atterneys for the railroads, are op-posed to the full crew law is the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce. This organization, through its federated asso ciations, represents a membership of 20,000. Influential business men, speak-ing for themselves and trade organizations, urged strongly upon the joint legislative committee that the full crew law does more harm than good.

N. J. PRISON REFORM HELD UP BY POLITICS

Contract Labor, Abolished by Law Four Years Ago, Still Extant in State.

TRENTON, March 22-Although the Legislature four years ago passed an act to abolish contract tabor in the State Prison and provide for State use of prisoners and equipment of the prison, five contractors still are using prison labor. When the act was passed there were nine contractors using prison labor, so that four years after the act became a law less than one-half the contracts have been

Responsibility for this condition, accord-Responsibility for this condition, according to Governor Fielder, is laid to the fact that the Legislature has but appropriated funds to carry the law into effect and to too much politics being allowed to mix into the personnel and work of the Frison Labor Commission. The Governor several times has called conferences of the State officials to discuss the penal problem but without any definite result.

There now is an appropriation of \$25,000

There now is an appropriation of \$2,000 available for the purchase of raw materials for use at the prison, but this is insufficient to launch the State successfully in the new enterprise.

Politics is preventing the enactment of legislation that would wipe out the dual control of the affairs at the prison and until this is done little may be expected. until this is done little may be expected.

Conviction of Perjurer Affirmed NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 22.-Ber-ard Stern, of Philadelphia, whose appeal hard Stern, of Philadelphia, whose appeal to the Superior Court was refused, was sentenced to not less than is months nor more than three years for perjury, in Montgomery County Court today. Judge William C. Byan, of Bucks County, who presided at his first trial, reimposed sentence. Sheriff Schwartz took Stern to the penitentiary

Auto Hits Roller-skater

Roller skates, a boy, an automobile and an asphalt street are responsible for an-other hospital case. Herbert Hurst, 14 years old, of 220 Kennedy street, suffered a fractured thigh and serious internal inturies when he collided with an auto bile owned and driven by Herman Auth, of 4211 Tackawanna etreet, at Foulkrod and Penn streets. According to the driver the boy skated directly in the path of the automobile. Physicians at the Frankford Hospital have little hope of his recovery.

MAN WITH BLOOD-STAINED CLOTHING HELD FOR MURDER

Accused of Killing Five-year-old Girl in New York.

NEW YORK, March 22-A man whose clothing was stained in several places with blood was arrested today at the municipal lodging house, in connection with the murder of 5-year-old Leonore

Ann Cohn last Friday night. The man is between 40 and 50 years old The police refused to reveal his identity, When taken to police headquarters, the suspect declared he had pawned his own clothing and that the suit he was west ing had been given him. This statement i flat, however, when it was found at the man's underclothing also was nod-stained.

I don't know how those stains got on "I don't know how those stains got on my clothes," said the prisoner. The funeral of the little victim was held from the home of her mother, 352 3d avenue, this morning, and was attended by puthetic scenes. Many women were overcome and fainted.



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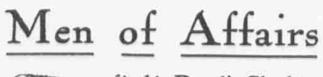
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