

PLAN FOR A GREATER COMMERCE CHAMBER IS NEAR REALIZATION

After Two Months' Work the Reorganization Committee Is Ready to Launch City-wide Campaign for Members.

The idea of a comprehensive commercial organization for Philadelphia, first proposed by Alva B. Johnson more than two years ago, and which has passed through various stages of agitation since then, at last is about to be realized.

For nearly two months the committee has had an extra force of detail men at work on the fourth floor of the Lafayette Building, under the direction of the mayor's office, planning for a city-wide campaign for membership in the Greater Chamber of Commerce.

The campaign is to begin Tuesday of next week. Several hundred loyal Philadelphians will assemble at 10 o'clock in the morning, resolve themselves into committees of three, and call upon business and professional men of the city to invite them to become members of the Greater Chamber of Commerce.

WILL SOLICIT OLD MEMBERS. As the dues are to be increased from \$5 to \$25 a year, the present members of the Chamber of Commerce will be asked to sign the same form of application for membership in the new organization.

The dinner to be held at the Bellevue-Stratford, is a part of the general plan of the reorganization committee. At the dinner no member will be sought, and no financial pledges of any character requested.

While the dinner is to be in the nature of a celebration, it is, in its real purpose, to discuss the value of such an organization as has been planned. We shall have some local speakers, and some from out of town.

LEAVES HER \$6000 ESTATE TO THE REV. J. P. THOMPSON

Catherine Heavy Wills Entire Fortune to Minister. Catherine Heavy, late of 2221 Pine street, left her entire \$6000 estate to the Rev. John P. Thompson, who resides at 212 South 23rd street.

EIGHT SAVED IN FIRE Two Families, Trapped in Burning Building, Rescued.

Fire, caused by a Passover candle left burning in the kitchen in the meat market and home of David Bender, 433 Red street, endangered the lives of Bender, his wife and three children.

Paired Girard Ave. Red, Then Robbed The police of the 10th and Master street station are looking for three gay youths who helped Walter Colson, 42 years old, who says he lives at 2043 Bellevue street, spend a considerable sum of money on Girard avenue near 43rd street last night, and afterward took a street car and a gold watch from the man's satchel.

H. B. COHEN SLAYS HIS GRANDMOTHER AND SELF

Continued from Page One restrain her, but she insisted on going to his bedside. There she remained, silently weeping and hoping for him to regain consciousness for two hours.

AGED WOMAN WAS ASLEEP. No one knows what happened in the big third floor room prior to the shooting, but all the evidence obtained by police officers' deputies indicates that the aged grandmother was asleep when the grandchild, in a dressing gown, walked into the room and shot her.

SHOTS AROUSE DAUGHTER. Charles J. Cohen, father of the dead man, said that he was asleep when the fatal shots were fired. He knew nothing of the tragedy until he was awakened by his daughter, Mrs. Cohen.

Later Mrs. Cohen, after thinking over every possible reason that might have impelled his son to the shooting, said: "It is just barely possible that Harry heard a noise after he got up and was shaving this morning. In that event he might have rushed into the room, to see what was going on."

MEMBER OF SELECT CLUBS. Cohen was a member of the Manhattan He formerly was treasurer of City Troop A, National Guard. He was a member of the 1902 class of the University of Pennsylvania, but did not complete his studies there.

PICKED UP THE GUN. "I did not suspect at first that he had shot my grandmother. Nothing was discovered in the room. It was said today that he had a mental collapse at that time, but this was not verified by members of the family."

CHALKERS TO DO TODAY TUES. 30 MARCH Quality First

Chalkers New York \$1400.00 Les arrives see it at their saloon.

SUMMONS DOCTOR. "I was able to get dressed and summon Doctor Owen and I was with my brother at the hospital until he died. As to the reason for the shooting I can only say that my brother was a bright, extremely rational and common-sense kind of a man, and that there was a genuine affection between him and grandmother."

FROGS AT LEAGUE ISLAND STARTLE LABORER AND TAR



Early Appearance of Amphibians Furnishes Surprise to Denizens of That Section.

Frogs are ripe! At least they're being routed from their beds down at League Island. They were hibernating peacefully and did not expect to be roused from their long winter sleep until near the end of May.

blowing, however, and the amphibians didn't like it. They let the laborer and tar play tag with them awhile and then drove them back to the hole in the ground.

trip, he had packed his bags. Charles J. Cohen, father of the murderer-slender, is president of the Chamber of Commerce and senior member of the firm Charles J. Cohen & Son, envelope manufacturers, 510 Ludlow street.

SPRING RESORTS Atlantic City, N. J. Leading high-class, moderate-rate hotel ALBEMARLE Virginia ave. near Beach.

THE WINDSOR Ideal location, on the ocean view sun parlors. Bathing, Bookings, MISS HALPIN.

THE BREAKERS Only Boardwalk hotel. K. A. YOUNG, Mgr.

Chalmers Motor Co. of Philadelphia 252-254 North Broad Street

SEPTEMBER MORN GETS TATTOO GOWN

That Was Only Way Red Haired Curtin Could Get in Navy.

If you contemplate having September Morn tattooed on your chest—beware! Mark to the tale that comes from the United States Marine Recruiting Station at 100 Arch street.

John A. Curtin, of 3164 Bever street, Pittsburgh, came to this city. He saw the fascinating display in the window of the new recruiting office. He pictured himself in one of those bright new uniforms, operating that fine machine gun and knocking out the enemy at the rate of 400 a minute. It was enough.

John is a striking individual. He has brown eyes and red hair, to say nothing of a magnificent physique. He was a prize and it did not take long to fill out the application blank and put him through the preliminary tests.

John dressed and departed, almost before he had a chance to say "good-bye." The next day Sergeant Thomas G. Storret was astonished to see John in the office again, grinning from ear to ear.

Held for \$1600 Theft On suspicion of having stolen \$1600 worth of jewelry from the home of Thomas J. Heath, of 1235 Brown street, while Heath was watching a prize fight St. Patrick's day night, John Abbott, 25 years old, of 608 North 12th street, was held in \$1000 bail for further hearing next Tuesday by Magistrate Belcher in the 10th and Buttonwood streets police station today.

UNCLE'S STRANGE DEATH. Andrew J. Cohen, an uncle of Henry Cohen and son of the murdered woman, died under peculiar circumstances in the Hotel Knickerbocker, New York city, October 11, 1914. He was found dead in bed on that morning. The night before he had been treated there by a physician for acute indigestion, and thought cured.

THE GRANDMOTHER had a sister living in Savannah, Ga., and another in New York city. She had lived in the Cohen house on 21st street for the last three years. For six years prior she had lived at 1823 Chestnut street.

SAFEGUARDS AGAINST GRIP AND PNEUMONIA Observe these safeguards and avoid grip and pneumonia. Be a fresh air crank. Get lots of sunshine. There isn't a disease germ can live in sunlight.

"THE GRIP'LL GIT YOU IF YOU DON'T TAKE CARE" Beware of the summery lure of these days of spring sunshine, warn the experts of the Health Department, for the pansy of the grip germ are still sharp and there's a dangerous raw wind out of the East.

CONVENTION HALL SITE MEETS OPPOSITION

Organization Leaders Urge Objections to Location Proposed by Director Cooke.

The plan of Director Cooke to have the city purchase, as the site for the proposed Convention Hall, the block of ground bounded by the Schuylkill river, Market street, 5th street and Chestnut street, is not regarded with favor among Republican Organization leaders.

While it is virtually admitted that the Organization will not allow the Blankenburg Administration to claim the honor of beginning the long-delayed construction of the proposed Convention Hall, the leaders say they have logical and well-based arguments against the site chosen by Director Cooke.

In the first place they pointed out today that the Convention Hall should be located in a comparatively quiet part of the city, while the place selected by Director Cooke, with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks on one side, the Market street elevated on another and four lines of Rapid Transit tracks on Market and Chestnut streets, is one of the noisiest in the entire city.

Further, they asked why the city should pay approximately \$25,000 for the site for the hall when a site could be obtained free in Fairmount Park, where it was once planned to locate the hall. The arguments, too, of those who wish the building located along the line of the Parkway, they insisted, should be given some consideration.

Special Easter Trains to Atlantic City Ocean City Sea Isle City Stone Harbor Wildwood Cape May

EMPIRE REDS Lift That High-Cost-of-Mileage Curse

Motorists have been given a good deal of food for thought this spring about tire costs. The price you pay is important, but only in proportion to what you get for it.

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