

APRIL DRIZZLES FAIL TO DAMPEN ARBOR DAY ARDOR

Observed Under Frowning Skies by Suffragists, Children and Teachers of Plant Trees in City.

April drizzles and an overcast sky did not prevent the Arbor Day celebrations throughout the city from beginning as scheduled today.

William H. Ball, of the Bureau of City Property, led the list of speakers addressing thousands of children of the Shawarow, Furness, Southwark, Taggart, Rush, Key and Our Lady of Mount Carmel schools, assembled in Clifton square, 18th and Wolf streets, at 10 o'clock.

He was followed by Prof. Edward Neville, who explained how school children could aid in the work of beautifying the city's parks and squares.

Four schools, including the West Philadelphia High, had students on the path and lawn of Clark park, 43d street and Chestnut avenue.

Meanwhile Dr. Albert Lindsay Roland, principal of the School of Pedagogy, was leading the Woman Suffrage party celebration in Logan Square, where suffragists, wearing colors and waving "Votes for Women" flags, gathered about the speakers' stand and cheered.

A short time after the suffrage exercises at Logan Square students from the Northwest School, the Girls' High School, the Philadelphia Normal, the Catholic Central, Penn High and the Boys' High School gathered there for exercises, led by Chief Ball and Dr. John Garber.

The final celebration of the day will be at Northwood Square, Center road and Arrott street, where the John Marshall, Alexander Henry and Henry Herbert School will plant trees and hear an address by Common Councilman William H. Hoag.

Suffragists will open new headquarters for the Kensington branch of the Equal Franchise Society at 2022 Kensington avenue tomorrow.

HOPE SPURS WOMEN ON IN BALA HOME CAMPAIGN

\$7000 Gained in Three Days of Hunt for Old Folks' Refuge.

The fact that always in the past in times of financial stress some one has come forward in time to rescue "God's Home," gives hope to hundreds of persons who are praying for the success of the campaign to raise \$50,000 for the Presbyterian Home for Aged Couples and Aged Men at Bala.

LOCAL OPTION'S FOES NOW SEEK TO HEDGE

Men Who Killed Bill Anxious to Get Prohibition Resolution Out of Committee.

HARRISBURG, April 23.—A movement is on foot among those back of the local option movement to prevent the Legislature from taking a vote on the Glenn resolution, submitting the question of State-wide prohibition to the people in the form of a constitutional amendment.

This year the temperance sentiment has grown so throughout the State, that many more men who voted for one reason or another against it would be glad to find a way for to opportunity to hedge.

It is reported about the Capitol today that Republican leaders are prepared to line up behind the Governor even before the close of the session and are not aware of having any reservations known to them favor the calling together of the State Committee not later than next January to declare for the enactment of a local option law two years hence.

Such a move, it is believed, would put a stop to the talk of putting into the field next year a Brumbaugh local option ticket, headed by the Governor as a candidate for President, and carrying the fight into each legislative district.

At the conclusion of the hearing, John G. Johnson, Jr., an attorney, was held under \$500 bail for court, upon charges made by Mary J. Carroll, of 5221 Germantown avenue, a nurse for a generation in the home of Emma Bickings, member of an old Germantown family.

The frail, little woman accused the lawyer of failure to answer a citation issued by the Register of Wills in November, 1914, requiring him to produce a will in which \$1000 was left to her by Miss Bickings.

WIGGINS PUTS ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTRACTS ON WALLS

Contractor Disclaims Knowledge of Contracts and Specifications—Fate of Clay and Codefendants May Go to Jury Tomorrow.

The fate of Henry Clay, former Director of Public Safety John R. Wiggins and Willard H. Walls, contractors, accused of conspiracy to defraud the city, will be in the hands of the jury by tomorrow noon, unless unforeseen delays develop.

Congressman George S. Graham, chief counsel for the defense, was willing to let his case go to the jury without a preliminary address, but Joseph A. Toulane, the Assistant District Attorney was not.

Responsibility for the entire work of estimating, preparing schedules, making bids and accepting contracts for work for the firm was placed firmly on the shoulders of Mr. Walls, treasurer of the corporation of John R. Wiggins & Co., contractors, by Mr. Wiggins, the president.

Mr. Wiggins testified that he was out of town on his vacation from the first week in March till the 29th of that month in 1910, when his firm obtained contracts for municipal work at 3d and Race and 15th and Catharine streets.

Mr. Walls, did you not know that a second contract had been awarded for the work at 3d and Race streets?

Philadelphia's Wed at Elkton

ELKTON, Md., April 23.—Couples married in Elkton today were: Cecil S. Bridle and Lydia Salter, Charles Meyers and Pauline Voltz, all of Philadelphia.

Pinkerton's Floor Restorer \$4

ENOUGH FOR 4 LARGE ROOMS

SEEN AT THE INDOOR HORSE SHOW



MISS ANNA A. AUSTIN ON "DIXIE ARROW"

ATTORNEY ACCUSED OF CONCEALING WILL

Woman Says Man Calling Himself John G. Johnson's Nephew Has Held Up \$1000 Bequest.

A deathbed scene, in which a woman willed to a faithful nurse \$1000 as a reward for her services was rehearsed today in the court room of Magistrate Rooney.

At the conclusion of the hearing, John G. Johnson, Jr., an attorney, was held under \$500 bail for court, upon charges made by Mary J. Carroll, of 5221 Germantown avenue, a nurse for a generation in the home of Emma Bickings, member of an old Germantown family.

The frail, little woman accused the lawyer of failure to answer a citation issued by the Register of Wills in November, 1914, requiring him to produce a will in which \$1000 was left to her by Miss Bickings.

Miss Carroll, so nervous that she could scarcely testify, said that she was in the sick room of her old mistress when the will was drafted. She heard the testament read and knew that \$1000 had been devised to her for her faithful services.

Subsequently Dr. John McCloskey, who she named as one of the witnesses of the will, consulted C. Stuart Patterson, Jr., an attorney. The latter urged her to have Johnson arrested, but she was unwilling to take such actions because she believed that some day Johnson would keep his word and enable her to collect the \$1000.

The other witness to the will, according to the plaintiff, was the Rev. Father Charles McAvoy. The dying woman, she said, would not sign the will until she saw her nurse in the room. When the instrument had been witnessed, Johnson signed it as the attorney. He went to the dining room," she said, "put it in his pocket and then disappeared."

The decedent owned a house in Chestnut Hill worth \$5000. She had other property, but the exact value of the estate has not been determined.

Robert H. Irwin, messenger in the office of the Register of Wills was one of several witnesses. He testified to the delivery of the citation papers. There was considerable dispute in the court concerning the time of Miss Bickings' death.

The court room was crowded several hours before the hearing was begun. Counsel for the defense asked that it be postponed, but later withdrew his petition.

Philadelphia's Wed at Elkton

ELKTON, Md., April 23.—Couples married in Elkton today were: Cecil S. Bridle and Lydia Salter, Charles Meyers and Pauline Voltz, all of Philadelphia.

Pinkerton's Floor Restorer \$4

GIRL LEAPS TO STREET AS CROWD LOOKS ON

Driven by Flames, Young Woman Jumps From Window to Escape Injury.

Crowds attracted by the flames on Chestnut street above 11st street yelled unheeded warnings to Miss Margaret Burns, 22 years old, as she stood hesitating by the sill of a second-floor window at her home, 2115 Chestnut street, today, and jumped to the pavement a moment before two firemen who were climbing a ladder toward the window reached the top.

The fire was spectacular. It began in the Burns' kitchen of the home, while a maid was preparing breakfast. An overheated stove fired escaping gas from a gas range and spread flames from the kitchen into the five rooms on the first floor.

Mrs. Burns, carrying her grandson, was the first to escape. She appeared through the flaming door on the veranda and collapsed when some one took the child from her.

Protest by P. O. S. of A.

Oppose Bill Granting Athletic Ground to Roman Catholic High School.

Mayor Blankenburg was today requested by a committee of 12 members from Washington Camp No. 20, of Roxborough, Patriotic Order Sons of America, to veto the bill passed by Council granting the Roman Catholic High School the use of a city-owned tract of land at 29th and Clearfield streets as an athletic field.

The committee was appointed and directed to call on the Mayor at a meeting of the order held at Ridge and Leveue avenues, Roxborough, last night.

MISERABLE OWL IN TREE CALLS OUT SIX BLUECOATS

Many Crimes Reported in Rittenhouse Square Because of Bird's Hooting.

"Two men are chinking a woman in Rittenhouse square. Come quick."

This startling message was flashed to the police at the 15th and Locust streets station. Policeman George Lacey rushed to the scene. He drew his revolver and ran from the eastern entrance to the square and ran from one end to the other.

Mrs. Thaw Jubilant

PITTSBURGH, April 22.—"This is such joyous news," said Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, when notified of her son's victory in the New York courts. "It makes me very happy. I am confident that the outcome will be the liberation of my boy. I do not see that it can be otherwise."

Don't Gamble on Tire Service

You take no chances when you buy Empire Tires

For we sell you tire services—instead of specified mileage. And you are the judge; if you feel you have another mile coming when an Empire RED finally turns up its toes, tell us and we will make good in a way to make you feel good.

Thos. Martindale & Co. 10th & Market

GIRLS INSULTED AT NAVY YARD, THEY SAY

Accuse Marine of Attempting to Entice Them by Offer of Ride in a "Jitney."

Two young girls who have often visited the Navy Yard after dark and who knew Charles Sechrist, a marine private, and chatted with him in the evenings, made charges against him today.

The girls are 15 and 12 years of age. They were talking to Sechrist in the shadow of the petty officers' club at the navy yard at 9 o'clock last night. They returned to their homes, wildly excited, declaring that the marine had invited them.

Magistrate Carson, at his office, 6th and Tasker streets, said children of that age should not play at the yard at night, and ordered a further hearing for April 28.

Arden Opens War on Ivy

WILMINGTON, Del., April 23.—Armed with hatchets, swords and other weapons, the people of Arden will tomorrow set upon the poison ivy which hangs upon the hedge and in other places.

"N. B. T."

Spring Suits are not "Words, Words, Words!"

Exaggeration in some clothing advertisements has become the merest commonplace of superlatives.

Unfortunately, mediocrity is much like the cuttle fish that shrouds its ugliness in its own ink!

So we stick to the positive degree, and simply say—

These Spring Suits are Perry standard expressed in terms of "N. B. T." workmanship and style!

Bright, Spring-like colors in abundance; solid substantial patterns and models equally plentiful; sizes for short and long; for short stouts, long slims; extra fats, and up to 56-inch chest measurement.

When you fail to find what you want—Come to Perry's.

PERRY & CO. "N.B.T." 16th & Chestnut Sts.

Protect Yourself! Get HORLICK'S THE ORIGINAL MALTED MILK

The Food-drink for All Ages. Delicious, invigorating and sustaining. Keep it on your sideboard at home.

Hand Wrought Willow Chairs \$3.50 up

WM. C. PATTON, JR. 24 South 15th

Today's Marriage Licenses

Frederick Strothker, 4607 Germantown ave., and Katherine Geiser, 4607 Germantown ave.

PEARL BORAX SOAP

Store your Overcoat JONES 1116 Walnut