

FIVE IMPENDING VACANCIES IN CITY EDUCATION BOARD

Terms of Messrs. Burt, Edmunds, Rowen, Smedley and Wolf Expire in November

The terms of five members of the Board of Education will expire in November, and there is already considerable uncertainty concerning the action of the Board of Judges in filling the vacancies.

A member will also be appointed to succeed William T. Tilden, chairman of the Property Committee, who died recently. Members whose terms expire in the present year are John Burt, Franklin Smedley and Edwin Wolf.

No doubt exists concerning the reelection of Mr. Edmunds, president of the board. There was a rumor that he would retire at the end of his present term, but Mr. Edmunds denied this today. He has been president of the Board of Education for 14 years.

It is believed that Mr. Burt will not resign himself. His open opposition to the fare brothers is expected to prompt the opposition of residents of South Philadelphia, the section that he represents. He has been subjected to the attentions of the Finance Committee, including that of Thomas Shallerosa, chairman of the Committee on Text-books and Supplies.

Mr. Burt opposed a general increase in salaries for teachers a year ago, contending that there should be no advance in pay until the schools of South Philadelphia were physically improved.

William Rowen, another member whose term will expire, is an undertaker. He is well known in Kensington, not only in politics and has the support of the parent population of the northeastern section of the city.

Franklin Smedley is equally popular in Frankford. The last year of his term was distinguished by the fact that he was elected to the Finance Committee, the position which he had worked continuously.

Edwin Wolf, a "conservative," will probably be reelected. As chairman of the Finance Committee for many years, his services are needed by members of the board, less familiar with the monetary phases of school administration.

MILK COMPANY DECLARES RIVALS PLOT TO WRECK ITS BUSINESS

Two Policemen Implicated in Conspiracy, According to President Dolfinger, of Dairy—Italians Resent Alleged Wholesale Discharge of Compatriots by Firm

A company which asserts that rival milk dealers have entered into a conspiracy, in which two policemen are implicated, to ruin its business in this city, appealed to its customers today in advertisements exposing the alleged scheme and announced its intention of calling upon Director of Public Safety Porter and District Attorney Rotan to investigate the case.

The company is Dolfinger's Standard Dairies, 15th and Tasker streets. According to Harry Dolfinger, president of the company, the effects of the conspiracy were first noticed some two weeks ago, when drivers of milk wagons belonging to the company were stopped and threatened by suspicious-looking persons. Later the 100 drivers employed by

the dairy began to bring in empty milk bottles containing notification that service from the Dolfinger Dairies was no longer desired. Investigation showed that the majority of these notes were in the same handwriting, and upon inquiry it was found that a report had been circulated in the Italian section of South Philadelphia that the company had discharged all Italian employees without cause.

The only basis for such a report, according to Mr. Dolfinger, was the discharge of one Italian more than seven months ago for adequate cause. He also declared an Italian woman recently told a driver that a report had been circulated in the Italian section of South Philadelphia that the company had discharged all Italian employees without cause. Her story also implicated another policeman.

ENGLISH BAN ON COTTON NOT DEEMED MENACE

Philadelphia Dealers Foresee No Injury to Trade in Contraband Listing

Dealers in cotton and cotton products of this city are not expecting any startling changes in the cotton situation even though England should declare the product contraband. While not actually contraband it has been treated as such by Great Britain since she established her blockade last March.

Shipments direct to Germany or Austria have been held, and all cargoes of cotton for neutral ports which were suspected of being ultimately intended for England's enemies have been detained. In many cases Great Britain bought the cotton rather than enter into any controversy over its destination. This action brought out the suggestion that England and her allies purchase the usual supply sent from this country to Germany and Austria. Evidently this suggestion has not met with the favor of those urging the placing of cotton on the contraband list.

England's action in holding up the cargoes of cotton has been the source of constant complaint to the State Department by cotton shippers and vessel owners who have been severely inconvenienced by the holdups. If it is at all possible, cotton men say, the United States Government should prevent cotton being placed on the contraband list and should endeavor to prevent interference with shipments to neutral ports, which is looked upon as a direct violation of international law. England has permitted several cargoes of cotton to go to Germany since the war began and it is urged that pressure be brought to bear to let others in.

At the offices of George Wood Sons and Company, 638 Chestnut street, it was said that this firm does not expect any injury to the cotton industry, should cotton be declared contraband. Mr. Wood said that it has virtually been contraband since the establishment of the blockade by England. Southern planters may look on the matter in different light, it was said, but it was certain that it would not be necessary to start a "buy a bale" movement to save the cotton grower this year. The movement last year has been considered a farce. Mr. Wood's explanation of the present situation was the same as that given at other large cotton houses.

At the present time the cotton market is dull. Manufacturers appear to be "stoked up," and the foreign demand has fallen off for the raw material. The new crop is coming along well, and Government experts believe that it will total between 12,000,000 and 14,000,000 bales. Many of the growers have planted former cotton acreage with other crops, fearing a repetition of the conditions of last year.

In addition to England's indirect embargo, Sweden has placed a direct embargo on all exports of cotton, which prevents any cotton getting into Germany and Austria through that country. It is only possible for Germany and Austria to get the product surreptitiously through Holland, Denmark and Norway. England's blockade has, it is said, effectively prevented any of this.

ONE MAN IS INJURED WHEN TRAIN HITS CAR

Women Faint and Passengers Plunge Through Trolley Windows at Grade Crossing

A freight train, shifting on Washington avenue this morning, crashed into a trolley car with such impact that the car nearly overturned. One man was injured, several women fainted and the car was knocked from the track. Considerable time elapsed before it could be repaired and placed on the track and traffic resumed. Several men in the car jumped through the window as they saw the collision impending.

Bystanders said that the motorman of the trolley car, one on the Fox Chase line, misunderstood the signal of a flagman at the intersection of the tracks and street. The conductor had waited several minutes for cars to pass. Just as the freight train crossed 5th street the motorman opened his controller and the car started.

It shifted its direction, however, and started back. To the few who were standing nearby it seemed as if the collision would be head on, but the motorman, seeing his danger, put on full speed. The freight was running about 12 miles an hour. For a moment it looked as if the car might clear the crossing in safety, but the train smashed into the rear end of it with terrific force. Almost every window in the car was broken.

The low speed of the freight was traveling enabled some passengers to see that an accident would happen and they jumped through the open windows. None of them were hurt. One man in the car was cut by flying glass. He was N. Birdman, of Moyamensing avenue and McKean street. He was sitting on the last seat where the train struck. Mrs. Laura Thomas, of 1781 South Chadwick street, became hysterical and was treated in a drug store.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR NEW JITNEY ASSOCIATION

Old United Jitney Association May Disband at Meeting Tonight

Prospects are bright today for the success of the reorganized Philadelphia Jitney Association, the organization which has been formed for the purpose of keeping Jitneys on the streets and placing the business on a solid basis.



BLANCHE RING Shortly to appear in a Morosco photoplay.

MIDDLEMAN IN MOVIES LIKE BROTHER IN FOOD

Motion Picture Authority Gaulting Over the Coals

By the Photoplay Editor

The feature field in the movies is generally reputed to be a field of big profits, and undoubtedly it is. But not for every one. There are big losses, too, and small ones that just prevent success.

Instead of paying out the huge sum of rentals and overhead charges for 28 such houses, they pay a commission; and they devote their capital and energies to helping the retailer sell more of their goods and thus sending him offener to the wholesaler.

In other words, they let the wholesaler perform the mechanical functions of distribution; they, themselves, promote the sale of their goods.

Is it not possible to have such clearing houses for features? Why not one or a few such institutions in each exchange or, instead of 20 or more different exchanges?

Selling campaigns would go as forcefully, or more forcefully, than ever. There would be no road salesman and advertising campaigns to boost each picture. There would be more co-operation with and for the exhibitor. And even an overhead of millions would be saved, the expenditure of which today is largely going outside the trade and accomplishing nothing.

Having successfully jumped several censorious hurdles, "The Island of Regeneration" is now being shown at the New Central Theatre in St. Louis. The General Board in that city ordered sev-

total of fifteen millions a year. The figure is probably greater than this, but this busy computation serves its purpose. This is a big amount. To 1000 exhibitors it means \$100 a year apiece which means an exhibitor this year would be glad to call his profit. To 20 manufacturers it means a half a million each a year, which is far, indeed, away from any present profit.

Is this great cost of distribution necessary? If not, it is the big leakage in this business today; and if wrong, it is not the least in production, which is an individual problem. It is all wrong, fundamentally wrong.

In this consideration, one naturally turns to the distribution systems of other products—naturally, because this industry of the motion picture is bound sooner or later to be molded by the very same great economic laws which mold every other industry.

The manufacturers of 1000 products don't own and maintain their own distributing houses. Some own their own retail stores, in which case they eliminate the middleman altogether and make this expense their profit, or their sales promotion capital.

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eral of the bathing scenes eliminated, and the police threatened to stop its exhibition when it was decided to run the feature without making the eliminations.

Application was made to Justice Hester, of the Circuit Court, for an injunction restraining the police. This injunction was granted and made permanent after His Honor had witnessed an exhibition of the film.

"The Chronicles of Bloom Center" is the general title of a series soon to be released by the Selig Polyscope Company. For the filming of this series a rural village was built at the Selig Los Angeles studios, which was complete even to the town pump. The series will consist of a two-reel comedy released every two weeks. The same cast of characters will be seen throughout, but every installment will be complete in itself.

The town constable, the ladies' art embroidery club and rural types and organizations will be seen. There will be the country fair, the country circus, etc. to add to the atmosphere. Marshall Neilan is producing the series and is utilizing an all-star cast of Selig comedians.

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Theatrical Baedeker

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3626 Residents of Philadelphia registered at Hotel Astor during the past year. 1000 Rooms. 700 with Bath. A cuisine which has made the Astor New York's leading Banqueting place.

Another Lot of Those Very Exceptional \$1.25 SILK Gloves 59c. Store Closed Every Saturday During August. HATS TRIMMED FREE OF CHARGE. Lit Brothers. ONE YELLOW TRADING STAMP WITH EVERY 10c PURCHASE ALL DAY.

August Sale of Men's Clothing. The Investment of a Few Dollars Will Outfit You in the Best of Styles. \$11.50 Blue Serge Suits, Two and Three Piece. \$12.50 All-Wool Blue Serge Suits, \$8.75.

Summer Frocks. \$10 Values \$4.50. \$5 to \$8 Values \$2.50. \$18.50 Fall Dresses... \$12.98. \$4 Bathing Suits... \$2.98.

For Boys. Khaki Trousers, 49c. Boys' Norfolk Suits, \$3.98. Boys' Wash Suits, 39c, 63c & 95c. Boys' Blue Serge Suits, \$5. Women's \$1 & \$1.25 Silk Stockings, 69c.

Clearance of Summer Shoes. Women's \$3 and \$3.50 New Style Pumps, 75c. Women's \$3 to 98c \$4 Pumps. Men's \$3 to \$5 Oxford, \$1.98.

Sensational Tub Dress Sale. 85c Values Sale at 29c. \$1.50 Middy Blouses, 69c. \$50c Initial Belts, 29c.

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The south-western storm has moved from the lower Ohio valley northward and is central near Toledo this morning. The attendant showers area has spread eastward and southward to the middle and south Atlantic coast, covering Maryland, most of Pennsylvania, and the lower half of the Lake region, while showers continued in the Ohio basin.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin. Observations taken at 8 a. m. Eastern time. Station, S. m. W. T. Fall. Wind. Weather.

Observations at Philadelphia 8 A. M. Barometer reduced to sea level... 30.04. Temperature... 80.0.

Almanac of the Day. Lamps to be Lighted. The Tides. FORT RICHMOND.



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We Would Like You to See These New Velvet Trimmed Hats. With Ribbon Fancies, Wings, Flattened Birds and Novelty Ornaments. \$4.98.

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New Arrivals Enter Sale of Men's Furnishings. Notably Important in This Offering of A. A. Emery. \$1.50 Neglige Shirts, 98c.

50c Initial Belts, 29c. Best quality black, white and tan belts. \$1.50 Middy Blouses, 69c.