# **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 Education will expire in November, ins there is already considerable apecu-tion concerning the action of the Board of Judges in filling the vacancies. number will also be appointed to ed William T. Tilden, chairman of Property Committee, who died re-metry Members whose terms expire with the present year are John Burt, heary R. Edmunds, William Rowen, manklin Smedley and Edwin Wolf.

No doubt exists concerning the reof Mr. Edmunds, president the load. There was a rumor that he would retire at the end of his present would retire at the end of his present term, but Mr. Edmunds denied this to-der. He has been president of the Board as. He has been prease, of Education for 14 years, it is believed that Mr. Burt will not

Vare brothers is expected to prompt position of residents of South ophia, the section that he repre-He has been subjected to the agonisms of members of the board, oding that of Thomas Shallcross, imman of the Committee on Textsecks and Supplies. Mr. Burt opposed a general increase in

miaries for teachers a year ago, contend-ing that there should be no advance in gay until the schools of South Philadelphia were physically improved. William Rowen, another member whose

term will soon expire, is an undertaker. the is well known in Kensington, an inof the parent population of the northeast-arn section of the city.

Frankiin Smedley is equally popular in Frankford. The last year of his term was distinguished by the erection of the Frankford High School at Oxford Pike and Wakeling streets, an improvement for which he had worked continuously. Edwin Wolf, a 'conservative,'' will probably be reappointed. As chairman of probably be reappointed. As chairman of the Finance Committee for many years his services are needed by members of the board, less familiar with the mone-tary phases of school administration. Mr. Wolf, a banker, is a brother of former State Senator Clarence Wolf, who was an important factor in the politics of the administration of the late Mayor Reyburn. Wenters of the Board of Education are administration of the late Mayor Reyburn. Members of the Board of Education are appointed by the courts. The Judges, however, willingly hear pleas in behalf of various candidates. Wards are not of-ficially represented in the board, and the members of the school educates. intention of the school code was to make the interests of all neighborhoods identical. Unofficially, however, members are considered as representatives of the parts of the city in which they live.

Murrell Dobbins, former member of the Board of Education, is prominently mened in connection with the impending vacancies. Mr. Dobbins was obliged to end his office in the school system when vacancies. he became City Treasurer, in 1910. Since the expiration of his term in the City Treasury he has been eligible to membership, in the school board. Mr. Dobbins was remarkably familiar with educational affairs and was regarded as a valuable

The name of Maurice Fels has been suggested. Mr. Fels is interested in edu-cational questions and devotes a part of his large fortune to the furtherance of industrial training for youths. He is a member of the Public Educational Assoclation and similar organizations. The election of John C. Frazee, now associate superintendent of schools, to the headship of the Bureau of Vocational Educa-bin was generally attributed on a final Educahis was generally attributed to Mr. Fels missence. He is a close friend of Goverror Brumbaugh, and when the latter, is superintendent of schools, undertook important educational reforms Mr. Fels a s layman afforded him hearty support. Albert E. Turner, a banker and former president of the Home and School League, is being discussed as a possible appointee.

Storm Near Haiti

Alleged Wholesale Discharge of Compatriots by Firm A company which asserts that rival the dairy began to bring in empty mlik dik dealers have entered into a con-bottles containing notification that serv-ice from the Dolfners Datries was no 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 adcertisements exposing the alleged scheme

District Attorney Rotan to investigate the case. The company is Dolfinger's Standand Dairies, 16th and Tasker streets. According to Harry Dolfinger, presi-dent 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 per-sons. Later the 100 drivers employed by ENGLISH BAN ON COTTON ONE MAN IS INJURED

longer desired. Investigation showed that the majority of these notes were in the same handwriting, and upon inquiry it vertisements exposing the alleged scheme and announced its intention of calling upon Director of Public Safety Porter and Disrrict Attacame Terror and Course all Italian employes without CRIME

PLOT TO WRECK ITS BUSINESS

Two Policemen Implicated in Conspiracy, According to

President Dolfinger, of Dairy-Italians Resent

The only basis for such a report, ac-cording to Mr. Dolfinger, was the dis-charge of one Italian more than seven months ago for adequate cause. He also

Plunge Through Trolley Win-

dows at Grade Crossing

A freight train, shifting on Washing-

5th street trolley with such impact that

injured, several women fainted and the

Considerable time elapsed before

line, misunderstood the signal of a flag-

street. The conductor had waited sev-

the freight train crossed 5th street the

motorman opened his controller and the

It shifted its direction, however, and started back. To the few who were standing nearby it seemed as if the col-lision would be bead on, but the motor-man, 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 at which 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 Moyamen-sing avenue and McKean street. He was

sitting on the last seat where the train struck. Mrs. Laura Thomas, of 1751 South Chadwick street, became hysterical and

Old United Jitney Association May

Disband at Meeting Tonight

Prospects are bright today for the suc-

as of the reorganized Philadelphia Jitney

NEW JITNEY ASSOCIATION

vas treated in a drug store.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR

saw the collision impending.

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could be repaired and placed on the track

#### NOT DEEMED MENACE WHEN TRAIN HITS CAR Philadelphia Dealers Foresee Women Faint and Passengers

No Injury to Trade in Contraband Listing

Dealers in cotton and cotton products of this city are not expecting any ton avenue this morning, crashed into a startling changes in the cotton situation even though England should declare the the car nearly overturned. One man was product contraband. While not actually branded contraband it has been treated as | car was knocked from the track. contraband by Great Britain since she es-

tablished 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 conman at the intersection of the tracks and troversy over its destination. This aceral minutes for cars to pass. Just as tion 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 Ger-many 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, 636 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 aid, but it was certain that it would not be necessary to start \_ "buy a bale" movement to save the cotton grower this The movement last year has been Vear. considered a farce. Mr. Wood's explana-tion of the present situation was the same as that given at other large cotton

business on a solid basis. Members of the organization and the officers are conferring with men they con-At the present time the cotton market is dull. Manufacturers appear to be "stocked up," and the foreign demand has fallen off for the raw material. The



MIDDLEMAN IN MOVIES LIKE BROTHER IN FOOD

Motion Picture Authority Gives the Distributors a Hauling Over the Coals

# By the Photoplay Editor

By the Photoplay Editor The feature field in the movies is gen-erally 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. William A. Johnston, writing in the Motion Pic-ture News, analyzes the economic diffi-culties in this end of the photoplay bus-ness, and, after excnerating the producer and exhibitor of any but wastes that are being rapidly corrected, lays the real being rapidly corrected, lays the real trouble at the door of the photoplay mid-dleman, the exchanges. He says: How about the distribution of features?

Is it economical? Is it even correct in iple7 There are over 300 feature exchanges

and traffic resumed. Several men in the in the country today. Giving each an average running expenses of a thousand dollars a week, the total distribution cost car jumped through the window as they Bystanders said that the motorman of of features today exceeds the staggering the trolley car, one on the Fox Chase



turns to the distribution systems of other products-naturally, because this industry of the motion picture is bound somer or later to be molded by the very same great economic laws which mold every other industre

great economic laws which mold every other industry. The manufacturers of 1000 products don't own and maintain their own dis-tributing houses. Some own their own retail stories, in which case they elim-inate the middleman altogether and make this expense their profit, or their sales promotion capital. otion capital.

which many an exhibitor this year would be glad to call his profit. To 30 manu-facturers it means a half a million each

year, which is far, indeed, away from

Is this great cost of distribution neces-sary? If not, it is the big leakage in this business today; and if wrong, it is not hke wasta in production, which is an in-dividual problem. It is all wrong, fun-damentally wrong. In this consideration, one naturally turns to be

present profits.

But for a distributing facility they use, n each central city, a general whole-saler of all kinds of food products, a nouse which performs a like service im-partially for many other manufacturers of these same commodities.

Instead of paying out the huge sum of rentals and overhead charges for 50 such houses, they pay a commission; and they devote their capital and energies to help-ing the retailer sell more of their goods and thus sending him oftener to the wholesaler. In other words, they let the wholesaler merform the mechanical devotes of the

In other words, they let the wholesaler perform the mechanical functions of dis-tribution; they, themselves, promote the sales 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 city, instead of 29 or more different ex-changes? hanges?

Selling campaigns would go as force Selling campaigns would go as force-fully, or more forcefully, than ever. There would be road salesmon and ad-vertiaing campaigns to boost each plcture. There would be more co-opera-tion with and for the exhibitor. And even so an overhead of millions would be saved, the expenditure of which today is largely going muside the trade and as largely going outside the trade and ac omplishing nothing.

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

total of fifteen millions a pear. The fig-ure is probably greater than this, but this hasty computation serves its purpose. and the polloe threatened to stop its ex-piblic when it was decided to run the Bern This is a big amount. To 10,000 exfeature without making the eliminations.

Application was made to Judge Bas-steur, of the Circuit Court, for an infunc-tion restraining the police. This injuna-tion was granted and made permanent after His Honor had witnessed an exhibi-tion of the film. "The Chronicles of Bioom Center" is the chronicles of Bioom Center" is

The Chromicles of Bloom Center' is the general tills of a seties scon to be released by the Sellg Polymore Com-pany. For the filming of this series a rural village was built at the Sellg Los Angeles studios, which was complete even to the town pump. The series will con-nist of a two-real comedy released every two weaks. The series of demonstration aist of a two-reel comedy released every two weeks. The same cast of characters will be seen throughout, but every in-stalment 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 for the second constant of add to fair, the country circus, etc., to add to the atmosphere. Marshall Nellan is pro-ducing the series and is utilizing an allstar cast of Selig comedians. Preferring to end its paramount year

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The United States Weather Bureau re-ports that the storm which was raging off the coast of St. Croix Island yesteran ine coal of of cloud rear the southwest coast of Haiti. It is moving slightly north of west and will probably reach the southeast coast of Cuba tonight. Northerly gales are reported east of lemains Jamaica.

### THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.-The south-western storm has moved from the lower Southeastward 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 hasin. Showers are also re-ported from the Gulf coast and from a scattered areas in the plains States. temperatures are nearly normal except for a moderately warm area over the northern plateau region.

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fernment 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

fectively prevented any of this.

last year.

In addition to England's indirect em-bargo. Sweden has placed a direct em-bargo on all exports of cotion, which was intended to be an amalgama-tion of all associations, but which was not entered into by many old members of the Philadelphia Association when the bend to prevent the vacation of the jitney injunction was not placed by George 8. Winner, the president, will meet tonight through Hotland, Denmark and Norway. England's blockade has, it is said, ef-fectively prevented any of this. In addition to England's indirect emzation will probably disband.



reduced rates and the opportunity to pay for them in instalments. for them in instalments. Their success has been remarkable, they report, and, in the opinion of the new president, William Magill, there will be more than 200 members registered be-fore the ens of the week. The old United Jitney Association, which was intended to be an amalgama-

Stank of Court Case