

COMMITTEE OF 100 OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT MAYOR

Kolb, Porter, William and Sheldon Potter and Norris Are Suggested as Desirable Candidates

FUSION TO BE DISCUSSED

The campaign for the election of an independent Mayor and Council started with a rush today, following the call issued last night by the Public Service Commission...

The committee's suggestions for Mayor were: George D. Porter, Director of the Department of Public Safety...

A campaign committee was selected at the meeting held by the committee yesterday, and this committee will direct the fight of the independents...

Accompanying the suggestions was a statement that announced the decision of the committee to fight the battle for independence of contractor bosses in politics more vigorously than ever before...

THE STATEMENT. The statement was everywhere discussed in independent political circles today, particularly a part of it which intimated that a new political party may be formed...

INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED. In considering candidates the test to be applied will embrace the elements of character, efficiency and independence...

IMMEDIATE ACTION IMPERATIVE. Under the schedule of registration days had the nomination requirements made necessary by recent acts of Assembly...

West Philadelphia, half suffocated, holds its nose and the opportunity of a lifetime presents itself to some young inventor...

tion of the voters a week ago, in a statement issued by him. He said: "I have no intention, at least for the present, of the part of the business men who suggested it...

A fight within the ranks of the remnants of the Washington party in Pennsylvania over returning to the Republican fold is rapidly developing.

State Senator Richard V. Farley was endorsed for the minority County Commissionership last night by the 11th Ward Democratic Committee.

Five Organization candidates are in the field for the three Common Councilmanic nominations in the 4th Ward...

10,000 SORE THROATS IN THIS CITY RESULT OF DAMP WEATHER

Many Victims in Hospitals and All Walks of Life Affected by the Malady

PHYSICIANS KEPT BUSY

SORE THROAT STATISTICS. 10,000 Philadelphia affected. Continued damp weather advanced as reason for epidemic.

Ten thousand Philadelphia, members of the medical profession declared today, are suffering from sore throats, as a result of the continued damp weather.

The damp weather which he has had for several days," said Doctor Stoll, "is responsible for all the sore throats in treatment."

EVIL ODORS POLLUTE SWEET AIR; WEST PHILADELPHIA HOLDS NOSE

Hamlets Line About Denmark's Rottenness Applies to Section Permeated by High, Fetid, Fulsome, Noisome, Rancid, Putrid, Beastly, Musty, Frouzy Smell

SCENE OF DOWNTOWN BOMB EXPLOSION



House at 627 Catharine street, where 33 persons were badly shaken up in early morning explosion. The picture shows damage done to front step.

STOP! LOOK! WATCH! AND LISTEN! "FRIDAY, 13TH," JINX ON THE JOB

Scrutinize Your Step! Don't Eat Pie With a Sharp Knife! Don't Wear a Chest Protector! See America First!

Great murky globs of doom today pervade the atmosphere and make the world afraid. Of some catastrophe, no one knows what today all evil spirits scheme and plot.

Eschew the ladder, avoid the smashing of mirrors, regardless of the provocation. It is Friday, the great day of misfortune.

Instead of rushing as usual up the gangplank, the commuters walked in single file and with extreme caution.

Even the temperature, against which there has been little objection lately, went down.

The careful man avoids everything today that might lead to anything. He walks under no ladders. He uses the utmost care in street crossings.

SERVICE BOARD SITS IN TRANSIT JUDGMENT

State Commission May Reach Decision on Taylor Plan Today or Tomorrow

The State Public Service Commission met today at Harrisburg to consider the application of the city of Philadelphia for a "certificate of public convenience" to permit the construction of the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated lines.

"First Public utilities are in the nature of public monopolies, and since competition between public utilities leads to economic waste, the burden of showing affirmatively the necessity for a proposed competing utility rests upon the applicant."

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PHILA. ELECTRIC FILES ENORMOUS INVENTORY

72,560 Sheets in 368 Volumes Given Service Board in Compliance With Director Cooke's Demands

The lengthy inventory of the Philadelphia Electric Company properties, which the company was ordered to file with the State Public Service Commission, following the long fight conducted by Director Cooke, has been summarized for the benefit of the public by those interested in the case.

The resume of the inventory follows: Preliminary surveys of the property of the Philadelphia Electric Company, in preparation for making the inventory of the property, were made in July, 1914, and in August the inventory was started with 15 men. It has been continued steadily to date with such number of employees as could be economically and successfully used, being a maximum of 65.

The results of the inventory, in all details, comprise 368 volumes of field sheets and notebooks, having an aggregate estimated number of 72,560 sheets. These field sheets have been dictated and summarized, and the summaries prepared for presentation to the commission.

KINDS OF PROPERTY. The total quantities of all kinds of property of the company are set forth in one summary volume of 97 pages. The kinds of property were divided into 11 different items, as follows: 1—Overhead lines, 2—Lamps and lamp suspensions (being more particularly municipal lamps), 3—Underground lines, 4—Land, 5—Buildings, 6—Station equipment, 7—Equipment on customers' premises (which includes meters, service wire, transformers, etc.), 8—Horses and vehicles used in company's business, 9—Furniture and office equipment, tools and implements and materials and supplies on hand, 10—The commercial steam heating system, 11—Work in progress (which consists particularly of the new power station not yet in operation, but being for the company's business).

Associated with the summary volume of 97 pages, are three general maps of Philadelphia, which show the working districts by which the inventory was made, the location of each piece of real estate owned or leased by the company, and the general locations of the company's electric lines in the city.

Also associated with the summary volume are 109 other volumes, which give the locations and specifications of all property. These volumes, in addition, show the character of the various items of property enumerated by quantities.

On these volumes are specifications and blue prints of detail devices. Sixteen volumes of maps show the locations of poles and of underground conduits and tubes. One volume shows survey maps and the locations of electric systems and land belonging to the company.

Three other families live in the house in addition to the boarders. They are Joseph Darchna, his wife and three children, third floor rear; Tony Doucnil, wife and four children, second floor, and Tony Clancio, wife and five children, third floor front.

The explosion occurred at 3:30 o'clock. Most of the occupants of 627 Catharine street and houses on either side were thrown out of bed by the shock. The front door was blown open, but not torn from the hinges. The top slab of the steps was found in two pieces in the middle of the street.

Hundreds of men, women and children crowded into the street in their night clothing following the concussion. They stood around in excited groups for nearly an hour before the police could induce them to return to their homes.

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lometer. Four volumes enumerate furniture, office equipment, machine-shop equipment, general tools and implements, and materials and supplies on hand.

The above 109 volumes contain in the aggregate 10,432 sheets, besides the descriptions and survey maps of the 36 parcels of land. In addition there is an analytical index of the volumes by groups of property. Twelve additional volumes are also included for exhibit to the commission, which are sample volumes of field sheets exhibiting the data as gathered by the field inventory. These 12 volumes illustrate the comprehensive nature in which the original field inventory was made on 72,560 sheets.

CRIPPLE FALLS AND DIES. Tobin, Old Rag Picker, Neighborhood Character, Slips on Step. Injuries sustained when a crutch slipped on a marble step and caused him to fall resulted in the death of "Old John" Tobin, a one-legged rickshawer, in the North-western Hospital, in addition there is an analytical index of the volumes by groups of property.

Wilmington Police Baffled by Report of Woman's Action. The Wilmington police are dragging the river for the body of a woman who was seen to plunge from the upper deck of the steamboat City of Chester from Philadelphia as it passed through the Pennsylvania Railroad drawbridge, near the mouth of the Christina River at Wilmington, last night.

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