

SWEET PEA DISPLAY DRAWS GREAT CROWD TO BIG FLOWER SHOW

Fragrant Bloom Reigns Supreme at National Exhibit in Convention Hall Today

MANY FINE PRIZES

"Everybody's Flower"—the sweet pea—is reigning supreme today at the fourth national flower show of the Society of American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists in Convention Hall. None of those visiting the exhibition today has ventured to estimate the number of dainty blooms which are the features. Some say the number should be figured in hundreds of thousands, others claim that there are millions of the blossoms.

Every hue of the rainbow, every variety from the common garden blooms to the rare orchid sweet peas, are represented among those on exhibition today. There are whites, cream pinks and salmon-colored beauties; others of red, crimson, orange, blue, purple, dark-lavender and rose color. The variation in the shading of some of the varieties is in many instances so delicate as to defy analysis.

Prizes aggregating \$75 in cash and more than \$100 in silver cups, as well as a number of valuable gold, silver and bronze medals, will be awarded to the winners in the 14 classes which are being staged today. The most noteworthy of the classes is that calling for sweet-pea displays, covering 100 square feet of floor space. The first prize in this competition is \$100, and the American Sweet Pea Society's gold medal, while the second prize is \$50 and the American Sweet Pea Society's silver medal. Antonio C. Zvolanek, of Lombard, Cal., has offered prizes aggregating \$400 for the best and largest collection of winter-flowering grandiflora and orchid sweet peas. The Henry P. Mitchell Company has offered six medals, in three classes of special varieties, while W. Allen Burpee & Co. has offered cups valued at \$115 in other classes.

The schedule covering the sweet pea exhibition is prepared by the American Sweet Pea Society, and all exhibits are staged under its direction and supervision. In awarding the prizes today, the length of stem and size of the flowers will figure as 25 per cent each, substance and the number of blossoms on a stem as 15 per cent each and 20 per cent for color.

Scores of children from various institutions have visited the flower show from time to time, and have enjoyed a few happy hours among the blossoms. Today the children of the Foster Home, 24th and Poplar streets, will be the guests of Malcolm Franklin at Convention Hall.

The Horticultural Society of Pennsylvania is to be in charge of the tea, during the afternoon, with Mrs. John W. Pepper supervising. In the evening the Philomathean Club, of which Mrs. Walter C. Hancock is chairman, will be in charge of this attractive feature of the exhibition.

The lectures of the Flower Show are proving more popular every day, and it is expected that when Frank N. Meyer, of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., delivers an address on "Agricultural Explorations in China" this evening, hundreds of flower lovers will be turned away from the doors of the lecture hall, which has only a limited seating capacity.

Out-of-town delegations continue to be prominent among the thousands of persons who are visiting the flower show daily, and it is believed that when the exhibition is brought to a conclusion, more than 10,000 persons living outside Philadelphia will have participated in the Flower Show.

**FIRE DESTROYS CAR BARN
AT HAINESPORT, N. J.**
Burlington County Transit Company Almost Put Out of Business

MT. HOLLY, N. J., March 29. — Fire shortly before 1 o'clock destroyed the car barn, nine cars, repair shop and contents of both buildings of the Burlington County Transit Company at Hainesport, and the 18-mile trolley line from Moorestown through Mt. Holly to Burlington was almost put out of business. The power plant was saved with the aid of the company's own fire service and assistance from Mt. Holly.

The plant was not yet closed for the night. When employees discovered the fire the whole interior of the barn was ablaze and there was no chance to save anything inside. One car and the sweeper in the yard were saved and one car was on the road. Only two cars are in service, but the company hopes to borrow some and resume the regular schedule. The insurance does not cover the loss.

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MRS. ROSE SMITH
Who, according to the police, shot her husband in a fit of jealous rage yesterday. Mr. Smith died in the University Hospital this morning.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS BENEFITS IN WILL

Several Bequests to Organization Made by Ella Allen

The Society of Friends benefits through a number of provisions in the will of Ella Allen, 11th and Pine streets, admitted to probate today. The estate is valued at \$100,000 and upward.

Provision is made in the will for an annuity of \$100 in favor of William H. Groce, of whose death the principal is to be divided between William H. Groce, Jr., of the Lating School, Mt. Pleasant, S. C., and the Women's Southern Homeopathic Hospital, Philadelphia.

An annuity of \$300 is also provided for Sarah A. Sharper, at whose death the principal is to result in equal shares to the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons and the Old Pupils' Association of Friends' Central School.

Bequests included in the will are \$1000 each to the Monthly Meeting of Friends, 15th and Race streets; Committee for Old Advancement of Friends' Central School; the Lating School, Mt. Pleasant, S. C.; and \$500 to the Friends' Library Association.

JOSHUA LODGE CAMPAIGN
98 New Members Obtained on First Day of Race for 1500

The campaign for 1500 new members launched by Joshua Lodge No. 23, Independent Order of Druids, is now in full swing, and the workers will meet at luncheon at noon in the Bingham to hear detailed reports about the progress of the work.

Fifteen teams are at work under the direction of David Bortin, chairman of the Campaign Committee. Each team has its captain, who will report at the luncheons today, Thursday and Friday on the number of candidates enrolled.

Ninety-eight new members were reported yesterday at the luncheon, although the campaign had hardly begun. All of the speakers expressed confidence that they would be able to get even a larger number of members than the 1500 sought. The present membership of Joshua Lodge is 300. It is the oldest and largest lodge in the city and the second oldest in the country.

STORK ON WAY TO CROKER'S

Ex-Chief of Tammany Expects to Become a Father

NEW YORK, March 29. — Richard Croker, ex-Tammany chief, who at the age of 73 married a 24-year-old Indian princess, is about to become a father, according to a London dispatch today. The stork is expected to arrive at the Crokers' new home, at Glencairn, Ireland.

Croker married Miss Beulah Benton Edmonston, a professional singer, on November 26, 1914, and after a Palm Beach honeymoon went to Ireland. The bride, who was the Tammany leader's second wife, is the Cherokee Princess Sequoyah on her mother's side, and on her father's side the descendant of an English earl.

WIFE HELD AS SLAYER IN DEATH OF SMITH

Couple Had Quarreled Often, Witnesses Say, After Shooting

Testimony was given at the hearing of Mrs. Rose V. Smith, accused of shooting her husband Charles, who died this morning, showed there had been ill feeling between the couple for some time. The woman was held without bail by Magistrate Harris to await the action of the Coroner.

Mrs. Smith was pale and nervous as she listened to the police and other witnesses testify to the events of yesterday. The prisoner's 13-year-old daughter Rose sat in the courtroom with her arm around her mother's waist.

Thomas Caldwell, a fireman of Engine Company No. 8, who was among others attracted to Smith at shop at 1524 Chester avenue by the shooting, said Smith told him his wife had shot him. Mrs. Smith, according to Caldwell, admitted that they had a quarrel over a court order which had been made on Smith, and that Smith had intended to deduct \$3 from it, because he had to attend the store this week himself.

Smith, according to the fireman, said "I know she would do it."

John Ryan, another witness, said Smith told him his wife had shot him. Gus Bellman, a Constable attached to Magistrate Harris' office, testified that Mrs. Smith about two weeks ago for assault and battery on Mrs. Gibbs, a neighbor. Mrs. Smith, according to the witness, attacked the neighbor when she heard the woman intended to have her arrest for breach of the peace.

"When I went to arrest Mrs. Smith," said Bellman, "Smith told me to look out, as Mrs. Smith had a gun."

Mrs. Smith, when arrested at the time, according to the constable, said "This thing will end in murder."

Sergeant Weaver, of the 65th street and Woodland avenue police station, said Smith told him his wife took the gun two weeks ago.

"The woman was charged with inflicting gunshot wounds which resulted in her husband's death. She was represented by Attorney Harry S. Betz."

When Mrs. Smith was told by Captain of Detectives Tate that her husband was dead she became hysterical and was quieted with difficulty. She spent a sleepless night in her cell at City Hall after her dying husband told the police in her presence that she fired the fatal shot.

WOMAN SUES FOR HALF SHARE OF \$100,000 BUSINESS

Verdict Depends on Exact Meaning of Italian Word "Compagno"

Upon the exact meaning of the Italian word "Compagno" may depend whether Mrs. Christina Lusi, a widow, obtains a half share in the \$100,000 business of C. Imperial, a wealthy butcher on South 7th street, in Philadelphia's "Little Italy." The widow is fighting for \$50,000 before Judge McMichael, in Common Pleas Court, No. 3. Twenty years ago, she alleges that Imperial engaged her as his "compagno." She helped him to build up the butcher business, she testified, until the annual profits are now more than \$5000. The defendant denies any partnership arrangement with Mrs. Lusi, and declared that when he used the term "Compagno" he meant a woman companion. Emmanuel V. H. Nardi, chief court interpreter, declares that the word "Compagno" means a companion in a commercial sense, or a companion in trade.

Woman Dies at Age of 104

PATERSON, N. J., March 29. — Believed to be Paterson's oldest resident, Mrs. Rose Piers, is dead at her home, 197 Beech street, at the age of 104 years. Although she lost her right eye through an accident 22 years ago, the aged woman was able to sew, read without the aid of glasses and attended church regularly. She was born in Italy and has lived in Paterson for the last quarter century.

From the printed news, you might think that England is a nation of slackers, strikers and mud-dlers. From intimate contact with the Army, the Navy and the British Public, Frederick Palmer has written "Is England Doing Her Part?"—a frank review of the evidence in the interests of fair play—in this week's

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CRONES, AT ATLANTIC CITY, SENT NOTE TAUNTING POLICE

Letters Trail Poison Chef Up Atlantic Coast

CHICAGO, March 29. — The series of ironical letters with which Jean Crones, charged with poisoning the soup served at a banquet to Archbishop Mundelein in Chicago five weeks ago, enlisted newspaper readers, recently was resumed, it has just been learned.

The letters were directed to the police department at New York, but were not made public, according to Charles Furthman, of Chicago, who has been directing the search for Crones.

"The new missives were as taunting of the police as those sent to a New York newspaper," said Mr. Furthman. "The first letters came from Richmond, Va., and while we had that city flooded with detectives, another came from Atlantic City. The third was postmarked Charleston, S. C. Since then he has been silent."

Funeral of Rufus M. Tile

Funeral services for Rufus M. Tile, retired assistant general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, were held today by the Rev. Alexander Leo, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, 15th and Mount Vernon streets, at the Tile family residence, 1610 Mount Vernon street. Interment will be made in Jeffersonville, Ind. Mr. Tile was born in June 26, 1844, at Jeffersonville. In 1873 he obtained a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad, and since then had risen rapidly. He retired from active service in 1914, after being with the railroad for more than 40 years.

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