A zigzag alley from 11th street to 12th.

opening behind the Church House, once bore the name of Lawson street. It is probably the narrowest and least important of all Moravian street's many branches, Yet

yond recognition, dead on the floor of his

The appropriation of the single block to become Union Leogue place may mark the beginning of Moravian street's disappear-

ance as such from the map of the city, but under whatever name it becomes known the street is too well-remembered, even if mis-named for more than half a century, to be

library-home.

forgotten in local annals.

#### MORAVIAN STREET MAY SOON PASS FROM CITY PLAN; UP TO COUNCILS

"Union League Place" Name Proposed in Ordinance for Minor Thoroughfare Which Has Several Designations Along Its Tapelike Course

Wainut Street Business Association doesn't want it hanging its marble-walled back want it hanging its marble-walled back yard between Broad and 15th streets, the members of the Christian denomination from which it takes its name deny responsibility for the name it bears and declare they know no reason, historical or sentimental, for its appellation. So Morris E. Conn. Councilman from the 5th Ward, in which the unwelcome part of Moravian street stretches its narrow tength, has come to the rescue. At the next session of Comstreet stretches its narrow length, has come to the rescue. At the next session of Com-man Council Mr. Conn proposes to "wish" Horavian street from Broad street to 15th upon the Union League.

The Union League is patriotic and pater E Blazened on the west front of its pansive clubhouse is the motto, "Amor triae vincit." Liberally translated this take that in the heart of the loyal Union means that in the heart of the loyal Union Leaguer patriotism is conqueror. So the Union League is going to adopt the disowbed section of Moravian street, which lies almost literally at its doorstep. Furthermore, it is going to bestow its dignified eognomen upon the outcast, which, Councils willing, will be known hereafter as Union League place.

Some exuberant League members may make the baptism an occasion for drinking the health of the newest acquisition to Unior League expansion. This point has not been taken up yet.

But in the midst of the general rejoicing that the problem of Moravian street seems to be solved bobs up a disturbing possi-

Not only does the narrow thoroughfare Not only does the narrow thoroughfare already serve as a parking place for the suits of many League members, and in a sense, belong to that institution, but it is equally contiguous to the Manufacturers Club, at the northwest corner of Broad and Walnut streets. In fact, it serves as the boundary line between those two palatial clubhouses.

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Suppose (and the supposition sends zignaging shivers along the spinal columns of patriotic Leaguers) that the Manufacturers' Club should ask as a matter of equal proprietorship that the block be designated Manufacturers' place? This suggestion has been hearrd but has not been formally acted upon. There is also talk a compromise by making the north side of compromise by making the north side of Moravian street Union League place, and calling the south side Manufacturers' alley or lane.

The Stock Exchange also abuts upon the tape-like thoroughfare. But the bulls and bears are not inclined to "butt into" the controversy or to "squeeze" another Stock centroversy or to "squeeze" another Stock
Exchange place out of the city. They already have a continuation of Moravian
street, running west of 3d street, named
for them and they are not hoggish, despite
their animal-like nicknames. They are
willing, having "got theira," to let who will
share the remainder of the street.

Among the Moravians of the city the
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among the atoravians of the dity the sentiment aroused by the proposition to place Union League place upon the street map is one of indifference. They inquire wonderingly, "why Moravian street at all?" No Moravian church or community, so far No Moravian church or community, so far as their records show, ever located south of Race street. No member of the communion was a property holder along the line of the street which bears the name of the followers of John Huss. They appreciate the recognition of their creed in the naming of the street, but suggest that re important highway might have been selected, or one in some way identified with their church or its institutions might better have been chosen to bear the title "Mo-

ravian."
"It might just as well have been called

MORAVIAN STREET, as such seems to Kamtschatka street," remarked Dr. John W. Jordan, librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, a communicant of the Moravian Church, and an authority on the geneology of streets as well as the "First Families of Philadelphia."

"For my part," Doctor, Jordan said to day, "I am rather glad that the block in question is to be known as Union League place. There is something distinctive and place. There is something distinctive and valuable in such a name, which would identify it with the locality. I am in favor of local names, and we have too few of them here in Philadelphia. Uniformity of street names may be good from some viewpoints, but it destroys historical and local associations. The old names are like landmarks. Long after the building or family for which they are called her mend were discovered. they are called has passed away they re-main to point out to the seeker the site of the place or preserve the name of the person responsible for their existence "I would like to see Shippen street, Turner's lane and other old names restored. Arch and Race streets should still be Mul-berry and Sassafras in more than memory. London is noted for its adherence to the historic names of even its courts and al-leys, preserving them long after the char-

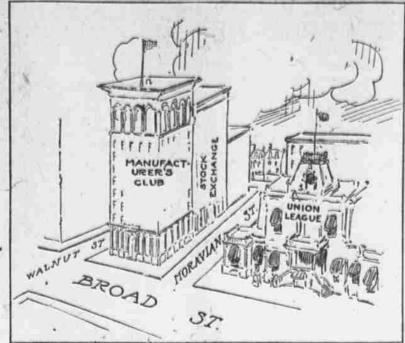
acter of the street has changed and the significance of the name is lost. But the very title itself always keeps that history in mind, and Philadelphia, which once had many of such streets and ways, might well go back to them instead of gradually wiping them out of existence. "As to Moravian street, I feel that the

designation of Union League place to the block suggested is a good one. The first Moravians had their church at Bread and Race streets. Then they moved to Frank-lin and Wood streets, opposite Franklin

"My father lived for nearly 50 years on Arch street above 10th, and I remember the church and its little graveyard well. It remained until the congregation purchased the present location on Fairmount avenue near 17th street, out by Bush Hill, which was one of my favorite walks, and where my father told me he had witnessed public hangings. There never was a Moravian church property along the present Moravian street, so far as I know, and the sevian street, so far as I know, and the se-lection of the name must have been merely a fancy one. I remember when it was laid out, about the time of the Civil War, when the Union League, as the successor of the Union Ciub, built its clubhouse at Broad and Sansom streets, after quitting its original home on Chestnut street west of 11th, which afterward became the Baldwin mansion's site, and is now a theatre.

'I am glad to see, in this connection, that the Union League in all its growth has not altered the Broad street building, but makes its enlargements so as to preserve the original appearance of that landmark. It is the last of the old buildings in that block. I recall Clarke's grocery store, which preceded the Believue, at Walnut street, and the former home of the Academy of Natural Sciences, north of Sansom street. The Lafayette and the La Pierre House are swallowed up by office buildings. Now only the Union League remains, and its impor-tance, not only as a club, but as a useful civic institution, should keep it there."

The Rev. John S. Romig, present pastor of the First Moravian Church, corroborates Doctor Jordan in the declaration that the history of the denomination in this city reveals no apparent reason why Moravian street should have been so called. He, too rather Welcomes the movement to give a new name to a portion of the street. "From what I have seen of it," he said, "I see no reason why Moravians should be particularly proud of the street bearing their name. If the NOBODY LOVES MORAVIAN STREET



So it has been proposed to name it Union League place.

city desired to honor our early members a wider or more important highway might well have been chosen. They played a very prominent part in the first days of Phila-delphia, and if the name is removed from the street now it could well be given to a larger street in some other part of the city."

Moravian street today extends, with some Moravian street today extends, with some interruptions, from 2d street to 21st and again in West Philadelphia from 32d to McAlpin street, the latter being west of 38th street. Originally if was known beyond the Schuyikill as Lewis street. At its starting point alongside of 138 South 2d street it, bore the name of Gold street, that section of the city having been formerly a financial centre. The designation of Stock Exchange place for the continuation above 3d street had similar origin, opening as it does upon the old headquarters of that

nity from Harmony alley, remains as an exception to the name Moravion street, pre-serving its local and now historical designation, as it extends westward from 142 South 3d street, alongside the city's first "skyscraper," the Bullitt Bullding. Old Harmony alley derived that title from the building still standing at the south side of its 4th street outlet. This for several years was the headquarters of the Harmony Fire Company, or "Harmony Engine a famous and pioneer organization of vol-unteer days. Many of its members were Friends whose broad-brimmed fire hats differed little from their everyday beavers. Old Philadelphians can recall the couplet applied more in good humor than derision to the members of this company:

"Thee'll take the squirt-pipe and I'll take the tongue.

And out with the Harmony, the State's bell hath rung."

This single block, which is a parallel of Stock Exchange place, is the lone exception to the uniformity of nomenclature in Mora-

Westward to Tenth street there is no street between Sansom and Walnut. Jefferson College in its early days was responsible for Medical street, which ran behind its main building from Tenth to Juvenal (now Clifton) street. The application of Medical street is self-explanatory. It became lost several years ago and Moravian street for its half-block length.

SUGAR CO. HAS \$20,000,000 FOR NEW CUBA PLANTATIONS

Corporation Expected to Buy Big Tracts For Industry

NEW YORK, June 14.—The Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation is expected to act favorably at a meeting of the board on Friday on plans for the acquisition of additional sugar plantations and other facilities which will result in a material increase in the mpany's production next season.

It is understood that the company has about \$20,000,000 of cash as the result of high prices received for the 1916 crop, but ments. directors said today that no dividend would be inaugurated on the common stock at this time. The proposed purchases of new properties will be paid for out of cash on hand, obviating the need of any new

Application has been made to list the pany's shares on the New York Stock

WILL PUT "LID" ON IN VIRGINIA

Even Garages Will be Closed Sundays to Observe Blue Laws

RICHMOND, Va., June 14.-Edicts are going forth in Virginia cities for enforce-ment to the letter of all statutes, including the so-called Sunday blue laws, in preparation for the going into effect at mid-night Saturday of the new State ouster act providing for the removal of officials who fail to carry out the laws.

On Sunday drug stores will be allowed to sell medicines only. Tobacco and soft drink places and automobile garages will be closed, and in some cities the authorities are threatening to prohibit the print-ing or sale of newspapers. Moravian street's many branches, Yet that passageway, scarce wide enough to perful access to a pushcart, once had a prominent place in one of Philadelphia's most mysterious crimes—the still unexplained murder of Major Wilson, the hermit-librarian. It was while passing through this feebly-lighted alley that a policemen, perceiving the gate open, entered the rear of the Walnut street building to find the aged recluse, battered almost beyond recognition, dead on the floor of his

BROTHERHOOD HOLDS MEETING St. Andrew and Philip Members Convene at Glenolden

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Philip of the Congregational Church of Glenoiden, last night heid a business and social meeting at the home of the Bev. William H. Medlar.

Plans were perfected for the Brotherhood night at the church the coming Sunday. A leading layman, prominent in Brotherhood work in this city, will make the address.

An orchestra will provide special music, in addition to which the Music Committee has arranged for solos, duets, trios and quartets. The musical features of the service, judging

by the report of the committee in charge, will be exceptionally attractive. It was decided that the Sunday morning devotional service of the Brotherhood would be held at the home of Justice Stewart, on Scott avenue, beginning at 10 o'clock.

By unanimous vote the time for the Business meetings of the Brotherhood was changed from the second to the fourth Tuesday night condicting with an important monthly meeting in which many of the members of the Brotherhood are interested. Following the business session, Mrs. W. H. Medlar, assisted by Mrs. Frank Sparks, of Norwood, and members of the Brotherhood Social Committee, served refreshments.

FRANKFORD FATHERS' ASS'N

Address by G. Warfield Hobbs and Exhibition of Acrobats

An interesting program has been arranged for the regular meeting of the Fathers' Association, which will be held tonight in the Frankford High School, Oxford avenue and Wakeling street. Those entitled to admission are the members and their men friends.

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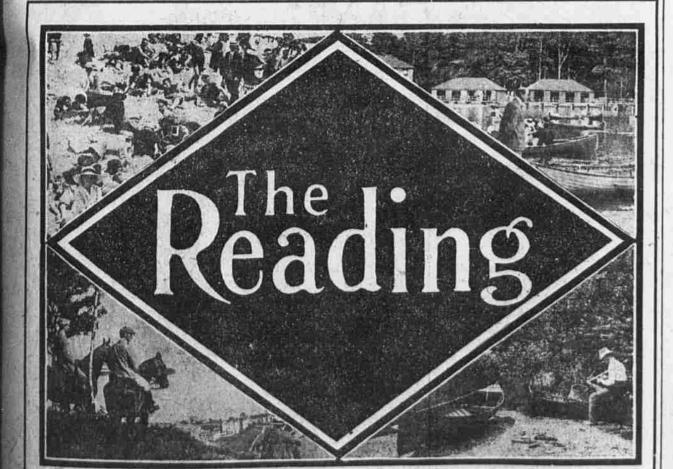
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