

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 Tape-like Course

MORAVIAN STREET, as such seems to be without a friend in the world. The Walnut Street Business Association doesn't want it hanging its marble-walled back between Broad and 15th streets, the members of the Christian denomination from which it takes its name deny responsibility for the name, historical or sentimental, for its appellation. So Morris E. Conn, Councilman from the 4th Ward, in Conn. Councilman part of Moravian which stretches its narrow length, has come to the rescue. At the next session of Council Mr. Conn proposes to "widen" Moravian street from Broad street to 15th upon the Union League.

"Kantachalka street," remarked Dr. John W. Jordan, librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, a communicant of the Moravian Church, and an authority on the genealogy of streets as well as the "First Families of Philadelphia."

"For my part," Doctor Jordan said today, "I am rather glad that the block in question is to be known as Union League 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 has passed away they remain 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 Mulberry and Sassafras in more than memory. London is noted for its adherence to the historic names of even its courts and alleys, preserving them long after the character of the street has changed and the wider or more important highway might well have been chosen. They played a very prominent part in the first days of Philadelphia, 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 interruptions, from 2d street to 21st and again in West Philadelphia from 22d to McAlpin street, the latter being west of 15th street. Originally it was known beyond the Schuylkill as Lewis street. At its starting point alongside of Gold street, that section of the city having been formerly a financial center. 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 institution.

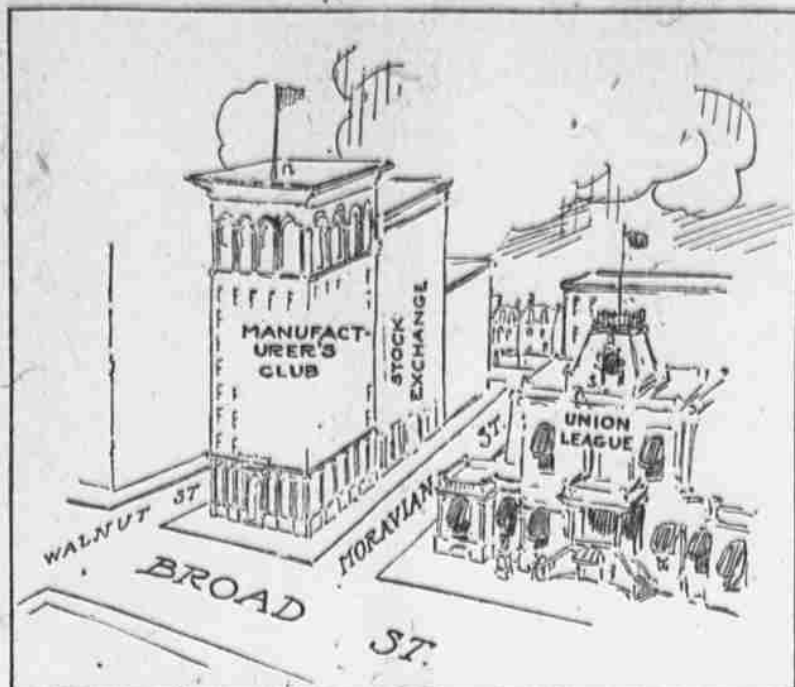
Harmony street, advanced to that dignity from Harmony alley, remains as an exception to the name Moravian street, preserving its local and now historical designation, as it extends westward from 142 South 3d street, alongside the city's first "skyscraper," the Bullitt Building. Old Harmony alley derived 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 volunteers. 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:

"These'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 Moravian street.

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 is now Moravian street for its half-block length.

NOBODY LOVES MORAVIAN STREET



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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 that passageway, scarce wide enough to permit 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 policeman, 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 library-home.

The appropriation of the single block to become Union League place may mark the beginning of Moravian street's disappearance as such from the map of the city, but under whatever name it becomes known the street is too well-remembered, even if misnamed for more than half a century, to be forgotten in local annals.

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 company'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 1915 crop, but 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 financing.

Application has been made to list the company's shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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 enforcement of the letter of old statutes, including the so-called Sunday blue laws, in preparation for the going into effect at midnight Saturday of the new State constitution 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 printing or sale of newspapers.

BROTHERHOOD HOLDS MEETING

St. Andrew and Philip Members Convened at Glendon

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Philip, of the Congregational Church of Glendon, last night held a business and social meeting at the home of the Rev. 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 of each month, the second Tuesday night conflicting 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 Wakening street. Those entitled to admission are the members and their men friends.

The program includes an address by G. Warfield Hobbs. There will be music by the quartet of the Central High School and the Frankford Band. Tumblers, acrobats and other performers will provide amusement for the audience.



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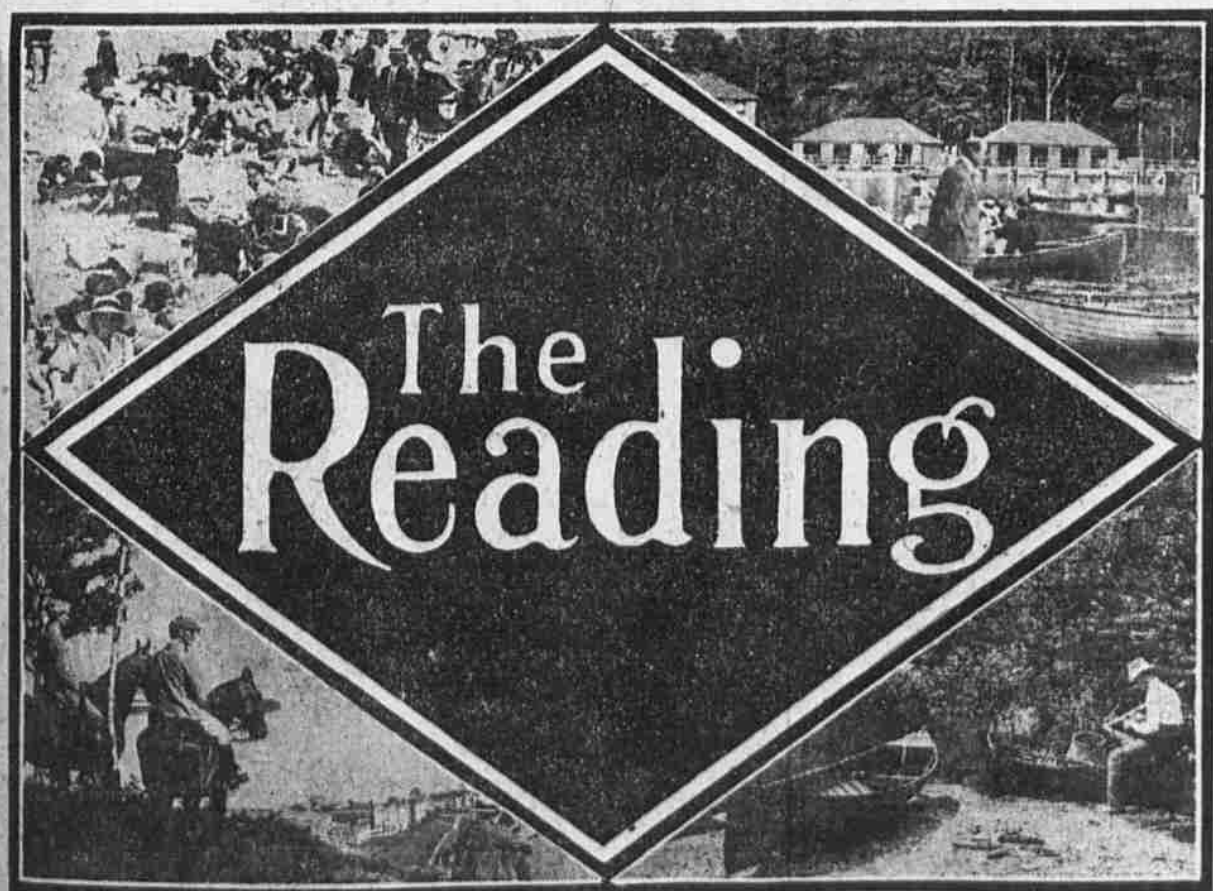
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