

CAFE MANAGERS CAN'T SEE ANY PROSPERITY; FOOD COSTS TOO MUCH

With Prices Going Up as They Have Been, Situation Looks Bad, One of Them Says

GLAD NOT TO SELL MEAT

"There's not a hotel in Philadelphia that cares whether it sells a single pound of meat in its restaurant," said G. H. Horner, manager of the dining room of Green's Hotel, today. "With the prices of all food-stuffs going up by leaps and bounds, as in the last few months, our margin of profit upon our restaurant as a whole has been cut right in two—it is now one-half at most of what it was. And of this half not a cent is contributed by any of the meat dishes upon our menu."

"It's all very well," he went on, "for the high-priced houses to claim that they have increased their prices upon their bills of fare but little. They don't need to, for before the present multiplication of wholesale costs their prices were so high that after all's said and done they can still put away a fair profit. But with a popular-priced house, whose menu charges are based upon the actual costs of food and service, it's a different thing altogether. Right now we are only holding on by our own teeth to our present scale of prices, even after raising them, in the hope that this abnormal condition of things will not last and that the wholesale costs of fish, vegetables, fruits, and especially meats, will return to a reasonable level. If that reaction does not speedily come, a further and uniform advance in prices by all hotels is inevitable."

IT'S BEEF THAT COSTS! With such a further advance in prospect, what is the past advance that has been made? In many items only a few cents, ten cents in hors d'oeuvres, five to ten cents in oysters and clams, relishes, soups, eggs and omelets, cold dishes and cheese. Even in some varieties of meat, the offered boost in price is still within the limits of the average comprehension and purse: ten cents on lamb chops, mutton chops, veal cuts, and the like.

But ask for beef—and of it but the plainest—and up fly the prices to a height that makes one really wonder whether he has the right to live at all. You ask for an extra sirloin steak, plain, and it costs you \$2 instead of the \$1.50 it would have cost a few months ago; with mushrooms, \$2.50 instead of \$1.50; plain, garnished, \$3 instead of \$2. You ask for an extra bone sirloin, plain, and it costs you \$2.50 instead of \$1.75; filet chateaubriand, plain, \$3 instead of \$2.20; with mushrooms, \$2.75 instead of \$1.50; and extra porterhouse, plain, \$3 instead of \$2.

COMPARISONS IN PRICES Here are a few of the items of especial popularity in which the change in prices is most marked:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes Lobster, Flank steak, Chicken a la King, etc.

WOMAN'S PARTY WILL FIGHT WILSON, MISS KATZENSTEIN SAYS Democrats to Be Opposed Because They Failed to Pass Federal Amendment

Failure of the Democrats in Congress to pass the Federal amendment for woman suffrage means a bitter fight against President Wilson by the Woman's Party.

Announcement of this effect was made today by Miss Caroline Katzenstein, press chairman of the Philadelphia branch of the Congressional Union. Miss Katzenstein said that the opposition to the Democrats was purely on suffrage grounds.

The Woman's Party does not comprise the major part of the suffrage body in the nation and much comment was aroused by Miss Katzenstein's statement, especially as the National Woman Suffrage Association in its recent convention refused to go on record against any party or candidate, despite the efforts of individual Congressional Unionists to force the issue against President Wilson.

Railroad Purchases Land The Philadelphia and Baltimore Central Railroad has purchased from Anna B. MacMackin a plot of ground of about one and a half acres on Cobb's Creek Parkway, adjoining the railroad tracks, for \$12,500.

DANGERS TO HEALTH LURK IN MAIL, SAYS DOCTOR DIXON

Weekly Talk Warns Against Careless Opening Letters

HARRISBURG, Sept. 18.—The dangers that lurk in the mail are dwelt upon this week by State Health Commissioner Dixon in his "little talk" on health and hygiene. He tells how your mail may have come in contact with that from a diseased person, and intimates a possible source of infantile paralysis contagion may be mail matter. Doctor Dixon says: "Do you read your morning mail at the breakfast table? Have you ever used a knife or fork to open your letters? It is not an uncommon practice, and yet an uncleanly and dangerous one."

"The Postoffice is essentially a public utility, and it is universally used by all classes of persons. A common point of destination may put my lady's dainty note beside a dirty scrawl from the vilest of slums. Millions of pieces of mail matter are handled. A certain number of these come from persons who are suffering from all kinds of diseases, some of them loathsome and infectious. Stamps and envelopes, contrary to hygienic rules, are for convenience sake frequently licked. Despite quarantine precautions, mail sometimes comes from houses where cases of communicable disease exist which have not been reported. Mailbags are not subjected to regular disinfection, and are not so cleaned as to make them safe from the danger of becoming a factor in the transmission of disease."

WILL BARE LAW TEST FRAUDS Society Leaders of City Got Licenses Through Subterfuge, Investigator Charges

Many men prominent in the social life of Philadelphia passed the State bar examinations through fraudulent methods, according to a statement today by Hampton G. Sillcox, who is investigating the bar examination frauds. "We cannot give out anything of importance until the Supreme Court meets in October," said Mr. Sillcox. "Then the whole nasty affair will be brought to light. How fake lawyers throughout the State have flocked youths who wanted to become attorneys in a hurry, how these lawyers have obtained advance copies of examination papers by means of a well-organized system of spies will all be made known to the public at that time."

Three Held for Starting Race Riot

Three white men, accused of starting a race riot early yesterday at Fifty-third and Market streets by attacking some negroes were yesterday held in \$200 bail by Magistrate Harris on charges of assault and battery. They are Joseph Robinson and Charles Robinson, brothers of 53 North Fifty-fourth street, and Martin Palladine, of 43 North Fifty-fourth street. A riot call sent out policemen from the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets. Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue, Sixty-first and Thompson streets stations.

Haverford Township Buys Cells

The Haverford township police department is no longer to be without a lockup. The commissioners have bought four cells which are described as "burglar and bomb proof steel cages," and which will be taken to Oakland and set up in a back room of the temporary police station there.

Killed in Fight in Political Club

In a fight over a game of cards in the Italian Republican Club, Haines and Osceola streets, Germantown, Umlio Malleso, 30 years old, of 451 Mechanic street, was shot and killed by one of the players. The identity of the slayer has not been established.

POLITICIANS URGE VOTERS TO REGISTER

Tomorrow Is Another Chance to Qualify—Booths Open 7 to 10 A. M. and 4 to 7 P. M.

Division workers of both the Republican and the Democratic parties began a thorough canvass in every ward in the city today to get the voters out to register tomorrow. It is freely predicted that the day's results will show the largest registration in the history of the city. One more registration day will remain after tomorrow for the voters of the city to qualify to participate in the presidential election. The Republican central committee has distributed cards to the ward leaders calling attention to the importance of the coming election and the necessity of registering. These cards are to be distributed through the ward voting divisions, the names of the voters are to be filled in and they are then to be returned to the committee in order that a check-up record will be available to show just what may be expected.

Edgar W. Lank, Chairman of the Democratic City Committee, has issued an appeal to all Democratic voters in the city to register tomorrow in order that they will be able to vote for President Wilson in November. A Wilson vote in excess of 80,000 in the city was predicted by Lank.

The polling places will be open tomorrow between 7 a. m. and 10 a. m. and between 4 p. m. and 7 p. m.

Republicans are awaiting with interest the call for the meeting of the Republican State Committee and the appointment of the committee to draft the State platform and the committee on the revision of the State rules of the party. The drafting of the platform will probably precipitate a bitter controversy.

Declaration in favor of woman suffrage and the indorsement of local option of the liquor question will be sought by one faction and opposed by others. Leaders of the local option movement sent a letter to State Chairman William E. Crow, urging the incorporation of a local option plank in the State platform.

BOY KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Driver, Who Blames Child, Held at Clifton Heights

An automobile owned and driven by Walter S. Weaver, of 520 North Broad street, struck and fatally injured Edward Carpenter, a lad of twelve, at Penn and Berkeley streets, Clifton Heights, last night. The boy died in the Presbyterian Hospital, to which he was taken by Mr. Weaver. He lived at 849 Davis street, Clifton Heights.

According to Mr. Weaver, the boy was running across the road in front of the machine, and there was no time to stop. Mr. Weaver surrendered himself to the police of the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue station, who turned him over to the Clifton Heights authorities.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Carpenter, parents of the victim, came to the Presbyterian Hospital, and were with their son when he died.

Two Held After Watch Fob Thefts

On charges of stealing ten watch fobs, Magistrate Beaton held two youths yesterday under \$1000 bail for further hearings. They were Samuel Watson, eighteen years old, of Bolton street near Twenty-first, and Harrison King, seventeen years old, of North Watta street near Girard avenue. The men are suspected by the police of breaking into the headquarters of the Traffic Service Company, at Spring Garden and Thirteenth streets.

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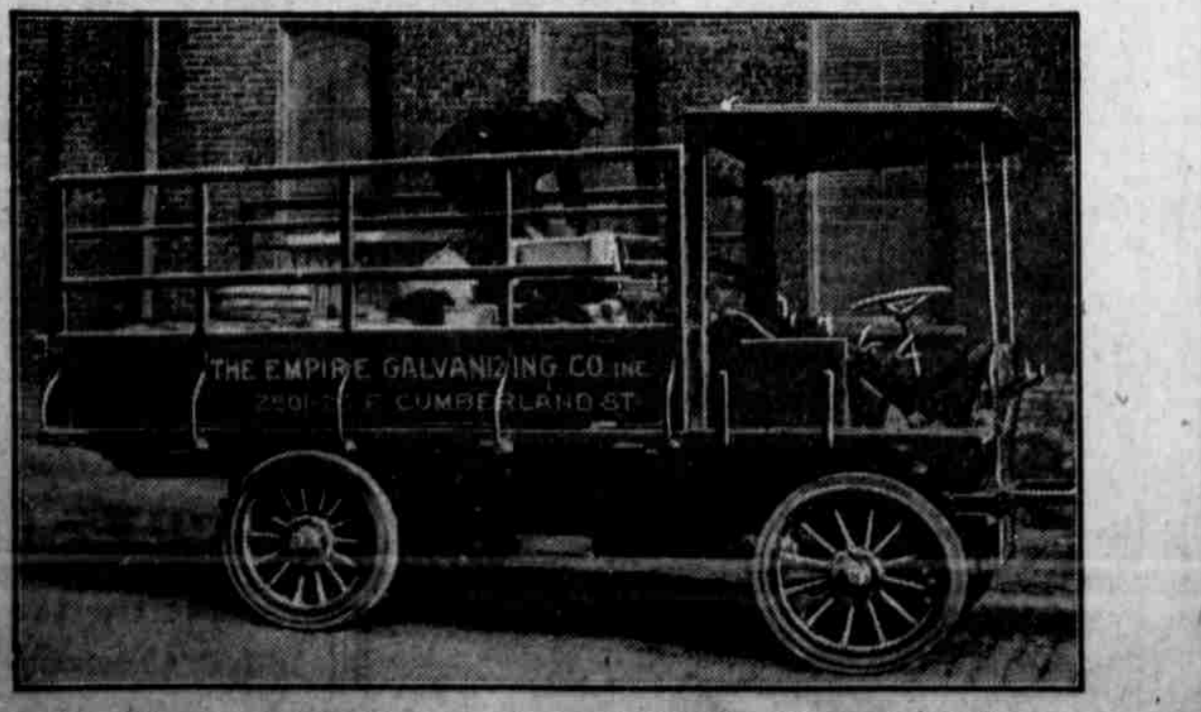
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