

DROP SUBURBAN TAX RATE IN PLANS TO BOOST CITY FINANCES

Poor Showing in Assessors' Figures Determines Financiers to Fix Equitable Schedule. Builders Back Move

NO HELP FOR THIS YEAR

That the suburban tax rate will be dropped as a part of the revision of methods of taxation planned by Mayor Smith, with a view to increasing the municipal revenues during 1917 by from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, is taken as a foregone conclusion by municipal financiers, who, as a unit, favor the suggestion for but two classes of realty tax.

Although the builders are given full credit for suggesting the incorporation of the \$1,500,000 worth of property now assessed as suburban at a combined city and school rate of \$1.18 2-3 per hundred in the grand total of city taxes at a combined rate of \$1.50, this has for some time been the view held by municipal financiers.

Small Showing Made Having decided weeks ago upon alterations in existing tax methods that will bring the assessors more directly in touch with the power of Council, Mayor Smith was asked about the revision of their determination to present new legislation at the winter session at Harrisburg by the small showing made in the totals made public yesterday.

The plan to drop the suburban rate which it is estimated, increases revenues by many thousands of dollars, but would in no degree make up the new revenues that the Mayor believes can be derived from the plan if assessments are made uniform and based upon a division of land and building values.

Speaking of the report which shows an increase in personal property values of \$1,000,000 and an increase in the three classes of realty of \$36,818,200, the Mayor expressed his disappointment and declared that in another year things should be different.

Chairman Gaffney favors a revision of present methods, but means to present his plan for future tax legislation to Mayor Smith before making it public. Mr. Gaffney, who has been a member of the Finance Committee since 1911, said that he will not lose sight of the fact that they cannot help us in 1917. Nothing can be done without legislative enactments, and that means that no material changes can become effective in time to help the revenues of the city before 1918.

BOARD SATISFIED

David N. Fell, of the Board of Revision of Taxes, when asked to explain the low figures that have proved so generally disappointing, said: "Our present method of assessment is entirely satisfactory. People do not take into account fictitious sales and sales that are made under peculiar circumstances that have a tendency to boost prices."

"Our present assessments are equitable in most cases and in thinking of taxes the general public loses sight of the fact that a new house in West Philadelphia usually means an empty house in some other section of the city. The reason there is no general increase in the center of the city is that property values were greatly enlarged there some few years ago. I think that the present methods of assessment should be continued without change."

PISTOL USED IN ARREST

Three-Year Police Search Ends in Thrilling Capture

After eluding the police for three years, James Murray, alias Harry O'Dowd and New York Harry, a notorious crackman, was captured today when he was surrounded by five detectives in a house at 121 North Franklin street and taken at the point of a revolver.

With him in the house at the time was another man, who gave his name as James Murphy. He was also held on suspicion of being a member of Murray's gang. They will have a hearing tonight.

Stranger Killed by Train at Bordentown BORDENTOWN, N. J., Oct. 21.—The body of a man, believed to be that of Charles V. Allen, thirty-two years old, of Boston, Mass., was found alongside the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Bordentown today. It is supposed he had been riding on a freight train and fell off. Purses found in the man's pockets indicate he was a member of the Brotherhood of Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America.

TRIDENT WATER METER advertisement with logo and text.

Leg Comfort advertisement with image of a leg and text.

Try Our Sunday Dollar Dinner advertisement with text and price.

Owners!! Tenants!! advertisement for Philadelphia Real Estate Board with text and signature.



CROWN PRINCESS CECILIA She has contributed a large quantity of gold and jewels in the movement that is sweeping the German Empire to replenish the national gold reserve.

M'KEAN COUNTY SWEEP BY A VIOLENT STORM

Buildings Moved From Foundations, Orchards Uprooted and Other Damage Inflicted

BRADFORD, Pa., Oct. 21.—McKean County was swept during the night by one of the most severe wind storms ever experienced in this section. Farms containing twenty tons of hay were moved from their foundations, entire orchards were uprooted and oil derricks, power houses and oil tanks were laid low.

IN 8 WORDS ASKS ELECTION

New York Candidate Makes Record on Short Speech

UTICA, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Henry R. Beebe, Democratic candidate for State Engineer, has made the shortest speech of this year's campaign.

THE NEW HOTEL MANOVER advertisement with text and location.

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STOTESBURY A CLERK 50 YEARS AGO TODAY

So Drexel Employees Will Dine Him Tonight at Bellevue-Stratford

Fifty years ago today Edward T. Stotesbury began work as clerk in the banking house of Drexel & Co. at a salary of sixteen dollars a month.

It will be just a private dinner by the various employees to the head of the firm, but it will serve as an inspiration to the ambitious employee, who will be told how a man with a purpose and with energy can rise from a position on a plane with their own to head one of the leading private banking houses of the world.

When he was sixteen Mr. Stotesbury finished in the Friends' Central School and immediately went to work as a clerk in the wholesale grocery firm of Butler & Patterson.

BOY BADLY HURT BY AUTO

Driver of Car Carries Him Home and Summons Doctor

Michael McDonough, eight years old, is in a critical condition at his home, 1417 South Allison street, the result of being struck by an automobile driven by Robert Davis, of 5300 Angora terrace.

The boy was crossing Chester avenue at Ithan street last night, when he is said to have stepped in front of the car.

Davis was arrested by Policeman McMillan and held under \$400 bail for a further hearing.

NOTED CRICKETER KILLED

Major Gordon H. Southam, Widely Known Here, Dies in Battle

Major Gordon H. Southam, commander of the Fortieth Sportsmen's battery, of Hamilton, Canada, who is widely known in Philadelphia cricket circles, has been killed in action, according to word received from his widow in England.

As captain of the Zingari cricket team which toured the United States, Canada and England several years ago, he won international renown as a cricket player. Major Southam, who was a thirty years old, had many friends at the Philadelphia, Germantown and Merion Cricket Clubs.

He was a star football player and devotee of cricket, hockey, golf, tennis, squash, racquets, lawn bowling and sailing.

Dies at Age of 102 Years

MERIDEN, Conn., Oct. 21.—William G. Atwater, who celebrated his 102d birthday anniversary last May, died at his home here yesterday.

MRS. SANGER OPENS BIRTH-CONTROL CLINIC

Defies Police to Find Place. Will Push Work in Other Cities

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—The first birth-control clinic in the United States has opened here, with its founder, Mrs. Margaret Sanger, defying the Federal law to prevent her from spreading semisecretly the information that she says will wipe out stunts, child labor and other evils.

"The public officials make just as well forget their most-cherished and accepted birth-control as an established fact," declared Mrs. Sanger. "My new national plan makes it as inevitable as night and day. The police are hunting my clinic. They can't find it, if they should they can't hurt it. It is an oral clinic and the law says nothing about giving oral information on birth-control, if they do try to interfere, I am legally prepared to carry the fight to the highest tribunal."

Four other secret clinics will be in operation here within a week and in less than a year clinics will be established in Washington, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Denver, St. Louis, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Portland, Seattle, Spokane and Butte, Mrs. Sanger said.

"Within two years every man and woman will know how many children they can afford to have," she continued. "Two generations of birth control will wipe out slums, eliminate the birth of mental defectives, minimize the number of insane and automatically stop child labor and prostitution. Statistics show that 97 per cent of child labor and 95 per cent of prostitution come from too-large families."



HOTEL ADELPHIA advertisement with text and price.

Ready Money United States Loan Society advertisement with text and address.

WOMAN ACCUSED AS SLAYER

Stabbed Man to Death at Marcus Hook While Husband Held Him, Police Say

Mrs. Mary Merano, forty-two years old, 12 Second street, Marcus Hook, was held by Magistrate Beaton today to await the action of Delaware County authorities on the accusation of having stabbed a man in the neck and abdomen in Marcus Hook while the arms of the man were pinned by her husband, John Merano.

District Attorney Hannum and Assistant District Attorney Weeks, of Chester, came to Philadelphia last night with a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Merano on a charge of murder. The warrant was turned over to Policemen Genotti and Hardeman, of the Seventh and Carpenter streets station. They located the woman at 117 Montross street.

Mrs. Merano protested her innocence. She declared that Geroci was called to the door of 12 Second street, Marcus Hook, yesterday by two men and attacked by them. Her husband was arrested yesterday by the Marcus Hook police.

Lancaster Hotel Man Dead

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 21.—Andrew Vogel, a prominent Odd Fellow and Mason of this county and owner and proprietor of the Sporting Hill Hotel, was found dead in his room this morning. He was fifty-three years old. He will be buried Tuesday.

WAGON WHEELS CRUSH LITTLE BOY TO DEATH

Jostled Off Tongue of Dirt Cart, Which Passes Over Body

Lawrence Engel, seven years old, 341 Dady street, died early today in the Methodist Hospital from injuries received last night when he was run over by a dirt wagon at Second and Wolf streets.

The boy was riding the tongue of a drop bottom wagon attached to another wagon being driven by Peter Dick, of 2500 McKee street. When the wagon struck clods of earth, he was thrown off and the rear wheel of the second wagon ran over his abdomen. Dick, who is employed by Thompson, driving by Peter Dick, of 2500 McKee street, said he did not know the boy was riding.

Civic Club Gives Students Prizes

NORTH WALES, Pa., Oct. 21.—The North Wales Civic Club has awarded these prizes to public school students for school gardens: Miss Lillian Swayne, first prize; Sanford and Ralph Roberts, second prize; Titus Kratz and William Beck, third prize; and Miss Elizabeth Stillwagon, fourth prize.

Miners Cheer Frank E. Hayes MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., Oct. 21.—Department Vice President Frank E. Hayes, of Indianapolis, was given a rousing reception at the annual district convention of the United Mine Workers here. He declared that the organization membership in the anthracite field had been increased from 12,000 to approximately 105,000 members.

Scripps-Booth advertisement with logo and text.

Baker's Cocoa advertisement with text and image of a woman.

\$25 HEADSTONE advertisement with image of a headstone.

Forest Hills advertisement with text and images of a cemetery.

J. E. Caldwell & Co. advertisement with text and address.

Welsbach Gas Mantles advertisement with text and price.

Baltimore & Ohio R. R. advertisement with text and image of a train.

Memorial Parks and Mausoleum Co. advertisement with text and address.