

PENSION BOOMED BY PENROSE MAN

J. H. Thompson, Senator, Asked Special Time for Examination

HIS INTEREST FRIENDSHIP

State Senator Joseph H. Thompson, of Beaver Falls, Beaver County, Pa., a Penrose lieutenant, a member of the legal staff of Lyndon D. Wood, was among the politicians who in 1914 showed great anxiety about the welfare of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Thompson's term in the Senate expires December 30. He was defeated for reelection at the last election by William David Craig, Republican, of Allegheny, Beaver County.

Records show that Mr. Thompson last July was among the directors of the Consolidated Investment Company, through which Wood, who is the president of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, hoped to bring about the consolidation of seventy-eight insurance companies into one Spanish merger.

FOR 'FRIENDSHIP' The files of the State Insurance Department show that Thompson, while a member of the Pennsylvania Senate, wrote to ex-State Insurance Commissioner Charles Johnson, Penrose leader of Montgomery County, in connection with a contract with the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Mutual Insurance Company of Pittsburgh.

A man named "Woods" is mentioned in Mr. Thompson's letter. Whether the "Woods" mentioned in the letter is Lyndon D. Wood is not known. This letter also states that "if one-half of what Woods tells me can be verified they have certainly worked miracles since this matter has been taken up with the department."

THOMPSON'S LETTER There is also some mention about "Woods being able to add \$100,000 cash to the right side of the ledger for the following week." Mr. Thompson's letter reads: "I was in Harrisburg yesterday in connection with a contract with the Pension Life Insurance Company and the Mutual Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, the name of which I do not now remember. The Pension Life has taken over the business of this Mutual Insurance Company and were anxious to have their contract of reinsurance approved by the Department, as that gives them a valuable asset before your examination."

Mr. McCullough looked the matter over very thoroughly and said it was an exceptionally good move for the Pension Life Company; but that he would not approve the same without consulting you, and that he would not see you before next Monday.

Since leaving Harrisburg, I have thought this matter over very carefully, and this is entirely my own thought in the matter, that in place of approving this at the present time, why not examine this contract when you make an examination of the Pension Life, in Pittsburgh, and that the whole thing either sink or swim as a whole.

I am exceedingly anxious that your examiners come there and not with a chip on their shoulder, but with open minds, and if one-half of what Woods tells me can be verified, they have certainly worked miracles since this matter has been taken up with the department.

I am intensely interested in this insurance matter, not alone from the standpoint of their attorney, but from a standpoint of friendship, and the part that I have taken in it with their board of directors.

To this end I wish that you would advise me by telegram, at my expense, if you will hold the examination on the 30th or as near that date as convenient for the department. I might further add that Mr. Woods considers the company in such shape that he is anxious to have examination as near as the 30th as will suit you.

AWAITING YOUR FAVOR In this matter, I am yours very truly, JOSEPH H. THOMPSON.

These are busy days at the offices of the Consolidated Investment Company. Wood and his attorneys are at work on the defense which will be made at the hearing on the application for a receiver for the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, which, according to State Insurance Commissioner J. Denry O'Neil, has a deficiency of more than \$1,000,000.

The Consolidated Investment Company, of which the youthful president is R. C. Bowers, who also is president of the Union Casualty Insurance Company, at Third and Walnut streets, besides controlling the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, is the holding company of the Reliable Life Insurance Company of Indianapolis, Ind.; the American Assurance Company, of this city, and also the Union Casualty Insurance Company. There is an application also pending for receiver for the Union Casualty Insurance Company, the hearing for which has been fixed in the Dauphin County Common Pleas Court for next Tuesday.

A letter dated July 19, 1916, and signed by Bowers, given as directors of the Consolidated Investment Company the following: Thomas Wood, secretary and general manager of the American Assurance Company of Philadelphia; Charles H. Fritch, secretary and treasurer of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, and often called "Wood's Man Friday"; S. T. Conkling, secretary and general manager of the Reliable Life Assurance Company of Indianapolis, Ind.; J. Frank Graff, former chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee of the State of Pennsylvania; State Senator Joseph H. Thompson, of Beaver Falls, and H. G. Welch, insurance manager, of this city.

Wood has written the Insurance Department demanding that the State revoke the insurance license of Colonel S. H. Whiteley, Thomas Wood, secretary and general manager of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, and demanding that I revoke his license to do business in connection with other companies. Wood has developed into quite a voluble letter-writer. He writes at length, but he fails to recite the fact that he signed

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"IT'S ALL RIGHT," SAYS GIRL, BRIDE OF SCHOOLBOY

"At First His Parents and Mine, Too, Hated Something Awful, but They're Reconciled Now"

Cladya B. Griffiths Bailey, who has just changed her station in life from that of a William Penn high school junior to that of a bride, did a bit of philosophizing today, although she is barely eighteen years old.

Until the other day she was Miss Gladys B. Griffiths and today she is Mrs. John C. Bailey. Her husband has changed his station in life, too. He was a high school senior. Now he's an automobile salesman.

Said young Mrs. Bailey: "You know when an only son gets married the parents always think that no girl is good enough for him. That is the way with John's folks. But it's all right now. At first his parents, and mine, too, hated something awful, but they are reconciled to our marriage now."

"Everything is going to be all right. We intend to go housekeeping as soon as we can find the right kind of home. John has a good job as salesman for an auto concern, and while he isn't making a whole lot to start, the prospects are good. It's too bad we couldn't keep our marriage secret until he graduated in February from the Northeast High School, but we will make the best of it."

Mrs. Bailey talked at the home of her father, James A. Griffiths, 2728 North Nineteenth street. Her husband still lives with his parents at 2541 North Thirty-third street, "but when we find the kind of apartment we are looking for we will be still happier," said his wife.

PULMOTOR SAVES MAN

Overcome by Gas, Victim Is Revived at Hospital

A pulmотор was used today to save the life of John Sempler, forty years old, who was accidentally overcome by gas in his room in a lodging house at 317 Oxford street. Sempler turned the key on the gas jet in the wrong direction before retiring last night and was found unconscious this morning.

Joseph Austin, an employe in the office of the United Gas Improvement Company at Ninth and Oxford streets, was summoned to the house. He applied the pulmотор immediately and Sempler was restored to consciousness. He was later taken to the Stetson Hospital, where the physicians found that there was need for no further treatment.

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