

TO GET IN PASADENA TODAY

Quakers Enjoy Spirited Workout at Albuquerque. Big Greeting for Team

DESTRUCTION NEAR END. By NEIL MATHEWS. Captain of Penn Football Team

MAHAN PREDICTS HARD BATTLE FOR PENN TEAM

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Eddie Mahan, former Harvard football star, back from coaching the University of California eleven, said today that Pennsylvania is expected to have a hard opponent at Pasadena New Year's Day.

SQUASH RACQUETS SEASON GETS UNDER WAY TODAY

Four Games Listed on Opening Day Schedule—Merion First Team Favorites

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DOHERTY QUILTS COACHING

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 27.—With the departure of Quarterback Coach John Doherty for Boston came the announcement that the matter of assistant football coaches for Dr. Paul Wittington will not be determined by the Wisconsin Athletic Association until the return of Coach Stacy's retirement from the woolen business, Dick King's departure from South America, and the general belief that Doherty will be engaged in business in the East, leaving the assistant coaching staff stripped of all but Howard Buck, the only non-Harvard man on Doctor Wittington's staff.

SEASON OF 1916 WAS BIGGEST YEAR IN POLO

Official Declares There Never Has Been a More Promising Outlook for Pony Sport

By H. C. HERBERT. Chairman Polo Association. In spite of the expense attached to polo there is steadily growing interest in the sport in club and army circles.

1500 MAIN LINE CADDIES TO BE FETED BY GOLFERS

Country Clubs Will Give Christmas Dinner Tonight for Youthful Club Carriers

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MAYOR'S FIRST YEAR STARTS CITY IMPROVEMENTS AT LAST

Comprehensive Plans, Often Held Up, Under Way by Public Mandate—What Administration Has Achieved and Left Undone

Municipal accomplishments during 1916 naturally form a continuation of the comprehensive improvement plans mapped out and started during the years of the Byberry and Blankenburg administrations. These plans, including as they do all lines of advancement, will require many years to complete. Achievements divide themselves into two classes of forward movements, the first backed by the administration and the second, forced upon an unwilling Mayor and cabinet by a public aroused to the need for real rapid transit.

POLITICS CAUSES DELAYS

The decision virtually to double the city's bonded indebtedness by authorizing loans of \$114,525,000 was not the work of a week or a month, and was only after many delays that the Councilmanic financiers were ready to submit their plans to the voters.

MAYOR PLEDGED TO PROJECTS

When Mayor Smith took office last January he was pledged to many municipal improvements, which it was generally recognized would cost the city well over \$100,000,000. The great cost of the projects forced all interested to recognize the need for changes and improvements in municipal methods of financing.

ITEMS OF BIG LOAN

The major items in the largest loan ever authorized by Philadelphia, include \$7,100,000 for the new bridge over the Schuylkill river, the port, \$8,849,120 for removal of tracks and grade crossings, \$9,000,000 for the Parkway, \$10,000,000 for new buildings at Byberry Farms, \$12,200,000 for sewage disposal plant and other improvements, \$15,000,000 for main and branch sewers, \$750,000 for bridges, \$1,800,000 for art gallery, \$2,400,000 for Public Library and scores of other items covering every class of improvement contemplated.

DIRECTORS PLEASED

When the loan bill and the Mayor and other officials declared that "it would mean fly" from many of the undertakings planned. The Mayor said that no time should be lost in getting an operating agreement with the Philadelphia Electric Company to run the new transit lines.

BLOWERS AT STARTING

One single instance will serve to illustrate the lack of action coming from the county departments. It is a source of regret that from many. While Councils and the Mayor were spending weeks and months on financial problems and at a time when the departments were popularly supposed to be hustling on plans for big projects the old South street bridge, one of the first of its kind built by the city and the most used of the municipal bridges, "sagged" and sank several feet under the weight of long sustained traffic.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF FIRST YEAR OF SMITH ADMINISTRATION

Framed and had passed loans for municipal projects amounting to \$114,525,000. Forced increase in the tax rate on realty from \$1 to \$1.35. After months of delay ratified entire Taylor transit plan that was approved by public during 1916. Passed a bill to increase water meter rates and making compulsory the installation of meters in many plants and factories.

Ordered old Convention Hall at Broad street and Allegheny avenue to be torn down, leaving the city without any great auditorium for national gatherings.

Planned a \$3,000,000 increase in salaries and new places on city payroll, only to abandon them all in the face of general opposition.

Made progress in a small way upon the costly sewage disposal system that the city has been ordered to provide so that pollution of the rivers may end.

Completed plans and let contracts for a number of new buildings at Byberry Farms and for a nurses' home at Blockley.

Late in the year got a start on sewer and highway work and upon a few small bridges.

Adopted the most drastic traffic regulations ever proposed to Councils in an effort to prevent automobile accidents.

Development begun of eastern portion of League Island Park.

Extended Cobb's Creek Park and various other open spaces.

Typically complete, the old worn approach that "sagged" was shored up and strengthened temporarily so that travel could be continued. All this happened months ago, and new officials of the Department of Public Works have under discussion the need of a bridge span, the width of a bascule lift for city boats or to sell them to the highest bidder.

LABOR COSTS HIGHER. In justice to departmental heads attention must be called to the fact that labor and material costs have been advancing steadily all through the year. This fact acted as a deterrent in some instances where progress had been planned.

BONDS SOLD AT GOOD PRICE. The popularity of municipal bonds was evidenced by the fact that the first of the \$114,525,000 offered brought such a good return that many more bonds were sold than had been planned for.

"NEW BLOCKLEY" PLANS. Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, during the summer months was handicapped by the fact that "a new Blockley" by the light he was compelled to wage against infantile paralysis. This campaign, coming on the heels of the loan bills, prevented any very great advance in the plans for relieving the sick and unfortunate thousands who are dependent upon the city.

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VERY WELL THEN—DON'T EAT IT!!

OH MABEL, PLEASE TAKE THIS LETTER AND DROP IT IN THE BOX ON YOUR WAY—SORRY UNCLE PETEY BUT IM IN A HURRY—OH WELL—

EVEN AT XMAS IS OVER HOW ABOUT YOU?

Even at Xmas is over, how about you? Illustration of a man and a woman in winter attire.