J. CLIFFORD WILSON

President of the Philadelphia As-

sociation of Painters, who is one of the delegates to the convention of

Master House Painters and Dec-orators, which opened in this city

old he probably knew her under the name of Roberts, if he knew her at all, Still, t was a coincidence."

ben on evidently elsewhere "Lewis said to me, 'ton't wrap them in; juper is expensive these days," Base

Hass was emphatic in saying that Lewis

COUNCILMAN IS OUSTED

Pottsville Official Removed Because

Borough Dealt With His Employer

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 9.—Judge Kech has ousted from office Gardeld Evans, a Councilman of St. Clair borough, on a writ of uno warranto, It was charged that Evans is employed by W. B. Lewis, a merchant, who does a large amount of hauling for the borough, the law not permitting Councilmen to be interested in con-

The Court refused to sustain the pro-

The Court refused to sustain the pro-ceedings against Councilmen George Wolfe and W. A. Reesc, who are employed by the St. Clair Coal Company. It was al-leged that the borough's cohl was bought at the plant for which the Councilmen worked, but the evidence did not show

that teamsters were compelled to get coal

Tannery Workers Get Pay Increase

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Jan. 9 - The em-

ployes of W. D. Byron & Sons' extensive tannery at Williamsport, Md., have been granted an increase in wages ranging from

exteen to thirty per cent.

RENTS FORCED UP ON TAX AS EXCUSE

"Why Should We Pay?" Ask Brokers, and the "Suckers" Pay

SYSTEM CALLED ROBBERY

Councils Finance Chief Declares New Rate Does Not Warrant Increase

Real estate brokers are taking advantag-

Real estate brokers are taking advantage of the tax rate increase to raise rents out of all proportion to meet the additional tax the properties will have to bear. So said Joseph P. Gaffrey, chairman of Councils' Finance Committee, when told to-day that rents on poor or moderately well-to-do temaits were being boosted anywhere from fifty cents to \$3.

"If they were justified-in raising the rents at all, and I don't think they are," he said, "twenty-five cents would be the maximum which they could decently add."

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An eloquent complaint came to the EVENING LEDGER. It was attached to a circular senwout to tenants by a real estate from and referred to a passage in the circular which amounted a fifty-cent increase in rent on account of the new tax rate. The simulating was approximate and said. complaint was anonymous and said;

THE "SUCKERS" PAY

"Notice the result of the increase in taxes.

The poor little sucker pays the piper every time. The landlord don't care; he gets more mency out of it." The note was signed "One of the Suckers." of the Suckers." Protest was borne out when a reporter called on the downtown real state firm in question.

They were inclined to be disagreeable.

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"Why shouldn't we raise the rent?" was asked. "If the people wanted to elect the kind of Councilmen that raise the tax rate, let them pay for it. Why should we pay? Anyhow, everybody else is doing it. Giber things are going up. Why not interview the food merchants? Why come to us? No, fifty cents is not too much of an increase. We've boosted some tenants \$1. We don't want to be bothered, anyhow. Talk to the politicians. We're not politicians, we're musiness men. See the Kaiser."

It was explained to these real estate men that the reporter didn't call for information, but out of consideration for them; to give them an opportunity to answer a complaint of one of their tenants.

"Well, we have nothing to say. The tax rate has been raised and we aren't going to pay it. Let the people pay."

The complaint from the "fifty-cent section" came from one of the tenants in the group of houses in the neighborhood of Eleventh and Thirteenth streets, Shunk street and Oregon avenue. The tenants of these houses have been paying \$16 a month; now they pay \$16.50.

Many of the tenants were interviewed. "Why shouldn't we raise the rent?" was ked. "If the people wanted to elect the

mow they pay \$16.50.

Many of the tenants were interviewed and they all replied in kind:

"What can we say, or do? We must pay it or get out. Other places are probably

scilman Gaffney said there was abso-Intely no excuse for this sort of thing; he said the real estate men who did it were simply making the tax increase an excusse for getting more money out of their ten-

CALLS IT ROBBERY

"Before the tax increase was passed," he mid. "they were getting as much money out of the properties as the properties were worth of they were at all justified in in-ereasing the rents the limit of increase would be twenty-five cents. More than that is sheer robbery. I don't even think they are entitled to the twenty-five cents though. They should have allowed for the increased tax rate out of their own profit; even then it would have remained large Dr. F. B. Crowe, Councilman from the

Forty-sixth Ward, said he had many comincrease in rents. They ranged, he said, anywhere from \$1 to \$3 in West Philadelphia, and were blamed on the increased tax

But any one can see," said Dr. Crowe, "that such increases are out of all propor tion to the increase in the tax rate. The real estate men have just seized on that as an excuse to add to their income."

Re excuse to add to their income."

Councilmen in Manayunk, Germantown and the northeast said no complaints had come to them as yet. One of the German-town Cosmetimen said that people out his Way weren't "as easy" as the West and Bouth Philadelphians. Bouth Philadelphians.

COURT WARNS LICENSEES

Landlords Must Serve Meals and Manage Their Business Personally

READING, Pa., Jan. 9.—That landlords READING, Pa., Jan. 2.—That landlords must serve meals as well as drinks, and that they must not only conduct hotels properly, but do it in person, was emphasized at License Court here by Judges Endlich and Wagner. Owners may not deputize the management to others, and every landlord will be held personally accountable for what happens on his premises, the Court stated.

The Court refused to transfer the license of the Pive-Mile House, a resort complained of recently by District Attorney Rothermel. In John Degler, of Philadelphia, because, having been revoked at Rothermel's re-

having been revoked at Rothermel's re-quest, the license no longer existed.

Child Dies From Burns

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BERWICK, Pa., Jan. 9.—Piaying with
matches while her mother was calling at
the home of a neighbor nearby, Florence
Bower, four years old, a daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Edward Bower, of Briar Creek,
set fire to her clothes, and ran screaming from the house. Her mother was badiy
burned in extinguishing the flames and the
child died later.

CORONER BEGINS PROBE

Knight Says Police Need More Evidence to Convince of

SHIRT SALESMAN TALKS

Pittsburgh Suicide Showed No Nerv ousness When He Made Purchases, He Insists

Coroner Knight said today he did no believe Bernard W. Lewis, of Citistourgh who committed mucoffe in Atlantic City was the murderer of Magie Colhert, the artist's model. He intimated an opinion that the case had been bungled by the police.

He refused to discuss the case at length

of De Havon M. Levis, 1730 Market street, at 10.15 a. m. Fridgy, December 20, the day the model was killed.

Second Henry J. Bass, of North Clemside, the clerk from whom Lewis purchased the goods, said today be was positive of the time of the saie and Lewis was in no way nervous at the time.

Third, Detectives Hodge and Farrell said that Market at Living.

that Magistrate Harry J Imber has told them that it was about 10:05 or 10:10 a.m. on that day that he talked over the phone with the Colhert girl. Detertive Callabar said that Ruth, the fourteen-year-old sinter of Marie Collins, in formed them that a was about 10 a.m. that the telephone conversation took place hely were the model and ersation took place between the model and

Magistrate Imber and Marie Collins had previsity informed the police, however, that the conversations referred to took place at

a hureau in the apartment. None of the keys, however, its the outside door. Both Detectives Hodge and Farrell talked with Magistrate Imber today, they said. and quote him as follows:

there was some one waiting on the tele phone to speak to me. It was the Colbert

Detective Callaban interviewed the young

ersation with Lewis

turned up and that he had on a black muffler. I saw later that he did not have collar on.

black and white one.

It out of a \$20 bill.

"The most striking thing of the sale is the fact that when Lewis looked at the collars, he asked for a "Colbert" make, which is the same name as the murdered



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Lewis's Guilt

They will have to show me much mor-than they have before I become convince-that Lewis killed the girl," Coroner Knigh-

nd said he was making toquiries of his wn regarding the mystery which nught are very important results. The latest phases of the case are:

First, Lewis bought the collar, its, shirt and undershirt, found on him after be committed suicide in the haberdashers store of De Haven M. Levis, 1730 Market street,

Marie Collins on that day.

Fourth. The time mentioned in each case agrees with the theory of detectives who point to Lewis as the murderer. Both

about 11 a.m.

Fifth. Three of the eight keys found on the key ring in the model's apartment were found today to fit a door, a chest and

and quote him as follows:

"I had no hearings that day," Magistrate
Imber said, "and had just entered my office
a few minutes after 10 a. m, on that Friday,
when Constable Weinberg informed me that

Detective Callahan interviewed the young sister of Maria Collins, who said that she went to help her sister straighten her apartment in the Wilton, and that her sister had talked with the Colliert girl some time between 10 and 10:15 a.m.

A further examination of the many with

nesses in the case will be made by District Attorney Rotan today.
Bass, the clerk who sold the haberdashery to Lewis on the day of the murder, gave a more detailed account of his con-

"I am positive of the time." Bass ex-dained, "because Mr. Levis, the boss, came n while the sale was being made and I glanced at the clock.

'Lewis walked in and as I glanced up

Lewis waited in and as I glanced up smiled and said pleasantly:
"Good morning! I am rather in a hurry. What can you show me in the line of a suitcase—not too expensive?"
"I showed him what we had and as I did so I noticed that his coat collar was

"After purchasing the suffcase, he bought a collar, shirt and an athletic undershirt. He then looked at some ties and picked out

"I like those quiet colors," he said. "I think I'll take this one."
"The whole bill was only \$5. He paid it out of a \$20 bill.

girl. Still, I wear a Colbert collar myself,



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CUMBERLAND COUNTY DRY FORCES TO FIGHT LICENSES

Several Remonstrances Planned in 27 Applications for Permits-Hotels

CARLISLE, Pa., Jan. 9 -- Twenty-seven persons who have applied for Beenses in umberland County during 1917 face a hard fight, and a number will be specifically re-

Many old inndmarks, which cover the southeastern corner of the Parkway, will be wired out of existence in a few days as a result of the action taken this afternoon by the Department of Public Works. Bids were opened for the demolishing of thirty-eight buildings from Brook treet. Filtert to Arch and from Fifteenth in Sixtsenth, Cuthbert to Arch

As it is specified in the bids fluit all the buildings in the area named shall be razed before May, this means that the work will have to start in a very few days.

There was a great variance lists to the size and kind of bids submitted. In the size and kind of bids submitted. In the block from Broad to Arch, Filbert to Fifteenth for indance, Contractor J. McDugh asks the city to pay \$9800 for the work while the J. J. Gault Hussewsecking Common will pay the city \$2150 for the privilege of doing the work in order to get the old building materials.

Two firms were ted in the bids for demandating the other section. They are Michael J. McJulongh and the Jump House, weekling Common Kach offered the city \$500 for the privilege of doing the gork and getting the great quantity of material. John Cribourde, mather contractor, submitted a led to the effort that he would make no charge for the work nor would be may for the trivilege of doing it.

Eige saloons several of which figured conspictioners by diffical conferences of other decisies, will how to the March of progress.

It is believed that the clearing of sec.

LANDMARKS IN CITY'S

Bids Received for Removal of

Buildings at Eastern End

of Parkway

progress
It is believed that the clearing of so much growing by May I will enable the vity to ment the way to Loran square of the Parkway by the summer.

ELECTOR VOTES FOR HIMSELF Bars explained that Lewis put all the sings in the suitcase, and must have put

D. Edward Long Inadvertently Substitutes His Own Name for Hughes's

HARRISBURG, Jan. 9.—To Edward Long of Favetteville, one of the presidential electors who attended the session of the Electoral College, caused a near commotion vesterday afterneon when the vote was being taken by casting a ballot for himself instead of for Charles Evans Hughes. A card on which was written the name of the elector was placed on each design that the electors could find their places casily. Just before the time for casting the ballots for President similar cards were passed around. These carried the name of

passed around. These carried the hands of Charles Eyans Hughes.

A hat took the place of a ballot box, and Long dropped the card bearing his name into the hat. When the tellers saw the one vote for Long they immediately made the announcement, and Long substitutes and

80. They See Their First Trolley Car ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 9. - William H. Diehl and Balzer Fletcher, of Elk Creek Heaford County, who are nearing eighty, saw a trolley car for the first time in their lives yesterday. They were guests of William Lee and it is their first visit to some in fifty years.

Still Skating on Suburban Ponds There is no skating on the park lakes, but some of the suburban pends are still open These include Wheel Pump lake at Chest-

HEART TO DISAPPEAR

in Number of Towns Affected

monstrated against by the temperance

forces, who are planning a series of meetings and house-to-house carrassen for signers against the sale of liquer.

Hotels in Carlisle, Newville, Meghanics-lorg and other towns in the forcer end will be targets. Next Sunday will be observed as Termierance Sunday and the anti-liquer metitions for tarlise will be distributed during the afternoon by voluntees. The County W 4° T. I' will publish names of signers.

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"NIFTIEST" LID FOR WILSON

Mississippi Man Ties 7000 Knots in Straw Hat

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 President Wilson will specify the nitlest straw "lid" excitation is the only effective method in educating the public to the value of paint. Through a lack of knowledge the public has neglected paint. A trip in the country will show tour out of five brildings in need of it. Its lack causes as much economic back, of Hartiesburg, Miss. has fits way about it. Me finbett events Secretary Turnish the most original piece of headgear he cover sac, the writer is weaving for him a har made of ye straw in a unique pattern. The cause is made by Julia for the public intersect, misking hecessary more than 7500 knots, but added some time will clause before the President lays as the winter kelly.

The afternoon Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the swite Workmen's Compensation as the Wilson, president of the Filladelphia Amsociation as the winter kelly.

ECONOMY OF PAINTING SHOWN AT CONVENTION

State Association Meets Here in Twenty-ninth Annual Session

Paint, and more paint, was sounded as the battle cry of the Master House Paint-ers and Decorator's Association of Penn-sylvania at the opening meeting of the Twenty-ninth annual convention of that body today at the Bellevin-Stratford Hotel. The first speaker was Ernest T. Trigs, a decorator of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

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the Workmen's Compensation Law," mak-

Dr. Henry A. Gardner, of Washington, gave an illustrated lecture. A discussion on the relation of the cost of raw materials and the increased cost of finished products was held by Ernest T. Trieg, Frank X. Kelley and Charles Macnichol.

The entertainment program for the ladies of the visiting delegations this afterneon included an auto trip and a visit to the building of the Hell Telephone Company at Seventeenth and Arch streets.

P. R. R. Pays \$188,339 Coal Judgment

CLEARFIELD, Pa., Jan. 5 .- Attorneys

representing the Pennsylvania Rattroad

ead Company and the Sonman Shaft Coats

Company met in the prothonotary's office, where the railroad company gave its check for \$135,429.71. In settlement of the judgment chained against it by the Somman Company in the discrimination case which has been carried through many courts. This is one of the largest vertice payments ever received in Chearfuld Courts. received in Clearfield County

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