

COMMERCE BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

"Live Wires" on Job Early to Put Through "Constructive" Ticket

AN UNUSUAL CAMPAIGN

"Progressives" Win Point in Obtaining Election Judge. Proxies Nullified

In their efforts to supplant ten members of the "old guard" directorate with an equal number of "progressives," the "live-wire" aggregation of the Chamber of Commerce succeeded, with the opening of the annual session of directors in the Widener Building today, in having Alexander Lawrence, Jr., elected judge of the election. Mr. Lawrence is one of the progressive element of the chamber. He is a former president of the Business Service Club.

The "live wires" were also successful in having a ruling made whereby all ballots containing more than eleven votes shall be thrown out. This ruling virtually eliminates the voting by proxy, which the "old guard" is said to have largely depended upon for carrying its ticket through.

The opening of the polls this morning marked the first annual election for directors since the removal of the chamber from the Bourse. The headquarters took on an appearance of animation and activity almost immediately. The "live wires" were busy at work and in force to place their candidates on the board.

The election marks the climax of a campaign unprecedented for activity and determination in the history of the chamber. The "Live Wires," led by their "constructive" campaign committee, have worked untiringly to reach every one of the 5000 members of the chamber, and, if possible, to interest him sufficiently in the issues of the campaign to bring about the presence of more than a majority of members at today's election.

By campaign literature, personal letters and telephonic solicitation and by personal appeal they had succeeded in exciting the interest of a greater number of members in the election than in any previous contest. The poll last year showed 650 votes cast. The early indications today forecast the depositing of that number of votes before noon and a number of delegates that total before the close of the polls this afternoon.

"LIVE WIRE" TICKET

The nominees of the "Live Wires" for the full four-year term are: E. J. Berlet, president Walnut Street Business Association; Lewis Bremer, Jr., H. C. Nolan & Co.; Bartley J. Doyle, Keystone Publishing Company; Lee J. Eastman, Peckard Motorcar Company; Walter L. Eckhardt, Pennsylvania Talking Machine Company; Edward Edmunds, E. S. Woodard & Co.; Walter L. Rosenberger, Smith, Kline & French Company; W. P. Threlkeldson, W. Allee Burpee & Co.; George B. Wells and Thomas Wright, of B. F. Dewar & Co.; Gilbert S. Smith, of J. F. Buchanan & Co., is the "Live Wire" nominee for the unexpired term of David P. Lees, deceased.

The "old guard" nominees are: fifteen names for the ten full-term directorships. The nominees on this list include Howard B. French, president of the Chamber; Rowe S. French, president of the "live wires"; Charles M. Biddle, Supplee-Biddle Hardware Company; Powell Evans, Merchant & Evans Company, Inc.; Francis B. Reeves, Reeves, Farny & Co.; L. C. Graff, L. C. Graff & Son; Daniel Whitney, Whitney & Kemmerer; William A. Law, First National Bank; Spencer K. Mulford, England, Walton & Co., Inc.; John Sinnott, William H. Brown, Continental Eiderdown Company; Charles H. Thompson, Lewis Thompson & Co.; William B. Riley, William B. Riley & Co.; A. Reed McIntire, McIntire, Magee & Brown Company; Florence J. Henpe, C. J. Henpe & Son; Montgomery H. Wright, John B. Stetson Company, is the "old guard" choice for the unexpired term.

Cumulative voting, by which the votes of a member may be concentrated upon less than the total number of candidates to be chosen, is playing an important part in the election. According to the "live wires," this plan of uniting the full strength of a voter upon his favorite candidate or candidates is being resorted to by their opponents rather than by the progressives who are living up to their maxim which sets forth that "the way to vote right is to look right, be right, and to mark a cross in every square on the extreme right."

The "live wire" candidates enjoy a column all their own on the right side of the official ballot.

"OLD GUARD" CONFIDENT Quiet confidence is maintained by the "old guard" that they will not be unseated in any "Waterloo" as predicted by their more energetic opponents in the contest.

The "live wires," under the campaign management of A. S. Murphy, profess the belief that the result of the balloting will show the election of all eleven of their candidates. They believe they have awakened such a sentiment for improvement in the management of the Chamber that the forces of the conservatives will be overwhelmed. They labored like beavers through the morning hours to marshal their supporters to the polls and by the tally their active workers were keeping their efforts appreciated successful. They promised a surprise to the conservative, or "old guard" element, when the count should be completed.

Men's Fashions for 1918 To Be as Fancy as Women's

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. KIMONO sleeves, plaits and gores and slash pockets are going to be the modish thing in 1918—for men, not women. At an exhibit today of advance styles for 1918, displayed by two perfect gentlemen, all of these new fashions were shown. To add a dash of color to the story, sky-blue lining for evening dress will prevail.

APPEAL OF FIREMEN IN COUNCILS TODAY

Ordinance to Better Conditions Is Submitted by I. Walter Thompson

WILSON FAVORS ACTION

Firemen of Philadelphia today submit to City Councils their formal plea for recognition. An ordinance calling for an increase in salaries and a readjustment of working conditions for the fire-fighting force of the city has been drawn up and will be introduced this afternoon for the consideration of Councils.

The ordinance has the approval of Director Wilson, of the Department of Public Safety. It was prepared by Chief Engineer William H. Murphy, of the Bureau of Fire, at the invitation of the campaign committee of the firemen.

I. Walter Thompson, of the Forty-sixth Ward, will introduce the measure today when the chamber of the firemen. Mr. Thompson has been in close communication with Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Councils Finance Committee, and the ordinance, coming with the approval of Director Wilson and Chief Murphy, is regarded as having the sanction of the city administration. Mr. Gaffney has frequently expressed himself as heartily in favor of the movement to obtain more reasonable salaries for the firemen as soon as the way is clear to make the necessary appropriation.

A previous ordinance providing additional funds and men for the Fire Bureau and gathered by Mr. Thompson introduced last September, has been "pigeonholed" in the Finance Committee. It is understood that the reason for this action was that the ordinance did not conform in certain details to the views of the Director. To forestall any possibility of a similar fate for the measure he is to introduce today, Mr. Thompson submitted his ordinance to the Director this morning and that official wrote into the bill the items calling for the exact amount of increase in salary he is asked for.

MEN WEAR WOOD SUITS, FORESTRY BODY BEARS

President of Association, in Conference, Says Material Is Used to Make Cloth

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Although few realize it, many of the "old guard" clothes made from wool, said Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Forestry Association, at its opening conference here today as he pointed out the necessity for conserving the forest resources of the country.

Three hundred delegates are attending. The chief topic is ways and means of fighting the spread of white pine blight disease, which threatens destruction of pine valued at \$400,000,000 in the United States and Canada.

"Suppose that cotton or grain were century plants like large pine trees, it would require a comptometer to compute the price of bread for breakfast," said Mr. Pack, emphasizing the fact that the lumber supply of the country must be closely safeguarded.

Child Running for Gift Hit by Car Struck by a trolley car while running to meet her grandmother, today promised to bring her something from the store, Mary Dash, four years old, of 1009 North Orianna street, is at her home today recovering from shock and injuries of the head and body. The child was treated at the Roosevelt Hospital. Mary saw her grandmother returning and, in expectation of the promised present, ran into the street and in front of the car.

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FRIENDS HERE RESENT HOT BLAST AT "BILLY"

Evangelist's Followers Deny Charges Made Against Their Idol by New York Preacher

Billy Sundayites in this city rallied to the defense of their leader today when the wire from New York came a hot blast at Billy. The statement was a message from the Rev. Joseph H. McMahon, charging the evangelist with being an instrument of the capitalists and alleging that 1200 of the converts here had given wrong names and addresses.

"It is untrue," said William B. Nicholson, treasurer of the Sunday campaign committee, "of course, some of the addresses were wrong, but not as many as is said. Think of the good that Sunday did; the effects of his campaign are still seen. The man doesn't know what he is talking about."

Other associates of the evangelist during his stay here expressed similar views on the charges.

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SIX SHOWS IN ONE AT NIGHT IN BOHEMIA

Leading Actors Will Entertain Pen and Pencil Club Guests Tomorrow Night

If you ever saw three shows in one just multiply that by two and you will get some idea of the big jubilation which the Pen and Pencil Club will provide at its "Night in Bohemia" at the Bellevue-Straford tomorrow night.

Word was received today that many of the charter members of the club, with rounds out its twenty-fifth birthday tomorrow, will come from distant points to participate in the silver jubilee.

Aside from the spirit of good fellowship and the numerous surprises which are sure to take place, the show itself will be one of the very best entertainments on the Philadelphia program map tomorrow night.

At least sixteen good acts will be presented by leading artists from the dramatic, musical comedy and vaudeville world. There will be no waits or excuses, and a thorough taxicab fleet has been arranged to speed the entertainers from the various theatres as soon as they have completed their turns.

The local managers and producers who are co-operating in every way to make the affair a success include Harry T. Jordan, general manager of the Keith enterprises; Charles Cooke Wanamaker, of the Garrick; Leonard Hlubberg, of the Adelphi; and the Mabury & Constock Company; J. Fred Zimmerman and M. W. Taylor, of the Keystone and Orpheum Theatres; A. Sablosky and John J. McTigue, of the Globe and Cross Keys; George W. Metzger, of the William Penn; Stanley V. Mastbaum and Abe J. Einstein, of the Manhattan enterprises; W. Dayton Wegofarth, of the Nixon Grand; Fred G. Nixon, Nirdlinger, of the Nixon and Colonial; Frank Nirdlinger, of the Broad; Thomas M. Love, of the Forrest; Joseph H. Douglas, of the Bijou; H. Hart McHugh, Norman Jefferies and Charles J. Kraus.

Merchants Hosts at Ladies' Night

More than 200 persons attended the "Ladies' Night" entertainment last night by the combined Retail Ladies' Association and Yeadon Business Men's Association at Perwood Mansion. It was the first affair of the township merchants' organization, and it was a huge success.

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NO ONE TO BE SPARED IN ROTAN COAL PROBE

Speedy Prosecutions Promised by District Attorney if Price Conspiracy is Found

Ten or more coal dealers and a printer will be examined today by District Attorney Samuel P. Rotan in the investigation of the December 29 coal price gouge which has been instituted by the District Attorney's office, in co-operation with United States Attorney Francis Fisher Kane.

In a statement issued to representatives of Philadelphia newspapers, Mr. Rotan said he intended to push the investigation vigorously and to prosecute at once if he found any evidence of a criminal conspiracy to raise the price of coal in this city.

"I have called in Assistant District At-

torney Taulane to aid me," he said, "and we are going to make every effort to determine whether or not there was an understanding between coal dealers in this city to boost the price of coal and thereby gouge consumers in this city. This will be a real investigation, and we will go after the guilty ones no matter whom we hit."

It is expected that one of the most important witnesses called today will be J. H. McCullough, a printer, of 1511 Federal street. It is alleged that McCullough printed the coal price cards which were distributed prior to the December raise in coal prices.

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