WOULD HELP CITY, BUT DESIRES PAY

"Jim" Pugh Announces His Platform in Fight for the Coatesville Mayoralty

OPPOSED TO FACTIONS

Candidate, Intellectually Honest, Consents to Interview After Some Persuasion

By a Staff Correspondent

COATESVIII.E. Pa. Jan 23.—Meet a modest mayoratty candidate. Mr. James (I. Pugh. The letters that come to his little cigar store bear the prefix "Hon." because Mr. Pugh has been in Councils and has served as the town's water commissioner. It may be said in massing that Mr. Pugh is the first candidate for public office. In the experience of his interviewer, ever to object to an interview.

But the doubting bashfulness was quickly

Ilm Pugh is an honest man. It isn't only Im Push is all indensity honest; he is more than that; he is intellectually honest. He says just what he thinks and means.

You ask him: "What is your platform?" He answers: "Justice for everybody, the salary for

At first there wasn't going to be any in-terties. He mistook his caller for a repre-entative of the Contesville Hecord, and he

'didn't want to give no interview: I sin't much on that sort o' thing." But it didn't seem so bad when he learned the Evening Landers and not the Contes-ville Record wanted to talk to him, and with

a little persuasion from the gallery he con-sented. The way was led to the rear, where were two nillow-covered swivel chairs placed close to a roll-top deak. The gallery stayed as it was. It included a laundry collector, a chauffeur, a grandson several other satellites drinking in the

pearls of wisdom. WHY HE'S BUNNING FOR MAYOR "Now what is it?" asked Jim. The ac-quaintanceship had developed by then. "Why are you running for Mayor?". "Because I want to wipe out this faction.

iness: I want to represent the people, re-

business: I want to represent the people, regardless of faction."
"Well, why don't you support the Rev. Mr. McKinney? He says he and you stand for the same things."
This perfect bit of innocency touched off a storm. Said the candidate:
"Why don't I support him? Why doe'n't he get out and support me? He said if the right kind of candidate came out he wouldn't run, didn't he? Well, I'm out, sin't I?"

Silent admiration from the gallery.

There was a moment of pause, and Jim got up and started for the front of the store. "Here. I'm not done with you yet," he was told, and replied to the entire audience that he could talk list or now." that he could talk just as well standing up

as sitting down.

The laughter and resulting bit of airy the laughter and resulting bit of alty conversation from the audience listened like a page from a Theodore Dreiser volume. There came a telephone ring, and the boy answered it. He brought a whispered message to grandpa, who went to the phone:

HUMOR OF TELEPHONE "Hello, Woody. Yes, he'll be right down. If he's rendy? Sure he is. He's got a new necktie and a new pair of garters, and he's all prepared for winter."

Having thus established his reputation as

a humorist, our candidate returned to the serious business.
"I represent no faction; there's no strings

"Well can you win?"
"Im no man for figuring beforehand, but once when I was runnin' for Councils I counted on 175 votes in my ward and I got

This was delivered with a "take that" motion, and Mr. Pugh was fold that his ministerial rival intended to support Pugh if better at the primaries because Pugh was for decency and Jones and Swing, the other candidates, were not, in the opinion of Mr. McKinney, who thought Jones and Swing stood for the rats and guttersuines

WHAT IS A OUTTERSNIPE"

Well, I'll take a guttersnipe's vote," said lin amid appliause. "Say, what is a gut-terships anyhow? This reverend gentleman ought to define it. Them's the people as need him; decent folk don't need no preach-

visitor comes in to buy a cigar and interview is interrupted. The sale is deted, and Mr. Pugh takes up the conmay let the majority rule.

There is a bit of fencing to try to make in tell whether he will be for McKliniey. Jones or Swing in case he loses out at the primary, but he won't tell. He is against the primary, but he won't tell. He is against them all, hates all factions. The fact that McKinney is for him cuts no ice; he is certainly not for McKinney.

"Well." you finally say in desperation, "whom do you sympathize with?"

He is un again. "What me sympathize? I don't. I quit it. I'm sixty-five now and I sympathize with messif."

The interview is about to close though

The interview is about to close, though Mr. Pugh is willing to talk all day. But the audience is breaking up; one of the, boys has to go down to the "garage," and others have jobs to do, too, and there "ain't much use talking without listeners."

'Jim, I see you have quite a library bere." There is a stack of Smull's legisla-live handbooks collected, it seems, from the beginning of time.

"Well, that's the only chance I have to learn the law," is the answer. You announce that you have everything but the picture. More hashfuiness. But the gatlery is not quite dispersed and they help persuade. You suggest an auto ride to the photograph gallery, but Jim says so.

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD PHOTOGRAPH "Im not fixed up enough for that" he says, and there is some justice in his heat-takey, for he has his store ciothes on, gray reasey, for he has his store ciothes on, gray recusers, blue sweater-vest, dark coat, paper collar, no time, brand new shoes. But even me he'd have made an interesting picture. He is a wiry old man, with lots of life in his sharp blue eyes that are not at all hidden by his rusty old spees, and his gray mair rolls shaggy fashion over his forehead. He has a sort of screwed-up fane that goes with a man who peers a lot. If one could



JAMES G. PUGH One of Coatesville's four candidates in the hot mayoralty fight. This picture was taken fifteen years ago when Mr. Pugh won a county fair shoot at Lancaster.

He goes apstairs, though, and forther down the family altern. There s one for ture of hom taken fifteen years ago it had easter, when he won some county for shoot. You take it gladly

The great by puts one in mont of the atmosphere in their Dave Large's office in the Land Title Building. One of the admirers says, much like one of their layers would. If you don't write what's right about the old man 5 or H ketch it.

Just what Jen Pogh's chances at the election are hard to tell, but the other candidates don't take him very secretary. All the sime, Confessible would be making an interesting experiment if he were chasen, He'd furnish a turil every morning and he'd give every taxnayer in town the satisfaction of knowing exactly what to expect. Jim stands four "square to all the winds. He himself the "presence" of one of his rivals, nor the organization of mother, not the "element" of another, but he certainly has got all the homely circust wrapped up in his entail body and big heart. wrapped up in his email body and hig heart. Jim might not look so good from a display point of view, but he is there with the good qualities. He won't make the sort of Mayor to travel away from home and talk about the home city, but he would do mighty well at home taking care of the job

FROM ITS LONG SLEEP

Public Hearing Next Friday on Plan to License and Bond Cars and Drivers

The bill provides for the licensing and bonding of cars, examining and licensing the drivers, inspecting rars and testing laximaters and prescribing rates of fare. The license fees payable to the Department of Public Safely are fixed at \$25 such far taxicals and touring cars, and \$30 for large such payable to the provided far taxicals and touring cars, and \$30 for large such payable to the provided legislation.

Public Safety are fixed at \$25 each for taxicals and touring care, and \$50 for large sight-seeing care. A bond of \$2500 large sight-seeing care. The general effect of the proposed legistation, "Is to give to Philadelphia a larger measure of home rule, to simplify the machinery of government and to make it more responsive to the people and to make it more responsive to the people and to make it more responsive to the people of the proposed legistation," Is said. nile twenty cents additional for each pasmile, twenty cents additional for each pass-senger over four and for each trunk or pachage carried outside. Touring cars, with capacity for five passengers, \$2 per hour, seven passengers, \$1. Violations of any provision of the bill-are punishable by fines, ranging from \$5 to \$50, according to the number of offenses.

AGENTS TO HOLD SESSION

Men From All Parts of Country to Attend Meeting Here

Prominent insurance agents from parts of the kinited States will attend the sixth annual meeting of the General Agents' Association of the Provident Life and Trust Company, which opens tomorrow morning at the Hotel Adelphia.

In addition to the business sessions, there will be a banquet at the Believne-Stratford on Thursday night, at which addresses will be made by Job E. Hedges, of New York: Asing S. Wing, president of the company, and Frank J. Hammers, president of the Gen-eral Agenta' Association and others.

The meeting will continue until Friday and several of the sessions will be open to

Two Wills Probated

Wills probated today were those of David Senseler, 1748 Erie avenue, which in pervats bequests disposed of property valued at \$27,200, and Mary C. M. Latimer, 4131 Westminster avenue, \$4175.

PLAN OF REVISION SHOWN BY LEADERS

Means for Efficient Home Rule Outlined and Explained at Dinner

WOULD LIMIT BOARD

Reduction of Unwieldy Councils and Consolidation of City and County Favored

Vital Changes Proposed to Give Home Rule to City

Abolition of archaic, cumber-Abolition of arenate,
some Councils of today in favor
of one compact chamber of fifteen to twenty-five paid members.

2. Stripping Board of Judges of powers to name Boards of Ed-ucation and Revision of Taxes and to grant liquor licenses.

3. Election of members of Board For Education, with reduction in size of hody.

4. Election of Excise Commission, to have sole authority in license 5. Elimination of raids on city trensury by doing away with

Saving of \$100,000 yearly to city 6. by dispensing with needless as

7 New system of real estate as-

8. Long-term municipal con-

dinner given by the clammittee on the Be-vision of the Philadelphia charter left the Bellevin-Stratford with a good understand-ing of what the plan to change the city elligreer means

chirtee means.

They learned that careful study of condi-tions had at last resulted in efforts that will take tangible form in hills to be suon proceeded in the Legislature calling for inhortant revisions in the forms of city, government. From the time Circus II. K. Curtis as temporary chairman opened the menting until Colonel Sheldon Putter the ished his plea for real home rule for Philla-delphia, they listened to one reason after another given to convince them that they should support the movement. should support the movement

should support the increment. They heard visite reasons who the charter should be amended. They heard them given in the leven, include fastion of clinton Rogers Woodraff, in the blunt directners of Joseph P Gaffney, chairman of Councils Finance Committee; in the practical analytical manners of William Draper Lewis and John C. Winston, sturdy uphoider of desent politics; in the clear explanators method of Charles I, McKeehan secretary of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, in the supporth, satisfical style of tion; in the smooth, gittrical style of Chomes Bashurn White.

Cars and Drivers

Thomas Eacharn White.

For the third time the taxical interests of the city will be called upon to defend themselves against adverse coincilinance legislation. Plans for a public hearing of an old moor regulation bill were completed loday and the preliminary fight be set for Friday afternoon.

The bill was first introduced in Common Council early in 1945. It was reported favorably by the committee on law and was set down for passage. It never was the Mark Stock ley reintroduced the same bill. It was referred to a subcommittee, with charles be in the Charmer of Commerce by Richards and the same bill. It was referred to a subcommittee, with charles be in the Charmer of Commerce by Richards and the same bill. It was referred to a subcommittee, with charles by Richards with a loss of others from the publicaled of the same bill. It was referred to a subcommittee, with charles by Richards with a loss of others from the published by Richards and the lost minute it was planned, but at the last minute it was a legson in unmodule edition. The next highest to the long was planned, but at the last minute it was called off. It came to life today after a long sleep,

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Solight to find not merely some remedy for exis, but some more dependable organization of the Government so as to essen the danger of the recurrence of these

Prom then on every speaker pointed out significally the remedies for the evils to which Mr. Winston referred. Thomas Raeharn White showed the advantages of a smaller Councils; Joseph P. Gaffuss on phasized the need of a new existen of asassumed on real estate; Mr. McNeedan dwell upon the importance of taking from the Board of Judges the power to name the Board of Education and the Board of terision of Taxes and the power to grant ignor herbors.
The conflicting systems of county and

ity were thucked upon by Mr White be-ore his argument in favor of a reduction of Councils to Hitees subgried members. The civil service is for the city and not the county," he said. "The county claims for the county. The said, "The county claims the right to mandamus the city breasurs to committee can hold county offices without being legally dual officenders. They are not permitted to hold city offices." He used this as an argument for the consolidation of the oil the city and county governments.

REDUCE COUNCILMEN

"KID" JUSTICE BRINGS WOE TO YOUTHFUL HEART, BUT IS MIGHTY FORCE FOR YOUTHFUL HONESTY



"You Are Banished From the Bryn Mawr Community Center for Seven Days," Is Doom of Youth Who Knew How to Tell on Himself

ITME court was silent. The age worn fall | bar will stay out of the Community Cents I may pin did not cry forth the stillness, clubroom for the term of seven days."

Mr. McKeehan summed up his argument in one sentence, this in regard to the Judges naming the Board of Education. "And yet this board is answerable to the people only through Judges, whose election we would have a good administration of city affairs," he said, "no money should be taken from the City Treasury unless political politics."

The suggested that either this power of the Judges be vested in the Mayor or the offices of the Board of Education and of the Excose Commission, which would have the suggestion Commissioners, were deemed important.

offices of the Board of Education and of the Excese Commission, which would have the bower to gram Received. The liquor license question is a bad thing for the bench, he added. "The neople have been fortunate in having the bench of a indiciary whose integrity is heyond question."

It was on this question of the powers of the Board of Andges that former Judge than to the extent of vesting in the present of the Board of Andges that former Judge than the property of the County Commissioners. He urged, to this end, the abolition of the constitutional requirement for elected of levying a tax." he arose to remark in

of levying a tax, he arese to remark in amager to one of the objections of Mr. McKeehah, unless it night be called such by its having the margin of one mill. The Legislature fixes a minimum of five milis and a maximum of six milis for taxing "I am willing," said Mr. Beeber, "to con-

"I am willing, said Mr. Beeber, "to concede that better ways of setting members
of the Board of Education can be found.
As to the election of the board by a direct
vote, it would make the school system
capable of being made into the greatest
political machine the country has ever seen
a system besides which the city emnaives would be the Faistaffs in election
work compared to the efficiency of the
school political machine. Since I have
been voting only once has the electionate
chosen a man for Mayor who was not
catable of athliting the police force for
politics. The right kind of a man could
not get a nomination by the dominant
party."

Change the system of naming members of the Board, if you will, but don't call it a tax-levying body. There is no anxiety among members of the Board of Education "The greatest need, however, he said, "is for the reorganization of City Connells the body as constituted at present is helf ficient, connersome and unwieldy. We have question, Philiadelphia has no right to

system to anything England had in the "Councils should consist of any bary for more than twenty-five members We Judge Beeber, whether you have a furking

Ling pin did not cry forth the stiliness, but something infinitely more impressive told the tate of awchome moments. The stern hand of the law was descending on the braid of the law was descending on the braid of one Jimmie J.—The stern hand measured for a number five glove; it held a gavel that supplication; suggested a peaceful one foot ruler, and it was washed for long steeves.

"Gentlemen of the lary," said the voice that went with the stern hand, "you have returned a verdet of guilty for the prismer at the bar. You have decided that he was the parts who threw the water that made the mark which may now be seen on the wall of the girls cooking room. I will now deal out justice. The prisoner at the

suggest lifteen two elected from each sens-torial district. Each should receive \$2500, with an additional \$2500 for chairman of the finance committee."

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The next biggest question brought up during the evening was presented by Mr. Keehan, whose recommendation that the judiciary he relieved of the power of appointing important boards was warmly pointing important boards was warmly welcomed.

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CAMDEN CHARITY REFORMS URGED

Co-operation and Annual Budget Among Points in Report to Bureau

WHITE LIST' ADVOCATED

Sweeping changes in the methods of con-Sweeping changes in the methods of con-ducting charities in Camden County, estab-lishment of a workhouse for prisoners, an industrial home for the aged and offy-supervision over all charity work are some of the recommendations which will be made to the board of directors of the Associated harities Bureau, at its next meeting, by

the Rev. Zed H. Copp. general secretary of the organization.

Mr. Copp. who is an evangelist and mem-ber of the Interdenominational Associa-tion of Evangellists of Winons Lake, Ind., will embody the suggestions in his first annual report, which is the result of a year's investigation into social conditions

The items, he declares, are merely sugsective of what should be seriously con-sidered from time to time in the city and county of Camden, and are as follows:

First Strictly enforce law against begging on street from door to door. Second. Cossolidate duplicating acceptes and institutions and require such and all others to maintain a maximum service.

Third. Authorize committee of char-ilies indersement which shall, upon in-vestigation, prepare a "white list" of worthy charities.

worthy charities.

Fourth. Recommend a charities budget for all charities of the city. This would require an annual report from each charity with estimates for the ensuing year, the whole to be put into a joint appeal for the various beneficiaries and the total amount raised at one time. In one effort, to the comfort and estimation of both deports and and satisfaction of both donors and

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Fifth Establish an industrial home for the Aged, where such persons could be cared for and employed according to their ability to work.

Sixth. Open neighborhood houses in the several districts of the city which shall operate, as models for the community and afford a social center for the neighborhood. Seventh. Grant scholarships for poor children of working age which will enable them to finish school and pre-

pare for lucrative employment. Eighth. Enact legislation that will authorize the appointment of a guardian for persons and families habitually receiving public charity. Such persons are as incompetent to have property and manage their own affairs as "infants" under legal age.

Ninth. Require all nonsupport cases to be heard in a court of justice. See that an adequate amount is allowed, sufficient bonds given and prompt notice to the court of default in pay-ment made. Taxpayers and the char-ities would thus be relieved from the duty of having to support more than

one family.

Tenth. Operate a workhouse for South Jersey prisoners where all classes of inmates shall be required to perform labor, the earning from which shall be paid to their dependents at



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not disappoint. I decided that the energy that was going toward mischlef-making might as well be used for something better. It was just a matter of changing standards. The old standard read: How many things can I put over on the teacher? The new one is: There's no one to put anything over on but ourselves, and it is no fun fooling your best friend.

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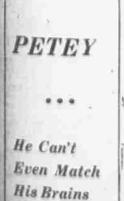
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