PROPOSED OTHER LAWS

Introduces Mandamus Resolution and Project Affecting Mercantile Levies

By a Staf Correspondent

HARRISBURG. Feb. 20.—A measure requiring the preparation of a budget before the Philadelphia tax rate is fixed is before the Senate today as one of the three companion bills making up the proposed charter revision acts. It was introduced by Senator Edwin H. Vare, who also introduced the other two bills, which would restrict the issuance of mandamunes and give State mercantile taxes to countles, cities, boroughs and townships.

The bills were drafted by William Draper Lewis, for the Charter Revision Committee, and Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Councils' Legislative Committee.

The budget bill provides that within the first fifteen days of October of each year the Mayor of Philadelphia shall submit to Councils a budget which shall include information, estimates and recommendations regarding all finances over which Councils have control. All departments, bureaus, commissions, officials and others whose salaries and expenses are paid out of the funds under the courter, of Councils to councils and the funds under the courter, of Councils and the funds under the courter.

aries and expenses are paid out of the funds under the control of Councils shall furnish the Mayor with information desired in making up the budget.

The measure further provides that it shall be the duty of Councils to consider the budget in open public meetings, and that between December 1 and 15 it shall in one ordinance apportion the appropriations among the departments, bureaus, etc., for the ensuing calendar year and in the same ordinance Councils shall fix a tax rate which will provide revenue to equal the total estimated expenses of the ensuing year and the estimated excess. If any, of the expenses of the then current year over the applicable revenue of such current year.

The bill also provides that no money horrowed by the city shall be applied to any purpose than that for which it shall have been become.

purpose than that for which it shall have been borrowed. The bill restricting the issuances of man-damuses provides that no court in the Commonwealth shall have the power to issue r writ of mandamus to the treasurer of any county, township, city, borough or school district to compel the payment of money (whether in satisfaction of a judgment or otherwise) for the salary, wages or other compensation of any officer or employe; for supplies; for rent for any real estate or for the purchase of real setate for any mu-nicipality or school district unless the body having jurisdiction over the finances of such municipality or school district shall have authorized the liability to be incurred. Also, no court shall have the power to issue a writ of mandamus to compel bodies having jurisdiction over finances to make an appropriation for any of the purposes above specified unless the Legislature shall have so fixed.

Senator Vars also introduced a bill are

Senator Vare also introduced a bill pro viding that all mercantile taxes shall be retained by the counties, and after the de-duction of fees and other expenses of collection they shall be divided among all cities, boroughs and townships within the countles. Part of the tax now goes to the

The bill embraces mercantile taxes col lected under the act of May 2, 1899; bil-lard, pool and shooting gallery taxes col-lected under the act of May 25, 1967; brokers' license taxes collected under the act of May 7, 1907. This bill affects the

Sproul Probe Put Up to Governor

\$750,000 in the next two years, possibly more. He said the lowest license fee now is \$5. He would not change the license fees of larger cars, but merely establish the

The one per cent tax on real estate is being considered by Senator T. Larry Eyre, of Chester County, but the sentiment in the Legislature is said to be strongly against any further burdening of real esagainst any further burdening of real estate so long as it is possible more to equally distribute the charges. Longing eyes are being cast once more on the personal property tax which was taken entirely out of the hands of the State by the Legislature in 1913 when one of the all-Philadelphia beautified insufface insurance companies hazard in reputable insurance companies in bills was passed diverting the entire amount to countles so that the berrowing capacity in Philadelphia might be increased to permit the financing of the high-speed transit

Definite checks, which have been made by the State government on the personal property collections by the counties since that time, have shown a very decided falling off in revenue. Before the act was passed the State collected the money and returned three-fourths to the counties. Now returned three-fourths to the counties. Now the counties, it is said, realize a sum less than the three-quarters, which they formerly received from the State, though they get all that is collected. Personal property is realized as one of the most fer-tile fields for taxation, though it is the hardest to get at at the present time.

The proposition that farmers' vehicles be taxed just as automobiles are taxed to maintain the roads originates in the idea that the farmers have been more or less "sucred cows," so far as taxation is concerned, an dthat they benefit just as much
from good roads in hauling produce to
market with horses as do the automobilists.
The biggest possibility of all is coal—and
one of the most difficult—for th, 1911 coal
tax was declared unconstitutional and the
1913 coal tax fell in the same manner. If

some method could be found of legally es-tablishing this tax against all questions of constitutionality the amount realized would some method could be found of legally very nearly settle all the State's financial difficulties, since the return, it is said, would be in excess of \$5,000,000.

Fish forestry and game regulations are oming in for careful scrutiny with the idea coming in for careful scrutiny with the idea that ultimately the three commissions can be combined with a great saving in over-head expense. hTe \$1 fish tax would be a source of revenue even greater than the hunting tax, which has become so great that the Game Commission has \$362,00)

"We're Starving," Says German Woman LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 20 .- The reports as to the food situation in Germany are so conflicting that the information contained "on" a letter received by Mrs. Christian Schmidt, of New Previdence, from a relative in Germany, a woman, is of interest. The writer asked her to keep the stamp as a souvenir. Suspecting a hidden meaning she carefully removed the stamp and was surprised to see this written message; "We are starving."

Head of Augustinian Order Dies The Very Rev. Nicholas J. Murphy, pro-ncial of the Augustinian Order in the nited States, died last night in the rectory the Church of St. Nicholas of Tolentine, of the Church of St. Nicholas of Tolentine, in New York. Funeral services will be held in Villanova, Pa., next Friday. The Rev. Pather Murphy was born in New York in 1865 and educated at Villanova College. He was ordained in 1877 and was rector of several churches in this city and in New York. He was elevated to the head of the Augustinian Order in 1914.

tule Thieves Trade Tires for "Gas"

acts About Charter Bill Now Before State Senate

PHILADELPHIA'S three charter

1. Require Mayor to submit annual budget of estimated revenue and expenditures to Councils within first fifteen days of October, upon receipt of which Councils, within first fifteen days of December, shall first fifteen days of December, shall fix the city tax rate;

2. Restrict the power of courts to issue write of mandamus, whether in satisfaction of judgments or otherwise, and remove power to compel appropriations to pay salaries of publiciofficials not fixed by act of

3. Require mercantile taxes throughout State to be turned over to cities, boroughs and townships.

MINE BUREAU PLANS DRASTIC SAFETY CODE

Bill Would Give Governor Power of Appointing Inspectors

By a Staff Correspondent HARRISBURG, Feb. 20,-James E. Roderick, chief of the Bureau of Mines and Mining, favors taking the naming of mine inspectors in the anthracite region out of the hands of the voters. He would have the inspectors appointed by the Governor This is a feature of his draft of a new hard coal mine code in a bill introduced in the House last night by Representative chairman of the Committee on Mines and Mining.

"There are many drastic features to the bill." said Chief Roderick today, "I expect many of its sections will be opposed by operators and miners alike. But I believe adoption of the code will mea-

The new code follows the lines of recommendation made to the Legislature in 1913 by a commission named in 1911. The rs' union defeated the Roderick code years ago and its lobbyists here are y to again renew the attack.

The code calls for two inspections dails of every working place in a mine. This is now done every other day. Chief Rod says an inspection, morning and after

noon, of every chamber, would tend to re-duce the number of accidents. Under the new code, the inspectors elected hast November would serve until January, 921, when they would be succeeded by the overnor's appointees following examina-ion before a board comprising two mining agineers and three practical miners of ot less than five years experience each, the examiners also being appointed by the Governor. Candidates for mine inspector would have to be thirty-five years old. The term of mine inspector would be four years nder the proposed code

INSURANCE BOARD CHIEF REPLIES TO LEGISLATORS

Commissioner O'Neil Also Files Answer to Request Dealing With Compensation Funds

HARRISHURG, Feb. 20.-In response to resolution adopted last week directing the Insurance Commissioner and Workmen's Compensation Fund to furnish a list of insurance companies to whom State Compensation Fund insurance has been underwritten, with amounts of insurance, the State Workmen's Insurance Board, through its chairman, Robert K. Young, has submitted to the Legislature a list of all the insurance companies by whom the risks of the State companies by whom the risks of the State Workmen's Insurance Fund have been undurwritten, together with the amounts of in-surance carried with each of said compa-nies. The list follows: London Lloyd's, \$165,000.

Excess Insurance Company, Ltd., Lon-Consolidated Assurance Company, Ltd.,

London, \$15,000. The board in submitting the list baid: "Efforts were made by the board to place reinsurance of catastrophe hazard with a company or companies licensed to do this class of insurance in Pennsylvania. Not succeeding in this undertaking, reinsurance licensed to do this class of business in Pennsylvania—and still stands ready so to do upon as favorable terms as those on

which it is now being obtained. Insurance Commissioner O'Neil also sent communication in response to the reso-tion. He stated there is no record in the Insurance Department showing any transaction of the State insurance fund. After stating that the workmen's insur-ance fund had placed insurance with the companies mentioned in the communication of Chairman Young, Commissioner O'Neil said these transactions occurred previous to his appointment as Insurance Commis-

WOULD TURN RAILROAD INTO MOTOR BOULEVARD

Bill Proposes Abandoped Line to Alford Be Taken Over by State

By a Staff Correspondent HARRISBURG, Feb. 20.—To pave the way for the State's taking over the aban-doned right of way of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad between Clarks Summit and Alford and making it an Emproved State highway, Representative

High A. Dawson, of Lackawanna, intro-duced a bill in the House last night. The Dawson bill would permit the State to seize the abandoned right of way in the same manner in which toll roads and turnpikes are now taken over by the Commo

Scranton motorists behind the Dawson neasure believe the roadbed could be turned into a boulevard at small expense and would greatly reduce the present mileage between Scrauton and Binghamton

STERN PLANS STATE TAX ON VENDING MACHINES

\$2,000,000 Revenue Will Be Added to Income, Says Philadelphian

By a Staff Correspondent HARRISHURG, Feb. 20 .- Representative Isadore Stern, Philadelphia, will introduce in the House today a bill which, on its face.

in the House today a bill which, on its face, will give the State an additional revenue of between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. The measure would tax every vending machine in the State \$1 a year.

"Most of these machines," said Mr. Stern, "are owned by firms or persons outside the State, who pay no tax whatever and have very few overhead charges.

"I was washing my hands one day with Senator McNichol, and we looked around us for some soap and towels. We had to pay a nickel apiece for them, and along the walls there were also vending machines for peanuts, chewing gum and a dozen other things. We conceived the idea that here was a good source of revenue for the State."

Delaware Dragged for Drowned Man An unidentified man fell leto the Dela-ware River late last night and was drowned. The accident happened at Delaware ave-nue and Spruce street. The police boat Stokley has been sant to drag the river for the body.

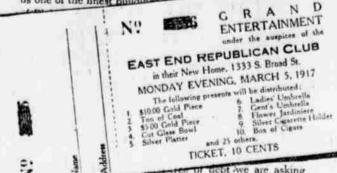


COPS "INVITED" TO BOOM LOTTERY



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nelp at this time, in helping us to raise the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to pay off the remaining part due on the contract for our new building, and we ask that you kindly assist by disposing of the enclosed tickets and make returns not later than Friday, March 2, 1917.

Yours truly,

THOMAS J. LAPPIN, Chairman JAMES G. CALDWELL, Secretary RICHARD McFADDEN, Treasurer

Sample of one of the lottery tickets and a copy of the "invitation" sent to policemen of the Twenty-sixth Ward in violation of the law. The corresponding numbers on the ticket have been "censored" to protect the bluecoat who furnished it.

SCRANTON TO PUSH BILL AGAINST MINE CAVES

Will Fight for Measure Drafted | Among Drastic Plans Considered by J. A. Scarlet, Capitol Graft Case Prosecutor

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Feb. 20.-Scranton people, bent of saving their lives and preventing their homes from being destroyed by mine aves, have carried their fight to the Legis-A. Scarlet, at the instance of the Scranton Surface Protective Association, made its apearance. The Scarlet bill would make it a criminal offense to so disturb the surface, in the taking out of the coal, as to endanger the lives of the occupants of the surface and cause damage to homes, pub-lic buildings, industrial plants, churches, etc.

Representative Hugh A. Dawson, who is to lead the fight for the bill in the House, said today that just as soon as the Scran-ton people are ready to come here to present their arguments, he will arrange for a public hearing before the Committee on Mines and Mining. Senator Lynch is handling the bill in the Senate. Senators and representatives from the anthracite counties in conference here January 22, with a delega-tion from the Scranton Surface Protective Association, pioneer in the movement for remedial legislation, pledged their suppor

Jaij sentences and beavy fines would be imposed on every person, individual, operator or contractor, who in the mining of coal would cause the surface to drot The Scarlet bill, written by the man who sent the State Capitol grafters to prison provides for a jail term of from ninety days to one year and fines of not less than \$1000 and not more than \$5000 for each offense. Every general manager or superintendent comes under the provisions of the

Every corporation violating the act could be fined from \$1000 to \$5000. The work of imapecting the mines is left to the mine in-spectors. In the event of the inspector finding a violation of the proposed law, he is authorized to institute criminal proceedings against the men in charge of the work. Failure on the part of the inspector to take the initiative would permit the authorities in the municipality where the mine is located to cause arrests to be made. If the authorities fight shy of prosecuting, an individual could lodge the complaint.

POLAND TO BE UNITED, FREE

Count Wielopolski Authorized by the Czar to Say So

The Sprava Polska, of Petrograd, gives In its Issue of January 14 a written state-ment from Count Sigmund Wielopolski about his recent audience of the Czar, when he conveyed the thanks of the Polish na tion for the pledges of reuniting free Po-land, as given in the recent imperial order f the day to the Russian army, Count Wielopolski says:

"I am authorized to give the following clear and unmistakable interpretation the imperial words:

"Poland is to be united. Poland is to be free; which means that she is to have separate State organization, with her own Houses of Parliament and her own army "The victory of Russia and her ailies will assure the fulfillment of our most sacred desire, and will enable the Polish nation to tand on an equal footing with other na-

Two Injured as Auto Upsets

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 26. — A big touring auto, in which William D. Schantz, of Allentown, and six others were returning home after attending a dinner at the Northampton Country Club, was wrecked when it turned upside down on the new William Penn Highway, between Butstown and Oakland Park. Mrs. Schantz and Russell Weaver were the most seriously intured.



'CEASE LOADING CARS' IS EMBARGO REMEDY

to Relieve Congestion Is 'Fast Week'

shipping interests and connected organi-cations were told yesterday by railway offi-cials that the only present reinedy for the freight congestion, which has resulted in embargoes by many railroads on east-bound carload freight, was for sloppers to cease loading cars, especially for the East, until cars now tied up at eastern terminals are It was decided to hold daily meetings of

a joint committee representing the rail-roads and the Chamber of Commerce to consider plans for relieving the congastion. B. F. Bush, president of the Missouri Pa-cific, was asked to appoint the railroad representatives. What would be known as "fast week"

was suggested in the conference. C. W. club's he Nelson, of the special car committee of He was the American Railroad Association, who dea it was, explained that during such a week shippers would not be required to load cars. This, he said, would give the railroads opportunity to clear freight house and terminals and would lead to the lifting of embargoes on many classes of freight.

5000 GREET LONE GUARDSMAN

Chester Crowd Waiting for Companies Cheer Advance Guard

CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 28.-One lone of the train here today as 5000 men, women and children of the town, who had gathered to welcome companies B and C home from the border, shouled and clapsed. Whistles shrieked and bells clanged a rejoicing that well-nigh overwhelmed Wil-liam Thorne, of Company B, as he arrived

Thorne had managed to get away abend

FOOD REGULATION BILL AND OTHERS IN SENATE

HARRISBURG, Feb. 20 .- Among the bills introduced in the Senate were the following:

By Mr. Sproul. Delaware—Exampling from
inheritance tases bequests to institutions of

innertinue to the temperature of institutions of the fourth. Allegheny—Regulating the sale of food when not by weight, measure or count. Mr. Jenkins. Philadelphia—Exempting from taxation all either bonds and bonds of All other political subdivisions of the State.

Mr. Ispach, Lacchawantas—Represiling the act of July 75, 1913, regulating hominations and elections in second class cities insofar as it relates to nominations and elections for elective offices in second class cities insofar as it relates to nominations and elections for elective offices in second class cities insofar as it restates to nominations and elections for elective offices in second class cities insofar as it restates and found for retirement of public school teachers; also a bill establishing physical education and training in public schools and creating the Bureau of Physical Education in the Department of Public Instruction.

Mr. Semmens, Allegheny—Requiring County Commissioners to construct certain bridges on State highways crossing rivers or other streams and also callions tracks, and assessing the cost of the State, county and rathroad.

Endless Chain Ticket Man Freed WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 26.—Patrici chain ticket plan here, was dismissed of a charge of violating the lottery laws of the State in the City Court yesterday Judge Churchman held there was no evidence substantiating the charge.

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CLUB LOTTERY HAS COPS "UP A TREE"

East End Republicans, in Vare Stronghold, Need the Money

POLICEMEN THE VICTIMS

Forced to Sell Tickets or Buy Them, Notwithstanding Law of the State

The fat finger of political Mammon has stretched forth once more and is collecting shekels today from the city's policemen. Not only are the "police in politics" again openly-but the State laws, which place forteries among the crimes punishable by fine and imprisonment, are being violated by the policemen at the beheat of politicians. who themselves are violating the law.

It is the same old lottery game. East End Republican Club, at 1333 South Broad street, Vare stronghold of the Twen ty-sixth Ward, has distributed books of stray tickets for sale. Policemen living to the ward who are members of the club-that is, ninety-nine-one-hundredths of them —have received their quota, \$5 worth each. So have barkeepers, cigar store proprietors and other holders of little shops in the ward. The money for these tickets is to be turned it by March 2, three days before the time set for the prize drawing, which will be held at a "grand entertainment" at the

It is not wise to return any of the tickets Money talks. It speaks loudly, asking for solitical favors.

This condition might have passed unno-ticed, githough several police officials con-versant with the anti-lottery laws are members of the club, of which former Representative Pred W. Willard is president. But the imposition rankled several policemen and they "peached." The macing is more sovere than ever this year. Where the "coppers" were "invited" to buy \$3 worth of theets for hist year the sum is \$5. and the cost of living is higher this year. CHURCH "DRAWING" FORBIDDEN

The sale of the lottery tickets goes on Robinson has gone on record as opposing letteries. "Raffles" beld at church entertainments, when brought to his attention, have been quashed by his order. To the Polish Young Men's Catholle Association,

n notifying it that its proposed lattery was diegal, he wrote: "We will not permit the proposed drawing to take place, as it would be in violation of the laws of this State to conduct such a

which Police Lieutenant John F. Echter-meyer, then president of the ciub, was ac-cused of making policemen in civilian clothes sell lottery tickets to saloonkespers. the promoters of this year's lottery have taken pains to observe as much caution as

"GROSTS" DISTRIBUTE TICKETS

The messengers of the club-"ghosts," Each envelope contained five books of lotcular signed by Thomas J. Lappin, chair man: James G. Caldwell, secretary, and Richard McFadden, trensurer, and a re-turn envelope addressed to Lappin, in which the money collected was to be indosed and matted.

The circular informed the recipient that \$2000 is needed to pay off the debt occasloned by alterations and additions to the closed tickets and make returns not later than Friday, March 2. The tickets are the same style lottery tickets as were used last year. Each contains a number, with a corresponding number on the stub. e lifting holders of the lucky numbers receive the ten "presents" listed on the ticket, "and twenty-five others."

POLICEMEN "UP A TREE" "I wouldn't dare to sell one of these things," declared a despondent "copper," who had secreted the tell-tale envelope and is contents in his home. on, because I know I'd be breaking the

"It's a funny thing. Here I am with a uniform on, supposed to uphold the law.

And the very people that ought to help me break the law themselves and want me to What can'l do? They've got me up a tree.

"I won't sell the things. But I've got to pay my \$5 just the same, because

What State Law Says Concerning Lotteries

"ALL lotteries, whether public or private, for moneys, goods, wares or merchandise, chattels, lands, tenements, hereditaments or other matters or things whatsoever, are hereby declared to be common nuisances; and every grant, bargain, sale, conveyance or transfer of any goods or chattels, tenements or hereditaments which shall be made in pursuance of such lottery, is hereby declared to be invalid and

"If any persons shall, within this State, either publicly or privately, erect, set up, open, make or draw any such lottery as aforesaid, or be in any way concerned in the managing, conducting or carrying on the same, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and undergo an impris-onment, by separate or solitary confinement at labor, not exceeding one -Pennsylvania Laws.

day I may want \$5 worth of favors, I can't kick. I've been on the force these seventeen years, with only three more to go for a pension. Mum's the word." Other policemen based their objection not upon scruples, but because it is difficult to sell tickets now. This means a dead loss of \$5 apiece. Some of the policemen, young and ambitious for political favors, are selling the tickets as fast as they can. But is hard to buy a ticket. they can. But it is hard to buy a ticket. Barkeepers in the ward, remembering last year's expose and fearing to take the con-requences this year, observe silence re-garding tickets. They prefer to pay the

LOTTERY NOT A LOTTERY

The "official" view of the case taken by the club is the the lottery is not a lottery. "I will state unequivocally that this is not a raffle or lottery," said Thomas J. Lappin, chairman of the committee, who is also vice president of the club. "Our club would not countenance such a thing. We know better than that.

"Why isn't it a lottery? Because it is strictly a club affair. That makes it all right. No nonmember has a ticket. The tickets were distributed among members, but no member, except a few like myself. received more than a couple of dollars'

Mr. Lappin was asked to whom the recipients of the tickets were supposed to sell the tickets. "Only to members," he replied. The club. e said, had between 250 and 275 members

cloding about fifty policemen and fire-"We sent a couple of dollars' worth of

"And every member receive dollars" worth to sell to othe he was asked.

"Yes," he replied. "Only to mer

20,000 FOR 375 MEMBERS It was pointed out to Mr. Lappin to tickets had been sold to nonmembers (pro-ably because the 375 members found it perplexing problem to sell 20,000 tickets to

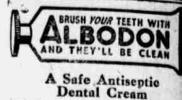
"If that' is the case, such sales were made without the knowledge or consent of the club," he said. "The men who bought them will not be admitted to the entertainment. They will be halted at the

"That would be rather hard on the pus-chasers of the tickets," he was told. "Will they get their money back?"

"Why, yes, they will," he said thought fully. "Their money will be refunded at the door, if I have to do it myself, the door, if I have to do it myself, the content of this entertainment is 'members only." That keeps it from being a lottery."

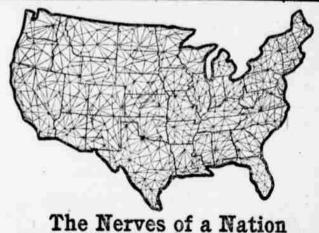
Mr. Lappin admitted that if some n member should sneak past the guards at the door the affair might be construed as lottery. He apparently had not read the State anti-lottery law, which specifically says that such affairs, "whether public or private," are "common nuisances." If some nonmember should hold one of the prize winning tickets—but the too horrible to be entertained

Britain Suspends Grand Juries LONDON Feb. 20.—A bill suspending grand juries for the period of the sai and six months thereafter has been adopted by the House of Commons.



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