\$2.52 TAX RATE

inance Chairman Disreards Controller's Warning Until After Election

SILL RETAINS OLD LEVY

the face of a statement by Controlle on that a \$2.53 tax rate in 1918 was of if present extravagant gov nial methods are to continue, Joseph they, the Vare head of the Finance this afternoon introduced as nance fixing the tax rate for 1918 at II Is with an additional fifty cents fo onal purposes.

At the same time Gaffney made a long nent belittling the statement made in introller Walton's report, Chairman Gaffy sild that the present tax rate as intro ed this afternoon will form a basis fo on when the subject is brought up ance Committee of Councils rate must be fixed by December 1.

introduction of the Gaffney resolutil after election day, next Tuesday. Controller's report was referred to nce Committee. In commenting upor have not had, of course, an oppor-to analyze in detail the Controller's e, but from the morning newspapers made it as sad and sorrowful as d. He has not, however, wiped out heavens the sun, moon and stars still continue to give their light, th and offer hope. But even a casual lnation of the figures in the Conre statement discloses that the dismal prepared for popular consumption is apported by the Controller's own fig-

year the requests total \$48.791. Every member of Councils will be with a copy of these requests, smake of the political battle now ng the entire city has cleared away. will settle down to consider those re-mts, not as partisans, not as factionalists, as the representatives of all the people To have on our hands the preparation of a ordinary budget. As chairman of that ery important committee, I invite the aid, making that budget, not only of every number of Select and Common Councils. familiar with and interested in a solution of the city's great financial as. None of us should be carried of, set by the general and sweeping argen now being mide upon the stump ch epidemics are neither new nor confined Philadelphia—they are to be found political battles rage

Last Priday I read in the LEDGER that he turn of Judge Hylan, the Tammany and date for Mayor of New York city the had been prancing about that city rously attacking as extravagant Mayor hel's budget for 1918, had been called the Mayor, who invited Judge Hylan appear before the budget committee at a hearing and may just what should be it out of the budget of 1918. And so day, in Philadelphia, not only is an invition extended, but I say it is the duty every person who is now making genual charges, to appear before the Finance. tee at its budget meeting this month scifically point out extravagance and regardless of whom it may but it the complainants every opportunity be Leard, and if any man, employe or r ctor, is improperty obtaining money in the City Treasury, then the citizens Philadelphia should have it so definitely ed that information may be lodged th the District Attorney for speedy prose-

say candidly and honestly to the le of Philadelphia, as I have done bethat neither politics nor political its will cure their financial life. Be-Philadelphia can make any real subtial progress three reforms are essential progress. ary: First, separate assess of land and buildings; second, an nt machinery for the collection of upon personal property; third, a system of financing and accounting

SHOP COLLOQUY

At the conclusion of Mr. Gaffney's speech on Councilman Lamberton, of the v-second Ward, demanded to know the tax rate next year will not be over

Search your own conscience. Is not the asked for a political purpose?" erton replied, "The citizens of Phila tin have the right to know, as far as dbie, what they will have to pay. is certainly for political purposes reply, Gaffney said, 'If any one is gfully taking money from the city, the much-talked-about contractors. join with you in putting them in

Lamberton replied, "I want to make cer charges here as a member of this y. I charge that during the last two ks city employes have been used for tical purposes; an employe of this body been aiding in legal proceedings; police firemen are being used in politics; other employes are being used as writ-servers,

I protest against such action."

t this point Gaffney jumped to his feet maid, "I think you will find a Judge be court in Philadelphia is doing expression to the same thing these others are

is F. Conn. of the Eighth Ward, who d in the absence of Dr. Edward B. put an end to further discussion ag for a continuation of the regular

f of business, com figures given out in Controller ton's statement today it was estimated the tax for 1918 would be \$2.13. oller Walton in his report to Coun-is that the city has a borrowing for port and transit facilities of olde, and in addition a borrowing fitr for any municipal purpose of \$2,000 provided that construction work on ntion hall, museum of art and court be delayed.

court be delayed.

speaking of the city's borrowing ca
the Controller said: "In endeavordetermine the unfunded debt obli1 have sought advice of the City
or and have been informed that
estanding awards of juries and boards
and mandamuses amount to \$5,
the has further advised me view and mandamuses amount to 30,-131.13. He has further advised me the cest of the convention hall, museum art and nunicipal court, which would whre additional money in order to com-need not be considered unfunded tuniese the municipal authorities in-

uniese the municipal authorities intego on with the work.

Invo also raised the question with the selicitor as to a possible unfunded y in excess of the latest estimate of rector of the Department of Chy over the amount of funds specificathorized to be borrowed by Countagled transit, viz., \$63,109,000. The latest official estimate places the \$98,380,000 which is \$27,880,000 in of the funds provided.

In question of estimate of loan funds to funds of estimate of loan funds to fur 1918 Controller Walton says; addition to such balances of loan available during the remainder of shall be unexpended at the close year and thus available for 1918, it nated that the increase in the actual valuative, of property, together amount of \$12,000,000 available accuming fund in city loans, will release authorization and appropriations authorization and appropriations and appropriations and appropriations and appropriations.

WILL PUNISH UKRAINE FOR VIOLATING PLEDGE

Russia's Provisional Government Will Take Drastic Steps for Attempt at Independence

PETROGRAD. Nov. 1. — Drastic steps will be taken against the general secretariat of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ukraine, for its attempt to set up an independent constituent assembly in violation of fermer pledges, according to today's announcement of plans adopted at the last meeting of the

Provisional Government.

The cancellation of the subsidy of 300,-000 rubles to the Ukrainian Cabinet was the first step. A judiciary investigation will follow, it is said.

MISS BERTHA DILLON LOWERS TRACK RECORD

Serrill Drives Trotter to New Mark at Narberth, Going Mile in 2:0714

NARBERTH, Pa., No. 1,-Joe Serrill drove Miss Bertha Dillon to a record in an exhibition mile at the Belment track this Miss Bertha Dillon, with a mark of 2:03%, trotted the distance in 2:07%, lowering the mark by two seconds held by Bertha Maguire.

The meeting today was the final of the daters of Mercy. The exhibition mile Miss Bertha Dillon was the feature of the veil-balanced program.

In the 2:35 trot Grotte, driven by Me-Gonagle, was the winner in three heats, taking second in the first heat and coming me a winner in the second and third. Hai Caine was second and Haitle B. Third. Lord Oliver, driven by J. White, led a fast field in the 2:15 trot in straight heats. with R. J. S. second. Jolly Landlord. ough with flying colors in the 2:30 Van M. was second, Strawberry third and Todd Enfield fourth.

BERT BELL TO START LAFAYETTE CONTEST

Injured Quarterback Makes Favorable Showing in Scrimmage-Sheridan Reports

Bert Bell will start the Penn game at quarterback against Lafayette Saturday The showing of the injured field general in the scrimmage brought forth this decision this afternoon. Bell has recovered from the joiling he received against Georgia Tech and now is in condition to get in shape for the big games, and he will receive his first test against the none-too-strong Lafayette

eleven.

A number of the Benn utility men most likely will get a change against the Eastonians. Kraus, member of the freshmen team last year, is expected to see service in the backfield. Well, substitute end during most of the season, now is the utility quarterback, and if anything happens to Bell he will receive the assignment to call

the signals and direct the play.

Well has been wearing a bandage around his knee for a few weeks, but he has been ordered to remove it, as the coach believes it handicapped him in casching forward

of the University last year, reported for duty this afternoon. Sheridan was down on the Mexic in border with the troops last ummer and injured his knee. It was of such a serious nature that he was discharged from the army. He then decided to enter the University again. His knee has responded to treatment and he does not look for any trouble on the gridiron.

PENN HARRIERS LEAVE FOR ITHACA TOMORROW

Hill and Dale Runners to Compete Against Cornell and Carnegie Tech

The University of Pennsylvania Crosscountry team will leave tomorrow afternoon for Ithaca to meet the hill and dale runners of Cornell University and Carnegie Tech. Harvey Price, Mike McHale, Cummings, Glover, Halley, Erdman and Brooks have been chosen by Coach Lawson Robertson to wear and Red and Blue in Saturday's race, and they are expected to finish near

the leaders. Glover is the national A. A. U. five-mil hampion and during the summer months an under the colors of Meadowbrook Club. of this city. He entered Penn from Prince-Another well-known distance runne ran for Cornett.

Penn has a fine change of winning Satorday's race, as Cornell has only one varsity man entered, the other having left the institution. Dressed, however, was the fastest man on the squad last year and will give the other entrants a battle for leading honors. Carnegie team has entered a team of veterans. The run will start at 1:30 and will be finished before the kick-off of the Cornell football game.

\$200 Offer for Penn Play

If you are a graduate or undergraduate of the University of Pennsylvania and would like to make \$200, listen! The Mask and Wig Club has offered that sum for a suitable liberette for its next play next Easter. The manuscripts should be ad-dressed to the chairman of the play committee, \$10 Quince street, not later than December 1. The competition is open only to alumni or undergraduates.



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ROTAN PROBE NOW **CENTERS ON IMBER**

District Attorney Will Go Ahead With Investigation of Magistrates

GETS MOYAMENSING DATA

Magistrate Harry J. Imber is under in estigation today, according to a statement by District Attorney Rotan, following the arrest of Magistrate George A. Persch on a warrant accusing him of misdemeanor in office, failing to keep his books in compil-ance with the law and embezzlement.

"We are going on with the investiga-ion," said Mr. Rotan. "I don't know what we will find. We are now investigating Magistrate Imber's conduct of his office. The District Attorney today obtained from Moyamensing prison all the com-

mitments and discharges signed by Magistrate Imber in the last thicteen monthsnumbaring 1100. From the Controller's of-fice the District Attorney obtained 2000 or more documents of various kinds signed by Imber and all Imber's accountings to the Controller, These are being minutely

has been told to appear and enter ball," but when Persch and his bondsman, Eugene L. Loeble, a saloonkeeper, of Twentieth and Lombard streets, appeared at the office of Thomas S Sherman, clerk of the court. It was noticed that Detective Joseph Mc-Clain was with them. He remained with them until the ball was formally entered. and left only after he had been assured by the clerk that he was no longer needed.

Persch refused to open his mouth when was asked if he wanted to say anything for publication in answer to the charges. Numerous shakes of the head were the only replies he made to his questioners.

Judge Brown, President Judge of the Municipal Court, who issued the warrant. fixed the ball at \$5000 Loeble gave as security a property at 5046 Germantown avenue, on which the assessment is \$15,000. To preclude the necessity of entering new ball in case of continuances of the hearing. Clerk Sherman made it to include all anarances which may be required of the

The hearing has been fixed for next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, before Judge Brown, in Room 678, City Hall. The action is the result of disclosees made during the hearing of the Mayor and his co-defendants in the Fifth Ward primary murder case.

After Magistrate Persch had entered ball for his appearance on November 8 before Judge Brown, of the Municipal urt, he went to the office of Senator Vare the Lincoln Building. He was shown at ce into the private office of Senator Vare, who at the time was having a conference with Congressman Vare and William P Finley, Select Councilman. Edwin S. Vare disclaimed responsibility or Magistrate Persch's election today, say-

tion and election of Mr. Persch as a magis trate. His visit to my office yesterday had solutely no connection with his arrest

RABBIT GUNNER SHOOTS MAN Charles Roesser Is Hit in Left Leg by

Thirty Pellets ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 1. - Of the Reenses in Lehigh County this fall, a large proportion took to the woods and fields this morning after rabbits. Bunnies

were pientiful and they fell by hundreds before the prowess of the marksmen. The opening day had to be accompanied by the inevitable gunning accident. Charles Roesser, of this city, was one of a party of four. He became separated from the rest and, while walking through the bushes, one of them heard a rustle. He did not ton a rabbit but fired and hit Rossser t the left leg, lodging about thirty peliets between the ankle and the knee. He was given first aid by Doctor Erdman, of Maungle, and advised to go to the ho There is danger that he may lose his leg.

Skull Fractured by Fall From Bridge Joseph Alexander, twenty-one years old, of Reinswood, Pla., a fireman on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, fell from his tender when the train was crossing the bridge at Sixtieth and Woodland avenue today. He was taken to the University Hospital, His skull is fractured.

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Town Meeting Party Wins in Supreme Court

Continued from Page One Meeting candidates to be voted on by the

"I might argue that this effort of the Republican city committee is one to evade an election, but will not say that before th: court," he said in opening argument.

"The decision of Judge Wessel in this case as such would prohibit political parties from placing in nomination men of their choice and make it impossible to create new political parties," he said, "I ruling of this sert is not sound, is unten able and warrants a reversal by this court." He declared it was in conflict with decrees handed down by Justice Mitchell and other members of the Supreme Court in other cases involving the same question

Judge Wessel's decision, which had been occurred in by Judge Carr and Judge avis, was violently attacked by Judge ordon, author of the vitriolic attack on Mayor Smith in the "Bloody Fifth" Ward murder conspiracy hearing. Judge Gordon declared that Judge Wessel's decision, based on a decision by Judge Stewart in 1898, has been overruled repeatedly.

"The court below," he said, referring to Judge Wessel's court, "based its opinion on the Stewart decision, but it took no cognizance of these other opinions. It may have been that the court below did not anticipate that counsel would find these I do not think that it was judicial candor

ignore all the other decisions. The nion of the court below was not a candid ticial utterance. Mr. Gordon cited eight subsequent judicial cisions contradicting the decision of Judge

Stewart, now a Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice. One of them was in the Dauphin County Court, where, nineteen years ago, Judge Stewart handed down his ruling.

of the State's highest tribunal, which was presided over by Chief Justice Brown. Others who heard the arraignment of Judge Wessel's decision were Justices Walling, von Moschrisker, Potter and Mestrezat, sitting in the cramped private room of Jus-tice Potter, 556 City Hall.

Mr. Gordon informed the Supreme Court

that the appeal being taken included no only the Forty-sixth Ward councilmanicandidates, but also the councilmanic and candidates in the Twenty-second

attorney, Alexander Simpson, Jr., asked the ourt to hand down its decree by Saturday to as to allow the ballots to be printed in time for Tuesday's election. Chief Justice Brown informed Mr. Simpson that should the degree reverse Judge Wessel's decision the injunction restraining the county com-missioners from printing the ballot would suspended automatically

Thomas J. Meagher, appearing as princi-pal counsel for the Republican City Committee, built his argument on Judge Stewart's decision, asserting that the law of 1897, upon which it is based, has not been changed by the amendment of 1905.

ARRAIGNED FOR FRAUDS

Three Accused of Making False Nomination Papers Sign Their Own Bail Bonds

Accused of falsely making nomination papers, conspiracy and perjury, Thomas J. 'unningham, who lives in the rear of 1342 South street and is a clerk in the County Commissioners' office, was allowed to sign his own ball bond of \$800 by Magistrate Pennock for a further hearing November 8. James Murray, 720 South Randolph street. and Walter Burns, of 625 South Tenth street, accused of conspiracy in nomination frauds, were also allowed to sign their own bail bonds, for \$600 for a further hearing November 8

The defendants are said to be members of the Democratic committee of the Fourth

Ward. Robert Thomas, of 608 South Clarion Herbert Salus, a brother of State Senator Samuel W. Salus, and Vare leader. Mr. Salus asked for a further hearing on the grounds that he did not have time to cali

Pictures on View in High School The Moorestown High School wants plo res, and to gratify that ambition a fourday exhibition of Elson's masterpieces opened in the school hall last night under the auspices of the Moorestown Home and School League. Sessions will be held in the afternoon and evening. The school or-chestra will give a concert tomorrow night in conjunction with the exhibit and on Sat-urday night a stereopticon lecture will be delivered by Walter Greenburg, of New York.

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COAL MEN MEET TO END SHORTAGE

Fuel Board and Reading Company's Sales Agent in Conference

SEEK TO LIFT EMBARGO

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. Speculators and hoarders of coal are being sought in a nation-wide hunt begun by Fuel Administrator Garfield The search for violators is being made independently of the Attorney General's special investigation. Administrator Garfield said he would have the assistance of Attorney Stevenson, of the Department of Justice, in undertaking to locate dealers engaged in practices prohibited under the President's order fixing the price of coal and the margin of profit for retailers and jobbers.

The local coal scarcity in all its phases was discussed this afternoon by the Philadelphia Federal Fuel Board, in conference delphia Federal Fuel Board, in conference with George C. Coughlin, city and Southern sales agent for the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company. Detailed figures of tonnage supply for the city covering the last three years were furnished to the board by Mr. Coughlin, and a collation of these will be used in future inquiries into amounts of coal needed to relieve the city's present needs, it was stated. lift or modify the anthricite embarge at the earliest possible moment, before the public shall have felt the real pinch of winter weather, is the aim of the committee. Representatives of the Pennsylvania Railroad will also be asked to confer with

the committee at an early meeting.

Speedy relief from the coal famine in
Philadelphia has been promised in Wash-Official orders will be issued through the

Federal fuel administration to direct coal shipments from the Northwest to this city. There is only one-third of a ton of coal for each family in Philadelphia at the present, according to a statement by Fran-cis A. Lewis, Federal fuel administrator

Retail dealers, it is expected, will announce today a new set of coal prices in accordance with the ruling by the Gov-ernment. It was intimated that the new prices would not bring much change over existing ones.

The coal shortage is becoming more and more acute in this city, according to Mr. Lewis. The coming of the cold weather will only serve to accentuate it.

Three outstanding features in the day's

development of the coal situation in Washington were the promise of relief for the eastern section of the country by a modification of the shipping orders relative to consignments for the west; a statement that no advance would be allowed in the price of anthracite, even though operators should grant the demands of miners for substantial pay increases and the placing of all gouging prosecutions in the hands of Doctor Gar-field instead of the Department of Justice. Attorney General Gregory will nait a law-yer to conduct the cases under the direction of the Federal administrator,

HONEST AUTOIST ESCAPES FINE

Admits Parking Car Too Long-Surprised Magistrate Discharges Him

When Charles P. Pennington, of 247 South Juniper street, a son-in-law of the late Judge Dallett, of the Orphans' Court, was arraigned before Magistrate Pennock today in the Central Station for parking his auto-mobile at Broad and Chestnut streets for longer than the time allowed he pleaded guilty and said he was willing to pay any fine asked. This was such a surprise to street, the prosecutor, was represented by Magistrate Pennock that he discharged the

HALF NUMBERS FOR ALL DRAFT ARMY SLACKERS

Men Convicted of Failing to Register Will Be Examined Immediately

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Slackers convicted of falling to register for the draft are to be called for immediate examina-

General Crowder, Provest Marshal General, sent out a telegram this afternoon an icing that the President has amended the draft regulations to provide that all persons convicted of failing to register would be given new order numbers, having half numbers, which would insure their being called for immediate examination. The numbers will be issued by the local

BRUMBAUGH REFUSES TO SEND CONSTABULARY

Declares Request Could Only Be Granted Upon Mayor's or Sheriff's Demand

rder the State Constabulary to Philadelphia to preserve order and protect citiens of a routine nature. at the polls next Tuesday, despite the pleas worse violence and thuggery than attended clined to discuss the purpose of his visit. the primary election in the Fifth Ward, in

Howard R, Sheopard, upon receiving the overnor's refusal, issued a statement ac-ising the Governor of quibbling. The overnor found a technical excuse for refusing to send the State police here, saying he could not send them unless asked to do so by the Sheriff or the Mayor.

"I beg to advise you that the State Con-stabulary," wrote the Governor, "never is sent into any municipality save upon the request of the Sheriff or Mayor, that they have never been used in any election contest in all their history, that they are sent only when the local authorities report a condition of riot or disorder that has gone sevend the control of the local police power provided by law, and that no men in this orce have gone under any other auspices."

Sheppard said in part:

"The Governor's quibbling will not serve in any way to obscure the grave necessi-ties which the Governor has waived aside upon mere technicalities. . . The Gov-ernor has assumed his own responsibility. The people whom he swore a solemn oath to serve cannot do more through that

MANY CHICAGO SALOONS EXPECTED TO CLOSE DOORS

High Federal Tax and Lessened Patronage, Due to Increased Cost of Liquor, the Cause

CHICAGO, Nov. 1 .- More than 600 Chiago saloons are expected to close their loors at midnight tonight when the time mit for the semiannual renewal of city

The high Federal liquor tax, with a cause of high prices, is assigned as the cause. Approximately \$1,000,000 in reve-nue, it is estimated, will be lost by the city within the next year through the clo ing of saloons.

Women Will Entertain Sea Fighters Sailors and marines stationed at the League Island Navy Yard will be given a smoker tonight in the Naval Y. M. C. A. by a committee of prominent society women. Rachael Latta and David Bispham will sing several solos and Chaplain Dickens, of the League Island Navy Yard, will deliver a

ARSENAL CHIEF ON SECRET TRIP

Colonel Montgomery Confers With War Heads on Troops' Supplies

TALKS ON CARTRIDGES

By a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 .- Colonel George Montgomery, commanding officer of the Frankford Arsenal, made a hurried trip to Washington last night, held an important conference lasting more than two hours with Major General William Crozier, chief of the ordnance division, and returned to Philadelphia on the midnight

Matters of the highest importance appertaining to the supplying of war may terial to the American forces now occupying a portion of the front line trenches along the western battle line in France were discussed at a secret conference lasting from 9 o'clock to a little after eleven, Governor Brumbaugh has refused to it is learned, although War, Department officials stoutly insisted the conference was

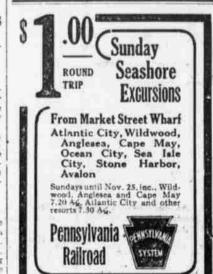
Colonel Montgomery was apparently efof the Town Meeting party that unless the fectively muzzled - at least within the State police are ment here there will be shadow of the War Department-as he de-General Crozier declined to be seen and

which Policeman Eppley was murdered by sent out word there was nothing for pub-Beation. From other officials of the ordnance divi-

ion who were called into the conference at different times it is learned, however, that General Crozier sought the fullest assur-ance that the carridges now being turned out at Frankford are of the highest efficiency and devoid of the defect that was discovered in a large portion of the car-tridges first sent to the American forces in France.

Ordnance department officials are doing their utmost to speed up production at Frankford Arsenal and are anxious to have the fullest details regarding the output that may be expected from Frankford to equip the American troops now in France. But all these details are being shrouded with the greatest secrecy by the ordnance division, which more than any other division of the War Department is trying to keep its activities away from the public.

Secretary of War Baker and General nined to shoulder any criticism that may arise in regard to errors or delays in production of war materials in preference to disclosing details of their activity.



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