

O'NEIL FORMALLY OUT FOR GOVERNOR

"Send Offs" From Friends Launch Candidacy at Dinner in Pittsburgh

HE URGES PROHIBITION

Attacks Penrose, Accepts Challenge to Fight and Says "I Stand Ready"

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 25.—To the accompaniment of "send-offs" from Governor Brumbaugh and Attorney General Brown, J. Denny O'Neil, of McKeesport, State Highway Commission, formally launched his campaign for the Republican nomination for Governor at a testimonial dinner in his honor, mostly a "home friends" affair, in the William Penn Hotel here last night.

In his own speech laying down the lines on which he will conduct his campaign, Mr. O'Neil declared for the prohibition and suffrage Federal amendments and echoing his mentor, the Governor, against the leadership of Senator Penrose.

BRUMBAUGH'S LETTER

In the course of his letter Governor Brumbaugh said: "I have known Mr. O'Neil for years and have confidently assigned to him large public affairs. In every case he has made good in a commendable manner. It is a comfort to work with him and an inspiration to counsel with him. He never wavers. True to the highest degree of public duty, he stands ahead and does his duty in a direct, businesslike manner."

"I also praise his sterling character as a man. He wisely renounces the material side of public service and his past is guarantee of future steadfast effort to make Pennsylvania clean and wholesome. He is an evangel of righteousness, a crusader against corrupt, selfish and arrogant management of the people's business. He is the kind of man to whom the people may confidently turn and as confidently follow."

"This is no time to put forward men of material, insular and choiced careers. It is no time for men with a political instinct to masquerade in the garb of reform that they may win office and again defraud the people. It is emphatically the day of moral reform and of support of men of the heroic mold of J. Denny O'Neil. I am proud of his record and willing to join his friends in wishing him greater honor."

Commissioner O'Neil was the last speaker of the evening. Referring to his candidacy for Governor, he said: "For a quarter of a century I have been more or less active in politics and my career in politics has been somewhat stormy. I have made mistakes, but I have always tried to do the right as I saw the right. I have always been imbued with the idea that it is better to stand for principle and lose rather than to compromise with evil and win."

CALLS PENROSE PRIME MINISTER

"This State has been dominated and controlled for many years by a corrupt political machine, formed by an unwholesome alliance of 'corrupt politics,' 'special interests' and 'bores.' Senator Penrose has been Prime Minister. With the exception of a few years he and his machine have been absolute at Harrisburg. Through the connivance of the Senate he has been able to thwart the will of the people."

"I had hoped that some more able man would come forward who was willing to make the battle for the people, but it seems as though fate has decreed that I must make the fight. Last week in Pittsburgh I gave a public address, a creature of the machine and sounded the battery. He boldly announced there was no sentiment in Pennsylvania for national prohibition, but I am a national prohibitionist and other measures concerning the happiness and welfare of the people. He has a very low estimate of the manhood of this State. I am ready to accept a challenge. I accept it. I stand ready to fight."

"I stand four-square upon the great moral and political issues of the day. I am ready for national prohibition and all other measures that will improve living conditions, make happy homes and give our boys and girls a better chance to make good."

In his address Attorney General Brown said: "The present progressive administration will not be succeeded by a reactionary attempting to render negligible by secret hostility or to undo by open effort what has been done under its guidance. It is the duty of the laborer to safeguard the child and woman worker, and to compensate the wage-earner injured in the line of his duty."

WEBSTER OPTIMISTIC FOR PORT'S FUTURE

Expects Greater Use of Philadelphia Harbor for Shipment of War Supplies

Strong hope that greater use will be made of the port facilities of Philadelphia was expressed by Director George S. Webster, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, upon his return from a trip to New York, where he was in conference with M. J. Alger, secretary to A. L. Smith, assistant director general of railroads.

Director Webster described his interview with Mr. Alger as "very satisfactory," and stated that there is every reason to believe that the prospects of the Philadelphia port, especially with reference to its use by the Government in the shipment of war supplies, ignored by the advantages offered by this port, he believed, was responsible for the fact that it has not been used more in the past.

Government officials in Washington are said to be planning a plan now by which the congestion at the crowded ports may be relieved by transferring shipping to ports where the facilities are better and the burden being carried not so severe. This, it is believed, means an immediate boost in the business of the Philadelphia port.

DOG DIES WITH MASTER

Both Asphyxiated When Tube Slips Off Gas Stove

George Ehrensveller, sixty-eight years old, was found dead in his room in a lodging house at 222 Arch street last night, having died of asphyxiation. A rubber tube which had slipped from its fastening to a gas stove indicated that death was accidental.

A small pet dog in the room with Ehrensveller at the time was also asphyxiated, and when the body was found by Mrs. Ehrensveller the body of the dog was lying beside that of its master. The cause of death was the outstretched arm of the dead man.

POTENTIAL GRADUATE IS AIM OF GRADUATES

Campaign Launched to Form Powerful Association of Scattered Former Students of College

"It should be a matter of pride to a Girard man to find that he is part of a movement exemplifying the life of that great benefactor to mankind, Stephen Girard."

A campaign to collect the scattered alumni of Girard College into a large and powerful organization is in full swing today.

A hundred graduates of the historic school, which has trained 10,000 boys, are working to increase the membership of the Girard Association, now only 600 strong. The \$2 dues are to be applied to maintain a general records, employment bureau, secretary's office, to furnish "home letters" to the only school in the United States to keep in touch with Girard men in trench and cap, and other alumni activities. It is in close subscription with the Girard, the graduate monthly magazine.

Ferdinand H. Grasser, '06, is chairman of the executive committee, which consists of Franklin A. Honaker, '07, secretary; H. H. Roberts, '19, advisor, and the following team captains: Joseph M. McWhorter, '04; Charles A. Barrow, '05; J. Edgar Arnold, '01; J. H. Rowlandson, '07; Walter J. Devine, '04; Charles A. Bittel, '02; Lewis H. Wertzler, '02; George H. Jacobs, '02; Robert J. Johnson, '02; J. Edgar Arnold, '01; Bowman H. Moore, '14, and Robert D. Chandler, '16. Headquarters are at 1502 Poplar street.

WOMAN BEQUEATHS \$400 TO BUY COAL FOR POOR

Annie Grafflin's Charitable Devises Also Include Gifts to Homes for Indigent

Bequests of \$400 each to St. Theresa and St. Charles, Roman Catholic Churches, one-half of which is to be spent for coal for poor persons and \$200 each to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Philadelphia, and Little Sisters of the Poor, Germantown, are a part of the will of Annie Grafflin, 1917 South Cleveland avenue. Property worth \$6000 is left to relatives of the decedent by the instrument.

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NEW HOUSING DRIVE STIRS CITY TO ACTION

Pennsylvania Congressmen Called on to Prevent Splitting of Shipmen's Homes Plans

City officials and business men, backed by the Chamber of Commerce, are today lining up Pennsylvania Congressmen to prevent curtailment of the plans for the great housing development in the Fortieth Ward, where it is planned to build several thousand homes to house workmen from the Hog Island shipyard.

Their action follows reports that New Jersey Congressmen are trying to divert a portion of the money set aside on the other side of the Delaware.

Authorization for the erection of 3200 houses in the Fortieth Ward was given George E. Eastman, Director of Public Works, on Wednesday when he was in Washington. About 4000 more houses will be needed, and the New Jersey men are asking that the most of these extra houses be built in New Jersey.

Ernest J. Triggs, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said: "No action will be left unturned as far as the Chamber of Commerce is concerned to oppose any movement designed to divert the money for the houses planned by the Government for the Hog Island workers from being located here."

This housing development should come to Philadelphia, because it will be in the best interests of the Government and the nation to have it here. It is the logical place for the workers because of the proximity to the shipyard and because of the absence of such difficulties of transportation as would be presented by the crossing of the Delaware.

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WANT TO STOP A CAR? LET IT BUMP YOU BACK

It's a Sure Way, but You Must Pay if the Glass You Chance to Crack

The only way to stop a trolley car, when the situation is such, is to let it bump in front of it and let it hit you in the back. If, however, you are carrying a suitcase and a loaf of bread for lunch and then get back and find your suitcase, instead of getting aboard the car you will find in the police station.

This was exactly the situation with August D'Aligo, of Westville, N. J., today. D'Aligo, anxious to get to his employment, waited at Seventh and Carpenter streets for a trolley to stop. Several trolleys, ignoring his signal, passed him by.

The next car slowed down, but the motorist refused to open the door. D'Aligo sprang in front of the car and pushed his back to it. The car moved slowly, the motorist clanged his bell, but D'Aligo never moved. The vehicle struck him in the back and pushed him across the street and the suit case flew back and struck the window, shattering it. The loaf of bread followed.

A policeman appeared on the scene and placed D'Aligo under arrest. Before Magister, D'Aligo, the conductor, testified that D'Aligo deliberately broke the window with his suitcase. D'Aligo insisted that it slipped. The magistrate, however, decided the weight question by holding D'Aligo under \$100 bail for court, accused of disorderly conduct.

The moral is: Let the car hit you if the motorist refuses to stop, but don't let your suitcase slip.

SIMPLICITY TO MARK MICHAEL FUNERAL

Brother Officers of Young Lieutenant Attending Services Tomorrow Will Do So Unofficially

The funeral of Lieutenant Charles Frederick, of the medical reserve corps, United States army, stationed at Allentown, who shot himself last Wednesday night in New York, will take place at 311 Locust tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock, at the home of Judge J. McMichael, president of the Young Lieutenant Club, 2039 E. Lanesy street. Interment, which will be private, will be in North Laurel Hill Cemetery.

The body reached the McMichael home late last evening from New York. Accompanying the body was Judge J. McMichael and Corinne Hoggerty, Jr., an attorney of this city and friend of the McMichael family.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. McLeherry, pastor of St. James Protestant Episcopal Church, Twenty-second and Walnut streets. The funeral will be attended by many officers and comrades of the dead man.

Colonel E. E. Perrow, commander of the army ambulance corps camp at Allentown, Pa., today removed the cap from the connection in the cellar, from which point he had secretly run a pipe to the kitchen, where he had hidden a child. Mrs. Wilmer lighted a lamp and the explosion, which killed the child, was caused through the use of the pipe and not, as reported, by a gas leak.

Stated was drafted for the National Army, but had been ill for some time.

BLAST WRECKS HOUSE

Three Seriously Hurt Drafted Preferred Death to Army

HAZLETON, Pa., Jan. 25.—George Santos, thirty-one years old, found dead today in a rooming house in Hazleton, Pa., after the house had been wrecked by a terrific explosion. It is believed by the police to have been a suicide.

The family did not use gas, but Santos is thought to have removed the cap from the connection in the cellar, from which point he had secretly run a pipe to the kitchen, where he had hidden a child. Mrs. Wilmer lighted a lamp and the explosion, which killed the child, was caused through the use of the pipe and not, as reported, by a gas leak.

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MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS

City appointments today include James J. Kelso, 5710 North Fifteenth street, assistant inspector, Bureau of Health, \$1200; Margaret C. Souza, 141 North Faxon street, clerk, Bureau of Health, \$900; George Miller, 250 North Reese street, hostler, Bureau of Police, \$900; Albert Gorton, 2484 North Second street, chauffeur, Bureau of Health, \$900; and Margaret S. McLean, 1027 North Front street, telephone operator, Department of Transit, \$720.

WAR RADIO SCHOOL FOR PENN

At the request of the chief signal officer of the United States army, the Civilian War Radio School for Pennsylvania will be held during the second term of the present school session give a special course in radio communication for the purpose of training operators for war work.

REJECT CAPTAIN SOOY FOR MILITARY DUTY

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 25.—Since parents who write, but nevertheless told their boys to go ahead when Captain William W. Sooy, Atlantic City's Director of Public Safety last summer issued a call for fighting men to go to France with him, because they figured he would be the first to return to be in a company with home offices whom they knew, were amazed today to learn that "According to Sooy's 'coming home' message, Captain Sooy has been unable to pass finally a severe test of vision imposed by army examiners after he had been rated very high in every other respect. Captain Sooy is a close personal friend of Governor Edge, who has registered burning protests with the War Department. He holds the secretary of Army officers who threw aside everything when the State's National Guard regiments were called into service. He was granted a leave of absence as director of public safety when he was appointed with his battery men and the city has been saving his salary of \$2500 a year.

Harry J. Sullivan, member of another law firm, a very high salary with Sooy and his boys as first lieutenant, resigned and came home several weeks ago. Hiram D. Slesman, a Yale graduate and former law partner of City Solicitor Harry Woodson, second lieutenant of the battery, has been transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Department.

Captain Sooy was given a royal reception when he came home for Christmas. His reception time will be of a different kind.

PROMINENT CLUBMAN III

Mrs. H. S. Pruitte Nichols, president of the New Century Club and vice-president of the eastern district of the Y. W. C. A., was today admitted to the Germantown Hospital under treatment for appendicitis. Her condition is not serious.

DOCTOR HAMMOND'S FUNERAL

Hahnemann College Closed as Mark of Respect to Noted Professor

Funeral services for Dr. Nelson W. Hammond, professor of clinical surgery at Hahnemann Medical College and noted as an X-ray pioneer, who died on Tuesday of pneumonia, will be held at 7 o'clock this afternoon from his home, 2005 Catherine street. Hahnemann College is closed today as a mark of respect to Doctor Hammond.

Doctor Hammond, who was forty-five years old, had been at the college since 1902. He established the X-ray department and was head of the department of roentgenology and radiology. He graduated from the Southern Homoeopathic College, of Baltimore, and completed his medical studies at the Johns Hopkins Medical School and at the Hahnemann Medical College.

He specialized in general surgery and was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was a member of the American and National Homoeopathic Medical Societies, the Anatomical Society Club and the Musical Arts Club. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florence Hammond, and a young daughter.

CRAWFORD VAUGHN HERE

Ex-Premier of South Australia to Speak Tonight

Crawford Vaughan, ex-Premier of South Australia, will speak tonight at South Side Hall on the relation of industry to the national economy during the war. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the speakers' bureau of the Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety.

As Mr. Vaughan is especially conversant with labor conditions in Australia and England, tonight's meeting will be attended by representatives of the various trades unions of Philadelphia.

The speaker will be introduced by Edward Keenan, president of the Central Labor Union, and will also be made by several labor leaders of prominence in this city.

By way of adding enthusiasm, there will be a special musical program. Mr. Shaw, formerly director of the Schuylkill Quartette and leader of the choral numbers with the local bands, will direct the singing.

Mr. Vaughan is expected to lay special stress upon the necessity of efficient transportation facilities on land and sea, as a vital aid in winning the war.

TODAY'S SNOW LIGHT

Weatherman Does Not Expect Early Fall to Continue

The man who furnishes the weather for Philadelphia predicts that there will be little or no snowfall today. Four-tenths of an inch was the limit in the early morning, but the snow, being 24 degrees at 5 a. m. and 25 at 8 a. m. The local