

**CITY REFORM BILLS
TO DRAG WEEK MORE**

Hearing Tuesday on Attorney General's Suggestion Will Delay Actual Progress

RUM LEGISLATION TO WAIT

Little progress is expected on the charter bills and other Philadelphia reform measures in the Legislature during the coming week.

The hearing called for next Tuesday at the suggestion of Attorney General Schaffer to discuss legal phases of the bills will prevent final action on the Philadelphia measures in the lower branch of the Assembly, but may result in nothing being done toward putting the measures through for another week at least.

Governor Sprout and the attorney general are studying the bills carefully and expect to receive some light next Tuesday on parts of the bills which are not quite clear in their present shape. After the hearing the Governor and Mr. Schaffer should soon be in a position to know just what amendments they will stand for and what they will not.

It is a foregone conclusion that the bills, particularly the charter measure, will be amended, but to what extent has not been indicated. There may be some radical changes and again some of the provisions of the bills which have met with objection may be toned down a bit to satisfy the opposing elements.

Proposed Changes
Among the changes suggested in the charter bills are a revision of the contract clause so as to permit the city to award work to private contractors on a bare majority vote instead of a three-fourths majority; the election of members to the proposed school council on the basis of wards instead of senatorial districts and the elimination of the bill to supplant the present civil service commission with one commissioner and also the measure which abolishes the office of director of supplies and creates a purchasing agent for the city and county.

Other changes which have been proposed include the striking out of the provision in the main charter bill to make the city solicitor appointive by the Mayor, and also the provision to put the present office of receiver of taxes under the jurisdiction of the city treasurer.

The clause relating to the appointment of the city solicitor may stand, however, as Attorney General Schaffer is said to favor that idea.

It is almost certain that the liquor legislation now pending in the House will be killed because both the Governor and the attorney general feel that the Legislature should do nothing until Congress has acted. When Congress has passed an enforcement measure and enacted legislation defining what constitutes an intoxicant, the Legislature will probably consent to the measure.

The parade of the Iron Division this week cut in on the legislative program to the extent that little progress in the way of legislation was accomplished. The majority of the legislators were more bent on helping to honor the former Pennsylvania guardsmen than in leaving the wheels of the legislative machinery moving.

Independents Impatient
Independents who have grown restless over the long session which at the start promised to be brief, threaten to try to force an early adjournment. As the general appropriation bill has so far failed to make its appearance, the independents are not expected to get far with their program.

One reason for the delay on the appropriation bill is the inability of the ways and means committee to find new sources of revenue. Something along this line was scheduled to be done this week, but the Iron Division parade was blamed for the change in program.

Legislative leaders plan to throw the matter out at a conference this week. Until the revenue measures are decided upon the proposed increase in teachers' salaries must be held in abeyance, as the source of the money needed to pay the State's share of the proposed increase must be found before the salary raiser can be put through.

Another measure which should be acted upon soon is the Ramsey resolution to pave the way for woman suffrage. It passed the House weeks ago, but is still held in committee in the Senate.

TO HEAR RATE ARGUMENTS

Changes Proposed on Wide Variety of Commodities

Arguments in support of requested changes in freight rates on a wide variety of commodities will be heard May 27 in room 431, Broad Street Station, by the Philadelphia district freight traffic committee.

J. L. Eymans is chairman of the committee, which is under the United States railroad administration. Most of the requests are concerned with intra-state shipments of lumber, stone, sand, gravel and slag.



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Five Specials in Summer Hats At \$1.85

Hemp hats with broad brims, crepe facings and little wreaths around the crowns. They are in white and Summer colors.

At \$3

Becoming hats of hemp have brims that droop a little and are trimmed with flowers and ribbons. They are in gray, purple, rose, pink, sky, navy and orchid.

At \$3.75

These hats are of many different straws, and quite unusual are the broad-brimmed leghorn hats. Some are edged with lacy tuscan braid, through which picot ribbon is often laced.

At \$5

Darker hats of taffeta and various straws, which you will find suitable for wearing with dark dresses and suits.

At \$8

Quite remarkable hats of Georgette crepe trimmed with ostrich or of organdie. The colorings are summery and will be delightful with airy frocks.

Pretty Petticoats for the Warmer Days

For sturdy everyday wear there is a white sateen with elastic at the top and a deep ruffled flounce, at \$1, which is unusual.

Or a crepe petticoat at \$1.25 has a ruffled flounce and elastic.

A flowered cotton foulard on a white ground is \$1.50.

At \$3.85

There are all sorts of pretty petticoats. One of pink crepe de chine (that is pretty enough for evening wear) has a deep lacy flounce finished with ribbon. Others are in light or dark changeable hues of taffeta, self-striped tau silk or jersey with taffeta flounces.

A lovely satin petticoat in pink or white with double panel back and front is a simple straight style with hemstitching, \$5.50.

Women's Oxford Ties for Service

are of dark tan calfskin with imitation straight tips, welted soles and straight heels at \$5.75. The same style in black calfskin is \$5.40. A pair of these is sketched. Gray kidskin ties, with turned soles and covered heels, are \$5.75. For Men—A dark-tan leather shoe, on an English last and with welted soles, is \$5.90.

Excellent Rugs in a Wide Selection at Low Prices

Any one who is considering buying new floor coverings will find in this Down Stairs Store rug section a varied and wide selection of many kinds of splendid rugs in good patterns marked at prices that are fair and reasonable always. In many instances special values are available, and they are well worth looking up.

- Rugs at 10 to 33 1/3 Per Cent. Less Than Regular**
- Japanese rice straw rugs, 21x45 inches, 85c.
 - Plain-color rag rugs, 27x54 inches, \$1.
 - Gingham rag rugs, 25x50 inches, \$1.25.
 - Washable bath rugs, chenille, 27x54 inches, \$2.50.
 - Axminster rugs in mottled patterns, 27x54 inches, \$2.50.
 - Japanese rice-straw rugs, 36x72 inches, \$1.75.
 - 4.6x7.6 feet, \$5.
 - 6x9 feet, \$7.50.
 - 9x12 feet, \$9.
 - Fiber rugs, 8.3x10.6 feet, \$9.50.
- Wool and Fiber Rugs**
- 6x9 feet, \$7.50.
 - 8.3x10.6 feet, \$10.50.
 - 9x12 feet, \$11.50.
 - Seamless Tapestry Brussels rugs, 8.3x10.6 feet, \$22.50.
 - Seamless Axminster rugs, 7.6x9 feet, \$25.
 - Axminster rugs, 8.3x10.6 feet, \$29.50.
 - 9x12 feet, \$31.50.
- Seamless Velvet Rugs**
- 6x9 feet, \$22.50.
 - 8.3x10.6 feet, \$37.50.
 - 9x12 feet, \$39.50.
- Wilton Rugs**
- 8.3x10.6 feet, \$57.50.
 - 9x12 feet, \$59.50.

Willow Grass Rugs at Special Prices

These are among the finest grass rugs made in this country and come in blue, brown and green. The patterns are copies of Greek, Chinese or Egyptian designs and are most attractive and desirable.

- 18x36 inches, 80c.
- 27x54 inches, \$1.75.
- 36x72 inches, \$3.
- 4.6x7.6 feet, \$6.50.
- 6x9 feet, \$9.50.
- 6x12 feet, \$12.50.
- 8x10 feet, \$13.50.
- 9x12 feet, \$15.
- 9x15 feet, \$19.50.

New Frocks That Will Set Summer Plans A-buzzing

Who can look at crisp organdies, dainty voiles and fresh, clean gingham without picturing pleasant Summer places where they will be worn? Summer fun is woven into them.

Frocks of voile are arriving by the hundred. From the many, many frocks at \$6, one has been chosen for the sketch. It has deep tucks in the skirt and may be had in stripes of navy or black.

A dark-ground voile is one of the most serviceable dresses a woman can have in Summer. Navy blue or black voile with pin or coin dots of white is made in several attractive ways at \$8.50 and \$8.75. Among the \$8.50 dresses there are some extra sizes.

A Checked Gingham Dress

is also sketched. The collar and cuffs are of tucked white organdie and the pockets are trimmed with buttons. In pink or blue, at \$8.25.

A Number of Serge and Silk Frocks Reduced

Now \$13.50
Navy and black serges made with vestees of pleated crepe trimmed with tiny silk buttons.

At \$16.50

Taffeta dresses in dark and light colors, and of some models there are but two or three of a kind. Some are embroidered in silk or combined with Georgette crepe.

At \$22.50

These are also of taffeta combined with embroidered Georgette crepe in self tones. Also some dresses of serge and tricotine, but few of any one kind. One of the taffetas is sketched.

Reductions Have Swept Through the Coat Store

Leaving Remarkable Values in Their Train

There is a new low price on nearly every wrap in stock, from inexpensive serge capes, which are now \$13.25, to luxurious wraps of beautiful materials at \$75. The groups at

\$19.50 to \$35

are largest and the choosing is most varied between these prices. The cape sketched on the right is of fine twill serge in blue or black, made with a jacket front and a long shawl collar; \$23.50.

The other cape sketched has a long roll collar ending in tassels and has rows of buttons trimming the front and back; \$27.50.

At \$35 there are some remarkably fine capes of navy blue serge or Poiret twill. The twill has a cowl collar and is lined with figured silk.

These are wonderful days to buy a wrap.



Now the Bed Gets New Clothes of Lighter Weight

Bedspreads

Hemmed dimity spreads for single beds are \$2.50; for three-quarter beds, \$2.75, and for double beds, \$3. Extra sizes in dimity spreads are 72x99 inches at \$3, 80x99 inches at \$3.25.

Crochet spreads for single beds are \$1.85, \$2 and \$2.50; for double beds, \$2.50 and \$3.50.

Hemmed Marseilles spreads in single-bed size are \$3 and \$4.50; for double beds, \$3.50, \$4 and \$5.

Scalloped spreads with cut corners, for twin beds, are \$4.50 each.

Wool Blankets Are Reduced a Third

All-wool blankets for double beds are in—gray at \$10 a pair—white at \$15 a pair—plaid at \$15 a pair

For single beds they are in plaids at \$12.50 a pair.

White cotton blankets for double beds are \$3; in gray or plaids they are \$5 and \$6.

Part-Wool Blankets Special

These are splendid camping blankets and can be used in Summer homes as well. They are 70% wool in the filling, and are in silver gray, measuring 62x80 inches. At \$5 a pair, they are about half price.

Bleached Seamless Sheet

72x90 inches, \$1.45
81x90 inches, \$1.68
81x99 inches, \$1.88

Pillow cases, 30c to 50c
Bolster cases, 42 x 72 inches are 85c

Mattress Pads at a Third Less

A third has been taken off the prices because of little, almost unnoticeable, irregularities in the quilting. They are all clean and white, however, and your sleep will be all the sounder, knowing that a considerable saving has been made. They range in size from 15x18 inches at 20c, for cribs, to the 48x76-inch size at \$2.45.

Children's Dainty White Dresses

Dresses of sheer lawn and soft voile made in Empire and straight effects, dresses for everyday wear and for the first parties, are trimmed with Valenciennes lace, and many have touches of delicate hand-embroidery or colored smocking.

Prices are \$2.50 to \$5.50, and sizes 2 to 6 years.

Hundreds of Fresh, Business-Like House Dresses—Many Special—

They're made of sturdy gingham and percales in the comfortable styles that women want for warm weather.

200 Dresses at \$1.25
are of striped or figured percales, usually in light colors, with plain-color collars and cuffs.

At \$1.85
the "Billie Burke" dress sketched on the left is in plain blue with white pique trimming.

300 Dresses at \$2.35
Some pretty dresses of checked, plaid or striped gingham, belted or straight models, are in many colors. Some are quite pretty enough to be worn outdoors, too.

At \$3
The other dress sketched is of striped gingham trimmed with plain-color collar and cuffs.



1800 Shirts for Men, \$1.45 Splendid Shirts at a Big Saving

Shirts that can be sold at this low price only because they were made up especially for us from a lot of special materials. The material is sturdy, woven madras in dozens of patterns and colorings, made with soft cuffs and a five-button center pleat. All sizes from 14 to 18.

Shirts of this high quality would ordinarily be marked much more.

(Gallery, Market)

These Men's Suits With Two Pairs of Trousers

are the best clothes buy you will find in many a day. The materials are pure wool, the tailoring is excellent and service is assured.

In Blue Serge or Mixed Chevots these suits are made with regulation sack coats, which business men like, and are half lined with mohair. Sound value, through and through.

\$32.50

(Gallery, Market)

Light and Summery Blouses \$1.25

There are sheer organdies, plain white and colored ones, made in simple semi-tailored style. White waists have colored collars and cuffs and colored ones, white collars and cuffs.

Voiles are white or striped in pink or blue, and there are numbers of styles in this material. Slip-over blouses, square and round necks, pleated, roll and flat collars, made in many smart and delightful ways.

A new pongee waist, which is sketched, made with a round neck, is as attractive as it is serviceable. The price of this one is \$2.90.

(Market)

Girls' Voile Dresses, Fresh and Summery

are made in simple, girlish ways, but with touches of individuality that make them at once interesting to the younger girls.

One, made in straight Russian style with pleats back and front, is of white voile with pink or blue collar, cuffs, belt and pocket trimmings. It comes in 6 to 14 year sizes at \$3.75.

A second has heavy wash-silk stitching around the hem, the neck and sleeves and the ends of the sash, which ties in a bow in back. This dress has round neck and the sleeves have pointed ruffles that are daintily picoted. It is \$6.75, and comes in 6 to 12 year sizes.

Another has an embroidered linen jacket of rose or tan linen, which is laced in front with a black lacer. The skirt is tucked. It comes in 6 to 12 year sizes at \$7.50.

(Central)

New Vestings

Of net or organdie, puffed, hemstitched or tucked and trimmed with woe ruffles, lace or embroidery, they are fresh and white, at \$2.50 to \$3.50 a yard.

A quarter of a yard is enough for a vest, and women are using it for the half sleeves of blouses and frocks.

(Central)

Every Day Brings Charming Skirts

The cases are full of bright, pretty things, and there are many of the unusual skirts that women love to find.

The cotton skirts are prettier than ever this year—soft voile and colorful ratines, lustrous white Venetian and crisp organdies—and there are many styles between \$5.50 and \$8.75.

The silks are a delight, and you may choose from Georgette crepe, tansie, wash satin and waterfall in white and pastel colorings at \$12.50 to \$22.50.

(Market)

The Coolest of All Summer Silk—White Habutai

It flutters so coolly and is so soft that it seems like a Summer breeze in tangible form. Of course, you know that habutai is about the easiest thing in the world to wash. The 27-inch width is 75c; 36-inch width, \$1, \$1.25 and \$2.

Another white Japanese silk, called satin silk for its lustrous surface, comes in six different qualities in the 36-inch width, ranging in price from \$1 to \$2.25.

Either of these silks will make delightful Summer frocks, blouses, negligees, underwear and foundations for Georgette or chiffon dresses.

(Central)

Two Pink Corsets

One is a lightly boned corset of coutil, with elastic insets at the top. Young women like it very well; \$1.50.

The other is a heavily boned corset for average to stout figures. There is a low bust and elastic insets in back to insure comfort when sitting. Pretty embroidery finishes the top. \$3.

(Central)

Ginghams and Voiles Specially Priced

Ginghams are in a wide range of patterns from the large, gay plaids to small checks, and there are some plain colors among them. The colorings are attractive and in good taste. 32 inches wide, 35c a yard.

Fancy voiles are in most delightful patterns in a great many colors. There are white grounds with large and small foulard patterns and dark grounds also. Plaids and checks and small challis figures are also to be had. They are 38 inches wide and 38c a yard.

White Skirtings

These are all 36 inches wide, and prices go from 58c to \$1.25 a yard. There are plain gabardines, tricotines, pique and many stripes and plaids that will make smart waist skirts.

(Central)

Stenciled Crash Curtains

A number of new and delightfully summery patterns have come to us in a new shipment of these much-liked curtains. They are stenciled in oil and are therefore washable. \$5.50 a pair.

Table covers and scarfs come in the same patterns and are priced from \$1.25 to \$1.80.

For Summer Homes

Cross-bar Summer curtains, on tan grounds with green, blue or rose stripes, are very much in demand and priced from \$1.50 to \$4.50 a pair.

A heavily mercerized colored madras curtain in rich colors and distinctive patterns is \$6.50 a pair.

Mosquito Netting

This has just arrived and not before there have been many requests for it. It is 67 inches wide and 8 yards long and marked \$2.

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