

CITIES URGED TO DO OWN STREET WORK

Philadelphia Pays Twice as Much for Work as Chicago Does, Bulletin Shows

ASSAIL CONTRACT SYSTEM

The cleaning of Philadelphia's streets under the contract system costs approximately double the amount required for cleaning the streets of Chicago, according to a bulletin of the Bureau of Municipal Research.

There is also a wide variance in the costs here, compared with those of Pittsburgh and Washington, with the difference on the wrong side of this city's ledger.

Chicago, Pittsburgh and Washington maintain their own street-cleaning forces.

The cost in Philadelphia, according to the bureau's bulletin, is fifty-nine cents per 1000 square yards, a total cost per year of \$1,034,062, or a per capita cost annually of \$1.13.

The cost in Chicago is given as 30.9 cents per 1000 square yards, at a total yearly cost of \$1,404,990.68, or 56 cents per capita annually.

The cost per 1000 square yards in Pittsburgh is given as 30 cents, with the total yearly cost and the per capita cost not available.

Figures From City Reports

In explaining how the figures were obtained, and in commenting on street-cleaning costs, the bulletin asserts:

"The above costs are copied directly or computed from official city reports for the year 1917. Per capita costs are computed on estimated populations July 1, 1917, United States census reports. Differences of topography and character of paving, together with differences in the frequency of cleaning, must be considered, but Philadelphia pays too much for the service rendered."

"There are two systems in use for getting streets cleaned in cities. One is the contract system. The other method is to have the municipality do its own work. Philadelphia is a conspicuous example of the few remaining cities using the contract system."

"In addition to the cities mentioned above, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Columbus, Denver, Los Angeles, Louisville, Milwaukee, New York, New Orleans, Newark, Niagara Falls, St. Louis, San Francisco, Seattle and sixteen other cities clean their streets by municipal forces."

Results Are What Count

"While it cannot be denied that cost figures are sometimes misleading and frequently fail to tell the whole story, they are, after all, the only measuring device—the only basis of comparison—that we have. True, the cost per capita may 'speak' or a low standard may prevail. True, the cost per capita is not an absolute index. Some cities demand very frequent cleaning. This reduces the yardage cost and increases the per capita cost."

"After all, the thing that counts—especially with us ordinary citizens—is satisfaction with results."

"Let's assume that the citizens of Philadelphia are satisfied with street-cleaning conditions. Mark you, we are merely assuming. Then, if a way were found to do the same work more cheaply, wouldn't it appeal to the taxpayer? And we're all of us taxpayers."

"When a municipality does its own cleaning it employs a single force and does the job."

"When a contractor does the job the city must employ a force to supervise the carrying out of the contract and the contractor must employ a force to see that his men don't lie down on the job. So the city pays for this supervision twice! In addition, the contractor must meet his own overhead expense and make a profit!"

"Now you know why municipal street cleaning is cheaper than contract street cleaning. Let's have the present job done cheaper or have a better job done at the same cost through municipal street cleaning."

STOPS RUNAWAY HORSE

Police Force Sprinter Outpaces Animal That Threw Its Rider

Athletic Jimmy Emerson, star sprinter of the police department and the hero of many a victorious dash at the carnivals of the bureau, outpaced a runaway horse yesterday which had thrown its rider and endangered the lives of several school children at Thirty-ninth and Master streets.

Harry Bramble, sixteen years old, of 4810 Brown street, the rider, was bruised a bit, but otherwise uninjured, and the result of the affair was that Sprinter Emerson got a lot of training that he might otherwise have missed.

Bramble was riding along Brown street, and at Thirty-ninth the animal bolted, tossed the rider into the street and started to fly along Brown street. At Fortieth street the Belmont Grammar School was dismissing after the afternoon session, and there were a number of children in the streets.

The runaway did not hold to the highway, however, but zigzagged and darted from street to pavement in a manner bewildering to the youngsters. Several of them narrowly escaped, but all managed to reach safety.

The shouts of the youngsters attracted the attention of Emerson, who is connected with the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue station. He started in pursuit, and the race lasted for a couple of blocks before the policeman overtook the runaway.

CHINESE FLOCK TO MEXICO

Republic, in Alarm, Plans to Employ Health Laws as Barrier

Washington, May 29.—(By A. P.)—Travelers arriving in Mexico City from west coast ports report that every ship from Chinese ports is bringing a large number of Asiatic immigrants, advised from the Mexican capital yesterday said.

This immigration, the advices said, has assumed such great proportions that officials of the Mexican Government have become alarmed, but apparently are powerless to act, as a treaty between Mexico and China provides for free immigration between the two countries. The Department of Observation has issued a statement on the matter, declaring that the only means of excluding Chinese is through health laws rigidly enforced.

The statement adds that many of the Chinese are in bad health and can be barred. The present immigrants are said to be of no benefit to the country, as they prefer work in restaurants and laundries, or domestic service, rather than work on the land. They accept lower wages than the Mexicans, it is said, with resultant "disastrous competition."

CONVICT NEGRO POLICEMAN

Tanner Found Guilty of Assault and Battery on Two Schoolboys

Robert H. Tanner, a policeman of the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets station, was convicted, in the Municipal Court yesterday, of charges of assault and battery on two schoolboys, one of whom he shot in the foot. Sentence was deferred, pending the disposition of a motion for a new trial. The defendant was released under \$1000 bail.

While in civilian clothes last February the policeman interrupted a game of "craps" being played by a few students of St. Joseph's College. Seventeen and Stiles streets. The game was in progress when he shot him in the foot. The boy was then arrested, with William Sheeran, 909 South Forty-seventh street. Judge McNichol ruled that Tanner had no right to use his revolver.

'WHITE WAY' DARK TONIGHT

Association to 'Plunge Street Into Darkness'; Seek More Lights

New York, May 29. — To demand more lights for New York's "Great White Way" is not synonymous to asking that coals be brought to Newcastle, according to the Broadway Association, which in its campaign for more street lamps announced that at 11 o'clock tonight the famous thoroughfare would be "plunged into darkness" for five minutes by extinguishing all illuminated advertising signs.

This demonstration is planned to show New Yorkers that without its far-famed signs, Broadway would be "the lighted" of all the city's main thoroughfares.

PLAYERS MINIMIZE SUNDAY GOLF FIGHT

"I Cannot Understand Why Churches Oppose Beneficial Exercise," Says Munsicker

NO HARM DONE, HE AVERS

No concern is evident among the golfers of this city over the proposed campaign against Sunday golf by Bishop Joseph F. Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Thomas T. Mutchler, of the Philadelphia Sabbath Association, and other churchmen, who are opposing Sunday sport at the various golf clubs around Philadelphia.

The attitude of a number of leading golfers today showed that the general comment was one of resentment against what they consider to be an unjust attack upon a harmless recreation, and they do not think that the opposition will be successful.

The majority of clubmen refused to make any definite statement for publication, and those who did took the same point of view as Charles Munsicker, prominent attorney and member of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, who said:

"I cannot understand why these churchmen should attack a harmless recreation, such as Sunday golf is. A man who is busy all during the week should have the right to benefit by exercise on Sunday, and he is better mentally, physically and morally for it."

"Sunday golf need not interfere with church attendance, and I cannot see upon what grounds this complaint is being made. The rector of the church in which I used to attend advocated recreation upon the Sabbath as long as we were present for the services."

"Sunday golf is just as much a violation of the law as is the playing of any other game. What action will be taken against it remains to be seen," said Doctor Mutchler.

The Sabbath Association secretary's declaration followed a vigorous denunciation of Sunday golf by Bishop Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop Berry in a statement expressed regret that the Interchurch Federation had not joined the battle against games on the Sabbath.

Plans have been prepared, according to Dr. Mutchler, for effective action against the order of the Fairmount Park commissioners, permitting games in that big pleasure tract on Sunday.

"The plans will not be revealed," said Doctor Mutchler, "until we are ready to act. I have been in this business for twenty-three years, and I try to prevent anybody from pulling anything over."

Bishop Berry has endorsed the position taken by Professor Witmer, of the University of Pennsylvania, relative to Sunday athletics in Fairmount Park. Bishop Berry's statement, in part, follows:

"Professor Witmer suggests the ministers who are protesting against the action of the Park commissioners should say something about the actions of their rich parishioners who play golf all day Sunday," the bishop said. "With the professor I heartily agree. That this golf-links Sunday desecration has gone on so long almost without any rebuke has caused wide and bitter comment among the poor, who have been denied recreation even in less conspicuous forms."

"It has been done in violation of the law of God and the commonwealth, and is not only a serious reflection upon the participants, but, if they are church members, it is no special credit to the churches to which they belong. Rich aristocrats have no more right to disregard the law than the poor and humble."

Bishop Berry criticized the Park commissioners for their action in permitting Sunday athletics in Fairmount Park and found fault with the Interchurch Federation for its failure to act upon this "moral issue." The Rev.

Deaths of a Day

DR. J. EWING MEARS Retired Surgeon Dies in the Presbyterian Hospital

Dr. J. Ewing Mears, a surgeon, who retired from active practice twenty years ago, died yesterday in the Presbyterian Hospital. Three weeks ago he was stricken in Atlantic City and was brought to the hospital, where his condition steadily grew worse. In recent years Doctor Mears had spent much of his time in travel and had made several tours of the world. In many foreign cities where his work was well known he was accorded high honors by eminent men of his profession.

His home was at the Union League. He also was a life member of the Manufacturers' Club. Doctor Mears was a bachelor, and it is said had but one near relative, a Mrs. Hall, the widow of a prominent physician of Terra Haute, Ind.

Doctor Mears was born in Indianapolis, October 17, 1838, a son of Dr. George W. Mears, the earliest practitioner in Indianapolis. He was graduated in 1858 from Trinity College, Conn., which in 1908 conferred upon him the honorary degree LL. D. After his graduation from Jefferson Medical College in 1865, Doctor Mears practiced in this city until he retired. In his younger days he was lecturer on practical surgery and later clinical lecturer on gynecology in Jefferson College; professor of anatomy and surgery in the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery from 1870 until 1888, was a member of the staffs of various hospitals and a surgeon of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. He was president of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery in 1898 and editor of the transactions of the College of Physicians from 1872 until 1888. He was the author of a volume entitled "Practical Surgery," one of the editors of Universal Medical Science and wrote many articles on surgery and other subjects.

Doctor Mears gave to the Indianapolis Public Library the Mears Memorial Library of 7000 volumes. He also gave to Christ Church, in the same city, a brass pulpit and large double window in memory of his parents, who were founders of the church.

Robert Ralston Stewart, member of a wealthy Philadelphia family whose members spent much of their time in

Paris and in Cuba, died yesterday at his home, which he called the Roost at Fitter lane and Milnor street, Torresdale. He had been ill several months. Mr. Stewart, who was sixty-seven years old, was a member of the Philadelphia Club and the Union Club, New York.

He was a son of the late William H. Stewart and Ellen P. S. Morgau Stewart, both Philadelphians. William H. Stewart and his sons owned a large sugar plantation in Cuba which they sold several years ago. The elder Stewart, at his home in Paris, had one of the finest private collections in that city. It was brought to America and sold at auction in New York some twenty years ago. Julius L. Stewart, a noted artist, who was a brother of Robert Ralston Stewart, died in Paris last January. His paintings won gold medals in many exhibitions in the different art centers of Europe.

Robert Ralston Stewart is survived by a sister, Madam Brolemann, of Paris, and three brothers, William Hood Stewart and Paul Y. Stewart, both of Paris, and Antonio Stewart, a widely known Philadelphian, who has been living in London since he was divorced here three years ago.

William B. Fracker, a Civil War veteran, who had been connected with the treasurer's office of the Reading Railway until he retired several years ago, died yesterday at his home, 216 North Seventh street, after eighteen months' illness.

Mr. Fracker was born in Ohio seventy-four years ago. He served in an Iowa regiment in the Civil War, after which he came to Philadelphia and entered the employ of the Reading Railway Company. He was a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Patriotic Order Sons of America and other organizations. Mr. Fracker is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

Daniel M. Stevens, a well-known newspaperman, died yesterday at his home, 508 Berkeley street, Camden. Pneumonia was the cause. He was secret-society editor of the Camden Post-Telegram and formerly chief editor of records of the Improved Order of Red Men of New Jersey.

Mr. Stevens at one time was connected with the Philadelphia Bulletin, the Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald and the Sunday Mercury. The latter two

papers passed out of existence several years ago. He was active in Masonic organizations and a resident of Camden for nearly fifty years.

He leaves a widow and two sons, Frank Stevens, who is treasurer of the Warren Webster Company, and Harry Stevens, who is a soldier at Camp Dix.

Samuel Forry Croft Samuel Forry Croft died yesterday at his home in Overbrook, after a prolonged illness. Until five years ago, when he moved to this city, Mr. Croft was the New York representative of John Wyeth & Bro., Inc., for sixteen years. He was a native of Chambersburg, Pa. Mr. Croft is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie S. Croft, and a daughter, Miss Eleanor Croft, who since October has been engaged in Red Cross work in France. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at the Oliver H. Bair Building, 1829 Chestnut street.

WIRELESS ON TEUTON TRAIN Ex-Kaiser's Special Reaches Versailles and Attracts Attention

Versailles, May 29.—(By A. P.)—A special train equipped with wireless telegraph apparatus, which was used by German general headquarters and the former German emperor during the war, arrived at Versailles today.

The train consists of five coaches, one of which the transmitters and receivers are installed. The antennae are so arranged that they can be lowered when the train goes through tunnels.

When My Baby Was Sick

I SHALL never forget that dreadful day when I wondered if anything would ever agree with my baby. Of course, I had tried to nurse him, as every mother should. And we had tried almost everything, it seemed—but he wouldn't gain weight or have the pink cheeks I prayed for.

And then our old doctor said—"Let's try Nestlé's Milk Food. You know that it is made out of milk—it's the nearest thing in the world to mother's milk. They add cereal and sugar to it—just the right amount—and the tough milk curds are broken up and easier to digest."

As I write, a sturdy, two-year old plodder gravely up to me and the dreadful day seems far away—for my baby is well.

Nestlé's is very easy to prepare—you just add water and boil—it is a powder that comes in an air tight tin—and I hear that for fifty years it has been making babies strong. The Nestlé Company likes to save babies and put them on the road to health. They gave me free a big Mother's Book on baby feeding by specialists, and enough Nestlé's for 12 feedings. They will be glad to do this for you, too, if you will send them your name on the coupon below.

Nestlé's is pure milk in powder form that is already modified and does not require the further addition of milk. Always pure and safe, always uniform and free from the dangers of home modification, Nestlé's has the largest test of three generations and has today the broadest sale of any baby food in the world.

FREE! Enough Nestlé's for 12 feedings. Send the coupon!

Form for requesting Nestlé's Milk Food coupon, including fields for Name, Address, and City.



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Let Cuticura be your beauty doctor, one that really does something to purify and beautify your hair and skin. Bathe with Cuticura Soap and hot water to cleanse the pores. If signs of redness, roughness or eruptions are present, or dandruff on scalp, touch gently with Cuticura Ointment before bathing or shampooing. Ideal for all toilet uses.

Advertisement for Boy Scout Tents, featuring an illustration of a tent and text: '\$4.50 buys this TENT BOY SCOUT TENTS'.

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MEMORIAL DAY

This Store will be Closed all day to-morrow, in honor of American Soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country, or who have died since receiving an honorable discharge from the service under the nation's Flag.

The day was dedicated to the brave boys of Sixty-one, but is now observed equally in honor of the heroes of Nineteen-eighteen.

It will be a happier day than last year, when our brave boys in France were just beginning to show the stuff they were made of, and before we knew just what a tremendous factor they would be in shortening the war.

A day for reverent thanksgiving, a day for rejoicing in the splendid victory won since last Memorial Day; and while the wholesome outdoor recreations and athletic sports may be enjoyed with propriety on this early summer public holiday, they should not be permitted to entirely occupy our thoughts.

Let us hold in sacred memory the nation's heroes of the generation past and those who live under the flowers in France.

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Advertisement for Rickenbacker Fighting the Flying Circus, featuring an illustration of a man and text: 'RICKENBACKER America's Greatest Ace tells America's greatest story in his thrilling book FIGHTING THE FLYING CIRCUS'.

Large advertisement for Locomobile, featuring an illustration of a car and text: 'LOCOMOBILE The most important car in the army in France... The Locomobile Company of America 2314 Market Street'.

Memorial advertisement for West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Belmont Avenue, after the ceremonies of the Grand Army of the Republic on Memorial Day, Cavalry Post No. 35, G. A. R., unveiling a floral tribute to the men of the American Expeditionary Force.