

### STRIKE-OFF FIGHT ON ALIENS DROPPED

#### "Seventy" Abandons Effort to Have Names Stricken From Voting Lists

### REGISTERS REFUSE RULING

The committee of seventy has definitely dropped the fight to have names stricken from the voting lists on individual petitions.

This attitude was emphasized this afternoon when the registration commissioners issued the following statement:

"While strongly impressed with the argument of Mr. Elliott, representing the committee of seventy, that the law contemplates the striking from the December assessment lists all the D's and In's upon known proof, it is declined to make a formal ruling on the subject in view of the announced decision of the committee of seventy not to press for action on the individual petitions filed with the board."

Petitions were presented at the hearing today to strike off names of 2600 men, who, according to the charges made by the committee of seventy, were not American citizens. Of 1500 petitions to strike off in the First Senatorial district 900 were to strike off aliens.

The decision of the committee of seventy to drop its fight as given in the statement of the commissioners, came after William J. Elliott, representing that body, had told the commissioners that the committee merely wanted an opinion on the registration of aliens, and when the opinion was given would not further push the petition to strike off. The decision, it was said, would have nothing to do with the matter of determining councilmanic representation.

Commissioner Clinton Rogers Woodruff stated that the new charter was open to ambiguous interpretation in regard to the registration of aliens. He said that a comma placed in the text would make all the difference between granting and withholding permission to register them.

Leopold C. Glass, representing the Republican city committee, demanded that the committee of seventy be forced to prove every individual petition.

Two Classes of Petitions offered by the committee of seventy. One was to strike off the names who declared their intention legally to become naturalized citizens; the second to strike off those who merely had announced their intention without the first step that would later entitle them to vote. Mr. Glass pointed out that some of those who had legally declared their intention in December might now be entitled to cast their ballot.

Hampton S. Thomas, former recorder of the Board of Registration Commissioners, officiated today as chief clerk of the board. This is a new post, paying \$2500 a year, and corresponding to the old place which he held. He was appointed to it yesterday.

This was the last day for voters to have their names put on last December's assessment lists. Tuesday last was to have ended the time for placing names on the list, but the crowd then was so great that those who could not be heard were permitted to come today.

The councilmanic representation from the various senatorial districts is based on the December assessment. Last Tuesday was the last day to file personal applications to put names on or petitions to strike names off. Because of the rush of several thousand applicants to get their names on the commissioners extended the time, fixing today as the final day.

As the decision of the commissioners throwing out the omnibus strike-off petitions of the committee of seventy removed all danger of cutting down the councilmanic representation in the first district, no great rush of voters is expected today.

Vares Prepared Should the law have any opportunity of reducing the number of councilmen from the first district the Vares forces prepared to send enough voters to City Hall today to insure the addition of another councilman in the third district to offset the loss downtown.

The registration office was kept open until midnight last night to receive petitions for registrars.

The Republican city committee filed petitions for two registrars in virtually every division in the city.

Petitions for forty-one wards were filed by the Republican Alliance and for thirteen wards by the Town Meeting party.

No petitions were filed by the Penrose-Independent coalition in the Seventh, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fourteenth and Nineteenth wards.

### Held for Wife-Beating

Charges that Hunter Johnson, 5919 Underhill street, beat his wife over the leg with an iron shoe, resulted in the man being held in \$400 bail for court today by Magistrate Pennock. The charges were brought by the wife, Etta Johnson. The man denied he struck her.



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### GERMANTOWN SCHOOL ASKS TAX EXEMPTION

#### Suit Filed Claiming Private School Properties Should Be Free From Tax

An equity suit was started in Court No. 3 today by Sheldon F. Potter, representing the trustees of the Public School of Germantown, against the city authorities, the Philadelphia school district, and Receiver of Taxes Kendrick, to enjoin the assessment and collection of any taxes on its real estate.

The properties owned by the plaintiff are situated at the southwest corner School House lane and Greene street and at 130 West School House lane. The former property has been exempted to the extent of \$90,500 of its valuation, but the city seeks to collect taxes on \$2000 of its valuation.

No exemption whatever, it is said, has been allowed on the other property, which has been assessed for taxation at \$18,000.

The court is asked to decree that the plaintiff is an "institution of learning, founded, endowed and maintained by its reality is exempt from taxation. It is explained that during the school year 1917-18 the maximum number of pupils at any one time was 204, of whom 14 received free and partial free tuition.

The total charitable funds on hand amounted to \$2030.17. From September 22, 1915, up to and including the present scholastic year, it is stated, the school has been run at a loss. The receipts during 1917-18 from all sources were \$30,218.13, while expenditures for same period were \$34,500.20.

### SISTER SUES WIDOW OF POLITICAL LEADER

#### Mrs. Elizabeth Newman, of Philadelphia, Asks \$500,000 of G. B. Cox's Wealth

Mrs. Elizabeth Newman, of this city has begun suit in Cincinnati, O., for \$500,000 of the estate of the late George B. Cox, famous political leader. Mrs. Newman is a sister of Cox. The suit was instituted against the widow, Mrs. Carolyn Cox.

Mrs. Cox was appointed administratrix of the estate, the court records show, upon evidence that there was no will found after her death.

The suit by Mrs. Newman alleges that Cox duly executed a last will which was in full force a short time before his death, at which time by reason of his alleged incompetency Carolyn Cox was appointed his guardian. She further alleged that Cox bequeathed her property valued at \$500,000.

The plaintiff claims that this will was in effect at the time of Mr. Cox's death, but that she has been unable to discover whether the document is at present in existence.

Court records show that Mr. Cox died May 20, 1916, and that five days later the widow made affidavit that Mr. Cox died without leaving a will. In February, 1917, Mrs. Cox, as sole heir, assumed control of \$1,265,000 in personalty, and \$100,000 worth of realty.

### Injured, Sued for \$50,000

Harry C. Richmond, a prominent Democrat of Camden, today entered suit for \$50,000 against the Public Service Railway Corporation and the Camden Trucking Company for alleged permanent injuries received May 5. Richmond claims he was returning from the York Ship village in a truck belonging to the Camden Trucking Company when, at the corner of Fifth and Washington streets, the truck was struck by a trolley.

### SUIT IS DISMISSED; WILL BUILD SEWER

#### Taxpayer Sought to Nullify Contract for Work in Sixty-ninth Street

### NO CHARGE OF COLLUSION

President Judge Audenried, of Court No. 4, has filed his findings of fact and conclusions of law, dismissing the taxpayer's suit brought by Louise R. Linsley in an effort to nullify the contract awarded by the Department of Public Works to Emilio Pasuzzi for extending the Cobb's creek intercepting sewer along Sixty-ninth street from Girard avenue to Malvern street. The court had previously refused a preliminary injunction to stop the work, which was started by the contractor last September.

No charge of fraud or collusion was made by the complainant against the successful bidder for the work or against any of the city officials named as defendants, but it was alleged that under the suit bid system by which proposals were asked Pasuzzi had not been the lowest responsible bidder.

It was under the ordinance of July 17, 1916, that the director of the Department of Public Works was authorized to contract for the continuation of the sewer, and for this work \$30,000 was set aside in one of the loans, but owing to the big increase in the cost of material and labor in consequence of the war conditions it was estimated that \$70,000 would be required to build the entire extension sewer, 2031 feet in length.

At the unit prices bid by the competing contractors the cost of the contemplated work under the several proposals on the basis of the department's estimate of work and material required, would be as follows: Under bid of Pasuzzi \$69,067.85; Joseph Perna, \$76,525; and William H. Garson, \$80,382.20.

In support of the charge that Pasuzzi was not the best and lowest bidder, the complainant pointed out that it was noted on the plans for the work in the department, "if the funds available are insufficient to complete the sewer the low bidder will be determined by the greatest length of sewer that can be built with the \$30,000 appropriated."

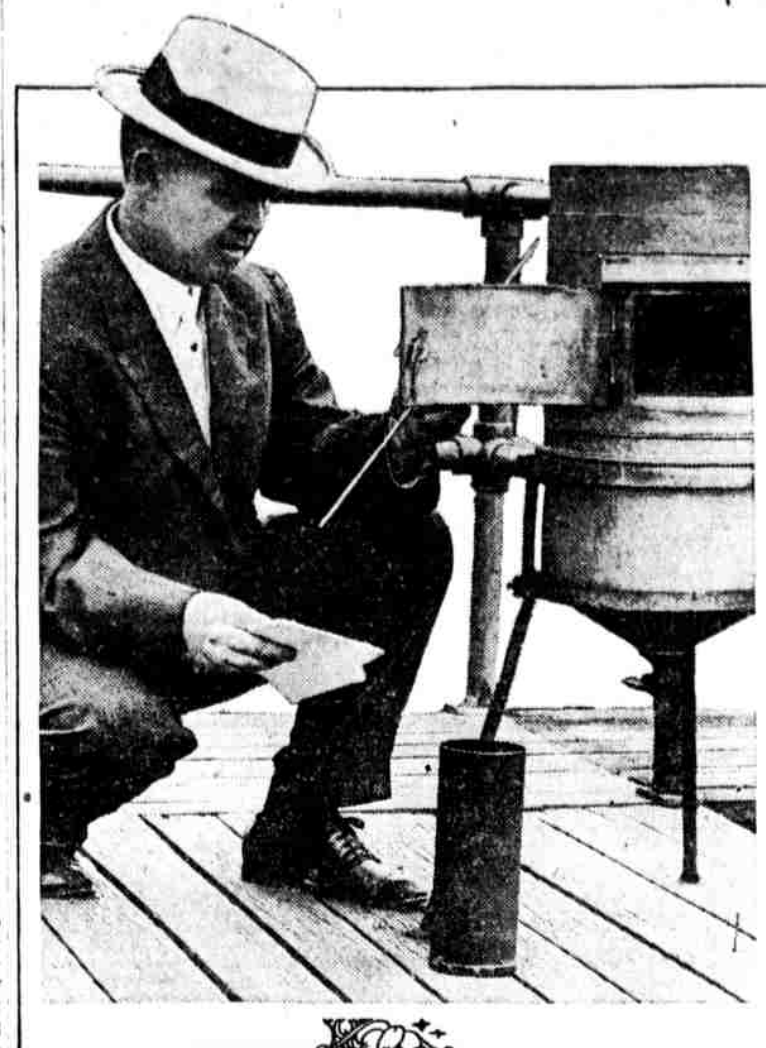
And it was averred that at Pasuzzi's figures only 710 feet of the sewer could be constructed; at Garson's figures, 722 feet, and at Perna's figures, 787 feet.

Director Datesman rejected the proposals of Perna and Garson and accepted that of Pasuzzi. This action is upheld by Judge Audenried, who says: "Nothing in the advertisement of the Department of Public Works can justify the claim to have indicated that the contract to be let would provide for only so much of the work as the appropriation of \$30,000 would suffice to pay for."

"The fact that Councils had not appropriated sufficient funds to pay for the entire work did not stand in the way of the letting of a contract by which Pasuzzi bound himself to construct the whole of the sewer extension, provided that he agreed that there should be no liability on the city for payments beyond the amount already appropriated."

"A city contract," says the judge, "may lawfully be made for the construction of the whole of a particular public improvement, at a price to be determined upon a unit basis, even when it will involve the expenditure of more money than is available under previous councilmanic appropriations therefor, provided that it stipulates that until Councils shall have made a further appropriation of funds to meet the excess of the price over the sum available, the city shall not be called on to pay more than the amount antecedently appropriated for the work."

### THIS APPARATUS IN NEED OF DAY OFF



The weatherman's much overworked rain gauge, which measures rainfall on the roof of the Federal Building, is very much in need of a vacation. It has been constantly at its moist task for ten days. Mr. Bliss, the weatherman, aware that the machine has about all it will hold, has promised a bit of rest—after tomorrow.

### DELICATE DEVICE RECORDS EVERY DROP OF RAINFALL

#### Electrically Operated Machine Used by Weather Bureau to Measure Downpour

Infinite Amount of Detail Work in Obtaining Meteorological Data

Meteorological data, gathered with great care by George S. Bliss, meteorologist and director of the United States Weather Bureau in this city, is not so interesting to the general public as is the explanation of how the rainfall is caught and measured.

Not a rain that falls but the weather bureau notes its passing and can tell its depth to a fractional part of an inch through its observation system.

High on the roof of the Federal Building, reached after climbing two iron flights of stairways, and feeling one's way through the cavernous gloom of the attic of the big structure, one emerges finally on a railed enclosure on the roof, the city spread panorama before the eye. One then sees how the rainfall is measured and determined.

Here, unostentatious in appearance, is the rain gauge that never errs in noting whatever rainfall comes. The record made is transmitted electrically to the official recording machine in the office of the weather bureau on the fourth floor of the building. From this the records of the rainfall are made up and entered into the official records.

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### SWITHIN WINS 8 IN ROW; WEATHERMEN LOSE, 5-1

#### Rain Douses Blissmen in Five-Inning Swim—Showers Thunder a Home Run

#### Sun's Rays Fail to Dazzle Saints in Pinches—Three Double Plays Feature

#### Standing of the Teams

St. Swithin	W.	L.	Pct.
Weathermen	8	0	1.000
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By L. E. MENTZ

Embrelling their hits in the fifth inning, the St. Swithin nine today made it eight straight by showering Bliss's weatherman nine.

The final score was 5 to 1. Moundsman Rain for St. Swithin's crew had the weatherman swimming in his hand when his meant runs. Showers thundered a home run in the final inning.

It was one of the longest bats ever seen on the local lake.

Empire B. Rometer called the game at the end of the fifth storm on account of rain—meaning weather.

The score by innings:

FIRST INNING—Sun was out of sight and Inclement fanned. Water was drenched on a fly to Shine, Showers, skilled to Moon.

Moon was out when Storm grabbed his comet over second and shipped it to Showers. Stars twinkled a Texas leaguer over Clouds. Shine raved a single to center, Stars shooting to third. Rainy breezed a foul to Showers. On an attempted double steal, Stars was telescoped at the plate, Pluvius to Slush to Pluvius.

SECOND INNING—Storm thundered a triple to right center. Wet drenched a single in the same direction, Storm scoring. Clouds aired a fast one at Fair, the latter's fast peg to Blue-sky slipping him by a hair. Wet skidded to second on the play. Sun blinded Pluvius with three fast ones. Pluvius jumped a high foul to Bliss. ONE RUN.

Blue-sky was darkened by the Slush to Showers route. Fair brightened a single to left. Dry prohibited into a double play, Clouds to Storms to Showers.

THIRD INNING—Rain tormented a fly to Moon. Inclement weathered a liner that Shine speared with his beam hook. Water ran to first when Bliss missed his third strike. Water bucketed second, Bliss's hurl being high. Showers came down hard on Sun's first ray, but he was out when Rainy climbed into the zone and brought it down.

Bliss scooped a single to Inclement's territory. Sun sacrificed, Showers to Storm, the latter covering first. Moon green-cheesed a double to center, fast fielding by Water keeping Bliss at third. Star's hoist fell into Wet's raincoat, Bliss scoring an extra run. Bliss's drive oriented into Cloud's pocket. ONE RUN.

FOURTH INNING—Storm lightninged a fast one that Shine got by the light on the Moon. Wet was dried up by the Dry-Rise-Sky route. Clouds out the same way.

Blue-sky lifted one into Storm's rubbers. Fair forecasted a single to right, Dry evaporated, Slush to Showers, Fair taking second. Rain's spitters baffled Bliss. Sun spotted a short single to

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### Can You Imagine This?

	St. Swithin	A. B. R. H. O. A.		
Inclement, rf	3	1	0	0
Water, cf	3	1	0	0
Showers, lb	3	1	0	0
Storms, 2b	3	1	3	2
Wet, if	3	0	1	1
Clouds, 3b	3	0	1	1
Slush, ss	3	0	1	1
Pluvius, c	3	1	0	3
Rain, p	3	0	1	0
Totals	27	5	5	15

Summary:

Errors—Bliss, Shine. Two-base hits—Moon, Rain. Three-base hits—Storm. Home run—Showers. Sacrifice fly—Stars. Passed ball—Bliss. Double plays—Wet to Showers, Pluvius to Slush to Pluvius; Clouds to Storms to Showers. Struck out—By Sun, 3; Rain, 2. Game called at end of fifth inning on account of rain. Time of game—Most all day. Empire—B. Rometer.

right, Fair being held at third. Moon's beam was easy for Slush.

FIFTH INNING—Sun's shoots blinded Slush. Pluvius skidded to second when Shine fumbled his hard hit grounder. Rainy hailed a double to center, Pluvius scoring. Inclement's precipitation was too hot for Fair to handle, Rain swimming to third. Water missed the signal for the squeeze play and Rain went out. Fair to Bliss to Fair to Bliss to Fair. Inclement taking third on the play. Water retrieved himself by rubbing a single to right, Inclement scoring. Showers moistened the first ball pitched over the Weather Bureau for a home run. Water scoring ahead of him. Storm was stopped. Stars to Blue-sky. FOUR RUNS.

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### 22D WARD ORGANIZES

#### Central Committee Formed in Place of Old Ward Organization

Germantown Independents plan a system of district leaders similar to that of Tammany Hall in New York to supplant the present ward leadership.

A resolution sponsored by former Director Porter has been endorsed by the Germantown Independents calling for the formation of a central committee with district instead of ward representatives.

John J. Croot, mercantile appraiser, in addressing the meeting, which was held at 5090 Germantown avenue, predicted a majority of 4000 for the Independent majority and councilmanic candidates in the Twenty-second ward.

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